

# Military Acronyms

**AAFES:** Army Air Force Exchange Service; also called BX

**AB:** Air Base (overseas)

**ACC:** Air Combat Command

**ACSC:** Air Command and Staff College

**AD:** Active Duty (the military member)

**ADSC:** Active Duty Service Commitment

**AEF:** Aerospace Expeditionary Force

**AETC:** Air Education Training Command

**AFAS:** Air Force Aid Society

**AFAF:** Air Force Assistance Fund (charity fund raising for AFAS)

**AFB:** Air Force Base

**AFI:** Air Force Instruction (regulations)

**AFIT:** Air Force Institute of Technology

**AFLC:** Air Force Logistics Command

**AFOQT:** Air Force Officer Qualifying Test

**AFMC:** Air Force Materiel Command

**AFSC:** Air Force Specialty Code

**ALS:** Airman's Leadership School

**AMC:** Air Mobility Command

**AMN:** Airman

**ANG:** Air National Guard

**APO:** Air Post Office

**ARC:** American Red Cross

**ASAP:** As Soon As Possible

**AT:** Annual Tour

**AWC:** Air Warfare Center

**AWOL:** Absent Without Leave

**BAH:** Basic Allowance for Housing

**BAS:** Basic Allowance for Subsistence

**BAQ:** Basic Allowance for Quarters

**BDUs:** Battle Dress Uniform; also called cammies (camouflage)

**BMT:** Basic Military Training

**BMOC:** Big Man on Campus (the General)

**BOQ:** Bachelor Officer Quarters

**BPED:** Basic Pay Entry Date

**BX/PX:** Base Exchange (AF); Post Exchange (Army)

**CC:** Commander

**CCAF:** Community College of the Air Force

**CCF:** First Sergeant

**CCMSGT:** Command Chief Master Sergeant, formerly known as the Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA)

**CDC:** Career Development Course

**CDC:** Child Development Center

**CE:** Civil Engineer

**CFC:** Combined Federal Campaign (charity fund raising for multiple charities)

**CINC:** Commander-in-Chief

**COB:** Close of Business

**COLA:** Cost of Living Allowance

**CONUS:** Continental United States (the contiguous 48 states)

**CPO:** Civilian Personnel Office

**CSS:** Commander's Support Staff

**DECA:** Defense Commissary Agency

**DEERS:** Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System

**DEROS:** Date Estimated Return from Overseas

**DFAS:** Defense Finance and Accounting Service

**DITY:** Do-It-Yourself Move

**DLA:** Dislocation Allowance

**DOB:** Date of Birth

**DOD:** Department of Defense

**DOR:** Date of Rank

**DOS:** Date of Separation

**DPP:** Deferred Payment Plan

**DS:** Dependent Spouse

**DSN:** Defense Switched Network (worldwide telephone system)

**EAF:** Expeditionary Aerospace Force

**EFMP:** Exceptional Family Member Program

**EPR:** Enlisted Performance Report

**EQUAL:** Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing

**ETS:** Expiration of Term of Service

**EWB:** Enlisted Wives Club (title being phased out in favor of ESC)

**ESC:** Enlisted Spouses Club

**FLT:** Flight

**FM:** Family Member

**FSC:** Family Support Center

**FS:** Family Services

**GOV:** Government Owned Vehicle

**GS:** General Schedule (Civil Service worker)

**GSU:** Geographically Separated Unit

**HHG:** Household Goods

**HOLA:** Housing Overseas Living Allowance

**HQ:** Headquarters (generally wing commander's office)

**IAW:** In Accordance With

**IG:** Inspector General

**JAG:** Judge Advocate General (legal office)

**JFTR:** Joint Federal Travel Regulation

**KISS:** Keep it Simple, Sergeant

**LES:** Leave and Earning Statement

**MPF:** Military Personnel Flight

**MRE:** Meal, Ready to Eat

**MSS:** Mission Support Squadron

**MTF:** Military Treatment Facility, or base clinic/hospital

**MWR:** Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

**NAF:** Non-Appropriated Funds

**NATO:** North Atlantic Treaty Organization

**NCO:** Non-Commissioned Officer

**NCOIC:** Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge

**NLT:** Not Later Than

**OCONUS:** Outside the Continental United States (overseas tour, includes Alaska & Hawaii)

**OHA:** Overseas Housing Allowance

**OIC:** Officer in Charge

**OJT:** On the Job Training

**OPR:** Office of Primary Responsibility

**OPR:** Officer Performance Report

**ORE:** Operational Readiness Exercise

**ORI:** Operational Readiness Inspection

**OSI:** Office of Special Investigations

**OTS:** Officer Training School

**OWC:** Officers' Wives Club (title being phased out in favor of OSC)

**OSC:** Officers' Spouses Club

**PACAF:** Pacific Air Forces

**PCA:** Permanent Change of Assignment

**PCS:** Permanent Change of Station

**PCM:** Primary Care Manager

**PFE:** Promotion Fitness Exam

**PFMP:** Personal Financial Management Program

**PME:** Professional Military Education  
**POA:** Power of Attorney  
**POC:** Point of Contact  
**POV:** Privately Owned Vehicle  
**PRP:** Personal Reliability Program  
**RAP:** Relocation Assistance Program; also known as Relo  
**RIF:** Reduction in Force  
**ROTC:** Reserve Officer Training Corps  
**RSVP:** Respond if you Please (expect yes or no)  
**SATO:** Scheduled Airlines Ticket Office  
**SBP:** Survivor Benefit Plan  
**SEA:** Senior Enlisted Advisor, now known as the Command Chief Master Sergeant, CCMSGT  
**SGLI:** Serviceman's Group Life Insurance  
**SKT:** Skills and Knowledge Test  
**SOP:** Standard Operating Procedure  
**SORTIE:** A flight or single flying mission  
**SOS:** Squadron Officer's School  
**STEP:** Stripes for Exceptional Performers  
**SSN, SSAN:** Social Security Number  
**SF:** Security Forces  
**TA:** Tuition Assistance (program for active duty members)

**TAFMSD:** Total Active Federal Military Service Date, the date the member came on active duty.  
**TAP:** Transition Assistance Program  
**TDY:** Temporary Duty  
**TDP:** TriCare Dental Plan  
**TLA:** Temporary Living Allowance  
**TLE:** Temporary Lodging Expenses  
**TLF:** Temporary Living Facility  
**TMO:** Traffic Management Office  
**TO:** Technical Order  
**TSP:** Thrift Savings Plan  
**UCI:** Unit Compliance Inspection  
**UCMJ:** Uniform Code of Military Justice  
**UTA:** Unit Training Assembly  
**USAF:** United States Air Force  
**USAFE:** United States Air Force – Europe  
**VA:** Veteran's Administration  
**VAQ:** Visiting Airman's Quarters  
**VHA:** Variable Housing Allowance  
**VOQ:** Visiting Officers Quarters  
**WAPS:** Weighted Airman Promotion System  
**WG:** Wage Grade (Civil Service worker)  
**WIC:** Women, Infants, and Children's Program  
**ZULU/GMT:** Greenwich Mean Time

**For definitions of military acronyms and terms, go to:**  
<http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/jel/doddict/>