Center for Deployment Psychology Common Military Acronyms and Terminology

- > ADSEP Administrative Separation
- ABU Airman Battle Uniform
- ACU Army Combat Uniform
- ➢ AFSC − Air Force Specialty Code
- > AOR Area of Responsibility
- APO Army Post Office (overseas address)
- ➢ AWOL − Absent Without Leave (Army and Air Force)
- ➢ Base − Air Force or Navy Installation
- Battle Rattle Body armor/battle gear
- BIAP Baghdad International Airport
- Boots on the ground Once deployed personnel touch ground in theater
- \blacktriangleright BX Base Exchange
- Camp Marine Corps installation
- CHU Containerized Housing Unit
- ➢ CO − Commanding Officer
- CONUS/OCONUS Continental United States, Outside the Continental United States
- COSC Combat and Operational Stress Control
- COSR Combat and Operational Stress Reactions
- DADT "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"
- > DD 214 Certificate of release or discharge from active duty service
- DFAC Dining facility/mess hall
- Down range Deployed
- EOD Explosive Ordinance Disposal
- ► FOB Forward Operating Base; Forward Operations Base
- Garrison A body of troops; the place where such troops are stationed; any military post, especially a permanent one
- ➢ GWOT Global War on Terrorism
- ➢ HBCT Heavy Brigade Combat Team
- ▶ HEMTT Heavy Expanded Mobile Tactical Truck
- HMMWV High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle (Humvee)
- ▶ IBCT Infantry Brigade Combat Team
- IED/VBED Improvised Explosive Device/Vehicle Borne Explosive Device
- ➢ Inside the wire − On base down range
- ➢ IRR − Individual Ready Reserve
- JAG Judge Advocate General (military lawyers)
- ▶ Kevlar Typically the helmet made of the material Kevlar
- Leave Off duty (usually vacation)
- ➢ LIMDU − Limited Duty
- MEB/PEB Medical Evaluation Board/Physical Evaluation Board
- MEDEVAC Medical Evacuation
- MEU Marine Expeditionary Unit
- MOB/DEMOB Mobilization/Demobilization
- MOB Main Operating Base; Main Operations Base
- MOPP Mission Oriented Protective Postures
- MOS Military Occupational Specialty (Army and Marine Corps)
- MP Military Police (Air Force is SF Security Forces)

- MRAP Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles
- MRE Meal, Ready to Eat
- ▶ NBC Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical
- NCO Non-Commissioned Officer
- NEC Naval Enlisted Classification
- NJP Non-Judicial Punishment
- OCP Operation Enduring Freedom Camouflage Pattern ("multi-cams")
- OCS Officer Candidate School
- > OEF Operation Enduring Freedom
- OIF Operation Iraqi Freedom
- OND Operation New Dawn
- OPSEC Operations Security
- OPTEMPO Operating Tempo/Operations Tempo
- Outside the wire Off base down range
- PCS Permanent change of station (relocating)
- PDA Post Deployment Assessment
- PDHA Post Deployment Health Assessment
- PDHRA Post Deployment Health Re-Assessment
- Post Army installation
- PX Post Exchange
- RCT Regimental Combat Team
- Sandbox/Sandpit Iraq
- SBCT Stryker Brigade Combat Team
- ➤ Sick Call Time allotted to see medical provider
- SNCO Senior Non-Commissioned Officer; Staff Non-Commissioned Officer
- SNCOIC Senior Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge
- ➤ TAD Temporary Area of Duty (Navy and Marine Corps)
- > TDY– Temporary Duty (Army and Air Force)
- Theater The geographical area for which a commander of a geographic combatant command has been assigned responsibility
- ➢ UA Unauthorized Absence (AWOL for Marine Corps and Navy)
- UCMJ Uniformed Code of Military Justice (the foundation of military law)
- Utes Utilities ("Boots in Utes" the Marine Corps utility uniform without the blouse)
- UXO Unexploded Ordinance (explosive weapons that did not explode when they were employed and still pose a risk of detonation)
- ➤ XO Executive Officer

^{*} Note: This is not a comprehensive list of military acronyms and terminology, but rather a small sampling that can be helpful when engaging with service members/veterans. For a more comprehensive list please refer to the Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms at: http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/dod_dictionary/