

**GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS
USED IN
IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN**

Acronyms commonly used in military briefs, after action reviews, reconstruction work, intelligence summaries, and various reports generated in the Iraq & Afghan theaters of operation (OIF / OEF).

AAR	After Action Report or Review
AB	Airborne
ABP	Afghan Border Police
ACP	Afghan Customs Police
ACE	Army Corps of Engineers (US)
ACF	Anti Coalition Forces (Iraq)
ACM	Anti Coalition Militia (Afghanistan)
ACU	Army Combat Uniform (digital pattern)
AFG	Afghanistan
AHP	Afghan Highway Police
AIF	Anti Iraqi Forces
AK	Kalashnikov assault rifle
ANA	Afghan National Army
ANP	Afghan National Police
ANSO	Afghan NGO Security Organization
AO	Area of Operations
AOR	Area of Responsibility
AP	Anti-personnel mines or Armored Piercing munitions
AP	Associated Press
AQI	Al Qaeda in Iraq
ASG	Afghan Security Group (private security)
ASR	Auxiliary Supply Route
AT	Anti-tank
BBIED	Body-borne IED (suicide bomber)
BCT	Brigade Combat Team
BDOC	Base Defensive Operations Center (Air Force term)
BDU	Battle Dress Uniforms
BFT	Blue Force Tracker
BG	Bodyguard
BG	Brigadier General
BIA	Basra International Airport
BIAP	Baghdad International Airport
BMTF	Border Management Task Force (DoS)
BOLO	Be On the Lookout (suspicious vehicles)
BUB	Battle Update Brief
BW	Blackwater USA private security company
CA	Civil Affairs (military)
CAC	Common Access Card, ID issued by DoD
CAS	Close Air Support
CASEVAC	Casualty Evacuation
CAT	Counter Attack Team
CAV	Cavalry (US army)
CCN	Cooperating Country National
CERP	Commanders Emergency Response Program
CET	Convoy Escort Team
CEXC	Combined Explosive Exploitation Cell
CF	Coalition Forces
CG	Commanding General
CIMIC	Civil Military Cooperation

CJTF	Combined Joint Task Force
CJSOTF	Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force
CM	Country Manager
CMATT	Coalition Military Assistance Training Team
CN	Counter Narcotics
CO	Commanding Officer
COE	Corps of Engineers
COL	Colonel
COM	Country Operations Manager
COMS	Communications
CP	Command Post or Check Point
CPA	Coalition Provisional Authority (Iraq)
CPT	Close Protection Team
CQB	Close Quarter Battle
CQA	Close Quarter Assassination
C/S	Call Sign
C-SAR	Combat Search & Rescue
CST	Convoy Security Team
CSTC-A	Coalition Security Transition Command – Afghanistan
C2	Command & Control
C3	Command, Control & Communications
C4I	Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence
CWIED	Command Wire IED
DCG	Deputy Commanding General
D-FAC	Dining Facility (Mess hall)
DoD	Department of Defense
DoS	Department of State
Dust-off	Helicopter medical evacuation
EFP	Explosively Formed Projectile
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
ETT	Embedded Training Team
FB	Fire Base
FOB	Forward Operating Base
FRE	Former Regime Extremists
GFE	Government Furnished Equipment
GIRoA	Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
GLOC	Ground Line of Communication
GoA	Government of Afghanistan
GoI	Government of Iraq
GPS	Global Positioning System
GRD	Gulf Region Division – USA COE
GTR	Ground Transportation Request (for convoys)
GZ	Green Zone (now the IZ)
HCN	Host Country National
HF	High Frequency long range radios
HN	Host Nation
HTT	Human Terrain Team
HVT	High Value Target (Insurgent leader)
IA	Iraqi Army
IAW	In accordance with
ID	Identification Card
3ID	3 rd Infantry Division
IDF	Indirect Fire (mortar, artillery and rockets)
IDP	Internally Displaced Persons (refugees)
IED	Improvised Explosive Device (booby trap)
IFV	Infantry Fighting Vehicle

IIG	Interim Iraqi Government
ING	Iraqi National Guard
INL	International Narcotics & Law Enforcement (DoS)
INT	Intelligence
INTEL	Intelligence
INTREP	Intelligence Report
INTSUM	Intelligence Summary
IP	Iraqi Police
IPOA	International Peace Operations Association
IRoA	Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
ISAF	International Security Assistance Force (NATO)
ISF	Iraqi Security Forces
ISI	Inter-Service Intelligence (Pakistan)
IVCP	Illegal Vehicle Check Point
IVO	In vicinity of...
IZ	International Zone (was the Green Zone)
JAM	Jaish Al Mahdi (Shiite militia)
JCC-I/A	Joint Contracting Command – Iraq / Afghanistan
JIEDDO	Joint IED Defeat Organization (Pentagon)
KIA	Killed in Action
KLE	Key Leader Engagement
LMCC	Logistics Movement Coordination Center (for convoys)
LMG	Light Machine Gun
LN	Local National
LO	Liaison Officer
LOI	Letter of Intent
LSR	Logistic Support Registration (for convoys)
MDMP	Military decision making process
MEDEVAC	Medical Evacuation
MG	Machine Gun or Major General
MIL	Military
MM	Mahdi Militia
MND	Multi-National District
MNF	Mission Notification Form (for movements)
MNF-I	Multi-National Force – Iraq
MNSTC-I	Multi-national Security Transition Command – Iraq
MO	Modus Operandi / Method of Operation
MoD	Ministry of Defense
MoF	Ministry of Finance
MoI	Ministry of Interior (controls police and security services)
MoJ	Ministry of Justice
MoT	Ministry of Trade or Ministry of Transportation
MPD	Missing Presumed Dead
MSR	Main Supply Route (highway)
MTR	Military Transportation Request
MTS	Mobile Tracking System (transponder for Tapestry)
MWR	Morale, Welfare & Recreation
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NCMOG	National Civil-Military Operations Center
NDS	National Directorate of Security (Afghanistan)
NGO	Non Governmental Organization (humanitarian agencies)
NSD	National Security Directorate (Afghanistan)
NSI	Not Seriously Injured
NSTR	Nothing Significant to Report
NYK	Not Yet Known
OEF	Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)

OGA	Other Government Agencies (CIA)
OIF	Operation Iraqi Freedom
OMB	Office of Management & Budget (US Govt)
OMLT	Operational Military Liaison Team (ISAF)
OOTW	Operations Other Than War
OPCON	Operational Control
OPSEC	Operational Security
ORHA	Office of Reconstruction & Humanitarian Assistance (DoD)
OS	Operational Studies
PAK	Pakistan
PAO	Public Affairs Officer
PBIED	Person-borne IED (suicide bomber)
PCO	Project & Contracting Office
PIO	Public Information Officer
PK	Light Machine Gun (Eastern Bloc)
PM	Project Manager or Prime Minister
PMC	Private Military Company (not a PSC)
PMT	Police Mentoring Team
POC	Point of Contact
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PPIED	Pressure Plate IED
PSC	Private Security Company
PSCAI	Private Security Company Association of Iraq
PSD	Personal or Protective Security Detail
PWC	Private Warehouse Corporation (Iraq)
PX	Post Exchange
QM	Quarter Master
QRF	Quick Reaction Force
RAF	Royal Air Force
RCIED	Remote Controlled IED
RCT	Regimental Combat Team
ROC	Reconstruction Operations Center (Aegis for PSDs)
ROE	Rules of Engagement
RoL	Rule of Law
RP	Rally Point (same as an RV)
RPG	Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG-7)
RV	Rendezvous (Brit term for an RP)
SAF	Small Arms Fire
SAM	Surface to Air Missile
SAS	Special Air Service – British, Australian and NZ Special Forces
SASR	Australian SAS Regiment
SATCOM	Satellite Communications
S&R	Stability & Reconstruction
SF	Special Forces
SITREP	Situation Report
SOFLAM	Special Operations Force Laser Aiming Marker
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure or Standing Operational Procedure
SOW	Statement of Work or Scope of Work
SSR	Security Sector Reform
STTU	Specialized Tactical Training Unit
SUV	Sport Utility Vehicle
SVBIED	Suicide Vehicle-borne IED (car bomb)
TAC	Tactical CP
TCN	Third Country National (Gurkas, Fijians, Salvadorians, Ugandans)
TF	Task Force
TL	Team Leader

TOC	Tactical Operations Center
TOR	Terms of Reference
TTP	Tactics, Techniques & Procedures
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
USA	United States of America or US Army
USAF	US Air Force
USAID	US Agency for International Development (DoS)
USMC	US Marine Corps
USN	US Navy
USSF	US Special Forces
UVBT	Under-Vehicle Booby-Trap (“sticky bomb”)
UXB	Unexploded Bomb
VBIED	Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device
VCP	Vehicle Check Point
VHF	Very High Frequency radios such as Motorola walkie-talkies
VSI	Very Seriously Injured
WIA	Wounded in Action
WO	Warrant Officer
WPPS	World Personal Protective Security (DoS)
XO	Executive Officer
9-Line	Abbreviated method of communication for CAS and CASEVAC
2IC	Second in Command
18B	Special Forces weapons specialist
18D	Special Forces medic
18E	SF communicator / radio operator
18Z	SF Intel officer

MILITARY GLOSSARY

Blue Force	US and coalition forces
Blue-on-Blue	Accidental military attacks on coalition military
Blue-on-white	Accidental military attacks on civilian contractors
Green-on-Green	Civilian militias shooting or reporting each other
Green Zone	Safe area
International Zone	Used to be called the Green Zone in Baghdad
Red Force	The enemy
Red Zone	Dangerous area usually outside a military base

