

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

A nonexhaustive list of acronyms and abbreviations found in the 2024 Almanac.

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

FLTS Flight Test Squadron
FMV full-motion video
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
OPF 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 Officer's 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
USAFA 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