

## USSF: New Rank Names for Guardians Announced

Space Force has decided on the names for its ranks, and while officers will keep the same names that they have in the Air Force, several enlisted ranks have changed, according to a memorandum released 22 JAN. The service-wide memo is the most recent change for Space Force personnel 1 February 2021.

For the junior enlisted who are E-1 to E-4, they will no longer be “airman” but “specialist,” and then depending on their grade, the rank will include numbers 1 through 4, according to the memo provided by the Air Force. For example, an E-3 will go from airman first class to specialist 3, or Spc3, in Space Force. They can be addressed as specialist, Spec3, or specialist 3, according to the memo. Guardians who are E-5 will no longer be a staff sergeant but a sergeant in the Space Force. Grades E-6 to E-9 with names technical sergeant, master sergeant, senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant will remain the same. The most senior enlisted guardian will now be the chief master sergeant of the Space Force, according to the memo. All the officer ranks, from second lieutenant to general, remain the same.