Those ESS personnel of ranks S1 through S6 who are assigned to ships or naval installations are addressed by the equivalent naval rank. Those assigned to ground stations are addressed by the equivalent Army rank.

ESS flag officers (ranks S7 through S10) are always addressed by Army ranks, even when serving on a starship. The senior ESS officer in a unit or on a ship will almost always hold a lower rank than the commander of the unit or ship in question, so these higher-ranking ESS officers will only be found on the staff of senior admirals.