

# Acronyms

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AAFES	Army Air Force Exchange Service
AAR	After Action Review
A/C	Aircraft
ACC	Air Component Commander
ACSC	Air Command and Staff College
A/P	Airport
ADF	Automatic Direction Finder
ADM	Aeronautical Decision Making
AE	Aerospace Education
AEO	Aerospace Education Officer
AEPSM	Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members
AETC	Air Education and Training Command
AEX	Aerospace Education Excellence Program
AF	United States Air Force
AFAM	Air Force Assigned Mission
A/FD	Airport/Facility Directory
AFI	Air Force Instruction
AFIADL	Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning, now called HQ AU A4/6
AFNSEP	Air Force National Security Emergency Preparedness
AFRC	Air Force Reserve Command
AFRCC	Air Force Rescue Coordination Center
AGL	Above Ground Level
AIF	Aircraft Information File
AIM	Airman's Information Manual
AL	Agency Liaison
ALCOM	Alaskan Command
AM	Amplitude Modulated
ANG	Air National Guard
AOBD	Air Operations Branch Director
ARCHER	Airborne Real-Time Cueing Hyperspectral Enhanced Reconnaissance
ART	Annual Recurrency Tasks
ARTCC	Air Route Traffic Control Center
ASAP	As Soon As Possible
ASOS	Automated Surface Observing System
ATC	Air Traffic Control
ATD	Actual Time of Departure
ATIS	Automatic Terminal Information Service
AU	Air University
AWC	Air War College
AWOS	Automated Weather Observing System
BIFC	Boise Interagency Fire Center
BoG	Board of Governors
BDU	Battle Dress Uniform
C4	CAP Crisis Coordination Center
C 172/182/206	Cessna aircraft models

CA	Cooperative Agreement
CAC	Cadet Advisory Council
CADCA	Community Anti Drug Coalitions of America
CAP	Civil Air Patrol
CAPF	Civil Air Patrol Form
CAPID	Civil Air Patrol Identification Number
CAPIGC	Civil Air Patrol Inspector General College
CAPM	Civil Air Patrol Manual
CAPMart	Vanguard Industries
CAPP	Civil Air Patrol Pamphlet
CAPR	CAP Regulation
CAPRAP	Civil Air Patrol Reserve Assistance Program
CAPSN	Civil Air Patrol Social Serial Number (now CAPID Number)
CAPSOC	Civil Air Patrol Senior Officer Course (AFIADL-13)
CAP SP	CAP School Program
CAPT	Captain or Civil Air Patrol Test
CARDA	CONUS Air Reconnaissance for Damage Assessment
CATS	CAP Accounting and Tracking System
CC	Commander or Address Symbol for Commander
CCF	First Sergeant or Address Symbol for First Sergeant (used in Cadet/Composite Squadrons only)
CD	Counterdrug or Deputy Commander/Address Symbol for Deputy Commander
CDC	Career Development Course
CDI	Course Deviation Indicator
CDO	Counterdrug Officer
CE	Course Examination
CFI	Certified Flight Instrument
CFII	Certified Flight Instrument Instructor
CFR	Address Symbol for NHQ Air University Registrar
CI	Compliance Instructions or Compliance Inspection
CIS	Critical Incident Stress
CISD	Critical Incident Stress Briefing
CISM	Critical Incident Stress Management
CIST	Critical Incident Stress Team
CISTC	Critical Incident Stress Team Coordinator
CLA	Civic Leadership Academy
CLC	Corporate Learning Course or Address Symbol for Corporate Legal Council
CMB	Crisis Management Briefing
COC	Chain of Command (National Commander, Region Commander, Wing Commander, Group Commander, Squadron Commander)
COF	Cadet Orientation Flights
COM/COMM	Communication
CONUS	Continental United States
CONUSA	Continental United States Armies
COOP	Continuity of Operations
COP	Certificate of Proficiency (now General Benjamin O. Davis, Sr. Award)
CONUS	Continental United States (excludes Alaska and Hawaii)
COS	Cadet Officer School
COSIN	Control Staff Instructions
COSPAS	Cosmicheskaya Sistyema Poiska Avarynich Sudov (Space System for the Search of Vessels in Distress)
CP	Address Symbol for Cadet Programs
CPPT	Cadet Protection Program Training

CPR	Address Symbol for Cadet Programs Special Activities
CPS	Cadet Programs Special Activities
CPT	Cadet Programs Registrar
CSRSC	Chaplain Service Region Staff College
CRM	Crew Resource Management
CS	Chief of Staff or Address Symbol for Chief of Staff
CTAF	Common Traffic Advisory Frequency
CUL	Communications Unit Leader
CV	Vice Commander or Address Symbol for Vice Commander
DA	Address Symbol for Administration
DC	Address Symbol for Communications
DCO	Defense Coordinating Officer
DCS/PD	Deputy Chief of Staff for Professional Development (Region)
DDR	Drug Demand Reduction
DDRA	Drug Demand Reduction Administrator - Wing DDRO
DDRC	Drug Demand Reduction Coordinator - Region DDRO
DDRO	Drug Demand Reduction Officer - Squadron Level
DDRP	Drug Demand Reduction Program
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
DEFY	Drug Education for Youth
DF	Direction Finder or Direction Finding
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DME	Distance Measuring Equipment
DO	Address Symbol for Operations, Director Office
DOC	Address Symbol for Operations - Counterdrug
DoD	Department of Defense
DOI	Address Symbol for Student Administration
DOK	NHQ Chief of Communications
DOMS	Director of Military Support
DOS	Address Symbol for Operations - Emergency Services
DOV	Address Symbol for Operations - Standards and Evaluation Office
DP	Address Symbol for Department of Personnel
DPD	Director of Professional Development (Wing)
DR	Disaster Relief
DRMO	Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office
DSCA	Defense Support to Civil Authorities
DUAT	Direct User Access Terminal
ECI	Extension Course Institute (now AFIADL)
ECI-13	Former designation for AFIADL-13
ED	NHQ Aerospace Education Office
EFAS	Enroute Flight Advisory Service
ELT	Emergency Locator Transmitter
EMI	Emergency Management Institute
EOC	Emergency Operations Center or End of Course Exam
EOO	CAP Corporate Equal Opportunity Officer
EOP	Emergency Operations Plan
EPIRB	Marine Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon
EPLO	Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer
ES	Emergency Services
ESO	Emergency Services Officer
ET	Address Symbol for Aerospace Education and Training
ETA	Address Symbol for Aerospace Education or Estimated Time of Arrival
ETD	Estimated Time of Departure
ETE	Estimated Time Enroute

ETP	Address Symbol for Professional Development Office
ETS	Former NHQ Professional Development Office (See ETP) or Address Symbol for Aerospace Education and Training - Senior Training
EX	NHQ Executive Director
EXPLAN	Exercise Plan
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAL	Funding Authorization Letter
FAR	Federal Aviation Administration Regulation
FASC	Finance Administration Section Chief
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBO	Fixed Base Operator
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FCO	Federal Coordinating Officer
FECA	Federal Employee Compensation Act
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FLCAP	Florida Civil Air Patrol
FLM	Flight Line Marshaller
FLS	Flight Line Supervisor
FLWG	Florida Wing
FM	Frequency Modulated or Address Symbol for Financial Management Office
FO	Flight Officer
FOB	Found on Base
FORSCOM	Forces Command
FOUO	For Official Use Only
FRO	Flight Release Officer
FSS	Flight Service Station
FTCA	Federal Torts Claims Act
FY	Fiscal Year
GAO	Group Alerting Officer
GBD	Ground Branch Director
GC	NHQ General Council Office
GES	General Emergency Services
GLR	Great Lakes Region 3 (CAP), ME, OH, WI, IL, KY, IN
GP	Group
GPS	Global Positioning System
GRA	Address Symbol for Government Relations Advisor
GT	Ground Team
GTE	Guided Training Exercise
GTL	Ground Team Leader
GTM	Ground Team Member
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials
HC	Address Symbol for Chaplain
HCA	NHQ Chaplain Services Office
HHA	Hold Harmless Agreements
HIWAS	Hazardous In-Flight Weather Advisory Service
HLS	Homeland Security
HQ	Headquarters
HQ CAP-USAF/CC	Commander of CAP-USAF, Senior Air Force Advisor to CAP
HQ CAP-USAF/JA	CAP-USAF Staff Judge Advocate
HQ CAP-USAF/XO	CAP-USAF Director of Operations
HR	NHQ Human Resources Office
HSI	Hyperspectral Imagery or Hull Self Insurance
I-100	NIMS Baseline Training Requirement

IACE	International Air Cadet Exchange
IAMSAR Manual	International Aeronautical and Maritime SAR Manual
IAP	Incident Action Plan
IAW	In Accordance With
IC	Incident Commander
ICISF	International Critical Incident Stress Foundation
ICP	Incident Commander Post
ICS-100	Introduction to Incident Command System (IS-100 Course)
ICS	Incident Command System
IFR	Instrument Flight Rules
IG	Inspector General or Address Symbol for Inspector General
IMT	Incident Management Team
IMU	Incident Management Utility (software program)
IO	Information Officer
IS-100	Independent Study (Exam On Line) Introduction to ICS (ICS-100)
ISP	Independent Study Program (On Line Exams)
IT	NHQ Information Technology Office
JA	Address Symbol for Legal Officer
JFO	Joint Field Office
JFTR	Joint Federal Travel Regulations
JRCC	Joint Rescue Coordination Center
LANTCOM	Atlantic Command
LEA	Law Enforcement Agency
LED	Light Emitting Diode
LDG	Landing (time)
LFA	Lead Federal Agency
LG	NHQ Logistics Office
LGM	Address Symbol for Logistics Maintenance Officer
LGS	Address Symbol for Logistics Office, Chief Supply/Management & Plans
LGT	Address Symbol for Logistics Transportation Officer
LLRS	Low-Level Route Survey
LNCO	Liaison Noncommissioned Officer
LO	Liaison Officer
LOA	Letter of Agreement
LR	Liaison Region
LSC	Logistics Section Chief
LSE	Life Support Equipment
MARB	Membership Action Review Board
MARS	Making Aerospace Real For Students
MC	Mission Chaplain
MD	Mission Designator
MEF	Maximum Elevation Figure
MER	Middle East Region 2 (CAP), DC, DE, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV
METL	Mission Essential Task List
MHP	Mental Health Professional
MHz	Megahertz
MIMS	Member Information Management System-documented information within Emergency Services within e-Services
MML	Monthly Membership List
MO	Mission Observer
MOA	Military Operations Area or Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MP	Mission SAR/DR Pilot

MRE	Meals Ready to Eat
MRO	Mission Radio Operator
MSCA	Military Support to Civil Authorities
MS	Mission Scanner
MSA	Address Symbol for Mission Support Services or Mission Staff Assistant or Military Support Agreement
MSCA	Military Support to Civil Authorities
MSCLEA	Military Support to Law Enforcement Agencies
MSL	Mean Sea Level
MSO	Mission Safety Officer
MTR	Military Training Route
MX	NHQ Fleet Management Office
NB	National Board (CAP National Headquarters)
NASAR	National Association for Search and Rescue
NCASE	National Congress on Aviation and Space Education
NCC	National Cadet Competition
NCR	North Central Region 5 (CAP), IA, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD
NEC	National Executive Committee (CAP National Headquarters)
NESA	National Emergency Services Academy
NER	Northeast Region 1 (CAP), MA, ME, NJ, PA, RI, VT, CT, NH, NY
NGB	National Guard Bureau - National Guard Counterdrug Office
NHQ	National Headquarters (CAP)
NHQ CAP/ETP	NHQ, Chief, Professional Development
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NLO	NHQ National Legal Officer
NLOC	National Legal Officers' College
NLT	Not Later Than
NOC	National Operations Center
NOS	National Ocean Service
NOTAM	Notice to Airmen
NRP	National Response Plan
NSC	National Staff College
NSEP	National Security and Emergency Preparedness Directorate
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
NWCG	National Wildfire Coordinating Group
NWS	National Weather Service
ONDCP	White House Office of National Drug Control Policy
OPLAN	Operations Plan
OPR	Office of Primary Responsibility
OPSEC	Operation Security Awareness Training
OPS Qual	Operations Qualifications
ORM	Operational Risk Management
OSC	Operations Section Chief
PA	Prohibited Area or Address Symbol for Public Affairs Office or Personnel Authorization
PAO	Public Affairs Officer
PACOM	Pacific Command
PC	Personal Computer
PCA	Posse Comitatus Act
PCR	Pacific Region 8 (CAP), AK, CA, HI, NV, OR, WA
PD	Professional Development
PDO	Professional Development Officer (Unit)
PDR	Professional Development Report

PIA	Post Incident Analysis
PIC	Pilot In Command
PIREP	Pilot Weather Report
PL	Participation Letter
PLB	Personal Locator Beacon
PME	Professional Military Education
POC	Point of contact
PPA	Principal Planning Agent
PSC	Planning Section Chief
RA	Restricted Area
RCC	Rescue Coordination Center
RCLS	Region Cadet Leadership Schools
RESTAT	Reserve Components Status Reporting
RG	Region (8 total)
RMG	Readiness Management Group
RMR	Rocky Mountain Region 7 (CAP), CO, ID, MT, UT, WY
ROA	Radio Operator Authorization
ROI	Report of Investigation
ROS	Report of Survey
RPA	Regional Planning Agent
RSC	Region Staff College
RTB	Return to Base
SA	Situational Awareness
SAM	Staging Area Manager
SAR	Search and Rescue
SAREX	Search and Rescue Exercise
SARDA	State And Regional Disaster Airlift
SAR/DR/CD	Search & Rescue/Disaster Relief/Counter Drug
SARSAT	Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking
SAV	Staff Assisted Visit
SC	SAR Coordinator
SCATANA	Security Control of Air Traffic and Air Navigation Aids
SCO	State Coordinating Officer
SD	State Director
SDIS	Satellite Transmitted Digital Imaging System
SE	Address symbol for Safety
SEP	School Enrichment Program
SER	Southeast Region 4 (CAP), AL, FL, GA, MS, PR, TN
SER-FL-376	Southeast Region, Florida, Squadron #376
SFO	Senior Flight Officer
SITREP	Situation Report
SLS	Squadron Leadership School
SMART	Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Reasonable, Time
SMC	SAR Mission Coordinator
SO	Safety Officer or Address Symbol for Medical Officer
SOG	Standard Operational Guidelines
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
SOS	Squadron Officer School
SoW	Statement of Work
SPO	Former designation for Professional Development Officer
SQTR	Specialty Qualification Training Record (also known as 'Squirt' or 'Skewter')
SRU	SAR Units
SSN	Social Security Number

STARC	State Area Command
STK	Satellite Toolkit Program
STR	Former designation for Professional Development Report
SUA	Special Use Airspace
SUI	Subordinate Unit Inspection
SWR	Southwest Region 6 (CAP), AZ, AR, LA, NM, OK, TX
TA	Travel Authorization
TCO	Test Control Officer
TFO	Technical Flight Officer
TFR	Temporary Flight Restriction
TIG	Time In Grade
TLC	Training Leaders of Cadets
TOA	Table of Allowances
TPA	Traffic Pattern Altitude
TWEB	Transcribed Weather Broadcast
UCC	Unit Commanders Course
UDF	Urban Direction Finding
USAF	United States Air Force
USAF/A3	USAF Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations
USFS	United States Forest Service
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
UHF	Ultra High Frequency
USA	United States Army
USAF	United States Air Force
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USFS	United States Forestry Service
VHF	Very High Frequency
VMC	Visual Meteorological Conditions
VOR	Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range
VOX	Voice Activated
VSI	Vehicle Self Insurance
WAO	Wing Alerting Officer
WG	Wing (52 total - States + WDC + Puerto Rico)
WMIRS	Web Mission Information Reporting System ('Wimmers')
WP	Waypoint
WSA	Web Security Administrator
XP	Address Symbol for Plans and Programs
ZULU	Coordinated Universal Time

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