

UNITED STATES ARMY ELEMENT, UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND



Shoulder Sleeve Insignia



**Combat Service
Identification Badge**



Distinctive Unit Insignia

Shoulder Sleeve Insignia. Description: On a gold shield with a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) black border, 2 5/16 inches (5.87 cm) in width and 3 9/16 inches (9.05 cm) in height overall, a green palm frond entwined about a black sword with red grip.

Symbolism: Gold is emblematic of excellence; black suggests dependability and determination. The upraised sword and shield signify military preparedness and vigilance. The palm suggests the geographic theater of operations and symbolizes victory.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was approved on 22 February 1991.

Combat Service Identification Badge: A gold color metal and enamel device 2 inches (5.08 cm) in height consisting of a design similar to the shoulder sleeve insignia.

Distinctive Unit Insignia. Description: A Gold color metal and enamel device, 1 3/16 inches (3.02 cm) in diameter consisting of a Light Blue disc edged Scarlet bearing Golden Tan land masses including Northeast Africa and Southwest Asia all encircled by a Green designation band edged Black and inscribed with "UNITED STATES" above and "CENTRAL COMMAND" below in Gold letters; overall an eagle in flight in three-quarters profile facing sinister with a White head and tail, Black body, Golden Tan legs and beak, and Black, White and Brown wings, grasping in its talons a shield blazoned as follows: Gules, a paly of three Argent, on a chief Azure four mullets Or.

Symbolism: Red, green and black are the predominate colors in the national flags of the countries in United States Central Command's area of responsibility. The American bald eagle in flight symbolizes the Command's mobility and mission to support the security and stability of friendly countries and to protect the United States' interests. The eagle bears in its talons a shield in red, white and blue, representing power, vigilance and the constancy of the United States. Four stars, on a blue field lying horizontally across the top of the shield, symbolize the four star Commander in Chief of the United States Central Command, while the four vertical red stripes, separated by white stripes, represent the four military services that comprise the forces of the United States Central Command: the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was approved on 25 January 2002. The insignia was amended to correct the description on 29 January 2002.