List of U.S. government and military acronyms
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List of initialisms, acronyms ("words made from parts of other words, pronounceable"), and other abbreviations used by the government and the military of the United States:

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0–9
- 0K - Zero Killed (pronounced OK, as the expression that everything is all right)
- 1LT – First Lieutenant (U.S. Army) (USAF uses "1st Lt")
- 2LT – Second Lieutenant (U.S. Army) (USAF uses "2d Lt")
- 2IC – Second In Command

A
- A – analog
- A1C – Airman 1st Class (USAF E-3)
- A2C2 – Army airspace command and control
- A-3 – (Operations Directorate (COMAFFOR))
- A-5 – (Plans Directorate (COMAFFOR))
- AA – Anti-aircraft
- AA – Armed Forces America
- AA – assembly area
- AA – assessment agent
- AA – avenue of approach
- AAA – antiaircraft artillery
- AAA – arrival and assembly area
- AAA – assign alternate area
- AAAS – amphibious aviation assault ship
- AABB – American Association of Blood Banks
- AABWS – amphibious assault bulk water system
- AAC – activity address code
- AAC – Army Air Corps (British)
- AAC – Australian Army Cadets (Australia)
- AACG – arrival airfield control group
- AADC – area air defense commander
- AADP – area air defense plan
- AA&E – arms, ammunition, and explosives
- AAEC – aeromedical evacuation control team
- AAFC – Australian Air Force Cadets (Australia)
- AAFES – Army and Air Force Exchange Service
- AAFIF – automated air facility information file
- AAFS – amphibious assault fuel system
- AAFSF – amphibious assault fuel supply facility
- AAGS – Army air-ground system
- AAI – air-to-air interface
- AAM – air-to-air missile
- AAMDC – US Army Air and Missile Defense Command
- AAOE – arrival and assembly operations element
- AAOG – arrival and assembly operations group
- AAP – Allied administrative publication
- AAP – assign alternate parent
- AAR – after action report
- AAR – after action review
- AAS – Army Apprentice School (Australia)
- AAST – aeromedical evacuation administrative support team
- AAT – automatic analog test
- AAT – aviation advisory team
- AAU – analog applique unit
- AAV – amphibious assault vehicle
- AAW – antiair warfare
- AB – airbase
- AB – Airman Basic (USAF E-1)
- ABCA – American, British, Canadian, Australian Armies Program
- ABCS – army battle command system
- ABD – airbase defense
- ABV - Assault Breacher Vehicle (U.S. Army)
- ABFC – advanced base functional component
- ACF – army cadet force (UK Military)
- ADF – Australian Defence Force (Australia)
- ADFA – Australian Defence Force Academy (Australia)
- ADFC – Australian Defence Force Cadets (Australia)
- ADOS – active duty, operational support
- ADSW – active duty, special work
- AE – Armed Forces Europe
- AEW&C - Airborne early warning and control
- AFI – awaiting further instruction/Air Force Instruction (requirement guide)
- AFMC – armed forces medical college
- AFOQT – air force officer qualifying test
- AFOSI – Air Force Office of Special Investigations
- AFSC - Air Force Specialty Code
- AHA – ammunition holding area
- AIM – airborne intercept missile (U.S. military)
- AIPD – Army Institute For Professional Development
- AIRTC – Air Training Corps (former name for the Australian Air Force Cadets)
- AIT – advanced individual training (U.S. Army)
- Amn – airman (USAF E-2)
- ALCON – All concerned (U.S. military)
- AMU – aircraft maintenance unit
- AMXG – aircraft maintenance group
- AMXS – aircraft maintenance squadron
- An – Antonov (Russian)
- ANZAC – Australian and New Zealand Army Corps
- AOL – absent over leave (U.S. Navy)
- AO – area of operations
- A&P – administrative and personnel
- AP – Armed Forces Pacific
- AP – armor-piercing
- APC – armored personnel carrier
- APFSDS – armour-piercing fin-stabilized discarding sabot
- **APO** – Army Post Office; See also FPO
- **APPN** – appropriation number (U.S. Military)
- **APRT** – Army Physical Readiness Test (U.S. Army)
- **ARA** – Australian Regular Army (Australia)
- **ARes** – Army Reserve (Australia)
- **ARM** – anti-radar missile
- **ARM** – anti-radiation missile
- **ARMS** – automated recruit management system (U.S. military)
- **ARMS** – aviation resource management system (USAF)
- **ART** – alarm response team (USAF)
- **ARNV** – Army of the Republic of (South) Viet Nam (U.S. Military)
- **ASAP** – army substance abuse program (U.S. military)
- **ASAP** – as soon as possible
- **ASEAN** – Association of South East Asian Nations
- **ASM** – air-to-surface missile
- **ASCM** – anti-ship C missile
- **ASV** – anti-surface vessel (airborne radar)
- **ASVAB** – armed services vocational aptitude battery
- **ASW** – Anti-submarine warfare
- **ATC** – air training corps
- **ATC** – air traffic control
- **ATO** – air tasking order
- **ATO** – antiterrorism officer
- **ATTRS** – army training requirements and resources system
- **AWACS** – Airborne Warning and Control System
- **AWOL** – absent without leave

### B

- **BAMCIS** – Begin planning Arrange Recon Make the plan Complete the plan Issue the order Supervise (US Marine Corps)
- **BAH** – Basic Allowance for Housing
- **BAR** – Browning Automatic Rifle
- **BAU** – Behavioural Analysis Unit
- **BCD** - Bad Conduct Discharge (aka Big Chicken Dinner)
- **BCG** – Birth Control Glasses (U.S. Military Slang)
- **BCT** – Basic Combat Training (U.S. Army)
- **BDF** – Barbados Defence Force (Barbados)
- **BDU** – Battle Dress Uniform (U.S. Military)
- **Be** – Beriev (Russian)
- **BEA** – Budget Execution Authority (U.S. Navy)
- **BFT** – Blue Force Tracker (U.S. Military)
- **BG** – Bodyguard
- **BGHR** – By God He's Right (U.S Military)
- **BLUF** – Bottom Line Up Front (US Military)
- **BMNT** – Begin Morning Nautical Twilighttight (U.S Army)
- **BN** - Battalion (U.S. Army)
- **BDE** - Brigade (U.S. Army)
- **BOHICA** – Bend Over Here It Comes Again (US Military Slang)
- **BRAC** – Base Realignment And Closure
- **BRAT** (American)– Born Raised And Transferred (American usage, refers to dependent children of military personnel) Usually Pronounced "Military Brat" (Or "Air Force BRAT", or Army "Brat", Navy "Brat" etc.)[^1]
- **BRAT** (British) – British Regiment Attached Traveler (British military usage, may have been the original usage, which was later adapted to the American military: Means "child that travels with a soldier") Usually pronounced "Military Brat" or "Base Brat".[2][3]
- **BUB** – Battle Update Brief
- **BVR** – Beyond Visual Range (USAF)
- **BX** – Base Exchange (USAF)

**C**

- **C1** – Command
- **C2** – Command And Control
- **C3** – Command Control And Communication
- **C4IR** – Command Control Communication Computers Intelligence And Recognition
- **CAC** – Common Access Card (U.S. DoD, pron. "cac")
- **CAG** – Commander, Air Group (U.S. Navy, pron. "cag")
- **CAGE** – Commercial and Government Entity
- **CAPT** – Captain (US Navy, USCG O-6)
- **Capt** – Captain (USMC, USAF O-3)
- **CAS** – Close Air Support
- **CASEX** – Coordinated Antil-Submarine EXercise
- **CAT** – Combat Application Tourniquets
- **CBRN** – Chemical Biological Nuclear Radiological
- **CBU** – Cluster Bomb Unit
- **CCIR** – Commanders Critical Information Requirements
- **CDAT** – Computerized Dumb Ass Tanker (M1 Abrams Crewmen)
- **CDIAC** – Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center
- **CDRUSPACOM** Commander United States Pacific Command
- **CENTCOM** – Central Command (U.S. Military)
- **CF** – Cluster Fuck (always pronounced phonetically "Charlie Foxtrot")
- **CH** – Cunt Hair (a unit of measurement)
- **CIA** – Central Intelligence Agency
- **CIC** – Command Intelligence Center (U.S. Navy)
- **CINCLANT** – Commander-in-chief, Atlantic Forces (U.S. Navy before 2002)
- **CINCLANTFLT** – Commander-in-chief, Atlantic Fleet (U.S. Navy before 2002)
- **CINCPAC** – Commander-in-chief, Pacific Forces (U.S. Navy before 2002)
- **CIWS** – Close-In Weapon System
- **CM Sgt** – Chief Master Sergeant (USAF E-9; highest AF enlisted rank)
- **CMSAF** – Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (USAF E-9 – Senior Enlisted Member)
- **CO** – Commanding Officer
- **CO A** – Course of Action
- **COB** - Chief Of The Boat (Chief Petty Officer in charge of the Boat usually a Master Chief (USN Submariner Terminology))
- **COCOM** – Combatant Commander
- **CODELS** – Congressional Delegations
- **"" Col. Colonel**
- **COMINT** – Communications Intelligence
- **COMPACFLT** – Commander, Pacific Fleet (U.S. Navy)
- **COMSEC'** – Communication Security
- **CONUS** – Continental United States (U.S. military, pron. "cone-us")
- **CONUSA** – Continental United States Army (numbered Armies of U.S. military)
- **CORDS** – (U.S. military, Vietnam era)
- **COP** – Combat Out Post
- CoS – Chief of Staff
- COT – Commissioned Officer Training
- CPL – Corporal (U.S. Army and Marine Corps E-4)
- CPO – Chief Petty Officer (USCG/USN E-7)
- CPT – Captain (US Army O-3)
- CPX – Command Post Exercise
- CQB – Close Quarters Battle
- CRC – CONUS Replacement Center (a military processing center at Fort Benning, Georgia, US)
- CSM – Command Sergeant Major (U.S. Army E9 highest Army enlisted rank)
- CT – Counter-terrorism Team
- CTR – Close Target Reconnaissance
- CUB – Commander Update Brief
- CVN – Nuclear-powered Aircraft Carrier (NOTE: the V comes from the expression "heavier than air flying machine")
- CZN – Nuclear-powered Airship Carrier (NOTE: the Z comes from the use of the word Zeppelin although non-Zeppelin airships would also be transported on a CZN)

**D**

- DA – Defence Attaché
- DAC – Department of the Army Civilian
- DAGR – Defense Advanced GPS Receiver
- DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (U.S. Military)
- DCMA – Defense Contract Management Agency
- DME – Depot Maintenance Enterprise (U.S. Military)
- DFAC – Dining Facility (U.S. Military)
- DINFAC – Dining Facility (U.S. Military)
- DISA – Defense Information Systems Agency
- DLB – Dead Letter Box
- DMEA - Defense Microelectronics Activity
- DMS – Defense Message System (U.S. Military)
- DMZ – Demilitarized Zone
- DoDAAC – Department of Defense Activity Address Code (U.S. Military)
- DoDAR – Department of Defense Architectural Framework (U.S. Military)
- DoDIC – Department of Defense Identification Code (U.S. Military)
- DOP – Drop-Off Point
- DPMs – Disruptive Pattern Material
- DRT – Dead Right There; wounded in such a way as to indicate immediate and/or unavoidable death; often used as a sarcastic form of the civilian acronym DOA (Dead On Arrival)
- DTO – Daily Tasking Order
- DTRA - Defense Threat Reduction agency
- DZ – Drop Zone

**E**

- E&E – Escape and Evade
- EA – Electronic Attack
- ECP – Entry Control Point
- EI – Engineering and Installation
- EIS – Engineering and Installation Squadron, Environmental Impact Statement
- **EI SIT** – Engineering and Installation Site Implementation Team
- **ELINT** – Electronic Intelligence
- **EMI** – Extra Military Instruction
- **ENS** – Ensign (US Navy junior officer rank, O-1)
- **EOD** – Explosive Ordnance Disposal
- **EOS** – End of Service
- **EP** – Electronic Protection
- **EPW** – Enemy Prisoner of War
- **ERV** – Emergency Rendezvous
- **ETA** – Estimated time of arrival
- **ETS** – Estimated Termination of Service
- **EUCOM** – European Command (U.S. Military)
- **EW** – Electronic Warfare (comprises EA, EP)
- **Exfil** – Exfiltration (Opposite of infiltration; exiting undetected)

**F**

- **FA** – Field Artillery
- **FABS** – Fetus Aborted By Squad
- **FAK** – First Aid Kit
- **FAR** – Federal Acquisition Regulation
- **FBCB2** – Force XXI Battlefield Command Brigade and Below
- **FBI** – Federal Bureau of Investigation
- **FEBA** – Forward Edge of the Battle Area
- **FIDO** – Fire Direction Officer
- **FIST** – Fire Support Team
- **FISTer** – Member of a Fire Support Team
- **FIST-V** – Fire Support Team Vehicle
- **FISINT** – Foreign Instrumentation Signals Intelligence
- **FISHDO** – Fuck It, Shit Happens, Drive On
- **FitRep** – Fitness Report
- **FLOT** – Forward Line of Troops
- **FLOTUS** – First Lady of the United States (U.S. – see POTUS)
- **FM** – Field Marshal
- **FMC** – Fully Mission Capable
- **FO** – Forward Observer
- **FO** – Foxtrot Oscar (i.e. F**k Off) (US/UK Forces)
- **FOB** – Forward Operating Base
- **FOD** – Foreign Object Damage (U.S.)
- **FOD** – Foreign Object Debris (U.S.)
- **FPO** – Fleet Post Office; See also APO
- **FSA** – Force Structure Allowance
- **FSTE** – Foreign Service Tour Extension
- **FTUS** – Full Time Unit Specialist
- **FUBAR** – Fucked Up Beyond All Recognition

**G**

- **G1** – General Staff Level office for Personnel and Manpower (Division and Above)
- **G2** – General Staff Level office for Military Intelligence (Division and Above)
- **G3** – General Staff Level office for Operations and Plans (Division and Above)
- G4 – General Staff Level office for Logistics (Division and Above)
- G5 – General Staff Level office for Military/Civil Affairs (Division and Above)
- G6 – General Staff Level office for Signal and Communication (Division and Above)
- G7 – General Staff Level office for Training and Exercises (Division and Above)
- G8 – General Staff Level office for Force Development and Analysis (Division and Above)
- G9 – General Staff Level office for Civil Operations (Division and Above)
- GBU – Guided Bomb Unit
- GEN – General
- GI – Government Issue
- GIGO – Garbage In Garbage Out
- GM – Gone Mersault
- GO – General Officer
- GO CO – Government owned, contractor operated
- GPMG – General Purpose Machine Gun
- GPS – Global Positioning System
- GROM – Polish Special Operations Team (Polish Grupa Reagowania Operacyjno-Manewrowego)
- Gulag – The Chief Administration of Collective Labor Camps (Russian Главное Управление Лагерей, "Glavnoye Upravleniye Lagerey")

H

- HALO – High Altitude Low Opening (Airborne)
- HBL – Holiday Block Leave (U.S. Army)
- HE – High Explosive
- HEAT – High Explosive Anti-Tank warhead
- HMAS – Her Majesty's Australian Ship (Australia)
- HMCS – Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (Canada)
- HMFIC – Head Motherf*cker In Charge – colloquialism for the highest-ranking person present; more commonly used by NCO's than by officers (U.S. Military)
- HMMWV – High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (U.S. Military)
- HMNZS – Her Majesty's New Zealand Ship (New Zealand)
- HMS – Hans Majestäts Skepp (His Majesty's ship, Sweden)
- HMS – Her Majesty's Ship (Royal Navies such as Royal British Navy) (His Majesty's Ship if King)
- Hr. Ms – His/Her Dutch Majesty's Ship (Dutch Royal Navy ship)
- HOMSEC – Homeland Security
- HRAP – Hometown Recruiter Assistance Program
- HQ – Headquarters
- HHB – Headquarters and Headquarters Battery
- HHC – Headquarters and Headquarters Company
- HHT – Headquarters and Headquarters Troop
- HUMINT – Human Intelligence
- HYT – High Year Tenure

I

- IAF – Indian Air Force
- IAF – Israeli Air Force
- ICBM – Intercontinental Ballistic Missile
- ICE – Individual Carrying Equipment
- ID – IDentification
- IED – Improvised Explosive Device
• IFAK – Individual First Aid Kit
• IFF – Identification Friend or Foe
• IFF – Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (USAF)
• IG – Inspector General (US Military)
• IFV – Infantry Fighting Vehicle
• INSCOM – United States Army Intelligence and Security Command
• Ilyushin
• Interpol – International Criminal Police Organization
• ISO – Inter School Course
• ISR – Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance
• IYAAYAS – If You Aint AMMO, You Ain't Shit

J
• JA – Judge Advocate [General]
• JAG – Judge Advocate General
• J.S.F – Joint Strike Fighter
• JATO – Jet-fuel Assisted Take Off
• JETDS – Joint Electronics Type Designation System
• JSAM – Joint Service Achievement Medal
• JSTAR – Joint Surveillance Target Acquisition Radar
• JSOC – Joint Special Operations Command
• JDAM – Joint Direct Attack Munition
• JEEP - Just Enough Essential Parts

K
• KATUSA – Korean Augmentation Troops to the United States Army
• KIA – Killed In Action
• KISS – Keep It Simple, Stupid – USAF
• KP – Kitchen Police or Kitchen Patrol
• KBO – Keep Buggering On

L
• LAAD – Low Altitude Air Defense
• LCDR – Lieutenant Commander (US Navy)
• LCPL – Lance Corporal (US Marines)
• LES – Leave and Earnings Statement
• LP – Listening Post
• LP/OP – Listening Post Observation Post
• LGOP – Little Group Of Paratroopers
• LT – Lieutenant
• LTC or Lt Col – Lieutenant Colonel
• LTG or Lt Gen – Lieutenant General
• LTJG – Lieutenant, Junior Grade (US Navy)
• LUP – Lying-Up Point
• LZ – Landing Zone
Maj. - major

- **MARCORSYSCOM** – MARine CORps SYStems COMmand (U.S. Military)
- **MARFORRES** – MARine FORces REServe (U.S. Marine Corps)
- **MAW** – Maximum Allowable Weight
- **MBT** – Main Battle Tank
- **MCCS** – Marine Corps Community Services (also known by the humorous backronym Marine Corps Crime Syndicate)
- **MCEN** – Marine Corps Enterprise Network (U.S. Military)
- **MCEITS** – Marine Corps Enterprise Information Technology Service (U.S. Military)
- **MCPO** – Master Chief Petty Officer (USCG/USN E-9)
- **MFA** – Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **MG** – Machine Gun
- **MG** – Major General
- **MI** – Military Intelligence
- **Mi** – Mil Moscow Helicopter Plant (Russian)
- **MIA** – Missing In Action
- **MedEvac** – Medical Evacuation
- **MICV** – Mechanized Infantry Combat Vehicle
- **MiG** – Mikoyan-Gurevich (Russian)
- **MK** – Mark
- **MK** – Machinery Technician (U.S. Coast Guard)
- **MLRS** – Multiple Launch Rocket System
- **MMFD** – Miles and Miles of F...ing Desert (unofficial report in Gulf War)
- **MOA** – Military Operating Area (USAF Airspace)
- **MOAB** – Massive Ordnance Air Blast bomb, also known as "Mother Of All Bombs". (U.S. military)
- **MOAC** - Mother of All Coffee (Green Bean Coffee)
- **MOB** – Main Operating Base
- **MOBCOM** – MOBile COMmand
- **MOPP** – Mission Oriented Protective Posture
- **MPDS** – Military Planning Data Allowance
- **MRAP** – Mine Resistant Ambush Protected
- **MRE** – Meal Ready to Eat (U.S. Military)
- **MRX** – Mission Rehearsal Exercise
- **MSgt** – Master Sergeant (USAF E-7)
- **MTOE** – Modified Table Of Organizational Equipment
- **MTS+** – Movement Tracking System Plus
- **MSDC+** – Marine Science Diving Club (Diving Club Of Hasanudin University)

N

- **NAFTA** – North American Free Trade Agreement
- **NAS** – Naval Air Station
- **NATO** – North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
- **NCIS** – Naval Criminal Investigative Service (U.S. Navy)
- **NAVAIR** – Naval Air Systems Command
- **NCI** - National Cancer Institute
- **NCO** – Non-Commissioned Officer
- **NCOES** - Non-Commissioned Officer Education System
- **ND** – Negligent Discharge
- **NIIBC** National Interagency Biodefense Campus
- **NICBR** - National Interagency Confederation for Biological Research
- NMC – Not Mission Capable
- NMCI – Naval Marine Corps Intranet (U.S. Navy)
- NNMSA – Non-Nuclear Munitions Storage Area
- NS – Network Services
- NSA – National Security Agency

O

- OBE – Overcome by Events (DoD)
- OCONUS – Outside Continental United States
- OCS – Officer Candidate School
- OM – On the Move (Normally just spelled out Oscar Mike)
- O&M, MC – Operations & Maintenance, Marine Corps (U.S. Navy)
- O&M, N – Operations & Maintenance, Navy (U.S. Navy)
- OODA – Observe, Orient, Decide, And Act
- OP – Observation Post
- ORM – Operational Risk Management
- OSM – Oh Shit Moment (U.S. Marine Corps)
- OSP – On Site Procurement
- OPORD – Operations Order
- OPSEC – Operations Security
- OTF – Out There Flapping (Airborne)
- OTS – Officer Training School
- OTV – Outer Tactical Vest

P

- PACOM – Pacific Command
- PCS – Permanent Change of Station
- PDS – Permanent Duty Station (U.S. Military)
- PDT – Pre-Deployment Training
- PE – Plastic Explosive
- PFC – Private First Class (U.S. Military)
- PFM – Pure Fuckin Magic (U.S. Military)
- PFT – Physical Fitness Test
- PII – Personally Identifiable Information or Personal Identity Information
- PL – Platoon Leader (U.S. Army)
- PLT – Platoon (U.S. Army)
- PMC – Partially Mission Capable
- PME – Professional Military Education
- PMS – Planned Maintenance Schedule (U.S. Navy)
- PNG – Passive Night Goggles
- PO – Post Office
- PO1 – Petty Officer 1st Class (USCG/USN E-6)
- PO2 – Petty Officer 2nd Class (USCG/USN E-5)
- PO3 – Petty Officer 3rd Class (USCG/USN E-4)
- POBCAK – Problem Occurs Between Chair And Keyboard
- POL – Petroleum Oil & Lubricants (U.S. Air Force)
- POC – Point Of Contact
- POTUS – President of the United States
- **POG** – Person Other than Grunt (All non-combat arms job fields i.e. any MOS or CMF other than infantry, cavalry, armor, and artillery; among infantrymen, refers to anyone other than infantry or Special Forces)
- **POW** – Prisoner Of War
- **POV** – Privately Owned Vehicle
- **PPG** – PT Parade Games
- **PRP** – Personnel Reliability Program
- **PRP** – Pretty Retarded Program
- **PRT** – Provincial Reconstruction Team
- **PRT** – Physical Readiness Training (U.S. Army)
- **PT** – Physical Training
- **PTB** – Powers That Be
- **PV2** – Private 2nd class (U.S. Army E-2)
- **PVT** – Private (U.S. Army and Marine Corps E-1)
- **PX** – Post Exchange (U.S. Army)

**R**

- **RAAF** – Royal Australian Air Force (Australia)
- **RAF** – Royal Air Force (UK)
- **RAN** – Royal Australian Navy (Australia)
- **RATO** – Rocket Assisted Take Off
- **RCSC** – Royal Canadian Sea Cadets (Canada)
- **REMF** – Rear Echelon Mother Fucker
- **RFL** – Response Force Leader
- **RMC** – Royal Military College of Canada (Canada) in Kingston, Ontario
- **RN** – Royal Navy (UK)
- **ROE** – Rules Of Engagement
- **ROMA Data** – Right Out of My Ass Data. Unverifiable created data (different from SWAG)
- **ROWPU** – Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit
- **RNZAF** – Royal New Zealand Air Force (New Zealand)
- **RPG** – Rocket-Propelled Grenade
- **RPM** – Rounds per minute
- **RS** – RatShit (Australia – related to US – Unserviceable)
- **RSS** – Regional Security System (Caribbean)
- **RTB** – Return To Base
- **RV** – Rendez-Vous
- **RTO** – Radio Telephone Operator

**S**

- **SA** – Seaman Apprentice (USCG/USN E-2)
- **SAS** – Special Air Service (British special forces)
- **SBS** – Special Boat Service (British special forces)
- **SAAS** – Standard Army Ammunition System (U.S. Army)
- **SAM** – Surface-to-air Missile
- **SARSS** – Standard Army Retail Supply System (U.S. Army)
- **SCOTUS** – Supreme Court of the United States
- **SCPO** – Senior Chief Petty Officer (USCG/USN E-8)
- **SEAC** – Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- **SEAL** – Sea, Air and Land (US Navy SEALs)
- **SERE** – Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape
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- SFC – Sergeant First Class (U.S. Army E7)
- SGM – Sergeant Major (U.S. Army E9 – Sometimes referred to as Staff Sergeant Major)
- SGT – Sergeant (U.S. Army E5)(U.S. Marines uses Sgt)
- SITREP – Situation Report
- SJA – Staff Judge Advocate
- SLAM – Standoff Land Attack Missile
- SMA – Sergeant Major of the Army (U.S. Army E9 – Senior Enlisted Member)
- SMEAC - Situation Mission Execution Admin/logistics Command/signal (US Marine Corps basic knowledge)
- SMSgt – Senior Master Sergeant (USAF E-8)
- SN – Seaman (USCG/USN E-3)
- SNAFU – Situation Normal: All Fucked Up
- SOCOM – United States Special Operations Command
- SOFA – Status of Forces Agreement
- SOP – Standard Operating Procedures
- SOS – Shit On a Shingle, or creamed chipped beef on toast.
- SPC – Specialist (U.S. Army E-4)
- SR – Seaman Recruit (USCG/USN E-1)
- SrA – Senior Airman (USAF E-4)
- SRR – Special Reconnaissance Regiment (British special Forces)
- SSDD – Same Shit Different Day
- SSDDBS – Same Shit Different Day Bigger Shovel
- SSG – Staff Sergeant (US Army E-6)
- SSgt – Staff Sergeant (US Air Force E-5)(U.S. Marines E-6)
- SOL – Shit Out of Luck (US Army)
- SOLJWF – Shit Out of Luck and Jolly Well Fucked (U.S. Marines)
- STOVL – Short Takeoff, Vertical Landing
- SUSFU – Situation Unchanged, Still Fucked Up
- SWAG – Scientific Wild Ass Guess

T

- TACP – Tactical Air Control Party (USAF)
- TAD – Temporary Additional Duty (U.S. Military)
- TBD – To Be Determined
- TDY – Temporary Duty (U.S. Military)
- TF – Task Force
- TFOA – Things Falling Off Aircraft
- TG6 – Task Group 6 (group designation for NZ SAS – NZ Army)
- TIC – Troops In Contact
- TSgt – Technical Sergeant (USAF E-6)
- TU – Tits Up (Dead, Inoperable), a.k.a. "tango uniform"
- TARFU – Things Are Really Fucked Up, or Totally And Royally Fucked Up

U

- UA – Unauthorized Absence
- UAS – Unmanned Aerial System
- UAV – Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
- UCAV – Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle
- ULLS – Unit Level Logistics System (U.S. Army)
- UMA – Unit Mobilization Assistor
- **UN** – United Nations
- **US** – Unserviceable
- **USSS** – United States Secret Service
- **USAF** – United States Air Force
- **USAFE** – United States Air Forces in Europe
- **USAMRICD** - United States Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense
- **USAMRIID** - United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Disease
- **USAMRMC** - United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command
- **USAMRAA** - United States Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity
- **USA PATRIOT Act** – Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act
- **USAREC** – US Army Recruiting Command
- **USAREUR** – US Army European Command
- **USMC** – United States Marine Corps
- **USN** – United States Navy
- **USO** – United Service Organizations (U.S. Military)
- **USR** – Unit Status Report
- **UUV** – Unmanned Underwater Vehicle
- **UXB** – Unexploded Bomb (bomb disposal; British)
- **UXO** – Unexploded Ordnance

**V**

- **VBIED** – Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device
- **VDM** – Visual Distinguishing Mark
- **VFD** – Volunteer Fire Department
- **VFR** – Volunteer Fire and Rescue

**W**

- **WIA** – Wounded In Action
- **WO1** – Warrant Officer 1
- **WSA** – Weapons Storage Area
- **WMD** – Weapons of Mass Destruction
- **WILCO** – Will Comply

**X**

- **XO** – Executive Officer

**See also**

- military slang
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- List of government and military acronyms
- List of U.S. Air Force acronyms and expressions
- List of U.S. Marine Corps acronyms and expressions
- List of U.S. Navy acronyms
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