



A	Alpha
Air Force	the branch of a nation's armed services that conducts military operations in the air and space domains
Army	the branch of a nation's armed services that conducts military operations on the land domain
B	Bravo
Base	(Post, Installation) a place used as a center of operations by the armed forces or others; a headquarters
C	Charlie
Coast Guard	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
Commanding Officer	(CO) the officer in command of a military unit who has ultimate authority and responsibility over the unit
CONUS	Continental United States
D	Delta
DoDEA	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
E	Echo
EFMP	Exceptional Family Member Program
Enlisted	of, relating to, or constituting the part of a military, naval, or air force below commissioned or warrant officers
F	Foxtrot
G	Golf
H	Hotel
Housing	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



I	India
J	Juliet
K	Kilo
L	Lima
Leave	permission to be away from one's unit for a specified period of time
M	Mike
Marine	a branch of the United States Armed Forces responsible for conducting expeditionary and amphibious operations in the maritime environment
Military Time	24-hour clock; midnight = 0000, noon = 1200, 1:00-11:50 add 12 to the hour (i.e. 2:53 pm = 1453)
N	November
National Guard	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
Navy	the branch of the United States Armed Forces that operates in the maritime domain
O	Oscar
OCONUS	Outside the CON tinental United States
Officer	almost always refers to only <i>commissioned officers</i> , the more senior portion of a force who derive their authority from a congressional commission
Orders	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
P	Papa
PCS	Permanent Change of Station
Q	Quebec
R	Romeo
Reserves	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



Retiree	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
S	Sierra
SBP	Survivors Benefit Plan – lifetime annuity for dependents
SLO	School Liaison Officer
T	Tango
U	Uniform
V	Victor
W	Whiskey
X	X-Ray
Y	Yankee
Z	Zulu