

Glossary of Abbreviations

A

A2/AD	anti-access/area denial
AAG	Advanced Arresting Gear
AAMDS	Aegis Ashore Missile Defense System
AAV	Amphibious Assault Vehicle
ABCT	Armored Brigade Combat Team
ABM	Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis
ABMS	Airborne Battle Management System
ACF	Army contingency force
ACV	Amphibious Combat Vehicle
ADIZ	Air Defense Identification Zone
ADMM-Plus	ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting-Plus
AEHF	Advanced Extremely High Frequency (satellite system)
AEW	airborne early warning
AFAFRICA	U.S. Air Forces Africa
AFCYBER	U.S. Air Force Cyber Command
AFP	Armed Forces of the Philippines
AFRICOM	U.S. Africa Command
AFSOC	U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command
AFTA	ASEAN Free Trade Area
AIP	Air Independent Propulsion
AIT	American Institute in Taiwan
AMDR	Air and Missile Defense Radar
AME	aeromedical evacuation
AMPV	Armored Multipurpose Vehicle
ANSF	Afghan National Security Forces
AN/TPY-2	Army Navy/Transportable Radar Surveillance
ANZUS	Australia–New Zealand–U.S. Security Treaty
AOR	area of responsibility
APC	armored personnel carrier
APS	Army Prepositioned Stocks
AQAP	Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula
AQI	Al-Qaeda in Iraq
AQIM	Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb
ARC	Active Reserve Component
ARCYBER	U.S. Army Cyber Command
ARF	ASEAN Regional Forum
ARG	amphibious ready group
ARNG	Army National Guard

ASAT	anti-satellite
ASBM	anti-ship ballistic missile
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASG	Abu Sayyaf Group
ASUW	anti-surface warfare
ASW	anti-submarine warfare
AUSMIN	Australia–United States Ministerial
AW	air warfare
AWACS	Airborne Warning and Control System

B

BBA	Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015
BCA	Budget Control Act of 2011
BCT	Brigade Combat Team
BCW	biological and chemical weapons
BDCA	border defense cooperation agreement
BECA	Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement
BJP	Bharatiya Janata Party
BMD	ballistic missile defense
BUR	Bottom-Up Review
BVR	beyond visual recognition

C

C2	command and control
C4ISR	command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance
CA	civil affairs
CAB	Combat Aviation Brigade
CAPE	Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation
CATOBAR	conventional takeoff/barrier landing
CBO	Congressional Budget Office
CCG	Chinese Coast Guard
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CCT	Combat Controller Team
CELAC	Community of Latin American and Caribbean States
CENTCOM	U.S. Central Command
CFC	Combined Forces Command (South Korea–U.S.)
CFSCC	Combined Force Space Component Command
CFT	Cross-Functional Team
CHAMSI	Cooperative Humanitarian and Medical Storage Initiative
CI	Counterinsurgency
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency

CISMOA	Communications and Information Security Memorandum of Agreement
CJTF-HOA	Combined Joint Task Force–Horn of Africa
CLF	Combat Logistics Force
CLU	Command Launch Units
CMF	Cyber Mission Force
CMRR	Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement
CMT	combat mission team
COCOM	Combatant Command
CONUS	continental United States
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
CPMIEC	China Precision Machinery Import–Export Corporation
CPT	Cyber Protection Team
CRS	Congressional Research Service
CSF	coalition support funds
CSG	carrier strike group
CSO	Chief of Space Operations
CSO	Critical Skills Operator
CT	Counterterrorism
CTC	Combat Training Center
CTF	Combined Task Force
CTIC	Counter Terrorism Information Center
CVN	aircraft carrier, nuclear powered
CVW	carrier air wing
CW	chemical warfare
CYBERCOM	U.S. Cyber Command
CYOC	Cyberspace Operations Centre

D

D2D	deployment-to-dwell
DA-KKV	direct-ascent kinetic-kill vehicle
DAF	Department of the Air Force
DCA	defense cooperation agreement
DDOS	distributed denial of service
DDPR	Deterrence and Defense Posture Review
DIANA	Defence Innovation Accelerator of the North Atlantic
DIME	diplomatic, informational, military, and economic
DMSP	Defense Meteorological Satellite Program
DMZ	demilitarized zone
DNI	Director of National Intelligence
DoAF	Department of the Air Force
DOD	U.S. Department of Defense
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy

DON	U.S. Department of the Navy
DOS	denial of service
DPRK	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea)
DSCA	Defense Security Cooperation Agency
DSCS	Defense Satellite Communications System
DSG	Defense Strategic Guidance
DSR	Defense Strategic Review
DTTI	Defense Trade and Technology Initiative

E

EAC	enhanced air cooperation
eAP	enhanced Air Policing
EADRCC	Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre
EAS	European Activity Set
EBO	effects-based operations
ECP	engineering change proposal
EDA	excess defense articles
EDCA	Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement
EDI	European Defense Initiative
EEZ	exclusive economic zone
EFP	Enhanced Forward Presence
EFV	Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle
EMALS	Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System
EMD	engineering and manufacturing development
EMP	electromagnetic pulse
EOD	explosive ordnance disposal
ERIP	European Recapitalization Incentive Program
ESG	Expeditionary Strike Group
EU	European Union
EUCOM	U.S. European Command
EW	electronic warfare
EWS-G1	Electro-Optical Infrared Weather System

F

FATA	Federally Administered Tribal Areas
FATF	Financial Action Task Force
FCS	Future Combat System
FLTCYBER	U.S. Navy Fleet Cyber Command
FLTSATCOM	Fleet Satellite Communications System
FOC	full operational capability
FONOP	freedom of navigation operation

FRAGO	fragmentary order
FSTM	full spectrum training miles
FTA	free trade agreement
FY	fiscal year
FYDP	Future Years Defense Program

G

GAO	Government Accountability Office (formerly General Accounting Office)
GATOR	Ground/Air Task Oriented Radar
GCC	geographic combatant commander
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GCV	Ground Combat Vehicle
GDP	gross domestic product
GEO	geosynchronous orbit
GFMAP	Global Force Management Allocation Plan
GMV	Ground Mobility Vehicle
GPF	general purpose forces
GPS	Global Positioning System
GSOMIA	General Security of Military Information Agreement

H

HA/DR	humanitarian assistance/disaster relief
HEO	highly elliptical orbit
HMMWV	High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HUMVEE)
HVE	homegrown violent extremist

I

IAMD	Integrated Air and Missile Defense
IBCT	Infantry Brigade Combat Team
ICBM	intercontinental ballistic missile
ICS	industrial control systems
ICT	Information and communications technology
IDF	Israel Defense Forces
IED	improvised explosive device
IFPC	indirect fire protection capability
IFV	infantry fighting vehicle
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INDOPACOM	U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
INEW	Integrated Network Electronic Warfare

INF	Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (treaty)
INFSA	Integrated Naval Force Structure Assessment
IOC	initial operating capability
IRGC	Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps
ISAF	International Security Assistance Force
ISIL	Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant
ISIS	Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
ISR	intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance

J

JCPOA	Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
JeM	Jaish-e-Mohammed
JLTV	Joint Light Tactical Vehicle
JOAC	Joint Operational Access Concept
JP	joint publication
JSF	Joint Strike Fighter (F-35 Lightning II)
JSOC	Joint Special Operations Command
JSOTF-P	Joint Special Operations Task Force–Philippines
JSTARS	Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System
JTF North	Joint Task Force North
JTF–SD	Joint Task Force–Space Defense
JuD	Jamaat-ud-Dawa

K

KATUSA	Korean Augmentees to the United States Army
KFOR	Kosovo Force

L

LAC	Line of Actual Control
LAF	Lebanese Armed Forces
LAV	Light Armored Vehicle
LCAC	Landing Craft Air Cushion Vehicle
LCS	Littoral Combat Ship
LCT	Littoral Combat Team
LEMOA	Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement
LeT	Lashkar-e-Taiba
LFP	lead force package
LHA	landing helicopter assault (amphibious ship)
LHD	landing helicopter dock (amphibious ship)

LNG	liquefied natural gas
LoC	Line of Control
LPD	landing platform/dock or amphibious transport dock (amphibious ship)
LPDE	Long Duration Propulsive Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle
LRA	Lord's Resistance Army
LRASM	long range anti-ship missiles
LRDR	long range discrimination radar
LRIP	low-rate initial production
LRS-B	Long-Range Strike Bomber
LSD	landing ship, dock (amphibious ship)

M

MAGTF	Marine Air-Ground Task Force
MANPADS	man-portable air-defense systems
MARCENT	U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command
MARFORAF	U.S. Marine Corps Forces Africa
MARFORCYBER	U.S. Marine Corps Forces Cyberspace Command
MARFOREUR	U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe
MARFORPAC	U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific
MARSOC	Marine Forces Special Operations Command
MAWI	Multinational Ammunition Warehousing Initiative
MCM	mine countermeasure (ship)
MCMV	mine countermeasure vessel (ship)
MCO	major combat operation (see MRC, MTW)
MDAP	Major Defense Acquisition Program
MDO	multi-domain operations
MDT	mutual defense treaty
MDTF	Multi-Domain Task Forces
MEB	Marine Expeditionary Brigade
MEF	Marine Expeditionary Force
MEU	Marine Expeditionary Unit
Milstar	Military Strategic and Tactical Relay
MINUSMA	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
MIRV	multiple independently targetable reentry vehicles
MISO	Military Information Support Operations
MLR	Marine Littoral Regiment
MNLA	National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad
MNLF	Moro National Liberation Front
MNNA	major non-NATO ally
MOJWA	Movement for Oneness and Jihad in West Africa
MPC	Marine Personnel Carrier
MPS	Maritime Prepositioning Ships

MRAP	Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected (vehicle)
MRBM	medium-range ballistic missile
MRC	major regional conflict (see MTW, MCO)
MRF	Marine Rotational Force
MSI	Maritime Security Initiative
MTW	major theater war (see MCO, MRC)

N

NAP	National Action Plan
NASIC	U.S. National Air and Space Intelligence Center
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NAVAF	U.S. Naval Forces Africa
NAVEUR	U.S. Naval Forces Europe
NDAA	National Defense Authorization Act
NDN	Northern Distribution Network
NDP	National Defense Panel
NDS	National Defense Strategy
New START	New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
NGI	next generation interceptor
NMI	NATO Mission Iraq
NNSA	National Nuclear Security Administration
NPR	Nuclear Posture Review
NPRIS	Nuclear Posture Review Implementation Study
NSA	National Security Agency
NSBDF	National Sea-Based Deterrence Fund
NSC	National Security Council
NSR	Northern Sea Route
NSWC	Naval Special Warfare Command

O

OAR	Operation Atlantic Resolve
OAS	Organization of American States
OCO	overseas contingency operations
ODNI	Office of the Director of National Intelligence
OEF	Operation Enduring Freedom
O-FRP	Optimized Fleet Response Plan
OIF	Operation Iraqi Freedom
OMFV	optionally manned fighting vehicle
ONA	Office of Net Assessment
ONE	Operation Noble Eagle
OPCON	operational control

OPE-P	Operation Pacific Eagle–Philippines
OPIR	Overhead Persistent Infrared
OPLAN	operational plan
OPTEMPO	operational tempo
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation In Europe
OT&E	Operational Test and Evaluation
OTFSTM	Operating Tempo Full Spectrum Training Miles

P

PACAF	U.S. Pacific Air Forces
PACFLT	U.S. Pacific Fleet
PACOM	U.S. Pacific Command
PAF	Philippine Air Force
PDD-15	Presidential Decision Directive-15
PFLP	Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine
PFLP-GC	Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine–General Command
PGM	precision-guided munitions
PIM	Paladin Integrated Management
PKK	Kurdistan Workers' Party
PKO	peacekeeping operation
PLA	People's Liberation Army
PLAAF	People's Liberation Army Air Force
PLAN	People's Liberation Army Navy
PLARF	People's Liberation Army Rocket Force
PLASSF	People's Liberation Army Strategic Support Force
PLO	Palestine Liberation Organization
PNI	Presidential Nuclear Initiative
PNT	positioning, navigation, and timing
PRC	People's Republic of China
PRT	Provisional Reconstruction Team
PSA	Port of Singapore Authority
PSF	Peninsula Shield Force
PWSA	Proliferated Warfighter Space Architecture

Q

QDR	Quadrennial Defense Review
QME	qualitative military effectiveness
QNSTR	Quadrennial National Security Threats and Trends

R

RAF	Royal Air Force
RAP	readiness action plan
RBA	Ready Basic Aircraft
RCOH	refueling and complex overhaul (nuclear-powered ship)
RDJTF	Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force
RDT&E	Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation
RFP	Request for Proposals
RIMPAC	Rim of the Pacific
RKV	redesigned kill vehicle
RMA	revolution in military affairs
ROK	Republic of Korea (South Korea)
RP	Republic of the Philippines
RPG	rocket-propelled grenade

S

SAARC	South Asia Association of Regional Cooperation
SAC	strategic airlift capability
SACEUR	Supreme Allied Commander Europe
SAM	surface-to-air missile
SAR	search and rescue
SBCT	Stryker Brigade Combat Team
SBIRS	Space-Based Infrared System (satellite system)
SBSS	Space-Based Surveillance System
SCN	Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy (budget category)
SEAL	Sea Air Land operator (Navy)
SEATO	Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
SFA	Strategic Framework Agreement
SFAB	Security Force Assistance Brigades
SIGINT	signals intelligence
SIPRI	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
SLBM	submarine-launched ballistic missile
SMU	special mission unit
SOCAFRICA	U.S. Special Operations Command Africa
SOCENT	U.S. Special Operations Command Central
SOCEUR	U.S. Special Operations Command Europe
SOC PAC	U.S. Special Operations Command Pacific
SOF	U.S. Special Operations Forces
SOP	standard operating procedure
SORT	Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty
SOTFE	Support Operations Task Force Europe

SPE	Sony Pictures Entertainment
SPMAGTF	Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force
SpOC	Space Operations Command
SRBM	short-range ballistic missile
SRM	Sustainable Readiness Model
SSBN	ballistic missile submarine, nuclear-powered
SSGN	guided missile submarine, nuclear-powered
SSN	attack submarine, nuclear-powered
SSP	Stockpile Stewardship Program
STA-1	Strategic Trade Authorization-1
STARCOM	U.S. Space Training and Readiness Command
STRATCOM	U.S. Strategic Command
SUW	surface warfare

T

TACAIR	tactical air
TAFWN	The Air Force We Need
TAI	total active inventory
TANAP	Trans-Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline
TAP	Trans-Adriatic Pipeline
TCO	transnational criminal organization
TDY	stateside temporary duty
THAAD	Terminal High Altitude Area Defense
TLAM/N	Tomahawk Land Attack Missile/Nuclear
TMP	technical modernization program
TNW	tactical nuclear weapon
TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership
TRA	Taiwan Relations Act
TRANSCOM	U.S. Transportation Command
TSOC	Theater Special Operations Command
TTP	Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan

U

UAE	United Arab Emirates
UAV	unmanned aerial vehicle
UCLASS	Unmanned Carrier-Launched Airborne Surveillance and Strike
UCP	Unified Command Plan
U.K.	United Kingdom
ULA	United Launch Alliance
UNASUR	Unión de Naciones Suramericanas (Union of South American Nations)
UNC	United Nations Council

UNCLOS	U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNIFIL	United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon
USAF	U.S. Air Force
USAFCENT	U.S. Air Forces Central
USAFE	U.S. Air Forces Europe
USARAF	U.S. Army Africa
USARCENT	U.S. Army Central
USAREUR	U.S. Army Europe
USARPAC	U.S. Army Pacific
USASOC	U.S. Army Special Operations Command
USCYBERCOM	U.S. Cyber Command
USFJ	U.S. Forces Japan
USFK	U.S. Forces Korea
USMC	U.S. Marine Corps
USNAVCENT	U.S. Naval Forces Central
USNORTHCOM	U.S. Northern Command
USSF	U.S. Space Force
USSOCOM	U.S. Special Operations Command
USSOUTHCOM	U.S. Southern Command
USSPACECOM	U.S. Space Command
USV	unmanned surface vessel
USW	undersea warfare

V

VEO	violent extremist organizations
VFA	U.S.-Philippines Visiting Forces Agreement
VLS	vertical launching system
VPM	Virginia Payload Module

W

WGS	Wideband Global SATCOM (satellite system)
WMD	weapons of mass destruction
WRM	wartime readiness materials
WWTA	Worldwide Threat Assessment