

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

A non-exhaustive list of acronyms and abbreviations found in the 2021 Almanac.

A2/AD Anti-access, area-denial	AMOW Air Mobility Operations Wing	CC combat communications	EOD explosive ordnance disposal	LANTIRN Low-Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night	RWR radar warning receiver
AA Active associate: ANG/AFRC-owned aircraft	AMRAAM Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile	CCG Combat Communications Group	ER extended range	LCD liquid crystal display	SACU Situational Awareness Capabilities Upgrade
AAB Army Air Base	AMS Air Mobility Squadron	CCW Command and Control Wing	EW electronic warfare	LDM Loadmaster	SAR synthetic aperture radar
AAF Army Airfield	AMW Air Mobility Wing	CEF civil engineering flight	EWO electronic warfare officer	LGB laser-guided bomb	SATCOM satellite communications
AATTC Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center	ANG Air National Guard	CEM combat effects munition	FAB-T Family of Advanced Beyond Line-of-Sight Terminals	LJDAM Laser Joint Direct Attack Munition	SBIRS Space-Based Infrared System
AB Air Base	ANGB Air National Guard Base	CEP circular error probable	FAC-A forward air controller airborne	LO low observable	SCMS Supply Chain Management Squadron
ABG Air Base Group	ANGS Air National Guard Station	CENTCOM U.S. Central Command	FG Fighter Group	LOS line of sight	SCMG Supply Chain Management Group
ABW Air Base Wing	APO AP Army/Air Force Post Office Pacific	CFIN combat flight inspection	FLIR forward-looking infrared	LRASM Long-Range Anti-Ship Missile	SCMW Supply Chain Management Wing
ABMS Advanced Battle Management System	APO AE Army/Air Force Post Office Europe	CFAC combined force air component commander	FLTS Flight Test Squadron	MAFFS Modular Airborne Firefighting System	SCOW Supply Chain Operations Wing
ACC Air Combat Command	AOC/G/S Air and Space Operations Center/Group/Squadron	CFT conformal fuel tank	FMV full-motion video	MALD Miniature Air-Launched Decoy	SDB Small Diameter Bomb
ACG Air Control Group	APS Aerial Port Squadron	CG Communications Group	FTG Flying Training Group	MASINT Measurement and signature intelligence	SEAD suppression of enemy air defenses
ACS Air Control Squadron	ARB Air Reserve Base	CNS/ATM Communications, navigation, surveillance/air traffic management	FTU Formal Training Unit	MCB Marine Corps Base	SERE survival, evasion, resistance, and escape
ACTS Air Combat Training Squadron	ARG Air Refueling Group	COMINT Communications intelligence	FTW Flying Training Wing	MCE mission control element	SHF superhigh frequency
ACW Air Control Wing	Arpt. Airport	CONUS Continental U.S.	FW Fighter Wing	MDG Medical Group	shp shaft horsepower
ADS-B Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast	ARS 1) Air Refueling Squadron 2) Reserve Station	COS Cyberspace Operations Squadron	FY fiscal year	MDW Medical Wing	SiAW Stand-in Attack Weapon
AE aeromedical evacuation	ARW Air Refueling Wing	CRF Centralized repair facility	GA Guardian Angel (pararescuemen, combat rescue officers, and survival, evasion, resistance, and escape specialists)	MFD Multifunction display	SIGINT signals intelligence
AEHF Advanced Extremely High Frequency	AS 1) Air Station 2) Airlift Squadron	CRG Contingency Response Group	GATM Global Air Traffic Management	MILSATCOM Military Satellite Communications	S-L sea level
AESA active electronically scanned array	ASIP Airborne Signals Intelligence Payload	CRTC Combat Readiness Training Center	GBU Guided Bomb Unit	MISS Mission/s	SLEP Service Life Extension Program
AETC Air Education and Training Command	ASOS/G Air Support Operations Squadron/Group	CRW Contingency Response Wing	GCS ground control station	MOH Medal of Honor	SMC Space and Missile Systems Center
AFB Air Force Base	ASTF Aeromedical Staging Flight	CSAR combat search and rescue	GEODSS Ground-based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance System	MSG Mission Support Group	SOCOM U.S. Special Operations Command
AFDW Air Force District of Washington	ATCW Air Traffic Control Squadron	CTOL Conventional Takeoff and Landing	GPS Global Positioning System	MW Missile Wing	SOF Special Operations Forces
AFGSC Air Force Global Strike Command	ATK Attack Wing	CTS Combat Training Squadron	GSSAP Geosynchronous Space Situational Awareness Program	N/A not available	SOG Special Operations Group
AFLCMC Air Force Life Cycle Management Center	ATP advanced targeting pod	CW 1) Cyberspace Wing 2) Combat Weather Department of the Air Force	HARM High-speed Anti-Radiation Missile	NAF Naval Air Facility	SOPS Space Operations Squadron
AFMC Air Force Materiel Command	AW Airlift Wing	DAF Department of the Air Force	HE high explosive	NAS Naval Air Station	SOW Special Operations Wing
AFNWC Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center	AWACS Airborne Warning and Control System	DCGS Distributed Common Ground System	HEM head-up display	NAOC National Airborne Operations Center	SPADOC Space Defense Operations Center
AFRC Air Force Reserve Command	BACN Battlefield Airborne Communications Node	DMOC Distributed Mission Operations Center	Helo helicopter	NAV Navigation/Navigator	SPC Specialist
AFRL Air Force Research Laboratory	BLOS beyond line of sight	DMSP Defense Meteorological Satellite Program	IADS integrated air defense system	NGAAW Next Generation Area Attack Weapons	SPCS Space Control Squadron
AFS Air Force Station	BLU Bomb Live Unit	DOD Department of Defense	IBS Integrated Battle Station	NORTHCOM U.S. Northern Command	START Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
AFSC Air Force Specialty Code	BM battle management	DSCS Defense Satellite Communications System	ICBM Intercontinental ballistic missile	NOSS network operations security squadron	STOL short takeoff and landing
AFSOC Air Force Special Operations Command	BMEWS Ballistic Missile Early Warning System	DSP Defense Support Program	IFF identification, friend or foe	NSSL National Security Space Launch	STRATCOM U.S. Strategic Command
AFSMO Air Force Spectrum Management Office	BW Bomb Wing	DSRP Defense Space Reconnaissance Program	IIR imaging infrared	NVG night vision goggles	STS Special Tactics Squadron
AFSPC Air Force Space Command	C2 command and control	DTOC Distributed Training Operations Center	INS inertial navigation system	O&M Operations and Maintenance	SUPT Superintendent
AFTC Air Force Test Center	C3 command, control, and communications	DV distinguished visitors	IOC initial operational capability	OPS Operations/Operators	SW Space Wing
AG Airlift Group	C3I command, control, communications and intelligence	EA electronic attack	IOF/S Information Operations Flight/Squadron	OT&E operational test and evaluation	SWS Space Warning Squadron
AGM air-to-ground missile	C4 command, control, communications, and computers	ECG Electronic Combat Group	IOW Information Operations Wing	PACAF Pacific Air Forces	SYS System/s
AGOW Air Ground Operations Wing	CACS Command and Control Squadron (Space)	ECM Electronic countermeasures	IR infrared	PACOM U.S. Indo-Pacific Command	T&E test and evaluation
AGS Air Guard Station	CALCM Conventional Air-Launched Cruise Missile	EELV Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle	IS Intelligence Squadron	PAR Presidential Aircraft Replacement	TACAN tactical air navigation
AGS Alliance Ground Surveillance	CALCF Airlift Control Flight	EHF extremely high frequency	ISR/G/W Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group/Wing Intelligence Wing	PARCS Perimeter Acquisition Radar Attack Characterization System	TACC Tanker Airlift Control Center
AIM Air intercept missile	CAS close air support	EIS(G) Engineering Installation Squadron/Group	IW Information Warfare Squadron	PEO Program Executive Officer	TACP tactical air control party
ALC Air Logistics Complex	CBCS Combat Communications Squadron	EISS Enhanced Integrated Sensor Suite	IWS Information Warfare Squadron	PGM precision guided munition	TAI total active inventory
ALCM Air-Launched Cruise Missile	CBU cluster bomb unit	ELINT Electronic intelligence	JADC2 Joint All-Domain Command and Control	PSP Precision Strike Package	TBD to be determined
ALCF Airlift Control Flight		ENG Engineering/Engineer	JASSM Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile	RAMP Reliability, Availability, and Maintainability Program	TF/TA terrain-following/terrain-avoidance
ALTV Approach and Landing Test Vehicle		EO electro optical	JB Joint Base	RAOC Regional Air Operations Center	TG Test Group
AMC Air Mobility Command			JBSA Joint Base San Antonio	RATO Rocket-Assisted Take Off	T-O takeoff
AMOG Air Mobility Operations Group			JDAM Joint Direct Attack Munition	R&D research and development	TRANSCOM U.S. Transportation Command
			JMS Joint Mission System	RDT&E research, development, test, and evaluation	TRG Training Group
			JNGB Joint National Guard Base	RED HORSE Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers	TRW Training Wing
			JRB Joint Reserve Base	RG Reconnaissance Group	TTP tactics, techniques, and procedures
			JROTC Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps	RPA remotely piloted aircraft	TW Test Wing
			JSOW Joint Standoff Weapon	RQG Rescue Group	UAV unmanned aerial vehicle
			JSpOC Joint Space Operations Center	RQS Rescue Squadron	UHF ultra-high frequency
			JSTARS Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System	RQW Rescue Wing	USAF U.S. Air Force Academy
			JSUPT Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training	ROTC Reserve Officer's Training Corps	USAFE U.S. Air Forces in Europe
			JTIDS Joint Tactical Information Distribution System	ROVER Remotely Operated Video Enhanced Receiver	USAG U.S. Army Garrison
			LAAR Light Attack/Armed Reconnaissance	RS Reconnaissance Squadron	VHF very high frequency
				RSC Resource/s	VLF very low frequency
				RSG Regional Support Group	WCMD Wind-Corrected Munitions Dispenser
				RW Reconnaissance Wing	WEG Weapons Evaluation Group
					WGS Wideband Global SATCOM
					WF Weather Flight
					WPS Weapons Squadron
					WSO weapon systems officer
					WXF Weather Forecast/Weather Flight