

<b><i>Glossary of Military Terms and Acronyms</i></b> <b>From: Essential Learning's On-Line <i>Military Cultural Competence</i></b>	
<b>Term/Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>ACU, BDU, DCU</b>	Army Combat Uniform, Battle Dress Uniform, Desert Combat Uniform; camouflage issue clothes intended for different environments (desert, urban, woodland)
<b>AOR</b>	Area of responsibility
<b>AWOL</b>	Absent without Leave
<b>Base</b>	Air Force or Navy Installation
<b>Battlerattle</b>	Body armor
<b>BCT</b>	Brigade Combat Team: The Army's basic deployable unit of maneuver
<b>BIAP</b>	Baghdad International Airport
<b>BOG</b>	Boots on the ground
<b>Camp</b>	Marine Corps Installation
<b>CBERN</b>	Chemical, Biological, Explosive, Radiological and Nuclear; refer to incidents in which any of these hazards have presented themselves
<b>CHU</b>	Containerized housing Unit (pronounced "choo"): – CHUville: a base consisting of a large number of CHUs, Wet CHU: has a shower
<b>CO</b>	Commanding Officer
<b>CONUS</b>	Continental United States
<b>COSC</b>	Combat Operational Stress Control
<b>COSR</b>	Combat Operational Stress Response
<b>Down range</b>	Deployed
<b>EOD</b>	Explosive ordinance disposal

<b>FOB</b>	Forward operating base. A secured forward area that is used to support tactical operations.
<b>Fobbit, fob taxi</b>	Derogatory term for service member (Fobbit) or vehicle (Fob Taxi) that never leaves the FOB and goes "outside the wire".
<b>GWOT</b>	Global War on Terrorism
<b>HBCT</b>	Heavy Brigade Combat Team
<b>HEMTT</b>	Heavy Extended
<b>HMMWV</b>	High Mobility Multi purpose Wheeled Vehicle – pronounced "Humvee"
<b>IBCT</b>	Infantry Brigade Combat Team
<b>IED</b>	Improvised Explosive Device
<b>Inside the wire</b>	On the base (on the FOB)
<b>Kevlar</b>	Typically the helmet made of the material Kevlar
<b>Leave</b>	Off Duty (usually vacation)
<b>MEDEVAC</b>	Medical Evacuation
<b>MOB/DEMOB</b>	Mobilization/Demobilization
<b>MOPP</b>	Mission oriented protective postures (pronounced "Mop"): protective gear to be used in a toxic environment.
<b>MOS</b>	Military operational specialty (job or career specialty, e.g., infantryman, intelligence analyst, operating room specialist, military police, etc.). MOS used by USA and USMC while USAF uses AFSC (Air Force Specialty Code) and Navy uses NEC (Navy Enlistment Code).
<b>MRE</b>	Meal Ready to Eat
<b>OCONUS</b>	Outside Continental United States
<b>OIF/OEF</b>	Operation Iraqi Freedom / Operation Enduring Freedom
<b>OPSEC</b>	Operational Security

<b>OPTEMPO</b>	Operations Tempo
<b>Outside the wire</b>	Off the base (FOB)
<b>PCS</b>	Permanent Change of Station: moving from one duty station to another (Relocating)
<b>Post</b>	Army installation
<b>PX-Post Exchange</b>	Shops/stores that operate on Army installations around the world. Also called Base Exchange (BX) or Navy Exchange (NEX) for the Air Force and Navy respectively. These are similar to civilian department stores.
<b>Sandbox, sandpit</b>	Iraq
<b>SBCT</b>	Stryker Brigade Combat Team
<b>SICKCALL</b>	Time allotted to see Doctor or other healthcare provider.
<b>TDY</b>	Temporary Duty
<b>UXO</b>	Unexploded ordnance
<b>VBED / VBIED</b>	Vehicle Borne Explosive Device/ Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device