



<b>A</b>	Alpha
<b>Air Force</b>	the branch of a nation's armed services that conducts military operations in the air and space domains
<b>Army</b>	the branch of a nation's armed services that conducts military operations on the land domain
<b>B</b>	Bravo
<b>Base</b>	(Post, Installation) a place used as a center of operations by the armed forces or others; a headquarters
<b>C</b>	Charlie
<b>Coast Guard</b>	a branch of the US armed forces, under the Department of Homeland Defense responsible for the enforcement of maritime law and for the protection of life and property at sea.; can be ordered to serve as part of the US Navy the branch of a nation's armed services that conducts military operations in the maritime environment
<b>Commanding Officer</b>	(CO) the officer in command of a military unit who has ultimate authority and responsibility over the unit
<b>CONUS</b>	<b>Continental United States</b>
<b>D</b>	Delta
<b>DoDEA</b>	Department of Defense Educational Activity - a civilian agency of the United States Department of Defense that manages schools for military-connected children in the United States and overseas at American military bases worldwide
<b>E</b>	Echo
<b>EFMP</b>	Exceptional Family Member Program
<b>Enlisted</b>	of, relating to, or constituting the part of a military, naval, or air force below commissioned or warrant officers
<b>F</b>	Foxtrot
<b>G</b>	Golf
<b>H</b>	Hotel
<b>Housing</b>	members who have dependents usually have the option of living on-base in the military family housing for free, off-base in privatized military housing, or receive a monthly housing allowance

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<b>I</b>	India
<b>J</b>	Juliet
<b>K</b>	Kilo
<b>L</b>	Lima
<b>Leave</b>	permission to be away from one's unit for a specified period of time
<b>M</b>	Mike
<b>Marine</b>	a branch of the United States Armed Forces responsible for conducting expeditionary and amphibious operations in the maritime environment
<b>Military Time</b>	24-hour clock; midnight = 0000, noon = 1200, 1:00-11:50 add 12 to the hour (i.e. 2:53 pm = 1453)
<b>N</b>	November
<b>National Guard</b>	a reserve military force composed of National Guard military members or units of each state and the territories of Guam, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, for a total of 54 separate organizations
<b>Navy</b>	the branch of the United States Armed Forces that operates in the maritime domain
<b>O</b>	Oscar
<b>OCONUS</b>	Outside the <b>CON</b> tinental United States
<b>Officer</b>	almost always refers to only <i>commissioned officers</i> , the more senior portion of a force who derive their authority from a congressional commission
<b>Orders</b>	a binding instruction given by a senior rank to a junior rank in a military context; general order - a published directive by an officer in a command post, which is binding on all ranks under his command, and intended to enforce a policy or procedure
<b>P</b>	Papa
<b>PCS</b>	Permanent Change of Station - the assignment, detail, or transfer of a member to a different duty station under orders
<b>Q</b>	Quebec
<b>R</b>	Romeo
<b>Reserves</b>	members generally perform a minimum of 39 days of military duty per year and who augment the active duty (or full-time) military when necessary

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<b>Retiree</b>	any former member of the uniformed services who is entitled, under statute, to retire, retirement, or retainer pay; i.e. serving 20+ years in the military or permanent retirement by reasons of physical disability
<b>S</b>	Sierra
<b>SBP</b>	Survivors Benefit Plan – lifetime annuity for dependents
<b>SLO</b>	School Liaison Officer
<b>T</b>	Tango
<b>U</b>	Uniform
<b>V</b>	Victor
<b>W</b>	Whiskey
<b>X</b>	X-Ray
<b>Y</b>	Yankee
<b>Z</b>	Zulu