

The intent of the following list is to provide a general collection of common acronyms and abbreviations. It is not intended to be an all encompassing list of Air Force acronyms or abbreviations. All acronyms and abbreviations can be made plural (s) or conjugated ('d) if necessary. If an acronym is not listed below, it can be used but must be listed in the remarks section of the appropriate performance report. If an abbreviation is not listed below, it cannot be used.

Air Force Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
&	and
/	use sparingly if unable to sp out “and” or “&”
<	less than (i.e. <24 hrs)
>	greater than (i.e. >24 hrs)
2X (event)	twice
AAFES	Army and Air Force Exchange Service
AADD	Armed Forces Against Drunk Driving
AB	air base <i>unless you specify, i.e. Ramstein Air Base//Airman Basic</i>
ABG	air base group
ABW	air base wing
ACC	air combat command
ADVON	advanced echelon
AE	aeromedical evacuation
AEF	Air Expeditionary Forces//aerospace expeditionary force
AETC	Air Education and Training Command
AEW	air and space expeditionary wing
AF	air force <i>unless you specify US Air Force</i>
AFAF	Air Force Assistance Fund
AFAM	Air Force Achievement Medal
AFB	air force base
AFCENT	Air Forces Central Command
AFCM	Air Force Commendation Medal
AFFOR	Air Force forces
AFI	Air Force instruction
AFIT	Air Force Institute of Technology
AFMAN	Air Force manual
AFMC	Air Force Materiel Command
AFPAM	Air Force pamphlet

AFPC	Air Force Personnel Center
AFRES	Air Force Reserves
AFRICOM	Africa Command
AFROTC	Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps
AFSA	Air Force Sergeants Association
AFSC	Air Force specialty code
AFSO21	Air Force Smart Operations for the 21 st Century
AFSOC	Air Force Special Operations Command
AFSOUTH	Allied Forces Southern Europe
AFSPC	Air Force Space Command
AGE	aerospace ground equipment
AFISRA	Air Force Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency
AIRCENT	Allied Air Forces Central Europe
AIRNORTH	Allied Air Forces North
ALS	airman leadership school
AMC	Air Mobility Command
ANG	Air National Guard
AO	action officer
AOC	air operations center
AOG	air operations group, <i>unless you specify, i.e. 32d Air Operations Group</i>
AOR	area of responsibility
AOS	air operations squadron
ARFOR	Army forces
ARPC	Air Reserve Personnel Center
ART	AEF reporting tool
ARW	air refueling wing//aerial reconnaissance wing
ASAP	as soon as possible
ASOC	air support operations center
ASEV	Aircrew Standardization & Evaluation Visit
AT	antiterrorism
ATC	air traffic control
AT/FP	antiterrorism/force protection
ATSO	Ability to Survive and Operate
AW	airlift wing, <i>unless you specify, i.e. 86th Airlift Wing</i>
AWACS	Airborne Warning and Control System
AWC	Air War College

BA	Bachelor of Arts (<i>clear in education line</i>)
BAH	Basic Allowance for Housing
BPC	Building Partnership Capacity
BPZ/BTZ	below the zone OPR/EPR
BS	Bachelor of Science (<i>clear in education line</i>)
C2	command and control
C3	command, control, and communications
C4I	command, control, communications, computers and intel
C&I	communications & information
CAF	Combat Air Forces
CAOC	combined air operations center/combat air operations center
CAS	close air support
CASF	Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility
CATM	combat arms training and maintenance
CBT	computer based training
CBRNE	Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosive
CC	commander
CCAF	Community College of the Air Force
CD	deputy commander
CDC	career development course/Center for Disease Control
CE	civil engineering
CENTCOM	Central Command
CFACC	combined force air component commander
CFC	Combined Federal Campaign
CFETP	career field education and training plan
CGO	company grade officer
CGOC	Company Grade Officer Council
CGOQ	Company Grade Officer of the Quarter
CGOY	Company Grade Officer of the Year
CINC	commander in chief
CJCS	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
COA	course of action
CoC	change of command
COCOM	combatant commander
CODEL	congressional delegation
COMAFFOR	Commander, Air Force forces

COMPUSEC	computer security
COMSAT	communications satellite
COMSEC	communication security
COMSOCEUR	Commander, Special Operations Command, United States European Command
COMSOF	commander, special operations forces
COMUSAFE	Commander United States Air Forces in Europe
COMUSAFCENT	Commander, United States Air Force Central Command
CONOPS	concept of operations
CONUS	continental United States
CoP	community of practice
CP	command post
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CRG	contingency response group
CSAF	Chief of Staff, Air Force
CSAR	combat search and rescue
CSS	commander's support staff
CTF	combined task force
CY	calendar year
DAO	Defense Attaché Office
D-day	unnamed day on which operations commence or are scheduled to commence
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
DECA	Defense Commissary Agency
DEPORD	deployment order
DIRMOBFOR	director of mobility forces
DLA	Defense Logistics Agency
DMS	defense message system
DO	director of operations
DOC	designed operational capability
DoD	Department of Defense
DoS	Department of State
DRMO	Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office
DRU	direct reporting unit
DSN	Defense Switched Network
DTG	Date/time group
DUI	driving under the influence
DV	distinguished visitor

DVQ	distinguished visitor quarters
DWI	driving while intoxicated
EAF	Expeditionary Aerospace Force
EET	exercise evaluation team
EOD	explosive ordnance disposal
EOY	end of year
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPR	enlisted performance reports
EUCOM	European Command
EW	Electronic Warfare
EXORD	executive order
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAC	forward air controller
FAM	functional area manager
FARM	functional area records manager
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FGO	field grade officer
FGOQ	Field Grade Officer of the Quarter
FGOY	Field Grade Officer of the Year
Flt/CC	flight commander
FLOTUS	First Lady of the United States
FM	financial management
FMB	financial management board
FMC	fully mission capable
FOB	forward operating base
FOD	foreign object damage
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FP	force protection
FPCON	force protection condition
FPWG	force protection working group
FTAC	First Term Airman Center
FTD	field training detachment
FTX	flight training exercise
FWG	financial working group
FY	fiscal year
GCC	group control center

GCCS	Global Command & Control System
GPA	Grade Point Average
GPC	government purchase card
GPS	global positioning system
GSU	geographically separated unit
GTC	government travel card
GWoT	Global War on Terrorism
HAF	Headquarters Air Force
HALO	high-altitude low-opening parachute technique
HAZ	hazardous cargo
HAZMAT	hazardous materials
HF	high frequency
HHQ	Higher Headquarters
HMMWV	high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle
HN	host nation
HQ	headquarters
HSI	Health Services Inspection
HVAC	Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning
IA	Information assurance
IAW	in accordance with
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICBM	intercontinental ballistic missile
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IDE	intermediate development education
IED	improvised explosive device
IFE	in-flight emergency
IG	inspector general
IM	information management
INFOCON	information operations condition
INMARSAT	international maritime satellite
IOC	initial operational capability
IPE	individual protective equipment
ISB	intermediate staging base
ISR	intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance
IT	information technology
IV	intravenous
IW	information warfare
JA	judge advocate

JAG	Judge Advocate General
JAOC	joint air operations center
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
JFACC	joint force air component commander
JFCOM	Joint Forces Command
JROC	Joint Requirement Oversight Council
JROTC	junior reserve officer training corps
JSIVA	joint service integrated vulnerability assessment
JSTARS	Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System
JTF	joint task force
LAF	Line of the Air Force
LAN	local area network
LCAP	Logistics Compliance Assessment Program
LNO	liaison officer
LIMFAC	limiting factor
LOA	letter of appreciation
LOAC	law of armed conflict
MAF	mobility air forces
MAJCOM	major command
MARE	major accident response exercise
MARFOR	Marine Corps forces
Mbps	megabytes per second
MC	mission capable/master of ceremonies
MDG	medical group
MILCON	military construction
MilPDS	Military Personnel Data System
MNF	multinational forces
MOA	memorandum of agreement
MOB	main operating base
MOPP	mission oriented protective postures
MOU	memorandum of understanding
MPF	military personnel flight
MSG	mission support group
MSM	Meritorious Service Medal
MTW	major theater war
MWR	morale, welfare, and recreation
MVP	most valuable person
MXG	maintenance group

NAF	numbered air force/non appropriated funds(make sure you can tell which by context of bullet)
NAOC	Nation Airborne Operations Center
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NAVAID	navigational aid
NAVEUR	Naval Forces Europe
NBC	Nuclear, biological and chemical
NCO	noncommissioned officer
NCOA	noncommissioned officer academy
NCOIC	noncommissioned officer in charge
NCOQ	NCO of the Quarter
NCOY	NCO of the Year
NEO	noncombatant evacuation operation
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIPRNET	nonsecure internet protocol router network
NMC	nonmission capable
NORAD	North American Aerospace Defense Command
NORTHCOM	Northern Command
NOSC	Network Operations and Security Center
NOTAM	Notice to Airmen
NSA	National Security Agency
NSC	National Security Council
NSI	nuclear surety inspection
NVG	night vision goggle
O-3	Captain
O-4	Major
O-5	Lieutenant Colonel
O-6	Colonel
O&M	operations and maintenance
OCO	Overseas Contingency Operations
OCR	office of collateral responsibility
OEF	Operation ENDURING FREEDOM
OG	operations group
OI	operating instruction
OIC	officer in charge
OIF	Operation IRAQI FREEDOM
OJT	on-the-job training
OPLAN	operation plan

OPORD	operation order
OPR	officer performance report//office of primary responsibility
OPREP	operational report
OPSEC	operations security
OPSTEMPO	operations tempo
OPTEMPO	operating tempo
ORE	Operational Readiness Evaluation
ORI	Operational Readiness Inspection
OSD	Office of the Secretary of Defense
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSS	operations support squadron
PACAF	Pacific Air Forces
PAS	Personnel accounting symbol
PC	personal computer
PCA	permanent change of assignment
PCS	permanent change of station
PERSCO	Personnel support for contingency operations
PID	plan identification number
PME	professional military education
POC	point of contact
POTUS	President of the United States
POW	prisoner of war
PPlan	programming plan
PRF	promotion recommendation form
Prime BEEF	Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force
PRP	personnel reliability program
PRU	personnel readiness unit
PTL	physical training leader
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
QA	quality assurance
QC	quality control
QM	quartermaster
QoL	Quality of Life
R&D	research and development
READY	resource augmentation duty program
RAF	Royal Air Force
RED HORSE	Rapid Engineers Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron, Engineers
ROE	rules of engagement

ROTC	Reserve Officer Training Corps
RTB	return to base
RTD	return to duty
SA	situational awareness
SABC	self aid and buddy care
SACEUR	Supreme Allied Commander Europe
SAM	space available mail; special airlift mission; surface-to-air missile
SARC	sexual assault response coordinator/center
SATCOM	satellite communications
SAV	staff assistance visit
SCI	sensitive compartmented information
SDE	senior development education
SECAF	Secretary of the Air Force
SECDEF	Secretary of Defense
SECSTATE	Secretary of State
SERE	survival, evasion, resistance, escape
SF	security forces
SGLI	Serviceman's Group Life Insurance
SHAPE	Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe
SIGINT	signals intelligence
SIPRNET	Secure Internet Protocol Router Network
SITREP	situation report
SJA	Staff Judge Advocate
SNCO	senior noncommissioned officer
SNCOA	Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy
SNCOQ	Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter
SNCOY	Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year
SOCEUR	Special Operations Command Europe
SOC SOUTH	Special Operations Component, United States Southern Command
SOF	special operations forces//supervisor of flying
SOP	standard operating procedure
SORTS	Status of Resources and Training System
SOS	Squadron Officer School
SPINS	special instructions
SPO	system program office/special project officer
SPOD	seaport of debarkation
SPOE	seaport of embarkation
SSN	Social Security number

STAFFDEL	congressional staff delegation
STE	secure telephone equipment
STU-III	secure telephone unit III
SWA	Southwest Asia
TACON	tactical control
TDY	temporary duty
TF	task force
TLF	temporary lodging facility
TPFDD	time-phased force deployment data
TO	technical order//theater of operations
TTP	tactics, techniques, and procedures//trailer transfer point
TWCF	Transportation Working Capital Fund
TWG	threat working group
UAV	unmanned aerial vehicle
UCC	unit control center
UCI	Unit Compliance Inspection
UDM	unit deployment manager
ULN	unit line number
UHF	ultrahigh frequency
UMD	unit manning document//unit mission description
UN	United Nations
UPT	undergraduate pilot training
US	United States
USA	United States Army
USACOM	United States Atlantic Command
USAF	United States Air Force
USAFE	United States Air Forces in Europe
USAFRICOM	United States Africa Command
USAREUR	United States Army European Command
USAFCENT	United States Central Command Air Forces
USCENTCOM	United States Central Command
USEUCOM	United States European Command
USMC	United States Marine Corps
USN	United States Navy
USNORTHCOM	United States Northern Command
USPACOM	United States Pacific Command
USSOUTHCOM	United States Southern Command
USSPACECOM	United States Space Command

USSTRATCOM	United States Strategic Command
USTRANSCOM	United States Transportation Command
UTC	unit type code
UXO	unexploded explosive ordnance//unexploded ordnance
VA	Veteran's Administration
VCO	vehicle control officer
VHF	very high frequency
VOIP/SVOIP	Secure/Voice over internet protocol
VPOTUS	Vice President of the United States
VTC	video teleconferencing
WARNORD	warning order
WIC	Weapons Instructor Course
WMD	weapons of mass destruction
YTD	year-to-date