

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

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

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

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

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

<b>FLTS</b>	Flight Test Squadron
<b>FMV</b>	full-motion video
<b>FOC</b>	full operational capability
<b>FTG</b>	Flying Training Group
<b>FTU</b>	Formal Training Unit
<b>FTW</b>	Flying Training Wing
<b>FW</b>	Fighter Wing
<b>FY</b>	fiscal year
<b>GA</b>	Guardian Angel (pararescuemen, combat rescue officers, and survival, evasion, resistance, and escape specialists)
<b>GATM</b>	Global Air Traffic Management
<b>GBU</b>	Guided Bomb Unit
<b>GCS</b>	ground control station
<b>GEODSS</b>	Ground-based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance System
<b>GPS</b>	Global Positioning System
<b>GSSAP</b>	Geosynchronous Space Situational Awareness Program
<b>HARM</b>	High-speed Anti-Radiation Missile
<b>HE</b>	high explosive
<b>HUD</b>	head-up display
<b>Helo</b>	helicopter
<b>IADS</b>	integrated air defense system
<b>IBS</b>	Integrated Battle Station
<b>ICBM</b>	Intercontinental ballistic missile
<b>IFF</b>	identification, friend or foe
<b>IIR</b>	imaging infrared
<b>INS</b>	inertial navigation system
<b>IOC</b>	initial operational capability
<b>IOF/S</b>	Information Operations Flight/Squadron
<b>IOW</b>	Information Operations Wing
<b>IR</b>	infrared
<b>IS</b>	Intelligence Squadron
<b>ISR/G/W</b>	Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group/Wing
<b>IVEWS</b>	Integrated Viper Electronic Warfare Suite
<b>IW</b>	Intelligence Wing
<b>IWS</b>	Information Warfare Squadron
<b>JADC2</b>	Joint All-Domain Command and Control
<b>JASSM</b>	Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile
<b>JB</b>	Joint Base
<b>JBSA</b>	Joint Base San Antonio
<b>JDAM</b>	Joint Direct Attack Munition
<b>JHMCS</b>	Joint Helmet-Mounted Cueing System
<b>JMS</b>	Joint Mission System
<b>JNGB</b>	Joint National Guard Base
<b>JRB</b>	Joint Reserve Base
<b>JROTC</b>	Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps
<b>JSOW</b>	Joint Standoff Weapon
<b>JSPOC</b>	Joint Space Operations Center
<b>JSTARS</b>	Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System
<b>JSUPT</b>	Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training
<b>JTIDS</b>	Joint Tactical Information Distribution System
<b>LAAR</b>	Light Attack/Armed Reconnaissance
<b>LAD</b>	Large Area Display
<b>LANTIRN</b>	Low-Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night
<b>LCD</b>	liquid crystal display
<b>LDM</b>	Loadmaster
<b>LGB</b>	laser-guided bomb
<b>LJDAM</b>	Laser Joint Direct Attack Munition

<b>LO</b>	low observable
<b>LOS</b>	line of sight
<b>LRASM</b>	Long-Range Anti-Ship Missile
<b>MAFFS</b>	Modular Airborne Firefighting System
<b>MALD</b>	Miniature Air-Launched Decoy
<b>MASINT</b>	Measurement and signature intelligence
<b>MCB</b>	Marine Corps Base
<b>MCE</b>	mission control element
<b>MDG</b>	Medical Group
<b>MDW</b>	Medical Wing
<b>MEECN</b>	Minuteman Essential Emergency Communication Network
<b>MFD</b>	Multifunction display
<b>MILSATCOM</b>	Military Satellite Communications
<b>MISS</b>	Mission/s
<b>MOH</b>	Medal of Honor
<b>MSG</b>	Mission Support Group
<b>MW</b>	Missile Wing
<b>N/A</b>	not available
<b>NAF</b>	Naval Air Facility
<b>NAS</b>	Naval Air Station
<b>NAOC</b>	National Airborne Operations Center
<b>NAV</b>	Navigation/Navigator
<b>NGAAW</b>	Next Generation Area Attack Weapons
<b>NORTHCOM</b>	U.S. Northern Command
<b>NOSS</b>	network operations security squadron
<b>NSSL</b>	National Security Space Launch
<b>NVG</b>	night vision goggles
<b>OFP</b>	Operational Flight Program
<b>O&amp;M</b>	Operations and Maintenance
<b>OPS</b>	Operations/Operators
<b>OT&amp;E</b>	operational test and evaluation
<b>PACAF</b>	Pacific Air Forces
<b>PACOM</b>	U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
<b>PAR</b>	Presidential Aircraft Replacement
<b>PARCS</b>	Perimeter Acquisition Radar Attack Characterization System
<b>PEO</b>	Program Executive Officer
<b>PGM</b>	precision guided munition
<b>PSP</b>	Precision Strike Package
<b>PTS</b>	Protected Tactical SATCOM
<b>RAMP</b>	Reliability, Availability, and Maintainability Program
<b>RAOC</b>	Regional Air Operations Center
<b>RATO</b>	Rocket-Assisted Take Off
<b>RATS</b>	Radar Aided Targeting System
<b>R&amp;D</b>	research and development
<b>RDT&amp;E</b>	research, development, test, and evaluation
<b>RED HORSE</b>	Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers
<b>RG</b>	Reconnaissance Group
<b>RPA</b>	remotely piloted aircraft
<b>RQG</b>	Rescue Group
<b>RQS</b>	Rescue Squadron
<b>RQW</b>	Rescue Wing
<b>ROTC</b>	Reserve Officers' Training Corps
<b>ROVER</b>	Remotely Operated Video Enhanced Receiver
<b>RS</b>	Reconnaissance Squadron
<b>RSC</b>	Resource/s
<b>RSG</b>	Regional Support Group
<b>RW</b>	Reconnaissance Wing
<b>RWR</b>	radar warning receiver

<b>SACU</b>	Situational Awareness Capabilities Upgrade
<b>SAR</b>	synthetic aperture radar
<b>SATCOM</b>	satellite communications
<b>SBIRS</b>	Space-Based Infrared System
<b>SCMS</b>	Supply Chain Management Squadron
<b>SCMG</b>	Supply Chain Management Group
<b>SCMW</b>	Supply Chain Management Wing
<b>SCOW</b>	Supply Chain Operations Wing
<b>SDB</b>	Small Diameter Bomb
<b>SEAD</b>	suppression of enemy air defenses
<b>SERE</b>	survival, evasion, resistance, and escape
<b>SHF</b>	superhigh frequency
<b>shp</b>	shaft horsepower
<b>SiAW</b>	Stand-in Attack Weapon
<b>SIGINT</b>	signals intelligence
<b>S-L</b>	sea level
<b>SLEP</b>	Service Life Extension Program
<b>SMC</b>	Space and Missile Systems Center
<b>SOCOM</b>	U.S. Special Operations Command
<b>SOF</b>	Special Operations Forces
<b>SOG</b>	Special Operations Group
<b>SOPS</b>	Space Operations Squadron
<b>SOW</b>	Special Operations Wing
<b>SPADOC</b>	Space Defense Operations Center
<b>SPC</b>	Specialist
<b>SPCS</b>	Space Control Squadron
<b>SPOS</b>	Space Operations Squadrons
<b>START</b>	Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
<b>STOL</b>	short takeoff and landing
<b>STRATCOM</b>	U.S. Strategic Command
<b>STS</b>	Special Tactics Squadron
<b>SUPT</b>	Superintendent
<b>SW</b>	Space Wing
<b>SWS</b>	Space Warning Squadron
<b>SYS</b>	System/s
<b>T&amp;E</b>	test and evaluation
<b>TACAN</b>	tactical air navigation
<b>TACC</b>	Tanker Airlift Control Center
<b>TACP</b>	tactical air control party
<b>TAI</b>	total active inventory
<b>TBD</b>	to be determined
<b>TF/TA</b>	terrain-following/terrain-avoidance
<b>TG</b>	Test Group
<b>T-O</b>	takeoff
<b>TRANSCOM</b>	U.S. Transportation Command
<b>TRG</b>	Training Group
<b>TRW</b>	Training Wing
<b>TTP</b>	tactics, techniques, and procedures
<b>TW</b>	Test Wing
<b>UAV</b>	unmanned aerial vehicle
<b>UHF</b>	ultra-high frequency
<b>USAFA</b>	U.S. Air Force Academy
<b>USAFE</b>	U.S. Air Forces in Europe
<b>USAG</b>	U.S. Army Garrison
<b>VHF</b>	very high frequency
<b>VLF</b>	very low frequency
<b>WCMD</b>	Wind-Corrected Munitions Dispenser
<b>WEG</b>	Weapons Evaluation Group
<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