

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

A non-exhaustive list of acronyms and abbreviations found in the 2020 Almanac.

A2/AD Anti-access, area-denial	AMW Air Mobility Wing
AA Active associate: ANG/AFRC-owned aircraft	ANG Air National Guard
AAB Army Air Base	ANGB Air National Guard Base
AAF Army Airfield	ANGS Air National Guard Station
AATTC Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center	APO AP Army/Air Force Post Office Pacific
AB Air Base	APO AE Army/Air Force Post Office Europe
ABG Air Base Group	AOC/G/S Air and Space Operations Center/Group/Squadron
ABW Air Base Wing	APS Aerial Port Squadron
ACC Air Combat Command	ARB Air Reserve Base
ACG Air Control Group	ARG Air Refueling Group
ACS Air Control Squadron	Arpt. Airport
ACTS Air Combat Training Squadron	ARS 1) Air Refueling Squadron 2) Reserve Station
ACW Air Control Wing	ARW Air Refueling Wing
ADS-B Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast	AS 1) Air Station 2) Airlift Squadron
AE aeromedical evacuation	ASIP Airborne Signals Intelligence Payload
AEHF Advanced Extremely High Frequency	ASOS/G Air Support Operations Squadron/Group
AESA active electronically scanned array	ASTF Aeromedical Staging Flight
AETC Air Education and Training Command	ATCS Air Traffic Control Squadron
AFB Air Force Base	ATKW Attack Wing
AFDW Air Force District of Washington	ATP advanced targeting pod
AFGSC Air Force Global Strike Command	AW Airlift Wing
AFMC Air Force Materiel Command	AWACS Airborne Warning and Control System
AFNWC Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center	BLOS beyond line of sight
AFRC Air Force Reserve Command	BLU Bomb Live Unit
AFRL Air Force Research Laboratory	BM battle management
AFS Air Force Station	BMEWS Ballistic Missile Early Warning System
AFSC Air Force Specialty Code	BW Bomb Wing
AFSOC Air Force Special Operations Command	C2 command and control
AFSPC Air Force Space Command	C3 command, control, and communications
AFTC Air Force Test Center	C3I command, control, communications and intelligence
AG Airlift Group	C4 command, control, communications, and computers
AGM air-to-ground missile	CACS Command and Control Squadron (Space)
AGOW Air Ground Operations Wing	CALCM Conventional Air-Launched Cruise Missile
AGS Air Guard Station	CAS close air support
AGS Alliance Ground Surveillance	CBCS Combat Communications Squadron
AIM Air intercept missile	CBU cluster bomb unit
ALC Air Logistics Complex	CC combat communications
ALCM Air-Launched Cruise Missile	CCG Combat Communications Group
ALCF Airlift Control Flight	CCW Command and Control Wing
AMC Air Mobility Command	CEF civil engineering flight
AMOG Air Mobility Operations Group	CEM combat effects munition
AMOW Air Mobility Operations Wing	
AMRAAM Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile	
AMS Air Mobility Squadron	

CEP circular error probable	COMINT Communications intelligence
CENTCOM U.S. Central Command	CONUS Continental U.S.
CFIN combat flight inspection	COS Cyberspace Operations Squadron
CFAC combined force air component commander	CRF Centralized repair facility
CFT conformal fuel tank	CRG Contingency Response Group
CG Communications Group	CRTC Combat Readiness Training Center
CNS/ATM Communications, navigation, surveillance/air traffic management	CRW Contingency Response Wing
COMINT Communications intelligence	CSAR combat search and rescue
CSO combat systems officer	CTS Combat Training Squadron
CONUS Continental U.S.	CW 1) Cyberspace Wing 2) Combat Weather
COS Cyberspace Operations Squadron	DAF Department of the Air Force
CRF Centralized repair facility	DCGS Distributed Common Ground System
CRG Contingency Response Group	DMOC Distributed Mission Operations Center
CRTC Combat Readiness Training Center	DMSP Defense Meteorological Satellite Program
CRW Contingency Response Wing	DOD Department of Defense
CSAR combat search and rescue	DSCS Defense Satellite Communications System
CTS Combat Training Squadron	DSP Defense Support Program
CW 1) Cyberspace Wing 2) Combat Weather	DSRP Defense Space Reconnaissance Program
DAF Department of the Air Force	DTOC Distributed Training Operations Center
DCGS Distributed Common Ground System	DV distinguished visitors
DMOC Distributed Mission Operations Center	EA electronic attack
DMSP Defense Meteorological Satellite Program	ECG Electronic Combat Group
DOD Department of Defense	ECM Electronic countermeasures
DSCS Defense Satellite Communications System	EELV Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle
DSP Defense Support Program	EHF extremely high frequency
DSRP Defense Space Reconnaissance Program	EIS(G) Engineering Installation Squadron/Group
DTOC Distributed Training Operations Center	ELINT Electronic intelligence
DV distinguished visitors	ENG Engineering/Engineer
EA electronic attack	EO electro optical
ECG Electronic Combat Group	EOD explosive ordnance disposal
ECM Electronic countermeasures	ER extended range
EELV Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle	EW electronic warfare
EHF extremely high frequency	EWO electronic warfare officer
EIS(G) Engineering Installation Squadron/Group	FAB-T Family of Advanced Beyond Line-of-Sight Terminals
ELINT Electronic intelligence	FAC-A forward air controller airborne
ENG Engineering/Engineer	
EO electro optical	
EOD explosive ordnance disposal	
ER extended range	
EW electronic warfare	
EWO electronic warfare officer	
FAB-T Family of Advanced Beyond Line-of-Sight Terminals	
FAC-A forward air controller airborne	

FG Fighter Group	GATM Global Air Traffic Management
FLIR forward-looking infrared	GBU Guided Bomb Unit
FLTS Flight Test Squadron	GCS ground control station
FMV full-motion video	GEODSS Ground-based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance System
FTG Flying Training Group	GPS Global Positioning System
FTU Formal Training Unit	GSSAP Geosynchronous Space Situational Awareness Program
FTW Flying Training Wing	HARM High-speed Anti-Radiation Missile
FW Fighter Wing	HE high explosive
FY fiscal year	HUD head-up display
GA Guardian Angel (pararescuemen, combat rescue officers, and survival, evasion, resistance, and escape specialists)	Helo helicopter
	IADS integrated air defense system
	IBS Integrated Battle Station
	ICBM Intercontinental ballistic missile
	IFF identification, friend or foe
	IR infrared
	ISR/G/W Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group/Wing
	IW Intelligence Wing
	IWS Information Warfare Squadron
	JASSM Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile
	JB Joint Base
	JBSA Joint Base San Antonio
	JDAM Joint Direct Attack Munition
	JMS Joint Mission System
	JNGB Joint National Guard Base
	JRB Joint Reserve Base
	JROTC Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps
	JSOW Joint Standoff Weapon
	JSpOC Joint Space Operations Center
	JSTARS Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System
	JSUPT Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training
	JTIDS Joint Tactical Information Distribution System
	LANTIRN Low-Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night
	LCD liquid crystal display
	LDM Loadmaster
	LGB laser-guided bomb
	LJDAM Laser Joint Direct Attack Munition
	LO low observable
	LOS line of sight
	LRASM Long-Range Anti-Ship Missile

MAFFS Modular Airborne Firefighting System	NOSS network operations security squadron
MALD Miniature Air-Launched Decoy	NSSL National Security Space Launch
MASINT Measurement and signature intelligence	NVG night vision goggles
MCE mission control element	O&M Operations and Maintenance
MDG Medical Group	OPS Operations/Operators
MDW Medical Wing	OT&E operational test and evaluation
MFD Multifunction display	PACAF Pacific Air Forces
MILSATCOM Military Satellite Communications	PACOM U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
MISS Mission/s	PAR Presidential Aircraft Replacement
MOH Medal of Honor	PARCS Perimeter Acquisition Radar Attack Characterization System
MSG Mission Support Group	PEO Program Executive Officer
MW Missile Wing	PGM precision guided munition
N/A not available	PSP Precision Strike Package
NAF Naval Air Facility	RAOC Regional Air Operations Center
NAS Naval Air Station	R&D research and development
NAOC National Airborne Operations Center	RDT&E research, development, test, and evaluation
NAV Navigation/Navigator	RED HORSE Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers
NORTHCOM U.S. Northern Command	RG Reconnaissance Group
NOSS network operations security squadron	RPA remotely piloted aircraft
	RQG Rescue Group
	RQS Rescue Squadron
	RQW Rescue Wing
	ROTC Reserve Officer's Training Corps
	ROVER Remotely Operated Video Enhanced Receiver
	RS Reconnaissance Squadron
	RSC Resource/s
	RSG Regional Support Group
	RW Reconnaissance Wing
	RWR radar warning receiver
	SAR synthetic aperture radar
	SATCOM satellite communications
	SBIRS Space-Based Infrared System
	SCMS Supply Chain Management Squadron
	SCMG Supply Chain Management Group
	SCMW Supply Chain Management Wing
	SCOW Supply Chain Operations Wing
	SDB Small Diameter Bomb
	SEAD suppression of enemy air defenses
	SERE survival, evasion, resistance, and escape
	SHF superhigh frequency
	shp shaft horsepower
	Sigint signals intelligence

S-L sea level	SLEP Service Life Extension Program
SMC Space and Missile Systems Center	SOCOM U.S. Special Operations Command
SOCOM U.S. Special Operations Command	SOF Special Operations Forces
SOG Special Operations Group	SOGS Special Operations Squadron
SOPS Space Operations Squadron	SOW Special Operations Wing
SPADOC Space Defense Operations Center	SPC Specialist
SPC Specialist	SPCS Space Control Squadron
SPCS Space Control Squadron	START Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
STOL short takeoff and landing	STRATCOM U.S. Strategic Command
STRATCOM U.S. Strategic Command	STS Special Tactics Squadron
STS Special Tactics Squadron	SUPT Superintendent
SUPT Superintendent	SW Space Wing
SW Space Wing	SWS Space Warning Squadron
SWS Space Warning Squadron	SYS System/s
SYS System/s	T&E test and evaluation
T&E test and evaluation	TACAN tactical air navigation
TACAN tactical air navigation	TACC Tanker Airlift Control Center
TACC Tanker Airlift Control Center	TACP tactical air control party
TACP tactical air control party	TAI total active inventory
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TBD to be determined	TF/TA terrain-following/terrain-avoidance
TF/TA terrain-following/terrain-avoidance	TG Test Group
TG Test Group	T-O takeoff
T-O takeoff	TRANSCOM U.S. Transportation Command
TRANSCOM U.S. Transportation Command	TRG Training Group
TRG Training Group	TRW Training Wing
TRW Training Wing	TTP tactics, techniques, and procedures
TTP tactics, techniques, and procedures	TW Test Wing
TW Test Wing	UAV unmanned aerial vehicle
UAV unmanned aerial vehicle	UHF ultra-high frequency
UHF ultra-high frequency	USAF U.S. Air Force Academy
USAF U.S. Air Force Academy	USAFE U.S. Air Forces in Europe
USAFE U.S. Air Forces in Europe	VHF very high frequency
VHF very high frequency	VLF very low frequency
VLF very low frequency	WCMD Wind-Corrected Munitions Dispenser
WCMD Wind-Corrected Munitions Dispenser	WEG Weapons Evaluation Group
WEG Weapons Evaluation Group	WGS Wideband Global Satcom
WGS Wideband Global Satcom	WF Weather Flight
WF Weather Flight	WPS Weapons Squadron
WPS Weapons Squadron	WSO weapon systems officer
WSO weapon systems officer	WXF Weather Forecast/Weather Flight
WXF Weather Forecast/Weather Flight	