

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

A NONEXHAUSTIVE LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS FOUND IN THE 2025 ALMANAC.

A2/AD	Anti-access, area-denial
AA	Active associate: ANG/AFRC-owned aircraft
AAB	Army Air Base
AAF	Army Airfield
AATTC	Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center
AB	Air Base
ABG	Air Base Group
ABW	Air Base Wing
ABMS	Advanced Battle Management System
ACC	Air Combat Command
ACG	Air Control Group
ACS	Air Control Squadron
ACTS	Air Combat Training Squadron
ACW	Air Control Wing
ADS-B	Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast
AE	aeromedical evacuation
AEHF	Advanced Extremely High Frequency
AESA	active electronically scanned array
AETC	Air Education and Training Command
AFB	Air Force Base
AFDW	Air Force District of Washington
AFGSC	Air Force Global Strike Command
AFLCMC	Air Force Life Cycle Management Center
AFMC	Air Force Materiel Command
AFNWC	Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center
AFRC	Air Force Reserve Command
AFRL	Air Force Research Laboratory
AFS	Air Force Station
AFSC	Air Force Specialty Code
AFSOC	Air Force Special Operations Command
AFSMO	Air Force Spectrum Management Office
AFSPC	Air Force Space Command
AFTC	Air Force Test Center

AFTPS	Air Force Test Pilot School
AG	Airlift Group
AGM	air-to-ground missile
AGOW	Air Ground Operations Wing
AGS	Air Guard Station
AGS	Alliance Ground Surveillance
AIM	Air intercept missile
ALC	Air Logistics Complex
ALCM	Air-Launched Cruise Missile
ALCF	Airlift Control Flight
ALCOM	Alaskan Command
ALTV	Approach and Landing Test Vehicle
AMC	Air Mobility Command
AMOG	Air Mobility Operations Group
AMOW	Air Mobility Operations Wing
AMRAAM	Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile
AMS	Air Mobility Squadron
AMW	Air Mobility Wing
ANG	Air National Guard
ANGB	Air National Guard Base
ANGS	Air National Guard Station
APO AP	Army/Air Force Post Office Pacific
APO AE	Army/Air Force Post Office Europe
AOC/G/S	Air and Space Operations Center/Group/Squadron
APS	Aerial Port Squadron
ARB	Air Reserve Base
ARG	Air Refueling Group
Arpt.	Airport
ARS	1) Air Refueling Squadron 2) Reserve Station
ARW	Air Refueling Wing
AS	1) Air Station 2) Airlift Squadron
ASIP	Airborne Signals Intelligence Payload
ASOS/G	Air Support Operations Squadron/Group
ASTF	Aeromedical Staging Flight
ATCS	Air Traffic Control Squadron
ATKW	Attack Wing
ATP	advanced targeting pod
AW	Airlift Wing
AWACS	Airborne Warning and Control System
BACN	Battlefield Airborne Communications Node
BLOS	beyond line of sight
BLU	Bomb Live Unit
BM	battle management
BMEWS	Ballistic Missile Early Warning System
BW	Bomb Wing
C2	command and control
C3	command, control, and communications
C3I	command, control, communications and intelligence
C4	command, control, communications, and computers
CACS	Command and Control Squadron (Space)
CALCM	Conventional Air-Launched Cruise Missile
CAS	close air support
CBCS	Combat Communications Squadron
CBU	cluster bomb unit

CC	combat communications
CCA	Collaborative Combat Aircraft
CCG	Combat Communications Group
CCW	Command and Control Wing
CDS	Container Delivery System
CEF	civil engineering flight
CEM	combat effects munition
CEP	circular error probable
CENTCOM	U.S. Central Command
CFIN	combat flight inspection
CFAC	combined force air component commander
CFT	conformal fuel tank
CG	Communications Group
CNS/ATM	Communications, navigation, surveillance/air traffic management
COMINT	Communications intelligence
CONECT	Combat Network Communications Technology
CSO	combat systems officer
CONUS	Continental U.S.
COS	Cyberspace Operations Squadron
CRF	Centralized repair facility
CRG	Contingency Response Group
CRTC	Combat Readiness Training Center
CRW	Contingency Response Wing
CSAR	combat search and rescue
CTOL	Conventional Takeoff and Landing
CTS	Combat Training Squadron
CW	1) Cyberspace Wing 2) Combat Weather
DAF	Department of the Air Force
DCGS	Distributed Common Ground System
DMOC	Distributed Mission Operations Center
DMSP	Defense Meteorological Satellite Program
DOD	Department of Defense
DSCS	Defense Satellite Communications System
DSP	Defense Support Program
DSRP	Defense Space Reconnaissance Program
DTOC	Distributed Training Operations Center
DV	distinguished visitors
EA	electronic attack
ECG	Electronic Combat Group
ECM	Electronic countermeasures
EELV	Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle
EHF	extremely high frequency
EIS(G)	Engineering Installation Squadron/Group
EISS	Enhanced Integrated Sensor Suite
ELINT	Electronic intelligence
ENG	Engineering/Engineer
EO	electro optical
EOD	explosive ordnance disposal
ER	extended range
ESS	Evolved Strategic SATCOM
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
FLIR	forward-looking infrared

FLTS	Flight Test Squadron
FMV	full-motion video
FOC	full operational capability
FTG	Flying Training Group
FTU	Formal Training Unit
FTW	Flying Training Wing
FW	Fighter Wing
FY	fiscal year
GA	Guardian Angel (pararescuemen, combat rescue officers, and survival, evasion, resistance, and escape specialists)
GATM	Global Air Traffic Management
GBU	Guided Bomb Unit
GCS	ground control station
GEODSS	Ground-based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance System
GPS	Global Positioning System
GSSAP	Geosynchronous Space Situational Awareness Program
HARM	High-speed Anti-Radiation Missile
HE	high explosive
HUD	head-up display
Helo	helicopter
IADS	integrated air defense system
IBS	Integrated Battle Station
ICBM	Intercontinental ballistic missile
IFF	identification, friend or foe
IIR	imaging infrared
INS	inertial navigation system
IOC	initial operational capability
IOF/S	Information Operations Flight/Squadron
IOW	Information Operations Wing
IR	infrared
IS	Intelligence Squadron
ISR/G/W	Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group/Wing
IVEWS	Integrated Viper Electronic Warfare Suite
IW	Intelligence Wing
IWS	Information Warfare Squadron
JADC2	Joint All-Domain Command and Control
JASSM	Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile
JB	Joint Base
JBSA	Joint Base San Antonio
JDAM	Joint Direct Attack Munition
JHMCs	Joint Helmet-Mounted Cueing System
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
LAAR	Light Attack/Armed Reconnaissance
LAD	Large Area Display
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
MALD	Miniature Air-Launched Decoy
MASINT	Measurement and signature intelligence
MCB	Marine Corps Base
MCE	mission control element
MDG	Medical Group
MDW	Medical Wing
MEECN	Minuteman Essential Emergency Communication Network
MFD	Multifunction display
MILSATCOM	Military Satellite Communications
MISS	Mission/s
MOH	Medal of Honor
MSG	Mission Support Group
MW	Missile Wing
N/A	not available
NAF	Naval Air Facility
NAS	Naval Air Station
NAOC	National Airborne Operations Center
NAV	Navigation/Navigator
NGAAW	Next Generation Area Attack Weapons
NORTHCOM	U.S. Northern Command
NOSS	network operations security squadron
NSSL	National Security Space Launch
NVG	night vision goggles
OFP	Operational Flight Program
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OPS	Operations/Operators
OT&E	operational test and evaluation
PACAF	Pacific Air Forces
PACOM	U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
PAR	Presidential Aircraft Replacement
PARCS	Perimeter Acquisition Radar Attack Characterization System
PEO	Program Executive Officer
PGM	precision guided munition
PSP	Precision Strike Package
PTS	Protected Tactical SATCOM
RAMP	Reliability, Availability, and Maintainability Program
RAOC	Regional Air Operations Center
RATO	Rocket-Assisted Take Off
RATS	Radar Aided Targeting System
R&D	research and development
RDT&E	research, development, test, and evaluation
RED HORSE	Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers
RG	Reconnaissance Group
RPA	remotely piloted aircraft
RQG	Rescue Group
RQS	Rescue Squadron
RQW	Rescue Wing
ROTC	Reserve Officers' 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

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