

APPENDIX C

Military and Army Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Terms

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AAFES	Army and Air Force Exchange Service
ACAP	Army Career and Alumni Program
ACES	Army Continuing Education System
ACS/FPC	Army Community Service/Family Program Coordinator
AD	Active duty
ADJ	Adjutant
ADSW	Active duty for special work
AER	Army Emergency Relief
AFAP	Army Family Action Plan
AFN	Armed Forces Network
AFRTS	Armed Forces Radio and Television Network
AFTB	Army Family Team Building
AG	Adjutant General
AGR	Active Guard Reserve
AIT	Advanced Individual Training
AMC	Army Materiel Command
AMMO	Ammunition
ANCOG	Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course
ANG	Air National Guard
AO	Area of operations/administrative officer
APC	Armored personnel carrier
APF	Appropriated funds
APFT	Army Physical Fitness Test
APO	Army post office
AR	Army Reserve/Army regulation/armor
ARCOM	Army Reserve Command
ARNG	Army National Guard
ARPERCEN	Army Reserve Personnel Center
ASAP	As soon as possible
AT	Annual training
AUSA	Association of the United States Army
AWOL	Absent without leave
BAQ	Basic allowance for quarters
BAS	Basic allowance for subsistence
BC	Battery commander
BCT	Basic combat training
BDE	Brigade

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BDU	Battle dress uniform (jungle, desert, cold weather)
BN	Battalion
BNCOC	Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course
CAR	Chief of Army Reserve
CASCOM	Combined Arms Support Command
CDR	Commander
CDS	Child Development Services
CG	Commanding General
CGSC	Command and General Staff College
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program for the Uniformed Services
CID	Criminal Investigation Division
CINC	Commander in Chief
CNGB	Chief, National Guard Bureau
CO/Co	Commanding officer/company
COB	Close of business
COLA	Cost of living allowance
CONUS	Continental United States
CP	Command post
CPO	Civilian Personnel Office
CPX	Command Post Exercise
CQ	Charge of quarters (duty required after duty hours)
CS/C of S	Chief of Staff
CSA	Chief of Staff, Army
CY	Calendar year
DA	Department of Army
DDP	Delta Dental Plan
DDRP	Drug Demand Reduction Program
DECA	Defense Commissary Agency
DEERS	Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System
DEW	Director of Engineering and Housing/
DPW	Director of Public Works
DENTAC	United States Army Dental Activity
DEROS	Date of estimated return from overseas
DFAS	Defense Finance and Accounting System
DI	Drill instructor
DO	Duty officer

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DOB	Date of birth
DOD	Department of Defense
DOR	Date of rank
DPCA/	Director of Personnel and Community Activities/
DCA	Director of Community Affairs
DPP	Deferred payment plan
DSN	Defense Switched Network (current term for Autovon)
EANGUS	Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States
EDRE	Emergency Deployment Reaction Exercise
EE	Emergency essential
EER/OER	Enlisted/officer evaluation report
EFMP	Exceptional Family Member Program
EM	Enlisted member
EN	Enlisted
ESGR	Employer support of the Guard and Reserve
ETS	Estimated time of separation
EWC	Enlisted wives club
FAC	Family assistance center
FCP	Family care plan
FDU	Full dress uniform
FLO	Family Liaison Office
FM	Family member/field manual
FMEAP	Family Member Employment Assistance Program
FORSCOM	Forces Command
FOUO	For official use only
FPC	Family Program Coordinator (for Guard and Reserve)
FRO	Family readiness officer
FSA	Family separation allowance
FSG	Family support group
FTX	Field training exercise
FY	Fiscal year
FYI	For your information
GED	General Education Diploma
GO	General Officer
GS	General schedule (Government civilian employee pay grades)

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HHC	Headquarters and Headquarters Company
HOR	Home of record
HQ	Headquarters
HQDA	Headquarters, Department of the Army
HS	Home station
IADT	Initial active duty training
IDT	Inactive duty training
IE	Initial entry
IET	Initial entry training
IG	Inspector General
IMA	Individual Mobilization Augmentee
INFO	For the information of
ING	Inactive National Guard
IO	Information officer
IRF	Immediate reaction force
IRR	Individual Ready Reserve
ITO	Information travel office/invitational travel order
ITT	Information, tours, and travel
IVC	Installation volunteer coordinator
JAG	Judge Advocate General
JR EN	Junior grade enlisted personnel
JR NCO	Junior grade noncommissioned officer
JUMPS	Joint Uniform Military Pay System
KIA	Killed in action
KISS	Keep it simple stupid/sweetie
KP	Kitchen patrol
LES	Leave and earnings statement
LN	Local National
LOD	Line of duty
LZ	Landing zone

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MACOM	Major Army command
MEDDAC	Medical department activity
METL	Mission essential task list
MFO	Multinational forces and observer
MI	Military intelligence
MIA	Missing in action
MOS	Military occupational specialty
MP	Military police
MRE	Meals ready to eat
MSO	Morale support officer
MUSARC	Major U.S. Army Reserve Command
MUTA	Multi-unit training assembly
MWR	Morale, Welfare, and Recreation
NA	Not applicable
NAF	Nonappropriated funds (generated locally)
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NCO	Noncommissioned officer
NCOA	Noncommissioned Officers Association
NCOER	Noncommissioned officer evaluation report
NCOIC	Noncommissioned officer in charge
NCOWC	Noncommissioned officers' wives club
NEO	Noncombatant evacuation operation
NG	National Guard
NGAUS	National Guard Association of the United States
NGB	National Guard Bureau
NLT	Not later than
O CLUB	Officers' club
OBC/OAC	Officer Basic/Advanced Course
OCAR	Office of the Chief, Army Reserve
OCONUS	Outside Continental United States
OCS	Officer Candidate School
OD	Officer of the day
OIC	Officer-in-charge
OJT	On the job training
ORE	Operational readiness exercise
OWC	Officers' wives club

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PAC	Personnel Administration Center
PAM	Pamphlet
PAO	Public affairs officer
PCS	Permanent change of station
PDQ	Pretty "darn" quick
PERSCOM	Total Army Personnel Command
PLT	Platoon primary level training
PM	Provost marshal (police chief)
PMOS	Primary military occupational specialty
POA	Power of attorney
POC	Point of contact
POE	Point of embarkation
POI	Program of instruction
POV	Privately, owned vehicle
PT	Physical training
PX	Post exchange
PZ	Primary zone
QM	Quartermaster
QTRS	Quarters (living area)
RA	Regular Army
RC	Reserve Component
RD	Rear detachment
RDC	Rear detachment commander
RDF	Rapid deployment force
R&D	Research and development
REG	Regulation
REGT	Regiment
R&R	Rest and recreation
RFO	Request for orders
RIF	Reduction in force
RO	Roundout
ROTC	Reserve Officer Training Corps
RSVP	Reply whether or not you can attend

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SBP	Survivor Benefit Plan
SD	Staff duty
SDNCO	Staff duty noncommissioned officer
SDO	Staff duty officer
SES	Senior Executive Service (senior civilian employee grades)
SGLI	Servicemen's Group Life Insurance
SIDPERS	Standard Installation/Division Personnel Reporting System
SJA	Staff Judge Advocate
SMI	Supplemental Medical Insurance
SOCOM	Special Operations Command
SOP	Standard operating procedure
SQD	Squad, a unit within a platoon
SQT	Skills qualification test
SRB	Selective reenlistment bonus
SSN	Social security number
STARC	State Area Command
SZ	Secondary zone
TAG	The Adjutant General
TASC	Training and support center
TDY	Temporary duty
TIG	Time in grade
TLA	Temporary living allowance
TMP	Transportation motor pool
TPU	Troop program unit
TRADOC	Training and Doctrine Command
TTAD	Temporary tour active duty
USAR	United States Army Reserve
USARC	United States Army Reserve Command
USARF	United States Army Reserve Forces (Schools)
USO	United Service Organization
UTA	Unit training assembly
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs (formerly Veterans Administration)
VHA	Variable housing allowance
VOLAR	Volunteer Army

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WG	Wage grade
WO	Warrant officer
WOAC	Warrant Officer Advanced Course
WOC	Warrant Officer Candidate Course
WOSC	Warrant Officer Senior Course
XO	Executive officer

Terms

ACCOMPANIED TOUR	Tour of duty with family members
ACTIVE ARMY	On active duty
ADVANCED PAY	Payment before [duty performed] actually earned
ALERT	Emergency call to be ready
ALLOTMENT	Designated payment by soldier or civilian employee to bank or individual
ALLOWANCE	Pay and special compensation
ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE	Provides family support services on installation for active duty members and retirees, civilian employees, and their families; (Reserve Component members see Family Program Coordinator)
ARTICLE 15	Disciplinary action
BARRACKS/BILLETS	Place where a soldier lives
BED CHECK	An accounting for soldiers
BENEFITS	Medical, dental, commissary, PX, etc
CADRE	Leadership at training level
CAISSON	Artillery vehicle
CAREER PROGRAM	Grouping of civilian employee positions at grades G-11 and higher in the same career field; Army has 21 career programs
CHAIN OF COMMAND	Leadership structure
CHAIN OF CONCERN	An informal self-help channel for family members and others involved with a unit/organization
CHAPLAIN	Military minister, priest, rabbi, or pastor
CLASS As	Green slacks/skirt, light green shirt, tie or neck tab, and jacket
CLASS Bs	Green slacks/skirt, light green shirt, and optional sweater without jacket
CLEARING	Obtaining official release from post
CODE OF CONDUCT	Rules by which a soldier must live
COLORS	National and unit/organization flags
COMMISSARY	Grocery store for military

Terms

COMBAT SERVICE STRIPES	Stripes for time served in combat
COURT-MARTIAL	Trial system within the Army
DAYROOM	Recreation area in soldier lodging
DEPLOYMENT	Soldier or civilian employee sent on a mission without family members
DETAIL	A job or assignment
DIRECT DEPOSIT/SURE PAY	Soldier's or civilian employee's guaranteed check to bank
DINING IN	Formal social gathering for soldiers only
DINING OUT	Formal social gathering with spouses
DISCHARGE	Departure from active duty
DITY MOVE	Self movement of household goods
DOGTAGS	Identification tags worn by soldiers
DRESS BLUES	Informal attire with four-in-hand tie/formal attire with bow tie
DRESS MESS	Formal attire; short jacket equivalent to "white tie and tails"
DUTY ASSIGNMENT	Job/place while on active duty
ESPRIT DE CORPS	Morale within unit or organization
FAMILY ADVOCACY	Program that assists with child and spouse abuse problems
FAMILY CARE PLAN	Written instructions for care of family members while sponsor is away from duty station (can include provisions for finances, wills, and guardianship)
FAMILY PROGRAM COORDINATOR	Provides family support services to Reserve Component members and families; active duty members and civilian employees see Army Community Service
FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP	Organization of family members, volunteers, and soldiers/civilian employees belonging to a unit/organization that together provide an avenue of mutual support and assistance and a network of communication among the family members, the chain of command, and community resources

Terms

FIELD DAY	Designated day for military displays
FIELD GRADE	Majors, lieutenant colonels, and colonels
FORMATION	Gathering of soldiers in a prescribed way
FROCK	Assume next higher grade without pay
FRUIT SALAD	Ribbons and medals worn on uniform
GARRISON	Post or community
GEAR	Equipment used by soldiers or civilian employees
GI BILL	Education entitlement
GI PARTY	Clean up duty
GRADE	Corresponds to pay level of soldier or civilian employee (e.g., E-3, O-1, or GS-4)
GREEN BERETS	Special Forces
GUARD MEMBER	Military member of the Army or Air National Guard
GUEST HOUSE	Temporary living quarters
GUIDON	Unit identification flag ("Flag that troops rallied 'round.")
HARDSHIP TOUR	Unaccompanied tour of duty
HASH MARKS	Stripes for enlisted members' time in service
HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY	Extra pay for duty in hostile area
HOUSING OFFICE	Where you check in for housing
ID CARD	Identification card issued to legally recognized members of America's Army family
INSIGNIA	Indicates branch of soldiers
JODY CALL	Troop cadence for marching or running
JUMPMASTER	Person supervising paratroopers on a jump exercise
JUMP PAY	Extra pay for jump status
JUNGLE BOOTS	Special boots for tropical climates
K-9	Dogs trained for military police service
KLICK	Slang for kilometer

Terms

LATRINE	Toilet
LEAVE	Approved time away from duty
LOCATION ALLOWANCE	Allowance received for PCS move
LOGISTICS	Equipment and support needed for performance
MANDATORY MOBILITY	Civilian employee position that requires an employee to relocate
MEDEVAC	Medical evacuation
MOTOR POOL	Area where official vehicles are kept
ORDERLY ROOM	Company office
ORDERS	Spoken or written instructions to soldier
PLATOON	Several squads within a company
POLICE CALL	Clean up
POST EXCHANGE	Army department store
POWER OF ATTORNEY	Legal document permitting a person to act on behalf of another
PROTOCOL	Customs and courtesies
QUARTERS	Government housing for married soldiers
RANK	Official title of soldier (also, relative position within a military grade such as sergeant or captain)
REGRETS ONLY	Respond only if not attending
RESERVE COMPONENT	Army and Air National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve (and equivalent in other Services)
RESERVES	U.S. Army Reserve
RETREAT	Bugle/flag ceremony at end of day
RE-UP	Reenlist
REVEILLE	Bugle call/ceremony at beginning of day
ROSTER	List of members
RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES	Musical honor for general officers and equivalent ranking officials

Terms

SEPARATION PAY	Pay for unaccompanied duty
SHORT TIMER	Person with short time left to serve on active duty
SHORT TOUR	Unaccompanied tour
SICK CALL	Specific block of time for medical attention
SPACE A	Space available
SPONSOR	Person who is salaried by the Government
SQUAD	Smallest tactical unit in the Army
SUBSISTENCE	Food allowance
SURE PAY/DIRECT DEPOSIT	Soldier's or civilian employee's guaranteed check to bank
TAPS	Last call of the day
TA50	Field gear
UCMJ	Uniform Code of Military Justice
X-118	Office of Personnel Management Handbook X-118; contains qualification standards for all civilian employee jobs