

# GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

A non-exhaustive list of acronyms and abbreviations found in the 2023 Almanac.

<b>A2/AD</b>	Anti-access, area-denial	<b>AMRAAM</b>	Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile	<b>CEF</b>	civil engineering flight
<b>AA</b>	Active associate: ANG/AFRC-owned aircraft	<b>AMS</b>	Air Mobility Squadron	<b>CEM</b>	combat effects munition
<b>AAB</b>	Army Air Base	<b>AMW</b>	Air Mobility Wing	<b>CEP</b>	circular error probable
<b>AAF</b>	Army Airfield	<b>ANG</b>	Air National Guard	<b>CENTCOM</b>	U.S. Central Command
<b>AATTC</b>	Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center	<b>ANGB</b>	Air National Guard Base	<b>CFIN</b>	combat flight inspection
<b>AB</b>	Air Base	<b>ANGS</b>	Air National Guard Station	<b>CFAC</b>	combined force air component commander
<b>ABG</b>	Air Base Group	<b>APO AP</b>	Army/Air Force Post Office Pacific	<b>CFT</b>	conformal fuel tank
<b>ABW</b>	Air Base Wing	<b>APO AE</b>	Army/Air Force Post Office Europe	<b>CG</b>	Communications Group
<b>ABMS</b>	Advanced Battle Management System	<b>AOC/G/S</b>	Air and Space Operations Center/Group/Squadron	<b>CNS/ATM</b>	Communications, navigation, surveillance/air traffic management
<b>ACC</b>	Air Combat Command	<b>APS</b>	Aerial Port Squadron	<b>COMINT</b>	Communications intelligence
<b>ACG</b>	Air Control Group	<b>ARB</b>	Air Reserve Base	<b>CONNECT</b>	Combat Network Communications Technology
<b>ACS</b>	Air Control Squadron	<b>ARG</b>	Air Refueling Group	<b>CSO</b>	combat systems officer
<b>ACTS</b>	Air Combat Training Squadron	<b>Arpt.</b>	Airport	<b>CONUS</b>	Continental U.S.
<b>ACW</b>	Air Control Wing	<b>ARS</b>	1) Air Refueling Squadron 2) Reserve Station	<b>COS</b>	Cyberspace Operations Squadron
<b>ADS-B</b>	Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast	<b>ARW</b>	Air Refueling Wing	<b>CRF</b>	Centralized repair facility
<b>AE</b>	aeromedical evacuation	<b>AS</b>	1) Air Station 2) Airlift Squadron	<b>CRG</b>	Contingency Response Group
<b>AEHF</b>	Advanced Extremely High Frequency	<b>ASIP</b>	Airborne Signals Intelligence Payload	<b>CRTC</b>	Combat Readiness Training Center
<b>AESA</b>	active electronically scanned array	<b>ASOS/G</b>	Air Support Operations Squadron/Group	<b>CRW</b>	Contingency Response Wing
<b>AETC</b>	Air Education and Training Command	<b>ASTF</b>	Aeromedical Staging Flight	<b>CSAR</b>	combat search and rescue
<b>AFB</b>	Air Force Base	<b>ATCS</b>	Air Traffic Control Squadron	<b>CTOL</b>	Conventional Takeoff and Landing
<b>AFDW</b>	Air Force District of Washington	<b>ATKW</b>	Attack Wing	<b>CTS</b>	Combat Training Squadron
<b>AFGSC</b>	Air Force Global Strike Command	<b>ATP</b>	advanced targeting pod	<b>CW</b>	1) Cyberspace Wing 2) Combat Weather
<b>AFLCMC</b>	Air Force Life Cycle Management Center	<b>AW</b>	Airlift Wing	<b>DAF</b>	Department of the Air Force
<b>AFMC</b>	Air Force Materiel Command	<b>AWACS</b>	Airborne Warning and Control System	<b>DCGS</b>	Distributed Common Ground System
<b>AFNWC</b>	Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center	<b>BACN</b>	Battlefield Airborne Communications Node	<b>DMOC</b>	Distributed Mission Operations Center
<b>AFRC</b>	Air Force Reserve Command	<b>BLOS</b>	beyond line of sight	<b>DMSP</b>	Defense Meteorological Satellite Program
<b>AFRL</b>	Air Force Research Laboratory	<b>BLU</b>	Bomb Live Unit	<b>DOD</b>	Department of Defense
<b>AFS</b>	Air Force Station	<b>BM</b>	battle management	<b>DSCS</b>	Defense Satellite Communications System
<b>AFSC</b>	Air Force Specialty Code	<b>BMEWS</b>	Ballistic Missile Early Warning System	<b>DSP</b>	Defense Support Program
<b>AFSOC</b>	Air Force Special Operations Command	<b>BW</b>	Bomb Wing	<b>DSRP</b>	Defense Space Reconnaissance Program
<b>AFSMO</b>	Air Force Spectrum Management Office	<b>C2</b>	command and control	<b>DTOC</b>	Distributed Training Operations Center
<b>AFSPC</b>	Air Force Space Command	<b>C3</b>	command, control, and communications	<b>DV</b>	distinguished visitors
<b>AFTC</b>	Air Force Test Center	<b>C3I</b>	command, control, communications and intelligence	<b>EA</b>	electronic attack
<b>AG</b>	Airlift Group	<b>C4</b>	command, control, communications, and computers	<b>ECG</b>	Electronic Combat Group
<b>AGM</b>	air-to-ground missile	<b>CACS</b>	Command and Control Squadron (Space)	<b>ECM</b>	Electronic countermeasures
<b>AGOW</b>	Air Ground Operations Wing	<b>CALCM</b>	Conventional Air-Launched Cruise Missile	<b>EELV</b>	Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle
<b>AGS</b>	Air Guard Station	<b>CAS</b>	close air support	<b>EHF</b>	extremely high frequency
<b>AGS</b>	Alliance Ground Surveillance	<b>CBCS</b>	Combat Communications Squadron	<b>EIS(G)</b>	Engineering Installation Squadron/Group
<b>AIM</b>	Air intercept missile	<b>CBU</b>	cluster bomb unit	<b>EISS</b>	Enhanced Integrated Sensor Suite
<b>ALC</b>	Air Logistics Complex	<b>CC</b>	combat communications	<b>ELINT</b>	Electronic intelligence
<b>ALCM</b>	Air-Launched Cruise Missile	<b>CCG</b>	Combat Communications Group	<b>ENG</b>	Engineering/Engineer
<b>ALCF</b>	Airlift Control Flight	<b>CCW</b>	Command and Control Wing	<b>EO</b>	electro optical
<b>ALCOM</b>	Alaskan Command			<b>EOD</b>	explosive ordnance disposal
<b>ALTV</b>	Approach and Landing Test Vehicle			<b>ER</b>	extended range
<b>AMC</b>	Air Mobility Command			<b>EW</b>	electronic warfare
<b>AMOG</b>	Air Mobility Operations Group				
<b>AMOW</b>	Air Mobility Operations Wing				

<b>EWO</b>	electronic warfare officer	<b>LCD</b>	liquid crystal display	<b>SACU</b>	Situational Awareness Capabilities Upgrade
<b>FAB-T</b>	Family of Advanced Beyond Line-of-Sight Terminals	<b>LDM</b>	Loadmaster	<b>SAR</b>	synthetic aperture radar
<b>FAC-A</b>	forward air controller airborne	<b>LGB</b>	laser-guided bomb	<b>SATCOM</b>	satellite communications
<b>FG</b>	Fighter Group	<b>LJDAM</b>	Laser Joint Direct Attack Munition	<b>SBIRS</b>	Space-Based Infrared System
<b>FLIR</b>	forward-looking infrared	<b>LO</b>	low observable	<b>SCMS</b>	Supply Chain Management Squadron
<b>FLTS</b>	Flight Test Squadron	<b>LOS</b>	line of sight	<b>SCMG</b>	Supply Chain Management Group
<b>FMV</b>	full-motion video	<b>LRASM</b>	Long-Range Anti-Ship Missile	<b>SCMW</b>	Supply Chain Management Wing
<b>FTG</b>	Flying Training Group	<b>MAFFS</b>	Modular Airborne FireFighting System	<b>SCOW</b>	Supply Chain Operations Wing
<b>FTU</b>	Formal Training Unit	<b>MALD</b>	Miniature Air-Launched Decoy	<b>SDB</b>	Small Diameter Bomb
<b>FTW</b>	Flying Training Wing	<b>MASINT</b>	Measurement and signature intelligence	<b>SEAD</b>	suppression of enemy air defenses
<b>FW</b>	Fighter Wing	<b>MCB</b>	Marine Corps Base	<b>SERE</b>	survival, evasion, resistance, and escape
<b>FY</b>	fiscal year	<b>MCE</b>	mission control element	<b>SHF</b>	superhigh frequency
<b>GA</b>	Guardian Angel (pararescuemen, combat rescue officers, and survival, evasion, resistance, and escape specialists)	<b>MDG</b>	Medical Group	<b>shp</b>	shaft horsepower
<b>GATM</b>	Global Air Traffic Management	<b>MDW</b>	Medical Wing	<b>SiAW</b>	Stand-in Attack Weapon
<b>GBU</b>	Guided Bomb Unit	<b>MFD</b>	Multifunction display	<b>SIGINT</b>	signals intelligence
<b>GCS</b>	ground control station	<b>MILSATCOM</b>	Military Satellite Communications	<b>S-L</b>	sea level
<b>GEODSS</b>	Ground-based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance System	<b>MISS</b>	Mission/s	<b>SLEP</b>	Service Life Extension Program
<b>GPS</b>	Global Positioning System	<b>MOH</b>	Medal of Honor	<b>SMC</b>	Space and Missile Systems Center
<b>GSSAP</b>	Geosynchronous Space Situational Awareness Program	<b>MSG</b>	Mission Support Group	<b>SOCOM</b>	U.S. Special Operations Command
<b>HARM</b>	High-speed Anti-Radiation Missile	<b>MW</b>	Missile Wing	<b>SOF</b>	Special Operations Forces
<b>HE</b>	high explosive	<b>N/A</b>	not available	<b>SOG</b>	Special Operations Group
<b>HUD</b>	head-up display	<b>NAF</b>	Naval Air Facility	<b>SOPS</b>	Space Operations Squadron
<b>Helo</b>	helicopter	<b>NAS</b>	Naval Air Station	<b>SOW</b>	Special Operations Wing
<b>IADS</b>	integrated air defense system	<b>NAOC</b>	National Airborne Operations Center	<b>SPADOC</b>	Space Defense Operations Center
<b>IBS</b>	Integrated Battle Station	<b>NAV</b>	Navigation/Navigator	<b>SPC</b>	Specialist
<b>ICBM</b>	Intercontinental ballistic missile	<b>NGAAW</b>	Next Generation Area Attack Weapons	<b>SPCS</b>	Space Control Squadron
<b>IFF</b>	identification, friend or foe	<b>NORTHCOM</b>	U.S. Northern Command	<b>SPOS</b>	Space Operations Squadrons
<b>IIR</b>	imaging infrared	<b>NOSS</b>	network operations security squadron	<b>START</b>	Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
<b>INS</b>	inertial navigation system	<b>NSSL</b>	National Security Space Launch	<b>STOL</b>	short takeoff and landing
<b>IOC</b>	initial operational capability	<b>NVG</b>	night vision goggles	<b>STRATCOM</b>	U.S. Strategic Command
<b>IOF/S</b>	Information Operations Flight/Squadron	<b>O&amp;M</b>	Operations and Maintenance	<b>STS</b>	Special Tactics Squadron
<b>IOW</b>	Information Operations Wing	<b>OPS</b>	Operations/Operators	<b>SUPT</b>	Superintendent
<b>IR</b>	infrared	<b>OT&amp;E</b>	operational test and evaluation	<b>SW</b>	Space Wing
<b>IS</b>	Intelligence Squadron	<b>PACAF</b>	Pacific Air Forces	<b>SWS</b>	Space Warning Squadron
<b>ISR/G/W</b>	Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group/Wing	<b>PACOM</b>	U.S. Indo-Pacific Command	<b>SYS</b>	System/s
<b>IVEWS</b>	Integrated Viper Electronic Warfare Suite	<b>PAR</b>	Presidential Aircraft Replacement	<b>T&amp;E</b>	test and evaluation
<b>IW</b>	Intelligence Wing	<b>PARCS</b>	Perimeter Acquisition Radar Attack Characterization System	<b>TACAN</b>	tactical air navigation
<b>IWS</b>	Information Warfare Squadron	<b>PEO</b>	Program Executive Officer	<b>TACC</b>	Tanker Airlift Control Center
<b>JADC2</b>	Joint All-Domain Command and Control	<b>PGM</b>	precision guided munition	<b>TACP</b>	tactical air control party
<b>JASSM</b>	Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile	<b>PSP</b>	Precision Strike Package	<b>TAI</b>	total active inventory
<b>JB</b>	Joint Base	<b>RAMP</b>	Reliability, Availability, and Maintainability Program	<b>TBD</b>	to be determined
<b>JBSA</b>	Joint Base San Antonio	<b>RAOC</b>	Regional Air Operations Center	<b>TF/TA</b>	terrain-following/terrain-avoidance
<b>JDAM</b>	Joint Direct Attack Munition	<b>RATO</b>	Rocket-Assisted Take Off	<b>TG</b>	Test Group
<b>JMS</b>	Joint Mission System	<b>RATS</b>	Radar Aided Targeting System	<b>T-O</b>	takeoff
<b>JNGB</b>	Joint National Guard Base	<b>R&amp;D</b>	research and development	<b>TRANSCOM</b>	U.S. Transportation Command
<b>JRB</b>	Joint Reserve Base	<b>RDT&amp;E</b>	research, development, test, and evaluation	<b>TRG</b>	Training Group
<b>JROTC</b>	Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps	<b>RED HORSE</b>	Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers	<b>TRW</b>	Training Wing
<b>JSOW</b>	Joint Standoff Weapon	<b>RG</b>	Reconnaissance Group	<b>TTP</b>	tactics, techniques, and procedures
<b>JSpOC</b>	Joint Space Operations Center	<b>RPA</b>	remotely piloted aircraft	<b>TW</b>	Test Wing
<b>JSTARS</b>	Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System	<b>RQG</b>	Rescue Group	<b>UAV</b>	unmanned aerial vehicle
<b>JSUPT</b>	Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training	<b>RQS</b>	Rescue Squadron	<b>UHF</b>	ultra-high frequency
<b>JTIDS</b>	Joint Tactical Information Distribution System	<b>RQW</b>	Rescue Wing	<b>USAFA</b>	U.S. Air Force Academy
<b>LAAR</b>	Light Attack/Armed Reconnaissance	<b>ROTC</b>	Reserve Officer's Training Corps	<b>USAFE</b>	U.S. Air Forces in Europe
<b>LAD</b>	Large Area Display	<b>ROVER</b>	Remotely Operated Video Enhanced Receiver	<b>USAG</b>	U.S. Army Garrison
<b>LANTIRN</b>	Low-Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night	<b>RS</b>	Reconnaissance Squadron	<b>VHF</b>	very high frequency
		<b>RSC</b>	Resource/s	<b>VLF</b>	very low frequency
		<b>RSG</b>	Regional Support Group	<b>WCMD</b>	Wind-Corrected Munitions Dispenser
		<b>RW</b>	Reconnaissance Wing	<b>WEG</b>	Weapons Evaluation Group
		<b>RWR</b>	radar warning receiver	<b>WGS</b>	Wideband Global SATCOM
				<b>WF</b>	Weather Flight
				<b>WPS</b>	Weapons Squadron
				<b>WSO</b>	weapon systems officer
				<b>WXF</b>	Weather Forecast/Weather Flight