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Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms

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PREFACE

1. Scope

The **Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms** (short title: Joint Pub 1-02 or JP 1-02) sets forth standard US military and associated terminology to encompass the joint activity of the Armed Forces of the United States in both US joint and allied joint operations, as well as to encompass the Department of Defense (DOD) as a whole. These military and associated terms, together with their definitions, constitute approved DOD terminology for general use by all components of the Department of Defense. The Secretary of Defense, by DOD Directive 5025.12, 23 August 1989, *Standardization of Military and Associated Terminology*, has directed the use of JP 1-02 throughout the Department of Defense to ensure standardization of military and associated terminology.

2. Purpose

This publication supplements standard English-language dictionaries with standard terminology for military and associated use. However, it is not the intent of this publication to restrict the authority of the joint force commander (JFC) from organizing the force and executing the mission in a manner the JFC deems most appropriate to ensure unity of effort in the accomplishment of the overall mission.

3. Application — DOD and NATO Activities

JP 1-02 is promulgated for mandatory use by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Military Departments, Joint Staff, combatant commands, Defense agencies, and any other DOD components. DOD terminology herein is to be used without alteration unless a distinctly different context or application is intended. To provide a common interpretation of terminology at home and abroad, US officials, when participating in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or dealing with NATO matters, will use NATO terminology. When a NATO standard for a term or definition does not exist, applicable DOD terminology (if any) may be used.

Note concerning DOD-NATO Standardization: The United States is a signatory to NATO Standardization Agreement (STANAG) 3680, which ratifies the **NATO Glossary of Terms and Definitions (English and French)** (short title: AAP-6). Under the provisions of STANAG 3680, AAP-6 is established as the primary glossary for NATO. The United States carries out its obligation to implement STANAG 3680 in the following manner: (a) English-language entries approved for AAP-6 may be proposed by DOD elements for inclusion in JP 1-02 as DOD-NATO entries. The purpose of such proposals is to increase multinational standardization. After DOD-wide staffing by the US NATO Military Terminology Group (USNMTG), terminology so approved for inclusion in JP 1-02 and DOD-wide use will appear, along with DOD-only entries, in JP 1-02 with an asterisk in parentheses after the term to denote DOD-NATO standardization of terminology, referred to as "alignment" in NATO. (b) As stated in paragraph 3, US officials will adhere to NATO

terminology when engaged in NATO matters, provided that applicable terminology exists. (c) An electronic copy of AAP-6 is provided under "Other Publications" at the internet address cited in paragraph 7.

4. Criteria for Terms

The following criteria are used to determine the acceptability of terminology for inclusion in JP 1-02:

a. Inadequate coverage in a standard, commonly accepted dictionary, e.g., by Merriam-Webster.

b. Terminology should be of general military or associated significance. Technical or highly specialized terms may be included if they can be defined in easily understood language and if their inclusion is of general military or associated significance.

c. Terms for weaponry are limited to generic weapon systems.

d. Unless there are special reasons to the contrary, terms and definitions are not to consist of or contain abbreviations or other shortened forms, e.g., acronyms.

e. Only UNCLASSIFIED terminology will be included.

f. Dictionary entries will not be provided for prowords, code words, brevity words, or NATO-only terms.

g. Dictionary entries will not be Service-specific or functionality-specific unless they are commonly employed by US joint forces as a whole.

h. Dictionary entries will not consist of components or sub-components contained in missiles, aircraft, equipment, weapons, etc.

5. Other DOD Dictionaries

Other dictionaries or glossaries for DOD use will be published ONLY AFTER coordination with the USNMTG and approval by the Director for Operational Plans and Joint Force Development (J-7), Joint Staff.

6. Publication Format

This edition of JP 1-02 has been published in two basic parts:

a. **Main Body.** This part of the dictionary contains all terms and definitions approved for use within the Department of Defense, to include those terms and definitions that are approved for both DOD and NATO use. Each entry approved for both DOD and NATO appears with an asterisk in parentheses, i.e., (*), after the term to denote DOD-NATO acceptance.

Note: In rare instances, a term may have a combination of DOD-only definitions and DOD-NATO definitions. In these instances, though an asterisk will appear after the term to denote DOD-NATO standardization, DOD-only definitions will be preceded by "DOD only" in parentheses.

b. **Appendix A.** Appendix A contains a listing of current abbreviations and acronyms in common use within the Department of Defense. This is by no means a complete list of DOD abbreviations and acronyms. Rather, it serves as a guide to current DOD usage in abbreviations and acronyms.

7. JP 1-02 on the Internet

a. JP 1-02 is accessible on-line at the following internet address:

http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/jel/doddict

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where it is available in both electronic publication and searchable database formats.

b. As changes are approved for JP 1-02, they are added to the internet version, making the internet version of JP 1-02 more up-to-date than any printed edition. The internet version thus provides the latest changes worldwide between regular printed editions.

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abort — (*) 1. To terminate a mission for any reason other than enemy action. It may occur at any point after the beginning of the mission and prior to its completion. 2. To discontinue aircraft takeoff or missile launch.

absolute altimeter — (*) A type of altimeter which measures vertical distance to the surface below, using radio, radar, sonic, laser, or capacitive technology.

absolute filter — (*) A filter capable of cutting off 100% by weight of solid particles greater than a stated micron size.

absolute height — (*) The height of an aircraft directly above the surface or terrain over which it is flying. See also **altitude.**

acceptability — The joint operation plan review criterion for assessing whether the contemplated course of action is proportional and worth the cost in personnel, equipment, materiel, time involved, or position; is consistent with the law of war; and is militarily and politically supportable. See also **adequacy; feasibility.** (JP 5-0)

access to classified information — The ability and opportunity to obtain knowledge of classified information. Persons have access to classified information if they are permitted to gain knowledge of the information or if they are in a place where they would be expected to gain such knowledge. Persons do not have access to classified information by being in a place where classified information is kept if security measures prevent them from gaining knowledge of the information.

accompanying supplies — Unit supplies that deploy with forces.

accountability — The obligation imposed by law or lawful order or regulation on an officer or other person for keeping accurate record of property, documents, or funds. The person having this obligation may or may not have actual possession of the property, documents, or funds. Accountability is concerned primarily with records, while responsibility is concerned primarily with custody, care, and safekeeping. See also **responsibility.**

accuracy of fire — (*) The precision of fire expressed by the closeness of a grouping of shots at and around the center of the target.

accuracy of information — See **evaluation.**

acoustical surveillance — Employment of electronic devices, including sound-recording, -receiving, or -transmitting equipment, for the collection of information.

acoustic intelligence — Intelligence derived from the collection and processing of acoustic phenomena. Also called **ACINT.** (JP 2-0)

acoustic jamming — The deliberate radiation or reradiation of mechanical or electroacoustic signals with the objectives of obliterating or obscuring signals that the enemy is attempting to receive and of disrupting enemy weapons systems. See also **barrage jamming; electronic warfare; jamming; spot jamming.**

acoustic mine — (*) A mine with an acoustic circuit which responds to the acoustic field of a ship or sweep. See also **mine.**

acoustic minehunting — (*) The use of a sonar to detect mines or mine-like objects which may be on or protruding from the seabed, or buried.

acoustic warfare — (*) Action involving the use of underwater acoustic energy to determine, exploit, reduce, or prevent hostile use of the underwater acoustic spectrum and actions which retain friendly use of the underwater acoustic spectrum. Also called **AW.** There are three divisions within acoustic warfare. 1. **acoustic warfare support measures.** That aspect of acoustic warfare involving actions to search for, intercept, locate, record, and analyze radiated acoustic energy in water for the purpose of exploiting such radiations. The use of acoustic warfare support measures involves no intentional underwater acoustic emission and is generally not detectable by the enemy. Also called **AWSM.** 2. **acoustic warfare countermeasures.** That aspect of acoustic warfare involving actions taken to prevent or reduce an enemy's effective use of the underwater acoustic spectrum. Acoustic warfare countermeasures involve intentional underwater acoustic emissions for deception and jamming. Also called **AWCM.** 3. **acoustic warfare counter-countermeasures.** That aspect of acoustic warfare involving actions taken to ensure friendly effective use of the underwater acoustic spectrum despite the enemy's use of underwater acoustic warfare. Acoustic warfare counter-countermeasures involve anti-acoustic warfare support measures and anti-acoustic warfare countermeasures, and may not involve underwater acoustic emissions. Also called **AWCCM.**

acoustic warfare counter-countermeasures — See **acoustic warfare Part 3.**

acoustic warfare countermeasures — See **acoustic warfare Part 2.**

acoustic warfare support measures — See **acoustic warfare Part 1.**

acquisition and cross-servicing agreement — Agreements negotiated on a bilateral basis with US allies or coalition partners that allow US forces to exchange most common types of support, including food, fuel, transportation, ammunition, and equipment. Authority to negotiate these agreements is usually delegated to the combatant commander by the Secretary of Defense. Authority to execute these agreements lies with the Secretary of Defense, and may or may not be delegated. Governed by legal guidelines, these agreements are used for contingencies, peacekeeping operations, unforeseen emergencies, or exercises to correct logistic deficiencies that cannot be adequately corrected by national means. The support received or given is reimbursed

under the conditions of the acquisition and cross-servicing agreement. Also called **ACSA.** See also **cross-servicing; servicing.** (JP 4-08)

action agent — In intelligence usage, one who has access to, and performs actions against, the target.

action information center — See **air defense control center; combat information center.**

action phase — In amphibious operations, the period of time between the arrival of the landing forces of the amphibious force in the operational area and the accomplishment of their mission. See also **amphibious force; amphibious operation; landing force; mission.** (JP 3-02)

activation — Order to active duty (other than for training) in the federal service. See also **active duty; federal service.** (JP 4-05)

activation detector — (*) A device used to determine neutron flux or density by virtue of the radioactivity induced in it as a result of neutron capture.

active air defense — Direct defensive action taken to destroy, nullify, or reduce the effectiveness of hostile air and missile threats against friendly forces and assets. It includes the use of aircraft, air defense weapons, electronic warfare, and other available weapons. See also **air defense.** (JP 3-01)

active communications satellite — See **communications satellite.**

active defense — The employment of limited offensive action and counterattacks to deny a contested area or position to the enemy. See also **passive defense.**

active duty — Full-time duty in the active military service of the United States. This includes members of the Reserve Component serving on active duty or full-time training duty, but does not include full-time National Guard duty. Also called **AD.** See also **active duty for training; inactive duty training**. (JP 4-05)

active duty for special work — A tour of active duty for reserve personnel authorized from military and reserve personnel appropriations for work on active or reserve component programs. This includes annual screening, training camp operations, training ship operations, and unit conversion to new weapon systems when such duties are essential. Active duty for special work may also be authorized to support study groups, training sites and exercises, short-term projects, and doing administrative or support functions. By policy, active duty for special work tours are normally limited to 179 days or less in one fiscal year. Tours exceeding 180 days are accountable against active duty end strength.

active duty for training — A tour of active duty which is used for training members of the Reserve Components to provide trained units and qualified persons to fill the needs of the Armed Forces in time of war or national emergency and such other times as the national security requires. The member is under orders that provide for return to non-active status when the period of active duty for training is completed. This includes annual training, special tours of active duty for training, school tours, and the initial duty for training performed by nonprior service enlistees. Also called **ADT.**

Active Guard and Reserve — National Guard and Reserve members who are on voluntary active duty providing full-time support to National Guard, Reserve, and Active Component organizations for the purpose of organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training the Reserve Components. Also called **AGR.** (CJCSM 3150.13)

active homing guidance — (*) A system of homing guidance wherein both the source for illuminating the target and the receiver for detecting the energy reflected from the target as the result of the illumination are carried within the missile.

active material — (*) Material, such as plutonium and certain isotopes of uranium, which is capable of supporting a fission chain reaction.

active mine — (*) A mine actuated by the reflection from a target of a signal emitted by the mine.

active sealift forces — Military Sealift Command active, common-user sealift and the afloat pre-positioning force, including the required cargo handling and delivery systems as well as necessary operating personnel. See also **afloat pre-positioning force; common-user sealift; Military Sealift Command.** (JP 4-01.2)

active status — Status of all Reserves except those on an inactive status list or in the Retired Reserve. Reservists in an active status may train for points and/or pay and may be considered for promotion.

activity — 1. A unit, organization, or installation performing a function or mission, e.g., reception center, redistribution center, naval station, naval shipyard. 2. A function, mission, action, or collection of actions. Also called **ACT.** See also **establishment.**

act of mercy — In personnel recovery, assistance rendered to evaders by an individual or elements of the local population who sympathize or empathize with the evaders' cause or plight. See also **evader; evasion; recovery; recovery operations.** (JP 3-50)

actual ground zero — (*) The point on the surface of the Earth at, or vertically below or above, the center of an actual nuclear detonation. See also **desired ground zero; ground zero.**

actuate — (*) To operate a mine-firing mechanism by an influence or a series of influences in such a way that all the requirements of the mechanism for firing, or for registering a target count, are met.

acute care services — Medical services provided for patients with conditions that generally have a rapid onset and follow a short course or require immediate attention. Most battlefield care rendered after wounding, illness, or injury onset is acute care service. Acute care service is delivered after the onset of symptoms, which differentiates it from preventive care that is delivered before symptoms appear. (JP 4-02)

acute radiation dose —Total ionizing radiation dose received at one time and over a period so short that biological recovery cannot occur. (JP 3-11)

acute radiation syndrome — An acute illness caused by irradiation of the body by a high dose of penetrating radiation in a very short period of time. Also called **ARS.** (JP 3-11)

adequacy — The joint operation plan review criterion for assessing whether the scope and concept of planned operations can accomplish the assigned mission and comply with the planning guidance provided. See also **acceptability; feasibility.** (JP 5-0)

adjust — An order to the observer or spotter to initiate an adjustment on a designated target.

administrative contracting officer — Contracting officer whose primary duties involve contract administration. Also called **ACO.** See also **contracting officer; procuring contracting officer.** (JP 4-10)

administrative control — Direction or exercise of authority over subordinate or other organizations in respect to administration and support, including organization of Service forces, control of resources and equipment, personnel management, unit logistics, individual and unit training, readiness, mobilization, demobilization, discipline, and other matters not included in the operational missions of the subordinate or other organizations. Also called **ADCON.** (JP 1)

administrative landing — An unopposed landing involving debarkation from vessels that have been administratively loaded. See also **administrative loading; administrative movement; logistics over-the-shore operations.**

administrative loading — (*) A loading system which gives primary consideration to achieving maximum utilization of troop and cargo space without regard to tactical considerations. Equipment and supplies must be unloaded and sorted before they can be used. Also called **commercial loading.** See also **loading.**

administrative movement — (*) A movement in which troops and vehicles are arranged to expedite their movement and conserve time and energy when no enemy interference, except by air, is anticipated.

administrative order — (*) An order covering traffic, supplies, maintenance, evacuation, personnel, and other administrative details.

advanced base — A base located in or near an operational area whose primary mission is to support military operations.

advanced geospatial intelligence — Refers to the technical, geospatial, and intelligence information derived through interpretation or analysis using advanced processing of all data collected by imagery or imagery-related collection systems. Also known as imagery-derived measurement and signature intelligence. Also called **AGI.** (JP 2-03)

advanced operations base — In special operations, a small temporary base established near or within a joint special operations area to command, control, and/or support training or tactical operations. Facilities are normally austere. The base may be ashore or afloat. If ashore, it may include an airfield or unimproved airstrip, a pier, or an anchorage. An advanced operations base is normally controlled and/or supported by a main operations base or a forward operations base. Also called **AOB.** See also **forward operations base; main operations base.** (JP 3-05.1)

advance force — A temporary organization within the amphibious task force which precedes the main body to the objective area, for preparing the objective for the main assault by conducting such operations as reconnaissance, seizure of supporting positions, mine countermeasures, preliminary bombardment, underwater demolitions, and air support. (JP 3-02)

advance guard — Detachment sent ahead of the main force to ensure its uninterrupted advance; to protect the main body against surprise; to facilitate the advance by removing obstacles and repairing roads and bridges; and to cover the deployment of the main body if it is committed to action.

adversary — A party acknowledged as potentially hostile to a friendly party and against which the use of force may be envisaged. (JP 3-0)

adversary template — A model based on an adversary's known or postulated preferred methods of operation illustrating the disposition and activity of adversary forces and assets conducting a particular operation unconstrained by the impact of the operational environment. (JP 2-01.3)

advisory area — (*) A designated area within a flight information region where air traffic advisory service is available.

aerial picket — See **air picket.**

aerial port — An airfield that has been designated for the sustained air movement of personnel and materiel as well as an authorized port for entrance into or departure from

the country where located. Also called **APORT.** See also **port of debarkation; port of embarkation**. (JP 3-17)

aerial port squadron — An Air Force organization that operates and provides the functions assigned to aerial ports, including processing personnel and cargo, rigging for airdrop, packing parachutes, loading equipment, preparing air cargo and load plans, loading and securing aircraft, ejecting cargo for inflight delivery, and supervising units engaged in aircraft loading and unloading operations.

aerodynamic missile — (*) A missile which uses aerodynamic forces to maintain its flight path. See also **ballistic missile; guided missile.**

aeromedical evacuation — The movement of patients under medical supervision to and between medical treatment facilities by air transportation. Also called **AE.** (JP 4-02)

aeromedical evacuation control team — A core team assigned to a component-numbered air force, Air Force air and space operations center, or air mobility division that provides command and control of assigned aeromedical evacuation forces. Also called **AECT.** See also **aeromedical evacuation; air mobility division.** (JP 3-17)

aeromedical evacuation coordination center — A coordination center within the joint air operations center's airlift coordination cell that monitors all activities related to aeromedical evacuation (AE) operations execution. It manages the medical aspects of the AE mission and serves as the net control station for AE communications. It coordinates medical requirements with airlift capability, assigns medical missions to the appropriate AE elements, and monitors patient movement activities. Also called **AECC.** See also **aeromedical evacuation; aeromedical evacuation system; aeromedical evacuation unit.** (JP 4-02.2)

aeromedical evacuation system — A system that provides: a. control of patient movement by air transport; b. specialized medical aircrew, medical crew augmentees, and specialty medical attendants and equipment for inflight medical care; c. facilities on or in the vicinity of air strips and air bases for the limited medical care of intransit patients entering, en route via, or leaving the system; and d. communication with originating, destination, and en route medical facilities concerning patient transportation. Also called **AES.** See also **aeromedical evacuation.** (JP 4-02.2)

aeromedical evacuation unit — An operational medical organization concerned primarily with the management and control of patients being transported via an aeromedical evacuation system or system echelon. See also **forward aeromedical evacuation.**

aeronautical chart — A specialized representation of mapped features of the Earth, or some part of it, produced to show selected terrain, cultural and hydrographic features, and supplemental information required for air navigation, pilotage, or for planning air operations.

aeronautical information overprint — (*) Additional information which is printed or stamped on a map or chart for the specific purpose of air navigation.

aeronautical plotting chart — (*) A chart designed for the graphical processes of navigation.

aerospace — Of, or pertaining to, Earth's envelope of atmosphere and the space above it; two separate entities considered as a single realm for activity in launching, guidance, and control of vehicles that will travel in both entities.

aerospace defense — 1. All defensive measures designed to destroy or nullify attacking enemy aircraft and missiles and also negate hostile space systems. 2. An inclusive term encompassing air defense, ballistic missile defense, and space defense. See also **air defense**; **space defense.** (JP 3-27)

afloat pre-positioning force — Shipping maintained in full operational status to afloat pre-position military equipment and supplies in support of combatant commanders' operation plans. The afloat pre-positioning force consists of the three maritime pre-positioning ships squadrons, the Army's afloat pre-positioning stocks-3 ships, and the Navy, Defense Logistics Agency, and Air Force ships. Also called **APF.** See also **maritime pre-positioning ships.** (JP 4-01.2)

afloat pre-positioning operations — Pre-positioning of ships, preloaded with equipment and supplies (including ammunition and petroleum) that provides for an alternative to land-based programs. This concept provides for ships and onboard force support equipment and supplies positioned near potential crisis areas that can be delivered rapidly to joint airlifted forces in the operational area. Afloat pre-positioning in forward areas enhances a force's capability to respond to a crisis, resulting in faster reaction time. See also **operation.** (JP 4-01.6)

afloat pre-positioning ships — Forward deployed merchant ships loaded with tactical equipment and supplies to support the initial deployment of military forces. Also called **APS.** See also **merchant ship.** (JP 4-01.2)

afloat support — (*) A form of logistic support outside the confines of a harbor in which fuel, ammunition, and supplies are provided for operating forces either underway or at anchor. See also **floating base support.**

agency — In intelligence usage, an organization or individual engaged in collecting and/or processing information. Also called **collection agency.** See also **agent**; **intelligence process**; **source.** (JP 2-01)

agent — In intelligence usage, one who is authorized or instructed to obtain or to assist in obtaining information for intelligence or counterintelligence purposes.

agent authentication — The technical support task of providing an agent with personal documents, accoutrements, and equipment which have the appearance of authenticity as to claimed origin and which support and are consistent with the agent's cover story.

agent net — An organization for clandestine purposes that operates under the direction of a principal agent.

aimpoint — 1. A point associated with a target and assigned for a specific weapon impact. May be defined descriptively (e.g., vent in center of roof), by grid reference, or geolocation. More specific classifications of aimpoint include desired point of impact, joint desired point of impact, and desired mean point of impact. 2. A prominent radar-significant feature, for example a tip of land or bridge, used to assist an aircrew in navigating and delivering their weapons (usually in bad weather and/or at night). See also **desired mean point of impact; desired point of impact.** (JP 3-60)

air — (*) In artillery and naval gunfire support, a spotting, or an observation, by a spotter or an observer to indicate that a burst or group of bursts occurred before impact.

air alert — See **airborne alert; air defense warning conditions; ground alert.**

air and space expeditionary task force — A deployed numbered air force or command echelon immediately subordinate to a numbered air force provided as the United States Air Force component command committed to a joint operation. Also called **AETF.** See a**lso air expeditionary force; air expeditionary wing.** (JP 3-30)

air and space operations center — The senior agency of the Air Force component commander that provides command and control of Air Force air and space operations and coordinates with other components and Services. Also called **AOC.** (JP 3-30)

air apportionment — See **apportionment (air).** (JP 3-30)

air assault — The movement of friendly assault forces (combat, combat support, and combat service support) by rotary-wing aircraft to engage and destroy enemy forces or to seize and hold key terrain. See also **assault.** (JP 3-18)

air assault force — A force composed primarily of ground and rotary-wing air units organized, equipped, and trained for air assault operations. (JP 3-18)

air assault operation — An operation in which assault forces (combat, combat support, and combat service support), using the mobility of rotary-wing assets and the total integration of available firepower, maneuver under the control of a ground or air maneuver commander to engage enemy forces or to seize and hold key terrain. (JP 3-18)

airborne — 1. In relation to personnel, troops especially trained to effect, following transport by air, an assault debarkation, either by parachuting or touchdown. 2. In

relation to equipment, pieces of equipment that have been especially designed for use by airborne troops during or after an assault debarkation. It also designates some aeronautical equipment used to accomplish a particular mission. 3. When applied to materiel, items that form an integral part of the aircraft. 4. The state of an aircraft, from the instant it becomes entirely sustained by air until it ceases to be so sustained. A lighter-than-air aircraft is not considered to be airborne when it is attached to the ground, except that moored balloons are airborne whenever sent aloft. Also called **ABN.** See also **air transportable unit**. (JP 3-17)

airborne alert — (*) A state of aircraft readiness wherein combat-equipped aircraft are airborne and ready for immediate action. See also **fighter cover. (DOD only)** It is designed to reduce reaction time and to increase survivability. See also **combat air patrol; fighter cover; ground alert.**

airborne assault — See **assault phase, Part 2.**

airborne command post — (*) A suitably equipped aircraft used by the commander for the control of his or her forces.

airborne early warning — The detection of enemy air or surface units by radar or other equipment carried in an airborne vehicle, and the transmitting of a warning to friendly units. Also called **AEW**. (JP 3-52)

airborne early warning and control — (*) Air surveillance and control provided by airborne early warning aircraft which are equipped with search and height-finding radar and communications equipment for controlling weapon systems. Also called **AEW & C.** See also **air picket.**

airborne force — (*) A force composed primarily of ground and air units organized, equipped, and trained for airborne operations. See also **force(s).**

airborne interception equipment — (*) A fire control system, including radar equipment, installed in interceptor aircraft used to effect air interception.

airborne lift — The total capacities expressed in terms of personnel and cargo that are, or can be, carried by available aircraft in one trip.

airborne mission coordinator — The designated individual that serves as an airborne extension of the component commander or supported commander responsible for the personnel recovery mission, through the designated personnel recovery task force to manage requirements for the rescue force by monitoring the status of all its elements, requesting additional assets when needed, and ensuring the recovery and supporting forces arrive at their designated areas to accomplish the mission. Also called **AMC.** See also **combat search and rescue; combat search and rescue task force; personnel recovery coordination cell.** (JP 3-50)

airborne operation — An operation involving the air movement into an objective area of combat forces and their logistic support for execution of a tactical, operational**,** or strategic mission. The means employed may be any combination of airborne units, air transportable units, and types of transport aircraft, depending on the mission and the overall situation. See also **assault; assault phase.** (JP 3-18)

airborne troops — Those ground units whose primary mission is to make assault landings from the air. See also **troops.**

air-breathing missile — A missile with an engine requiring the intake of air for combustion of its fuel, as in a ramjet or turbojet. To be contrasted with the rocket missile, which carries its own oxidizer and can operate beyond the atmosphere.

airburst — (*) An explosion of a bomb or projectile above the surface as distinguished from an explosion on contact with the surface or after penetration. See also **types of burst.**

air-capable ship — A ship other than aircraft carrier; aircraft carrier, nuclear; amphibious assault ship, landing platform helicopter; general purpose amphibious assault ship; or general purpose amphibious assault ship (with internal dock) from which aircraft can take off, be recovered, or routinely receive and transfer logistic support. See also **aviation ship.** (JP 3-04)

air cargo — (*) Stores, equipment or vehicles, which do not form part of the aircraft, and are either part or all of its payload.

air cartographic camera — (*) A camera having the accuracy and other characteristics essential for air survey or cartographic photography. Also called **mapping camera.**

air cartographic photography — (*) The taking and processing of air photographs for mapping and charting purposes.

air component coordination element — An Air Force component element that interfaces and provides liaison with the joint force land component commander, or commander Army forces. The air component coordination element is the senior Air Force element assisting the joint force land component commander, or commander Army forces in planning air component supporting and supported requirements. Also called **ACCE.** (JP 3-30)

air corridor — A restricted air route of travel specified for use by friendly aircraft and established for the purpose of preventing friendly aircraft from being fired on by friendly forces. (JP 3-52)

aircraft arresting barrier — (*) A device, not dependent on an aircraft arresting hook, used to stop an aircraft by absorbing its forward momentum in an emergency landing or

an aborted takeoff. Also called **barricade; emergency barrier.** See also **aircraft arresting system.**

aircraft arresting cable — (*) That portion of an aircraft arresting system which spans the runway surface or flight deck landing area and is engaged by the aircraft arresting hook. Also called **aircraft arresting wire.**

aircraft arresting gear — (*) A device used to engage hook-equipped aircraft to absorb the forward momentum of a routine or emergency landing or aborted takeoff. See also **aircraft arresting system.**

aircraft arresting hook — (*) A device fitted to an aircraft to engage arresting gear. Also called **tail hook.** See also **aircraft arresting system.**

aircraft arresting system — (*) A series of components used to stop an aircraft by absorbing its momentum in a routine or emergency landing or aborted takeoff. See also **aircraft arresting barrier; aircraft arresting gear; aircraft arresting hook.**

aircraft arresting wire — See **aircraft arresting cable.** See also **aircraft arresting system.**

aircraft arrestment — (*) Controlled stopping of an aircraft by external means.

aircraft captain — See **aircraft commander.**

aircraft carrier — A warship designed to support and operate aircraft, engage in attacks on targets afloat or ashore, and engage in sustained operations in support of other forces. Designated as **CV or CVN.** CVN is nuclear powered.

aircraft commander — (*) The aircrew member designated by competent authority as being in command of an aircraft and responsible for its safe operation and accomplishment of the assigned mission. Also called **AC.**

aircraft cross-servicing — (*) Services performed on an aircraft by an organization other than that to which the aircraft is assigned, according to an established operational aircraft cross-servicing requirement, and for which there may be a charge. Aircraft cross-servicing has been divided into two categories: a. **Stage A cross-servicing**: The servicing of an aircraft on an airfield/ship which enables the aircraft to be flown to another airfield/ship. b. **Stage B cross-servicing**: The servicing of an aircraft on an airfield/ship which enables the aircraft to be flown on an operational mission. See also **aircraft transient servicing.**

aircraft loading table — A data sheet used by the airlift commander containing information as to the load that actually goes into each aircraft.

aircraft mission equipment — (*) Equipment that must be fitted to an aircraft to enable it to fulfill a particular mission or task. Also called **aircraft role equipment.**

aircraft modification — (*) A change in the physical characteristics of aircraft, accomplished either by a change in production specifications or by alteration of items already produced.

aircraft role equipment — See **aircraft mission equipment.**

aircraft scrambling — (*) Directing the immediate takeoff of aircraft from a ground alert condition of readiness.

aircraft store — (*) Any device intended for internal or external carriage and mounted on aircraft suspension and release equipment, whether or not the item is intended to be separated in flight from the aircraft. Aircraft stores are classified in two categories as follows. a. **expendable store** — An aircraft store normally separated from the aircraft in flight such as a missile, rocket, bomb, nuclear weapon, mine, torpedo, pyrotechnic device, sonobuoy, signal underwater sound device, or other similar items. b. **nonexpendable store** — An aircraft store which is not normally separated from the aircraft in flight such as a tank (fuel and spray), line-source disseminator, pod (refueling, thrust augmentation, gun, electronic attack, data link, etc.), multiple rack, target, cargo drop container, drone, or other similar items. See also **payload.**

aircraft tiedown — Securing aircraft when parked in the open to restrain movement due to the weather or condition of the parking area.

aircraft transient servicing — (*) Services performed on an aircraft by an organization other than that to which the aircraft is assigned and for which there may be a financial charge. This activity is separate from the established aircraft cross-servicing program and requires that the transient aircrew supervise the correct application of ground crew procedures. See also **aircraft cross-servicing.**

air defense — Defensive measures designed to destroy attacking enemy aircraft or missiles in the atmosphere, or to nullify or reduce the effectiveness of such attack. Also called **AD.** See also **active air defense; aerospace defense; passive air defense.** (JP 3-01)

air defense area — 1. **overseas** — A specifically defined airspace for which air defense must be planned and provided. 2. **United States** — Airspace of defined dimensions designated by the appropriate agency within which the ready control of airborne vehicles is required in the interest of national security during an air defense emergency. (JP 3-01)

air defense artillery — Weapons and equipment for actively combating air targets from the ground. Also called **ADA.**

air defense control center — The principal information, communications, and operations center from which all aircraft, antiaircraft operations, air defense artillery, guided missiles, and air warning functions of a specific area of air defense responsibility are supervised and coordinated. Also called **air defense operations center.** See also **combat information center.** (JP 3-01)

air defense direction center — An installation having the capability of performing air surveillance, interception, control, and direction of allocated air defense weapons within an assigned sector of responsibility. It may also have an identification capability. (JP 3-01)

air defense early warning — See **early warning.**

air defense ground environment — (*) The network of ground radar sites and command and control centers within a specific theater of operations which are used for the tactical control of air defense operations.

air defense identification zone — Airspace of defined dimensions within which the ready identification, location, and control of airborne vehicles are required. Also called **ADIZ.** (JP 3-52)

air defense operations center — See **air defense control center.**

air defense region — A geographical subdivision of an air defense area. (JP 3-01)

air defense sector — A geographical subdivision of an air defense region. (JP 3-01)

air defense warning conditions — A degree of air raid probability according to the following code. The term air defense region/sector referred to herein may include forces and units afloat and/or deployed to forward areas, as applicable. **Air defense warning yellow** — attack by hostile aircraft and/or missiles is probable. This means that hostile aircraft and/or missiles are en route toward an air defense region/sector, or unknown aircraft and/or missiles suspected to be hostile are en route toward or are within an air defense region/sector. **Air defense warning red** — attack by hostile aircraft and/or missiles is imminent or is in progress. This means that hostile aircraft and/or missiles are within an air defense region/sector or are in the immediate vicinity of an air defense region/sector with high probability of entering the region/sector. **Air defense warning white** — attack by hostile aircraft and/or missiles is improbable. May be called either before or after air defense warning yellow or red. The initial declaration of air defense emergency will automatically establish a condition of air defense warning other than white for purposes of security control of air traffic. Also called **ADWCs.** (JP 3-01)

air delivery — See **airdrop; airland; air movement.** (JP 3-17)

air domain — The atmosphere, beginning at the Earth's surface, extending to the altitude where its effects upon operations become negligible. (JP 3-30)

airdrop — The unloading of personnel or materiel from aircraft in flight. See also **air movement; free drop; free fall; high velocity drop; low velocity drop.** (JP 3-17)

air expeditionary force — Deployed US Air Force wings, groups, and squadrons committed to a joint operation. Also called **AEF.** See also **air and space expeditionary task force.** (JP 3-33)

air expeditionary wing — A wing or wing slice placed under the administrative control of an air and space expeditionary task force or air and space task force by Department of the Air Force orders for a joint operation. Also called **AEW.** See also **air and space expeditionary task force.** (JP 3-33)

air facility — An installation from which air operations may be or are being conducted. See also **facility.**

airfield — An area prepared for the accommodation (including any buildings, installations, and equipment), landing, and takeoff of aircraft. See also **alternate airfield; departure airfield; landing area; landing point; landing site; main airfield; redeployment airfield.** (JP 3-17)

airfield traffic — (*) All traffic on the maneuvering area of an airfield and all aircraft flying in the vicinity of an airfield.

Air Force special operations base — A base, airstrip, or other appropriate facility that provides physical support to Air Force special operations forces (AFSOF). The facility may be used solely to support AFSOF or may be a portion of a larger base supporting other operations. As a supporting facility, it is distinct from the forces operating from or being supported by it. Also called **AFSOB.** (JP 3-05)

Air Force special operations component — The Air Force component of a joint force special operations component. Also called AFSOC. See also **Army special operations component; Navy special operations component.** (JP 3-05.1)

Air Force special operations detachment — A squadron-size headquarters that could be a composite organization composed of different Air Force special operations assets. The detachment is normally subordinate to an Air Force special operations component, joint special operations task force, or joint task force, depending upon size and duration of the operation. Also called **AFSOD.** (JP 3-05)

Air Force special operations element — An element-size Air Force special operations headquarters. It is normally subordinate to an Air Force special operations component or detachment, depending upon size and duration of the operation. Also called **AFSOE.** (JP 3-05)

Air Force special operations forces — Those Active and Reserve Component Air Force forces designated by the Secretary of Defense that are specifically organized, trained, and equipped to conduct and support special operations. Also called **AFSOF.** (JP 3-05)

airhead — 1. A designated area in a hostile or potentially hostile operational area that, when seized and held, ensures the continuous air landing of troops and materiel and provides the maneuver space necessary for projected operations. Normally it is the area seized in the assault phase of an airborne operation. (JP 3-18) 2. A designated location in an operational area used as a base for supply and evacuation by air. See also **beachhead; bridgehead.** (JP 3-17)

airhead line — A line denoting the limits of the objective area for an airborne assault. The airhead line is bounded by assault objectives that are operationally located to ensure that enemy fires cannot be brought to bear on the main objective and for friendly forces to conduct defensive operations in depth. See also **airhead; assault phase; objective area.** (JP 3-18)

air intercept control common — A tactical air-to-ground radio frequency, monitored by all air intercept control facilities within an area, that is used as a backup for other discrete tactical control frequencies.

air interception — To effect visual or electronic contact by a friendly aircraft with another aircraft. Normally, the air intercept is conducted in the following five phases: a. **climb phase** — Airborne to cruising altitude. b. **maneuver phase** — Receipt of initial vector to target until beginning transition to attack speed and altitude. c. **transition phase** — Increase or decrease of speed and altitude required for the attack. d. **attack phase** — Turn to attack heading, acquire target, complete attack, and turn to breakaway heading. e. **recovery phase** — Breakaway to landing. See also **close-controlled air interception.**

air interdiction — Air operations conducted to divert, disrupt, delay, or destroy the enemy's military potential before it can be brought to bear effectively against friendly forces, or to otherwise achieve objectives. Air interdiction is conducted at such distance from friendly forces that detailed integration of each air mission with the fire and movement of friendly forces is not required. (JP 3-0)

airland — Move by air and disembark, or unload, after the aircraft has landed or while an aircraft is hovering. See also **air movement.** (JP 3-17)

air land operation — An operation involving movement by air with a designated destination for further ground deployment of units and personnel and/or further ground distribution of supplies. See also **airland.** (JP 3-17)

air-launched ballistic missile — A ballistic missile launched from an airborne vehicle.

air liaison officer — The senior tactical air control party member attached to a ground unit who functions as the primary advisor to the ground commander on air power. An air liaison officer is usually an aeronautically rated officer. Also called **ALO.** See also **liaison.** (JP 3-09.3)

airlift capability — The total capacity expressed in terms of number of passengers and/or weight/cubic displacement of cargo that can be carried at any one time to a given destination by available airlift. See also **airlift requirement; payload.** (JP 3-17)

airlift control team — A cell within the joint air operations center and one of the core teams in the air mobility division. The airlift control team brings intratheater airlift functional expertise from the theater organizations to plan, coordinate, manage, and execute intratheater airlift operations in the area of responsibility and joint operations area for the joint force air component commander. United States Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command may augment the airlift control team with intratheater airlift expertise. These two sources of airlift expertise integrate into a single airlift control team within the air mobility division. Also called **ALCT.** See also **air and space operations center; air mobility division; intratheater airlift.** (JP 3-17)

airlift mission commander — A commander designated when airlift aircraft are participating in airlift operations specified in the implementing directive. The airlift mission commander is usually designated by the commander of the deployed airlift unit, but may be selected by the Air Force component commander or joint force air component commander depending on the nature of the mission. See also **joint force air component commander.** (JP 3-17)

airlift requirement — The total number of passengers and/or weight/cubic displacement of cargo required to be carried by air for a specific task. See also **airlift capability.** (JP 3-17)

airmiss — See **near miss.**

air mission — See **mission, Part 3.**

airmobile forces — (*) The ground combat, supporting, and air vehicle units required to conduct an airmobile operation.

airmobile operation — (*) An operation in which combat forces and their equipment move about the battlefield by aircraft to engage in ground combat.

air mobility — The rapid movement of personnel, materiel and forces to and from or within a theater by air. This includes both airlift and air refueling. See also **air refueling.** (JP 3-17)

Air Mobility Command — The Air Force component command of the US Transportation Command. Also called **AMC.** (JP 3-17)

air mobility control team — A cell within the joint air operations center and one of the core teams in the air mobility division. The air mobility control team is the centralized source of air mobility command, control, and communications for the director of mobility forces during mission execution. The director of mobility forces uses the air mobility control team to direct (or redirect as required) air mobility forces in concert with other air and space forces to respond to requirement changes, higher priorities, or immediate execution limitations. The air mobility control team deconflicts all air mobility operations into, out of, and within the area of responsibility or joint operations area. The air mobility control team maintains execution process and communications connectivity for tasking, coordination, and flight with the joint air operations center's combat operations division, subordinate air mobility units, and mission forces. Also called **AMCT.** See also **air and space operations center; air mobility; air mobility division.** (JP 3-17)

air mobility division — Located in the joint air operations center to plan, coordinate, task, and execute the air mobility mission. Consists of the air mobility control team, airlift control team, air refueling control team, and aeromedical evacuation control team. Coordinates with the joint force commander's movement requirements and control authority, the theater air mobility operations control center, if established, and the Air Mobility Command's tanker/airlift control center, as required. Also called **AMD.** See also **air mobility; joint air operations center.** (JP 3-17)

air mobility liaison officer — An officer specially trained to implement the theater air control system and to advise on control of airlift assets. Also called **AMLO.** (JP 3-17)

air movement — Air transport of units, personnel, supplies, and equipment including airdrops and air landings. See also **airdrop; airland.** (JP 3-17)

air movement table — (*) A table prepared by a ground force commander in coordination with an air force commander. This form, issued as an annex to the operation order: a. indicates the allocation of aircraft space to elements of the ground units to be airlifted; b. designates the number and type of aircraft in each serial; c. specifies the departure area, time of loading, and takeoff.

air observation — See **air observer.**

air observation post — See **observation post.**

air observer — (*) An individual whose primary mission is to observe or take photographs from an aircraft in order to adjust artillery fire or obtain military information.

air photographic reconnaissance — (*) The obtaining of information by air photography, divided into three types: a. Strategic photographic reconnaissance; b. Tactical

photographic reconnaissance; and c. Survey/cartographic photography-air photography taken for survey/cartographical purposes and to survey/cartographic standards of accuracy. It may be strategic or tactical.

air picket — (*) An airborne early warning aircraft positioned primarily to detect, report, and track approaching enemy aircraft or missiles and to control intercepts. Also called **aerial picket.** See also **airborne early warning and control.**

air plot — (*) 1. A continuous plot used in air navigation of a graphic representation of true headings steered and air distances flown. 2. A continuous plot of the position of an airborne object represented graphically to show true headings steered and air distances flown. 3. Within ships, a display that shows the positions and movements of an airborne object relative to the plotting ship.

airport — See **airfield.**

air portable — (*) Denotes materiel which is suitable for transport by an aircraft loaded internally or externally, with no more than minor dismantling and reassembling within the capabilities of user units. This term must be qualified to show the extent of air portability. See also **load.**

air position — (*) The calculated position of an aircraft assuming no wind effect.

air priorities committee — (*) A committee set up to determine the priorities of passengers and cargo.

air raid reporting control ship — (*) A ship to which the air defense ship has delegated the duties of controlling air warning radar and air raid reporting.

air refueling — The refueling of an aircraft in flight by another aircraft. Also called **AR.** (JP 3-17)

air refueling control point — During refueling operations, the geographic point where the receiver arrives in the observation or precontact position with respect to the tanker. Also called **ARCP.**

air refueling control team — A cell within the joint air operations center and one of the core teams in the air mobility division. Part of the air operations center that coordinates aerial refueling planning, tasking, and scheduling to support combat air operations or to support a strategic airbridge within the area of responsibility or joint area of operations. Also called **ARCT.** See also **air and space operations center; air mobility division; air refueling.** (JP 3-17)

air refueling control time — During refueling operations, the time the receiver and tanker arrive at the air refueling control point. Also called **ARCT.**

air refueling initiation point — During refueling operations, a point located upstream from the air refueling control point (inbound to the air refueling control point) where the receiver aircraft initiates the rendezvous. Also called **ARIP.**

air request net — A high frequency, single sideband, nonsecure net monitored by all tactical air control parties (TACPs) and the air support operations center (ASOC) that allows immediate requests to be transmitted from a TACP at any Army echelon directly to the ASOC for rapid response. (JP 3-01)

air route — The navigable airspace between two points, identified to the extent necessary for the application of flight rules. (JP 3-52)

air route traffic control center — The principal facility exercising en route control of aircraft operating under instrument flight rules within its area of jurisdiction. Approximately 26 such centers cover the United States and its possessions. Each has a communication capability to adjacent centers.

air smuggling event — In counterdrug operations, the departure of a suspected drug smuggling aircraft, an airdrop of drugs, or the arrival of a suspected drug smuggling aircraft. (JP 3-07.4)

air sovereignty — A nation's inherent right to exercise absolute control and authority over the airspace above its territory. See also **air sovereignty mission.**

air sovereignty mission — The integrated tasks of surveillance and control, the execution of which enforces a nation's authority over its territorial airspace. See also **air sovereignty.**

airspace control — A process used to increase operational effectiveness by promoting the safe, efficient, and flexible use of airspace. (JP 3-52)

airspace control area — Airspace that is laterally defined by the boundaries of the operational area, and may be subdivided into airspace control sectors. (JP 3-01)

airspace control authority — The commander designated to assume overall responsibility for the operation of the airspace control system in the airspace control area. Also called **ACA.** See also **airspace control; airspace control area; airspace control system; control; operation.** (JP 3-52)

airspace control order — An order implementing the airspace control plan that provides the details of the approved requests for airspace coordinating measures. It is published either as part of the air tasking order or as a separate document. Also called **ACO.** (JP 3-52)

airspace control plan — The document approved by the joint force commander that provides specific planning guidance and procedures for the airspace control system for

the joint force operational area. Also called **ACP.** See also **airspace control system; joint force commander.** (JP 3-52)

airspace control procedures — Rules, mechanisms, and directions that facilitate the control and use of airspace of specified dimensions. See also **airspace control authority; airspace control order; airspace control plan.** (JP 3-52)

airspace control sector — A subelement of the airspace control area, established to facilitate the control of the overall area. Airspace control sector boundaries normally coincide with air defense organization subdivision boundaries. Airspace control sectors are designated in accordance with procedures and guidance contained in the airspace control plan in consideration of Service component, host nation, and multinational airspace control capabilities and requirements. See also **airspace control area.** (JP 3-52)

airspace control system — An arrangement of those organizations, personnel, policies, procedures, and facilities required to perform airspace control functions. Also called **ACS.** (JP 3-52)

airspace coordinating measures — Measures employed to facilitate the efficient use of airspace to accomplish missions and simultaneously provide safeguards for friendly forces. Also called **ACMs.** See also **airspace control area; airspace control sector; airspace coordination area; high-density airspace control zone; weapons engagement zone.** (JP 3-52)

airspace coordination area — A three-dimensional block of airspace in a target area, established by the appropriate ground commander, in which friendly aircraft are reasonably safe from friendly surface fires. The airspace coordination area may be formal or informal. Also called **ACA.** (JP 3-09.3)

airspace management — The coordination, integration, and regulation of the use of airspace of defined dimensions. (JP 3-52)

airspace reservation — The airspace located above an area on the surface of the land or water, designated and set apart by Executive Order of the President or by a state, commonwealth, or territory, over which the flight of aircraft is prohibited or restricted for the purpose of national defense or for other governmental purposes.

airspeed indicator — (*) An instrument which displays the indicated airspeed of the aircraft derived from inputs of pitot and static pressures.

air staging unit — (*) A unit situated at an airfield and concerned with reception, handling, servicing, and preparation for departure of aircraft and control of personnel and cargo.

air station — (*) In photogrammetry, the point in space occupied by the camera lens at the moment of exposure.

air strike — An attack on specific objectives by fighter, bomber, or attack aircraft on an offensive mission. May consist of several air organizations under a single command in the air.

air strip — (*) An unimproved surface which has been adapted for takeoff or landing of aircraft, usually having minimum facilities. See also **airfield.**

air superiority — That degree of dominance in the air battle of one force over another that permits the conduct of operations by the former and its related land, maritime, and air forces at a given time and place without prohibitive interference by the opposing force. (JP 3-30)

air support — (*) All forms of support given by air forces on land or sea. See also **close air support; immediate air support; preplanned air support; tactical air support.**

air support coordination section — In amphibious operations, the section of the Navy tactical air control center designated to coordinate, control, and integrate all direct support aircraft (i.e., close air support) and assault support operations. Also called **ASCS**. (JP 3-02)

air support operations center — The principal air control agency of the theater air control system responsible for the direction and control of air operations directly supporting the ground combat element. It coordinates air missions requiring integration with other supporting arms and ground forces. It normally collocates with the Army tactical headquarters senior fire support coordination center within the ground combat element. Also called **ASOC.** See also **air support; close air support; operation; tactical air control center.** (JP 3-09.3)

air support request — A means to request preplanned and immediate close air support, air interdiction, air reconnaissance, surveillance, escort, helicopter airlift, and other aircraft missions. Also called **AIRSUPREQ.** (JP 3-30)

air supremacy — That degree of air superiority wherein the opposing air force is incapable of effective interference. (JP 3-30)

air surface zone — (*) A restricted area established for the purpose of preventing friendly surface vessels and aircraft from being fired upon by friendly forces and for permitting antisubmarine operations, unrestricted by the operation of friendly submarines. See also **restricted area.**

air surveillance — (*) The systematic observation of airspace by electronic, visual or other means, primarily for the purpose of identifying and determining the movements of aircraft and missiles, friendly and enemy, in the airspace under observation. See also **satellite and missile surveillance; surveillance.**

air surveillance officer — (*) An individual responsible for coordinating and maintaining an accurate, current picture of the air situation within an assigned airspace area.

air survey camera — See **air cartographic camera.**

air survey photography — See **air cartographic photography.**

air tasking order — A method used to task and disseminate to components, subordinate units, and command and control agencies projected sorties, capabilities and/or forces to targets and specific missions. Normally provides specific instructions to include call signs, targets, controlling agencies, etc., as well as general instructions. Also called **ATO.** (JP 3-30)

air terminal — A facility on an airfield that functions as an air transportation hub and accommodates the loading and unloading of airlift aircraft and the intransit processing of traffic. The airfield may or may not be designated an aerial port. (JP 3-17)

air-to-air guided missile — (*) An air-launched guided missile for use against air targets. See also **guided missile.**

air-to-surface guided missile — (*) An air-launched guided missile for use against surface targets. See also **guided missile.**

air traffic control clearance — (*) Authorization by an air traffic control authority for an aircraft to proceed under specified conditions.

air traffic controller — An air controller specially trained and certified for civilian air traffic control. (JP 3-52)

air traffic control section — In amphibious operations, the section of the Navy tactical air control center designed to provide initial safe passage, radar control, and surveillance for close air support aircraft in the operational area. Also called **ATCS**. (JP 3-02)

air traffic control service — (*) A service provided for the purpose of: a. preventing collisions: (1) between aircraft; and (2) on the maneuvering area between aircraft and obstructions; and b. expediting and maintaining an orderly flow of air traffic.

air transportable unit — (*) A unit, other than airborne, whose equipment is adapted for air movement. See also **airborne; airborne operation.**

airways station — A ground communication installation established, manned, and equipped to communicate with aircraft in flight, as well as with other designated airways installations, for the purpose of expeditious and safe movements of aircraft. These stations may or may not be located on designated airways.

alert force — Specified forces maintained in a special degree of readiness. (JP 3-10)

alerting service — A service provided to notify appropriate organizations regarding aircraft in need of search and rescue aid, and assist such organizations as required. (JP 3-52)

alert order — 1. A crisis action planning directive from the Secretary of Defense, issued by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that provides essential guidance for planning and directs the initiation of execution planning for the selected course of action authorized by the Secretary of Defense. 2. A planning directive that provides essential planning guidance and directs the initiation of execution planning after the directing authority approves a military course of action. An alert order does not authorize execution of the approved course of action. Also called **ALERTORD.** See also **course of action; execution planning.** (JP 5-0)

all appropriate action — Action taken in self-defense that is reasonable in intensity, duration, and magnitude, based on all the facts known to the commander at the time.

alliance — The relationship that results from a formal agreement (e.g., treaty) between two or more nations for broad, long-term objectives that further the common interests of the members. See also **coalition; multinational.** (JP 3-0)

allocation — In a general sense, distribution for employment of limited forces and resources among competing requirements. Specific allocations (e.g., air sorties, nuclear weapons, forces, and transportation) are described as allocation of air sorties, nuclear weapons, etc. See also **allocation (nuclear); apportionment.** (JP 5-0)

allocation (nuclear) — The apportionment of specific numbers and types of nuclear weapons to a commander for a stated time period as a planning factor for use in the development of war plans. (Additional authority is required for the actual deployment of allocated weapons to locations desired by the commander to support the war plans. Expenditures of these weapons are not authorized until released by proper authority.)

allocation request — A message used to provide an estimate of the total air effort, to identify any excess and joint force general support aircraft sorties, and to identify unfilled air requirements. This message is used only for preplanned missions and is transmitted on a daily basis, normally 24 hours prior to the start of the next air tasking day. Also called **ALLOREQ.** (JP 3-30)

allotment — The temporary change of assignment of tactical air forces between subordinate commands. The authority to allot is vested in the commander having combatant command (command authority). See also **combatant command (command authority).**

allowable cabin load — The maximum payload that can be carried on an individual sortie. Also called **ACL.** (JP 3-17)

all-source intelligence — 1. Intelligence products and/or organizations and activities that incorporate all sources of information, most frequently including human resources intelligence, imagery intelligence, measurement and signature intelligence, signals intelligence, and open-source data in the production of finished intelligence. 2. In intelligence collection, a phrase that indicates that in the satisfaction of intelligence requirements, all collection, processing, exploitation, and reporting systems and resources are identified for possible use and those most capable are tasked. See also **intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

all-weather air defense fighter — (*) A fighter aircraft with equipment and weapons which enable it to engage airborne targets in all weather conditions, day and night.

alternate airfield — (*) An airfield specified in the flight plan to which a flight may proceed when it becomes inadvisable to land at the airfield of intended landing. An alternate airfield may be the airfield of departure.

alternate command post — Any location designated by a commander to assume command post functions in the event the command post becomes inoperative. It may be partially or fully equipped and manned or it may be the command post of a subordinate unit.

altitude — (*) The vertical distance of a level, a point or an object considered as a point, measured from mean sea level. See also **drop altitude; elevation; minimum safe altitude.**

altitude acclimatization — (*) A slow physiological adaptation resulting from prolonged exposure to significantly reduced atmospheric pressure.

altitude chamber — See **hypobaric chamber.**

altitude delay — (*) Synchronization delay introduced between the time of transmission of the radar pulse and the start of the trace on the indicator, for the purpose of eliminating the altitude hole on the plan position indicator-type display.

altitude hole — (*) The blank area at the origin of a radial display, on a radar tube presentation, the center of the periphery of which represents the point on the ground immediately below the aircraft. In side-looking airborne radar, this is known as the altitude slot.

altitude separation — See **vertical separation.**

altitude slot — See **altitude hole.**

ambulance exchange point — A location where a patient is transferred from one ambulance to another en route to a medical treatment facility. This may be an established point in an ambulance shuttle or it may be designated independently. Also called **AXP.** See also **medical treatment facility.** (JP 4-02.2)

American Forces Radio and Television Service — A worldwide radio and television broadcasting organization that provides United States military commanders overseas and at sea with sufficient electronic media resources to effectively communicate theater, local, Department of Defense, and Service-unique command information to their personnel and family members. Also called **AFRTS.** (JP 3-61)

ammunition — See **munition.**

ammunition and toxic material open space — (*) An area especially prepared for storage of explosive ammunition and toxic material. For reporting purposes, it does not include the surrounding area restricted for storage because of safety distance factors. It includes barricades and improvised coverings.

ammunition controlled supply rate — In Army usage, the amount of ammunition estimated to be available to sustain operations of a designated force for a specified time if expenditures are controlled at that rate. It is expressed in terms of rounds per weapon per day for ammunition items fired by weapons, and in terms of units of measure per organization per day for bulk allotment ammunition items. Tactical commanders use this rate to control expenditures of ammunition during tactical operations at planned intervals. It is issued through command channels at each level. It is determined based on consideration of the required supply rates submitted by subordinate commanders and ammunition assets available.

ammunition lot — A quantity of homogeneous ammunition, identified by a unique lot number, which is manufactured, assembled, or renovated by one producer under uniform conditions and which is expected to function in a uniform manner. (JP 3-04)

ammunition supply point — See **distribution point.**

amphibian — A small craft, propelled by propellers and wheels or by air cushions for the purpose of moving on both land and water. (JP 4-01.6)

amphibious assault — The principal type of amphibious operation that involves establishing a force on a hostile or potentially hostile shore. See also **assault; assault phase.** (JP 3-02)

amphibious assault ship (general purpose) — A naval ship designed to embark, deploy, and land elements of a landing force in an assault by helicopters, landing craft, amphibious vehicles, and by combinations of these methods. Also called **LHA.** (JP 3-04)

amphibious assault ship (multipurpose) — A naval ship designed to embark, deploy, and land elements of a landing force in an assault by helicopters, landing craft, amphibious vehicles, and by combinations of these methods. Also called **LHD.** (JP 3-02)

amphibious aviation assault ship — An amphibious assault ship, landing platform helicopter; general purpose amphibious assault ship; or general purpose amphibious assault ship (with internal dock). (JP 3-04)

amphibious breaching — The conduct of a deliberate breaching operation specifically designed to overcome antilanding defenses in order to conduct an amphibious assault. (JP 3-02)

amphibious bulk liquid transfer system — Hosereel system providing capability to deliver fuel and/or water from ship to shore. System includes 10,000 feet of 6" buoyant hose for fuel, and 10,000 ft of 4" buoyant hose for water. System are deployed on Maritime Pre-positioning Ships Squadrons, and are normally used in direct support of maritime pre-positioning force operations. Also called **ABLTS.** (JP 4-01.6)

amphibious construction battalion — A permanently commissioned naval unit, subordinate to the commander, naval beach group, designed to provide an administrative unit from which personnel and equipment are formed in tactical elements and made available to appropriate commanders to operate pontoon causeways, transfer barges, warping tugs, and assault bulk fuel systems, and to meet salvage requirements of the naval beach party. Also called **PHIBCB.** (JP 3-02)

amphibious defense zone — The area encompassing the amphibious objective area and the adjoining airspace required by accompanying naval forces for the purpose of air defense. Also called an **ADZ**. (JP 3-02)

amphibious demonstration — A type of amphibious operation conducted for the purpose of deceiving the enemy by a show of force with the expectation of deluding the enemy into a course of action unfavorable to him. (JP 3-02)

amphibious force — An amphibious task force and a landing force together with other forces that are trained, organized, and equipped for amphibious operations. Also called **AF.** See also **amphibious operation; amphibious task force; landing force.** (JP 3-02)

amphibious lift — The total capacity of assault shipping utilized in an amphibious operation, expressed in terms of personnel, vehicles, and measurement or weight tons of supplies. (JP 3-02)

amphibious objective area — A geographical area (delineated for command and control purposes in the initiating directive) within which is located the objective(s) to be secured by the amphibious force. This area must be of sufficient size to ensure accomplishment of the amphibious force's mission and must provide sufficient area for conducting necessary sea, air, and land operations. Also called **AOA.** See also **amphibious force; mission.** (JP 3-02)

amphibious operation — A military operation launched from the sea by an amphibious force, embarked in ships or craft with the primary purpose of introducing a landing force ashore to accomplish the assigned mission. See also **amphibious force; landing force; mission; operation.** (JP 3-02)

amphibious planning — The process of planning for an amphibious operation, distinguished by the necessity for concurrent, parallel, and detailed planning by all participating forces. The planning pattern is cyclical in nature, composed of a series of analyses and judgments of operational situations, each stemming from those that have preceded. (JP 3-02)

amphibious raid — A type of amphibious operation involving swift incursion into or temporary occupation of an objective followed by a planned withdrawal. See also **amphibious operation.** (JP 3-02)

amphibious shipping — Organic Navy ships specifically designed to transport, land, and support landing forces in amphibious assault operations and capable of being loaded or unloaded by naval personnel without external assistance in the amphibious objective area. (JP 3-02)

amphibious squadron — A tactical and administrative organization composed of amphibious assault shipping to transport troops and their equipment for an amphibious assault operation. Also called **PHIBRON.** (JP 3-02)

amphibious task force — A Navy task organization formed to conduct amphibious operations. The amphibious task force, together with the landing force and other forces, constitutes the amphibious force. Also called **ATF.** See also **amphibious force; amphibious operation; landing force.** (JP 3-02)

amphibious tractor — See **amphibious vehicle.**

amphibious transport dock — A ship designed to transport and land troops, equipment, and supplies by means of embarked landing craft, amphibious vehicles, and helicopters. Designated as **LPD.** (JP 3-02)

amphibious transport group — A subdivision of an amphibious task force composed primarily of transport ships. The size of the transport group will depend upon the scope of the operation. Ships of the transport group will be combat-loaded to support the landing force scheme of maneuver ashore. A transport unit will usually be formed to embark troops and equipment to be landed over a designated beach or to embark all helicopter-borne troops and equipment. (JP 3-02)

amphibious vehicle — A wheeled or tracked vehicle capable of operating on both land and water. See also **landing craft.** (JP 3-02)

amphibious vehicle availability table — A tabulation of the type and number of amphibious vehicles available primarily for assault landings and for support of other elements of the operation. (JP 3-02)

amphibious vehicle employment plan — A plan showing in tabular form the planned employment of amphibious vehicles in landing operations, including their employment after the initial movement to the beach. (JP 3-02)

amphibious vehicle launching area — An area, in the vicinity of and to seaward of the line of departure, to which landing ships proceed and launch amphibious vehicles. (JP 3-02)

amphibious withdrawal — A type of amphibious operation involving the extraction of forces by sea in ships or craft from a hostile or potentially hostile shore. See also **amphibious operation.** (JP 3-02)

analysis and production — In intelligence usage, the conversion of processed information into intelligence through the integration, evaluation, analysis, and interpretation of all source data and the preparation of intelligence products in support of known or anticipated user requirements. See also **intelligence process.** (JP 2-01)

anchorage — A specified location for anchoring or mooring a vessel in-stream or offshore. (JP 4-01.6)

anchor cable — (*) In air transport, a cable in an aircraft to which the parachute static lines or strops are attached.

anchor line extension kit — (*) A device fitted to an aircraft equipped with removable clamshell doors to enable paratroopers to exit from the rear.

annex — A document appended to an operation order or other document to make it clearer or to give further details.

annotated print — (*) A photograph on which interpretation details are indicated by words or symbols.

annotation — (*) A marking placed on imagery or drawings for explanatory purposes or to indicate items or areas of special importance.

annual screening — One day of active duty for training required each year for Individual Ready Reserve members so the Services can keep current on each member's physical condition, dependency status, military qualifications, civilian occupational skills, availability for service, and other information.

annual training — The minimal period of training reserve members must perform each year to satisfy the training requirements associated with their Reserve Component assignment. Also called **AT.**

antemortem identification media — Records, samples, and photographs taken prior to death. These include (but are not limited to) fingerprints, dental x-rays, body tissue samples, photographs of tattoos, or other identifying marks. These "predeath" records would be compared against records completed after death to help establish a positive identification of human remains. See also **mortuary affairs.** (JP 4-06)

antenna mine — (*) In naval mine warfare, a contact mine fitted with antennae which, when touched by a steel ship, sets up galvanic action to fire the mine. See also **mine.**

antiarmor helicopter — (*) A helicopter armed primarily for use in the destruction of armored targets. Also called **antitank helicopter.**

anticountermining device — (*) A device fitted in an influence mine designed to prevent its actuation by shock.

antideficiency violations — The incurring of obligations or the making of expenditure (outlays) in violation of appropriation law as to purpose, time, and amounts as specified in the defense appropriation or appropriations of funds. (JP 1-06)

antimateriel agent — (*) A living organism or chemical used to cause deterioration of, or damage to, selected materiel.

antimateriel operation — (*) The employment of antimateriel weapons or agents in military operations.

antiradiation missile — (*) A missile which homes passively on a radiation source. Also called **ARM.** See also **guided missile.**

antirecovery device — (*) In naval mine warfare, any device in a mine designed to prevent an enemy discovering details of the working of the mine mechanism.

antisubmarine barrier — (*) The line formed by a series of static devices or mobile units arranged for the purpose of detecting, denying passage to, or destroying hostile submarines. See also **antisubmarine patrol.**

antisubmarine patrol — (*) The systematic and continuing investigation of an area or along a line to detect or hamper submarines, used when the direction of submarine movement can be established. See also **antisubmarine barrier.**

antisubmarine screen — (*) An arrangement of ships and/or aircraft for the protection of a screened unit against attack by a submarine.

antisubmarine search — (*) Systematic investigation of a particular area for the purpose of locating a submarine known or suspected to be somewhere in the area. Some types of search are also used in locating the position of a distress incident.

antisubmarine support operation — (*) An operation conducted by an antisubmarine force in the area around a force or convoy, in areas through which the force or convoy is passing, or in defense of geographic areas. Support operations may be completely coordinated with those of the force or convoy, or they may be independent operations coordinated only to the extent of providing operational intelligence and information.

antisubmarine warfare — (*) Operations conducted with the intention of denying the enemy the effective use of submarines. Also called **ASW.**

antisubmarine warfare forces — Forces organized primarily for antisubmarine action. May be composed of surface ships, aircraft, submarines, or any combination of these, and their supporting systems.

antisurface air operation — (*) An air operation conducted in an air/sea environment against enemy surface forces.

antisweep device — (*) Any device incorporated in the mooring of a mine or obstructor, or in the mine circuits to make the sweeping of the mine more difficult.

antisweeper mine — (*) A mine which is laid or whose mechanism is designed or adjusted with the specific object of damaging mine countermeasures vessels. See also **mine.**

antitank helicopter — See **antiarmor helicopter.**

antitank mine — (*) A mine designed to immobilize or destroy a tank. See also **mine.**

antiterrorism — Defensive measures used to reduce the vulnerability of individuals and property to terrorist acts, to include limited response and containment by local military and civilian forces. Also called **AT.** See also **counterterrorism; proactive measures; terrorism.** (JP 3-07.2)

any Service member mail — Mail sent by the general public to an unspecified Service member deployed on a contingency operation, as an expression of patriotic support. (JP 1-0)

apogee — The point at which a missile trajectory or a satellite orbit is farthest from the center of the gravitational field of the controlling body or bodies.

apparent horizon — (*) The visible line of demarcation between land/sea and sky.

apparent precession — (*) The apparent deflection of the gyro axis, relative to the Earth, due to the rotating effect of the Earth and not due to any applied force. Also called **apparent wander.**

appendix — A document appended to an annex of an operation order, operation plan, or other document to clarify or to give further details.

application — 1. The system or problem to which a computer is applied. Reference is often made to an application as being either of the computational type (arithmetic computations predominate) or of the data processing type (data handling operations predominate). 2. In the intelligence context, the direct extraction and tailoring of information from an existing foundation of intelligence and near real time reporting. It is focused on and meets specific, narrow requirements, normally on demand. (JP 2-0)

apportionment — In the general sense, distribution for planning of limited resources among competing requirements. Specific apportionments (e.g., air sorties and forces for planning) are described as apportionment of air sorties and forces for planning, etc. See also **allocation; apportionment (air).** (JP 3-0)

apportionment (air) — The determination and assignment of the total expected effort by percentage and/or by priority that should be devoted to the various air operations for a given period of time. Also called **air apportionment.** See also **apportionment.** (JP 3-0)

approach end of runway — (*) That end of the runway nearest to the direction from which the final approach is made.

approach march — (*) Advance of a combat unit when direct contact with the enemy is imminent. Troops are fully or partially deployed. The approach march ends when ground contact with the enemy is made or when the attack position is occupied.

approach schedule — In amphibious operations, this schedule indicates, for each scheduled wave, the time of departure from the rendezvous area, from the line of departure, and from other control points and the time of arrival at the beach. (JP 3-02)

approach sequence — (*) The order in which two or more aircraft are cleared for an approach.

approach time — The time at which an aircraft is expected to commence approach procedure.

apron — A defined area on an airfield intended to accommodate aircraft for purposes of loading or unloading passengers or cargo, refueling, parking, or maintenance.

archipelagic sea lanes passage — The nonsuspendable right of continuous and expeditious transit through archipelagic waters in the normal mode through and over routes normally used for navigation and overflight.

architecture — A framework or structure that portrays relationships among all the elements of the subject force, system, or activity. (JP 3-05)

area air defense commander — Within a unified command, subordinate unified command, or joint task force, the commander will assign overall responsibility for air defense to a single commander. Normally, this will be the component commander with the preponderance of air defense capability and the command, control, and communications capability to plan and execute integrated air defense operations. Representation from the other components involved will be provided, as appropriate, to the area air defense commander's headquarters. Also called **AADC.** (JP 3-52)

area assessment — The commander's prescribed collection of specific information that commences upon employment and is a continuous operation. It confirms, corrects, refutes, or adds to previous intelligence acquired from area studies and other sources prior to employment. (JP 3-05)

area bombing — (*) Bombing of a target which is in effect a general area rather than a small or pinpoint target.

area command — A command which is composed of those organized elements of one or more of the Armed Services, designated to operate in a specific geographical area, which are placed under a single commander. See also **command.** (JP 3-10)

area control center — (*) A unit established to provide air traffic control service to controlled flights in control areas under its jurisdiction. See also **flight information region.**

area damage control — Measures taken before, during, or after hostile action or natural or manmade disasters, to reduce the probability of damage and minimize its effects. Also called **ADC.** See also **disaster control.** (JP 3-10)

area of influence — A geographical area wherein a commander is directly capable of influencing operations by maneuver or fire support systems normally under the commander's command or control. (JP 3-16)

area of interest — That area of concern to the commander, including the area of influence, areas adjacent thereto, and extending into enemy territory to the objectives of current or planned operations. This area also includes areas occupied by enemy forces who could jeopardize the accomplishment of the mission. Also called **AOI.** See also **area of influence.** (JP 2-03)

area of limitation — A defined area where specific limitations apply to the strength and fortifications of disputing or belligerent forces. Normally, upper limits are established for the number and type of formations, tanks, antiaircraft weapons, artillery, and other weapons systems in the area of limitation. Also called **AOL.** See also **line of demarcation; peace operations.** (JP 3-07.3)

area of militarily significant fallout — (*) Area in which radioactive fallout affects the ability of military units to carry out their normal mission.

area of operations — An operational area defined by the joint force commander for land and maritime forces. Areas of operation do not typically encompass the entire operational area of the joint force commander, but should be large enough for component commanders to accomplish their missions and protect their forces. Also called **AO.** See also **area of responsibility; joint operations area; joint special operations area.** (JP 3-0)

area of responsibility — The geographical area associated with a combatant command within which a geographic combatant commander has authority to plan and conduct operations. Also called **AOR.** See also **combatant command.** (JP 1)

area of separation — See **buffer zone.** Also called **AOS.** See also **peace operations.** (JP 3-07.3)

area operations — (*) In maritime usage, operations conducted in a geographical area and not related to the protection of a specific force.

area oriented — Personnel or units whose organizations, mission, training, and equipping are based on projected operational deployment to a specific geographic or demographic area. (JP 3-05)

area search — Visual reconnaissance of limited or defined areas.

area target — (*) A target consisting of an area rather than a single point.

armament delivery recording — Motion picture, still photography, and video recordings showing the delivery and impact of ordnance. This differs from reconnaissance imagery in that it records the act of delivery and impact and normally is done by the weapon system delivering the ordnance. Armament delivery recording is used primarily for evaluating strike effectiveness and for combat crew training. It is also one of the principal sources of over-the-target documentation in force employments, and may be used for public affairs purposes. Also called **ADR.**

armed forces — The military forces of a nation or a group of nations. See also **force.**

Armed Forces of the United States — A term used to denote collectively all components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard (when mobilized under

Title 10, United States Code to augment the Navy). See also **United States Armed Forces.** (JP 1)

armed mine — (*) A mine from which all safety devices have been withdrawn and, after laying, all automatic safety features and/or arming delay devices have operated. Such a mine is ready to be actuated after receipt of a target signal, influence, or contact.

armed reconnaissance — A mission with the primary purpose of locating and attacking targets of opportunity, i.e., enemy materiel, personnel, and facilities, in assigned general areas or along assigned ground communications routes, and not for the purpose of attacking specific briefed targets.

armed sweep — (*) A sweep fitted with cutters or other devices to increase its ability to cut mine moorings.

arming — As applied to explosives, weapons, and ammunition, the changing from a safe condition to a state of readiness for initiation.

arming pin — (*) A safety device inserted in a munition, which until its removal, prevents the unintentional action of the arming cycle. Also called **safety pin.** See also **safety device.**

armistice — In international law, a suspension or temporary cessation of hostilities by agreement between belligerent powers. (JP 3-07.3)

armistice demarcation line — A geographically defined line from which disputing or belligerent forces disengage and withdraw to their respective sides following a truce or cease fire agreement. Also called cease fire line in some United Nations operations. Also called **ADL.** See also **armistice; cease fire; cease fire line; peace operations.** (JP 3-07.3)

arm or de-arm — Applies to those procedures in the arming or de-arming section of the applicable aircraft loading manual or checklist that places the ordnance or explosive device in a ready or safe condition i.e., rocket launchers, guided missiles, guns — internal and pods, paraflares — (external and SUU-44/25 dispenser). (NOTE: The removal or installation of pylon or bomb rack safety pins from a nonordnance-loaded station is considered a function requiring certification within the purview of this publication.) See also **arming; de-arming; ordnance.** (JP 3-04)

arms control agreement — The written or unwritten embodiment of the acceptance of one or more arms control measures by two or more nations.

Army air-ground system — The Army system which provides for interface between Army and tactical air support agencies of other Services in the planning, evaluating, processing, and coordinating of air support requirements and operations. It is

composed of appropriate staff members, including G-2 air and G-3 air personnel, and necessary communication equipment. Also called **AAGS.** (JP 3-09)

Army and Air Force Exchange Service imprest fund activity — A military-operated retail activity, usually in remote or forward sites, when regular direct operations exchanges cannot be provided. It is a satellite activity of an Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) direct operation. The supported unit appoints the officer in charge of an imprest fund activity, who is issued an initial fund by AAFES to purchase beginning inventory. Money generated from sales is used to replenish the merchandise stock. See also **imprest fund.** (JP 1-0)

Army corps — An intermediate headquarters between divisions and the theater army. A corps may consist of two or more divisions together with supporting brigades. Corps headquarters are capable of serving as either a joint task force or joint force land component command headquarters. (JP 3-31)

Army Service component command — Command responsible for recommendations to the joint force commander on the allocation and employment of Army forces within a combatant command. Also called **ASCC.** (JP 3-31)

Army space support team — A team of space operations experts provided by the Commander, US Army Forces Strategic Command upon request of an Army component commander or a geographic combatant commander to assist the supported commander in integrating space power into the terrestrial operation or campaign. Also called **ARSST.** See also **space; space power; space support.** (JP 3-14)

Army special operations component — The Army component of a joint force special operations component. Also called **ARSOC.** See also **Air Force special operations component; Navy special operations component.** (JP 3-05.1)

Army special operations forces — Those Active and Reserve Component Army forces designated by the Secretary of Defense that are specifically organized, trained, and equipped to conduct and support special operations. Also called **ARSOF.** (JP 3-05)

Army support area — The specific support area for a theater Army that is outside of a division or corps's operational area established primarily for the positioning, employment, and protection of theater support units; and where the majority of the sustaining operations occur. (JP 3-31)

Army tactical data link 1 — See **tactical digital information link.**

arresting barrier — See **aircraft arresting barrier.**

arresting gear — See **aircraft arresting gear.**

arrival zone — In counterdrug operations, the area in or adjacent to the United States where smuggling concludes and domestic distribution begins (by air, an airstrip; by sea, an offload point on land, or transfer to small boats). See also **transit zone.** (JP 3-07.4)

artificial horizon — See **attitude indicator.**

artillery fire plan table — (*) A presentation of planned targets giving data for engagement. Scheduled targets are fired in a definite time sequence. The starting time may be on call, at a prearranged time, or at the occurrence of a specific event.

artillery survey control point — (*) A point at which the coordinates and the altitude are known and from which the bearings/azimuths to a number of reference objects are also known.

assault — 1. The climax of an attack, closing with the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting. 2. In an amphibious operation, the period of time between the arrival of the major assault forces of the amphibious task force in the objective area and the accomplishment of the amphibious task force mission. (JP 3-02) 3. To make a short, violent, but well-ordered attack against a local objective, such as a gun emplacement, a fort, or a machine gun nest. 4. A phase of an airborne operation beginning with delivery by air of the assault echelon of the force into the objective area and extending through attack of assault objectives and consolidation of the initial airhead. See also **assault phase.** (JP 3-18)

assault aircraft — (*) A powered aircraft that moves assault troops and/or cargo into an objective area.

assault breaching — A part of amphibious breaching in support of an amphibious assault involving a fire support mission using precision guided munitions to neutralize mines and obstacles in the surf zone and on the beach. (JP 3-02)

assault craft — A landing craft or amphibious vehicle primarily employed for landing troops and equipment in the assault waves of an amphibious operation. (JP 3-02)

assault craft unit — A permanently commissioned naval organization, subordinate to the commander, naval beach group, that contains landing craft and crews necessary to provide lighterage required in an amphibious operation. Also called **ACU.** (JP 3-02)

assault echelon — In amphibious operations, the element of a force comprised of tailored units and aircraft assigned to conduct the initial assault on the operational area. Also called **AE.** See also **amphibious operation.** (JP 3-02)

assault fire — 1. That fire delivered by attacking troops as they close with the enemy. 2. In artillery, extremely accurate, short-range destruction fire at point targets.

assault follow-on echelon — In amphibious operations, that echelon of the assault troops, vehicles, aircraft, equipment, and supplies that, though not needed to initiate the assault, is required to support and sustain the assault. In order to accomplish its purpose, it is normally required in the objective area no later than five days after commencement of the assault landing. Also called **AFOE.** (JP 3-02)

assault phase — In an airborne operation, a phase beginning with delivery by air of the assault echelon of the force into the objective area and extending through attack of assault objectives and consolidation of the initial airhead. See also **assault.** (JP 3-18)

assault schedule — In amphibious operations, this schedule provides the formation, composition, and timing of waves landing over the beach. (JP 3-02)

assault shipping — Shipping assigned to the amphibious task force and utilized for transporting assault troops, vehicles, equipment, and supplies to the objective area. (JP 3-02)

assault wave — See **wave.**

assembly — (*) In logistics, an item forming a portion of an equipment, that can be provisioned and replaced as an entity and which normally incorporates replaceable parts or groups of parts. See also **component; subassembly.**

assembly anchorage — (*) An anchorage intended for the assembly and onward routing of ships.

assembly area — 1. An area in which a command is assembled preparatory to further action. 2. In a supply installation, the gross area used for collecting and combining components into complete units, kits, or assemblies. (JP 4-09)

assessment — 1. A continuous process that measures the overall effectiveness of employing joint force capabilities during military operations. 2. Determination of the progress toward accomplishing a task, creating an effect, or achieving an objective. 3. Analysis of the security, effectiveness, and potential of an existing or planned intelligence activity. 4. Judgment of the motives, qualifications, and characteristics of present or prospective employees or "agents." (JP 3-0)

assessment agent — The organization responsible for conducting an assessment of an approved joint publication. The assessment agent is assigned by the Director, J-7, Joint Staff; normally US Joint Forces Command. Also called **AA.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

asset (intelligence) — Any resource — person, group, relationship, instrument, installation, or supply — at the disposition of an intelligence organization for use in an operational or support role. Often used with a qualifying term such as agent asset or propaganda asset. (JP 2-0)

asset visibility — Provides users with information on the location, movement, status, and identity of units, personnel, equipment, and supplies. It facilitates the capability to act upon that information to improve overall performance of the Department of Defense's logistics practices. Also called **AV.** (JP 3-35)

assign — 1. To place units or personnel in an organization where such placement is relatively permanent, and/or where such organization controls and administers the units or personnel for the primary function, or greater portion of the functions, of the unit or personnel. 2. To detail individuals to specific duties or functions where such duties or functions are primary and/or relatively permanent. See also **attach.** (JP 3-0)

assistance in kind — The provision of material and services for a logistic exchange of materials and services of equal value between the governments of eligible countries. Also called **AIK.** (JP 1-06)

assumption — A supposition on the current situation or a presupposition on the future course of events, either or both assumed to be true in the absence of positive proof, necessary to enable the commander in the process of planning to complete an estimate of the situation and make a decision on the course of action.

astern fueling — (*) The transfer of fuel at sea during which the receiving ship(s) keep(s) station astern of the delivering ship.

asymmetrical sweep — (*) A sweep whose swept path under conditions of no wind or cross-tide is not equally spaced either side of the sweeper's track.

atmospheric environment — The envelope of air surrounding the Earth, including its interfaces and interactions with the Earth's solid or liquid surface. (JP 3-59)

atomic air burst — See **airburst.**

atomic underground burst — See **nuclear underground burst.**

atomic underwater burst — See **nuclear underwater burst.**

atomic warfare — See **nuclear warfare.**

atomic weapon — See **nuclear weapon.**

at priority call — (*) A precedence applied to the task of an artillery unit to provide fire to a formation/unit on a guaranteed basis. Normally observer, communications, and liaison are not provided. An artillery unit in "direct support" or "in support" may simultaneously be placed "at priority call" to another unit or agency for a particular task and/or for a specific period of time.

at sea — Includes the following maritime areas: foreign internal waters, archipelagic waters, and territorial seas; foreign contiguous zones; foreign exclusive economic zones; the high seas; and US-exclusive economic zone, territorial sea, and internal waters.

attach — 1. The placement of units or personnel in an organization where such placement is relatively temporary. 2. The detailing of individuals to specific functions where such functions are secondary or relatively temporary, e.g., attached for quarters and rations; attached for flying duty. See also **assign.** (JP 3-0)

attachment — See **attach.**

attack assessment — An evaluation of information to determine the potential or actual nature and objectives of an attack for the purpose of providing information for timely decisions. See also **damage estimation.** (JP 3-14)

attack group — A subordinate task organization of the Navy forces of an amphibious task force. It is composed of assault shipping and supporting naval units designated to transport, protect, land, and initially support a landing group. (JP 3-02)

attack heading — 1. The interceptor heading during the attack phase that will achieve the desired track-crossing angle. 2. The assigned magnetic compass heading to be flown by aircraft during the delivery phase of an air strike. (JP 3-09.3)

attack pattern — The type and distribution of targets under attack. See also **attack assessment.**

attack position — The last position occupied by the assault echelon before crossing the line of departure.

attack timing — The predicted or actual time of bursts, impacts, or arrival of weapons at their intended targets.

attenuation — (*) 1. Decrease in intensity of a signal, beam, or wave as a result of absorption of energy and of scattering out of the path of a detector, but not including the reduction due to geometric spreading, i.e., the inverse square of distance effect. 2. In mine warfare, the reduction in intensity of an influence as distance from the source increases. 3. In camouflage and concealment, the process of making an object or surface less conspicuous by reducing its contrast to the surroundings and/or background. Also called **tone down.**

attenuation factor — (*) The ratio of the incident radiation dose or dose rate to the radiation dose or dose rate transmitted through a shielding material. This is the reciprocal of the transmission factor.

attitude — (*) The position of a body as determined by the inclination of the axes to some frame of reference. If not otherwise specified, this frame of reference is fixed to the Earth.

attitude indicator — (*) An instrument which displays the attitude of the aircraft by reference to sources of information which may be contained within the instrument or be external to it. When the sources of information are self-contained, the instrument may be referred to as an artificial horizon.

attrition — (*) The reduction of the effectiveness of a force caused by loss of personnel and materiel.

attrition minefield — (*) In naval mine warfare, a field intended primarily to cause damage to enemy ships. See also **minefield.**

attrition rate — (*) A factor, normally expressed as a percentage, reflecting the degree of losses of personnel or materiel due to various causes within a specified period of time.

attrition sweeping — (*) The continuous sweeping of minefields to keep the risk of mines to all ships as low as possible.

augmentation forces — Forces to be transferred from a supporting combatant commander to the combatant command (command authority) or operational control of a supported combatant commander during the execution of an operation order approved by the President and Secretary of Defense. (JP 5-0)

authenticate — A challenge given by voice or electrical means to attest to the authenticity of a message or transmission.

authentication — 1. A security measure designed to protect a communications system against acceptance of a fraudulent transmission or simulation by establishing the validity of a transmission, message, or originator. 2. A means of identifying individuals and verifying their eligibility to receive specific categories of information. 3. Evidence by proper signature or seal that a document is genuine and official. 4. In personnel recovery missions, the process whereby the identity of an isolated person is confirmed. See also **evader; evasion; recovery operations; security.** (JP 3-50)

authenticator — A symbol or group of symbols, or a series of bits, selected or derived in a prearranged manner and usually inserted at a predetermined point within a message or transmission for the purpose of attesting to the validity of the message or transmission.

authorized departure — A procedure, short of ordered departure, by which mission employees or dependents or both, are permitted to leave post in advance of normal rotation when the national interests or imminent threat to life require it. (JP 3-68)

automated data handling — See **automatic data handling.**

automated identification technology — A suite of tools for facilitating total asset visibility source data capture and transfer. Automated identification technology includes a variety of devices, such as bar codes, magnetic strips, optical memory cards, and radio frequency tags for marking or "tagging" individual items, multi-packs, equipment, air pallets, or containers, along with the hardware and software required to create the devices, read the information on them, and integrate that information with other logistic information. Also called **AIT.** (JP 3-35)

Automated Repatriation Reporting System — The Defense Manpower Data Center uses this system to track the status of noncombatant evacuees after they have arrived in an initial safe haven in the US. (JP 3-68)

automatic approach and landing — A control mode in which the aircraft's speed and flight path are automatically controlled for approach, flare-out, and landing. See also **ground-controlled approach procedure.**

automatic data handling — (*) A generalization of automatic data processing to include the aspect of data transfer.

automatic flight control system — (*) A system which includes all equipment to control automatically the flight of an aircraft or missile to a path or attitude described by references internal or external to the aircraft or missile. Also called **AFCS.**

automatic resupply — A resupply mission fully planned before insertion of a special operations team into the operations area that occurs at a prearranged time and location, unless changed by the operating team after insertion. See also **emergency resupply; on-call resupply.** (JP 3-50)

automatic search jammer — (*) An intercept receiver and jamming transmitter system which searches for and jams signals automatically which have specific radiation characteristics.

automation network — The automation network combines all of the information collection devices, automatic identification technologies, and the automated information systems that either support or facilitate the joint reception, staging, onward movement, and integration process. See also **automated identification technology; joint reception, staging, onward movement, and integration.** (JP 3-35)

autonomous operation — In air defense, the mode of operation assumed by a unit after it has lost all communications with higher echelons. The unit commander assumes full responsibility for control of weapons and engagement of hostile targets.

available-to-load date — A date specified for each unit in a time-phased force and deployment data indicating when that unit will be ready to load at the point of embarkation. Also called **ALD.**

avenue of approach — An air or ground route of an attacking force of a given size leading to its objective or to key terrain in its path. Also called **AA.** (JP 2-01.3)

average speed — (*) The average distance traveled per hour, calculated over the whole journey, excluding specifically ordered halts.

aviation combat element — The core element of a Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF) that is task-organized to conduct aviation operations. The aviation combat element (ACE) provides all or a portion of the six functions of Marine aviation necessary to accomplish the MAGTF's mission. These functions are antiair warfare, offensive air support, assault support, electronic warfare, air reconnaissance, and control of aircraft and missiles. The ACE is usually composed of an aviation unit headquarters and various other aviation units or their detachments. It can vary in size from a small aviation detachment of specifically required aircraft to one or more Marine aircraft wings. The ACE itself is not a formal command. Also called **ACE.** See also **combat service support element; command element; ground combat element; Marine air-ground task force; Marine expeditionary force; Marine expeditionary unit; special purpose Marine air-ground task force; task force.**

aviation medicine — (*) The special field of medicine which is related to the biological and psychological problems of flight.

aviation ship — An aircraft carrier. See also **air-capable ship; amphibious aviation assault ship.** (JP 3-04)

axis of advance — A line of advance assigned for purposes of control; often a road or a group of roads, or a designated series of locations, extending in the direction of the enemy.

azimuth — Quantities may be expressed in positive quantities increasing in a clockwise direction, or in X, Y coordinates where south and west are negative. They may be referenced to true north or magnetic north depending on the particular weapon system used.

azimuth angle — (*) An angle measured clockwise in the horizontal plane between a reference direction and any other line.

azimuth guidance — (*) Information which will enable the pilot or autopilot of an aircraft to follow the required track.

azimuth resolution — (*) The ability of radar equipment to separate two reflectors at similar ranges but different bearings from a reference point. Normally the minimum separation distance between the reflectors is quoted and expressed as the angle subtended by the reflectors at the reference point.

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backfill — Reserve Component units and individuals recalled to replace deploying active units and/or individuals in the continental United States and outside the continental United States. See also **Reserve Component.** (JP 4-05)

background count — The evidence or effect on a detector of radiation caused by background radiation. In connection with health protection, the background count includes but is not limited to radiations produced by naturally occurring radioactivity and cosmic rays.

background radiation — (*) Nuclear (or ionizing) radiations arising from within the body and from the surroundings to which individuals are always exposed.

backshore — The area of a beach extending from the limit of high water foam lines to dunes or extreme inland limit of the beach. (JP 4-01.6)

back tell — (*) The transfer of information from a higher to a lower echelon of command. See also **track telling.**

back-up — (*) In cartography, an image printed on the reverse side of a map sheet already printed on one side. Also the printing of such images.

backwash — An even layer of water that moves along the sea floor from the beach through the surf zone and caused by the pile-up of water on the beach from incoming breakers. (JP 4-01.6)

bale cubic capacity — (*) The space available for cargo measured in cubic feet to the inside of the cargo battens, on the frames, and to the underside of the beams. In a general cargo of mixed commodities, the bale cubic applies. The stowage of the mixed cargo comes in contact with the cargo battens and as a general rule does not extend to the skin of the ship.

balisage — (*) The marking of a route by a system of dim beacon lights enabling vehicles to be driven at near day-time speed, under blackout conditions.

ballistic missile — Any missile which does not rely upon aerodynamic surfaces to produce lift and consequently follows a ballistic trajectory when thrust is terminated. See also **aerodynamic missile; guided missile.** (JP 3-01)

ballistic missile early warning system — An electronic system for providing detection and early warning of attack by enemy intercontinental ballistic missiles. Also called **BMEWS.** (JP 3-14)

ballistics — (*) The science or art that deals with the motion, behavior, appearance, or modification of missiles or other vehicles acted upon by propellants, wind, gravity, temperature, or any other modifying substance, condition, or force.

ballistic trajectory — (*) The trajectory traced after the propulsive force is terminated and the body is acted upon only by gravity and aerodynamic drag.

ballistic wind — That constant wind that would have the same effect upon the trajectory of a bomb or projectile as the wind encountered in flight.

bandwidth — The difference between the limiting frequencies of a continuous frequency band expressed in hertz (cycles per second). The term bandwidth is also loosely used to refer to the rate at which data can be transmitted over a given communications circuit. In the latter usage, bandwidth is usually expressed in either kilobits per second or megabits per second.

bank angle — (*) The angle between the aircraft's normal axis and the Earth's vertical plane containing the aircraft's longitudinal axis.

bar — A submerged or emerged embankment of sand, gravel, or mud created on the sea floor in shallow water by waves and currents. A bar may be composed of mollusk shells. (JP 4-01.6)

bare base — A base having minimum essential facilities to house, sustain, and support operations to include, if required, a stabilized runway, taxiways, and aircraft parking areas. A bare base must have a source of water that can be made potable. Other requirements to operate under bare base conditions form a necessary part of the force package deployed to the bare base. See also **base.** (JP 3-05.1)

barge — A flat-bed, shallow-draft vessel with no superstructure that is used for the transport of cargo and ships' stores or for general utility purposes. See also **watercraft.** (JP 4-01.6)

barometric altitude — (*) The altitude determined by a barometric altimeter by reference to a pressure level and calculated according to the standard atmosphere laws. See also **altitude.**

barrage — 1. A prearranged barrier of fires, except that delivered by small arms, designed to protect friendly troops and installations by impeding enemy movements across defensive lines or areas. 2. A type of electronic attack intended for simultaneous jamming over a wide area of frequency spectrum. See also **barrage jamming; electronic warfare; fires.**

barrage fire — (*) Fire which is designed to fill a volume of space or area rather than aimed specifically at a given target.

barrage jamming — Simultaneous electromagnetic jamming over a broad band of frequencies. See also **jamming.**

barricade — See **aircraft arresting barrier.**

barrier — A coordinated series of obstacles designed or employed to channel, direct, restrict, delay, or stop the movement of an opposing force and to impose additional losses in personnel, time, and equipment on the opposing force. Barriers can exist naturally, be man-made, or a combination of both. (JP 3-15)

barrier combat air patrol — One or more divisions or elements of fighter aircraft employed between a force and an objective area as a barrier across the probable direction of enemy attack. It is used as far from the force as control conditions permit, giving added protection against raids that use the most direct routes of approach. See also **combat air patrol.**

barrier, obstacle, and mine warfare plan — A comprehensive, coordinated plan that includes responsibilities; general location of unspecified and specific barriers, obstacles, and minefields; special instructions; limitations; coordination; and completion times. The plan may designate locations of obstacle zones or belts. It is normally prepared as an annex to a campaign plan, operation plan, or operation order. (JP 3-15)

bar scale — See **graphic scale; scale.**

base — 1. A locality from which operations are projected or supported. 2. An area or locality containing installations which provide logistic or other support. See also **establishment.** 3. Home airfield or home carrier. See also **base of operations; facility.** (JP 4-0)

base boundary — A line that delineates the surface area of a base for the purpose of facilitating coordination and deconfliction of operations between adjacent units, formations, or areas. (JP 3-10)

base cluster — In base defense operations, a collection of bases, geographically grouped for mutual protection and ease of command and control. (JP 3-10)

base cluster commander — In base defense operations, a senior base commander designated by the joint force commander responsible for coordinating the defense of bases within the base cluster and for integrating defense plans of bases into a base cluster defense plan. (JP 3-10)

base cluster operations center — A command and control facility that serves as the base cluster commander's focal point for defense and security of the base cluster. Also called **BCOC.** (JP 3-10)

base commander — In base defense operations, the officer assigned to command a base. (JP 3-10)

base complex — See **naval base.**

base defense — The local military measures, both normal and emergency, required to nullify or reduce the effectiveness of enemy attacks on, or sabotage of, a base, to ensure that the maximum capacity of its facilities is available to US forces. (JP 3-10)

base defense forces — Troops assigned or attached to a base for the primary purpose of base defense and security as well as augmentees and selectively armed personnel available to the base commander for base defense from units performing primary missions other than base defense. (JP 3-10)

base defense operations center — A command and control facility, with responsibilities similar to a base cluster operations center, established by the base commander to serve as the focal point for base security and defense. It plans, directs, integrates, coordinates, and controls all base defense efforts. Also called **BDOC.** (JP 3-10)

base defense zone — An air defense zone established around an air base and limited to the engagement envelope of short-range air defense weapons systems defending that base. Base defense zones have specific entry, exit, and identification, friend or foe procedures established. Also called **BDZ**. (JP 3-52)

base development (less force beddown) — The acquisition, development, expansion, improvement, and construction and/or replacement of the facilities and resources of an area or location to support forces employed in military operations or deployed in accordance with strategic plans. (JP 3-34)

base line — 1. **(surveying)** A surveyed line established with more than usual care, to which surveys are referred for coordination and correlation. 2. **(photogrammetry)** The line between the principal points of two consecutive vertical air photographs. It is usually measured on one photograph after the principal point of the other has been transferred. 3. **(radio navigation systems)** The shorter arc of the great circle joining two radio transmitting stations of a navigation system. 4. **(triangulation)** The side of one of a series of coordinated triangles the length of which is measured with prescribed accuracy and precision and from which lengths of the other triangle sides are obtained by computation.

baseline costs — The continuing annual costs of military operations funded by the operations and maintenance and military personnel appropriations. (JP 1-06)

base map — (*) A map or chart showing certain fundamental information, used as a base upon which additional data of specialized nature are compiled or overprinted. Also, a map containing all the information from which maps showing specialized information can be prepared. See also **chart base; map.**

base of operations — An area or facility from which a military force begins its offensive operations, to which it falls back in case of reverse, and in which supply facilities are organized.

base plan — In the context of joint operation planning level 2 planning detail, a type of operation plan that describes the concept of operations, major forces, sustainment concept, and anticipated timelines for completing the mission. It normally does not include annexes or a time-phased force and deployment data. (JP 5-0)

base support installation — A Department of Defense Service or agency installation within the United States and its possessions and territories tasked to serve as a base for military forces engaged in either homeland defense or civil support operations. Also called **BSI.** (JP 3-28)

base surge — (*) A cloud which rolls out from the bottom of the column produced by a subsurface burst of a nuclear weapon. For underwater bursts the surge is, in effect, a cloud of liquid droplets which has the property of flowing almost as if it were a homogeneous fluid. For subsurface land bursts the surge is made up of small solid particles but still behaves like a fluid.

basic encyclopedia — A compilation of identified installations and physical areas of potential significance as objectives for attack. Also called **BE.**

basic intelligence — Fundamental intelligence concerning the general situation, resources, capabilities, and vulnerabilities of foreign countries or areas which may be used as reference material in the planning of operations at any level and in evaluating subsequent information relating to the same subject.

basic load — The quantity of supplies required to be on hand within, and which can be moved by, a unit or formation. It is expressed according to the wartime organization of the unit or formation and maintained at the prescribed levels. (JP 4-09)

basic military route network — (*) Axial, lateral, and connecting routes designated in peacetime by the host nation to meet the anticipated military movements and transport requirements, both Allied and national.

basic stocks — (*) Stocks to support the execution of approved operational plans for an initial predetermined period. See also **sustaining stocks.**

basic stopping power — (*) The probability, expressed as a percentage, of a single vehicle being stopped by mines while attempting to cross a minefield.

basic tactical organization — The conventional organization of landing force units for combat, involving combinations of infantry, supporting ground arms, and aviation for

accomplishment of missions ashore. This organizational form is employed as soon as possible following the landing of the various assault components of the landing force.

bathymetric contour — See **depth contour.**

battalion landing team — In an amphibious operation, an infantry battalion normally reinforced by necessary combat and service elements; the basic unit for planning an assault landing. Also called **BLT.** (JP 3-02)

battery — (*) 1. Tactical and administrative artillery unit or subunit corresponding to a company or similar unit in other branches of the Army. 2. All guns, torpedo tubes, searchlights, or missile launchers of the same size or caliber or used for the same purpose, either installed in one ship or otherwise operating as an entity.

battery center — (*) A point on the ground, the coordinates of which are used as a reference indicating the location of the battery in the production of firing data. Also called **chart location of the battery.**

battle damage assessment — The estimate of damage resulting from the application of lethal or nonlethal military force. Battle damage assessment is composed of physical damage assessment, functional damage assessment, and target system assessment. Also called **BDA.** See also **combat assessment.** (JP 3-0)

battle damage repair — Essential repair, which may be improvised, carried out rapidly in a battle environment in order to return damaged or disabled equipment to temporary service. Also called **BDR.** (JP 4-09)

battlefield coordination detachment — An Army liaison that provides selected operational functions between the Army forces and the air component commander. Battlefield coordination detachment located in the air operations center interface includes exchanging current intelligence and operational data, support requirements, coordinating the integration of Army forces requirements for airspace coordinating measures, fire support coordination measures, and theater airlift. Also called **BCD**. See also **air and space operations center; liaison.** (JP 3-03)

battlefield illumination — (*) The lighting of the battle area by artificial light, either visible or invisible to the naked eye.

battlefield surveillance — (*) Systematic observation of the battle area for the purpose of providing timely information and combat intelligence. See also **surveillance.**

battle force — A standing operational naval task force organization of carriers, surface combatants, and submarines assigned to numbered fleets. A battle force is subdivided into battle groups.

battle injury — Damage or harm sustained by personnel during or as a result of battle conditions. Also called **BI.** (JP 4-02)

battle management — The management of activities within the operational environment based on the commands, direction, and guidance given by appropriate authority. Also called **BM.** (JP 3-01)

battle rhythm — A deliberate daily cycle of command, staff, and unit activities intended to synchronize current and future operations. (JP 3-33)

battlespace awareness — Knowledge and understanding of the operational area's environment, factors, and conditions, to include the status of friendly and adversary forces, neutrals and noncombatants, weather and terrain, that enables timely, relevant, comprehensive, and accurate assessments, in order to successfully apply combat power, protect the force, and/or complete the mission. (JP 2-01)

beach — 1. The area extending from the shoreline inland to a marked change in physiographic form or material, or to the line of permanent vegetation (coastline). 2. In amphibious operations, that portion of the shoreline designated for landing of a tactical organization. (JP 3-02)

beach capacity — (*) An estimate, expressed in terms of measurement tons, or weight tons, of cargo that may be unloaded over a designated strip of shore per day. See also **clearance capacity; port capacity.**

beach group — See **naval beach group; shore party.**

beachhead — A designated area on a hostile or potentially hostile shore that, when seized and held, ensures the continuous landing of troops and materiel, and provides maneuver space requisite for subsequent projected operations ashore. (JP 3-02)

beach landing site — A geographic location selected for across-the-beach infiltration, exfiltration, or resupply operations. Also called **BLS.** (JP 3-05)

beach marker — A sign or device used to identify a beach or certain activities thereon for incoming waterborne traffic. Markers may be panels, lights, buoys, or electronic devices.

beachmaster — The naval officer in command of the beachmaster unit of the naval beach group. Also called **BM.**

beachmaster unit — A commissioned naval unit of the naval beach group designed to provide to the shore party a Navy component known as a beach party, which is capable of supporting the amphibious landing of one division (reinforced). Also called **BMU.** See also **beach party; naval beach group; shore party.** (JP 4-01.6)

beach party — The Navy component of the landing force support party under the tactical control of the landing force support party commander. See also **beachmaster unit; shore party.** (JP 3-02)

beach party commander — The naval officer in command of the naval component of the shore party.

beach photography — Vertical, oblique, ground, and periscope coverage at varying scales to provide information of offshore, shore, and inland areas. It covers terrain that provides observation of the beaches and is primarily concerned with the geological and tactical aspects of the beach.

beach support area — In amphibious operations, the area to the rear of a landing force or elements thereof, established and operated by shore party units, which contains the facilities for the unloading of troops and materiel and the support of the forces ashore; it includes facilities for the evacuation of wounded, enemy prisoners of war, and captured materiel. Also called **BSA.** (JP 3-02)

beach survey — The collection of data describing the physical characteristics of a beach; that is, an area whose boundaries are a shoreline, a coastline, and two natural or arbitrary assigned flanks.

beach width — The horizontal dimensions of the beach measured at right angles to the shoreline from the line of extreme low water inland to the landward limit of the beach (the coastline).

bearing — The horizontal angle at a given point measured clockwise from a specific datum point to a second point. See also **grid bearing.**

begin morning civil twilight — The period of time at which the sun is halfway between beginning morning and nautical twilight and sunrise, when there is enough light to see objects clearly with the unaided eye. At this time, light intensification devices are no longer effective, and the sun is six degrees below the eastern horizon. Also called **BMCT.**

begin morning nautical twilight — The start of that period where, in good conditions and in the absence of other illumination, enough light is available to identify the general outlines of ground objects and conduct limited military operations. Light intensification devices are still effective and may have enhanced capabilities. At this time, the sun is 12 degrees below the eastern horizon. Also called **BMNT.**

beleaguered — See **missing.**

berm, natural — The nearly horizontal portion of a beach or backshore having an abrupt fall and formed by deposition of material by wave action. A berm marks the limit of

ordinary high tide. For air cushion vehicles, berms (constructed) are required to protect materials handling equipment operations. See also **backshore.** (JP 4-01.6)

bight — A bend in a coast forming an open bay or an open bay formed by such a bend. (JP 4-01.6)

bilateral infrastructure — (*) Infrastructure which concerns only two NATO members and is financed by mutual agreement between them (e.g., facilities required for the use of forces of one NATO member in the territory of another). See also **infrastructure.**

bill — A ship's publication listing operational or administrative procedures. (JP 3-04)

billet — 1. Shelter for troops. 2. To quarter troops. 3. A personnel position or assignment that may be filled by one person.

binding — (*) The fastening or securing of items to a movable platform called a pallet. See also **palletized unit load.**

bin storage — Storage of items of supplies and equipment in an individual compartment or subdivision of a storage unit in less than bulk quantities. See also **bulk storage.**

biographical intelligence — That component of intelligence that deals with individual foreign personalities of actual or potential importance.

biological agent — A microorganism that causes disease in personnel, plants, or animals or causes the deterioration of materiel. See also **biological weapon; chemical agent.** (JP 3-11)

biological half-time — See **half-life.**

biological hazard — An organism, or substance derived from an organism, that poses a threat to human or animal health. This can include medical waste, samples of a microorganism, virus, or toxin (from a biological source) that can impact human health. (JP 3-11)

biological warfare — Employment of biological agents to produce casualties in personnel or animals, or damage to plants or materiel; or defense against such employment. (JP 3-11)

biological weapon — An item of materiel which projects, disperses, or disseminates a biological agent including arthropod vectors. (JP 3-11)

biometric — Measurable physical characteristic or personal behavior trait used to recognize the identity or verify the claimed identity of an individual. (JP 2-0)

biometrics — The process of recognizing an individual based on measurable anatomical, physiological, and behavioral characteristics. (JP 2-0)

black — In intelligence handling, a term used in certain phrases (e.g., living black, black border crossing) to indicate reliance on illegal concealment rather than on cover.

black list — An official counterintelligence listing of actual or potential enemy collaborators, sympathizers, intelligence suspects, and other persons whose presence menaces the security of friendly forces.

blast effect — Destruction of or damage to structures and personnel by the force of an explosion on or above the surface of the ground. Blast effect may be contrasted with the cratering and ground-shock effects of a projectile or charge that goes off beneath the surface.

blast wave — A sharply defined wave of increased pressure rapidly propagated through a surrounding medium from a center of detonation or similar disturbance.

blast wave diffraction — (*) The passage around and envelopment of a structure by the nuclear blast wave.

bleeding edge — (*) That edge of a map or chart on which cartographic detail is extended to the edge of the sheet.

blister agent — A chemical agent which injures the eyes and lungs, and burns or blisters the skin. Also called **vesicant agent.** (JP 3-11)

blocking and chocking — (*) The use of wedges or chocks to prevent the inadvertent shifting of cargo in transit.

blocking position — A defensive position so sited as to deny the enemy access to a given area or to prevent the enemy's advance in a given direction.

block stowage loading — (*) A method of loading whereby all cargo for a specific destination is stowed together. The purpose is to facilitate rapid off-loading at the destination, with the least possible disturbance of cargo intended for other points. See also **loading.**

blood agent — A chemical compound, including the cyanide group, that affects bodily functions by preventing the normal utilization of oxygen by body tissues. (JP 3-11)

blood chit — A small sheet of material depicting an American flag and a statement in several languages to the effect that anyone assisting the bearer to safety will be rewarded. See also **evasion aid.** (JP 3-50)

blowback — (*) 1. Escape, to the rear and under pressure, of gases formed during the firing of the weapon. Blowback may be caused by a defective breech mechanism, a ruptured cartridge case, or a faulty primer. 2. Type of weapon operation in which the force of expanding gases acting to the rear against the face of the bolt furnishes all the energy required to initiate the complete cycle of operation. A weapon which employs this method of operation is characterized by the absence of any breech-lock or bolt-lock mechanism.

Blue Bark — US military personnel, US citizen civilian employees of the Department of Defense, and the dependents of both categories who travel in connection with the death of an immediate family member. It also applies to designated escorts for dependents of deceased military members. Furthermore, the term is used to designate the personal property shipment of a deceased member.

blue force tracking — Employment of techniques to actively or passively identify or track US, allied, or coalition forces for the purpose of providing the combatant commander enhanced situational awareness and reducing fratricide. Also called **BFT.** (JP 3-14)

board — An organized group of individuals within a joint force commander's headquarters, appointed by the commander (or other authority) that meets with the purpose of gaining guidance or decision. Its responsibilities and authority are governed by the authority which established the board. (JP 3-33)

boat group — The basic organization of landing craft. One boat group is organized for each battalion landing team (or equivalent) to be landed in the first trip of landing craft or amphibious vehicles. (JP 3-02)

boat lane — A lane for amphibious assault landing craft, which extends from the line of departure to the beach. (JP 3-02)

boat space — The space and weight factor used to determine the capacity of boats, landing craft, and amphibious vehicles. With respect to landing craft and amphibious vehicles, it is based on the requirements of one person with individual equipment. The person is assumed to weigh 224 pounds and to occupy 13.5 cubic feet of space. (JP 3-02)

boattail — (*) The conical section of a ballistic body that progressively decreases in diameter toward the tail to reduce overall aerodynamic drag.

boat wave — See **wave.**

bomb impact plot — A graphic representation of the target area, usually a pre-strike air photograph, on which prominent dots are plotted to mark the impact or detonation points of bombs dropped on a specific bombing attack.

bombing angle — (*) The angle between the vertical and a line joining the aircraft to what would be the point of impact of a bomb released from it at that instant.

bombing run — (*) In air bombing, that part of the flight that begins, normally from an initial point, with the approach to the target, includes target acquisition, and ends normally at the weapon release point.

bomb release line — (*) An imaginary line around a defended area or objective over which an aircraft should release its bomb in order to obtain a hit or hits on an area or objective.

bomb release point — (*) The point in space at which bombs must be released to reach the desired point of detonation.

bona fides — Good faith. In personnel recovery, the use of verbal or visual communication by individuals who are unknown to one another, to establish their authenticity, sincerity, honesty, and truthfulness. See also **evasion; recovery; recovery operations.** (JP 3-50)

bonding — (*) In electrical engineering, the process of connecting together metal parts so that they make low resistance electrical contact for direct current and lower frequency alternating currents. See also **earthing.**

booby trap — (*) An explosive or nonexplosive device or other material, deliberately placed to cause casualties when an apparently harmless object is disturbed or a normally safe act is performed.

booster — (*) 1. A high-explosive element sufficiently sensitive so as to be actuated by small explosive elements in a fuze or primer and powerful enough to cause detonation of the main explosive filling. 2. An auxiliary or initial propulsion system which travels with a missile or aircraft and which may or may not separate from the parent craft when its impulse has been delivered. A booster system may contain, or consist of, one or more units.

boost phase — That portion of the flight of a ballistic missile or space vehicle during which the booster and sustainer engines operate. See also midcourse phase; terminal phase. (JP 3-01)

border — (*) In cartography, the area of a map or chart lying between the neatline and the surrounding framework.

border break — (*) A cartographic technique used when it is required to extend a portion of the cartographic detail of a map or chart beyond the sheetlines into the margin.

border crosser — (*) An individual, living close to a frontier, who normally has to cross the frontier frequently for legitimate purposes.

boresafe fuze — (*) Type of fuze having an interrupter in the explosive train that prevents a projectile from exploding until after it has cleared the muzzle of a weapon.

bottom mine — A mine with negative buoyancy which remains on the seabed. Also called **ground mine.** See also **mine.** (JP 3-15)

bound — (*) 1. In land warfare, a single movement, usually from cover to cover, made by troops often under enemy fire. 2. **(DOD only)** Distance covered in one movement by a unit that is advancing by bounds.

boundary — A line that delineates surface areas for the purpose of facilitating coordination and deconfliction of operations between adjacent units, formations, or areas. (JP 3-0)

bouquet mine — (*) In naval mine warfare, a mine in which a number of buoyant mine cases are attached to the same sinker, so that when the mooring of one mine case is cut, another mine rises from the sinker to its set depth. See also **mine.**

bracketing — (*) A method of adjusting fire in which a bracket is established by obtaining an over and a short along the spotting line, and then successively splitting the bracket in half until a target hit or desired bracket is obtained.

branch — 1. A subdivision of any organization. 2. A geographically separate unit of an activity, which performs all or part of the primary functions of the parent activity on a smaller scale. Unlike an annex, a branch is not merely an overflow addition. 3. An arm or service of the Army. 4. The contingency options built into the base plan. A branch is used for changing the mission, orientation, or direction of movement of a force to aid success of the operation based on anticipated events, opportunities, or disruptions caused by enemy actions and reactions. See also **sequel.** (JP 5-0)

breakaway — (*) 1. The onset of a condition in which the shock front moves away from the exterior of the expanding fireball produced by the explosion of a nuclear weapon. 2. **(DOD only)** After completion of attack, turn to heading as directed.

breakbulk cargo — Any commodity that, because of its weight, dimensions, or incompatibility with other cargo, must be shipped by mode other than military van or military container moved via the sea. See also **breakbulk ship.** (JP 4-09)

breakbulk ship — A ship with conventional holds for stowage of breakbulk cargo, below or above deck, and equipped with cargo-handling gear. Ships also may be capable of carrying a limited number of containers, above or below deck. See also **breakbulk cargo.** (JP 4-09)

breaker — A wave in the process of losing energy where offshore energy loss is caused by wind action and nearshore energy loss is caused by the impact of the sea floor as the wave enters shallow (shoaling) water. Breakers either plunge, spill, or surge. See also **breaker angle.** (JP 4-01.6)

breaker angle — The angle a breaker makes with the beach. See also **breaker.** (JP 4-01.6)

breakoff position — (*) The position at which a leaver or leaver section breaks off from the main convoy to proceed to a different destination.

break-up — (*) 1. In detection by radar, the separation of one solid return into a number of individual returns which correspond to the various objects or structure groupings. This separation is contingent upon a number of factors including range, beam width, gain setting, object size and distance between objects. 2. In imagery interpretation, the result of magnification or enlargement which causes the imaged item to lose its identity and the resultant presentation to become a random series of tonal impressions. Also called **split-up.**

brevity code — A code which provides no security but which has as its sole purpose the shortening of messages rather than the concealment of their content. (JP 3-04)

bridgehead — An area of ground held or to be gained on the enemy's side of an obstacle. See also **airhead; beachhead.**

bridgehead line — (*) The limit of the objective area in the development of the bridgehead. See also **objective area.**

briefing — (*) The act of giving in advance specific instructions or information.

brigade — A unit usually smaller than a division to which are attached groups and/or battalions and smaller units tailored to meet anticipated requirements. Also called **BDE.**

brigade combat team — As combined arms teams, brigade combat teams form the basic building block of the Army's tactical formations. They are the principal means of executing engagements. Three standardized brigade combat teams designs exist; heavy, infantry, and Stryker. Battalion-sized maneuver, fires, reconnaissance, and sustainment units are organic to a brigade combat team. Also called **BCT.** (JP 3-31)

broach — When a water craft is thrown broadside to the wind and waves, against a bar, or against the shoreline. (JP 4-01.6)

buddy-aid — Acute medical care (first aid) provided by a non-medical Service member to another person. (JP 4-02)

buffer distance — (*) In nuclear warfare: 1. The horizontal distance which, when added to the radius of safety, will give the desired assurance that the specified degree of risk will not be exceeded. The buffer distance is normally expressed quantitatively in multiples of the delivery error. 2. The vertical distance which is added to the fallout safe-height of burst in order to determine a desired height of burst which will provide the desired

assurance that militarily significant fallout will not occur. It is normally expressed quantitatively in multiples of the vertical error.

buffer zone — 1. A defined area controlled by a peace operations force from which disputing or belligerent forces have been excluded. A buffer zone is formed to create an area of separation between disputing or belligerent forces and reduce the risk of renewed conflict. Also called **area of separation** in some United Nations operations. Also called **BZ.** See also **area of separation; line of demarcation; peace operations.** 2. A conical volume centered on the laser's line of sight with its apex at the aperture of the laser, within which the beam will be contained with a high degree of certainty. It is determined by the buffer angle. (JP 3-07.3)

building systems — Structures assembled from manufactured components designed to provide specific building configurations (e.g., large steel arch structures, large span tension fabric structures, panelized buildings, and pre-engineered buildings). (JP 3-34)

buildup — (*) The process of attaining prescribed strength of units and prescribed levels of vehicles, equipment, stores, and supplies. Also may be applied to the means of accomplishing this process.

bulk cargo — That which is generally shipped in volume where the transportation conveyance is the only external container; such as liquids, ore, or grain.

bulk petroleum product — A liquid petroleum product transported by various means and stored in tanks or containers having an individual fill capacity greater than 250 liters. (JP 4-03)

bulk storage — 1. Storage in a warehouse of supplies and equipment in large quantities, usually in original containers, as distinguished from bin storage. 2. Storage of liquids, such as petroleum products in tanks, as distinguished from drum or packaged storage. See also **bin storage.**

bullseye — An established reference point from which the position of an object can be referenced. See also **reference point.** (JP 3-60)

bureau — A long-standing functional organization, with a supporting staff designed to perform a specific function or activity within a joint force commander's headquarters. (JP 3-33)

burn notice — An official statement by one intelligence agency to other agencies, domestic or foreign, that an individual or group is unreliable for any of a variety of reasons.

burnout — (*) The point in time or in the missile trajectory when combustion of fuels in the rocket engine is terminated by other than programmed cutoff.

burnout velocity — (*) The velocity attained by a missile at the point of burnout.

burn-through range — The distance at which a specific radar can discern targets through the external interference being received.

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cache — A source of subsistence and supplies, typically containing items such as food, water, medical items, and/or communications equipment, packaged to prevent damage from exposure and hidden in isolated locations by such methods as burial, concealment, and/or submersion, to support isolated personnel. See also **concealment; evader; evasion; recovery; recovery operations.** (JP 3-50)

calibrated focal length — (*) An adjusted value of the equivalent focal length, so computed as to equalize the positive and negative values of distortion over the entire field used in a camera.

call sign — (*) Any combination of characters or pronounceable words, which identifies a communication facility, a command, an authority, an activity, or a unit; used primarily for establishing and maintaining communications. Also called **CS.** See also **collective call sign; indefinite call sign; international call sign; net call sign; tactical call sign; visual call sign; voice call sign.**

camera axis — (*) An imaginary line through the optical center of the lens perpendicular to the negative photo plane.

camera axis direction — (*) Direction on the horizontal plane of the optical axis of the camera at the time of exposure. This direction is defined by its azimuth expressed in degrees in relation to true/magnetic north.

camera calibration — (*) The determination of the calibrated focal length, the location of the principal point with respect to the fiducial marks and the lens distortion effective in the focal plane of the camera referred to the particular calibrated focal length.

camera cycling rate — (*) The frequency with which camera frames are exposed, expressed as cycles per second.

camera nadir — See **photo nadir.**

camouflage — (*) The use of natural or artificial material on personnel, objects, or tactical positions with the aim of confusing, misleading, or evading the enemy.

camouflage detection photography — (*) Photography utilizing a special type of film (usually infrared) designed for the detection of camouflage.

camouflet — (*) The resulting cavity in a deep underground burst when there is no rupture of the surface. See also **crater.**

campaign — A series of related major operations aimed at achieving strategic and operational objectives within a given time and space. See also **campaign plan.** (JP 5-0)

campaign plan — A joint operation plan for a series of related major operations aimed at achieving strategic or operational objectives within a given time and space. See also **campaign; campaign planning.** (JP 5-0)

campaign planning — The process whereby combatant commanders and subordinate joint force commanders translate national or theater strategy into operational concepts through the development of an operation plan for a campaign. Campaign planning may begin during contingency planning when the actual threat, national guidance, and available resources become evident, but is normally not completed until after the President or Secretary of Defense selects the course of action during crisis action planning. Campaign planning is conducted when contemplated military operations exceed the scope of a single major joint operation. See also **campaign; campaign plan.** (JP 5-0)

canalize — To restrict operations to a narrow zone by use of existing or reinforcing obstacles or by fire or bombing.

candidate target list — A list of objects or entities submitted by component commanders, appropriate agencies, or the joint force commander's staff for further development and inclusion on the joint target list and/or restricted target list, or moved to the no-strike list. Also called CTL. See also joint integrated prioritized target list; target, target nomination list. (JP 3-60)

cannot observe — (*) A type of fire control which indicates that the observer or spotter will be unable to adjust fire, but believes a target exists at the given location and is of sufficient importance to justify firing upon it without adjustment or observation.

cantilever lifting frame — Used to move Navy lighterage causeway systems on to and off of lighter aboard ship (LASH) vessels. This device is suspended from the Morgan LASH barge crane and can lift one causeway section at a time. It is designed to allow the long sections to clear the rear of the ship as they are lowered into the water. Also called **CLF.** See also **causeway; lighterage.** (JP 4-01.6)

capability — The ability to execute a specified course of action. (A capability may or may not be accompanied by an intention.)

capacity load (Navy) — The maximum quantity of all supplies (ammunition; petroleum, oils, and lubricants; rations; general stores; maintenance stores; etc.) which each vessel can carry in proportions prescribed by proper authority. See also **wartime load.**

capstone publication — The top joint doctrine publication in the hierarchy of joint publications. The capstone publication links joint doctrine to national strategy and the contributions of other government agencies, alliances, and coalitions, and reinforces policy for command and control. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff signs this publication, and it is intended to be used by combatant commanders, subunified

commanders, joint task force commanders, Service Chiefs, and Joint Staff directors. See also **joint publication; keystone publications.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

capstone requirements document — A document that contains performance-based requirements to facilitate development of individual operational requirements documents by providing a common framework and operational concept to guide their development. Also called **CRD.**

capsule — (*) 1. A sealed, pressurized cabin for extremely high altitude or space flight which provides an acceptable environment for man, animal, or equipment. 2. An ejectable sealed cabin having automatic devices for safe return of the occupants to the surface.

captive firing — (*) A firing test of short duration, conducted with the missile propulsion system operating while secured to a test stand.

captured — See **missing.**

cardinal point effect — (*) The increased intensity of a line or group of returns on the radarscope occurring when the radar beam is perpendicular to the rectangular surface of a line or group of similarly aligned features in the ground pattern.

cargo increment number — A seven-character alphanumeric field that uniquely describes a non-unit-cargo entry (line) in the Joint Operation Planning and Execution System time-phased force and deployment data.

cargo sling — (*) A strap, chain, or other material used to hold cargo items securely which are to be hoisted, lowered, or suspended.

carpet bombing — (*) The progressive distribution of a mass bomb load upon an area defined by designated boundaries, in such manner as to inflict damage to all portions thereof.

carrier air wing — Two or more aircraft squadrons formed under one commander for administrative and tactical control of operations from a carrier.

carrier control zone — The airspace within a circular limit defined by 5 miles horizontal radius from the carrier, extending upward from the surface to and including 2,500 feet unless otherwise designated for special operations, and is under the cognizance of the air officer during visual meteorological conditions. (JP 3-52)

carrier strike group — A standing naval task group consisting of a carrier, embarked airwing, surface combatants, and submarines as assigned in direct support, operating in mutual support with the task of destroying hostile submarine, surface, and air forces within the group's assigned operational area and striking at targets along hostile shore lines or projecting power inland. Also called **CSG.** (JP 3-02)

cartridge actuated device — Small explosive devices used to eject stores from launched devices, actuate other explosive systems, or provide initiation for aircrew escape devices. Also called **CAD.** (JP 3-04)

CARVER — A special operations forces acronym used throughout the targeting and mission planning cycle to assess mission validity and requirements. The acronym stands for criticality, accessibility, recuperability, vulnerability, effect, and recognizability. (JP 3-05.1)

case — 1. An intelligence operation in its entirety. 2. Record of the development of an intelligence operation, including personnel, modus operandi, and objectives.

casual — See **transient.**

casualty — Any person who is lost to the organization by having been declared dead, duty status – whereabouts unknown, missing, ill, or injured. See also **casualty category; casualty status; casualty type; duty status – whereabouts unknown; hostile casualty; nonhostile casualty.** (JP 4-02)

casualty category — A term used to specifically classify a casualty for reporting purposes based upon the casualty type and the casualty status. Casualty categories include killed in action, died of wounds received in action, and wounded in action. See also **casualty; casualty status; casualty type; duty status - whereabouts unknown; missing.** (JP 4-02)

casualty evacuation — The unregulated movement of casualties that can include movement both to and between medical treatment facilities. Also called **CASEVAC.** See also **casualty; evacuation; medical treatment facility.** (JP 4-02)

casualty receiving and treatment ship — In amphibious operations, a ship designated to receive, provide treatment for, and transfer casualties. (JP 3-02)

casualty status — A term used to classify a casualty for reporting purposes. There are seven casualty statuses: (1) deceased; (2) duty status - whereabouts unknown; (3) missing; (4) very seriously ill or injured; (5) seriously ill or injured; (6) incapacitating illness or injury; and (7) not seriously injured. See also **casualty; casualty category; casualty type; deceased; duty status - whereabouts unknown; missing; not seriously injured; seriously ill or injured; very seriously ill or injured.** (JP 4-02)

casualty type — A term used to identify a casualty for reporting purposes as either a hostile casualty or a nonhostile casualty. See also **casualty; casualty category; casualty status; hostile casualty; nonhostile casualty.** (JP 4-02)

catapult — (*) A structure which provides an auxiliary source of thrust to a missile or aircraft; must combine the functions of directing and accelerating the missile during its

travel on the catapult; serves the same functions for a missile as does a gun tube for a shell.

catastrophic event — Any natural or man-made incident, including terrorism, which results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage, or disruption severely affecting the population, infrastructure, environment, economy, national morale, and/or government functions. (JP 3-28)

causeway — A craft similar in design to a barge, but longer and narrower, designed to assist in the discharge and transport of cargo from vessels. See also **barge; watercraft.** (JP 4-01.6)

causeway launching area — An area located near the line of departure but clear of the approach lanes to an area located in the inner transport area. (JP 3-02)

caveat — A designator used with a classification to further limit the dissemination of restricted information. (JP 3-07.4)

C-day — See **times.**

cease fire — 1. A command given to any unit or individual firing any weapon to stop engaging the target. 2. A command given to air defense artillery units to refrain from firing on, but to continue to track, an airborne object. Missiles already in flight will be permitted to continue to intercept.

cease fire line — See **armistice demarcation line.** See also **armistice; cease fire.** (JP 3-07.3)

celestial sphere — (*) An imaginary sphere of infinite radius concentric with the Earth, on which all celestial bodies except the Earth are imagined to be projected.

cell — A subordinate organization formed around a specific process, capability, or activity within a designated larger organization of a joint force commander's headquarters. A cell usually is part of both a functional and traditional staff structures. (JP 3-33)

center — An enduring functional organization, with a supporting staff, designed to perform a joint function within a joint force commander's headquarters. (JP 3-33)

center of burst — See **mean point of impact.**

center of gravity — The source of power that provides moral or physical strength, freedom of action, or will to act. Also called **COG.** See also **decisive point.** (JP 3-0)

centigray — A unit of absorbed dose of radiation (one centigray equals one rad). (JP 3-11)

central control officer — The officer designated by the amphibious task force commander for the overall coordination of the waterborne ship-to-shore movement. The central control officer is embarked in the central control ship. Also called **CCO.** (JP 3-02)

centralized control — 1. In air defense, the control mode whereby a higher echelon makes direct target assignments to fire units. 2. In joint air operations, placing within one commander the responsibility and authority for planning, directing, and coordinating a military operation or group/category of operations. See also **decentralized control.** (JP 3-30)

chaff — Radar confusion reflectors, consisting of thin, narrow metallic strips of various lengths and frequency responses, which are used to reflect echoes for confusion purposes. Causes enemy radar guided missiles to lock on to it instead of the real aircraft, ship, or other platform. See also **deception; rope.**

chain of command — (*) The succession of commanding officers from a superior to a subordinate through which command is exercised. Also called **command channel.**

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff instruction — A replacement document for all types of correspondence containing Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff policy and guidance that does not involve the employment of forces. An instruction is of indefinite duration and is applicable to external agencies, or both the Joint Staff and external agencies. It remains in effect until superseded, rescinded, or otherwise canceled. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff instructions, unlike joint publications, will not contain joint doctrine. Terminology used in these publications will be consistent with JP 1-02. Also called **CJCSI.** See also **Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff manual.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff manual — A document containing detailed procedures for performing specific tasks that do not involve the employment of forces. A manual is of indefinite duration and is applicable to external agencies or both the Joint Staff and external agencies. It may supplement a Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff instruction or stand alone and remains in effect until superseded, rescinded, or otherwise canceled. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff manuals, unlike joint publications, will not contain joint doctrine. Terminology used in these publications will be consistent with JP 1-02. Also called **CJCSM.** See also **Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff instruction.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

Chairman's program assessment — Provides the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's personal appraisal on alternative program recommendations and budget proposals to the Secretary of Defense for consideration in refining the defense program and budget in accordance with 10 United States Code. The Chairman's program assessment comments on the risk associated with the programmed allocation of Defense resources and evaluates the conformance of program objective memoranda to the priorities established in strategic plans and combatant commanders' priority requirements. Also called **CPA.**

Chairman's program recommendations — Provides the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's personal recommendations to the Secretary of Defense for the programming and budgeting process before publishing the Defense Planning Guidance (DPG) in accordance with 10 United States Code. The Chairman's program recommendations articulates programs the Chairman deems critical for the Secretary of Defense to consider when identifying Department of Defense (DOD) priorities and performance goals in the DPG and emphasizes specific recommendations that will enhance joint readiness, promote joint doctrine and training, improve joint warfighting capabilities, and satisfy joint warfighting requirements within DOD resource constraints and within acceptable risk levels. Also called **CPR.**

chalk commander — (*) The commander of all troops embarked under one chalk number. See also **chalk number; chalk troops.**

chalk number — The number given to a complete load and to the transporting carrier. See also **chalk commander; chalk troops.** (JP 3-17)

chalk troops — (*) A load of troops defined by a particular chalk number. See also **chalk commander; chalk number.**

challenge — (*) Any process carried out by one unit or person with the object of ascertaining the friendly or hostile character or identity of another. See also **countersign; password.**

chancery — The building upon a diplomatic or consular compound which houses the offices of the chief of mission or principal officer.

change detection — An image enhancement technique that compares two images of the same area from different time periods. Identical picture elements are eliminated, leaving signatures that have undergone change. (JP 2-03)

channel airlift — Provides regularly scheduled airlift for movement of sustainment cargo, depending upon volume of workload, between designated aerial ports of embarkation and seaports of debarkation over validated contingency or distribution channel routes. (JP 3-17)

charged demolition target — (*) A demolition target on which all charges have been placed and which is in the states of readiness, either state 1--safe, or state 2--armed.

chart base — (*) A chart used as a primary source for compilation or as a framework on which new detail is printed. Also called **topographic base.**

chart index — See **map index.**

chart location of the battery — See **battery center.**

chart series — See **map; map series.**

chart sheet — See **map; map sheet.**

checkout — (*) A sequence of functional, operational, and calibrational tests to determine the condition and status of a weapon system or element thereof.

checkpoint — (*) 1. A predetermined point on the surface of the Earth used as a means of controlling movement, a registration target for fire adjustment, or reference for location. 2. Center of impact; a burst center. 3. Geographical location on land or water above which the position of an aircraft in flight may be determined by observation or by electrical means. 4. A place where military police check vehicular or pedestrian traffic in order to enforce circulation control measures and other laws, orders, and regulations.

check sweeping — (*) In naval mine warfare, sweeping to check that no moored mines are left after a previous clearing operation.

chemical agent — A chemical substance which is intended for use in military operations to kill, seriously injure, or incapacitate mainly through its physiological effects. The term excludes riot control agents when used for law enforcement purposes, herbicides, smoke, and flames. See also **chemical dose; chemical warfare; riot control agent.** (JP 3-11)

chemical agent cumulative action — The building up, within the human body, of small ineffective doses of certain chemical agents to a point where eventual effect is similar to one large dose.

chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear defense — Measures taken to minimize or negate the vulnerabilities and/or effects of a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear incident. Also called **CBRN defense.** (JP 3-11)

chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear environment — Conditions found in an area resulting from immediate or persisting effects of chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear attacks or unintentional releases. Also called **CBRN environment.** (JP 3-11)

chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear hazard — Chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear elements that could cause an adverse affect through their accidental or deliberate release, dissemination, or impacts. Also called **CBRN hazard.** (JP 3-11)

chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear passive defense — Passive measures taken to minimize or negate the vulnerability to, and effects of, chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear attacks. This mission area focuses on maintaining the joint

force's ability to continue military operations in a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear environment. Also called **CBRN passive defense**. (JP 3-40)

chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear protection — Measures that are taken to keep chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats and hazards from having an adverse effect on personnel, equipment, or critical assets and facilities. Also called **CBRN protection.** (JP 3-11)

chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear sense — Activities that continually provide chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threat and hazard information and intelligence in a timely manner to support the common operational picture. Also called **CBRN sense.** (JP 3-11)

chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear shape — The command and control activity that integrates the sense, shield, and sustain operational elements to characterize chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear hazards and threats and employ necessary capabilities to counter their effects. Also called **CBRN shape.** (JP 3-11)

chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear shield — Individual and collective protection measures essential to mitigating the effects of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear hazards. Also called **CBRN shield.** (JP 3-11)

chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear sustain — The decontamination and medical activities to restore combat power and continue operations. Also called **CBRN sustain.** (JP 3-11)

chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosive hazards — Those chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosive elements that pose or could pose a hazard to individuals. Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosive hazards include those created from accidental releases, toxic industrial materials (especially air and water poisons), biological pathogens, radioactive matter, and high-yield explosives. Also included are any hazards resulting from the deliberate employment of weapons of mass destruction during military operations. Also called **CBRNE hazards.** (JP 3-07.2)

chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives consequence management — The consequence management activities for all deliberate and inadvertent releases of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives that are undertaken when directed or authorized by the President. Also called **CBRNE CM.** (JP 3-41)

chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high-yield explosives incident — An emergency resulting from the deliberate or unintentional release of nuclear, biological, radiological, or toxic or poisonous chemical materials, or the detonation of a high-yield explosive. Also called **CBRNE incident.** (JP 3-28)

chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear incident — Any occurrence, resulting from the use of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons and devices; the emergence of secondary hazards arising from counterforce targeting; or the release of toxic industrial materials into the environment, involving the emergence of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear hazards. (JP 3-11)

chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear weapon — A fully engineered assembly designed for employment to cause the release of a chemical or biological agent or radiological material onto a chosen target or to generate a nuclear detonation. Also called **CBRN weapon.** (JP 3-11)

chemical dose — (*) The amount of chemical agent, expressed in milligrams, that is taken or absorbed by the body.

chemical hazard — Any chemical manufactured, used, transported, or stored which can cause death or other harm through toxic properties of those materials. This includes chemical agents and chemical weapons (prohibited under the Chemical Weapons Convention), as well as toxic industrial chemicals and toxic industrial materials. (JP 3-11)

chemical horn — (*) In naval mine warfare, a mine horn containing an electric battery, the electrolyte for which is in a glass tube protected by a thin metal sheet. Also called **Hertz Horn.**

chemical monitoring — (*) The continued or periodic process of determining whether or not a chemical agent is present. See also **chemical survey.**

chemical survey — (*) The directed effort to determine the nature and degree of chemical hazard in an area and to delineate the perimeter of the hazard area.

chemical warfare — All aspects of military operations involving the employment of lethal and incapacitating munitions/agents and the warning and protective measures associated with such offensive operations. Since riot control agents and herbicides are not considered to be chemical warfare agents, those two items will be referred to separately or under the broader term "chemical," which will be used to include all types of chemical munitions/agents collectively. Also called **CW.** See also **chemical agent; chemical dose; chemical weapon; riot control agent.** (JP 3-11)

chemical weapon — Together or separately, (a) a toxic chemical and its precursors, except when intended for a purpose not prohibited under the Chemical Weapons Convention; (b) a munition or device, specifically designed to cause death or other harm through toxic properties of those chemicals specified in (a), above, which would be released as a result of the employment of such munition or device; (c) any equipment specifically designed for use directly in connection with the employment of munitions or devices

specified in (b), above. See also **chemical agent; chemical dose; chemical warfare; riot control agent.** (JP 3-11)

chief of mission — The principal officer (the ambassador) in charge of a diplomatic facility of the United States, including any individual assigned to be temporarily in charge of such a facility. The chief of mission is the personal representative of the President to the country of accreditation. The chief of mission is responsible for the direction, coordination, and supervision of all US Government executive branch employees in that country (except those under the command of a US area military commander). The security of the diplomatic post is the chief of mission's direct responsibility. Also called **COM.** (JP 3-08)

chief of staff — The senior or principal member or head of a staff, or the principal assistant in a staff capacity to a person in a command capacity; the head or controlling member of a staff, for purposes of the coordination of its work; a position that in itself is without inherent power of command by reason of assignment, except that which is invested in such a position by delegation to exercise command in another's name.

chronic radiation dose — A dose of ionizing radiation received either continuously or intermittently over a prolonged period of time. A chronic radiation dose may be high enough to cause radiation sickness and death but, if received at a low dose rate, a significant portion of the acute cellular damage may be repaired. See also **acute radiation dose; radiation dose; radiation dose rate.**

chuffing — (*) The characteristic of some rockets to burn intermittently and with an irregular noise.

cipher — Any cryptographic system in which arbitrary symbols (or groups of symbols) represent units of plain text of regular length, usually single letters; units of plain text are rearranged; or both, in accordance with certain predetermined rules. See also **cryptosystem.**

circular error probable — An indicator of the delivery accuracy of a weapon system, used as a factor in determining probable damage to a target. It is the radius of a circle within which half of a missile's projectiles are expected to fall. Also called **CEP.** See also **delivery error; deviation; dispersion error; horizontal error.**

civic action — See **military civic action.**

civil administration — An administration established by a foreign government in (1) friendly territory, under an agreement with the government of the area concerned, to exercise certain authority normally the function of the local government; or (2) hostile territory, occupied by United States forces, where a foreign government exercises executive, legislative, and judicial authority until an indigenous civil government can be established. Also called **CA.** (JP 3-05)

civil affairs — Designated Active and Reserve Component forces and units organized, trained, and equipped specifically to conduct civil affairs operations and to support civil-military operations. Also called **CA.** See also **civil affairs activities; civil-military operations.** (JP 3-57)

civil affairs activities — Activities performed or supported by civil affairs that (1) enhance the relationship between military forces and civil authorities in areas where military forces are present; and (2) involve application of civil affairs functional specialty skills, in areas normally the responsibility of civil government, to enhance conduct of civil-military operations. See also **civil affairs; civil-military operations.** (JP 3-57)

civil affairs agreement — An agreement that governs the relationship between allied armed forces located in a friendly country and the civil authorities and people of that country. See also **civil affairs.**

civil affairs operations — Those military operations conducted by civil affairs forces that (1) enhance the relationship between military forces and civil authorities in localities where military forces are present; (2) require coordination with other interagency organizations, intergovernmental organizations, nongovernmental organizations, indigenous populations and institutions, and the private sector; and (3) involve application of functional specialty skills that normally are the responsibility of civil government to enhance the conduct of civil-military operations. Also called **CAO.** (JP 3-57)

civil augmentation program — Standing, long-term external support contacts designed to augment Service logistic capabilities with contracted support in both preplanned and short notice contingencies. Examples include US Army Logistics Civil Augmentation Program, Air Force Contract Augmentation Program, and US Navy Global Contingency Capabilities Contracts. Also called **CAP.** See also **contingency; contingency contract; external support contract.** (JP 4-10)

civil authorities — Those elected and appointed officers and employees who constitute the government of the United States, the governments of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, United States possessions and territories, and political subdivisions thereof. (JP 3-28)

civil defense — All those activities and measures designed or undertaken to: a. minimize the effects upon the civilian population caused or which would be caused by an enemy attack on the United States; b. deal with the immediate emergency conditions that would be created by any such attack; and c. effectuate emergency repairs to, or the emergency restoration of, vital utilities and facilities destroyed or damaged by any such attack.

civil defense emergency — See **domestic emergencies.**

civil disturbance — Group acts of violence and disorder prejudicial to public law and order. See also **domestic emergencies.** (JP 3-28)

civil emergency — Any occasion or instance for which, in the determination of the President, federal assistance is needed to supplement state and local efforts and capabilities to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in any part of the United States. (JP 3-28)

civilian internee — A civilian who is interned during armed conflict, occupation, or other military operation for security reasons, for protection, or because he or she committed an offense against the detaining power. Also called **CI.** (DODD 2310.01E)

civil-military medicine — A discipline within operational medicine comprising public health and medical issues that involve a civil-military interface (foreign or domestic), including military medical support to civil authorities (domestic), medical engagement cooperation activities, and medical civil-military operations. (JP 4-02)

civil-military operations — The activities of a commander that establish, maintain, influence, or exploit relations between military forces, governmental and nongovernmental civilian organizations and authorities, and the civilian populace in a friendly, neutral, or hostile operational area in order to facilitate military operations, to consolidate and achieve operational US objectives. Civil-military operations may include performance by military forces of activities and functions normally the responsibility of the local, regional, or national government. These activities may occur prior to, during, or subsequent to other military actions. They may also occur, if directed, in the absence of other military operations. Civil-military operations may be performed by designated civil affairs, by other military forces, or by a combination of civil affairs and other forces. Also called **CMO.** See also **civil affairs; operation.** (JP 3-57)

civil-military operations center — An organization normally comprised of civil affairs, established to plan and facilitate coordination of activities of the Armed Forces of the United States with indigenous populations and institutions, the private sector, intergovernmental organizations, nongovernmental organizations, multinational forces, and other governmental agencies in support of the joint force commander. Also called **CMOC.** See also **civil affairs activities; civil-military operations; operation.** (JP 3-57)

civil nuclear power — A nation that has the potential to employ nuclear technology for development of nuclear weapons but has deliberately decided against doing so.

civil requirements — The necessary production and distribution of all types of services, supplies, and equipment during periods of armed conflict or occupation to ensure the productive efficiency of the civilian economy and to provide to civilians the treatment and protection to which they are entitled under customary and conventional international law.

Civil Reserve Air Fleet — A program in which the Department of Defense contracts for the services of specific aircraft, owned by a US entity or citizen, during national emergencies and defense-oriented situations when expanded civil augmentation of military airlift activity is required. These aircraft are allocated, in accordance with Department of Defense requirements, to segments, according to their capabilities, such as international long range and short range cargo and passenger sections, national (domestic and Alaskan sections) and aeromedical evacuation and other segments as may be mutually agreed upon by the Department of Defense and the Department of Transportation. Also called **CRAF.** See also **reserve.** (JP 3-17)

civil support — Department of Defense support to US civil authorities for domestic emergencies, and for designated law enforcement and other activities. Also called **CS.** See also **military assistance to civil authorities.** (JP 3-28)

civil transportation — The movement of persons, property, or mail by civil facilities, and the resources (including storage, except that for agricultural and petroleum products) necessary to accomplish the movement. (Excludes transportation operated or controlled by the military as well as petroleum and gas pipelines.)

clandestine operation — An operation sponsored or conducted by governmental departments or agencies in such a way as to assure secrecy or concealment. A clandestine operation differs from a covert operation in that emphasis is placed on concealment of the operation rather than on concealment of the identity of the sponsor. In special operations, an activity may be both covert and clandestine and may focus equally on operational considerations and intelligence-related activities. See also **covert operation; overt operation.** (JP 3-05.1)

classes of supply — The ten categories into which supplies are grouped in order to facilitate supply management and planning. I. Rations and gratuitous issue of health, morale, and welfare items. II. Clothing, individual equipment, tentage, tool sets, and administrative and housekeeping supplies and equipment. III. Petroleum, oils, and lubricants. IV. Construction materials. V. Ammunition. VI. Personal demand items. VII. Major end items, including tanks, helicopters, and radios. VIII. Medical. IX. Repair parts and components for equipment maintenance. X. Nonstandard items to support nonmilitary programs such as agriculture and economic development. See also **ammunition; petroleum, oils, and lubricants.** (JP 4-09)

classification — The determination that official information requires, in the interests of national security, a specific degree of protection against unauthorized disclosure, coupled with a designation signifying that such a determination has been made. See also **security classification.**

classification of bridges and vehicles — See **military load classification.**

classified information — Official information that has been determined to require, in the interests of national security, protection against unauthorized disclosure and which has been so designated.

classified matter — (*) Official information or matter in any form or of any nature which requires protection in the interests of national security. See also **unclassified matter.**

cleansing station — See **decontamination station.**

clear — 1. To approve or authorize, or to obtain approval or authorization for: a. a person or persons with regard to their actions, movements, duties, etc.; b. an object or group of objects, as equipment or supplies, with regard to quality, quantity, purpose, movement, disposition, etc.; and c. a request, with regard to correctness of form, validity, etc. 2. To give one or more aircraft a clearance. 3. To give a person a security clearance. 4. To fly over an obstacle without touching it. 5. To pass a designated point, line, or object. The end of a column must pass the designated feature before the latter is cleared. 6. a. To operate a gun so as to unload it or make certain no ammunition remains; and b. to free a gun of stoppages. 7. To clear an engine; to open the throttle of an idling engine to free it from carbon. 8. To clear the air to gain either temporary or permanent air superiority or control in a given sector.

clearance capacity — An estimate expressed in terms of measurement or weight tons per day of the cargo that may be transported inland from a beach or port over the available means of inland communication, including roads, railroads, and inland waterways. The estimate is based on an evaluation of the physical characteristics of the transportation facilities in the area. See also **beach capacity; port capacity.**

clearance decontamination — The final level of decontamination that provides the decontamination of equipment and personnel to a level that allows unrestricted transportation, maintenance, employment, and disposal. (JP 3-11)

clearance rate — (*) The area which would be cleared per unit time with a stated minimum percentage clearance, using specific minehunting and/or minesweeping procedures.

clearing operation — An operation designed to clear or neutralize all mines and obstacles from a route or area. (JP 3-15)

close air support — Air action by fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft against hostile targets that are in close proximity to friendly forces and that require detailed integration of each air mission with the fire and movement of those forces. Also called **CAS.** See also **air interdiction; air support; immediate mission request; preplanned mission request.** (JP 3-0)

close-controlled air interception — (*) An interception in which the interceptor is continuously controlled to a position from which the target is within visual range or radar contact. See also **air interception.** (JP 3-01.1)

closed area — (*) A designated area in or over which passage of any kind is prohibited. See also **prohibited area.**

close support — That action of the supporting force against targets or objectives which are sufficiently near the supported force as to require detailed integration or coordination of the supporting action with the fire, movement, or other actions of the supported force. See also **direct support; general support; mutual support; support.** (JP 3-31)

close support area — Those parts of the ocean operating areas nearest to, but not necessarily in, the objective area. They are assigned to naval support carrier strike groups, surface action groups, surface action units, and certain logistic combat service support elements. (JP 3-02)

closure — In transportation, the process of a unit arriving at a specified location. It begins when the first element arrives at a designated location, e.g., port of entry and/or port of departure, intermediate stops, or final destination, and ends when the last element does likewise. For the purposes of studies and command post exercises, a unit is considered essentially closed after 95 percent of its movement requirements for personnel and equipment are completed.

closure minefield — (*) In naval mine warfare, a minefield which is planned to present such a threat that waterborne shipping is prevented from moving.

closure shortfall — The specified movement requirement or portion thereof that did not meet scheduling criteria and/or movement dates.

cloud amount — (*) The proportion of sky obscured by cloud, expressed as a fraction of sky covered.

cluster bomb unit — (*) An aircraft store composed of a dispenser and submunitions. Also called **CBU.**

coalition — An ad hoc arrangement between two or more nations for common action. See also **alliance; multinational.** (JP 5-0)

coalition action — Multinational action outside the bounds of established alliances, usually for single occasions or longer cooperation in a narrow sector of common interest. See also **alliance; coalition; multinational operations.** (JP 5-0)

coarse mine — (*) In naval mine warfare, a relatively insensitive influence mine.

coastal convoy — (*) A convoy whose voyage lies in general on the continental shelf and in coastal waters.

coastal refraction — (*) The change of the direction of travel of a radio ground wave as it passes from land to sea or from sea to land. Also called **land effect or shoreline effect.**

coastal sea control — The employment of forces to ensure the unimpeded use of an offshore coastal area by friendly forces and, as appropriate, to deny the use of the area to enemy forces. (JP 3-10)

code word — (*) 1. A word that has been assigned a classification and a classified meaning to safeguard intentions and information regarding a classified plan or operation. 2. A cryptonym used to identify sensitive intelligence data.

cold war — A state of international tension wherein political, economic, technological, sociological, psychological, paramilitary, and military measures short of overt armed conflict involving regular military forces are employed to achieve national objectives.

collapse depth — (*) The design depth, referenced to the axis of the pressure hull, beyond which the hull structure or hull penetrations are presumed to suffer catastrophic failure to the point of total collapse.

collate — 1. The grouping together of related items to provide a record of events and facilitate further processing. 2. To compare critically two or more items or documents concerning the same general subject; normally accomplished in the processing and exploitation portion of the intelligence process. See also **intelligence process.** (JP 2-0)

collateral damage — Unintentional or incidental injury or damage to persons or objects that would not be lawful military targets in the circumstances ruling at the time. Such damage is not unlawful so long as it is not excessive in light of the overall military advantage anticipated from the attack. (JP 3-60)

collection — In intelligence usage, the acquisition of information and the provision of this information to processing elements. See also **intelligence process.** (JP 2-01)

collection agency — Any individual, organization, or unit that has access to sources of information and the capability of collecting information from them. See also **agency.**

collection asset — A collection system, platform, or capability that is supporting, assigned, or attached to a particular commander. See also **capability; collection.** (JP 2-01)

collection management — In intelligence usage, the process of converting intelligence requirements into collection requirements, establishing priorities, tasking or coordinating with appropriate collection sources or agencies, monitoring results, and retasking, as required. See also **collection; collection requirement; collection requirements management; intelligence; intelligence process.** (JP 2-0)

collection management authority — Within the Department of Defense, collection management authority constitutes the authority to establish, prioritize, and validate theater collection requirements, establish sensor tasking guidance, and develop theater-wide collection policies. Also called **CMA.** See also **collection manager; collection plan; collection requirement.** (JP 2-01.2)

collection manager — An individual with responsibility for the timely and efficient tasking of organic collection resources and the development of requirements for theater and national assets that could satisfy specific information needs in support of the mission. Also called **CM.** See also **collection; collection management authority.** (JP 2-01)

collection operations management — The authoritative direction, scheduling, and control of specific collection operations and associated processing, exploitation, and reporting resources. Also called **COM.** See also **collection management; collection requirements management.** (JP 2-0)

collection plan — A plan for collecting information from all available sources to meet intelligence requirements and for transforming those requirements into orders and requests to appropriate agencies. See also **information; information requirements; intelligence process.** (JP 2-01)

collection planning — A continuous process that coordinates and integrates the efforts of all collection units and agencies. See also **collection.** (JP 2-0)

collection point — A point designated for the assembly of personnel casualties, stragglers, disabled materiel, salvage, etc., for further movement to collecting stations or rear installations.

collection requirement — 1. An intelligence need considered in the allocation of intelligence resources. Within the Department of Defense, these collection requirements fulfill the essential elements of information and other intelligence needs of a commander, or an agency. 2. An established intelligence need, validated against the appropriate allocation of intelligence resources (as a requirement) to fulfill the essential elements of information and other intelligence needs of an intelligence consumer. (JP 2-01.2)

collection requirements management — The authoritative development and control of collection, processing, exploitation, and/or reporting requirements that normally result in either the direct tasking of assets over which the collection manager has authority, or the generation of tasking requests to collection management authorities at a higher, lower, or lateral echelon to accomplish the collection mission. Also called **CRM.** See also **collection; collection management; collection operations management.** (JP 2-0)

collection resource — A collection system, platform, or capability that is not assigned or attached to a specific unit or echelon which must be requested and coordinated through the chain of command. See also **collection management.** (JP 2-01)

collective call sign — (*) Any call sign which represents two or more facilities, commands, authorities, or units. The collective call sign for any of these includes the commander thereof and all subordinate commanders therein. See also **call sign.**

collective protection — The protection provided to a group of individuals which permits relaxation of individual chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear protection. Also called **COLPRO.** (JP 3-11)

collective self-defense — Collective self-defense is the act of defending other designated non-US forces. Only the President or Secretary of Defense may authorize US forces to exercise the right of collective self-defense.

collocation — (*) The physical placement of two or more detachments, units, organizations, or facilities at a specifically defined location.

colored beach — That portion of usable coastline sufficient for the assault landing of a regimental landing team or similar sized unit. In the event that the landing force consists of a single battalion landing team, a colored beach will be used and no further subdivision of the beach is required. See also **numbered beach.** (JP 3-02)

column formation — (*) A formation in which elements are placed one behind the other.

column gap — (*) The space between two consecutive elements proceeding on the same route. It can be calculated in units of length or in units of time measured from the rear of one element to the front of the following element.

column length — (*) The length of the roadway occupied by a column or a convoy in movement. See also **road space.**

combat air patrol — An aircraft patrol provided over an objective area, the force protected, the critical area of a combat zone, or in an air defense area, for the purpose of intercepting and destroying hostile aircraft before they reach their targets. Also called **CAP.** See also **airborne alert; barrier combat air patrol; patrol; rescue combat air patrol.** (JP 3-01)

combat and operational stress — The expected and predictable emotional, intellectual, physical, and/or behavioral reactions of Service members who have been exposed to stressful events in war or military operations other than war. Combat stress reactions vary in quality and severity as a function of operational conditions, such as intensity, duration, rules of engagement, leadership, effective communication, unit morale, unit cohesion, and perceived importance of the mission. (JP 4-02)

combat and operational stress control — Programs developed and actions taken by military leadership to prevent, identify, and manage adverse combat and operational stress reactions in units; optimize mission performance; conserve fighting strength; prevent or minimize adverse effects of combat and operational stress on members' physical, psychological, intellectual and social health; and to return the unit or Service member to duty expeditiously. (JP 4-02)

combatant command — A unified or specified command with a broad continuing mission under a single commander established and so designated by the President, through the Secretary of Defense and with the advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Combatant commands typically have geographic or functional responsibilities. See also **specified command; unified command.** (JP 5-0)

combatant command chaplain — The senior chaplain assigned to the staff of, or designated by, the combatant commander to provide advice on religion, ethics, and morale of assigned personnel and to coordinate religious ministries within the combatant commander's area of responsibility. See also **command chaplain; religious support; religious support plan; religious support team.** (JP 1-05)

combatant command (command authority) — Nontransferable command authority established by title 10 ("Armed Forces"), United States Code, section 164, exercised only by commanders of unified or specified combatant commands unless otherwise directed by the President or the Secretary of Defense. Combatant command (command authority) cannot be delegated and is the authority of a combatant commander to perform those functions of command over assigned forces involving organizing and employing commands and forces, assigning tasks, designating objectives, and giving authoritative direction over all aspects of military operations, joint training, and logistics necessary to accomplish the missions assigned to the command. Combatant command (command authority) should be exercised through the commanders of subordinate organizations. Normally this authority is exercised through subordinate joint force commanders and Service and/or functional component commanders. Combatant command (command authority) provides full authority to organize and employ commands and forces as the combatant commander considers necessary to accomplish assigned missions. Operational control is inherent in combatant command (command authority). Also called **COCOM.** See also **combatant command; combatant commander; operational control; tactical control.** (JP 1)

combatant commander — A commander of one of the unified or specified combatant commands established by the President. Also called **CCDR.** See also **combatant command; specified combatant command; unified combatant command.** (JP 3-0)

combatant commander logistic procurement support board — A combatant commander-level joint board established to ensure that contracting support and other sources of support are properly synchronized across the entire area of responsibility. Also called **CLPSB.** See also **joint acquisition review board; joint contracting support board.** (JP 4-10)

combatant commander's required date — The original date relative to C-day, specified by the combatant commander for arrival of forces or cargo at the destination; shown in the time-phased force and deployment data to assess the impact of later arrival. Also called **CRD.**

combat assessment — The determination of the overall effectiveness of force employment during military operations. Combat assessment is composed of three major components: (a) battle damage assessment; (b) munitions effectiveness assessment; and (c) reattack recommendation. Also called **CA.** See also **battle damage assessment; munitions effectiveness assessment; reattack recommendation.** (JP 3-60)

combat camera — The acquisition and utilization of still and motion imagery in support of operational and planning requirements across the range of military operations and during joint exercises. Also called **COMCAM.** See also **visual information.** (JP 3-61)

combat cargo officer — An embarkation officer assigned to major amphibious ships or naval staffs, functioning primarily as an adviser to and representative of the naval commander in matters pertaining to embarkation and debarkation of troops and their supplies and equipment. Also called **CCO.** See also **embarkation officer.**

combat chart — A special naval chart, at a scale of 1:50,000, designed for naval surface fire support and close air support during coastal or amphibious operations and showing detailed hydrography and topography in the coastal belt.

combat control team — A small task organized team of Air Force parachute and combat diver qualified personnel trained and equipped to rapidly establish and control drop, landing, and extraction zone air traffic in austere or hostile conditions. They survey and establish terminal airheads as well as provide guidance to aircraft for airlift operations. They provide command and control, and conduct reconnaissance, surveillance, and survey assessments of potential objective airfields or assault zones. They also can perform limited weather observations and removal of obstacles or unexploded ordinance with demolitions. Also called **CCT.** (JP 3-17)

combat engineering — Those engineering capabilities and activities that support the maneuver of land combat forces and that require close support to those forces. Combat engineering consists of three types of capabilities and activities: mobility, countermobility, and survivability. (JP 3-34)

combat identification — The process of attaining an accurate characterization of detected objects in the operational environment sufficient to support an engagement decision. Also called **CID.** (JP 3-09)

combat information — Unevaluated data, gathered by or provided directly to the tactical commander which, due to its highly perishable nature or the criticality of the situation, cannot be processed into tactical intelligence in time to satisfy the user's tactical intelligence requirements. See also **information.**

combat information center — The agency in a ship or aircraft manned and equipped to collect, display, evaluate, and disseminate tactical information for the use of the embarked flag officer, commanding officer, and certain control agencies. Also called **CIC.** (JP 3-04)

combating terrorism — Actions, including antiterrorism and counterterrorism, taken to oppose terrorism throughout the entire threat spectrum. Also called **CbT.** See also **antiterrorism; counterterrorism.** (JP 3-26)

combat intelligence — That knowledge of the enemy, weather, and geographical features required by a commander in the planning and conduct of combat operations. (JP 2-0)

combat loading — The arrangement of personnel and the stowage of equipment and supplies in a manner designed to conform to the anticipated tactical operation of the organization embarked. Each individual item is stowed so that it can be unloaded at the required time. See also **loading.** (JP 3-02)

combat power — (*) The total means of destructive and/or disruptive force which a military unit/formation can apply against the opponent at a given time.

combat readiness — Synonymous with operational readiness, with respect to missions or functions performed in combat.

combat search and rescue — The tactics, techniques, and procedures performed by forces to effect the recovery of isolated personnel during combat. Also called **CSAR.** See also **search and rescue.** (JP 3-50)

combat search and rescue task force — All forces committed to a specific combat search and rescue operation to locate, identify, support, and recover isolated personnel during combat. This includes those elements assigned to provide command and control and to protect the recovery vehicle(s) from attack. Also called **CSARTF.** See also **combat search and rescue; search; search and rescue.** (JP 3-50)

combat service support — The essential capabilities, functions, activities, and tasks necessary to sustain all elements of operating forces in theater at all levels of war. Within the national and theater logistic systems, it includes but is not limited to that support rendered by service forces in ensuring the aspects of supply, maintenance, transportation, health services, and other services required by aviation and ground combat troops to permit those units to accomplish their missions in combat. Combat service support encompasses those activities at all levels of war that produce

sustainment to all operating forces on the battlefield. Also called **CSS.** See also **combat support.** (JP 4-0)

combat service support area — An area ashore that is organized to contain the necessary supplies, equipment, installations, and elements to provide the landing force with combat service support throughout the operation. Also called **CSSA.** (JP 3-02)

combat service support element — The core element of a Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF) that is task-organized to provide the combat service support necessary to accomplish the MAGTF mission. The combat service support element varies in size from a small detachment to one or more force service support groups. It provides supply, maintenance, transportation, general engineering, health services, and a variety of other services to the MAGTF. The combat service support element itself is not a formal command. Also called **CSSE.** See also **aviation combat element; command element; ground combat element; Marine air-ground task force; Marine expeditionary force; Marine expeditionary unit; special purpose Marine air-ground task force; task force.**

combat service support elements — Those elements whose primary missions are to provide service support to combat forces and which are a part, or prepared to become a part, of a theater, command, or task force formed for combat operations. See also **operating forces; service troops; troops.**

combat support — Fire support and operational assistance provided to combat elements. Also called **CS.** See also **combat service support.** (JP 4-0)

combat support agency — A Department of Defense agency so designated by Congress or the Secretary of Defense that supports military combat operations. Also called **CSA.** (JP 5-0)

combat surveillance — A continuous, all-weather, day-and-night, systematic watch over the battle area in order to provide timely information for tactical combat operations.

combat survival — (*) Those measures to be taken by Service personnel when involuntarily separated from friendly forces in combat, including procedures relating to individual survival, evasion, escape, and conduct after capture.

combat zone — 1. That area required by combat forces for the conduct of operations. 2. The territory forward of the Army rear area boundary. See also **communications zone.** (JP 3-0)

combination influence mine — (*) A mine designed to actuate only when two or more different influences are received either simultaneously or in a predetermined order. Also called **combined influence mine.** See also **mine.**

combined — Between two or more forces or agencies of two or more allies. (When all allies or services are not involved, the participating nations and services shall be identified, e.g., combined navies.) See also **joint.**

combined airspeed indicator — (*) An instrument which displays both indicated airspeed and mach number.

combined arms team — The full integration and application of two or more arms or elements of one Military Service into an operation. (JP 3-18)

combined force — A military force composed of elements of two or more allied nations. See also **force(s).**

combined influence mine — See **combination influence mine.**

combined joint special operations task force — A task force composed of special operations units from one or more foreign countries and more than one US Military Department formed to carry out a specific special operation or prosecute special operations in support of a theater campaign or other operations. The combined joint special operations task force may have conventional nonspecial operations units assigned or attached to support the conduct of specific missions. Also called **CJSOTF.** See also **joint special operations task force; special operations; task force.** (JP 3-05)

combustor — (*) A name generally assigned to the combination of flame holder or stabilizer, igniter, combustion chamber, and injection system of a ramjet or gas turbine.

command — 1. The authority that a commander in the armed forces lawfully exercises over subordinates by virtue of rank or assignment. Command includes the authority and responsibility for effectively using available resources and for planning the employment of, organizing, directing, coordinating, and controlling military forces for the accomplishment of assigned missions. It also includes responsibility for health, welfare, morale, and discipline of assigned personnel. 2. An order given by a commander; that is, the will of the commander expressed for the purpose of bringing about a particular action. 3. A unit or units, an organization, or an area under the command of one individual. Also called **CMD.** See also **area command; combatant command; combatant command (command authority).** (JP 1)

command and control — The exercise of authority and direction by a properly designated commander over assigned and attached forces in the accomplishment of the mission. Command and control functions are performed through an arrangement of personnel, equipment, communications, facilities, and procedures employed by a commander in planning, directing, coordinating, and controlling forces and operations in the accomplishment of the mission. Also called **C2.** (JP 1)

command and control system — The facilities, equipment, communications, procedures, and personnel essential to a commander for planning, directing, and controlling operations of assigned and attached forces pursuant to the missions assigned. (JP 6-0)

command assessment element — The small team of personnel sent by the United States Northern Command or United States Pacific Command to a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high-yield explosives incident site to conduct a consequence management assessment and make an evaluation of potential shortfalls in federal and state capabilities, which may become requests for Department of Defense assistance. Also called **CAE.** (JP 3-41)

command axis — (*) A line along which a headquarters will move.

command center — A facility from which a commander and his or her representatives direct operations and control forces. It is organized to gather, process, analyze, display, and disseminate planning and operational data and perform other related tasks. Also called **CC.**

command channel — See **chain of command.**

command chaplain — The senior chaplain assigned to or designated by a commander of a staff, command, or unit. See also **combatant command chaplain; religious support; religious support plan.** (JP 1-05)

command controlled stocks — (*) Stocks which are placed at the disposal of a designated NATO commander in order to provide him with a flexibility with which to influence the battle logistically. "Placed at the disposal of" implies responsibility for storage, maintenance, accounting, rotation or turnover, physical security, and subsequent transportation to a particular battle area.

command destruct signal — (*) A signal used to operate intentionally the destruction signal in a missile.

command detonated mine — (*) A mine detonated by remotely controlled means.

command ejection system — See **ejection systems.**

command element — The core element of a Marine air-ground task force that is the headquarters. The command element is composed of the commander, general or executive and special staff sections, headquarters section, and requisite communications support, intelligence, and reconnaissance forces necessary to accomplish the mission. The command element provides command and control, intelligence, and other support essential for effective planning and execution of operations by the other elements of the Marine air-ground task force. The command element varies in size and composition. Also called **CE.** See also **aviation combat element; combat service support element; ground combat element; Marine air-**

ground task force; Marine expeditionary force; Marine expeditionary unit; special purpose Marine air-ground task force; task force. (JP 3-02)

commander, amphibious task force — The Navy officer designated in the initiating directive as the commander of the amphibious task force. Also called **CATF.** See also **amphibious operation; amphibious task force; commander, landing force.** (JP 3-02)

commander, landing force — The officer designated in the initiating directive as the commander of the landing force for an amphibious operation. Also called **CLF.** See also **amphibious operation; commander, amphibious task force; landing force.** (JP 3-02)

commander's concept — See **concept of operations.**

commander's critical information requirement — An information requirement identified by the commander as being critical to facilitating timely decision-making. The two key elements are friendly force information requirements and priority intelligence requirements. Also called **CCIR.** See also **information; information requirements; intelligence; priority intelligence requirement.** (JP 3-0)

commander's estimate — In the context of the Joint Operation Planning and Execution System level 1 planning detail for contingency planning, a developed course of action. The product for this level can be a course of action briefing, command directive, commander's estimate, or a memorandum. The commander's estimate provides the Secretary of Defense with military courses of action to meet a potential contingency. See also **commander's estimate of the situation.** (JP 5-0)

commander's estimate of the situation — A process of reasoning by which a commander considers all the circumstances affecting the military situation and arrives at a decision as to a course of action to be taken to accomplish the mission. A commander's estimate, which considers a military situation so far in the future as to require major assumptions, is called a commander's long-range estimate of the situation (JP 3-0)

commander's intent — A concise expression of the purpose of the operation and the desired end state. It may also include the commander's assessment of the adversary commander's intent and an assessment of where and how much risk is acceptable during the operation. See also **assessment; end state.** (JP 3-0)

command guidance — (*) A guidance system wherein intelligence transmitted to the missile from an outside source causes the missile to traverse a directed flight path.

command information — Communication by a military organization directed to the internal audience that creates an awareness of the organization's goals, informs them of significant developments affecting them and the organization, increases their effectiveness as ambassadors of the organization, and keeps them informed about what

is going on in the organization. Also called **internal information.** See also **command; information; public affairs.** (JP 3-61)

commanding officer of troops — On a ship that has embarked units, a designated officer (usually the senior embarking unit commander) who is responsible for the administration, discipline, and training of all embarked units. Also called **COT.** (JP 3-02)

command net — (*) A communications network which connects an echelon of command with some or all of its subordinate echelons for the purpose of command and control.

command post — (*) A unit's or subunit's headquarters where the commander and the staff perform their activities. In combat, a unit's or subunit's headquarters is often divided into echelons; the echelon in which the unit or subunit commander is located or from which such commander operates is called a command post. Also called **CP.**

command post exercise — An exercise in which the forces are simulated, involving the commander, the staff, and communications within and between headquarters. Also called **CPX.** See also **exercise; maneuver.**

command relationships — The interrelated responsibilities between commanders, as well as the operational authority exercised by commanders in the chain of command; defined further as combatant command (command authority), operational control, tactical control, or support. See also **chain of command; combatant command (command authority); command; operational control; support; tactical control.** (JP 1)

command select ejection system — See **ejection systems.**

command-sponsored dependent — A dependent entitled to travel to overseas commands at Government expense and endorsed by the appropriate military commander to be present in a dependent's status.

commercial items — Articles of supply readily available from established commercial distribution sources which the Department of Defense or inventory managers in the Military Services have designated to be obtained directly or indirectly from such sources.

commercial loading — See **administrative loading.**

commercial vehicle — A vehicle that has evolved in the commercial market to meet civilian requirements and which is selected from existing production lines for military use.

commit — The process of committing one or more air interceptors or surface-to-air missiles for interception against a target track.

commodity loading — (*) A method of loading in which various types of cargoes are loaded together, such as ammunition, rations, or boxed vehicles, in order that each commodity can be discharged without disturbing the others. See also **combat loading; loading.**

commodity manager — An individual within the organization of an inventory control point or other such organization assigned management responsibility for homogeneous grouping of materiel items.

commonality — A quality that applies to materiel or systems: a. possessing like and interchangeable characteristics enabling each to be utilized, or operated and maintained, by personnel trained on the others without additional specialized training; b. having interchangeable repair parts and/or components; and c. applying to consumable items interchangeably equivalent without adjustment. (JP 6-0)

common infrastructure — (*) Infrastructure essential to the training of NATO forces or to the implementation of NATO operational plans which, owing to its degree of common use or interest and its compliance with criteria laid down from time to time by the North Atlantic Council, is commonly financed by NATO members. See also **infrastructure.**

common item — 1. Any item of materiel that is required for use by more than one activity. 2. Sometimes loosely used to denote any consumable item except repair parts or other technical items. 3. Any item of materiel that is procured for, owned by (Service stock), or used by any Military Department of the Department of Defense and is also required to be furnished to a recipient country under the grant-aid Military Assistance Program. 4. Readily available commercial items. 5. Items used by two or more Military Services of similar manufacture or fabrication that may vary between the Services as to color or shape (as vehicles or clothing). 6. Any part or component that is required in the assembly of two or more complete end-items.

common operating environment — Automation services that support the development of the common reusable software modules that enable interoperability across multiple combat support applications. This includes segmentation of common software modules from existing applications, integration of commercial products, development of a common architecture, and development of common tools for application developers. Also called **COE.** (JP 4-01)

common operational picture — A single identical display of relevant information shared by more than one command. A common operational picture facilitates collaborative planning and assists all echelons to achieve situational awareness. Also called **COP.** (JP 3-0)

common servicing — That function performed by one Military Service in support of another Military Service for which reimbursement is not required from the Service receiving support. See also **servicing.**

common supplies — Those supplies common to two or more Services.

common tactical picture — An accurate and complete display of relevant tactical data that integrates tactical information from the multi-tactical data link network, ground network, intelligence network, and sensor networks. Also called **CTP.** (JP 3-01)

common use — Services, materiel, or facilities provided by a Department of Defense agency or a Military Department on a common basis for two or more Department of Defense agencies, elements, or other organizations as directed.

common-use container — Any Department of Defense-owned, -leased, or -controlled 20- or 40-foot International Organization for Standardization container managed by US Transportation Command as an element of the Department of Defense common-use container system. See also **component- owned container; Service-unique container.** (JP 4-09)

common-user airlift service — The airlift service provided on a common basis for all Department of Defense agencies and, as authorized, for other agencies of the US Government. (JP 3-17)

common-user item — An item of an interchangeable nature which is in common use by two or more nations or Services of a nation. (JP 4-07)

common-user logistics — Materiel or service support shared with or provided by two or more Services, Department of Defense agencies, or multinational partners to another Service, Department of Defense agency, non-Department of Defense agency, and/or multinational partner in an operation. Common-user logistics is usually restricted to a particular type of supply and/or service and may be further restricted to specific unit(s) or types of units, specific times, missions, and/or geographic areas. Also called **CUL.** See also **common use.** (JP 4-09)

common-user military land transportation — Point-to-point land transportation service operated by a single Service for common use by two or more Services.

common-user network — A system of circuits or channels allocated to furnish communication paths between switching centers to provide communication service on a common basis to all connected stations or subscribers. It is sometimes described as a general purpose network.

common-user ocean terminals — A military installation, part of a military installation, or a commercial facility operated under contract or arrangement by the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command which regularly provides for two or more Services terminal

functions of receipt, transit storage or staging, processing, and loading and unloading of passengers or cargo aboard ships. (JP 4-01.2)

common-user sealift — The sealift services provided on a common basis for all Department of Defense agencies and, as authorized, for other agencies of the US Government. The Military Sealift Command, a transportation component command of the US Transportation Command, provides common-user sealift for which users reimburse the transportation accounts of the Transportation Working Capital Fund. See also **Military Sealift Command; transportation component command.** (JP 3-35)

common-user transportation — Transportation and transportation services provided on a common basis for two or more Department of Defense agencies and, as authorized, non-Department of Defense agencies. Common-user assets are under the combatant command (command authority) of Commander, United States Transportation Command, excluding Service-organic or theater-assigned transportation assets. See also **common use.** (JP 4-01.2)

communicate — To use any means or method to convey information of any kind from one person or place to another. (JP 6-0)

communications intelligence — Technical information and intelligence derived from foreign communications by other than the intended recipients. Also called **COMINT.** (JP 2-0)

communications network — An organization of stations capable of intercommunications, but not necessarily on the same channel. (JP 6-0)

communications satellite — An orbiting vehicle, which relays signals between communications stations. There are two types: a. **active communications satellite** — A satellite that receives, regenerates, and retransmits signals between stations; b. **passive communications satellite** — A satellite which reflects communications signals between stations. Also called **COMSAT.** (JP 6-0)

communications security — The protection resulting from all measures designed to deny unauthorized persons information of value that might be derived from the possession and study of telecommunications, or to mislead unauthorized persons in their interpretation of the results of such possession and study. Also called **COMSEC.** (JP 6-0)

communications security equipment — Equipment designed to provide security to telecommunications by converting information to a form unintelligible to an unauthorized interceptor and by reconverting such information to its original form for authorized recipients, as well as equipment designed specifically to aid in (or as an essential element of) the conversion process. Communications security equipment is cryptoequipment, cryptoancillary equipment, cryptoproduction equipment, and authentication equipment.

communications security material — All documents, devices, equipment, or apparatus, including cryptomaterial, used in establishing or maintaining secure communications.

communications security monitoring — The act of listening to, copying, or recording transmissions of one's own circuits (or when specially agreed, e.g., in allied exercises, those of friendly forces) to provide material for communications security analysis in order to determine the degree of security being provided to those transmissions. In particular, the purposes include providing a basis for advising commanders on the security risks resulting from their transmissions, improving the security of communications, and planning and conducting manipulative communications deception operations.

communications zone — Rear part of a theater of war or theater of operations (behind but contiguous to the combat zone) which contains the lines of communications, establishments for supply and evacuation, and other agencies required for the immediate support and maintenance of the field forces. Also called **COMMZ.** See also **combat zone; line of communications; theater of operations; theater of war.** (JP 4-0)

community engagement — Those public affairs activities that support the relationship between military and civilian communities. (JP 3-61)

comparative cover — (*) Coverage of the same area or object taken at different times, to show any changes in details. See also **cover.**

compartmentation — 1. Establishment and management of an organization so that information about the personnel, internal organization, or activities of one component is made available to any other component only to the extent required for the performance of assigned duties. 2. Effects of relief and drainage upon avenues of approach so as to produce areas bounded on at least two sides by terrain features such as woods, ridges, or ravines that limit observation or observed fire into the area from points outside the area. (JP 3-05.1)

compass rose — (*) A graduated circle, usually marked in degrees, indicating directions and printed or inscribed on an appropriate medium.

complaint-type investigation — A counterintelligence investigation in which sabotage, espionage, treason, sedition, subversive activity, or disaffection is suspected.

completeness — The joint operation plan review criterion for assessing whether operation plans incorporate major operations and tasks to be accomplished and to what degree they include forces required, deployment concept, employment concept, sustainment concept, time estimates for achieving objectives, description of the end state, mission success criteria, and mission termination criteria. (JP 5-0)

complete round — A term applied to an assemblage of explosive and nonexplosive components designed to perform a specific function at the time and under the conditions desired. Examples of complete rounds of ammunition are: a. separate loading, consisting of a primer, propelling charge and, except for blank ammunition, a projectile and a fuze; b. fixed or semifixed, consisting of a primer, propelling charge, cartridge case, a projectile and, except when solid projectiles are used, a fuze; c. bomb, consisting of all component parts required to drop and function the bomb once; d. missile, consisting of a complete warhead section and a missile body with its associated components and propellants; and e. rocket, consisting of all components necessary to function.

complex contingency operations — Large-scale peace operations (or elements thereof) conducted by a combination of military forces and nonmilitary organizations that involve one or more of the elements of peace operations that include one or more elements of other types of operations such as foreign humanitarian assistance, nation assistance, support to insurgency, or support to counterinsurgency. Also called **CCOs.** See also **operation; peace operations.** (JP 3-08)

component — 1. One of the subordinate organizations that constitute a joint force. Normally a joint force is organized with a combination of Service and functional components. (JP 1) 2. In logistics, a part or combination of parts having a specific function, which can be installed or replaced only as an entity. (JP 4-0) Also called **COMP.** See also **functional component command; Service component command.**

component-owned container — A 20- or 40-foot International Organization for Standardization container procured and owned by a single Department of Defense component. May be either on an individual unit property book or contained within a component pool (e.g., Marine Corps maritime pre-positioning force containers). May be temporarily assigned to the Department of Defense common-use container system. Also called **Service-unique container.** See also **common-use container.** (JP 4-09)

composite warfare commander — An officer to whom the officer in tactical command of a naval task organization may delegate authority to conduct some or all of the offensive and defensive functions of the force. Also called **CWC**. (JP 3-02)

compression chamber — See **hyperbaric chamber.**

compromise — The known or suspected exposure of clandestine personnel, installations, or other assets or of classified information or material, to an unauthorized person.

compromised — (*) A term applied to classified matter, knowledge of which has, in whole or in part, passed to an unauthorized person or persons, or which has been subject to risk of such passing. See also **classified matter.**

computed air release point — (*) A computed air position where the first paratroop or cargo item is released to land on a specified impact point.

computer intrusion — An incident of unauthorized access to data or an automated information system.

computer intrusion detection — The process of identifying that a computer intrusion has been attempted, is occurring, or has occurred.

computer network attack — Actions taken through the use of computer networks to disrupt, deny, degrade, or destroy information resident in computers and computer networks, or the computers and networks themselves. Also called **CNA.** See also **computer network defense; computer network exploitation; computer network operations.** (JP 3-13)

computer network defense — Actions taken to protect, monitor, analyze, detect, and respond to unauthorized activity within the Department of Defense information systems and computer networks. Also called **CND.** See also **computer network attack; computer network exploitation; computer network operations.** (JP 6-0)

computer network exploitation — Enabling operations and intelligence collection capabilities conducted through the use of computer networks to gather data from target or adversary automated information systems or networks. Also called **CNE.** See also **computer network attack; computer network defense; computer network operations.** (JP 6-0)

computer network operations — Comprised of computer network attack, computer network defense, and related computer network exploitation enabling operations. Also called **CNO.** See also **computer network attack; computer network defense; computer network exploitation.** (JP 3-13)

computer security — The protection resulting from all measures to deny unauthorized access and exploitation of friendly computer systems. Also called **COMPUSEC.** See also **communications security.** (JP 6-0)

computer simulation — See **configuration management; validation; verification.**

concealment — (*) The protection from observation or surveillance. See also **camouflage; cover; screen.**

concentration area — (*) 1. An area, usually in the theater of operations, where troops are assembled before beginning active operations. 2. A limited area on which a volume of gunfire is placed within a limited time.

concept of fires — A verbal or graphic statement that clearly and concisely expresses how lethal and nonlethal fires will be synchronized and integrated to support the commander's operational objectives. (JP 3-09)

concept of intelligence operations — A verbal or graphic statement, in broad outline, of an intelligence directorate's assumptions or intent in regard to intelligence support of an operation or series of operations. The concept of intelligence operations, which supports the commander's concept of operations, is contained in the intelligence annex of operation plans. The concept of intelligence operations is designed to give an overall picture of intelligence support for joint operations. It is included primarily for additional clarity of purpose. See also **concept of operations.** (JP 2-0)

concept of logistic support — A verbal or graphic statement, in a broad outline, of how a commander intends to support and integrate with a concept of operations in an operation or campaign. (JP 4-0)

concept of operations — A verbal or graphic statement that clearly and concisely expresses what the joint force commander intends to accomplish and how it will be done using available resources. The concept is designed to give an overall picture of the operation. Also called **commander's concept or CONOPS.** (JP 5-0)

concept plan — In the context of joint operation planning level 3 planning detail, an operation plan in an abbreviated format that may require considerable expansion or alteration to convert it into a complete operation plan or operation order. Also called **CONPLAN.** See also **operation plan.** (JP 5-0)

condition — Those variables of an operational environment or situation in which a unit, system, or individual is expected to operate and may affect performance. See also **joint mission-essential tasks.**

conducting staff — See **exercise directing staff.**

configuration management — A discipline applying technical and administrative direction and surveillance to: (1) identify and document the functional and physical characteristics of a configuration item; (2) control changes to those characteristics; and (3) record and report changes to processing and implementation status. (JP 6-0)

confirmation of information (intelligence) — An information item is said to be confirmed when it is reported for the second time, preferably by another independent source whose reliability is considered when confirming information. (JP 2-0)

conflict — An armed struggle or clash between organized groups within a nation or between nations in order to achieve limited political or military objectives. Although regular forces are often involved, irregular forces frequently predominate. Conflict often is protracted, confined to a restricted geographic area, and constrained in weaponry and level of violence. Within this state, military power in response to threats may be exercised in an indirect manner while supportive of other instruments of national power. Limited objectives may be achieved by the short, focused, and direct application of force. (JP 3-0)

conflict prevention — A peace operation employing complementary diplomatic, civil, and, when necessary, military means, to monitor and identify the causes of conflict, and take timely action to prevent the occurrence, escalation, or resumption of hostilities. Activities aimed at conflict prevention are often conducted under Chapter VI of the United Nations Charter. Conflict prevention can include fact-finding missions, consultations, warnings, inspections, and monitoring. (JP 3-07.3)

confusion agent — An individual who is dispatched by the sponsor for the primary purpose of confounding the intelligence or counterintelligence apparatus of another country rather than for the purpose of collecting and transmitting information.

confusion reflector — (*) A reflector of electromagnetic radiations used to create echoes for confusion purposes. Radar confusion reflectors include such devices as chaff, rope, and corner reflectors.

connecting route — (*) A route connecting axial and/or lateral routes. See also **route.**

consequence management — Actions taken to maintain or restore essential services and manage and mitigate problems resulting from disasters and catastrophes, including natural, man-made, or terrorist incidents. Also called **CM.** (JP 3-28)

console — (*) A grouping of controls, indicators, and similar electronic or mechanical equipment, used to monitor readiness of, and/or control specific functions of, a system, such as missile checkout, countdown, or launch operations.

consolidation of position — (*) Organizing and strengthening a newly captured position so that it can be used against the enemy.

constellation — A number of like satellites that are part of a system. Satellites in a constellation generally have a similar orbit. For example, the Global Positioning System constellation consists of 24 satellites distributed in six orbital planes with similar eccentricities, altitudes, and inclinations. See also **Global Positioning System.** (JP 3-14)

constraint — In the context of joint operation planning, a requirement placed on the command by a higher command that dictates an action, thus restricting freedom of action. See also **operational limitation; restraint.** (JP 5-0)

consumer — Person or agency that uses information or intelligence produced by either its own staff or other agencies.

consumer logistics — That part of logistics concerning reception of the initial product, storage, inspection, distribution, transport, maintenance (including repair and serviceability), and disposal of materiel as well as the provision of support and services. In consequence, consumer logistics includes materiel requirements determination, follow-on support, stock control, provision or construction of facilities (excluding any

materiel element and those facilities needed to support production logistic activities), movement control, codification, reliability and defect reporting, storage, transport and handling safety standards, and related training.

consumption rate — The average quantity of an item consumed or expended during a given time interval, expressed in quantities by the most appropriate unit of measurement per applicable stated basis. (JP 4-05)

contact mine — (*) A mine detonated by physical contact. See also **mine.**

contact point — 1. In land warfare, a point on the terrain, easily identifiable, where two or more units are required to make contact. (JP 3-50) 2. In air operations, the position at which a mission leader makes radio contact with an air control agency. (JP 3-09.3) 3. In personnel recovery, a location where isolated personnel can establish contact with recovery forces. Also called **CP.** See also **checkpoint; control point; coordinating point.** (JP 3-50)

contact print — (*) A print made from a negative or a diapositive in direct contact with sensitized material.

contact procedure — Those predesignated actions taken by isolated personnel and recovery forces that permit link-up between the two parties in hostile territory and facilitate the return of isolated personnel to friendly control. See also **evader; hostile; recovery force.** (JP 3-50)

contact reconnaissance — Locating isolated units out of contact with the main force.

contact report — (*) A report indicating any detection of the enemy.

container — An article of transport equipment that meets American National Standards Institute/International Organization for Standardization standards that is designed to be transported by various modes of transportation. These containers are also designed to facilitate and optimize the carriage of goods by one or more modes of transportation without intermediate handling of the contents and equipped with features permitting ready handling and transfer from one mode to another. Containers may be fully enclosed with one or more doors, open top, refrigerated, tank, open rack, gondola, flatrack, and other designs. See also **containerization.** (JP 4-01)

container anchorage terminal — (*) A sheltered anchorage (not a port) with the appropriate facilities for the transshipment of containerized cargo from containerships to other vessels.

container control officer — A designated official (E6 or above or civilian equivalent) within a command, installation, or activity who is responsible for control, reporting, use, and maintenance of all Department of Defense-owned and controlled intermodal

containers and equipment. This officer has custodial responsibility for containers from time received until dispatched. (JP 4-09)

container-handling equipment — Items of materials-handling equipment required to specifically receive, maneuver, and dispatch International Organization for Standardization containers. Also called **CHE.** See also **materials handling equipment.** (JP 4-09)

containerization — The use of containers to unitize cargo for transportation, supply, and storage. Containerization incorporates supply, transportation, packaging, storage, and security together with visibility of container and its contents into a distribution system from source to user. See also **container.** (JP 4-01)

containership — A ship specially constructed and equipped to carry only containers without associated equipment, in all available cargo spaces, either below or above deck. Containerships are usually non-self-sustaining, do not have built-in capability to load or off-load containers, and require port crane service. A containership with shipboard-installed cranes capable of loading and off-loading containers without assistance of port crane service is considered self-sustaining. (JP 4-09)

containership cargo stowage adapter — Serves as the bottom-most temporary deck and precludes the necessity of strengthening of tank tops or the installation of hard points on decks, thereby accelerating containership readiness. (JP 4-01.6)

contaminated remains — Remains of personnel which have absorbed or upon which have been deposited radioactive material, or biological or chemical agents. See also **mortuary affairs.** (JP 4-06)

contamination — 1. The deposit, absorption, or adsorption of radioactive material, or of biological or chemical agents on or by structures, areas, personnel, or objects. See also **induced radiation; residual radiation**. 2. Food and/or water made unfit for consumption by humans or animals because of the presence of environmental chemicals, radioactive elements, bacteria or organisms, the byproduct of the growth of bacteria or organisms, the decomposing material (to include the food substance itself), or waste in the food or water. (JP 3-11)

contamination avoidance — Individual and/or unit measures taken to reduce the effects of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear hazards. (JP 3-11)

contamination control — A combination of preparatory and responsive measures designed to limit the vulnerability of forces to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and toxic industrial hazards and to avoid, contain, control exposure to, and, where possible, neutralize them. See also **biological agent; chemical agent; contamination.** (JP 3-11)

contiguous zone — 1. A maritime zone adjacent to the territorial sea that may not extend beyond 24 nautical miles (nms) from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured. Within the contiguous zone the coastal state may exercise the control necessary to prevent and punish infringement of its customs, fiscal, immigration, or sanitary laws and regulations within its territory or territorial sea. In all other respects the contiguous zone is an area subject to high seas freedom of navigation, overflight, and related freedoms, such as the conduct of military exercises. 2. The zone of the ocean extending 3-12 nms from the US coastline.

continental United States — United States territory, including the adjacent territorial waters, located within North America between Canada and Mexico. Also called **CONUS.**

contingency — A situation requiring military operations in response to natural disasters, terrorists, subversives, or as otherwise directed by appropriate authority to protect US interests. See also **contingency contracting.** (JP 5-0)

contingency contract — A legally binding agreement for supplies, services, and construction let by government contracting officers in the operational area as well as other contracts that have a prescribed area of performance within a designated operational area. See also **external support contract; systems support contract; theater support contract.** (JP 4-10)

contingency contracting — The process of obtaining goods, services, and construction via contracting means in support of contingency operations. See also contingency; contingency contract. (JP 4-10)

contingency engineering management organization — An organization that may be formed by the combatant commander or subordinate joint force commander to augment the combatant command or subordinate joint force staffs to provide additional Service engineering expertise to support both contingency and crisis action planning and to provide construction management in contingency and wartime operations. See also **combat engineering; contingency; crisis action planning; geospatial engineering.** (JP 3-34)

contingency operation — A military operation that is either designated by the Secretary of Defense as a contingency operation or becomes a contingency operation as a matter of law (Title 10, United States Code, Section 101[a][13]). It is a military operation that: a. is designated by the Secretary of Defense as an operation in which members of the Armed Forces are or may become involved in military actions, operations, or hostilities against an enemy of the United States or against an opposing force; or b. is created by definition of law. Under Title 10, United States Code, Section 101 (a)(13)(B), a contingency operation exists if a military operation results in the (1) call-up to (or retention on) active duty of members of the uniformed Services under certain enumerated statutes (Title 10, United States Code, Sections 688, 12301[a], 12302, 12304, 12305, 12406, or 331-335); and (2) the call-up to (or retention on) active duty of

members of the uniformed Services under other (non-enumerated) statutes during war or national emergency declared by the President or Congress. See also **contingency; operation.** (JP 1)

contingency planning — The Joint Operation Planning and Execution System planning activities that occur in noncrisis situations. The Joint Planning and Execution Community uses contingency planning to develop operation plans for a broad range of contingencies based on requirements identified in the Contingency Planning Guidance, Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan, or other planning directive. Contingency planning underpins and facilitates the transition to crisis action planning. (JP 5-0)

Contingency Planning Guidance — The Contingency Planning Guidance (CPG) fulfills the statutory duty of the Secretary of Defense to furnish written policy guidance annually to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for contingency planning. The Secretary issues this guidance with the approval of the President after consultation with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The CPG focuses the guidance given in the National Security Strategy and Defense Planning Guidance, and is the principal source document for the Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan. Also called **CPG.**

contingency response program — Fast reaction transportation procedures intended to provide for priority use of land transportation assets by Department of Defense when required. Also called **CORE.** (JP 4-01)

contingency retention stock — That portion of the quantity of an item excess to the approved force retention level for which there is no predictable demand or quantifiable requirement, and which normally would be allocated as potential DOD excess stock, except for a determination that the quantity will be retained for possible contingencies for United States forces. (Category C ships, aircraft, and other items being retained as contingency reserve are included in this stratum.)

contingency ZIP Code — A ZIP Code assigned by Military Postal Service Agency to a contingency post office for the tactical use of the Armed Forces on a temporary basis. The number consists of a five-digit base with a four-digit add-on to assist in routing and sorting. (JP 1-0)

continuity of command — The degree or state of being continuous in the exercise of the authority vested in an individual of the Armed Forces for the direction, coordination, and control of military forces.

continuity of operations — The degree or state of being continuous in the conduct of functions, tasks, or duties necessary to accomplish a military action or mission in carrying out the national military strategy. It includes the functions and duties of the commander, as well as the supporting functions and duties performed by the staff and others acting under the authority and direction of the commander. Also called **COOP.** (JP 3-0)

continuous fire — (*) 1. Fire conducted at a normal rate without interruption for application of adjustment corrections or for other causes. 2. In field artillery and naval gunfire support, loading and firing at a specified rate or as rapidly as possible consistent with accuracy within the prescribed rate of fire for the weapon. Firing will continue until terminated by the command "end of mission" or temporarily suspended by the command "cease loading" or "check firing."

continuous strip camera — (*) A camera in which the film moves continuously past a slit in the focal plane, producing a photograph in one unbroken length by virtue of the continuous forward motion of the aircraft.

continuous strip imagery — (*) Imagery of a strip of terrain in which the image remains unbroken throughout its length, along the line of flight.

contour flight — See **terrain flight.**

contour interval — (*) Difference in elevation between two adjacent contour lines.

contour line — (*) A line on a map or chart connecting points of equal elevation.

contract administration — A subset of contracting that includes efforts to ensure that supplies, services, and construction are delivered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract. (JP 4-10)

contracted logistic support — Support in which maintenance operations for a particular military system are performed exclusively by contract support personnel. Also called **CLS.** See also **logistic support; support.** (JP 4-07)

contracting officer — The Service member or Department of Defense civilian with the legal authority to enter into, administer, modify, and/or terminate contracts. (JP 4-10)

contracting officer representative — A Service member or Department of Defense civilian appointed in writing and trained by a contracting officer, responsible for monitoring contract performance and performing other duties specified by their appointment letter. Also called **COR.** (JP 4-10)

contractor management — The oversight and integration of contractor personnel and associated equipment providing support to the joint force in a designated operational area. (JP 4-10)

contractors authorized to accompany the force — Contingency contractor employees and all tiers of subcontractor employees who are specifically authorized through their contract to accompany the force and have protected status in accordance with international conventions. Also called **CAAF.** (JP 4-10)

contractors not authorized to accompany the force — Contingency contractor employees and all tiers of subcontractor employees who are not authorized through their contract to accompany the force and do not have protected status in accordance with international conventions. Also called **non-CAAF.** (JP 4-10)

contract support integration — The coordination and synchronization of contracted support executed in a designated operational area in support of the joint force. (JP 4-10)

contract termination — Defense procurement: the cessation or cancellation, in whole or in part, of work under a prime contract or a subcontract thereunder for the convenience of, or at the option of, the government, or due to failure of the contractor to perform in accordance with the terms of the contract (default). (JP 4-10)

control — 1. Authority that may be less than full command exercised by a commander over part of the activities of subordinate or other organizations. (JP 1) 2. In mapping, charting, and photogrammetry, a collective term for a system of marks or objects on the Earth or on a map or a photograph, whose positions or elevations (or both) have been or will be determined. 3. Physical or psychological pressures exerted with the intent to assure that an agent or group will respond as directed. 4. An indicator governing the distribution and use of documents, information, or material. Such indicators are the subject of intelligence community agreement and are specifically defined in appropriate regulations. See also **administrative control; operational control; tactical control.**

control area — A controlled airspace extending upwards from a specified limit above the Earth. See also **controlled airspace; control zone; terminal control area.** (JP 3-04)

control group — Personnel, ships, and craft designated to control the waterborne ship-to-shore movement. (JP 3-02)

controllable mine — (*) A mine which after laying can be controlled by the user, to the extent of making the mine safe or live, or to fire the mine. See also **mine.**

controlled airspace — An airspace of defined dimensions within which civilian air traffic control services are provided to control flights. (JP 3-52)

controlled dangerous air cargo — (*) Cargo which is regarded as highly dangerous and which may only be carried by cargo aircraft operating within specific safety regulations.

controlled exercise — (*) An exercise characterized by the imposition of constraints on some or all of the participating units by planning authorities with the principal intention of provoking types of interaction. See also **free play exercise.**

controlled firing area — An area in which ordnance firing is conducted under controlled conditions so as to eliminate hazard to aircraft in flight. See also **restricted area.**

controlled information — 1. Information conveyed to an adversary in a deception operation to evoke desired appreciations. 2. Information and indicators deliberately conveyed or denied to foreign targets to evoke invalid official estimates that result in foreign official actions advantageous to US interests and objectives.

controlled item — See **regulated item.**

controlled mosaic — (*) A mosaic corrected for scale, rectified and laid to ground control to provide an accurate representation of distances and direction. See also **mosaic; rectification.**

controlled passing — (*) A traffic movement procedure whereby two lines of traffic travelling in opposite directions are enabled to traverse alternately a point or section of route which can take only one line of traffic at a time.

controlled port — (*) A harbor or anchorage at which entry and departure, assignment of berths, and traffic within the harbor or anchorage are controlled by military authorities.

controlled route — (*) A route, the use of which is subject to traffic or movement restrictions which may be supervised. See also **route.**

controlled shipping — Shipping that is controlled by the Military Sealift Command. Included in this category are Military Sealift Command ships (United States Naval Ships), government-owned ships operated under a general agency agreement, and commercial ships under charter to the Military Sealift Command. See also **Military Sealift Command; United States Naval Ship.** (JP 3-02.2)

controlled substance — A drug or other substance, or immediate precursor included in Schedule I, II, III, IV, or V of the Controlled Substances Act. (JP 3-07.4)

control of electromagnetic radiation — A national operation plan to minimize the use of electromagnetic radiation in the United States and its possessions and the Panama Canal Zone in the event of attack or imminent threat thereof, as an aid to the navigation of hostile aircraft, guided missiles, or other devices. See also **emission control orders.**

control point — 1. A position along a route of march at which men are stationed to give information and instructions for the regulation of supply or traffic. 2. A position marked by coordinates (latitude, longitude), a buoy, boat, aircraft, electronic device, conspicuous terrain feature, or other identifiable object which is given a name or number and used as an aid to navigation or control of ships, boats, or aircraft. 3. In marking mosaics, a point located by ground survey with which a corresponding point on a photograph is matched as a check. (JP 3-09.3)

control zone — A controlled airspace extending upwards from the surface of the Earth to a specified upper limit. See also **control area; controlled airspace; terminal control area.** (JP 3-52)

conventional forces — 1. Those forces capable of conducting operations using nonnuclear weapons. 2. Those forces other than designated special operations forces. Also called **CF.** (JP 3-05)

conventional mines — Land mines, other than nuclear or chemical, that are not designed to self-destruct. They are designed to be emplaced by hand or mechanical means. Conventional mines can be buried or surface laid and are normally emplaced in a pattern to aid in recording. See also **mine.** (JP 3-15)

conventional weapon — (*) A weapon which is neither nuclear, biological, nor chemical.

converge — A request or command used in a call for fire to indicate that the observer or spotter desires a sheaf in which the planes of fire intersect at a point.

convergence — See **convergence factor; grid convergence; grid convergence factor; map convergence.**

convergence factor — (*) The ratio of the angle between any two meridians on the chart to their actual change of longitude. See also **convergence.**

conversion angle — (*) The angle between a great circle (orthodromic) bearing and a rhumb line (loxodromic) bearing of a point, measured at a common origin.

conversion scale — (*) A scale indicating the relationship between two different units of measurement. See also **scale.**

convoy — 1. A number of merchant ships and/or naval auxiliaries usually escorted by warships and/or aircraft — or a single merchant ship or naval auxiliary under surface escort — assembled and organized for the purpose of passage together. 2. A group of vehicles organized for the purpose of control and orderly movement with or without escort protection that moves over the same route at the same time and under one commander. See also **coastal convoy; evacuation convoy; ocean convoy.**

convoy dispersal point — (*) The position at sea where a convoy breaks up, each ship proceeding independently thereafter.

convoy escort — (*) 1. A naval ship(s) or aircraft in company with a convoy and responsible for its protection. 2. An escort to protect a convoy of vehicles from being scattered, destroyed, or captured. See also **escort.**

convoy joiner — See **joiner.** See also **joiner convoy; joiner section.**

convoy leaver — See **leaver.** See also **leaver convoy; leaver section.**

convoy loading — (*) The loading of troop units with their equipment and supplies in vessels of the same movement group, but not necessarily in the same vessel. See also **loading.**

convoy route — (*) The specific route assigned to each convoy by the appropriate routing authority.

convoy schedule — (*) Planned convoy sailings showing the shipping lanes, assembly and terminal areas, scheduled speed, and sailing interval.

convoy speed — (*) For ships, the speed which the convoy commodore orders the guide of the convoy to make good through the water.

convoy terminal area — (*) A geographical area, designated by the name of a port or anchorage on which it is centered, at which convoys or sections of convoys arrive and from which they will be dispersed to coastal convoy systems or as independents to their final destination.

convoy through escort — (*) Those ships of the close escort which normally remain with the convoy from its port of assembly to its port of arrival.

convoy title — (*) A combination of letters and numbers that gives the port of departure and arrival, speed, and serial number of each convoy.

cooperating agency — An agency that provides technical and resource support (including planning, training, and exercising), at the request of the coordinating agency, to conduct operations using their own authorities, subject-matter experts, capabilities or resources (i.e., personnel, equipment, or other resource support). The Department of Defense is considered a cooperating agency for the majority of the National Response Plan support annexes. (JP 3-28)

cooperative logistics — The logistic support provided a foreign government or agency through its participation in the US Department of Defense logistic system, with reimbursement to the United States for support provided.

cooperative logistic support arrangements — The combining term for procedural arrangements (cooperative logistic arrangements) and implementing procedures (supplementary procedures) that together support, define, or implement cooperative logistic understandings between the United States and a friendly foreign government under peacetime conditions.

cooperative security location — A facility located outside the United States and US territories with little or no permanent US presence, maintained with periodic Service, contractor, or host-nation support. Cooperative security locations provide contingency

access, logistic support, and rotational use by operating forces and are a focal point for security cooperation activities. Also called **CSL.** See also **forward operating site; main operating base.** (CJCS CM-0007-05)

coordinated draft plan — (*) A plan for which a draft plan has been coordinated with the nations involved. It may be used for future planning and exercises and may be implemented during an emergency. See also **draft plan; final plan; initial draft plan; operation plan.**

coordinated fire line — A line beyond which conventional and indirect surface fire support means may fire at any time within the boundaries of the establishing headquarters without additional coordination. The purpose of the coordinated fire line is to expedite the surface-to-surface attack of targets beyond the coordinated fire line without coordination with the ground commander in whose area the targets are located. Also called **CFL.** See also **fire support.** (JP 3-09)

Coordinated Universal Time — An atomic time scale that is the basis for broadcast time signals. Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) differs from International Atomic Time by an integral number of seconds; it is maintained within 0.9 seconds of UT1 (see Universal Time) by introduction of Leap Seconds. The rotational orientation of the Earth, specified by UT1, may be obtained to an accuracy of a tenth of a second by applying the UTC to the increment DUT1 (where DUT1 = UT1 - UTC) that is broadcast in code with the time signals. Also called **UTC.** See also **Universal Time; ZULU Time.**

coordinates — (*) Linear or angular quantities which designate the position that a point occupies in a given reference frame or system. Also used as a general term to designate the particular kind of reference frame or system such as plane rectangular coordinates or spherical coordinates. See also **geographic coordinates; georef; grid coordinates.**

coordinating agency — An agency that supports the incident management mission by providing the leadership, expertise, and authorities to implement critical and specific aspects of the response. Responsible for orchestrating a coordinated response, provides staff for operations functions, notifies and tasks cooperating agencies, manages tasks with cooperating agencies, works with private-sector organizations, communicates ongoing activities to organizational elements, plans for short- and long-term incident management and maintains trained personnel to execute their appropriate support responsibilities. (JP 3-28)

coordinating altitude — An airspace coordinating measure that uses altitude to separate users and as the transition between different airspace coordinating entities.. (JP 3-52)

coordinating authority — A commander or individual assigned responsibility for coordinating specific functions or activities involving forces of two or more Military Departments, two or more joint force components, or two or more forces of the same Service. The commander or individual has the authority to require consultation

between the agencies involved, but does not have the authority to compel agreement. In the event that essential agreement cannot be obtained, the matter shall be referred to the appointing authority. Coordinating authority is a consultation relationship, not an authority through which command may be exercised. Coordinating authority is more applicable to planning and similar activities than to operations. (JP 1)

coordinating point — (*) Designated point at which, in all types of combat, adjacent units/formations must make contact for purposes of control and coordination.

coordinating review authority — An agency appointed by a Service or combatant command to coordinate with and assist the primary review authority in joint doctrine development and maintenance. Each Service or combatant command must assign a coordinating review authority. When authorized by the appointing Service or combatant command, coordinating review authority comments provided to designated primary review authorities will represent the position of the appointing Service or combatant command with regard to the publication under development. Also called **CRA.** See also **joint doctrine; joint publication; lead agent; primary review authority.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

copy negative — (*) A negative produced from an original not necessarily at the same scale.

corner reflector — (*) 1. A device, normally consisting of three metallic surfaces or screens perpendicular to one another, designed to act as a radar target or marker. 2. In radar interpretation, an object which, by means of multiple reflections from smooth surfaces, produces a radar return of greater magnitude than might be expected from the physical size of the object.

corps support command — Provides corps logistic support and command and control of water supply battalions. (JP 4-01.6)

corps troops — (*) Troops assigned or attached to a corps, but not a part of one of the divisions that make up the corps.

correlation factor — (*) The ratio of a ground dose rate reading to a reading taken at approximately the same time at survey height over the same point on the ground.

cost-plus award fee contract — A type of contract that provides for a payment consisting of a base amount fixed at inception of the contract along with an award amount that is based upon a judgmental evaluation by the United States Government. (JP 4-10)

cost-type contract — A contract that provides for payment to the contractor of allowable cost, to the extent prescribed in the contract, incurred in performance of the contract. (JP 4-10)

counterair — A mission that integrates offensive and defensive operations to attain and maintain a desired degree of air superiority. Counterair missions are designed to destroy or negate enemy aircraft and missiles, both before and after launch. See also **air superiority; mission; offensive counterair.** (JP 3-01)

counterattack — Attack by part or all of a defending force against an enemy attacking force, for such specific purposes as regaining ground lost or cutting off or destroying enemy advance units, and with the general objective of denying to the enemy the attainment of the enemy's purpose in attacking. In sustained defensive operations, it is undertaken to restore the battle position and is directed at limited objectives. See also **countermove.**

counterbattery fire — (*) Fire delivered for the purpose of destroying or neutralizing indirect fire weapon systems.

counterdeception — Efforts to negate, neutralize, diminish the effects of, or gain advantage from a foreign deception operation. Counterdeception does not include the intelligence function of identifying foreign deception operations. See also **deception.** (JP 3-13.4)

counterdrug — Those active measures taken to detect, monitor, and counter the production, trafficking, and use of illegal drugs. Also called **CD** and counternarcotics (**CN**). (JP 3-07.4)

counterdrug activities — Those measures taken to detect, interdict, disrupt, or curtail any activity that is reasonably related to illicit drug trafficking. This includes, but is not limited to, measures taken to detect, interdict, disrupt, or curtail activities related to substances, materiel, weapons, or resources used to finance, support, secure, cultivate, process, or transport illegal drugs. (JP 3-07.4)

counterdrug nonoperational support — Support provided to law enforcement agencies or host nations that includes loan or lease of equipment without operators, use of facilities (such as buildings, training areas, and ranges), training conducted in formal schools, transfer of excess equipment, or other support provided by the Services from forces not assigned or made available to the combatant commanders. See also **counterdrug operational support; counterdrug operations.** (JP 3-07.4)

counterdrug operational support — Support to host nations and drug law enforcement agencies involving military personnel and their associated equipment, provided by the geographic combatant commanders from forces assigned to them or made available to them by the Services for this purpose. See also **counterdrug nonoperational support; counterdrug operations.** (JP 3-07.4)

counterdrug operations — Civil or military actions taken to reduce or eliminate illicit drug trafficking. See also **counterdrug; counterdrug nonoperational support; counterdrug operational support.** (JP 3-07.4)

counterespionage — That aspect of counterintelligence designed to detect, destroy, neutralize, exploit, or prevent espionage activities through identification, penetration, manipulation, deception, and repression of individuals, groups, or organizations conducting or suspected of conducting espionage activities.

counterfire — Fire intended to destroy or neutralize enemy weapons. Includes counterbattery and countermortar fire. (JP 3-09)

counterforce — The employment of strategic air and missile forces in an effort to destroy, or render impotent, selected military capabilities of an enemy force under any of the circumstances by which hostilities may be initiated.

counterguerrilla operations — Operations and activities conducted by armed forces, paramilitary forces, or nonmilitary agencies against guerrillas. (JP 3-24)

counterinsurgency — Comprehensive civilian and military efforts taken to defeat an insurgency and to address any core grievances. Also called **COIN.** (JP 3-24)

counterintelligence — Information gathered and activities conducted to protect against espionage, other intelligence activities, sabotage, or assassinations conducted by or on behalf of foreign governments or elements thereof, foreign organizations, or foreign persons, or international terrorist activities. Also called **CI**. See also **counterespionage; countersabotage; countersubversion; security; security intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

counterintelligence activities — One or more of the five functions of counterintelligence: operations, investigations, collection, analysis and production, and functional services. See also **analysis and production; collection; counterintelligence; operation.** (JP 2-01.2)

counterintelligence collection — The systematic acquisition of information (through investigations, operations, or liaison) concerning espionage, sabotage, terrorism, other intelligence activities or assassinations conducted by or on behalf of foreign governments or elements thereof, foreign organizations, or foreign persons that are directed against or threaten Department of Defense interests. See also **counterintelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

counterintelligence investigation — An official, systematic search for facts to determine whether a person(s) is engaged in activities that may be injurious to US national security or advantageous to a foreign power. See also **counterintelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

counterintelligence operational tasking authority — The levying of counterintelligence requirements specific to joint military activities and operations. Counterintelligence operational tasking authority is exercised through supporting components. Also called **CIOTA.** See also **counterintelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

counterintelligence operations — Proactive activities designed to identify, exploit, neutralize, or deter foreign intelligence collection and terrorist activities directed against the United States. See also **counterintelligence; operation.** (JP 2-01.2)

counterintelligence production — The process of analyzing all-source information concerning espionage or other multidiscipline intelligence collection threats, sabotage, terrorism, and other related threats to US military commanders, the Department of Defense, and the US Intelligence Community and developing it into a final product that is disseminated. Counterintelligence production is used in formulating security policy, plans, and operations. See also **counterintelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

counterintelligence support — Conducting counterintelligence activities to protect against espionage and other foreign intelligence activities, sabotage, international terrorist activities, or assassinations conducted for or on behalf of foreign powers, organizations, or persons. See also **counterintelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

countermeasures — That form of military science that, by the employment of devices and/or techniques, has as its objective the impairment of the operational effectiveness of enemy activity. See also **electronic warfare.**

countermine — (*) To explode the main charge in a mine by the shock of a nearby explosion of another mine or independent explosive charge. The explosion of the main charge may be caused either by sympathetic detonation or through the explosive train and/or firing mechanism of the mine.

countermine operation — (*) In land mine warfare, an operation to reduce or eliminate the effects of mines or minefields. See also **countermine; mine warfare.**

countermobility operations — The construction of obstacles and emplacement of minefields to delay, disrupt, and destroy the enemy by reinforcement of the terrain. See also **minefield; operation; target acquisition.** (JP 3-34)

countermove — (*) An operation undertaken in reaction to or in anticipation of a move by the enemy. See also **counterattack.**

counternarcotics — See counterdrug. (JP 3-07.4)

counterpreparation fire — (*) Intensive prearranged fire delivered when the imminence of the enemy attack is discovered. **(DOD only)** It is designed to: break up enemy formations; disorganize the enemy's systems of command, communications, and observation; decrease the effectiveness of artillery preparation; and impair the enemy's offensive spirit.

counterproliferation — Those actions taken to defeat the threat and/or use of weapons of mass destruction against the United States, our forces, friends, allies, and partners. Also called **CP.** See also **nonproliferation.** (JP 3-40)

counterreconnaissance — All measures taken to prevent hostile observation of a force, area, or place.

countersabotage — That aspect of counterintelligence designed to detect, destroy, neutralize, or prevent sabotage activities through identification, penetration, manipulation, deception, and repression of individuals, groups, or organizations conducting or suspected of conducting sabotage activities.

countersign — (*) A secret challenge and its reply. See also **challenge; password.**

countersubversion — That aspect of counterintelligence designed to detect, destroy, neutralize, or prevent subversive activities through the identification, exploitation, penetration, manipulation, deception, and repression of individuals, groups, or organizations conducting or suspected of conducting subversive activities.

countersurveillance — All measures, active or passive, taken to counteract hostile surveillance. See also **surveillance.**

counterterrorism — Actions taken directly against terrorist networks and indirectly to influence and render global and regional environments inhospitable to terrorist networks. Also called **CT.** See also **antiterrorism; combating terrorism; terrorism.** (JP 3-26)

country cover diagram — (*) A small scale index, by country, depicting the existence of air photography for planning purposes only.

country team — The senior, in-country, US coordinating and supervising body, headed by the chief of the US diplomatic mission, and composed of the senior member of each represented US department or agency, as desired by the chief of the US diplomatic mission. Also called **CT.** (JP 3-07.4)

coup de main — An offensive operation that capitalizes on surprise and simultaneous execution of supporting operations to achieve success in one swift stroke. (JP 3-0)

courier — A messenger (usually a commissioned or warrant officer) responsible for the secure physical transmission and delivery of documents and material. Generally referred to as a command or local courier.

course — (*) The intended direction of movement in the horizontal plane.

course of action — 1. Any sequence of activities that an individual or unit may follow. 2. A possible plan open to an individual or commander that would accomplish, or is related to the accomplishment of the mission. 3. The scheme adopted to accomplish a job or mission. 4. A line of conduct in an engagement. 5. A product of the Joint Operation Planning and Execution System concept development phase and the course-

of-action determination steps of the joint operation planning process. Also called **COA.** (JP 5-0)

cover — (*) 1. The action by land, air, or sea forces to protect by offense, defense, or threat of either or both. 2. Those measures necessary to give protection to a person, plan, operation, formation, or installation from the enemy intelligence effort and leakage of information. 3. The act of maintaining a continuous receiver watch with transmitter calibrated and available, but not necessarily available for immediate use. 4. Shelter or protection, either natural or artificial. 5. **(DOD only)** Photographs or other recorded images which show a particular area of ground. 6. **(DOD only)** A code meaning, "Keep fighters between force/base and contact designated at distance stated from force/base" (e.g., "cover bogey twenty-seven to thirty miles").

coverage — (*) 1. The ground area represented on imagery, photomaps, mosaics, maps, and other geographical presentation systems. 2. **(DOD only)** Cover or protection, as the coverage of troops by supporting fire. 3. **(DOD only)** The extent to which intelligence information is available in respect to any specified area of interest. 4. **(DOD only)** The summation of the geographical areas and volumes of aerospace under surveillance. See also **comparative cover.**

covering fire — 1. Fire used to protect troops when they are within range of enemy small arms. 2. In amphibious usage, fire delivered prior to the landing to cover preparatory operations such as underwater demolition or mine countermeasures. (JP 3-02)

covering force — 1. A force operating apart from the main force for the purpose of intercepting, engaging, delaying, disorganizing, and deceiving the enemy before the enemy can attack the force covered. 2. Any body or detachment of troops which provides security for a larger force by observation, reconnaissance, attack, or defense, or by any combination of these methods. See also **force(s).** (JP 3-18)

covering force area — (*) The area forward of the forward edge of the battle area out to the forward positions initially assigned to the covering forces. It is here that the covering forces execute assigned tasks.

cover (military) — Actions to conceal actual friendly intentions, capabilities, operations, and other activities by providing a plausible yet erroneous explanation of the observable.

cover search — (*) In air photographic reconnaissance, the process of selection of the most suitable existing cover for a specific requirement.

covert operation — An operation that is so planned and executed as to conceal the identity of or permit plausible denial by the sponsor. A covert operation differs from a clandestine operation in that emphasis is placed on concealment of the identity of the sponsor rather than on concealment of the operation. See also **clandestine operation; overt operation.** (JP 3-60)

coxswain — A person in charge of a small craft (in the Army, a Class B or smaller craft) who often functions as the helmsman. For a causeway ferry, the pilot is in charge with the coxswain performing helmsman functions. See **causeway.** (JP 4-01.6)

crash locator beacon — (*) An automatic emergency radio locator beacon to help searching forces locate a crashed aircraft. See also **emergency locator beacon; personal locator beacon.**

crash position indicator — See **crash locator beacon.**

crash rescue and fire suppression — Extraction of aircrew members from crashed or burning aircraft and the control and extinguishing of aircraft and structural fires. (JP 3-34)

crater — The pit, depression, or cavity formed in the surface of the Earth by an explosion. It may range from saucer shaped to conical, depending largely on the depth of burst. In the case of a deep underground burst, no rupture of the surface may occur. The resulting cavity is termed a "camouflet."

cratering charge — (*) A charge placed at an adequate depth to produce a crater.

creeping barrage — (*) A barrage in which the fire of all units participating remains in the same relative position throughout and which advances in steps of one line at a time.

creeping mine — (*) In naval mine warfare, a buoyant mine held below the surface by a weight, usually in the form of a chain, which is free to creep along the seabed under the influence of stream or current.

crest — (*) A terrain feature of such altitude that it restricts fire or observation in an area beyond, resulting in dead space, or limiting the minimum elevation, or both.

crisis — An incident or situation involving a threat to a nation, its territories, citizens, military forces, possessions, or vital interests that develops rapidly and creates a condition of such diplomatic, economic, political, or military importance that commitment of military forces and resources is contemplated to achieve national objectives. (JP 3-0)

crisis action planning — One of the two types of joint operation planning. The Joint Operation Planning and Execution System process involving the time-sensitive development of joint operation plans and operation orders for the deployment, employment, and sustainment of assigned and allocated forces and resources in response to an imminent crisis. Crisis action planning is based on the actual circumstances that exist at the time planning occurs. Also called **CAP.** See also **contingency planning; joint operation planning; Joint Operation Planning and Execution System.** (JP 5-0)

crisis management — Measures to identify, acquire, and plan the use of resources needed to anticipate, prevent, and/or resolve a threat or an act of terrorism. It is predominantly a law enforcement response, normally executed under federal law. Also called **CrM.** (JP 3-28)

critical asset — A specific entity that is of such extraordinary importance that its incapacitation or destruction would have a very serious, debilitating effect on the ability of a nation to continue to function effectively. (JP 3-07.2)

critical asset list — A prioritized list of assets, normally identified by phase of the operation and approved by the joint force commander, that should be defended against air and missile threats. Also called the **CAL.** (JP 3-01)

critical capability — A means that is considered a crucial enabler for a center of gravity to function as such and is essential to the accomplishment of the specified or assumed objective(s). (JP 5-0)

critical information — Specific facts about friendly intentions, capabilities, and activities vitally needed by adversaries for them to plan and act effectively so as to guarantee failure or unacceptable consequences for friendly mission accomplishment. (JP 2-0)

critical infrastructure protection — Actions taken to prevent, remediate, or mitigate the risks resulting from vulnerabilities of critical infrastructure assets. Depending on the risk, these actions could include: changes in tactics, techniques, or procedures; adding redundancy; selection of another asset; isolation or hardening; guarding, etc. Also called **CIP.** See also **defense critical infrastructure; national critical infrastructure and key assets.** (JP 3-28)

critical intelligence — Intelligence that is crucial and requires the immediate attention of the commander. It is required to enable the commander to make decisions that will provide a timely and appropriate response to actions by the potential or actual enemy. It includes but is not limited to the following: a. strong indications of the imminent outbreak of hostilities of any type (warning of attack); b. aggression of any nature against a friendly country; c. indications or use of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high-yield explosives weapons; and d. significant events within adversary countries that may lead to modifications of nuclear strike plans. (JP 2-0)

critical item — An essential item which is in short supply or expected to be in short supply for an extended period. See also **critical supplies and materiel; regulated item.**

critical item list — Prioritized list, compiled from a subordinate commander's composite critical item lists, identifying supply items and weapon systems that assist Service and Defense Logistics Agency's selection of supply items and systems for production surge planning. Also may be used in operational situations by the combatant commander and/or subordinate joint force commander (within combatant commander directives) to

cross-level critical supply items between Service components. Also called **CIL.** See also **critical item.** (JP 4-07)

criticality assessment — An assessment that identifies key assets and infrastructure that support Department of Defense missions, units, or activities and are deemed mission critical by military commanders or civilian agency managers. It addresses the impact of temporary or permanent loss of key assets or infrastructures to the installation or a unit's ability to perform its mission. It examines costs of recovery and reconstitution including time, dollars, capability, and infrastructure support. (JP 3-07.2)

critical joint duty assignment billet — A joint duty assignment position for which, considering the duties and responsibilities of the position, it is highly important that the assigned officer be particularly trained in, and oriented toward, joint matters. Critical billets are selected by heads of joint organizations, approved by the Secretary of Defense and documented in the Joint Duty Assignment List.

critical mass — The minimum amount of fissionable material capable of supporting a chain reaction under precisely specified conditions.

critical occupational specialty — A military occupational specialty selected from among the combat arms in the Army or equivalent military specialties in the Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps. Equivalent military specialties are those engaged in operational art in order to attain strategic goals in an operational area through the design, organization, and conduct of campaigns and major operations. Critical occupational specialties are designated by the Secretary of Defense. Also called **COS.**

critical point — 1. A key geographical point or position important to the success of an operation. 2. In point of time, a crisis or a turning point in an operation. 3. A selected point along a line of march used for reference in giving instructions. 4. A point where there is a change of direction or change in slope in a ridge or stream. 5. Any point along a route of march where interference with a troop movement may occur.

critical requirement — An essential condition, resource, and means for a critical capability to be fully operational. (JP 5-0)

critical speed — (*) A speed or range of speeds which a ship cannot sustain due to vibration or other similar phenomena.

critical supplies and materiel — Those supplies vital to the support of operations, which owing to various causes are in short supply or are expected to be in short supply. See also **critical item; regulated item.** (JP 4-0)

critical sustainability item — Any item described at National Stock Number level of detail, by federal supply class, as part of the logistic factors file, that significantly affect the commander's ability to execute an operation plan. Also called **CSI.**

critical vulnerability — An aspect of a critical requirement which is deficient or vulnerable to direct or indirect attack that will create decisive or significant effects. (JP 5-0)

crossing area — (*) 1. A number of adjacent crossing sites under the control of one commander. 2. **(DOD only)** A controlled access area for a river crossing operation used to decrease traffic congestion at the river. It is normally a brigade-sized area defined by lateral boundaries and release lines 3 to 4 kilometers (based on mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available-time available) from each side of the river.

cross-leveling — The authority and ability to shift materiel inventory from one owner to meet the requirement of another. At the theater strategic level and operational level, it is the process of diverting en route or in-theater materiel from one military element to meet the higher priority of another within the combatant commander's directive authority for logistics. Cross-leveling plans must include specific reimbursement procedures. (JP 4-07)

cross-loading (personnel) — The distribution of leaders, key weapons, personnel, and key equipment among the aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of a formation to preclude the total loss of command and control or unit effectiveness if an aircraft, vessel, or vehicle is lost. It is also an important factor in aiding rapid assembly of units at the drop zone or landing zone. See also **loading.**

cross-servicing — A subset of common-user logistics in which a function is performed by one Military Service in support of another Military Service and for which reimbursement is required from the Service receiving support. See also **acquisition and cross-servicing agreement; common-user logistics; servicing.** (JP 4-07)

cross-targeting (nuclear) — The layering of weapons from different delivery platforms to increase the probability of target damage or destruction.

cross tell — (*) The transfer of information between facilities at the same operational level. See also **track telling.**

cruise missile — Guided missile, the major portion of whose flight path to its target is conducted at approximately constant velocity; depends on the dynamic reaction of air for lift and upon propulsion forces to balance drag.

cruising altitude — (*) A level determined by vertical measurement from mean sea level, maintained during a flight or portion thereof.

cruising level — (*) A level maintained during a significant portion of a flight. See also **altitude.**

cryptanalysis — The steps and operations performed in converting encrypted messages into plain text without initial knowledge of the key employed in the encryption.

cryptochannel — 1. A complete system of crypto-communications between two or more holders. 2. The basic unit for naval cryptographic communication. It includes: a. the cryptographic aids prescribed; b. the holders thereof; c. the indicators or other means of identification; d. the area or areas in which effective; e. the special purpose, if any, for which provided; and f. pertinent notes as to distribution, usage, etc. A cryptochannel is analogous to a radio circuit.

cryptographic information — All information significantly descriptive of cryptographic techniques and processes or of cryptographic systems and equipment (or their functions and capabilities) and all cryptomaterial.

cryptologic — Of or pertaining to cryptology.

cryptology — The science that deals with hidden, disguised, or encrypted communications. It includes communications security and communications intelligence.

cryptomaterial — All material including documents, devices, equipment, and apparatus essential to the encryption, decryption, or authentication of telecommunications. When classified, it is designated CRYPTO and subject to special safeguards.

cryptopart — (*) A division of a message as prescribed for security reasons. The operating instructions for certain cryptosystems prescribe the number of groups which may be encrypted in the systems, using a single message indicator. Cryptoparts are identified in plain language. They are not to be confused with message parts.

cryptosystem — The associated items of cryptomaterial that are used as a unit and provide a single means of encryption and decryption. See also **cipher.**

culminating point — The point at which a force no longer has the capability to continue its form of operations, offense or defense. a. In the offense, the point at which effectively continuing the attack is no longer possible and the force must consider reverting to a defensive posture or attempting an operational pause. b. In the defense, the point at which effective counteroffensive action is no longer possible. (JP 5-0)

cultivation — A deliberate and calculated association with a person for the purpose of recruitment, obtaining information, or gaining control for these or other purposes.

culture — (*) A feature of the terrain that has been constructed by man. Included are such items as roads, buildings, and canals; boundary lines; and, in a broad sense, all names and legends on a map.

current — A body of water moving in a certain direction and caused by wind and density differences in water. The effects of a current are modified by water depth, underwater topography, basin shape, land masses, and deflection from the earth's rotation. (JP 4-01.6)

current force — The force that exists today. The current force represents actual force structure and/or manning available to meet present contingencies. It is the basis for operations and contingency plans and orders. See also **force; Programmed Forces.**

current intelligence — One of two categories of descriptive intelligence that is concerned with describing the existing situation. (JP 2-0)

current, offshore — Deep water movements caused by tides or seasonal changes in ocean water level. (JP 4-01.6)

current, rip — A water movement that flows from the beach through the surf zone in swiftly moving narrow channels. See also **surf zone.** (JP 4-01.6)

curve of pursuit — (*) The curved path described by a fighter plane making an attack on a moving target while holding the proper aiming allowance.

cusps — Ridges of beach material extending seaward from the beach face with intervening troughs. (JP 4-01.6)

custody — 1. The responsibility for the control of, transfer and movement of, and access to, weapons and components. Custody also includes the maintenance of accountability for weapons and components. 2. Temporary restraint of a person.

customer direct — A materiel acquisition and distribution method that requires vendor delivery directly to the customer. Also called **CD.** (JP 4-09)

customer ship — (*) The ship in a replenishment unit that receives the transferred personnel and/or supplies.

customer wait time — The total elapsed time between issuance of a customer order and satisfaction of that order. Also called **CWT.** (JP 4-09)

Customs Over-The-Horizon Enforcement Network — United States Customs Service long-range voice communications system. Also called **COTHEN.** (JP 3-07.4)

cut-off — (*) The deliberate shutting off of a reaction engine.

cut-off velocity — (*) The velocity attained by a missile at the point of cut-off.

cutout — An intermediary or device used to obviate direct contact between members of a clandestine organization.

cutting charge — (*) A charge which produces a cutting effect in line with its plane of symmetry.

cyber counterintelligence — Measures to identify, penetrate, or neutralize foreign operations that use cyber means as the primary tradecraft methodology, as well as foreign intelligence service collection efforts that use traditional methods to gauge cyber capabilities and intentions. See also **counterintelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

cyberspace — A global domain within the information environment consisting of the interdependent network of information technology infrastructures, including the Internet, telecommunications networks, computer systems, and embedded processors and controllers. (CJCS CM-0363-08)

cyberspace operations — The employment of cyber capabilities where the primary purpose is to achieve objectives in or through cyberspace. Such operations include computer network operations and activities to operate and defend the Global Information Grid. (JP 3-0)

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daily intelligence summary — A report prepared in message form at the joint force headquarters that provides higher, lateral, and subordinate headquarters with a summary of all significant intelligence produced during the previous 24-hour period. The "as of" time for information, content, and submission time for the report will be as specified by the joint force commander. Also called **DISUM.**

damage area — (*) In naval mine warfare, the plan area around a minesweeper inside which a mine explosion is likely to interrupt operations.

damage assessment — 1. The determination of the effect of attacks on targets. 2. A determination of the effect of a compromise of classified information on national security. (JP 3-60)

damage criteria — The critical levels of various effects, such as blast pressure and thermal radiation, required to achieve specified levels of damage.

damage estimation — A preliminary appraisal of the potential effects of an attack. See also **attack assessment.**

damage expectancy (nuclear) — The probability that a weapon will arrive, detonate, and achieve at least a specified level of damage (severe or moderate) against a given target. Damage expectancy is a function of both probability of arrival and probability of damage of a weapon.

damage radius — (*) In naval mine warfare, the average distance from a ship within which a mine containing a given weight and type of explosive must detonate if it is to inflict a specified amount of damage.

damage threat — (*) The probability that a target ship passing once through a minefield will explode one or more mines and sustain a specified amount of damage.

danger area — (*) 1. In air traffic control, an airspace of defined dimensions within which activities dangerous to the flight of aircraft may exist at specified times. 2. **(DOD only)** A specified area above, below, or within which there may be potential danger. See also **closed area; prohibited area; restricted area.**

danger close — In close air support, artillery, mortar, and naval gunfire support fires, it is the term included in the method of engagement segment of a call for fire which indicates that friendly forces are within close proximity of the target. The close proximity distance is determined by the weapon and munition fired. See also **final protective fire.** (JP 3-09.3)

dangerous cargo — (*) Cargo which, because of its dangerous properties, is subject to special regulations for its transport.

data — Representation of facts, concepts, or instructions in a formalized manner suitable for communication, interpretation, or processing by humans or by automatic means. Any representations such as characters or analog quantities to which meaning is or might be assigned. (JP 3-13)

database — Information that is normally structured and indexed for user access and review. Databases may exist in the form of physical files (folders, documents, etc.) or formatted automated data processing system data files. (JP 2-0)

data element — 1. A basic unit of information built on standard structures having a unique meaning and distinct units or values. 2. In electronic recordkeeping, a combination of characters or bytes referring to one separate item of information, such as name, address, or age.

data item — A subunit of descriptive information or value classified under a data element. For example, the data element "military personnel grade" contains data items such as sergeant, captain, and colonel.

date line — See **international date line.**

date-time group — The date and time, expressed in digits and time zone suffix, at which the message was prepared for transmission. (Expressed as six digits followed by the time zone suffix; first pair of digits denotes the date, second pair the hours, third pair the minutes, followed by a three-letter month abbreviation and two-digit year abbreviation.) Also called **DTG.**

datum — (*) Any numerical or geometrical quantity or set of such quantities which may serve as reference or base for other quantities. Where the concept is geometric, the plural form is "datums" in contrast to the normal plural "data."

datum (geodetic) — 1. A reference surface consisting of five quantities: the latitude and longitude of an initial point, the azimuth of a line from that point, and the parameters of the reference ellipsoid. 2. The mathematical model of the earth used to calculate the coordinates on any map. Different nations use different datums for printing coordinates on their maps. The datum is usually referenced in the marginal information of each map.

datum level — (*) A surface to which elevations, heights, or depths on a map or chart are related. See also **altitude.**

datum point — (*) Any reference point of known or assumed coordinates from which calculation or measurements may be taken. See also **pinpoint.**

davit — A small crane on a vessel that is used to raise and lower small boats, such as lifeboats, side loadable warping tugs, or causeway sections. (JP 4-01.6)

day of supply — See **one day's supply.**

D-day — See **times.** (JP 3-02)

D-day consumption/production differential assets — As applied to the D-to-P concept, these assets are required to compensate for the inability of the production base to meet expenditure (consumption) requirements during the D-to-P period.

D-day materiel readiness gross capability — As applied to the D-to-P concept, this capability represents the sum of all assets on hand on D-day and the gross production capability (funded and unfunded) between D-day and P-day. When this capability equals the D-to-P materiel readiness gross requirement, requirements and capabilities are in balance.

D-day pipeline assets — As applied to the D-to-P concept, these assets represent the sum of continental United States and overseas operating and safety levels and intransit levels of supply.

dead mine — (*) A mine which has been neutralized, sterilized, or rendered safe. See also **mine.**

dead space — (*) 1. An area within the maximum range of a weapon, radar, or observer, which cannot be covered by fire or observation from a particular position because of intervening obstacles, the nature of the ground, or the characteristics of the trajectory, or the limitations of the pointing capabilities of the weapon. 2. An area or zone which is within range of a radio transmitter, but in which a signal is not received. 3. The volume of space above and around a gun or guided missile system into which it cannot fire because of mechanical or electronic limitations.

de-arming — An operation in which a weapon is changed from a state of readiness for initiation to a safe condition. Also called **safing.** See also **arm or de-arm.** (JP 3-04)

debarkation — The unloading of troops, equipment, or supplies from a ship or aircraft.

debarkation net — A specially prepared type of cargo net employed for the debarkation of troops over the side of a ship.

debarkation schedule — (*) A schedule that provides for the timely and orderly debarkation of troops and equipment and emergency supplies for the waterborne ship-to-shore movement.

deceased — A casualty status applicable to a person who is either known to have died, determined to have died on the basis of conclusive evidence, or declared to be dead on the basis of a presumptive finding of death. The recovery of remains is not a prerequisite to determining or declaring a person deceased. See also **casualty status.**

decentralized control — In air defense, the normal mode whereby a higher echelon monitors unit actions, making direct target assignments to units only when necessary to ensure proper fire distribution or to prevent engagement of friendly aircraft. See also **centralized control.** (JP 3-01)

decentralized execution — Delegation of execution authority to subordinate commanders. (JP 3-30)

deception — Those measures designed to mislead the enemy by manipulation, distortion, or falsification of evidence to induce the enemy to react in a manner prejudicial to the enemy's interests. See also **counterdeception; military deception.** (JP 3-13.4)

deception action — A collection of related deception events that form a major component of a deception operation. (JP 3-13.4)

deception concept — The deception course of action forwarded to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for review as part of the combatant commander's strategic concept. (JP 3-13.4)

deception course of action — A deception scheme developed during the estimate process in sufficient detail to permit decisionmaking. At a minimum, a deception course of action will identify the deception objective, the deception target, the desired perception, the deception story, and tentative deception means. (JP 3-13.4)

deception event — A deception means executed at a specific time and location in support of a deception operation. (JP 3-13.4)

deception means — Methods, resources, and techniques that can be used to convey information to the deception target. There are three categories of deception means: a. **physical means.** Activities and resources used to convey or deny selected information to a foreign power. b. **technical means.** Military material resources and their associated operating techniques used to convey or deny selected information to a foreign power. c. **administrative means.** Resources, methods, and techniques to convey or deny oral, pictorial, documentary, or other physical evidence to a foreign power. (JP 3-13.4)

deception objective — The desired result of a deception operation expressed in terms of what the adversary is to do or not to do at the critical time and/or location. (JP 3-13.4)

deception story — A scenario that outlines the friendly actions that will be portrayed to cause the deception target to adopt the desired perception. (JP 3-13.4)

deception target — The adversary decisionmaker with the authority to make the decision that will achieve the deception objective. (JP 3-13.4)

decision — In an estimate of the situation, a clear and concise statement of the line of action intended to be followed by the commander as the one most favorable to the successful accomplishment of the assigned mission.

decision point — A point in space and time when the commander or staff anticipates making a key decision concerning a specific course of action. See also **course of action; decision support template; target area of interest.** (JP 5-0)

decision support template — A combined intelligence and operations graphic based on the results of wargaming. The decision support template depicts decision points, timelines associated with movement of forces and the flow of the operation, and other key items of information required to execute a specific friendly course of action. See also **course of action; decision point.** (JP 2-01.3)

decisive engagement — In land and naval warfare, an engagement in which a unit is considered fully committed and cannot maneuver or extricate itself. In the absence of outside assistance, the action must be fought to a conclusion and either won or lost with the forces at hand.

decisive point — A geographic place, specific key event, critical factor, or function that, when acted upon, allows commanders to gain a marked advantage over an adversary or contribute materially to achieving success. See also **center of gravity.** (JP 3-0)

deck alert — See **ground alert.**

deck status light — A three-colored light (red, amber, green) controlled from the primary flight control. Navy — The light displays the status of the ship to support flight operations. United States Coast Guard — The light displays clearance for a helicopter to conduct a given evolution. (JP 3-04)

declassification — The determination that, in the interests of national security, classified information no longer requires any degree of protection against unauthorized disclosure, coupled with removal or cancellation of the classification designation.

declassify — (*) To cancel the security classification of an item of classified matter. Also called **DECL.** See also **downgrade.**

declination — (*) The angular distance to a body on the celestial sphere measured north or south through 90 degrees from the celestial equator along the hour circle of the body. Comparable to latitude on the terrestrial sphere. See also **magnetic declination; magnetic variation.**

decompression — In personnel recovery, the process of normalizing psychological and behavioral reactions that recovered isolated personnel experienced or are currently experiencing as a result of their isolation and recovery. (JP 3-50)

decompression chamber — See **hyperbaric chamber.**

decontamination — The process of making any person, object, or area safe by absorbing, destroying, neutralizing, making harmless, or removing chemical or biological agents, or by removing radioactive material clinging to or around it. (JP 3-11)

decontamination station — (*) A building or location suitably equipped and organized where personnel and materiel are cleansed of chemical, biological, or radiological contaminants.

decoy — An imitation in any sense of a person, object, or phenomenon which is intended to deceive enemy surveillance devices or mislead enemy evaluation. Also called **dummy.**

decoy ship — (*) A ship camouflaged as a noncombatant ship with its armament and other fighting equipment hidden and with special provisions for unmasking its weapons quickly. Also called **Q-ship.**

deep fording capability — (*) The characteristic of a self-propelled gun or ground vehicle equipped with built-in waterproofing and/or a special waterproofing kit, to negotiate a water obstacle with its wheels or tracks in contact with the ground.

deep minefield — (*) An antisubmarine minefield which is safe for surface ships to cross. See also **minefield.**

de facto boundary — (*) An international or administrative boundary whose existence and legality is not recognized, but which is a practical division between separate national and provincial administering authorities.

defended asset list — In defensive counterair operations, a listing of those assets from the critical asset list prioritized by the joint force commander to be defended with the resources available. Also called **DAL.** (JP 3-01)

defense area — (*) For any particular command, the area extending from the forward edge of the battle area to its rear boundary. It is here that the decisive defensive battle is fought.

Defense Communications System — Department of Defense long-haul voice, data, and record traffic system which includes the Defense Data Network, Defense Satellite Communications System, and Defense Switched Network. Also called **DCS.** See also **Defense Switched Network.** (JP 3-07.4)

defense coordinating element — A staff and military liaison officers who assist the defense coordinating officer in facilitating coordination and support to activated emergency support functions. Also called **DCE.** (JP 3-28)

defense coordinating officer — Department of Defense single point of contact for domestic emergencies. Assigned to a joint field office to process requirements for military support, forward mission assignments through proper channels to the appropriate military organizations, and assign military liaisons, as appropriate, to activated emergency support functions. Also called **DCO.** (JP 3-28)

defense critical infrastructure — Department of Defense and non-Department of Defense networked assets and essential to project, support, and sustain military forces and operations worldwide. Also called **DCI.** (JP 3-27)

defense emergency — An emergency condition that exists when: a. a major attack is made upon US forces overseas or on allied forces in any theater and is confirmed by either the commander of a command established by the Secretary of Defense or higher authority; or b. an overt attack of any type is made upon the United States and is confirmed either by the commander of a command established by the Secretary of Defense or higher authority.

defense in depth — The siting of mutually supporting defense positions designed to absorb and progressively weaken attack, prevent initial observations of the whole position by the enemy, and to allow the commander to maneuver the reserve.

defense industrial base — The Department of Defense, government, and private sector worldwide industrial complex with capabilities to perform research and development, design, produce, and maintain military weapon systems, subsystems, components, or parts to meet military requirements. (JP 3-27)

defense information infrastructure — The shared or interconnected system of computers, communications, data applications, security, people, training, and other support structures serving Department of Defense (DOD) local, national, and worldwide information needs. The defense information infrastructure connects DOD mission support, command and control, and intelligence computers through voice, telecommunications, imagery, video, and multimedia services. It provides information processing and services to subscribers over the Defense Information Systems Network and includes command and control, tactical, intelligence, and commercial communications systems used to transmit DOD information. Also called **DII.** See also **global information infrastructure; information; infrastructure; national information infrastructure.** (JP 3-13)

Defense Information Systems Network — Integrated network, centrally managed and configured to provide long-haul information transfer services for all Department of Defense activities. It is an information transfer utility designed to provide dedicated point-to-point, switched voice and data, imagery, and video teleconferencing services. Also called **DISN.** (JP 6-0)

defense message system — Consists of all hardware, software, procedures, standards, facilities, and personnel used to exchange messages electronically.

Defense Meteorological Satellite Program — Military weather satellite controlled by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Also called **DMSP.**

Defense Planning Guidance — This document, issued by the Secretary of Defense, provides firm guidance in the form of goals, priorities, and objectives, including fiscal constraints, for the development of the Program Objective Memorandums by the Military Departments and Defense agencies. Also called **DPG.**

defense readiness condition — A uniform system of progressive alert postures for use between the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the commanders of unified and specified commands and for use by the Services. Defense readiness conditions are graduated to match situations of varying military severity (status of alert). Defense readiness conditions are identified by the short title DEFCON (5), (4), (3), (2), and (1), as appropriate. Also called **DEFCON.**

Defense Satellite Communications System — Geosynchronous military communications satellites that provide high data rate communications for military forces, diplomatic corps, and the White House. The Defense Satellite Communications System provides long-haul super-high frequency 7/8 gigahertz voice and high data rate communications for fixed and transportable terminals, and extends mobile service to a limited number of ships and aircraft. Also called **DSCS.** (JP 3-14)

defense support of civil authorities — Civil support provided under the auspices of the National Response Plan. Also called **DSCA.** (JP 3-28)

Defense Support Program — Satellites that provide early warning of missile launches; the first line of defense against missile attack against North America. Also called **DSP.** (JP 3-14)

defense support to public diplomacy — Those activities and measures taken by the Department of Defense components to support and facilitate public diplomacy efforts of the United States Government. Also called **DSPD.** (JP 3-13)

Defense Switched Network — Component of the Defense Communications System that handles Department of Defense voice, data, and video communications. Also called **DSN.** See also **Defense Communications System.** (JP 6-0)

Defense Transportation System — That portion of the Nation's transportation infrastructure that supports Department of Defense common-user transportation needs across the range of military operations. It consists of those common-user military and commercial assets, services, and systems organic to, contracted for, or controlled by the Department of Defense. Also called **DTS.** See also **common-user transportation; transportation system.** (JP 4-01)

defensive coastal area — (*) A part of a coastal area and of the air, land, and water area adjacent to the coastline within which defense operations may involve land, sea, and air forces.

defensive counterair — All defensive measures designed to detect, identify, intercept, and destroy or negate enemy forces attempting to penetrate or attack through friendly airspace. Also called **DCA.** See also **counterair; offensive counterair.** (JP 3-01)

defensive minefield — (*) 1. In naval mine warfare, a minefield laid in international waters or international straits with the declared intention of controlling shipping in defense of sea communications. 2. **(DOD only)** In land mine warfare, a minefield laid in accordance with an established plan to prevent a penetration between positions and to strengthen the defense of the positions themselves. See also **minefield.**

defensive sea area — A sea area, usually including the approaches to and the waters of important ports, harbors, bays, or sounds, for the control and protection of shipping; for the safeguarding of defense installations bordering on waters of the areas; and for provision of other security measures required within the specified areas. It does not extend seaward beyond the territorial waters. See also **maritime control area.**

defensive space control — Operations conducted to preserve the ability to exploit space capabilities via active and passive actions, while protecting friendly space capabilities from attack, interference, or unintentional hazards. (JP 3-14)

defilade — 1. Protection from hostile observation and fire provided by an obstacle such as a hill, ridge, or bank. 2. A vertical distance by which a position is concealed from enemy observation. 3. To shield from enemy fire or observation by using natural or artificial obstacles. (JP 3-09)

definitive care — Care rendered to conclusively manage a patient's condition. It includes the full range of preventive, curative acute, convalescent, restorative, and rehabilitative medical care. This normally leads to rehabilitation, return to duty, or discharge from the Service. (JP 4-02)

defoliant operation — (*) The employment of defoliating agents on vegetated areas in support of military operations.

defoliating agent — (*) A chemical which causes trees, shrubs, and other plants to shed their leaves prematurely.

degaussing — The process whereby a ship's magnetic field is reduced by the use of electromagnetic coils, permanent magnets, or other means.

degree of risk — As specified by the commander, the risk to which friendly forces may be subjected from the effects of the detonation of a nuclear weapon used in the attack of a

close-in enemy target; acceptable degrees of risk under differing tactical conditions are emergency, moderate, and negligible. See also **negligible risk (nuclear).**

de jure boundary — (*) An international or administrative boundary whose existence and legality is recognized.

delayed entry program — A program under which an individual may enlist in a Reserve Component of a military service and specify a future reporting date for entry on active duty that would coincide with availability of training spaces and with personal plans such as high school graduation. Also called **DEP.** See also **active duty.** (JP 4-05)

delaying action — See **delaying operation.**

delaying operation — An operation in which a force under pressure trades space for time by slowing down the enemy's momentum and inflicting maximum damage on the enemy without, in principle, becoming decisively engaged. (JP 3-04)

delay release sinker — (*) A sinker which holds a moored mine on the sea-bed for a predetermined time after laying.

delegation of authority — The action by which a commander assigns part of his or her authority commensurate with the assigned task to a subordinate commander. While ultimate responsibility cannot be relinquished, delegation of authority carries with it the imposition of a measure of responsibility. The extent of the authority delegated must be clearly stated.

deliberate attack — (*) A type of offensive action characterized by preplanned coordinated employment of firepower and maneuver to close with and destroy or capture the enemy.

deliberate breaching — (*) The creation of a lane through a minefield or a clear route through a barrier or fortification, which is systematically planned and carried out.

deliberate crossing — (*) The crossing of an inland water obstacle that requires extensive planning and detailed preparations. See also **hasty crossing.**

deliberate defense — (*) A defense normally organized when out of contact with the enemy or when contact with the enemy is not imminent and time for organization is available. It normally includes an extensive fortified zone incorporating pillboxes, forts, and communications systems. See also **hasty defense.**

delivery error — (*) The inaccuracy associated with a given weapon system resulting in a dispersion of shots about the aiming point. See also **circular error probable; deviation; dispersion; dispersion error; horizontal error.**

demilitarized zone — A defined area in which the stationing or concentrating of military forces, or the retention or establishment of military installations of any description, is prohibited. (JP 3-07.3)

demobilization — The process of transitioning a conflict or wartime military establishment and defense-based civilian economy to a peacetime configuration while maintaining national security and economic vitality. See also **mobilization.** (JP 4-05)

demolition chamber — (*) Space intentionally provided in a structure for the emplacement of explosive charges.

demolition kit — (*) The demolition tool kit complete with explosives. See also **demolition tool kit.**

demolition target — (*) A target of known military interest identified for possible future demolition. See also **charged demolition target; preliminary demolition target; uncharged demolition target.**

demolition tool kit — (*) The tools, materials and accessories of a nonexplosive nature necessary for preparing demolition charges. See also **demolition kit.**

demonstration — 1. An attack or show of force on a front where a decision is not sought, made with the aim of deceiving the enemy. See also **amphibious demonstration; diversion; diversionary attack.** 2. In military deception, a show of force in an area where a decision is not sought that is made to deceive an adversary. It is similar to a feint but no actual contact with the adversary is intended. (JP 3-13.4)

denial measure — An action to hinder or deny the enemy the use of territory, personnel, or facilities. It may include destruction, removal, contamination, or erection of obstructions. (JP 3-15)

denied area — An area under enemy or unfriendly control in which friendly forces cannot expect to operate successfully within existing operational constraints and force capabilities. (JP 3-05)

departmental intelligence — Intelligence that any department or agency of the Federal Government requires to execute its own mission.

Department of Defense civilian — A Federal civilian employee of the Department of Defense directly hired and paid from appropriated or nonappropriated funds, under permanent or temporary appointment. Specifically excluded are contractors and foreign host nationals as well as third country civilians. (JP 1-0)

Department of Defense components — The Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the combatant commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the

Department of Defense agencies, field activities, and all other organizational entities in the Department of Defense. (JP 1)

Department of Defense construction agent — The Corps of Engineers, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, or other such approved Department of Defense activity, that is assigned design or execution responsibilities associated with military construction programs, facilities support, or civil engineering support to the combatant commanders in contingency operations. See also **contingency operation.** (JP 3-34)

Department of Defense container system — All Department of Defense owned, leased, and controlled 20- or 40-foot intermodal International Organization for Standardization containers and flatracks, supporting equipment such as generator sets and chassis, container handling equipment, information systems, and other infrastructure that supports Department of Defense transportation and logistic operations, including commercially provided transportation services. This also includes 463L pallets, nets, and tie down equipment as integral components of the Department of Defense container system. See also **container-handling equipment; containerization; International Organization for Standardization.** (JP 4-09)

Department of Defense Intelligence Information System — The combination of Department of Defense personnel, procedures, equipment, computer programs, and supporting communications that support the timely and comprehensive preparation and presentation of intelligence and information to military commanders and national-level decision makers. Also called **DODIIS.** (JP 2-0)

Department of Defense Intelligence Information System Enterprise — The global set of resources (people, facilities, hardware, software and processes) that provide information technology and information management services to the military intelligence community through a tightly-integrated, interconnected and geographically distributed regional service center architecture. (JP 2-0)

Department of Defense intelligence production — The integration, evaluation, analysis, and interpretation of information from single or multiple sources into finished intelligence for known or anticipated military and related national security consumer requirements. (JP 2-0)

Department of Defense support to counterdrug operations — Support provided by the Department of Defense to law enforcement agencies to detect, monitor, and counter the production, trafficking, and use of illegal drugs. See also **counterdrug operations.** (JP 3-07.4)

Department of the Air Force — The executive part of the Department of the Air Force at the seat of government and all field headquarters, forces, Reserve Components, installations, activities, and functions under the control or supervision of the Secretary of the Air Force. Also called **DAF.** See also **Military Department.**

Department of the Army — The executive part of the Department of the Army at the seat of government and all field headquarters, forces, Reserve Components, installations, activities, and functions under the control or supervision of the Secretary of the Army. Also called **DA.** See also **Military Department.**

Department of the Navy — The executive part of the Department of the Navy at the seat of government; the headquarters, US Marine Corps; the entire operating forces of the United States Navy and of the US Marine Corps, including the Reserve Components of such forces; all field activities, headquarters, forces, bases, installations, activities, and functions under the control or supervision of the Secretary of the Navy; and the US Coast Guard when operating as a part of the Navy pursuant to law. Also called **DON.** See also **Military Department.**

departure airfield — An airfield on which troops and/or materiel are enplaned for flight. See also **airfield.** (JP 3-17)

departure end — (*) That end of a runway nearest to the direction in which initial departure is made.

departure point — 1. A navigational check point used by aircraft as a marker for setting course. (JP 3-17) 2. In amphibious operations, an air control point at the seaward end of the helicopter approach lane system from which helicopter waves are dispatched along the selected helicopter approach lane to the initial point. (JP 3-02)

dependents/immediate family — An employee's spouse; children who are unmarried and under age 21 years or who, regardless of age, are physically or mentally incapable of self-support; dependent parents, including step and legally adoptive parents of the employee's spouse; and dependent brothers and sisters, including step and legally adoptive brothers and sisters of the employee's spouse who are unmarried and under 21 years of age or who, regardless of age, are physically or mentally incapable of self support. (JP 3-68)

deployable joint task force augmentation cell — A combatant commander asset composed of personnel from the combatant command and components' staffs. The members are a joint, multidisciplined group of planners and operators who operationally report to the combatant commander's operations directorate until deployed to a joint task force. Also called **DJTFAC.** (JP 3-0)

deployed nuclear weapons — 1. When used in connection with the transfer of weapons between the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense, this term describes those weapons transferred to and in the custody of the Department of Defense. 2. Those nuclear weapons specifically authorized by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to be transferred to the custody of the storage facilities or carrying or delivery units of the Armed Forces.

deployment — 1. In naval usage, the change from a cruising approach or contact disposition to a disposition for battle. 2. The movement of forces within operational areas. 3. The positioning of forces into a formation for battle. 4. The relocation of forces and materiel to desired operational areas. Deployment encompasses all activities from origin or home station through destination, specifically including intra-continental United States, intertheater, and intratheater movement legs, staging, and holding areas. See also **deployment order; deployment planning; prepare to deploy order.** (JP 4-0)

deployment database — The Joint Operation Planning and Execution System database containing the necessary information on forces, materiel, and filler and replacement personnel movement requirements to support execution. The database reflects information contained in the refined time-phased force and deployment data from the contingency planning process or developed during the various phases of the crisis action planning process, and the movement schedules or tables developed by the transportation component commands to support the deployment of required forces, personnel, and materiel. See also **time-phased force and deployment data.** (JP 5-0)

deployment health surveillance — The regular or repeated collection, analysis, archiving, interpretation, and distribution of health-related data used for monitoring the health of a population or of individuals, and for intervening in a timely manner to prevent, treat, or control the occurrence of disease or injury. It includes occupational and environmental health surveillance and medical surveillance subcomponents. (JP 4-02)

deployment order — A planning directive from the Secretary of Defense, issued by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that authorizes and directs the transfer of forces between combatant commands by reassignment or attachment. A deployment order normally specifies the authority that the gaining combatant commander will exercise over the transferred forces. Also called **DEPORD.** See also **deployment; deployment planning; prepare to deploy order.** (JP 5-0)

deployment planning — Operational planning directed toward the movement of forces and sustainment resources from their original locations to a specific operational area for conducting the joint operations contemplated in a given plan. Encompasses all activities from origin or home station through destination, specifically including intra-continental United States, intertheater, and intratheater movement legs, staging areas, and holding areas. See also **deployment; deployment order; prepare to deploy order.** (JP 5-0)

depot — 1. **supply** — An activity for the receipt, classification, storage, accounting, issue, maintenance, procurement, manufacture, assembly, research, salvage, or disposal of material. 2. **personnel** — An activity for the reception, processing, training, assignment, and forwarding of personnel replacements. (JP 4-0)

depot maintenance — That maintenance performed on materiel requiring major overhaul or a complete rebuild of parts, assemblies, subassemblies, and end-items, including the

manufacture of parts, modifications, testing, and reclamation as required. Depot maintenance serves to support lower categories of maintenance by providing technical assistance and performing that maintenance beyond their responsibility. Depot maintenance provides stocks of serviceable equipment by using more extensive facilities for repair than are available in lower level maintenance activities.

depth — (*) In maritime/hydrographic use, the vertical distance from the plane of the hydrographic datum to the bed of the sea, lake, or river.

depth contour — (*) A line connecting points of equal depth below the hydrographic datum. Also called **bathymetric contour or depth curve.**

depth curve — See **depth contour.**

descriptive name — (*) Written indication on maps and charts, used to specify the nature of a feature (natural or artificial) shown by a general symbol.

designated planning agent — The commander responsible for planning, coordinating, and executing military taskings in civil emergencies for a particular branch or agency of the Department of Defense. (JP 3-28)

design basis threat — The threat against which an asset must be protected and upon which the protective system's design is based. It is the baseline type and size of threat that buildings or other structures are designed to withstand. The design basis threat includes the tactics aggressors will use against the asset and the tools, weapons, and explosives employed in these tactics. Also called **DBT.** (JP 3-07.2)

desired effects — The damage or casualties to the enemy or materiel that a commander desires to achieve from a nuclear weapon detonation. Damage effects on materiel are classified as light, moderate, or severe. Casualty effects on personnel may be immediate, prompt, or delayed.

desired ground zero — (*) The point on the surface of the Earth at, or vertically below or above, the center of a planned nuclear detonation. Also called **DGZ.** See also **actual ground zero; ground zero.**

desired mean point of impact — A precise point, associated with a target, and assigned as the center for impact of multiple weapons or area munitions to create a desired effect. May be defined descriptively, by grid reference, or by geolocation. Also called **DMPI.** See also **aimpoint; desired point of impact.** (JP 3-60)

desired perception — In military deception, what the deception target must believe for it to make the decision that will achieve the deception objective. (JP 3-13.4)

desired point of impact — A precise point, associated with a target, and assigned as the impact point for a single unitary weapon to create a desired effect. May be defined

descriptively, by grid preferences, or geolocation. Also called **DPI.** See also **aimpoint; desired mean point of impact.** (JP 3-60)

destroyed — A condition of a target so damaged that it can neither function as intended nor be restored to a usable condition. In the case of a building, all vertical supports and spanning members are damaged to such an extent that nothing is salvageable. In the case of bridges, all spans must have dropped and all piers must require replacement.

destruction fire — Fire delivered for the sole purpose of destroying material objects.

destruction fire mission — (*) In artillery, fire delivered for the purpose of destroying a point target.

destruction radius — (*) In mine warfare, the maximum distance from an exploding charge of stated size and type at which a mine will be destroyed by sympathetic detonation of the main charge, with a stated probability of destruction, regardless of orientation.

detachment — (*) 1. A part of a unit separated from its main organization for duty elsewhere. 2. A temporary military or naval unit formed from other units or parts of units. Also called **DET.**

detailed photographic report — (*) A comprehensive, analytical, intelligence report written as a result of the interpretation of photography usually covering a single subject, a target, target complex, and of a detailed nature.

detained — See **missing.**

detainee — A term used to refer to any person captured or otherwise detained by an armed force. (JP 3-63)

detainee collecting point — A facility or other location where detainees are assembled for subsequent movement to a detainee processing station.

detainee processing station — A facility or other location where detainees are administratively processed and provided custodial care pending disposition and subsequent release, transfer, or movement to a prisoner-of-war or civilian internee camp.

detecting circuit — (*) The part of a mine firing circuit which responds to the influence of a target.

detection — 1. In tactical operations, the perception of an object of possible military interest but unconfirmed by recognition. 2. In surveillance, the determination and transmission by a surveillance system that an event has occurred. 3. In arms control, the first step in the process of ascertaining the occurrence of a violation of an arms control agreement.

4. In chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear environments, the act of locating chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear hazards by use of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear detectors or monitoring and/or survey teams. See also **hazard; monitoring**. (JP 3-11)

deterioration limit — (*) A limit placed on a particular product characteristic to define the minimum acceptable quality requirement for the product to retain its NATO code number.

deterrence — The prevention from action by fear of the consequences. Deterrence is a state of mind brought about by the existence of a credible threat of unacceptable counteraction. (JP 3-40)

deterrent options — A course of action, developed on the best economic, diplomatic, political, and military judgment, designed to dissuade an adversary from a current course of action or contemplated operations. (In constructing an operation plan, a range of options should be presented to effect deterrence. Each option requiring deployment of forces should be a separate force module.)

detonating cord — (*) A waterproof, flexible fabric tube containing a high explosive designed to transmit the detonation wave.

detonator — (*) A device containing a sensitive explosive intended to produce a detonation wave.

developmental assistance — US Agency for International Development function chartered under chapter one of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, primarily designed to promote economic growth and the equitable distribution of its benefits. (JP 3-08)

deviation — (*) 1. The distance by which a point of impact or burst misses the target. See also **circular error probable; delivery error; dispersion error; horizontal error.** 2. The angular difference between magnetic and compass headings.

diapositive — (*) A positive photograph on a transparent medium.

died of wounds received in action — A casualty category applicable to a hostile casualty, other than the victim of a terrorist activity, who dies of wounds or other injuries received in action after having reached a medical treatment facility. Also called **DWRIA.** See also **casualty category.**

differential ballistic wind — (*) In bombing, a hypothetical wind equal to the difference in velocity between the ballistic wind and the actual wind at a release altitude.

diffraction loading — (*) The total force which is exerted on the sides of a structure by the advancing shock front of a nuclear explosion.

dip — (*) In naval mine warfare, the amount by which a moored mine is carried beneath its set depth by a current or tidal stream acting on the mine casing and mooring.

diplomatic authorization — (*) Authority for overflight or landing obtained at government-to-government level through diplomatic channels.

dip needle circuit — (*) In naval mine warfare, a mechanism which responds to a change in the magnitude of the vertical component of the total magnetic field.

direct action — Short-duration strikes and other small-scale offensive actions conducted as a special operation in hostile, denied, or politically sensitive environments and which employ specialized military capabilities to seize, destroy, capture, exploit, recover, or damage designated targets. Direct action differs from conventional offensive actions in the level of physical and political risk, operational techniques, and the degree of discriminate and precise use of force to achieve specific objectives. Also called **DA.** See also **special operations; special operations forces.** (JP 3-05)

direct action fuze — See **impact action fuze; proximity fuze; self-destroying fuse; time fuze.**

direct air support center — The principal air control agency of the US Marine air command and control system responsible for the direction and control of air operations directly supporting the ground combat element. It processes and coordinates requests for immediate air support and coordinates air missions requiring integration with ground forces and other supporting arms. It normally collocates with the senior fire support coordination center within the ground combat element and is subordinate to the tactical air command center. Also called **DASC.** See also **Marine air command and control system; tactical air operations center.** (JP 3-09.3)

direct air support center (airborne) — An airborne aircraft equipped with the necessary staff personnel, communications, and operations facilities to function as a direct air support center. Also called **DASC(A).** See also **direct air support center.** (JP 3-09.3)

directed energy — An umbrella term covering technologies that relate to the production of a beam of concentrated electromagnetic energy or atomic or subatomic particles. Also called **DE.** See also **directed-energy device; directed-energy weapon.** (JP 3-09)

directed-energy device — A system using directed energy primarily for a purpose other than as a weapon. Directed-energy devices may produce effects that could allow the device to be used as a weapon against certain threats; for example, laser rangefinders and designators used against sensors that are sensitive to light. See also **directed energy; directed-energy weapon.**

directed-energy protective measures — That division of directed-energy warfare involving actions taken to protect friendly equipment, facilities, and personnel to ensure

friendly effective uses of the electromagnetic spectrum that are threatened by hostile directed-energy weapons and devices.

directed-energy warfare — Military action involving the use of directed-energy weapons, devices, and countermeasures to either cause direct damage or destruction of enemy equipment, facilities, and personnel, or to determine, exploit, reduce, or prevent hostile use of the electromagnetic spectrum through damage, destruction, and disruption. It also includes actions taken to protect friendly equipment, facilities, and personnel and retain friendly use of the electromagnetic spectrum. Also called **DEW.** See also **directed energy; directed-energy device; directed-energy weapon; electromagnetic spectrum; electronic warfare.**

directed-energy weapon — A system using directed energy primarily as a direct means to damage or destroy enemy equipment, facilities, and personnel. See also **directed energy; directed-energy device.**

direct fire — Fire delivered on a target using the target itself as a point of aim for either the weapon or the director. (JP 3-09.3)

direct illumination — (*) Illumination provided by direct light from pyrotechnics or searchlights.

directing staff — See **exercise directing staff.**

direction — In artillery and naval gunfire support, a term used by a spotter and/or observer in a call for fire to indicate the bearing of the spotting line. See also **bearing; naval gunfire support; spotter; spotting line.** (JP 2-0)

directional gyro indicator — An azimuth gyro with a direct display and means for setting the datum to a specified compass heading.

direction finding — A procedure for obtaining bearings of radio frequency emitters by using a highly directional antenna and a display unit on an intercept receiver or ancillary equipment.

direction of attack — A specific direction or route that the main attack or center of mass of the unit will follow. The unit is restricted, required to attack as indicated, and is not normally allowed to bypass the enemy. The direction of attack is used primarily in counterattacks or to ensure that supporting attacks make maximal contribution to the main attack.

directive — (*) 1. A military communication in which policy is established or a specific action is ordered. 2. A plan issued with a view to putting it into effect when so directed, or in the event that a stated contingency arises. 3. Broadly speaking, any communication which initiates or governs action, conduct, or procedure.

directive authority for logistics — Combatant commander authority to issue directives to subordinate commanders, including peacetime measures, necessary to ensure the effective execution of approved operation plans. Essential measures include the optimized use or reallocation of available resources and prevention or elimination of redundant facilities and/or overlapping functions among the Service component commands. Also called **DAFL.** See also **combatant command (command authority); logistics.** (JP 1)

direct laying — Laying in which the sights of weapons are aligned directly on the target. Normally used in conjunction with mortars and sometimes artillery. See also **lay.**

direct liaison authorized — That authority granted by a commander (any level) to a subordinate to directly consult or coordinate an action with a command or agency within or outside of the granting command. Direct liaison authorized is more applicable to planning than operations and always carries with it the requirement of keeping the commander granting direct liaison authorized informed. Direct liaison authorized is a coordination relationship, not an authority through which command may be exercised. Also called **DIRLAUTH.** (JP 1)

director of mobility forces — Normally a senior officer who is familiar with the area of responsibility or joint operations area and possesses an extensive background in air mobility operations. When established, the director of mobility forces serves as the designated agent for all air mobility issues in the area of responsibility or joint operations area, and for other duties as directed. The director of mobility forces exercises coordinating authority between the air operations center (or appropriate theater command and control node), the tanker airlift control center, the air mobility operations control center (when established and when supporting subordinate command objectives), and the joint movement center, in order to expedite the resolution of air mobility issues. The director of mobility forces may be sourced from the theater's organizations or US Transportation Command. Additionally, the director of mobility forces, when designated, will ensure the effective integration of intertheater and intratheater air mobility operations, and facilitate the conduct of intratheater air mobility operations. Also called **DIRMOBFOR.** See also **air and space operations center; coordinating authority; joint movement center; 618th Tanker Airlift Control Center.** (JP 3-17)

direct support — A mission requiring a force to support another specific force and authorizing it to answer directly to the supported force's request for assistance. Also called **DS.** See also **close support; general support; mission; mutual support; support.** (JP 3-09.3)

direct supporting fire — (*) Fire delivered in support of part of a force, as opposed to general supporting fire which is delivered in support of the force as a whole. See also **supporting fire.**

disabling fire — The firing of ordnance by ships or aircraft at the steering or propulsion system of a vessel. The intent is to disable with minimum injury to personnel or damage to vessel.

disaffected person — A person who is alienated or estranged from those in authority or lacks loyalty to the government; a state of mind.

disarmament — The reduction of a military establishment to some level set by international agreement. See also **arms control agreement.**

disarmed mine — (*) A mine for which the arming procedure has been reversed, rendering the mine inoperative. It is safe to handle and transport and can be rearmed by simple action.

disaster assistance response team — United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Office of United States Foreign Disaster Assistance provides this rapidly deployable team in response to international disasters. A disaster assistance response team provides specialists, trained in a variety of disaster relief skills, to assist US embassies and USAID missions with the management of US Government response to disasters. Also called **DART.** See also **foreign disaster; foreign disaster relief.** (JP 3-08)

disaster control — Measures taken before, during, or after hostile action or natural or manmade disasters to reduce the probability of damage, minimize its effects, and initiate recovery. See also **area damage control.**

discriminating circuit — (*) That part of the operating circuit of a sea mine which distinguishes between the response of the detecting circuit to the passage of a ship and the response to other disturbances (e.g., influence sweep, countermining, etc.)

disease and nonbattle injury — All illnesses and injuries not resulting from enemy or terrorist action or caused by conflict. Indigenous disease pathogens, biological warfare agents, heat and cold, hazardous noise, altitude, environmental, occupational, and industrial exposures, and other naturally occurring disease agents may cause disease and nonbattle injury. Disease and nonbattle injuries include injuries and illnesses resulting from training or from occupational, environmental, or recreational activities, and may result in short- or long-term, acute, or delayed illness, injury, disability, or death. Also called **DNBI.** (JP 4-02)

disease and nonbattle injury casualty — A person who is not a battle casualty but who is lost to the organization by reason of disease or injury, including persons dying of disease or injury, by reason of being missing where the absence does not appear to be voluntary, or due to enemy action or being interned. Also called **DNBI casualty.** (JP 4-02)

disembarkation schedule — See **debarkation schedule.**

disengagement — In arms control, a general term for proposals that would result in the geographic separation of opposing nonindigenous forces without directly affecting indigenous military forces.

dislocated civilian — A broad term primarily used by the Department of Defense that includes a displaced person, an evacuee, an internally displaced person, a migrant, a refugee, or a stateless person. Also called **DC.** See also **displaced person; evacuee; internally displaced person; migrant; refugee; stateless person.** (JP 3-29)

dispatch route — (*) In road traffic, a roadway over which full control, both as to priorities of use and the regulation of movement of traffic in time and space, is exercised. Movement authorization is required for its use, even by a single vehicle. See also **route.**

dispenser — (*) In air armament, a container or device which is used to carry and release submunitions. See also **cluster bomb unit.**

dispersal — Relocation of forces for the purpose of increasing survivability. See also **dispersion.**

dispersal airfield — An airfield, military or civil, to which aircraft might move before H-hour on either a temporary duty or permanent change of station basis and be able to conduct operations. See also **airfield.**

dispersed movement pattern — (*) A pattern for ship-to-shore movement which provides additional separation of landing craft both laterally and in depth. This pattern is used when nuclear weapon threat is a factor.

dispersed site — (*) A site selected to reduce concentration and vulnerability by its separation from other military targets or a recognized threat area.

dispersion — (*) 1. A scattered pattern of hits around the mean point of impact of bombs and projectiles dropped or fired under identical conditions. 2. In antiaircraft gunnery, the scattering of shots in range and deflection about the mean point of explosion. 3. The spreading or separating of troops, materiel, establishments, or activities which are usually concentrated in limited areas to reduce vulnerability. 4. In chemical and biological operations, the dissemination of agents in liquid or aerosol form. 5. In airdrop operations, the scatter of personnel and/or cargo on the drop zone. 6. In naval control of shipping, the reberthing of a ship in the periphery of the port area or in the vicinity of the port for its own protection in order to minimize the risk of damage from attack. See also **circular error probable; convoy dispersal point; delivery error; deviation; dispersion error; horizontal error.**

dispersion error — (*) The distance from the point of impact or burst of a round to the mean point of impact or burst.

dispersion pattern — (*) The distribution of a series of rounds fired from one weapon or a group of weapons under conditions as nearly identical as possible; the points of burst or impact being dispersed about a point called the mean point of impact.

displaced person — A broad term used to refer to internally and externally displaced persons collectively. See also **evacuee; refugee.** (JP 3-29)

display — In military deception, a static portrayal of an activity, force, or equipment intended to deceive the adversary's visual observation. (JP 3-13.4)

disposition — (*) 1. Distribution of the elements of a command within an area; usually the exact location of each unit headquarters and the deployment of the forces subordinate to it. 2. A prescribed arrangement of the stations to be occupied by the several formations and single ships of a fleet, or major subdivisions of a fleet, for any purpose, such as cruising, approach, maintaining contact, or battle. 3. A prescribed arrangement of all the tactical units composing a flight or group of aircraft. See also **deployment; dispersion.** 4. **(DOD only)** The removal of a patient from a medical treatment facility by reason of return to duty, transfer to another treatment facility, death, or other termination of medical case.

disruptive pattern — (*) In surveillance, an arrangement of suitably colored irregular shapes which, when applied to the surface of an object, is intended to enhance its camouflage.

dissemination and integration — In intelligence usage, the delivery of intelligence to users in a suitable form and the application of the intelligence to appropriate missions, tasks, and functions. See also **intelligence process.** (JP 2-01)

distant retirement area — In amphibious operations, the sea area located to seaward of the landing area. This area is divided into a number of operating areas to which assault ships may retire and operate in the event of adverse weather or to prevent concentration of ships in the landing area. See also **amphibious operation; landing area; retirement.** (JP 3-02)

distressed person — An individual who requires search and rescue assistance to remove he or she from life-threatening or isolating circumstances in a permissive environment. (JP 3-50)

distributed fire — (*) Fire so dispersed as to engage most effectively an area target.

distribution — 1. The arrangement of troops for any purpose, such as a battle, march, or maneuver. 2. A planned pattern of projectiles about a point. 3. A planned spread of fire to cover a desired frontage or depth. 4. An official delivery of anything, such as orders or supplies. 5. The operational process of synchronizing all elements of the logistic system to deliver the "right things" to the "right place" at the "right time" to

support the geographic combatant commander. 6. The process of assigning military personnel to activities, units, or billets. (JP 4-0)

distribution manager — The executive agent for managing distribution with the combatant commander's area of responsibility. See also **area of responsibility; distribution.** (JP 4-09)

distribution pipeline — Continuum or channel through which the Department of Defense conducts distribution operations. The distribution pipeline represents the end-to-end flow of resources from supplier to consumer and, in some cases, back to the supplier in retrograde activities. See also **distribution; pipeline.** (JP 4-09)

distribution plan — A reporting system comprising reports, updates, and information systems feeds that articulate the requirements of the theater distribution system to the strategic and operational resources assigned responsibility for support to the theater. It portrays the interface of the physical, financial, information and communications networks for gaining visibility of the theater distribution system and communicates control activities necessary for optimizing capacity of the system. It depicts, and is continually updated to reflect changes in, infrastructure, support relationships, and customer locations to all elements of the distribution system (strategic operational, and tactical). See also **distribution; distribution system; theater distribution; theater distribution system.** (JP 4-09)

distribution point — A point at which supplies and/or ammunition, obtained from supporting supply points by a division or other unit, are broken down for distribution to subordinate units. Distribution points usually carry no stocks; items drawn are issued completely as soon as possible. (JP 4-09)

distribution system — That complex of facilities, installations, methods, and procedures designed to receive, store, maintain, distribute, and control the flow of military materiel between the point of receipt into the military system and the point of issue to using activities and units. (JP 4-09)

ditching — Controlled landing of a distressed aircraft on water.

diversion — 1. The act of drawing the attention and forces of an enemy from the point of the principal operation; an attack, alarm, or feint that diverts attention. 2. A change made in a prescribed route for operational or tactical reasons. A diversion order will not constitute a change of destination. 3. A rerouting of cargo or passengers to a new transshipment point or destination or on a different mode of transportation prior to arrival at ultimate destination. 4. In naval mine warfare, a route or channel bypassing a dangerous area. A diversion may connect one channel to another or it may branch from a channel and rejoin it on the other side of the danger. See also **demonstration.**

diversion airfield — (*) An airfield with at least minimum essential facilities, which may be used as an emergency airfield or when the main or redeployment airfield is not

usable or as required to facilitate tactical operations. See also **airfield; departure airfield; main airfield; redeployment airfield.**

diversionary attack — (*) An attack wherein a force attacks, or threatens to attack, a target other than the main target for the purpose of drawing enemy defenses away from the main effort. See also **demonstration.**

diversionary landing — An operation in which troops are actually landed for the purpose of diverting enemy reaction away from the main landing.

diving chamber — See **hyperbaric chamber.**

division — (*) 1. A tactical unit/formation as follows: a. A major administrative and tactical unit/formation which combines in itself the necessary arms and services required for sustained combat, larger than a regiment/brigade and smaller than a corps. b. A number of naval vessels of similar type grouped together for operational and administrative command, or a tactical unit of a naval aircraft squadron, consisting of two or more sections. c. An air division is an air combat organization normally consisting of two or more wings with appropriate service units. The combat wings of an air division will normally contain similar type units. 2. An organizational part of a headquarters that handles military matters of a particular nature, such as personnel, intelligence, plans, and training, or supply and evacuation. 3. **(DOD only)** A number of personnel of a ship's complement grouped together for tactical and administrative control.

dock landing ship — A ship designed to transport and launch loaded amphibious craft and/or amphibian vehicles with their crews and embarked personnel and/or equipment and to render limited docking and repair services to small ships and craft. Also called **LSD.** (JP 3-02)

doctrine — Fundamental principles by which the military forces or elements thereof guide their actions in support of national objectives. It is authoritative but requires judgment in application. See also **multinational doctrine; joint doctrine; multi-Service doctrine.**

dome — See **spray dome.**

domestic emergencies — Emergencies affecting the public welfare and occurring within the 50 states, District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, US possessions and territories, or any political subdivision thereof, as a result of enemy attack, insurrection, civil disturbance, earthquake, fire, flood, or other public disasters or equivalent emergencies that endanger life and property or disrupt the usual process of government. Domestic emergencies include civil defense emergencies, civil disturbances, major disasters, and natural disasters. See also **civil defense emergency; civil disturbance; major disaster; natural disaster.** (JP 3-27)

domestic intelligence — Intelligence relating to activities or conditions within the United States that threaten internal security and that might require the employment of troops; and intelligence relating to activities of individuals or agencies potentially or actually dangerous to the security of the Department of Defense.

dominant user — The Service or multinational partner who is the principal consumer of a particular common-user logistic supply or service within a joint or multinational operation. The dominant user will normally act as the lead Service to provide this particular common-user logistic supply or service to other Service components, multinational partners, other governmental agencies, or nongovernmental agencies as directed by the combatant commander. See also **common-user logistics; lead Service or agency for common-user logistics.** (JP 4-07)

dominant user concept — The concept that the Service that is the principal consumer will have the responsibility for performance of a support workload for all using Services.

doppler effect — (*) The phenomenon evidenced by the change in the observed frequency of a sound or radio wave caused by a time rate of change in the effective length of the path of travel between the source and the point of observation.

dormant — In mine warfare, the state of a mine during which a time delay feature in a mine prevents it from being actuated.

dose rate contour line — (*) A line on a map, diagram, or overlay joining all points at which the radiation dose rate at a given time is the same.

dosimetry — (*) The measurement of radiation doses. It applies to both the devices used (dosimeters) and to the techniques.

double agent — Agent in contact with two opposing intelligence services, only one of which is aware of the double contact or quasi-intelligence services.

double flow route — (*) A route of at least two lanes allowing two columns of vehicles to proceed simultaneously, either in the same direction or in opposite directions. See also **single flow route.**

downgrade — To determine that classified information requires, in the interests of national security, a lower degree of protection against unauthorized disclosure than currently provided, coupled with a changing of the classification designation to reflect such a lower degree.

downloading — An operation that removes airborne weapons or stores from an aircraft. (JP 3-04)

draft — 1. The conscription of qualified citizens in military service. See also **active duty; Military Service.** (JP 4-05) 2. The depth of water that a vessel requires to float freely; the depth of a vessel from the water line to the keel. See also **watercraft.** (JP 4-01.6)

draft plan — (*) A plan for which a draft plan has been coordinated and agreed with the other military headquarters and is ready for coordination with the nations involved, that is those nations who would be required to take national actions to support the plan. It may be used for future planning and exercises and may form the basis for an operation order to be implemented in time of emergency. See also **coordinated draft plan; final plan; initial draft plan; operation plan.**

drift — (*) In ballistics, a shift in projectile direction due to gyroscopic action which results from gravitational and atmospherically induced torques on the spinning projectile.

drill mine — (*) An inert filled mine or mine-like body, used in loading, laying, or discharge practice and trials. See also **mine.**

drone — A land, sea, or air vehicle that is remotely or automatically controlled. See also **remotely piloted vehicle.** (JP 4-01.5)

drop altitude — The altitude above mean sea level at which airdrop is executed. See also **altitude; drop height.** (JP 3-17)

drop height — The vertical distance between the drop zone and the aircraft. See also **altitude; drop altitude.**

drop message — (*) A message dropped from an aircraft to a ground or surface unit.

drop zone — A specific area upon which airborne troops, equipment, or supplies are airdropped. Also called **DZ.** (JP 3-17)

drug interdiction — A continuum of events focused on interrupting illegal drugs smuggled by air, sea, or land. Normally consists of several phases – cueing, detection, sorting, monitoring, interception, handover, disruption, endgame, and apprehension – some which may occur simultaneously. See also **counterdrug operations.** (JP 3-07.4)

dry deck shelter — A shelter module that attaches to the hull of a specially configured submarine to provide the submarine with the capability to launch and recover special operations personnel, vehicles, and equipment while submerged. The dry deck shelter provides a working environment at one atmosphere for the special operations element during transit and has structural integrity to the collapse depth of the host submarine. Also called **DDS.** (JP 3-05.1)

dual agent — One who is simultaneously and independently employed by two or more intelligence agencies, covering targets for both.

dual-capable aircraft — Allied and US fighter aircraft tasked and configured to perform either conventional or theater nuclear missions. Also called **DCA.**

dual capable unit — (*) A nuclear certified delivery unit capable of executing both conventional and nuclear missions.

dual-firing circuit — (*) An assembly comprising two independent firing systems, both electric or both non-electric, so that the firing of either system will detonate all charges.

dual (multi)-purpose weapons — Weapons which possess the capability for effective application in two or more basically different military functions and/or levels of conflict.

dual-purpose weapon — A weapon designed for delivering effective fire against air or surface targets.

dual-role tanker — Dual-role tankers carry support personnel, supplies, and equipment for the deploying force while escorting and/or refueling combat aircraft to the area of responsibility. Dual-role tankers can minimize the total lift requirement while providing critical cargo and personnel at the combat aircraft's time of arrival. See also **air refueling.** (JP 3-17)

dud — (*) Explosive munition which has not been armed as intended or which has failed to explode after being armed.

due in — Quantities of materiel scheduled to be received from vendors, repair facilities, assembly operation, interdepot transfers, and other sources.

dummy — See **decoy.**

dummy message — (*) A message sent for some purpose other than its content, which may consist of dummy groups or may have a meaningless text.

dummy minefield — (*) In naval mine warfare, a minefield containing no live mines and presenting only a psychological threat.

dump — (*) A temporary storage area, usually in the open, for bombs, ammunition, equipment, or supplies.

duplicate negative — (*) A negative reproduced from a negative or diapositive.

duty status - whereabouts unknown — A transitory casualty status, applicable only to military personnel, that is used when the responsible commander suspects the member may be a casualty whose absence is involuntary, but does not feel sufficient evidence currently exists to make a definite determination of missing or deceased. Also called **DUSTWUN.** See also **casualty status.**

dwell time — 1. The time cargo remains in a terminal's in-transit storage area while awaiting shipment by clearance transportation. (JP 4-01.6) 2. The length of time a target is expected to remain in one location. (JP 3-60) 3. The period of time between the release from involuntary active and the reporting date for a subsequent tour of active duty pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 12302. Such time includes any voluntary active duty performed between two periods of involuntary active duty pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 12302. (DODD 1235.10)

dynamic targeting — Targeting that prosecutes targets identified too late, or not selected for action in time to be included in deliberate targeting. (JP 3-60)

dynamic threat assessment — An intelligence assessment developed by the Defense Intelligence Agency that details the threat, capabilities, and intentions of adversaries in each of the priority plans in the Contingency Planning Guidance. Also called **DTA.** (JP 2-0)

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earliest anticipated launch time — The earliest time expected for a special operations tactical element and its supporting platform to depart the staging or marshalling area together en route to the operations area. Also called **EALT.** (JP 3-05.1)

earliest arrival date — A day, relative to C-day, that is specified by a planner as the earliest date when a unit, a resupply shipment, or replacement personnel can be accepted at a port of debarkation during a deployment. Used with the latest arrival data, it defines a delivery window for transportation planning. Also called **EAD.** See also **latest arrival date.**

early warning — (*) Early notification of the launch or approach of unknown weapons or weapons carriers. Also called **EW.** See also **attack assessment; tactical warning.**

earmarking of stocks — (*) The arrangement whereby nations agree, normally in peacetime, to identify a proportion of selected items of their war reserve stocks to be called for by specified NATO commanders.

earthing — (*) The process of making a satisfactory electrical connection between the structure, including the metal skin, of an object or vehicle, and the mass of the Earth, to ensure a common potential with the Earth. See also **bonding.**

echelon — (*) 1. A subdivision of a headquarters, i.e., forward echelon, rear echelon. 2. Separate level of command. As compared to a regiment, a division is a higher echelon, a battalion is a lower echelon. 3. A fraction of a command in the direction of depth to which a principal combat mission is assigned; i.e., attack echelon, support echelon, reserve echelon. 4. A formation in which its subdivisions are placed one behind another, with a lateral and even spacing to the same side.

echeloned displacement — (*) Movement of a unit from one position to another without discontinuing performance of its primary function. **(DOD only)** Normally, the unit divides into two functional elements (base and advance); and, while the base continues to operate, the advance element displaces to a new site where, after it becomes operational, it is joined by the base element.

economic action — The planned use of economic measures designed to influence the policies or actions of another state, e.g., to impair the war-making potential of a hostile power or to generate economic stability within a friendly power.

economic potential — (*) The total capacity of a nation to produce goods and services.

effect — 1. The physical or behavioral state of a system that results from an action, a set of actions, or another effect. 2. The result, outcome, or consequence of an action. 3. A change to a condition, behavior, or degree of freedom. (JP 3-0)

effective damage — That damage necessary to render a target element inoperative, unserviceable, nonproductive, or uninhabitable.

effective US controlled ships — US-owned foreign flagships that can be tasked by the Maritime Administration to support Department of Defense requirements when necessary. Also called **EUSCS.** (JP 4-01.2)

ejection — (*) 1. Escape from an aircraft by means of an independently propelled seat or capsule. 2. In air armament, the process of forcefully separating an aircraft store from an aircraft to achieve satisfactory separation.

ejection systems — (*) a. **command ejection system** — A system in which the pilot of an aircraft or the occupant of the other ejection seat(s) initiates ejection resulting in the automatic ejection of all occupants. b. **command select ejection system** — A system permitting the optional transfer from one crew station to another of the control of a command ejection system for automatic ejection of all occupants. c. **independent ejection system** — An ejection system which operates independently of other ejection systems installed in one aircraft. d. **sequenced ejection system** — A system which ejects the aircraft crew in sequence to ensure a safe minimum total time of escape without collision.

electro-explosive device — An explosive or pyrotechnic component that initiates an explosive, burning, electrical, or mechanical train and is activated by the application of electrical energy. Also called **EED.** (JP 3-04)

electromagnetic compatibility — The ability of systems, equipment, and devices that utilize the electromagnetic spectrum to operate in their intended operational environments without suffering unacceptable degradation or causing unintentional degradation because of electromagnetic radiation or response. It involves the application of sound electromagnetic spectrum management; system, equipment, and device design configuration that ensures interference-free operation; and clear concepts and doctrines that maximize operational effectiveness. Also called **EMC.** See also **electromagnetic spectrum; electromagnetic spectrum management; electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.1)

electromagnetic deception — The deliberate radiation, re-radiation, alteration, suppression, absorption, denial, enhancement, or reflection of electromagnetic energy in a manner intended to convey misleading information to an enemy or to enemy electromagnetic-dependent weapons, thereby degrading or neutralizing the enemy's combat capability. See also **electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.4)

electromagnetic environment — The resulting product of the power and time distribution, in various frequency ranges, of the radiated or conducted electromagnetic emission levels that may be encountered by a military force, system, or platform when performing its assigned mission in its intended operational environment. It is the sum of electromagnetic interference; electromagnetic pulse; hazards of electromagnetic

radiation to personnel, ordnance, and volatile materials; and natural phenomena effects of lightning and precipitation static. Also called **EME.** (JP 3-13.1)

electromagnetic environmental effects — The impact of the electromagnetic environment upon the operational capability of military forces, equipment, systems, and platforms. It encompasses all electromagnetic disciplines, including electromagnetic compatibility and electromagnetic interference; electromagnetic vulnerability; electromagnetic pulse; electronic protection, hazards of electromagnetic radiation to personnel, ordnance, and volatile materials; and natural phenomena effects of lightning and precipitation static. Also called **E3.** (JP 3-13.1)

electromagnetic hardening — Action taken to protect personnel, facilities, and/or equipment by filtering, attenuating, grounding, bonding, and/or shielding against undesirable effects of electromagnetic energy. See also **electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.1)

electromagnetic interference — Any electromagnetic disturbance that interrupts, obstructs, or otherwise degrades or limits the effective performance of electronics and electrical equipment. It can be induced intentionally, as in some forms of electronic warfare, or unintentionally, as a result of spurious emissions and responses, intermodulation products, and the like. Also called **EMI.** (JP 3-13.1)

electromagnetic intrusion — The intentional insertion of electromagnetic energy into transmission paths in any manner, with the objective of deceiving operators or of causing confusion. See also **electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.1)

electromagnetic jamming — The deliberate radiation, reradiation, or reflection of electromagnetic energy for the purpose of preventing or reducing an enemy's effective use of the electromagnetic spectrum, and with the intent of degrading or neutralizing the enemy's combat capability. See also **electromagnetic spectrum; electromagnetic spectrum management; electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.1)

electromagnetic pulse — The electromagnetic radiation from a strong electronic pulse, most commonly caused by a nuclear explosion that may couple with electrical or electronic systems to produce damaging current and voltage surges. Also called **EMP.** See also **electromagnetic radiation.** (JP 3-13.1)

electromagnetic radiation — Radiation made up of oscillating electric and magnetic fields and propagated with the speed of light. Includes gamma radiation, X-rays, ultraviolet, visible, and infrared radiation, and radar and radio waves. (JP 3-13.1)

electromagnetic radiation hazards — Hazards caused by transmitter or antenna installation that generates electromagnetic radiation in the vicinity of ordnance, personnel, or fueling operations in excess of established safe levels or increases the existing levels to a hazardous level; or a personnel, fueling, or ordnance installation located in an area that is illuminated by electromagnetic radiation at a level that is

hazardous to the planned operations or occupancy. Also called **EMR hazards or RADHAZ.** (JP 3-13.1)

electromagnetic spectrum — The range of frequencies of electromagnetic radiation from zero to infinity. It is divided into 26 alphabetically designated bands. See also **electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.1)

electromagnetic spectrum management — Planning, coordinating, and managing joint use of the electromagnetic spectrum through operational, engineering, and administrative procedures. The objective of spectrum management is to enable electronic systems to perform their functions in the intended environment without causing or suffering unacceptable interference. See also **electromagnetic spectrum.** (JP 6-0)

electromagnetic vulnerability — The characteristics of a system that cause it to suffer a definite degradation (incapability to perform the designated mission) as a result of having been subjected to a certain level of electromagnetic environmental effects. Also called **EMV.** (JP 3-13.1)

electronic attack — Division of electronic warfare involving the use of electromagnetic energy, directed energy, or antiradiation weapons to attack personnel, facilities, or equipment with the intent of degrading, neutralizing, or destroying enemy combat capability and is considered a form of fires. Also called **EA.** See also **electronic protection; electronic warfare; electronic warfare support.** (JP 3-13.1)

electronic imagery dissemination — The transmission of imagery or imagery products by any electronic means. This includes the following four categories. a. **primary imagery dissemination system** — The equipment and procedures used in the electronic transmission and receipt of un-exploited original or near-original quality imagery in near real time. b. **primary imagery dissemination** — The electronic transmission and receipt of unexploited original or near-original quality imagery in near real time through a primary imagery dissemination system. c. **secondary imagery dissemination** — The electronic transmission and receipt of exploited non-original quality imagery and imagery products in other than real or near real time through a secondary imagery dissemination system.

electronic intelligence — Technical and geolocation intelligence derived from foreign noncommunications electromagnetic radiations emanating from other than nuclear detonations or radioactive sources. Also called **ELINT.** See also **electronic warfare; foreign instrumentation signals intelligence; intelligence; signals intelligence.** (JP 3-13.1)

electronic line of sight — The path traversed by electromagnetic waves that is not subject to reflection or refraction by the atmosphere.

electronic masking —The controlled radiation of electromagnetic energy on friendly frequencies in a manner to protect the emissions of friendly communications and electronic systems against enemy electronic warfare support measures/signals intelligence without significantly degrading the operation of friendly systems. (JP 3-13.1)

electronic probing — Intentional radiation designed to be introduced into the devices or systems of potential enemies for the purpose of learning the functions and operational capabilities of the devices or systems. (JP 3-13.2)

electronic protection — Division of electronic warfare involving actions taken to protect personnel, facilities, and equipment from any effects of friendly or enemy use of the electromagnetic spectrum that degrade, neutralize, or destroy friendly combat capability. Also called **EP.** See also **electronic attack, electronic warfare; electronic warfare support.** (JP 3-13.1)

electronic reconnaissance — The detection, location, identification, and evaluation of foreign electromagnetic radiations. See also **electromagnetic radiation; reconnaissance.** (JP 3-13.1)

electronics security — The protection resulting from all measures designed to deny unauthorized persons information of value that might be derived from their interception and study of noncommunications electromagnetic radiations, e.g., radar. (JP 3-13.1)

electronic warfare — Military action involving the use of electromagnetic and directed energy to control the electromagnetic spectrum or to attack the enemy. Electronic warfare consists of three divisions: electronic attack, electronic protection, and electronic warfare support. Also called **EW.** See also **directed energy; electromagnetic spectrum; electronic attack; electronic protection; electronic warfare support.** (JP 3-13.1)

electronic warfare frequency deconfliction — Actions taken to integrate those frequencies used by electronic warfare systems into the overall frequency deconfliction process. See also **electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.1)

electronic warfare reprogramming — The deliberate alteration or modification of electronic warfare or target sensing systems, or the tactics and procedures that employ them, in response to validated changes in equipment, tactics, or the electromagnetic environment. These changes may be the result of deliberate actions on the part of friendly, adversary or third parties; or may be brought about by electromagnetic interference or other inadvertent phenomena. The purpose of electronic warfare reprogramming is to maintain or enhance the effectiveness of electronic warfare and target sensing system equipment. Electronic warfare reprogramming includes changes to self defense systems, offensive weapons systems, and intelligence collection systems. See also **electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.1)

electronic warfare support — Division of electronic warfare involving actions tasked by, or under direct control of, an operational commander to search for, intercept, identify, and locate or localize sources of intentional and unintentional radiated electromagnetic energy for the purpose of immediate threat recognition, targeting, planning and conduct of future operations. Also called **ES.** See also **electronic attack; electronic protection; electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.1)

electro-optical-infrared countermeasure — Any device or technique employing electro-optical-infrared materials or technology that is intended to impair the effectiveness of enemy activity, particularly with respect to precision guided weapons and sensor systems. Electro-optical-infrared is the part of the electromagnetic spectrum between the high end of the far infrared and the low end of ultraviolet. Electro-optical-infrared countermeasure may use laser and broadband jammers, smokes/aerosols, signature suppressants, decoys, pyrotechnics/pyrophorics, high-energy lasers, or directed infrared energy countermeasures. Also called **EO-IR CM.** (JP 3-13.1)

electro-optical intelligence — Intelligence other than signals intelligence derived from the optical monitoring of the electromagnetic spectrum from ultraviolet (0.01 micrometers) through far infrared (1,000 micrometers). Also called **ELECTRO-OPTINT.** See also **intelligence; laser intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

electro-optics — The technology associated with those components, devices and systems which are designed to interact between the electromagnetic (optical) and the electric (electronic) state. (JP 2-03)

element — An organization formed around a specific function within a designated directorate of a joint force commander's headquarters. The subordinate components of an element usually are functional cells. (JP 3-33)

elevated causeway system — An elevated causeway pier that provides a means of delivering containers, certain vehicles, and bulk cargo ashore without the lighterage contending with the surf zone. See also **causeway.** (JP 4-01.6)

elevation — (*) The vertical distance of a point or level on or affixed to the surface of the Earth measured from mean sea level. See also **altitude.**

elevation tint — See **hypsometric tinting.**

elicitation (intelligence) — Acquisition of information from a person or group in a manner that does not disclose the intent of the interview or conversation. A technique of human source intelligence collection, generally overt, unless the collector is other than he or she purports to be. (JP 2-0)

eligible traffic — Traffic for which movement requirements are submitted and space is assigned or allocated. Such traffic must meet eligibility requirements specified in Joint Travel Regulations for the Uniformed Services and publications of the Department of

Defense and Military Departments governing eligibility for land, sea, and air transportation, and be in accordance with the guidance of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

embarkation — The process of putting personnel and/or vehicles and their associated stores and equipment into ships and/or aircraft. See also **loading**. (JP 3-02)

embarkation and tonnage table — A consolidated table showing personnel and cargo, by troop or naval units, loaded aboard a combat-loaded ship.

embarkation area — (*) An area ashore, including a group of embarkation points, in which final preparations for embarkation are completed and through which assigned personnel and loads for craft and ships are called forward to embark. See also **mounting area.**

embarkation element (unit) (group) — A temporary administrative formation of personnel with supplies and equipment embarking or to be embarked (combat loaded) aboard the ships of one transport element (unit) (group). It is dissolved upon completion of the embarkation. An embarkation element normally consists of two or more embarkation teams: a unit, of two or more elements; and a group, of two or more units. See also **embarkation organization; embarkation team.**

embarkation officer — An officer on the staff of units of the landing force who advises the commander thereof on matters pertaining to embarkation planning and loading ships. See also **combat cargo officer.**

embarkation order — (*) An order specifying dates, times, routes, loading diagrams, and methods of movement to shipside or aircraft for troops and their equipment. See also **movement table.**

embarkation organization — A temporary administrative formation of personnel with supplies and equipment embarking or to be embarked (combat loaded) aboard amphibious shipping. See also **embarkation element (unit) (group); embarkation team.**

embarkation phase — In amphibious operations, the phase that encompasses the orderly assembly of personnel and materiel and their subsequent loading aboard ships and/or aircraft in a sequence designed to meet the requirements of the landing force concept of operations ashore. (JP 3-02.1)

embarkation plans — The plans prepared by the landing force and appropriate subordinate commanders containing instructions and information concerning the organization for embarkation, assignment to shipping, supplies and equipment to be embarked, location and assignment of embarkation areas, control and communication arrangements, movement schedules and embarkation sequence, and additional pertinent instructions relating to the embarkation of the landing force. (JP 3-02)

embarkation team — A temporary administrative formation of all personnel with supplies and equipment embarking or to be embarked (combat loaded) aboard one ship. See also **embarkation element (unit) (group); embarkation organization.**

emergency action committee — An organization established at a foreign service post by the chief of mission or principal officer for the purpose of directing and coordinating the post's response to contingencies. It consists of consular representatives and members of other local US Government agencies in a foreign country who assist in the implementation of a Department of State emergency action plan. Also called **EAC.** (JP 3-68)

emergency anchorage — (*) An anchorage, which may have a limited defense organization, for naval vessels, mobile support units, auxiliaries, or merchant ships. See also **assembly anchorage; holding anchorage; working anchorage.**

emergency barrier — See **aircraft arresting barrier.**

emergency-essential employee — A Department of Defense civilian employee whose assigned duties and responsibilities must be accomplished following the evacuation of non-essential personnel (including dependents) during a declared emergency or outbreak of war. The position occupied cannot be converted to a military billet because it requires uninterrupted performance so as to provide immediate and continuing support for combat operations and/or combat systems support functions. See also **evacuation.** (JP 1-0)

emergency interment — An interment, usually on the battlefield, when conditions do not permit either evacuation for interment in an interment site or interment according to national or international legal regulations. See also **mortuary affairs; temporary interment; trench interment.** (JP 4-06)

emergency locator beacon — A generic term for all radio beacons used for emergency locating purposes. See also **crash locator beacon; personal locator beacon.** (JP 3-50)

emergency operations center — The physical location at which the coordination of information and resources to support domestic incident management activities normally takes place. An emergency operations center may be a temporary facility or may be located in a more central or permanently established facility, perhaps at a higher level of organization within a jurisdiction. Emergency operations centers may be organized by major functional disciplines (e.g., fire, law enforcement, and medical services), by jurisdiction (e.g., Federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal), or by some combination thereof. Also called **EOC.** (JP 3-41)

emergency preparedness — Measures taken in advance of an emergency to reduce the loss of life and property and to protect a nation's institutions from all types of hazards

through a comprehensive emergency management program of preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery. Also called **EP.** (JP 3-28)

emergency preparedness liaison officer — A senior reserve officer who represents their Service at the appropriate joint field office conducting planning and coordination responsibilities in support of civil authorities. Also called **EPLO.** (JP 3-28)

emergency repair — The least amount of immediate repair to damaged facilities necessary for the facilities to support the mission. These repairs will be made using expedient materials and methods (such as AM-2 aluminum matting, cold-mix asphalt, plywood scabs, temporary utility lines, and emergency generators). Modular or kit-type facility substitutes would be appropriate if repairs cannot be made in time to meet mission requirements. See also **facility substitutes.** (JP 3-34)

emergency resupply — A resupply mission that occurs based on a predetermined set of circumstances and time interval should radio contact not be established or, once established, is lost between a special operations tactical element and its base. See also **automatic resupply; on-call resupply.** (JP 3-05.1)

emergency substitute — (*) A product which may be used, in an emergency only, in place of another product, but only on the advice of technically qualified personnel of the nation using the product, who will specify the limitations.

emergency support functions — A grouping of government and certain private-sector capabilities into an organizational structure to provide the support, resources, program implementation, and services that are most likely to be needed to save lives, protect property and the environment, restore essential services and critical infrastructure, and help victims and communities return to normal, when feasible, following domestic incidents. Also called **ESFs.** (JP 3-28)

emission control — The selective and controlled use of electromagnetic, acoustic, or other emitters to optimize command and control capabilities while minimizing, for operations security: a. detection by enemy sensors; b. mutual interference among friendly systems; and/or c. enemy interference with the ability to execute a military deception plan. Also called **EMCON.** See also **electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.1)

emission control orders — Orders used to authorize, control, or prohibit the use of electronic emission equipment. Also called **EMCON orders.** See also **control of electromagnetic radiation.**

emission security — The component of communications security that results from all measures taken to deny unauthorized persons information of value that might be derived from intercept and analysis of compromising emanations from crypto-equipment and telecommunications systems. See also **communications security.** (JP 6-0)

emplacement — (*) 1. A prepared position for one or more weapons or pieces of equipment, for protection against hostile fire or bombardment, and from which they can execute their tasks. 2. The act of fixing a gun in a prepared position from which it may be fired.

employment — The strategic, operational, or tactical use of forces. (JP 5-0)

enabling force — Early deploying forces that establish critical capabilities to facilitate deployment and initial employment (including sustainment) of a force. See also **deployment; employment; force.** (JP 4-08)

enabling mine countermeasures — Countermeasures designed to counter mines once they have been laid. This includes both passive and active mine countermeasures. See also **mine countermeasures.** (JP 3-15)

end evening civil twilight — The time period when the sun has dropped 6 degrees beneath the western horizon; it is the instant at which there is no longer sufficient light to see objects with the unaided eye. Light intensification devices are recommended from this time until begin morning civil twilight. Also called **EECT.**

end item — A final combination of end products, component parts, and/or materials that is ready for its intended use, e.g., ship, tank, mobile machine shop, or aircraft.

end of evening nautical twilight — Occurs when the sun has dropped 12 degrees below the western horizon, and is the instant of last available daylight for the visual control of limited ground operations. At end of evening nautical twilight there is no further sunlight available. (JP 2-01.3)

end of mission — In artillery, mortar, and naval gunfire support, an order given to terminate firing on a specific target. See also **cease loading.**

end state — The set of required conditions that defines achievement of the commander's objectives. (JP 3-0)

end-to-end — Joint distribution operations boundaries begin at the point of origin and terminate at the combatant commander's designated point of need within a desired operational area, including the return of forces and materiel. (JP 4-09)

endurance — (*) The time an aircraft can continue flying, or a ground vehicle or ship can continue operating, under specified conditions, e.g., without refueling. See also **endurance distance.**

endurance distance — (*) Total distance that a ground vehicle or ship can be self-propelled at any specified endurance speed.

enemy capabilities — Those courses of action of which the enemy is physically capable and that, if adopted, will affect accomplishment of the friendly mission. The term "capabilities" includes not only the general courses of action open to the enemy, such as attack, defense, reinforcement, or withdrawal, but also all the particular courses of action possible under each general course of action. "Enemy capabilities" are considered in the light of all known factors affecting military operations, including time, space, weather, terrain, and the strength and disposition of enemy forces. In strategic thinking, the capabilities of a nation represent the courses of action within the power of the nation for accomplishing its national objectives throughout the range of military operations. See also **capability; course of action; mission.** (JP 2-01.3)

enemy combatant — In general, a person engaged in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners during an armed conflict. Also called **EC.** (DODD 2310.01E)

engage — (*) 1. In air defense, a fire control order used to direct or authorize units and/or weapon systems to fire on a designated target. See also **cease engagement; hold fire.** 2. **(DOD only)** To bring the enemy under fire.

engagement — 1. In air defense, an attack with guns or air-to-air missiles by an interceptor aircraft, or the launch of an air defense missile by air defense artillery and the missile's subsequent travel to intercept. 2. A tactical conflict, usually between opposing lower echelons maneuver forces. See also **battle; campaign.**

engineer support plan — An appendix to the logistics annex or separate annex of an operation plan that identifies the minimum essential engineering services and construction requirements required to support the commitment of military forces. Also called **ESP.** See also **operation plan.** (JP 3-34)

en route care — Continuation of the provision of care during movement (evacuation) between the health service support capabilities in the continuum of care, without clinically compromising the patient's condition. See also **evacuation; patient.** (JP 4-02)

envelopment — (*) An offensive maneuver in which the main attacking force passes around or over the enemy's principal defensive positions to secure objectives to the enemy's rear. See also **turning movement.**

environmental baseline survey — A multi-disciplinary site survey conducted prior to or in the initial stage of a joint operational deployment. The survey documents existing deployment area environmental conditions, determines the potential for present and past site contamination (e.g., hazardous substances, petroleum products, and derivatives), and identified potential vulnerabilities (to include occupational and environmental health risks). Surveys accomplished in conjunction with joint operational deployments that do not involve training or exercises (e.g., contingency operations) should be completed to the extent practicable consistent with operational requirements. This survey is performed in conjunction with the environmental health

site assessment whenever possible. Also called **EBS.** See also **general engineering.** (JP 3-34)

environmental cleanup — The process of removing solid, liquid, and hazardous wastes, except for unexploded ordnance, resulting from the joint operation of US forces to a condition that approaches the one existing prior to operation as determined by the environmental baseline survey, if one was conducted. The extent of this process will depend upon the operational situation at the time that cleanup is accomplished.

environmental considerations — The spectrum of environmental media, resources, or programs that may impact on, or are affected by, the planning and execution of military operations. Factors may include, but are not limited to, environmental compliance, pollution prevention, conservation, protection of historical and cultural sites, and protection of flora and fauna. (JP 3-34)

environmental stewardship — The integration and application of environmental values into the military mission in order to sustain readiness, improve quality of life, strengthen civil relations, and preserve valuable natural resources.

equipment — In logistics, all nonexpendable items needed to outfit or equip an individual or organization. See also **assembly; component; subassembly; supplies.** (JP 4-0)

escalation — A deliberate or unpremeditated increase in scope or violence of a conflict.

escapee — Any person who has been physically captured by the enemy and succeeds in getting free. See also **evasion and escape.** (JP 3-50)

escape line — A planned route to allow personnel engaged in clandestine activity to depart from a site or area when possibility of compromise or apprehension exists.

escort — (*) 1. A combatant unit(s) assigned to accompany and protect another force or convoy. 2. Aircraft assigned to protect other aircraft during a mission. 3. An armed guard that accompanies a convoy, a train, prisoners, etc. 4. An armed guard accompanying persons as a mark of honor. 5. **(DOD only)** To convoy. 6. **(DOD only)** A member of the Armed Forces assigned to accompany, assist, or guide an individual or group, e.g., an escort officer.

escort forces — Combat forces of various types provided to protect other forces against enemy attack.

espionage — The act of obtaining, delivering, transmitting, communicating, or receiving information about the national defense with an intent, or reason to believe, that the information may be used to the injury of the United States or to the advantage of any foreign nation. Espionage is a violation of 18 United States Code 792-798 and Article 106, *Uniform Code of Military Justice*. See also **counterintelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

espionage against the United States — Overt, covert, or clandestine activity designed to obtain information relating to the national defense with intent or reason to believe that it will be used to the injury of the United States or to the advantage of a foreign nation. For espionage crimes see Chapter 37 of Title 18, United States Code.

essential care — Medical treatment provided to manage the casualty throughout the range of care. This includes all care and treatment to either return the patient to duty (within the theater evacuation policy), or begin initial treatment required for optimization of outcome, and/or stabilization to ensure the patient can tolerate evacuation. See also **en route care; first responders; forward resuscitative care; patient; theater.** (JP 4-02)

essential chemicals — In counterdrug operations, compounds that are required in the synthetic or extraction processes of drug production, but in most cases do not become part of the drug molecule. Essential chemicals are used in the production of cocaine or heroin. (JP 3-07.4)

essential elements of friendly information — Key questions likely to be asked by adversary officials and intelligence systems about specific friendly intentions, capabilities, and activities, so they can obtain answers critical to their operational effectiveness. Also called **EEFI.** (JP 2-01)

essential elements of information — The most critical information requirements regarding the adversary and the environment needed by the commander by a particular time to relate with other available information and intelligence in order to assist in reaching a logical decision. Also called **EEIs.** (JP 2-0)

essential secrecy — The condition achieved from the denial of critical information to adversaries.

essential task — In the context of joint operation planning, a specified or implied task that an organization must perform to accomplish the mission. An essential task is typically included in the mission statement. See also **implied task; specified task.** (JP 5-0)

establishing directive — An order issued to specify the purpose of the support relationship. (JP 3-02)

establishment — (*) An installation, together with its personnel and equipment, organized as an operating entity. See also **activity; base; equipment.**

estimate — 1. An analysis of a foreign situation, development, or trend that identifies its major elements, interprets the significance, and appraises the future possibilities and the prospective results of the various actions that might be taken. 2. An appraisal of the capabilities, vulnerabilities, and potential courses of action of a foreign nation or combination of nations in consequence of a specific national plan, policy, decision, or contemplated course of action. 3. An analysis of an actual or contemplated clandestine operation in relation to the situation in which it is or would be conducted in order to

identify and appraise such factors as available as well as needed assets and potential obstacles, accomplishments, and consequences. See also **intelligence estimate.**

estimative intelligence — Intelligence that identifies, describes, and forecasts adversary capabilities and the implications for planning and executing military operations. (JP 2-0)

evacuation — 1. Removal of a patient by any of a variety of transport means (air, ground, rail, or sea) from a theater of military operation, or between health service support capabilities, for the purpose of preventing further illness or injury, providing additional care, or providing disposition of patients from the military health care system. 2. The clearance of personnel, animals, or materiel from a given locality. 3. The controlled process of collecting, classifying, and shipping unserviceable or abandoned materiel, US or foreign, to appropriate reclamation, maintenance, technical intelligence, or disposal facilities. 4. The ordered or authorized departure of noncombatants from a specific area by Department of State, Department of Defense, or appropriate military commander. This refers to the movement from one area to another in the same or different countries. The evacuation is caused by unusual or emergency circumstances and applies equally to command or non-command sponsored family members. See also **evacuee; noncombatant evacuation operations.** (JP 4-02)

evacuation convoy — (*) A convoy which is used for evacuation of dangerously exposed waters. See also **evacuation of dangerously exposed waters.**

evacuation of dangerously exposed waters — (*) The movement of merchant ships under naval control from severely threatened coastlines and dangerously exposed waters to safer localities. See also **dangerously exposed waters.**

evacuation of port equipment — (*) The transfer of mobile/movable equipment from a threatened port to another port or to a working anchorage.

evacuee — A civilian removed from a place of residence by military direction for reasons of personal security or the requirements of the military situation. See also **displaced person; expellee; refugee.** (JP 3-57)

evader — Any person isolated in hostile or unfriendly territory who eludes capture. (JP 3-50)

evaluation — In intelligence usage, appraisal of an item of information in terms of credibility, reliability, pertinence, and accuracy.

evaluation agent — That command or agency designated in the evaluation directive to be responsible for the planning, coordination, and conduct of the required evaluation of a joint test publication. The evaluation agent, normally the US Joint Forces Command, identifies evaluation criteria and the media to be used, develops a proposed evaluation directive, coordinates exercise-related evaluation requirements with the sponsoring

commands, and provides required evaluation reports to the Director, J-7. Also called **EA.** See also **joint doctrine; joint test publication.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

evaluation and feedback — In intelligence usage, continuous assessment of intelligence operations throughout the intelligence process to ensure that the commander's intelligence requirements are being met. See **intelligence process.** (JP 2-01)

evasion — The process whereby isolated personnel avoid capture with the goal of successfully returning to areas under friendly control. (JP 3-50)

evasion aid — In personnel recovery, any piece of information or equipment designed to assist an individual in avoiding capture. Evasion aids include, but are not limited to, blood chits, pointee-talkees, evasion charts, barter items, and equipment designed to complement issued survival equipment. See also **blood chit; evasion; evasion chart; pointee-talkee; recovery; recovery operations.** (JP 3-50)

evasion and escape — (*) The procedures and operations whereby military personnel and other selected individuals are enabled to emerge from an enemy-held or hostile area to areas under friendly control. Also called **E&E.**

evasion chart — A special map or chart designed as an evasion aid. Also called **EVC.** See also **evasion; evasion aid.** (JP 3-50)

evasion plan of action — A course of action, developed prior to executing a combat mission, that is intended to improve a potential isolated person's chances of successful evasion and recovery by providing the recovery forces with an additional source of information that can increase the predictability of the evader's action and movement. Also called **EPA.** See also **course of action; evader; evasion; recovery force.** (JP 3-50)

event matrix — A description of the indicators and activity expected to occur in each named area of interest. It normally cross-references each named area of interest and indicator with the times they are expected to occur and the courses of action they will confirm or deny. There is no prescribed format. See also **activity; area of interest; indicator.** (JP 2-01.3)

event template — A guide for collection planning. The event template depicts the named areas of interest where activity, or its lack of activity, will indicate which course of action the adversary has adopted. See also **activity; area of interest; collection planning; course of action.** (JP 2-01.3)

exaggerated stereoscopy — See **hyperstereoscopy.**

exceptional transport — (*) In railway terminology, transport of a load whose size, weight, or preparation entails special difficulties vis-a-vis the facilities or equipment of even one of the railway systems to be used. See also **ordinary transport.**

excess property — The quantity of property in possession of any component of the Department of Defense that exceeds the quantity required or authorized for retention by that component.

exclusion zone — A zone established by a sanctioning body to prohibit specific activities in a specific geographic area. The purpose may be to persuade nations or groups to modify their behavior to meet the desires of the sanctioning body or face continued imposition of sanctions, or use or threat of force. (JP 3-0)

exclusive economic zone — A maritime zone adjacent to the territorial sea that may not extend beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured. Within the exclusive economic zone (EEZ), the coastal state has sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring, exploiting, conserving, and managing natural resources, both living and nonliving, of the seabed, subsoil, and the subjacent waters and, with regard to other activities, for the economic exploitation and exploration of the zone (e.g., the production of energy from the water, currents, and winds). Within the EEZ, the coastal state has jurisdiction with regard to establishing and using artificial islands, installations, and structures having economic purposes as well as for marine scientific research and the protection and preservation of the marine environment. Other states may, however, exercise traditional high seas freedoms of navigation, overflight, and related freedoms, such as conducting military exercises in the EEZ. Also called **EEZ.**

execute order — 1. An order issued by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the direction of the Secretary of Defense, to implement a decision by the President to initiate military operations. 2. An order to initiate military operations as directed. Also called **EXORD.** (JP 5-0)

execution planning — The Joint Operation Planning and Execution System translation of an approved course of action into an executable plan of action through the preparation of a complete operation plan or operation order. Execution planning is detailed planning for the commitment of specified forces and resources. During crisis action planning, an approved operation plan or other approved course of action is adjusted, refined, and translated into an operation order. Execution planning can proceed on the basis of prior contingency planning, or it can take place in the absence of prior planning. Also called **EP.** See also **Joint Operation Planning and Execution System.** (JP 5-0)

executive agent — A term used to indicate a delegation of authority by the Secretary of Defense to a subordinate to act on behalf of the Secretary of Defense. Designation as executive agent, in and of itself, confers no authority. The exact nature and scope of the authority delegated must be stated in the document designating the executive agent. An executive agent may be limited to providing only administration and support or coordinating common functions, or it may be delegated authority, direction, and control over specified resources for specified purposes. Also called **EA.** (JP 1)

exercise — A military maneuver or simulated wartime operation involving planning, preparation, and execution. It is carried out for the purpose of training and evaluation. It may be a multinational, joint, or single-Service exercise, depending on participating organizations. See also **command post exercise; field exercise; maneuver.**

exercise directing staff — (*) A group of officers who by virtue of experience, qualifications, and a thorough knowledge of the exercise instructions, are selected to direct or control an exercise.

exercise filled mine — (*) In naval mine warfare, a mine containing an inert filling and an indicating device. See also **explosive filled mine; fitted mine; mine.**

exercise incident — (*) An occurrence injected by directing staffs into the exercise which will have an effect on the forces being exercised, or their facilities, and which will require action by the appropriate commander and/or staff being exercised.

exercise mine — (*) In naval mine warfare, a mine suitable for use in mine warfare exercises, fitted with visible or audible indicating devices to show where and when it would normally fire. See also **drill mine; mine; practice mine.**

exercise specifications — (*) The fundamental requirements for an exercise, providing in advance an outline of the concept, form, scope, setting, aim, objectives, force requirements, political implications, analysis arrangements, and costs.

exercise sponsor — (*) The commander who conceives a particular exercise and orders that it be planned and executed either by the commander's staff or by a subordinate headquarters.

exercise study — (*) An activity which may take the form of a map exercise, a war game, a series of lectures, a discussion group, or an operational analysis.

exfiltration — The removal of personnel or units from areas under enemy control by stealth, deception, surprise, or clandestine means. See also **special operations; unconventional warfare.**

expedition — A military operation conducted by an armed force to accomplish a specific objective in a foreign country. (JP 3-0)

expeditionary force — An armed force organized to accomplish a specific objective in a foreign country. (JP 3-0)

expellee — A civilian outside the boundaries of the country of his or her nationality or ethnic origin who is being forcibly repatriated to that country or to a third country for political or other purposes. See also **displaced person; evacuee; refugee.** (JP 3-57)

expendable property — Property that may be consumed in use or loses its identity in use and may be dropped from stock record accounts when it is issued or used.

expendable supplies and materiel — Supplies that are consumed in use, such as ammunition, paint, fuel, cleaning and preserving materials, surgical dressings, drugs, medicines, etc., or that lose their identity, such as spare parts, etc.

exploder — (*) A device designed to generate an electric current in a firing circuit after deliberate action by the user in order to initiate an explosive charge or charges.

exploitation — 1. Taking full advantage of success in military operations, following up initial gains, and making permanent the temporary effects already achieved. 2. Taking full advantage of any information that has come to hand for tactical, operational, or strategic purposes. 3. An offensive operation that usually follows a successful attack and is designed to disorganize the enemy in depth. See also **attack; pursuit.** (JP 2-01.3)

exploratory hunting — (*) In naval mine warfare, a parallel operation to search sweeping, in which a sample of the route or area is subjected to minehunting procedures to determine the presence or absence of mines.

explosive filled mine — (*) In mine warfare, a mine containing an explosive charge but not necessarily the firing train needed to detonate it. See also **exercise filled mine; fitted mine.**

explosive hazard — Any hazard containing an explosive component. Explosive hazards include unexploded explosive ordnance (including land mines), booby traps (some booby traps are nonexplosive), improvised explosive devices (which are an improvised type of booby trap), captured enemy ammunition, and bulk explosives. Also called **EH.** (JP 3-15)

explosive ordnance — (*) All munitions containing explosives, nuclear fission or fusion materials, and biological and chemical agents. This includes bombs and warheads; guided and ballistic missiles; artillery, mortar, rocket, and small arms ammunition; all mines, torpedoes, and depth charges; demolition charges; pyrotechnics; clusters and dispensers; cartridge and propellant actuated devices; electro-explosive devices; clandestine and improvised explosive devices; and all similar or related items or components explosive in nature.

explosive ordnance disposal — (*) The detection, identification, on-site evaluation, rendering safe, recovery, and final disposal of unexploded explosive ordnance. It may also include explosive ordnance which has become hazardous by damage or deterioration. Also called **EOD.**

explosive ordnance disposal incident — (*) The suspected or detected presence of unexploded or damaged explosive ordnance which constitutes a hazard to operations,

installations, personnel, or material. Not included in this definition are the accidental arming or other conditions that develop during the manufacture of high explosive material, technical service assembly operations or the laying of mines and demolition charges.

explosive ordnance disposal procedures — (*) Those particular courses or modes of action taken by explosive ordnance disposal personnel for access to, diagnosis, rendering safe, recovery, and final disposal of explosive ordnance or any hazardous material associated with an explosive ordnance disposal incident. a. **access procedures** — Those actions taken to locate exactly and gain access to unexploded explosive ordnance. b. **diagnostic procedures** — Those actions taken to identify and evaluate unexploded explosive ordnance. c. **render safe procedures** — The portion of the explosive ordnance disposal procedures involving the application of special explosive ordnance disposal methods and tools to provide for the interruption of functions or separation of essential components of unexploded explosive ordnance to prevent an unacceptable detonation. d. **recovery procedures** — Those actions taken to recover unexploded explosive ordnance. e. **final disposal procedures** — The final disposal of explosive ordnance which may include demolition or burning in place, removal to a disposal area, or other appropriate means.

explosive ordnance disposal unit — Personnel with special training and equipment who render explosive ordnance safe (such as bombs, mines, projectiles, and booby traps), make intelligence reports on such ordnance, and supervise the safe removal thereof.

explosive train — (*) A succession of initiating and igniting elements arranged to cause a charge to function.

exposure dose — (*) The exposure dose at a given point is a measurement of radiation in relation to its ability to produce ionization. The unit of measurement of the exposure dose is the roentgen.

exposure station — See **air station.**

extent of a military exercise — (*) The scope of an exercise in relation to the involvement of NATO and/or national commands. See also **intra-command exercise.**

extent of damage — The visible plan area of damage to a target element, usually expressed in units of 1,000 square feet, in detailed damage analysis and in approximate percentages in immediate-type damage assessment reports; e.g., 50 percent structural damage.

external audience — All people who are not US military members, Department of Defense civilian employees, and their immediate families. See also **internal audience; public.** (JP 3-61)

external reinforcing force — (*) A reinforcing force which is principally stationed in peacetime outside its intended Major NATO Command area of operations.

external support contract — Contract awarded by contracting organizations whose contracting authority does not derive directly from the theater support contracting head(s) of contracting activity or from systems support contracting authorities. See also **systems support contract; theater support contract.** (JP 4-10)

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fabricator — An individual or group who, usually without genuine resources, invents or inflates information for personal or political gain or political purposes. (JP 2-01.2)

facility — A real property entity consisting of one or more of the following: a building, a structure, a utility system, pavement, and underlying land. See also **air facility.**

facility substitutes — Items such as tents and prepackaged structures requisitioned through the supply system that may be used to substitute for constructed facilities. (JP 3-34)

fairway — A channel either from offshore, in a river, or in a harbor that has enough depth to accommodate the draft of large vessels. See also **draft; watercraft.** (JP 4-01.6)

fallout contours — (*) Lines joining points which have the same radiation intensity that define a fallout pattern, represented in terms of roentgens per hour.

fallout pattern — (*) The distribution of fallout as portrayed by fallout contours.

fallout prediction — An estimate, made before and immediately after a nuclear detonation, of the location and intensity of militarily significant quantities of radioactive fallout.

fallout safe height of burst — The height of burst at or above which no militarily significant fallout will be reproduced as a result of a nuclear weapon detonation. See also **types of burst.**

fallout wind vector plot — (*) A wind vector diagram based on the wind structure from the surface of the Earth to the highest altitude of interest.

false origin — (*) A fixed point to the south and west of a grid zone from which grid distances are measured eastward and northward.

fan camera photography — (*) Photography taken simultaneously by an assembly of three or more cameras systematically installed at fixed angles relative to each other so as to provide wide lateral coverage with overlapping images. See also **tri-camera photography.**

fan cameras — (*) An assembly of three or more cameras systematically disposed at fixed angles relative to each other so as to provide wide lateral coverage with overlapping images. See also **split cameras.**

fan marker beacon — (*) A type of radio beacon, the emissions of which radiate in a vertical, fan-shaped pattern. The signal can be keyed for identification purposes. See also **radio beacon.**

feasibility — The joint operation plan review criterion for assessing whether the assigned mission can be accomplished using available resources within the time contemplated by the plan. See also **acceptability; adequacy.** (JP 5-0)

feasibility assessment — A basic target analysis that provides an initial determination of the viability of a proposed target for special operations forces employment. Also called **FA.** (JP 3-05.1)

federal coordinating officer — The federal officer who is appointed to manage Federal resource support activities related to Stafford Act disasters and emergencies. The federal coordinating officer is responsible for coordinating the timely delivery of federal disaster assistance resources and programs to the affected state and local governments, individual victims, and the private sector. Also called **FCO.** (JP 3-41)

federal service — A term applied to National Guard members and units when called to active duty to serve the United States Government under Article I, Section 8 and Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution and the Title 10, United States Code, Sections 12401 to 12408. See also **active duty; Reserve Component.** (JP 4-05)

federal supply class management — Those functions of materiel management that can best be accomplished by federal supply classification, such as cataloging, characteristic screening, standardization, interchangeability and substitution grouping, multi-item specification management, and engineering support of the foregoing.

feint — In military deception, an offensive action involving contact with the adversary conducted for the purpose of deceiving the adversary as to the location and/or time of the actual main offensive action. (JP 3-13.4)

fender — An object, usually made of rope or rubber, hung over the side of a vessel to protect the sides from damage caused by impact with wharves or other craft. (JP 4-01.6)

ferret — An aircraft, ship, or vehicle especially equipped for the detection, location, recording, and analyzing of electromagnetic radiation.

F-hour — See **times.**

field artillery — Equipment, supplies, ammunition, and personnel involved in the use of cannon, rocket, or surface-to-surface missile launchers. Field artillery cannons are classified according to caliber as follows.
Light — 120mm and less.
Medium — 121-160mm.
Heavy — 161-210mm.
Very heavy — greater than 210mm.
Also called **FA.** See also **general support artillery.** (JP 3-09

field exercise — (*) An exercise conducted in the field under simulated war conditions in which troops and armament of one side are actually present, while those of the other side may be imaginary or in outline. See also **command post exercise.**

field fortifications — (*) An emplacement or shelter of a temporary nature which can be constructed with reasonable facility by units requiring no more than minor engineer supervisory and equipment participation.

field headquarters — See **command post.**

field of fire — (*) The area which a weapon or a group of weapons may cover effectively with fire from a given position.

field of view — (*) 1. In photography, the angle between two rays passing through the perspective center (rear nodal point) of a camera lens to the two opposite sides of the format. Not to be confused with "angle of view." 2. The total solid angle available to the gunner when looking through the gunsight. Also called **FOV.**

field of vision — (*) The total solid angle available to the gunner from his or her normal position. See also **field of view.**

field ordering officer — A Service member or Department of Defense civilian, who is appointed in writing and trained by a contracting officer and authorized to execute micropurchases in support of forces and/or designated civil-military operations. Also called **FOO.** (JP 4-10)

field training exercise — An exercise in which actual forces are used to train commanders, staffs, and individual units in basic, intermediate, and advanced-level warfare skills. Also called **FTX.** See also **exercise; maneuver.**

fighter cover — (*) The maintenance of a number of fighter aircraft over a specified area or force for the purpose of repelling hostile air activities. See also **airborne alert; cover.**

fighter engagement zone — In air defense, that airspace of defined dimensions within which the responsibility for engagement of air threats normally rests with fighter aircraft. Also called **FEZ.** (JP 3-52)

fighter escort — An offensive counterair operation providing protection sorties by air-to-air capable fighters in support of other offensive air and air support missions over enemy territory, or in a defensive counterair role to protect high value airborne assets. (JP 3-01)

fighter sweep — An offensive mission by fighter aircraft to seek out and destroy enemy aircraft or targets of opportunity in a designated area. (JP 3-01)

filler personnel — Individuals of suitable grade and skill initially required to bring a unit or organization to its authorized strength.

film badge — (*) A photographic film packet to be carried by personnel, in the form of a badge, for measuring and permanently recording (usually) gamma-ray dosage.

filter — (*) In electronics, a device which transmits only part of the incident energy and may thereby change the spectral distribution of energy: a. High pass filters transmit energy above a certain frequency; b. Low pass filters transmit energy below a certain frequency; c. Band pass filters transmit energy of a certain bandwidth; d. Band stop filters transmit energy outside a specific frequency band.

final approach — (*) That part of an instrument approach procedure in which alignment and descent for landing are accomplished. a. In a non-precision approach it normally begins at the final approach fix or point and ends at the missed approach point or fix. b. In a precision approach the final approach commences at the glide path intercept point and ends at the decision height/altitude.

final destination — (*) In naval control of shipping, the final destination of a convoy or of an individual ship (whether in convoy or independent) irrespective of whether or not routing instructions have been issued.

final disposal procedures — See **explosive ordnance disposal procedures.**

final governing standards — A comprehensive set of country-specific substantive environmental provisions, typically technical limitations on effluent, discharges, etc., or a specific management practice. (JP 3-34)

final plan — (*) A plan for which drafts have been coordinated and approved and which has been signed by or on behalf of a competent authority. See also **operation plan.**

final protective fire — (*) An immediately available prearranged barrier of fire designed to impede enemy movement across defensive lines or areas.

finance support — A financial management function to provide financial advice and recommendations, pay support, disbursing support, establishment of local depository accounts, essential accounting support, and support of the procurement process. See also **financial management.** (JP 1-06)

financial management — Financial management encompasses the two core functions of resource management and finance support. Also called **FM.** See also **finance support; resource management.** (JP 1-06)

fireball — (*) The luminous sphere of hot gases which forms a few millionths of a second after detonation of a nuclear weapon and immediately starts expanding and cooling.

fire direction center — That element of a command post, consisting of gunnery and communications personnel and equipment, by means of which the commander exercises fire direction and/or fire control. The fire direction center receives target intelligence and requests for fire, and translates them into appropriate fire direction. The fire direction center provides timely and effective tactical and technical fire control in support of current operations. Also called **FDC**. (JP 3-09.3)

fires — The use of weapon systems to create specific lethal or nonlethal effects on a target. (JP 3-09)

fire storm — (*) Stationary mass fire, generally in built-up urban areas, generating strong, inrushing winds from all sides; the winds keep the fires from spreading while adding fresh oxygen to increase their intensity.

fire support — Fires that directly support land, maritime, amphibious, and special operations forces to engage enemy forces, combat formations, and facilities in pursuit of tactical and operational objectives. See also **fires.** (JP 3-09)

fire support area — An appropriate maneuver area assigned to fire support ships by the naval force commander from which they can deliver gunfire support to an amphibious operation. Also called **FSA.** See also **amphibious operation; fire support.** (JP 3-09)

fire support coordination — The planning and executing of fire so that targets are adequately covered by a suitable weapon or group of weapons. (JP 3-09)

fire support coordination center — A single location in which are centralized communications facilities and personnel incident to the coordination of all forms of fire support. Also called **FSCC.** See also **fire support; fire support coordination; support; supporting arms coordination center.** (JP 3-09)

fire support coordination line — A fire support coordination measure that is established and adjusted by appropriate land or amphibious force commanders within their boundaries in consultation with superior, subordinate, supporting, and affected commanders. Fire support coordination lines facilitate the expeditious attack of surface targets of opportunity beyond the coordinating measure. A fire support coordination line does not divide an area of operations by defining a boundary between close and deep operations or a zone for close air support. The fire support coordination line applies to all fires of air, land, and sea-based weapon systems using any type of ammunition. Forces attacking targets beyond a fire support coordination line must inform all affected commanders in sufficient time to allow necessary reaction to avoid fratricide. Supporting elements attacking targets beyond the fire support coordination line must ensure that the attack will not produce adverse effects on, or to the rear of, the line. Short of a fire support coordination line, all air-to-ground and surface-to-surface attack operations are controlled by the appropriate land or amphibious force commander. The fire support coordination line should follow well-defined terrain features. Coordination of attacks beyond the fire support coordination line is especially

critical to commanders of air, land, and special operations forces. In exceptional circumstances, the inability to conduct this coordination will not preclude the attack of targets beyond the fire support coordination line. However, failure to do so may increase the risk of fratricide and could waste limited resources. Also called **FSCL.** See also **fires; fire support.** (JP 3-09)

fire support coordination measure — A measure employed by land or amphibious commanders to facilitate the rapid engagement of targets and simultaneously provide safeguards for friendly forces. Also called **FSCM.** See also **fire support coordination.** (JP 3-0)

fire support element — That portion of the force tactical operations center at every echelon above company or troop (to corps) that is responsible for targeting coordination and for integrating fires delivered on surface targets by fire-support means under the control, or in support, of the force. Also called **FSE.** See also **fire support; force; support.** (JP 3-09)

fire support group — (*) A temporary grouping of ships under a single commander charged with supporting troop operations ashore by naval gunfire. A fire support group may be further subdivided into fire support units and fire support elements.

fire support officer — Senior field artillery officer assigned to Army maneuver battalions and brigades. Advises commander on fire-support matters. Also called **FSO.** See also **field artillery; fire support; support.** (JP 3-09)

fire support station — An exact location at sea within a fire support area from which a fire support ship delivers fire. Also called **FSS.** (JP 3-02)

fire support team — A field artillery team provided for each maneuver company/troop and selected units to plan and coordinate all supporting fires available to the unit, including mortars, field artillery, naval surface fire support, and close air support integration. Also called **FIST.** See also **close air support; field artillery; fire support; support.** (JP 3-09.3)

firing area — (*) In a sweeper-sweep combination it is the horizontal area at the depth of a particular mine in which the mine will detonate. The firing area has exactly the same dimensions as the interception area but will lie astern of it unless the mine detonates immediately when actuated.

firing circuit — (*) 1. In land operations, an electrical circuit and/or pyrotechnic loop designed to detonate connected charges from a firing point. 2. In naval mine warfare, that part of a mine circuit which either completes the detonator circuit or operates a ship counter.

firing mechanism — See **firing circuit.**

firing point — (*) That point in the firing circuit where the device employed to initiate the detonation of the charges is located. Also called **FP.**

first light — The beginning of morning nautical twilight; i.e., when the center of the morning sun is 12 degrees below the horizon.

first responder care — The health care capability that provides immediate clinical care and stabilization to the patient in preparation for evacuation to the next health service support capability in the continuum of care. (JP 4-02)

first responders — The primary health care providers whose responsibility is the provision of immediate clinical care and stabilization in preparation for evacuation to the next health service support capability in the continuum of care. In addition to treating injuries, they treat Service members for common acute minor illnesses. See also **essential care; evacuation; patient.** (JP 4-02)

first strike — The first offensive move of a war. (Generally associated with nuclear operations.)

fission products — (*) A general term for the complex mixture of substances produced as a result of nuclear fission.

fission to yield ratio — (*) The ratio of the yield derived from nuclear fission to the total yield; it is frequently expressed in percent.

fitted mine — (*) In naval mine warfare, a mine containing an explosive charge, a primer, detonator, and firing system. See also **exercise filled mine; explosive filled mine.**

fix — (*) A position determined from terrestrial, electronic, or astronomical data.

fixed ammunition — (*) Ammunition in which the cartridge case is permanently attached to the projectile. See also **munition.**

fixed medical treatment facility — (*) A medical treatment facility which is designed to operate for an extended period of time at a specific site.

fixed port — Water terminals with an improved network of cargo-handling facilities designed for the transfer of oceangoing freight. See also **water terminal.** (JP 4-01.5)

fixed price type contract — A type of contract that generally provides for a firm price or, under appropriate circumstances, may provide for an adjustable price for the supplies or services being procured. Fixed price contracts are of several types so designed as to facilitate proper pricing under varying circumstances. (JP 4-10)

fixed station patrol — (*) One in which each scout maintains station relative to an assigned point on a barrier line while searching the surrounding area. Scouts are not

stationary but remain underway and patrol near the center of their assigned stations. A scout is a surface ship, submarine, or aircraft.

fixer system — See **fixer network.**

flag officer — A term applied to an officer holding the rank of general, lieutenant general, major general, or brigadier general in the US Army, Air Force or Marine Corps or admiral, vice admiral, or rear admiral in the US Navy or Coast Guard.

flame field expedients — Simple, handmade devices used to produce flame or illumination. Also called **FFE.** (JP 3-15)

flame thrower — (*) A weapon that projects incendiary fuel and has provision for ignition of this fuel.

flank guard — (*) A security element operating to the flank of a moving or stationary force to protect it from enemy ground observation, direct fire, and surprise attack.

flanking attack — (*) An offensive maneuver directed at the flank of an enemy. See also **frontal attack.**

flare — (*) The change in the flight path of an aircraft so as to reduce the rate of descent for touchdown.

flash blindness — (*) Impairment of vision resulting from an intense flash of light. It includes temporary or permanent loss of visual functions and may be associated with retinal burns.

flash burn — (*) A burn caused by excessive exposure (of bare skin) to thermal radiation.

flash message — A category of precedence reserved for initial enemy contact messages or operational combat messages of extreme urgency. Brevity is mandatory. See also **precedence.**

flash suppressor — (*) Device attached to the muzzle of the weapon which reduces the amount of visible light or flash created by burning propellant gases.

flash-to-bang time — (*) The time from light being first observed until the sound of the nuclear detonation is heard.

flatrack — Portable, open-topped, open-sided units that fit into existing below-deck container cell guides and provide a capability for container ships to carry oversized cargo and wheeled and tracked vehicles. (JP 4-09)

flatted cargo — Cargo placed in the bottom of the holds, covered with planks and dunnage, and held for future use. Flatted cargo usually has room left above it for the loading of

vehicles that may be moved without interfering with the flatted cargo. Frequently, flatted cargo serves in lieu of ballast. Sometimes called understowed cargo.

fleet — An organization of ships, aircraft, Marine forces, and shore-based fleet activities all under the command of a commander or commander in chief who may exercise operational as well as administrative control. See also **major fleet; numbered fleet.**

fleet ballistic missile submarine — A nuclear-powered submarine designed to deliver ballistic missile attacks against assigned targets from either a submerged or surfaced condition. Designated as **SSBN.**

Fleet Marine Force — A balanced force of combined arms comprising land, air, and service elements of the US Marine Corps. A Fleet Marine Force is an integral part of a US fleet and has the status of a type command. Also called **FMF.**

flexible deterrent option — A planning construct intended to facilitate early decision making by developing a wide range of interrelated responses that begin with deterrent-oriented actions carefully tailored to produce a desired effect. The flexible deterrent option is the means by which the various diplomatic, information, military, and economic deterrent measures available to the President are included in the joint operation planning process. Also called **FDO.** See also **deterrent options.** (JP 3-0)

flexible response — The capability of military forces for effective reaction to any enemy threat or attack with actions appropriate and adaptable to the circumstances existing.

flight — 1. In Navy and Marine Corps usage, a specified group of aircraft usually engaged in a common mission. 2. The basic tactical unit in the Air Force, consisting of four or more aircraft in two or more elements. 3. A single aircraft airborne on a nonoperational mission. (JP 3-30)

flight advisory — A message dispatched to aircraft in flight or to interested stations to advise of any deviation or irregularity.

flight deck — 1. In certain airplanes, an elevated compartment occupied by the crew for operating the airplane in flight. 2. The upper deck of an aircraft carrier that serves as a runway. The deck of an air-capable ship, amphibious aviation assault ship, or aviation ship used to launch and recover aircraft. (JP 3-04)

flight deck officer — Officer responsible for the safe movement of aircraft on or about the flight deck of an aviation-capable ship. Also called **FDO.** (JP 3-04)

flight following — (*) The task of maintaining contact with specified aircraft for the purpose of determining en route progress and/or flight termination.

flight information center — (*) A unit established to provide flight information service and alerting service.

flight information region — An airspace of defined dimensions within which flight information service and alerting service are provided. Also called **FIR.** See also **area control center.** (JP 3-52)

flight information service — A service provided for the purpose of giving advice and information useful for the safe and efficient conduct of flights. Also called **FIS.** JP 3-52)

flight levels — (*) Surfaces of constant atmospheric pressure which are related to a specific pressure datum, 1013.2 mb (29.92 in), and are separated by specific pressure intervals. (Flight levels are expressed in three digits that represent hundreds of feet; e.g., flight level 250 represents a barometric altimeter indication of 25,000 feet and flight level 255 is an indication of 25,500 feet.)

flight plan correlation — A means of identifying aircraft by association with known flight plans.

flight profile — Trajectory, or its graphic representation, followed by its altitude, speed, distance flown, and maneuver.

flight quarters — A ship configuration that assigns and stations personnel at critical positions to conduct safe flight operations. (JP 3-04)

flight surgeon — (*) A physician specially trained in aviator medical practice whose primary duty is the medical examination and medical care of aircrew.

flight test — (*) Test of an aircraft, rocket, missile, or other vehicle by actual flight or launching. Flight tests are planned to achieve specific test objectives and gain operational information.

floating base support — (*) A form of logistic support in which supplies, repairs, maintenance, and other services are provided in harbor or at an anchorage for operating forces from ships.

floating craft company — A company-sized unit made up of various watercraft teams such as tugs, barges, and barge cranes. See also **watercraft.** (JP 4-01.6)

floating dump — Emergency supplies preloaded in landing craft, amphibious vehicles, or in landing ships. Floating dumps are located in the vicinity of the appropriate control officer, who directs their landing as requested by the troop commander concerned. (JP 3-02)

floating mine — (*) In naval mine warfare, a mine visible on the surface. See also **free mine; mine; watching mine.**

flooder — (*) In naval mine warfare, a device fitted to a buoyant mine which, on operation after a preset time, floods the mine case and causes it to sink to the bottom.

flotation — (*) The capability of a vehicle to float in water.

fly-in echelon — Includes the balance of the initial assault force, not included in the assault echelon, and some aviation support equipment. Also called **FIE.** (JP 4-01.2)

follow-up — In amphibious operations, the reinforcements and stores carried on transport ships and aircraft (not originally part of the amphibious force) that are offloaded after the assault and assault follow-on echelons have been landed. See also **amphibious operation; assault; assault follow-on echelon.** (JP 3-02)

follow-up echelon — (*) In air transport operations, elements moved into the objective area after the assault echelon.

follow-up shipping — Ships not originally a part of the amphibious task force but which deliver troops and supplies to the objective area after the action phase has begun. (JP 3-02)

footprint — 1. The area on the surface of the earth within a satellite's transmitter or sensor field of view. 2. The amount of personnel, spares, resources, and capabilities physically present and occupying space at a deployed location.

force — 1. An aggregation of military personnel, weapon systems, equipment, and necessary support, or combination thereof. 2. A major subdivision of a fleet. (JP 1)

force/activity designator — Number used in conjunction with urgency of need designators to establish a matrix of priorities used for supply requisitions. Defines the relative importance of the unit to accomplish the objectives of the Department of Defense. Also called **F/AD.** See also **force.** (JP 4-09)

force beddown — The provision of expedient facilities for troop support to provide a platform for the projection of force. These facilities may include modular or kit-type facility substitutes. See also **facility substitutes.** (JP 3-34)

force closure — The point in time when a supported joint force commander determines that sufficient personnel and equipment resources are in the assigned operational area to carry out assigned tasks. See also **closure; force.** (JP 3-35)

force health protection — Measures to promote, improve, or conserve the mental and physical well-being of Service members. These measures enable a healthy and fit force, prevent injury and illness, and protect the force from health hazards. Also called **FHP.** See also **force; protection.** (JP 4-02)

force list — A total list of forces required by an operation plan, including assigned forces, augmentation forces, and other forces to be employed in support of the plan.

force module — A grouping of combat, combat support, and combat service support forces, with their accompanying supplies and the required nonunit resupply and personnel necessary to sustain forces for a minimum of 30 days. The elements of force modules are linked together or are uniquely identified so that they may be extracted from or adjusted as an entity in the Joint Operation Planning and Execution System databases to enhance flexibility and usefulness of the operation plan during a crisis. Also called **FM.** See also **force module package.**

force module package — A force module with a specific functional orientation (e.g. air superiority, close air support, reconnaissance, ground defense) that include combat, associated combat support, and combat service support forces. Additionally, force module packages will contain sustainment in accordance with logistic policy contained in Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan Annex B. Also called **FMP.** See also **force module.**

force multiplier — A capability that, when added to and employed by a combat force, significantly increases the combat potential of that force and thus enhances the probability of successful mission accomplishment. (JP 3-05.1)

force planning — 1. Planning associated with the creation and maintenance of military capabilities. It is primarily the responsibility of the Military Departments, Services, and US Special Operations Command and is conducted under the administrative control that runs from the Secretary of Defense to the Military Departments and Services. 2. In the Joint Operation Planning and Execution System, the planning conducted by the supported combatant command and its components to determine required force capabilities to accomplish an assigned mission, as well as by the Military Departments, Services, and Service component commands of the combatant commands, to develop forces lists, source and tailor required force capabilities with actual units, identify and resolve shortfalls, and determine the routing and time-phasing of forces into the operational area. (JP 5-0)

force projection — The ability to project the military instrument of national power from the United States or another theater, in response to requirements for military operations. See also **force.** (JP 5-0)

force protection — Preventive measures taken to mitigate hostile actions against Department of Defense personnel (to include family members), resources, facilities, and critical information. Force protection does not include actions to defeat the enemy or protect against accidents, weather, or disease. Also called **FP.** See also **force; force protection condition; protection.** (JP 3-0)

force protection condition — A Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff-approved program standardizing the Military Services' identification of and recommended responses to

terrorist threats against US personnel and facilities. This program facilitates inter-Service coordination. Also called **FPCON.** There are four FPCONs above normal. a. **FPCON ALPHA** — This condition applies when there is an increased general threat of possible terrorist activity against personnel and facilities, the nature and extent of which are unpredictable, and circumstances do not justify full implementation of FPCON BRAVO measures. However, it may be necessary to implement certain measures from higher FPCONs resulting from intelligence received or as a deterrent. The measures in this FPCON must be capable of being maintained indefinitely. b. **FPCON BRAVO** — This condition applies when an increased or more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists. Sustaining the measures in this FPCON for a prolonged period may affect operational capability and relations with local authorities. c. **FPCON CHARLIE** — This condition applies when an incident occurs or intelligence is received indicating some form of terrorist action or targeting against personnel or facilities is likely. Prolonged implementation of measures in this FPCON may create hardship and affect the activities of the unit and its personnel. d. **FPCON DELTA** — This condition applies in the immediate area where a terrorist attack has occurred or when intelligence has been received that terrorist action against a specific location or person is imminent. Normally, this FPCON is declared as a localized condition. FPCON DELTA measures are not intended to be sustained for substantial periods. See also **antiterrorism; force protection.** (JP 3-07.2)

force protection working group — Cross-functional working group whose purpose is to conduct risk assessment and risk management and to recommend mitigating measures to the commander. Also called **FPWG.** (JP 3-10)

force rendezvous — (*) A checkpoint at which formations of aircraft or ships join and become part of the main force.

force requirement number — An alphanumeric code used to uniquely identify force entries in a given operation plan time-phased force and deployment data. Also called **FRN.**

force(s) — See **airborne force; armed forces; covering force; garrison force; multinational force; Navy cargo handling force; task force; underway replenishment force.**

force sequencing — The phased introduction of forces into and out of the operational area. (JP 3-68)

forces in being — (*) Forces classified as being in state of readiness "A" or "B" as prescribed in the appropriate Military Committee document.

force sourcing — The identification of the actual units, their origins, ports of embarkation, and movement characteristics to satisfy the time-phased force requirements of a supported commander.

force structure — See **military capability.**

force tracking — The process of gathering and maintaining information on the location, status, and predicted movement of each element of a unit including the unit's command element, personnel, and unit-related supplies and equipment while in transit to the specified operational area. (JP 3-35)

force visibility — The current and accurate status of forces; their current mission; future missions; location; mission priority; and readiness status. Force visibility provides information on the location, operational tempo, assets, and sustainment requirements of a force as part of an overall capability for a combatant commander. (JP 3-35)

forcible entry — Seizing and holding of a military lodgment in the face of armed opposition. See also **lodgment.** (JP 3-18)

foreign assistance — Assistance to foreign nations ranging from the sale of military equipment to donations of food and medical supplies to aid survivors of natural and man-made disasters. US foreign assistance takes three forms: development assistance, humanitarian assistance, and security assistance. See also **domestic emergencies; foreign disaster; foreign humanitarian assistance; security assistance.** (JP 3-29)

foreign consequence management — Assistance provided by the United States Government to a host nation to mitigate the effects of a deliberate or inadvertent chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high-yield explosives attack or event and restore essential government services. Also called **FCM.** (JP 3-41)

foreign disaster — An act of nature (such as a flood, drought, fire, hurricane, earthquake, volcanic eruption, or epidemic), or an act of man (such as a riot, violence, civil strife, explosion, fire, or epidemic), which is or threatens to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant United States foreign disaster relief to a foreign country, foreign persons, or to an intergovernmental organization. See also **foreign disaster relief.** (JP 3-29)

foreign disaster relief — Prompt aid that can be used to alleviate the suffering of foreign disaster victims. Normally it includes humanitarian services and transportation; the provision of food, clothing, medicine, beds, and bedding; temporary shelter and housing; the furnishing of medical materiel and medical and technical personnel; and making repairs to essential services. See also **foreign disaster.** (JP 3-29)

foreign humanitarian assistance — Department of Defense activities, normally in support of the United States Agency for International Development or Department of State, conducted outside the United States, its territories, and possessions to relieve or reduce human suffering, disease, hunger, or privation. Also called **FHA.** See also **foreign assistance.** (JP 3-29)

foreign instrumentation signals intelligence — Technical information and intelligence derived from the intercept of foreign electromagnetic emissions associated with the testing and operational deployment of non-US aerospace, surface, and subsurface systems. Foreign instrumentation signals intelligence is a subcategory of signals intelligence. Foreign instrumentation signals include but are not limited to telemetry, beaconry, electronic interrogators, and video data links. Also called **FISINT**. See also **signals intelligence.** (JP 2-01)

foreign intelligence — Information relating to capabilities, intentions, and activities of foreign powers, organizations, or persons, but not including counterintelligence, except for information on international terrorist activities. See also **intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

foreign internal defense — Participation by civilian and military agencies of a government in any of the action programs taken by another government or other designated organization to free and protect its society from subversion, lawlessness, insurgency, terrorism, and other threats to its security. Also called **FID.** (JP 3-22)

foreign military sales — That portion of United States security assistance authorized by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and the Arms Export Control Act of 1976, as amended. This assistance differs from the Military Assistance Program and the International Military Education and Training Program in that the recipient provides reimbursement for defense articles and services transferred. Also called **FMS.**

foreign national — Any person other than a US citizen, US permanent or temporary legal resident alien, or person in US custody.

foreign nation support — Civil and/or military assistance rendered to a nation when operating outside its national boundaries during military operations based on agreements mutually concluded between nations or on behalf of intergovernmental organizations. Support may come from the nation in which forces are operating. Foreign nation support also may be from third party nations and include support or assistance, such as logistics, rendered outside the operational area. Also called **FNS.** See also **host-nation support.** (JP 1-06)

foreign object damage — Rags, pieces of paper, line, articles of clothing, nuts, bolts, or tools that, when misplaced or caught by air currents normally found around aircraft operations (jet blast, rotor or prop wash, engine intake), cause damage to aircraft systems or weapons or injury to personnel. Also called **FOD.** (JP 3-04)

foreign service national — Foreign nationals who provide clerical, administrative, technical, fiscal, and other support at foreign service posts abroad and are not citizens of the United States. The term includes third country nationals who are individuals employed by a United States mission abroad and are neither a citizen of the US nor of the country to which assigned for duty. Also called **FSN.** (JP 3-68)

foreshore — That portion of a beach extending from the low water (datum) shoreline to the limit of normal high water wave wash. (JP 4-01.6)

format — (*) 1. In photography, the size and/or shape of a negative or of the print therefrom. 2. In cartography, the shape and size of a map or chart.

formation — (*) 1. An ordered arrangement of troops and/or vehicles for a specific purpose. 2. An ordered arrangement of two or more ships, units, or aircraft proceeding together under a commander.

formatted message text — (*) A message text composed of several sets ordered in a specified sequence, each set characterized by an identifier and containing information of a specified type, coded and arranged in an ordered sequence of character fields in accordance with the NATO message text formatting rules. It is designed to permit both manual and automated handling and processing. See also **free form message text; structured message text.**

formerly restricted data — Information removed from the restricted data category upon a joint determination by the Department of Energy (or antecedent agencies) and Department of Defense that such information relates primarily to the military utilization of atomic weapons and that such information can be adequately safeguarded as classified defense information. (Section 142d, Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.)

form lines — (*) Lines resembling contours, but representing no actual elevations, which have been sketched from visual observation or from inadequate or unreliable map sources, to show collectively the configuration of the terrain.

forward aeromedical evacuation — That phase of evacuation which provides airlift for patients between points within the battlefield, from the battlefield to the initial point of treatment, and to subsequent points of treatment within the combat zone. (JP 4-02)

forward air controller — An officer (aviator/pilot) member of the tactical air control party who, from a forward ground or airborne position, controls aircraft in close air support of ground troops. Also called **FAC.** See also **close air support.** (JP 3-09.3)

forward air controller (airborne) — A specifically trained and qualified aviation officer who exercises control from the air of aircraft engaged in close air support of ground troops. The forward air controller (airborne) is normally an airborne extension of the tactical air control party. A qualified and current forward air controller (airborne) will be recognized across the Department of Defense as capable and authorized to perform terminal attack control. Also called **FAC(A).** (JP 3-09.3)

forward area — An area in proximity to combat.

forward arming and refueling point — A temporary facility — organized, equipped, and deployed by an aviation commander, and normally located in the main battle area closer to the area where operations are being conducted than the aviation unit's combat service area — to provide fuel and ammunition necessary for the employment of aviation maneuver units in combat. The forward arming and refueling point permits combat aircraft to rapidly refuel and rearm simultaneously. Also called **FARP**. (JP 3-09.3)

forward aviation combat engineering — A mobility operation in which engineers perform tasks in support of forward aviation ground facilities. Tasks include reconnaissance; construction of low altitude parachute extraction zones, landing strips, and airstrips; and providing berms, revetments, and trenches for forward arming and refueling points. Also called **FACE.** See also **combat engineering; reconnaissance.** (JP 3-34)

forward edge of the battle area — The foremost limits of a series of areas in which ground combat units are deployed, excluding the areas in which the covering or screening forces are operating, designated to coordinate fire support, the positioning of forces, or the maneuver of units. Also called **FEBA.** (JP 3-09.3)

forward line of own troops — A line that indicates the most forward positions of friendly forces in any kind of military operation at a specific time. The forward line of own troops normally identifies the forward location of covering and screening forces. The forward line of own troops may be at, beyond, or short of the forward edge of the battle area. An enemy forward line of own troops indicates the forward-most position of hostile forces. Also called **FLOT.** (JP 3-03)

forward-looking infrared — An airborne, electro-optical thermal imaging device that detects far-infrared energy, converts the energy into an electronic signal, and provides a visible image for day or night viewing. Also called **FLIR.** (JP 3-09.3)

forward observer — An observer operating with front line troops and trained to adjust ground or naval gunfire and pass back battlefield information. In the absence of a forward air controller, the observer may control close air support strikes. Also called **FO.** See also **forward air controller; spotter.** (JP 3-09)

forward operating base — An airfield used to support tactical operations without establishing full support facilities. The base may be used for an extended time period. Support by a main operating base will be required to provide backup support for a forward operating base. Also called **FOB.** (JP 3-09.3)

forward operating location — Primarily used for counterdrug operations. Similar to a forward operating base (FOB) but without the in-place infrastructure associated with a FOB. Also called **FOL.**

forward operating site — A scaleable location outside the United States and US territories intended for rotational use by operating forces. Such expandable "warm facilities" may

be maintained with a limited US military support presence and possibly pre-positioned equipment. Forward operating sites support rotational rather than permanently stationed forces and are a focus for bilateral and regional training. Also called **FOS.** See also **cooperative security location; main operating base.** (CJCS CM-0007-05)

forward operations base — In special operations, a base usually located in friendly territory or afloat that is established to extend command and control or communications or to provide support for training and tactical operations. Facilities may be established for temporary or longer duration operations and may include an airfield or an unimproved airstrip, an anchorage, or a pier. A forward operations base may be the location of special operations component headquarters or a smaller unit that is controlled and/or supported by a main operations base. Also called **FOB.** See also **advanced operations base; main operations base.** (JP 3-05.1)

forward resuscitative care — Care provided as close to the point of injury as possible based on current operational requirements to attain stabilization and achieve the most efficient use of life-and-limb saving medical treatment. Forward resuscitative care typically provides essential care for stabilization to ensure the patient can tolerate evacuation. Also called **FRC.** See **also essential care; evacuation; medical treatment facility; patient.** (JP 4-02)

forward slope — (*) Any slope which descends towards the enemy.

forward tell — (*) The transfer of information to a higher level of command. See also **track telling.**

foundation data — Specific information on essential features that change rarely or slowly, such as point positioning data, topographic features, elevation data, geodetic information, and safety of navigation data. (JP 2-03)

four-round illumination diamond — (*) A method of distributing the fire of illumination shells which, by a combination of lateral spread and range spread, provides illumination of a large area.

463L system — Aircraft pallets, nets, tie down, and coupling devices, facilities, handling equipment, procedures, and other components designed to interface with military and civilian aircraft cargo restraint systems. Though designed for airlift, system components may have to move intermodally via surface to support geographic combatant commander objectives. (JP 4-09)

FPCON ALPHA — See **force protection condition.**

FPCON BRAVO — See **force protection condition.**

FPCON CHARLIE — See **force protection condition.**

FPCON DELTA — See **force protection condition.**

fragmentary order — An abbreviated form of an operation order issued as needed after an operation order to change or modify that order or to execute a branch or sequel to that order. Also called **FRAGORD.** (JP 5-0)

frame — (*) In photography, any single exposure contained within a continuous sequence of photographs.

free air overpressure — (*) The unreflected pressure, in excess of the ambient atmospheric pressure, created in the air by the blast wave from an explosion. See also **overpressure.**

freedom of navigation operations — Operations conducted to demonstrate US or international rights to navigate air or sea routes. (JP 3-0)

free drop — The dropping of equipment or supplies from an aircraft without the use of parachutes. See also **airdrop; air movement; free fall; high velocity drop; low velocity drop.** (JP 3-17)

free fall — A parachute maneuver in which the parachute is manually activated at the discretion of the jumper or automatically at a preset altitude. See also **airdrop; air movement; free drop; high velocity drop; low velocity drop.** (JP 3-17)

free field overpressure — See **free air overpressure.**

free-fire area — A specific area into which any weapon system may fire without additional coordination with the establishing headquarters. Also called **FFA.** (JP 3-09)

free form message text — (*) A message text without prescribed format arrangements. It is intended for fast drafting as well as manual handling and processing. See also **formatted message text; structured message text.**

free mail — Correspondence of a personal nature that weighs less than 11 ounces, to include audio and video recording tapes, from a member of the Armed Forces or designated civilian, mailed postage free from a Secretary of Defense approved free mail zone. (JP 1-0)

free mine — (*) In naval mine warfare, a moored mine whose mooring has parted or been cut.

free play exercise — (*) An exercise to test the capabilities of forces under simulated contingency and/or wartime conditions, limited only by those artificialities or restrictions required by peacetime safety regulations. See also **controlled exercise.**

free rocket — (*) A rocket not subject to guidance or control in flight.

freight consolidating activity — A transportation activity that receives less than car- or truckload shipments of materiel for the purpose of assembling them into car- or truckload lots for onward movement to the ultimate consignee or to a freight distributing activity or other break bulk point.

frequency deconfliction — A systematic management procedure to coordinate the use of the electromagnetic spectrum for operations, communications, and intelligence functions. Frequency deconfliction is one element of electromagnetic spectrum management. See also **electromagnetic spectrum; electromagnetic spectrum management; electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.1)

frequency management — The requesting, recording, deconfliction of and issuance of authorization to use frequencies (operate electromagnetic spectrum dependent systems) coupled with monitoring and interference resolution processes. (JP 6-0)

friendly — A contact positively identified as friendly. See also **hostile.**

friendly fire — In casualty reporting, a casualty circumstance applicable to persons killed in action or wounded in action mistakenly or accidentally by friendly forces actively engaged with the enemy, who are directing fire at a hostile force or what is thought to be a hostile force. See also **casualty.**

friendly force information requirement — Information the commander and staff need to understand the status of friendly force and supporting capabilities. Also called **FFIR.** (JP 3-0)

front — (*) 1. The lateral space occupied by an element measured from the extremity of one flank to the extremity of the other flank. 2. The direction of the enemy. 3. The line of contact of two opposing forces. 4. When a combat situation does not exist or is not assumed, the direction toward which the command is faced.

frontal attack — (*) 1. An offensive maneuver in which the main action is directed against the front of the enemy forces. 2. **(DOD only)** In air intercept, an attack by an interceptor aircraft that terminates with a heading crossing angle greater than 135 degrees.

frustrated cargo — Any shipment of supplies and/or equipment which, while en route to destination, is stopped prior to receipt and for which further disposition instructions must be obtained.

full mobilization — See **mobilization.**

full-spectrum superiority — The cumulative effect of dominance in the air, land, maritime, and space domains and information environment that permits the conduct of joint operations without effective opposition or prohibitive interference. (JP 3-0)

functional component command — A command normally, but not necessarily, composed of forces of two or more Military Departments which may be established across the range of military operations to perform particular operational missions that may be of short duration or may extend over a period of time. See also **component; Service component command.** (JP 1)

functional damage assessment — The estimate of the effect of military force to degrade or destroy the functional or operational capability of the target to perform its intended mission and on the level of success in achieving operational objectives established against the target. This assessment is based upon all-source information, and includes an estimation of the time required for recuperation or replacement of the target function. See also **damage assessment; target.** (JP 3-60)

functions — The appropriate or assigned duties, responsibilities, missions, or tasks of an individual, office, or organization. As defined in the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, the term "function" includes functions, powers, and duties (5 United States Code 171n (a)).

fusion — In intelligence usage, the process of examining all sources of intelligence and information to derive a complete assessment of activity. (JP 2-0)

fuze cavity — (*) A recess in a charge for receiving a fuze.

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gap — An area within a minefield or obstacle belt, free of live mines or obstacles, whose width and direction will allow a friendly force to pass through in tactical formation. See also **phoney minefield.**

gap filler radar — (*) A radar used to supplement the coverage of the principal radar in areas where coverage is inadequate.

gap (imagery) — Any space where imagery fails to meet minimum coverage requirements. This might be a space not covered by imagery or a space where the minimum specified overlap was not obtained.

gap marker — (*) In landmine warfare, markers used to indicate a minefield gap. Gap markers at the entrance to, and exit from, the gap will be referenced to a landmark or intermediate marker. See also **marker.**

garnishing — (*) In surveillance, natural or artificial material applied to an object to achieve or assist camouflage.

garrison force — (*) All units assigned to a base or area for defense, development, operation, and maintenance of facilities. See also **force(s).**

gear — A general term for a collection of spars, ropes, blocks, and equipment used for lifting and stowing cargo and ships stores. (JP 4-01.6)

general agency agreement — A contract between the Maritime Administration and a steamship company which, as general agent, exercises administrative control over a government-owned ship for employment by the Military Sealift Command. Also called **GAA**. See also **Military Sealift Command.** (JP 3-02.2)

general air cargo — (*) Cargo without hazardous or dangerous properties and not requiring extra precautions for air transport.

general cargo — Cargo that is susceptible for loading in general, nonspecialized stowage areas or standard shipping containers; e.g., boxes, barrels, bales, crates, packages, bundles, and pallets. (JP 4-09)

general engineering — Those engineering capabilities and activities, other than combat engineering, that modify, maintain, or protect the physical environment. Examples include: the construction, repair, maintenance, and operation of infrastructure, facilities, lines of communication and bases; terrain modification and repair; and selected explosive hazard activities. Also called **GE.** (JP 3-34)

general military intelligence — Intelligence concerning the (1) military capabilities of foreign countries or organizations or (2) topics affecting potential US or multinational

military operations, relating to the following subjects: armed forces capabilities, including order of battle, organization, training, tactics, doctrine, strategy, and other factors bearing on military strength and effectiveness; area and terrain intelligence, including urban areas, coasts and landing beaches, and meteorological, oceanographic, and geological intelligence; transportation in all modes; military materiel production and support industries; military and civilian communications systems; military economics, including foreign military assistance; insurgency and terrorism; military-political-sociological intelligence; location, identification, and description of military-related installations; government control; escape and evasion; and threats and forecasts. (Excludes scientific and technical intelligence.) Also called **GMI.** See also **intelligence; military intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

general orders — 1. Permanent instructions, issued in order form, that apply to all members of a command, as compared with special orders, which affect only individuals or small groups. General orders are usually concerned with matters of policy or administration. 2. A series of permanent guard orders that govern the duties of a sentry on post.

general purchasing agents — Agents who have been appointed in the principal overseas areas to supervise, control, coordinate, negotiate, and develop the local procurement of supplies, services, and facilities by Armed Forces of the United States, in order that the most effective utilization may be made of local resources and production.

general quarters — A condition of readiness when naval action is imminent. All battle stations are fully manned and alert; ammunition is ready for instant loading; guns and guided missile launchers may be loaded.

general stopping power — (*) The percentage of a group of vehicles in battle formation likely to be stopped by mines when attempting to cross a minefield.

general support — 1. That support which is given to the supported force as a whole and not to any particular subdivision thereof. See also **close support; direct support; mutual support; support.** 2. A tactical artillery mission. Also called **GS.** See also **direct support; general support-reinforcing; reinforcing.** (JP 3-09.3)

general support artillery — (*) Artillery which executes the fire directed by the commander of the unit to which it organically belongs or is attached. It fires in support of the operation as a whole rather than in support of a specific subordinate unit. Also called **GSA.** See also **general support-reinforcing; reinforcing.**

general support-reinforcing — General support-reinforcing artillery has the mission of supporting the force as a whole and of providing reinforcing fires for other artillery units. Also called **GSR.** See also **reinforcing.**

general unloading period — In amphibious operations, that part of the ship-to-shore movement in which unloading is primarily logistic in character, and emphasizes speed

and volume of unloading operations. It encompasses the unloading of units and cargo from the ships as rapidly as facilities on the beach permit. It proceeds without regard to class, type, or priority of cargo, as permitted by cargo handling facilities ashore. See also **initial unloading period.** (JP 3-02)

geographic coordinates — The quantities of latitude and longitude which define the position of a point on the surface of the Earth with respect to the reference spheroid. See also **coordinates.** (JP 2-03)

geographic reference points — A means of indicating position, usually expressed either as double letters or as code words that are established in operation orders or by other means.

georef — (*) A worldwide position reference system that may be applied to any map or chart graduated in latitude and longitude regardless of projection. It is a method of expressing latitude and longitude in a form suitable for rapid reporting and plotting. (This term is derived from the words "The World Geographic Reference System.")

geospatial engineering — Those engineering capabilities and activities that contribute to a clear understanding of the physical environment by providing geospatial information and services to commanders and staffs. Examples include: terrain analyses, terrain visualization, digitized terrain products, nonstandard tailored map products, precision survey, geospatial data management, baseline survey data, and force beddown analysis. See also **geospatial information and services.** (JP 3-34)

geospatial information — Information that identifies the geographic location and characteristics of natural or constructed features and boundaries on the Earth, including: statistical data and information derived from, among other things, remote sensing, mapping, and surveying technologies; and mapping, charting, geodetic data and related products. (JP 2-03)

geospatial information and services — The collection, information extraction, storage, dissemination, and exploitation of geodetic, geomagnetic, imagery (both commercial and national source), gravimetric, aeronautical, topographic, hydrographic, littoral, cultural, and toponymic data accurately referenced to a precise location on the Earth's surface. Geospatial services include tools that enable users to access and manipulate data, and also include instruction, training, laboratory support, and guidance for the use of geospatial data. Also called **GI&S.** (JP 2-03)

geospatial intelligence — The exploitation and analysis of imagery and geospatial information to describe, assess, and visually depict physical features and geographically referenced activities on the Earth. Geospatial intelligence consists of imagery, imagery intelligence, and geospatial information. Also called **GEOINT.** (JP 2-03)

geospatial-intelligence contingency package — Preassembled package of selected maps, charts, and other geographic materials of various scales to support the planning and

conduct of noncombatant evacuation operations in selected countries or areas. Also called **GCP.** NOTE: Geospatial-intelligence contingency packages are replacing NEOPACKs when updated. See also **noncombatant evacuation operations; noncombatant evacuees.** (JP 3-68)

glide bomb — A bomb fitted with airfoils to provide lift and which is carried and released in the direction of a target by an airplane.

Global Air Transportation Execution System — The Air Mobility Command's aerial port operations and management information system designed to support automated cargo and passenger processing, the reporting of in-transit visibility data to the Global Transportation Network, and billing to Air Mobility Command's financial management directorate. Also called **GATES.** See also **Air Mobility Command; Global Transportation Network.** (JP 3-17)

Global Combat Support System-Joint — The primary information technology application used to provide automation support to the joint logistician. Also called **GCSS-J.** (JP 4-0)

Global Command and Control System — A deployable command and control system supporting forces for joint and multinational operations across the range of military operations with compatible, interoperable, and integrated communications systems. Also called **GCCS.** See also **command and control; command and control system.** (JP 6-0)

Global Decision Support System — Command and control system for Air Mobility Command's mobility airlift and air refueling assets. Provides aircraft schedules, arrival and/or departure, and aircraft status data to support in-transit visibility of aircraft and aircrews. Also called **GDSS.** See also **Air Mobility Command; in-transit visibility.** (JP 3-17)

global distribution — The process that coordinates and synchronizes fulfillment of joint force requirements from point of origin to point of employment. See also **distribution.** (JP 4-09)

global distribution of materiel — The process of providing materiel from the source of supply to its point of consumption or use on a worldwide basis. See also **global distribution.** (JP 4-09)

Global Information Grid — The globally interconnected, end-to-end set of information capabilities, and associated processes for collecting, processing, storing, disseminating, and managing information on demand to warfighters, policy makers, and support personnel. The Global Information Grid includes owned and leased communications and computing systems and services, software (including applications), data, security services, other associated services and National Security Systems. Also called **GIG.** See also **grid; information.** (JP 6-0)

global information infrastructure — The worldwide interconnection of communications networks, computers, databases, and consumer electronics that make vast amounts of information available to users. The global information infrastructure encompasses a wide range of equipment, including cameras, scanners, keyboards, facsimile machines, computers, switches, compact disks, video and audio tape, cable, wire, satellites, fiber-optic transmission lines, networks of all types, televisions, monitors, printers, and much more. The friendly and adversary personnel who make decisions and handle the transmitted information constitute a critical component of the global information infrastructure. Also called **GII.** See also **defense information infrastructure; information; information system; national information infrastructure.** (JP 3-13)

Global Network Operations Center — United States Strategic Command operational element responsible for providing global satellite communications system status; maintaining global situational awareness to include each combatant commander's planned and current operations as well as contingency plans; supporting radio frequency interference resolution management; supporting satellite anomaly resolution and management; facilitating satellite communications interface to the defense information infrastructure; and managing the regional satellite communications support centers. Also called **GNC.** (JP 6-0)

Global Patient Movement Requirements Center — A joint activity reporting directly to the Commander, US Transportation Command, the Department of Defense single manager for the strategic and continental United States regulation and movement of uniformed services and other authorized patients. The Global Patient Movement Requirements Center provides medical regulating and aeromedical evacuation scheduling for the continental United States and intertheater operations and provides support to the theater patient movement requirements centers. The Global Patient Movement Requirements Center coordinates with supporting resource providers to identify available assets and communicates transport to bed plans to the appropriate transportation agency for execution. Also called **GPMRC.** See also **medical treatment facility.** (JP 4-02)

Global Positioning System — A satellite-based radio navigation system operated by the Department of Defense to provide all military, civil, and commercial users with precise positioning, navigation, and timing. Also called **GPS.** (JP 3-14)

global transportation management — The integrated process of satisfying transportation requirements using the Defense Transportation System to meet national security objectives. The process begins with planning, programming, and budgeting for transportation assets, services, and associated systems and continues through delivery of the users' transportation movement requirements. Also called **GTM.** See also **Defense Transportation System; Global Transportation Network.** (JP 4-01)

Global Transportation Network — The automated support necessary to enable US Transportation Command and its components to provide global transportation

management. The Global Transportation Network provides the integrated transportation data and systems necessary to accomplish global transportation planning, command and control, and in-transit visibility across the range of military operations. The designated Department of Defense in-transit visibility system provides customers with the ability to track the identity, status, and location of Department of Defense units and non-unit cargo, passengers, patients, forces, and military and commercial airlift, sealift, and surface assets from origin to destination across the range of military operations. The Global Transportation Network collects, integrates, and distributes transportation information to combatant commanders, Services, and other Department of Defense customers. Global Transportation Network provides US Transportation Command with the ability to perform command and control operations, planning and analysis, and business operations in tailoring customer requirements throughout the requirements process. Also called **GTN.** See also **global transportation management; in-transit visibility; United States Transportation Command.** (JP 4-01)

go no-go — The condition or state of operability of a component or system: "go," functioning properly; or "no-go," not functioning properly. Alternatively, a critical point at which a decision to proceed or not must be made. (JP 3-02)

governance — The state's ability to serve the citizens through the rules, processes, and behavior by which interests are articulated, resources are managed, and power is exercised in a society, including the representative participatory decision-making processes typically guaranteed under inclusive, constitutional authority. (JP 3-24)

governing factors — In the context of joint operation planning, those aspects of the situation (or externally imposed factors) that the commander deems critical to the accomplishment of the mission. (JP 5-0)

government-owned, contract-operated ships — Those ships to which the US Government holds title and which the Military Sealift Command operates under a contract (i.e., nongovernment-manned). These ships are designated United States Naval Ships and use the prefix "USNS" with the ship name and the letter "T" as a prefix to the ship classification (e.g., T-AKR). See also **Military Sealift Command; United States Naval Ship.** (JP 3-02.2)

government-owned, Military Sealift Command-operated ships — Those ships to which the US Government holds title and which the Military Sealift Command operates with US Government (civil service) employees. These ships are designated United States Naval Ships and use the prefix "USNS" with the ship name and the letter "T" as a prefix to the ship classification (e.g., T-AKR). See also **Military Sealift Command; United States Naval Ship.** (JP 3-02.2)

gradient — The rate of inclination to horizontal expressed as a ratio, such as 1:25, indicating a one unit rise to 25 units of horizontal distance. (JP 4-01.6)

gradient circuit — (*) In mine warfare, a circuit which is actuated when the rate of change, with time, of the magnitude of the influence is within predetermined limits.

grand strategy — See **National Security Strategy.**

graphic — (*) Any and all products of the cartographic and photogrammetric art. A graphic may be a map, chart, or mosaic or even a film strip that was produced using cartographic techniques.

graphic scale — (*) A graduated line by means of which distances on the map, chart, or photograph may be measured in terms of ground distance. See also **scale.**

grapnel — (*) In naval mine warfare, a device fitted to a mine mooring designed to grapple the sweep wire when the mooring is cut.

graticule — (*) 1. In cartography, a network of lines representing the Earth's parallels of latitude and meridians of longitude. 2. In imagery interpretation, see **reticle.**

graticule ticks — (*) In cartography, short lines indicating where selected meridians and parallels intersect.

graves registration program — A program that provides for search, recovery, tentative identification, and evacuation or temporary interment. Temporary interment is only authorized by the geographic combatant commander. Disposition of personal effects is included in this program. See also **personal effects.** (JP 4-06)

gravity extraction — (*) The extraction of cargoes from the aircraft by influence of their own weight.

grazing fire — (*) Fire approximately parallel to the ground where the center of the cone of fire does not rise above one meter from the ground.

grid — 1. Two sets of parallel lines intersecting at right angles and forming squares; the grid is superimposed on maps, charts, and other similar representations of the Earth's surface in an accurate and consistent manner in order to permit identification of ground locations with respect to other locations and the computation of direction and distance to other points. 2. A term used in giving the location of a geographic point by grid coordinates. See also **military grid; military grid reference system.**

grid bearing — Bearing measured from grid north.

grid convergence — The horizontal angle at a place between true north and grid north. It is proportional to the longitude difference between the place and the central meridian. See also **convergence.**

grid convergence factor — (*) The ratio of the grid convergence angle to the longitude difference. In the Lambert Conical Orthomorphic projection, this ratio is constant for all charts based on the same two standard parallels. See also **convergence; grid convergence.**

grid coordinates — Coordinates of a grid coordinate system to which numbers and letters are assigned for use in designating a point on a gridded map, photograph, or chart. See also **coordinates.** (JP 3-09)

grid coordinate system — (*) A plane-rectangular coordinate system usually based on, and mathematically adjusted to, a map projection in order that geographic positions (latitudes and longitudes) may be readily transformed into plane coordinates and the computations relating to them may be made by the ordinary method of plane surveying. See also **coordinates.**

grid interval — (*) The distance represented between the lines of a grid.

grid magnetic angle — (*) Angular difference in direction between grid north and magnetic north. It is measured east or west from grid north. Also called **grid variation; grivation.**

grid navigation — (*) A method of navigation using a grid overlay for direction reference. See also **navigational grid.**

grid north — (*) The northerly or zero direction indicated by the grid datum of directional reference.

grid ticks — (*) Small marks on the neatline of a map or chart indicating additional grid reference systems included on that sheet. Grid ticks are sometimes shown on the interior grid lines of some maps for ease of referencing.

grid variation — See **grid magnetic angle.**

grivation — See **grid magnetic angle.**

grossly transportation feasible — A determination made by the supported commander that a draft operation plan can be supported with the apportioned transportation assets. This determination is made by using a transportation feasibility estimator to simulate movement of personnel and cargo from port of embarkation to port of debarkation within a specified time frame.

gross weight — (*) 1. Weight of a vehicle, fully equipped and serviced for operation, including the weight of the fuel, lubricants, coolant, vehicle tools and spares, crew, personal equipment, and load. 2. Weight of a container or pallet including freight and binding. Also called **WT.**

ground alert — (*) That status in which aircraft on the ground/deck are fully serviced and armed, with combat crews in readiness to take off within a specified short period of time (usually 15 minutes) after receipt of a mission order. See also **airborne alert.**

ground combat element — The core element of a Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF) that is task-organized to conduct ground operations. It is usually constructed around an infantry organization but can vary in size from a small ground unit of any type, to one or more Marine divisions that can be independently maneuvered under the direction of the MAGTF commander. The ground combat element itself is not a formal command. Also called **GCE.** See also **aviation combat element; combat service support element; command element; Marine air-ground task force; Marine expeditionary force; Marine expeditionary unit; special purpose Marine air-ground task force; task force.**

ground control — (*) A system of accurate measurements used to determine the distances and directions or differences in elevation between points on the Earth. See also **control point; traverse.**

ground-controlled approach procedure — (*) The technique for talking down, through the use of both surveillance and precision approach radar, an aircraft during its approach so as to place it in a position for landing. See also **automatic approach and landing.**

ground-controlled interception — (*) A technique which permits control of friendly aircraft or guided missiles for the purpose of effecting interception. See also **air interception.**

ground fire — Small arms ground-to-air fire directed against aircraft.

ground liaison officer — An officer trained in offensive air support activities. Ground liaison officers are normally organized into parties under the control of the appropriate Army commander to provide liaison to Air Force and naval units engaged in training and combat operations. Also called **GLO.**

ground mine — See **bottom mine.**

ground return — (*) The radar reflection from the terrain as displayed and/or recorded as an image.

ground speed — (*) The horizontal component of the speed of an aircraft relative to the Earth's surface. Also called **GS.**

ground zero — (*) The point on the surface of the Earth at, or vertically below or above, the center of a planned or actual nuclear detonation. See also **actual ground zero; desired ground zero.**

group — 1. A flexible administrative and tactical unit composed of either two or more battalions or two or more squadrons. The term also applies to combat support and combat service support units. 2. A number of ships and/or aircraft, normally a subdivision of a force, assigned for a specific purpose. 3. A long-standing functional organization that is formed to support a broad function within a joint force commander's headquarters. Also called **GP.** (JP 3-33)

group of targets — (*) Two or more targets on which fire is desired simultaneously. A group of targets is designated by a letter/number combination or a nickname.

guard — 1. A form of security operation whose primary task is to protect the main force by fighting to gain time while also observing and reporting information, and to prevent enemy ground observation of and direct fire against the main body by reconnoitering, attacking, defending, and delaying. A guard force normally operates within the range of the main body's indirect fire weapons. 2. A radio frequency that is normally used for emergency transmissions and is continuously monitored. UHF band: 243.0 MHZ; VHF band: 121.5 MHZ. See also **cover; flank guard; screen.** 3. A military or civilian individual assigned to protect personnel, equipment, or installations, or to oversee a prisoner.

guarded frequencies — Enemy frequencies that are currently being exploited for combat information and intelligence. A guarded frequency is time-oriented in that the guarded frequency list changes as the enemy assumes different combat postures. These frequencies may be jammed after the commander has weighed the potential operational gain against the loss of the technical information. See also **electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.1)

guerrilla — A combat participant in guerrilla warfare. See also **unconventional warfare.**

guerrilla force — A group of irregular, predominantly indigenous personnel organized along military lines to conduct military and paramilitary operations in enemy-held, hostile, or denied territory. (JP 3-05)

guerrilla warfare — Military and paramilitary operations conducted in enemy-held or hostile territory by irregular, predominantly indigenous forces. Also called **GW.** See also **unconventional warfare**. (JP 3-05.1)

guidance station equipment — (*) The ground-based portion of a missile guidance system necessary to provide guidance during missile flight.

guided missile — An unmanned vehicle moving above the surface of the Earth whose trajectory or flight path is capable of being altered by an external or internal mechanism. See also **aerodynamic missile; ballistic missile.**

guide specification — (*) Minimum requirements to be used as a basis for the evaluation of a national specification covering a fuel, lubricant or associated product proposed for standardization action.

guinea-pig — (*) In naval mine warfare, a ship used to determine whether an area can be considered safe from influence mines under certain conditions or, specifically, to detonate pressure mines.

gull — (*) In electronic warfare, a floating radar reflector used to simulate a surface target at sea for deceptive purposes.

gun — 1. A cannon with relatively long barrel, operating with relatively low angle of fire, and having a high muzzle velocity. 2. A cannon with tube length 30 calibers or more. See also **howitzer; mortar.**

gun carriage — (*) A mobile or fixed support for a gun. It sometimes includes the elevating and traversing mechanisms. Also called **carriage.**

gun-target line — (*) An imaginary straight line from gun to target. Also called **GTL.**

gun-type weapon — (*) A device in which two or more pieces of fissionable material, each less than a critical mass, are brought together very rapidly so as to form a supercritical mass that can explode as the result of a rapidly expanding fission chain.

gyromagnetic compass — (*) A directional gyroscope whose azimuth scale is maintained in alignment with the magnetic meridian by a magnetic detector unit.

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half-life — The time required for the activity of a given radioactive species to decrease to half of its initial value due to radioactive decay. The half-life is a characteristic property of each radioactive species and is independent of its amount or condition. The effective half-life of a given isotope is the time in which the quantity in the body will decrease to half as a result of both radioactive decay and biological elimination. (JP 3-11)

half-residence time — (*) As applied to delayed fallout, it is the time required for the amount of weapon debris deposited in a particular part of the atmosphere to decrease to half of its initial value.

half thickness — (*) Thickness of absorbing material necessary to reduce by one-half the intensity of radiation which passes through it.

handling (ordnance) — Applies to those individuals who engage in the breakout, lifting, or repositioning of ordnance or explosive devices in order to facilitate storage or stowage, assembly or disassembly, loading or downloading, or transporting. See also **assembly; downloading; loading; ordnance.** (JP 3-04)

handover — The passing of control authority of an aircraft from one control agency to another control agency. Handover action may be accomplished between control agencies of separate Services when conducting joint operations or between control agencies within a single command and control system. Handover action is complete when the receiving controller acknowledges assumption of control authority. Also called **hand-off.**

handover/crossover — In personnel recovery, the transfer of isolated personnel between two recovery forces. See also **evader; evasion; recovery; recovery operations.** (JP 3-50)

handover line — (*) A control feature, preferably following easily defined terrain features, at which responsibility for the conduct of combat operations is passed from one force to another.

harassing fire — (*) Fire designed to disturb the rest of the enemy troops, to curtail movement, and, by threat of losses, to lower morale.

harassment — An incident in which the primary objective is to disrupt the activities of a unit, installation, or ship, rather than to inflict serious casualties or damage.

harbor — A restricted body of water, an anchorage, or other limited coastal water area and its mineable water approaches, from which shipping operations are projected or supported. Generally, a harbor is part of a base, in which case the harbor defense force

forms a component element of the base defense force established for the local defense of the base and its included harbor.

hardened site — (*) A site, normally constructed under rock or concrete cover, designed to provide protection against the effects of conventional weapons. It may also be equipped to provide protection against the side effects of a nuclear attack and against a chemical or a biological attack.

hard missile base — (*) A launching base that is protected against a nuclear explosion.

hardstand — (*) 1. A paved or stabilized area where vehicles are parked. 2. Open ground area having a prepared surface and used for the storage of materiel.

hasty attack — (*) In land operations, an attack in which preparation time is traded for speed in order to exploit an opportunity. See also **deliberate attack.**

hasty breaching — (*) The rapid creation of a route through a minefield, barrier, or fortification by any expedient method.

hasty breaching (land mine warfare) — The creation of lanes through enemy minefields by expedient methods such as blasting with demolitions, pushing rollers or disabled vehicles through the minefields when the time factor does not permit detailed reconnaissance, deliberate breaching, or bypassing the obstacle.

hasty crossing — (*) The crossing of an inland water obstacle using the crossing means at hand or those readily available, and made without pausing for elaborate preparations. See also **deliberate crossing.**

hasty defense — (*) A defense normally organized while in contact with the enemy or when contact is imminent and time available for the organization is limited. It is characterized by improvement of the natural defensive strength of the terrain by utilization of foxholes, emplacements, and obstacles. See also **deliberate defense.**

hatch — An opening in a ship's deck giving access to cargo holds. (JP 4-01.6)

hazard — A condition with the potential to cause injury, illness, or death of personnel; damage to or loss of equipment or property; or mission degradation. See also **injury; risk.** (JP 3-33)

hazards of electromagnetic radiation to fuels — The potential hazard that is created when volatile combustibles, such as fuel, are exposed to electromagnetic fields of sufficient energy to cause ignition. Also called **HERF.** (JP 3-04)

hazards of electromagnetic radiation to ordnance — The danger of accidental actuation of electro-explosive devices or otherwise electrically activating ordnance because of radio frequency electromagnetic fields. This unintended actuation could have safety

(premature firing) or reliability (dudding) consequences. Also called **HERO.** See also **electromagnetic radiation; HERO SAFE ordnance; HERO UNSAFE ordnance; ordnance.** (JP 3-04)

hazards of electromagnetic radiation to personnel — The potential hazard that exists when personnel are exposed to an electromagnetic field of sufficient intensity to heat the human body. Also called **HERP.** (JP 3-04)

heading indicator — (*) An instrument which displays heading transmitted electrically from a remote compass system.

head of contracting activity — The official who has overall responsibility for managing the contracting activity. Also called **HCA.** (JP 4-10)

head-up display — (*) A display of flight, navigation, attack, or other information superimposed upon the pilot's forward field of view. Also called **HUD.** See also **flight; horizontal situation display.**

health care provider — Any member of the Armed Forces, civilian employee of the Department of Defense, or personal services contract employee under Title 10 United States Code Section 1091 authorized by the Department of Defense to perform health care functions. The term does not include any contract provider who is not a personal services contract employee. Also called **DOD health care provider.** (JP 4-02)

health hazard assessment — An assessment that characterizes the possible health risks of occupational exposures of Service members during the course of their normal duties. (JP 4-02)

health service logistic support — A functional area of logistic support that supports the joint force surgeon's health service support mission. It includes supplying Class VIII medical supplies (medical materiel to include medical peculiar repair parts used to sustain the health service support system), optical fabrication, medical equipment maintenance, blood storage and distribution, and medical gases. Also called **HSLS.** See also **health service support; joint force surgeon.** (JP 4-02.1)

health service support — All services performed, provided, or arranged to promote, improve, conserve, or restore the mental or physical well-being of personnel. These services include, but are not limited to, the management of health services resources, such as manpower, monies, and facilities; preventive and curative health measures; evacuation of the wounded, injured, or sick; selection of the medically fit and disposition of the medically unfit; blood management; medical supply, equipment, and maintenance thereof; combat stress control; and medical, dental, veterinary, laboratory, optometric, nutrition therapy, and medical intelligence services. Also called **HSS.** (JP 4-02)

health surveillance — The regular or repeated collection, analysis, and interpretation of health-related data and the dissemination of information to monitor the health of a population and to identify potential health risks, thereby enabling timely interventions to prevent, treat, reduce, or control disease and injury. It includes occupational and environmental health surveillance and medical surveillance subcomponents. (JP 4-02)

health threat — A composite of ongoing or potential enemy actions; adverse environmental, occupational, and geographic and meteorological conditions; endemic diseases; and employment of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons (to include weapons of mass destruction) that have the potential to affect the short- or long-term health (including psychological impact) of personnel. (JP 4-02)

heavy drop — A system of delivery of heavy supplies and equipment by parachute.

heavy-lift cargo — 1. Any single cargo lift, weighing over 5 long tons, and to be handled aboard ship. 2. In Marine Corps usage, individual units of cargo that exceed 800 pounds in weight or 100 cubic feet in volume.

heavy-lift ship — (*) A ship specially designed and capable of loading and unloading heavy and bulky items. It has booms of sufficient capacity to accommodate a single lift of 100 tons.

height delay — See **altitude delay.**

height hole — See **altitude hole.**

height of burst — (*) The vertical distance from the Earth's surface or target to the point of burst. Also called **HOB.** See also **optimum height of burst; safe burst height; types of burst.**

helicopter coordination section — The section within the Navy tactical air control center that coordinates rotary-wing air operations with all helicopter direction centers and air traffic control center(s) in the amphibious force. Also called **HCS**. (JP 3-02)

helicopter direction center — In amphibious operations, the primary direct control agency for the helicopter group/unit commander operating under the overall control of the tactical air control center. Also called **HDC.** (JP 3-02)

helicopter landing zone — A specified ground area for landing assault helicopters to embark or disembark troops and/or cargo. A landing zone may contain one or more landing sites. Also called **HLZ.**

helicopter support team — (*) A task organization formed and equipped for employment in a landing zone to facilitate the landing and movement of helicopter-borne troops, equipment, and supplies, and to evacuate selected casualties and enemy prisoners of war. Also called **HST.**

helicopter transport area — Areas to the seaward and on the flanks of the outer transport and landing ship areas, but preferably inside the area screen, used for launching and/or recovering helicopters. (JP 3-02)

helicopter wave — See **wave.**

helipad — (*) A prepared area designated and used for takeoff and landing of helicopters. (Includes touchdown or hover point.)

heliport — (*) A facility designated for operating, basing, servicing, and maintaining helicopters.

herbicide — A chemical compound that will kill or damage plants. (JP 3-11)

HERO SAFE ordnance — Any ordnance item that is percussion initiated, sufficiently shielded or otherwise so protected that all electro-explosive devices contained by the item are immune to adverse effects (safety or reliability) when the item is employed in its expected radio frequency environments, provided that the general hazards of electromagnetic radiation to ordnance requirements defined in the hazards from electromagnetic radiation manual are observed. See also **electromagnetic radiation; hazards of electromagnetic radiation to ordnance; HERO SUSCEPTIBLE ordnance; HERO UNSAFE ordnance; ordnance.** (JP 3-04)

HERO SUSCEPTIBLE ordnance — Any ordnance item containing electro-explosive devices proven by test or analysis to be adversely affected by radio frequency energy to the point that the safety and/or reliability of the system is in jeopardy when the system is employed in its expected radio frequency environment. See also **electromagnetic radiation; hazards of electromagnetic radiation to ordnance; HERO SAFE ordnance; HERO UNSAFE ordnance; ordnance.** (JP 3-04)

HERO UNSAFE ordnance — Any ordnance item containing electro-explosive devices that has not been classified as HERO SAFE or HERO SUSCEPTIBLE ordnance as a result of a hazards of electromagnetic radiation to ordnance (HERO) analysis or test is considered HERO UNSAFE ordnance. Additionally, any ordnance item containing electro-explosive devices (including those previously classified as HERO SAFE or HERO SUSCEPTIBLE ordnance) that has its internal wiring exposed; when tests are being conducted on that item that result in additional electrical connections to the item; when electro-explosive devices having exposed wire leads are present and handled or loaded in any but the tested condition; when the item is being assembled or disassembled; or when such ordnance items are damaged causing exposure of internal wiring or components or destroying engineered HERO protective devices. See also **electromagnetic radiation; hazards of electromagnetic radiation to ordnance; HERO SAFE ordnance; HERO SUSCEPTIBLE ordnance; ordnance.** (JP 3-04)

Hertz-Horn — See **chemical horn**.

H-hour — See **times.** (JP 3-02)

high altitude bombing — Horizontal bombing with the height of release over 15,000 feet. (JP 3-09.3)

high altitude burst — (*) The explosion of a nuclear weapon which takes place at a height in excess of 100,000 feet (30,000 meters). Also called **HAB.** See also **types of burst.**

high-altitude low-opening parachute technique — A method of delivering personnel, equipment, or supplies from airlift aircraft that must fly at altitudes above the threat umbrella. Also called **HALO.** (JP 3-17)

high-altitude missile engagement zone — In air defense, that airspace of defined dimensions within which the responsibility for engagement of air threats normally rests with high-altitude surface-to-air missiles. Also called **HIMEZ.** (JP 3-52)

high angle — (*) In artillery and naval gunfire support, an order or request to obtain high angle fire.

high angle fire — (*) Fire delivered at angles of elevation greater than the elevation that corresponds to the maximum range of the gun and ammunition concerned; fire, the range of which decreases as the angle of elevation is increased.

high-density airspace control zone — Airspace designated in an airspace control plan or airspace control order, in which there is a concentrated employment of numerous and varied weapons and airspace users. A high-density airspace control zone has defined dimensions which usually coincide with geographical features or navigational aids. Access to a high-density airspace control zone is normally controlled by the maneuver commander. The maneuver commander can also direct a more restrictive weapons status within the high-density airspace control zone. Also called **HIDACZ.** (JP 3-52)

high explosive cargo — Cargo such as artillery ammunition, bombs, depth charges, demolition material, rockets, and missiles.

high oblique — See **oblique air photograph.**

high-payoff target — A target whose loss to the enemy will significantly contribute to the success of the friendly course of action. High-payoff targets are those high-value targets that must be acquired and successfully attacked for the success of the friendly commander's mission. Also called **HPT.** See also **high-value target; target.** (JP 3-60)

high-payoff target list — A prioritized list of high-payoff targets by phase of the joint operation. Also called **HPTL.** See also **high-payoff target; target.** (JP 3-60)

high-risk personnel — Personnel who, by their grade, assignment, symbolic value, or relative isolation, are likely to be attractive or accessible terrorist targets. Also called **HRP.** See also **antiterrorism.** (JP 3-07.2)

high value airborne asset protection — A defensive counterair mission that defends airborne national assets which are so important that the loss of even one could seriously impact US warfighting capabilities or provide the enemy with significant propaganda value. Examples of high value airborne assets are Airborne Warning and Control System, Rivet Joint, Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System, and Compass Call. Also called **HVAA protection.** See also **defensive counterair.** (JP 3-01)

high-value target — A target the enemy commander requires for the successful completion of the mission. The loss of high-value targets would be expected to seriously degrade important enemy functions throughout the friendly commander's area of interest. Also called **HVT.** See also **high-payoff target; target.** (JP 3-60)

high velocity drop — A drop procedure in which the drop velocity is greater than 30 feet per second (low velocity drop) and lower than free drop velocity. See also **airdrop.** (JP 3-17)

hill shading — (*) A method of representing relief on a map by depicting the shadows that would be cast by high ground if light were shining from a certain direction.

hinterland, far — That region surrounding a beach or terminal operation to the extent that it has characteristics that affect the operation — normally within 100 miles. (JP 4-01.6)

hinterland, near — The area of land within an operational area of a specific beach or terminal operation — usually within 5 miles. (JP 4-01.6)

hoist — (*) In helicopters, the mechanism by which external loads may be raised or lowered vertically.

hold — (*) 1. A cargo stowage compartment aboard ship. 2. To maintain or retain possession of by force, as a position or an area. 3. In an attack, to exert sufficient pressure to prevent movement or redisposition of enemy forces. 4. As applied to air traffic, to keep an aircraft within a specified space or location which is identified by visual or other means in accordance with Air Traffic Control instructions. See also **fix.**

holding anchorage — (*) An anchorage where ships may lie: a. if the assembly or working anchorage, or port, to which they have been assigned is full; b. when delayed by enemy threats or other factors from proceeding immediately on their next voyage; c. when dispersed from a port to avoid the effects of a nuclear attack. See also **assembly anchorage; emergency anchorage; working anchorage.**

holding point — (*) A geographically or electronically defined location used in stationing aircraft in flight in a predetermined pattern in accordance with air traffic control clearance. See also **orbit point.**

holding position — (*) A specified location on the airfield, close to the active runway and identified by visual means, at which the position of a taxiing aircraft is maintained in accordance with air traffic control instructions.

hollow charge — (*) A shaped charge producing a deep cylindrical hole of relatively small diameter in the direction of its axis of rotation.

homeland — The physical region that includes the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, United States possessions and territories, and surrounding territorial waters and airspace. (JP 3-28)

homeland defense — The protection of United States sovereignty, territory, domestic population, and critical defense infrastructure against external threats and aggression or other threats as directed by the President. Also called **HD.** (JP 3-27)

homeland security — A concerted national effort to prevent terrorist attacks within the United States; reduce America's vulnerability to terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies; and minimize the damage and recover from attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies that occur. Also called **HS.** (JP 3-28)

home station — The permanent location of active duty units and Reserve Component units (e.g., location of armory or reserve center). See also **active duty; Reserve Component.** (JP 4-05)

homing — The technique whereby a mobile station directs itself, or is directed, towards a source of primary or reflected energy, or to a specified point. (JP 3-50)

homing guidance — A system by which a missile or torpedo steers itself towards a target by means of a self-contained mechanism which is activated by some distinguishing characteristics of the target. See also **active homing guidance; passive homing guidance; semi-active homing guidance.**

homing mine — (*) In naval mine warfare, a mine fitted with propulsion equipment which homes on to a target. See also **mine.**

horizontal action mine — (*) In land mine warfare, a mine designed to produce a destructive effect in a plane approximately parallel to the ground.

horizontal error — (*) The error in range, deflection, or in radius, which a weapon may be expected to exceed as often as not. Horizontal error of weapons making a nearly vertical approach to the target is described in terms of circular error probable. Horizontal error of weapons producing elliptical dispersion pattern is expressed in

terms of probable error. See also **circular error probable; delivery error; deviation; dispersion error.**

horizontal loading — (*) Loading of items of like character in horizontal layers throughout the holds of a ship. See also **loading.**

horizontal situation display — (*) An electronically generated display on which navigation information and stored mission and procedural data can be presented. Radar information and television picture can also be displayed either as a map overlay or as a separate image. See also **head-up display.**

horizontal situation indicator — (*) An instrument which may display bearing and distance to a navigation aid, magnetic heading, track/course and track/course deviation.

horizontal stowage — The lateral distribution of unit equipment or categories of supplies so that they can be unloaded simultaneously from two or more holds. (JP 3-02.2)

horn — (*) In naval mine warfare, a projection from the mine shell of some contact mines which, when broken or bent by contact, causes the mine to fire.

hospital — A medical treatment facility capable of providing inpatient care. It is appropriately staffed and equipped to provide diagnostic and therapeutic services, as well as the necessary supporting services required to perform its assigned mission and functions. A hospital may, in addition, discharge the functions of a clinic.

hostage — A person held as a pledge that certain terms or agreements will be kept. (The taking of hostages is forbidden under the Geneva Conventions, 1949.)

hostage rescue — A personnel recovery method used to recover isolated personnel who are specifically designated as hostages. Also called **HR.** (JP 3-50)

host country — A nation which permits, either by written agreement or official invitation, government representatives and/or agencies of another nation to operate, under specified conditions, within its borders. (JP 2-01.2)

hostile — In combat and combat support operations, an identity applied to a track declared to belong to any opposing nation, party, group, or entity, which by virtue of its behavior or information collected on it such as characteristics, origin, or nationality contributes to the threat to friendly forces. See also **neutral; suspect; unknown.**

hostile act — An attack or other use of force against the US, US forces, or other designated persons or property. It also includes force used directly to preclude or impede the mission and/or duties of US forces, including the recovery of US personnel or vital US Government property. (JP 3-28)

hostile casualty — A person who is the victim of a terrorist activity or who becomes a casualty "in action." "In action" characterizes the casualty as having been the direct result of hostile action, sustained in combat or relating thereto, or sustained going to or returning from a combat mission provided that the occurrence was directly related to hostile action. Included are persons killed or wounded mistakenly or accidentally by friendly fire directed at a hostile force or what is thought to be a hostile force. However, not to be considered as sustained in action and not to be interpreted as hostile casualties are injuries or death due to the elements, self-inflicted wounds, combat fatigue, and except in unusual cases, wounds or death inflicted by a friendly force while the individual is in an absent-without-leave, deserter, or dropped-from-rolls status or is voluntarily absent from a place of duty. See also **casualty; casualty type; nonhostile casualty.**

hostile environment — Operational environment in which hostile forces have control as well as the intent and capability to effectively oppose or react to the operations a unit intends to conduct. (JP 3-0)

hostile force — Any civilian, paramilitary, or military force or terrorist(s), with or without national designation, that have committed a hostile act, exhibited hostile intent, or have been declared hostile by appropriate US authority.

hostile intent — The threat of imminent use of force by a foreign force, terrorist(s), or organization against the United States and US national interests, US forces and, in certain circumstances, US nationals, their property, US commercial assets, and other designated non-US forces, foreign nationals, and their property. When hostile intent is present, the right exists to use proportional force, including armed force, in self-defense by all necessary means available to deter or neutralize the potential attacker or, if necessary, to destroy the threat. A determination that hostile intent exists and requires the use of proportional force in self-defense must be based on evidence that an attack is imminent. Evidence necessary to determine hostile intent will vary depending on the state of international and regional political tension, military preparations, intelligence, and indications and warning information.

host nation — A nation which receives the forces and/or supplies of allied nations and/or NATO organizations to be located on, to operate in, or to transit through its territory. Also called **HN.** (JP 3-57)

host-nation support — Civil and/or military assistance rendered by a nation to foreign forces within its territory during peacetime, crises or emergencies, or war based on agreements mutually concluded between nations. Also called **HNS.** See also **host nation.** (JP 4-0)

host-nation support agreement — Basic agreement normally concluded at government-to-government or government- to-combatant commander level. These agreements may include general agreements, umbrella agreements, and memoranda of understanding. See also **host nation; host-nation support**. (JP 3-35)

hot pursuit — Pursuit commenced within the territory, internal waters, the archipelagic waters, the territorial sea, or territorial airspace of the pursuing state and continued without interruption beyond the territory, territorial sea, or airspace. Hot pursuit also exists if pursuit commences within the contiguous or exclusive economic zones or on the continental shelf of the pursuing state, continues without interruption, and is undertaken based on a violation of the rights for the protection of which the zone was established. The right of hot pursuit ceases as soon as the ship or hostile force pursued enters the territory or territorial sea of its own state or of a third state. This definition does not imply that force may or may not be used in connection with hot pursuit. NOTE: This term applies only to law enforcement activities.

hot spot — (*) Region in a contaminated area in which the level of radioactive contamination is considerably greater than in neighboring regions in the area.

hovering — (*) A self-sustaining maneuver whereby a fixed, or nearly fixed, position is maintained relative to a spot on the surface of the Earth or underwater. (JP 3-04)

hovering ceiling — (*) The highest altitude at which the helicopter is capable of hovering in standard atmosphere. It is usually stated in two figures: hovering in ground effect and hovering out of ground effect.

howitzer — 1. A cannon that combines certain characteristics of guns and mortars. The howitzer delivers projectiles with medium velocities, either by low or high trajectories. 2. Normally a cannon with a tube length of 20 to 30 calibers; however, the tube length can exceed 30 calibers and still be considered a howitzer when the high angle fire zoning solution permits range overlap between charges. See also **gun; mortar.**

hub — An organization that sorts and distributes inbound cargo from wholesale supply sources (airlifted, sealifted, and ground transportable) and/or from within the theater**.** See also **hub and spoke distribution; spoke.** (JP 4-09)

hub and spoke distribution — A physical distribution system developed and modeled on industry standards to provide cargo management for a theater. It is based on a "hub" moving cargo to and between several "spokes". It is designed to increase transportation efficiencies and in-transit visibility and reduce order ship time. See also **distribution; distribution system; hub; in-transit visibility; spoke.** (JP 4-09)

human factors — The psychological, cultural, behavioral, and other human attributes that influence decision-making, the flow of information, and the interpretation of information by individuals or groups. (JP 2-0)

human intelligence — A category of intelligence derived from information collected and provided by human sources. Also called **HUMINT.** See also **human resources intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

humanitarian and civic assistance — Assistance to the local populace provided by predominantly US forces in conjunction with military operations and exercises. This assistance is specifically authorized by Title 10, United States Code, Section 401, and funded under separate authorities. Also called **HCA.** See also **foreign humanitarian assistance.** (JP 3-29)

humanitarian assistance — Programs conducted to relieve or reduce the results of natural or manmade disasters or other endemic conditions such as human pain, disease, hunger, or privation that might present a serious threat to life or that can result in great damage to or loss of property. Humanitarian assistance provided by US forces is limited in scope and duration. The assistance provided is designed to supplement or complement the efforts of the host nation civil authorities or agencies that may have the primary responsibility for providing humanitarian assistance. Also called **HA.** (JP 3-57)

humanitarian assistance coordination center — A temporary center established by a geographic combatant commander to assist with interagency coordination and planning. A humanitarian assistance coordination center operates during the early planning and coordination stages of foreign humanitarian assistance operations by providing the link between the geographic combatant commander and other United States Government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and international and regional organizations at the strategic level. Also called **HACC.** See also **foreign humanitarian assistance; interagency coordination.** (JP 3-29)

humanitarian demining assistance — The activities related to the furnishing of education, training, and technical assistance with respect to the detection and clearance of land mines and other explosive remnants of war. (JP 3-29)

humanitarian mine action — Activities that strive to reduce the social, economic, and environmental impact of land mines, unexploded ordnance and small arms ammunition - also characterized as explosive remnants of war. (JP 3-15)

humanitarian operations center — An international and interagency body that coordinates the overall relief strategy and unity of effort among all participants in a large foreign humanitarian assistance operation. It normally is established under the direction of the government of the affected country or the United Nations, or a US Government agency during a US unilateral operation. Because the humanitarian operations center operates at the national level, it will normally consist of senior representatives from the affected country, assisting countries, the United Nations, nongovernmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations, and other major organizations involved in the operation. Also called **HOC.** See also **operation.** (JP 3-29)

human resources intelligence — The intelligence derived from the intelligence collection discipline that uses human beings as both sources and collectors, and where the human being is the primary collection instrument. Also called **HUMINT.**

hung ordnance — Those weapons or stores on an aircraft that the pilot has attempted to drop or fire but could not because of a malfunction of the weapon, rack or launcher, or aircraft release and control system. (JP 3-04)

hunter track — (*) In naval mine warfare, the track to be followed by the hunter (or sweeper) to ensure that the hunting (or sweeping) gear passes over the lap track.

hydrogen bomb — See **thermonuclear weapon.**

hydrographic chart — (*) A nautical chart showing depths of water, nature of bottom, contours of bottom and coastline, and tides and currents in a given sea or sea and land area.

hydrographic reconnaissance — Reconnaissance of an area of water to determine depths, beach gradients, the nature of the bottom, and the location of coral reefs, rocks, shoals, and man-made obstacles. (JP 3-02)

hyperbaric chamber — (*) A chamber used to induce an increase in ambient pressure as would occur in descending below sea level, in a water or air environment. It is the only type of chamber suitable for use in the treatment of decompression sickness in flying or diving. Also called **compression chamber; diving chamber; recompression chamber.**

hyperbolic navigation system — (*) A radio navigation system which enables the position of an aircraft equipped with a suitable receiver to be fixed by two or more intersecting hyperbolic position lines. The system employs either a time difference measurement of pulse transmissions or a phase difference measurement of phase-locked continuous wave transmissions. See also **loran.**

hypergolic fuel — (*) Fuel which will spontaneously ignite with an oxidizer, such as aniline with fuming nitric acid. It is used as the propulsion agent in certain missile systems.

hypersonic — (*) Of or pertaining to speeds equal to, or in excess of, five times the speed of sound. See also **speed of sound.**

hyperspectral imagery — Term used to describe the imagery derived from subdividing the electromagnetic spectrum into very narrow bandwidths. These narrow bandwidths may be combined with or subtracted from each other in various ways to form images useful in precise terrain or target analysis. Also called **HSI.**

hyperstereoscopy — (*) Stereoscopic viewing in which the relief effect is noticeably exaggerated, caused by the extension of the camera base. Also called **exaggerated stereoscopy.**

hypobaric chamber — (*) A chamber used to induce a decrease in ambient pressure as would occur in ascending to altitude. This type of chamber is primarily used for training and experimental purposes. Also called **altitude chamber; decompression chamber.**

hypsometric tinting — (*) A method of showing relief on maps and charts by coloring in different shades those parts which lie between selected levels. Also called **altitude tint; elevation tint; layer tint.**

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identification — 1. The process of determining the friendly or hostile character of an unknown detected contact. 2. In arms control, the process of determining which nation is responsible for the detected violations of any arms control measure. 3. In ground combat operations, discrimination between recognizable objects as being friendly or enemy, or the name that belongs to the object as a member of a class. Also called **ID.**

identification, friend or foe — A device that emits a signal positively identifying it as a friendly. Also called **IFF.** See also **air defense.** (JP 3-52)

identification friend or foe personal identifier — The discrete identification friend or foe code assigned to a particular aircraft, ship, or other vehicle for identification by electronic means.

identification maneuver — A maneuver performed for identification purposes. (JP 3-52)

image motion compensation — (*) Movement intentionally imparted to film at such a rate as to compensate for the forward motion of an air or space vehicle when photographing ground objects.

imagery — A likeness or presentation of any natural or man-made feature or related object or activity, and the positional data acquired at the same time the likeness or representation was acquired, including: products produced by space-based national intelligence reconnaissance systems; and likeness and presentations produced by satellites, airborne platforms, unmanned aerial vehicles, or other similar means (except that such term does not include handheld or clandestine photography taken by or on behalf of human intelligence collection organizations). (JP 2-03)

imagery collateral — (*) The reference materials which support the imagery interpretation function.

imagery correlation — (*) The mutual relationship between the different signatures on imagery from different types of sensors in terms of position and the physical characteristics signified.

imagery data recording — (*) The transposing of information relating to the airborne vehicle and sensor, such as speed, height, tilt, position, and time, to the matrix block on the sensor record at the moment of image acquisition.

imagery exploitation — (*) The cycle of processing and printing imagery to the positive or negative state, assembly into imagery packs, identification, interpretation, mensuration, information extraction, the preparation of reports, and the dissemination of information.

imagery intelligence — The technical, geographic, and intelligence information derived through the interpretation or analysis of imagery and collateral materials. Also called **IMINT.** See also **intelligence.** (JP 2-03)

imagery interpretation — (*) 1. The process of location, recognition, identification, and description of objects, activities, and terrain represented on imagery. 2. The extraction of information from photographs or other recorded images. Also called **photographic interpretation.**

imagery interpretation key — (*) Any diagram, chart, table, list, or set of examples, etc., which is used to aid imagery interpreters in the rapid identification of objects visible on imagery.

imagery pack — (*) An assembly of the records from different imagery sensors covering a common target area.

imitative communications deception — That division of deception involving the introduction of false or misleading but plausible communications into target systems that mimics or imitates the targeted communications. See also **deception; target system.** (JP 3-13.1)

imitative electromagnetic deception — See **electromagnetic deception.**

immediate air support — Air support to meet specific requests which arise during the course of a battle and which by their nature cannot be planned in advance. See also **air support.** (JP 3-09.3)

immediate decontamination — Decontamination carried out by individuals immediately upon becoming contaminated to save lives, minimize casualties, and limit the spread of contamination. This may include decontamination of some personal clothing and/or equipment. Also called **emergency decontamination.** See also **contamination; decontamination.** (JP 3-11)

immediate destination — (*) The next destination of a ship or convoy, irrespective of whether or not onward routing instructions have been issued to it.

immediately vital cargo — (*) A cargo already loaded which the consignee country regards as immediately vital for the prosecution of the war or for national survival, notwithstanding the risk to the ship. If the cargo is carried in a ship of another nation, then that nation must agree to the delivery of the cargo. The use of this term is limited to the period of implementation of the shipping movement policy.

immediate message — A category of precedence reserved for messages relating to situations that gravely affect the security of national and multinational forces or populace and that require immediate delivery to the addressee(s). See also **precedence.**

immediate mission request — A request for an air strike on a target that, by its nature, could not be identified sufficiently in advance to permit detailed mission coordination and planning. See also **preplanned mission request.** (JP 3-09.3)

immediate response — Any form of immediate action taken to save lives, prevent human suffering, or mitigate great property damage under imminently serious conditions when time does not permit approval from a higher authority. (JP 3-28)

impact action fuze — (*) A fuze that is set in action by the striking of a projectile or bomb against an object, e.g., percussion fuze, contact fuze. Also called **direct action fuze.**

impact area — An area having designated boundaries within the limits of which all ordnance will detonate or impact.

impact pressure — (*) The difference between pitot pressure and static pressure.

implementation — Procedures governing the mobilization of the force and the deployment, employment, and sustainment of military operations in response to execution orders issued by the Secretary of Defense. Also called **IMP.**

implied task — In the context of joint operation planning, a task derived during mission analysis that an organization must perform or prepare to perform to accomplish a specified task or the mission, but which is not stated in the higher headquarters order. See also **essential task; specified task.** (JP 5-0)

imprest fund — A cash fund of a fixed amount established through an advance of funds, without appropriation change, to an authorized imprest fund cashier to effect immediate cash payments of relatively small amounts for authorized purchases of supplies and nonpersonal services.

imprest funds — Funds issued by Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) to a military organization to purchase beginning inventory for the operation of an AAFES imprest fund activity. See also **Army and Air Force Exchange Service imprest fund activity.** (JP 1-0)

imprint — (*) Brief note in the margin of a map giving all or some of the following: date of publication, printing, name of publisher, printer, place of publication, number of copies printed, and related information.

improvised early resupply — (*) The onward movement of commodities which are available on land and which can be readily loaded into ships.

improvised explosive device — (*) A device placed or fabricated in an improvised manner incorporating destructive, lethal, noxious, pyrotechnic, or incendiary chemicals and designed to destroy, incapacitate, harass, or distract. It may incorporate military stores, but is normally devised from nonmilitary components. Also called **IED.**

improvised mine — A mine fabricated from available materials at or near its point of use.

inactive duty training — Authorized training performed by a member of a Reserve Component not on active duty or active duty for training and consisting of regularly scheduled unit training assemblies, additional training assemblies, periods of appropriate duty or equivalent training, and any special additional duties authorized for Reserve Component personnel by the Secretary concerned, and performed by them in connection with the prescribed activities of the organization in which they are assigned with or without pay. Does not include work or study associated with correspondence courses. Also called **IDT.** See also **active duty for training.**

Inactive National Guard — Army National Guard personnel in an inactive status not in the Selected Reserve who are attached to a specific National Guard unit but do not participate in training activities. Upon mobilization, they will mobilize with their units. In order for these personnel to remain members of the Inactive National Guard, they must muster once a year with their assigned unit. Like the Individual Ready Reserve, all members of the Inactive National Guard have legal, contractual obligations. Members of the Inactive National Guard may not train for retirement credit or pay and are not eligible for promotion. Also called **ING.** See also **Individual Ready Reserve; Selected Reserve.** (JP 4-05)

inactive status — Status of reserve members on an inactive status list of a Reserve Component or assigned to the Inactive Army National Guard. Those in an inactive status may not train for points or pay, and may not be considered for promotion.

incapacitating agent — A chemical agent, which produces temporary disabling conditions which (unlike those caused by riot control agents) can be physical or mental and persist for hours or days after exposure to the agent has ceased. (JP 3-11)

incident — 1. In information operations, an assessed event of attempted entry, unauthorized entry, or an information attack on an automated information system. It includes unauthorized probing and browsing; disruption or denial of service; altered or destroyed input, processing, storage, or output of information; or changes to information system hardware, firmware, or software characteristics with or without the users' knowledge, instruction, or intent. 2. An occurrence, caused by either human action or natural phenomena, that requires action to prevent or minimize loss of life or damage to property and/or natural resources. See also information operations. (JP 3-28)

incident command post — The field location at which the primary tactical-level on-scene incident command functions are performed. It may be collocated with the incident base or other incident facilities and is normally identified by a green rotating or flashing light. Also called **ICP.** See also **antiterrorism.** (JP 3-28)

incident command system — A standardized on-scene emergency management construct designed to aid in the management of resources during incidents. Consists of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications established for this purpose. Also called **ICS.** (JP 3-28)

incident management — A national comprehensive approach to preventing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies. Incident management includes measures and activities performed at the local, state, and national levels and includes both crisis and consequence management activities. (JP 3-28)

incident of national significance — An actual or potential high-impact event that requires a coordinated and effective response by and appropriate combination of Federal, state, local, tribal, nongovernmental, and/or private-sector entities in order to save lives and minimize damage, and provide the basis for long-term community recovery and mitigation activities. (JP 3-41)

incidents — Brief clashes or other military disturbances generally of a transitory nature and not involving protracted hostilities.

inclination angle — See **pitch angle.**

incremental costs — Costs which are additional costs to the Service appropriations that would not have been incurred absent support of the contingency operation. See also **financial management.** (JP 1-06)

indefinite call sign — (*) A call sign which does not represent a specific facility, command, authority, activity, or unit, but which may represent any one or any group of these. See also **call sign.**

independent — (*) A merchant ship under naval control sailed singly and unescorted by a warship. See also **military independent.**

independent ejection system — See **ejection systems.**

independent government estimate — The government's estimate of the resources and projected cost of the resources a contractor will incur in the performance of the contract. Also called **IGE.** (JP 4-10)

independent mine — (*) A mine which is not controlled by the user after laying. See also **mine.**

indications — In intelligence usage, information in various degrees of evaluation, all of which bear on the intention of a potential enemy to adopt or reject a course of action. (JP 2-0)

indications and warning — Those intelligence activities intended to detect and report time-sensitive intelligence information on foreign developments that could involve a threat to the United States or allied and/or coalition military, political, or economic interests or to US citizens abroad. It includes forewarning of hostile actions or intentions against the United States, its activities, overseas forces, or allied and/or coalition nations. Also called **I&W.** See also **information; intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

indicator — In intelligence usage, an item of information which reflects the intention or capability of an adversary to adopt or reject a course of action. (JP 2-0)

indigenous populations and institutions — A generic term used to describe the civilian construct of an operational area to include its populations (legal citizens, legal and illegal immigrants, and all categories of dislocated civilians), governmental, tribal, commercial, and private organizations and entities. Also called **IPI.** (JP 3-57)

indirect fire — Fire delivered on a target that is not itself used as a point of aim for the weapons or the director.

indirect laying — (*) Aiming a gun either by sighting at a fixed object, called the aiming point, instead of the target or by using a means of pointing other than a sight, such as a gun director, when the target cannot be seen from the gun position.

individual mobilization augmentee — An individual reservist attending drills who receives training and is preassigned to an Active Component organization, a Selective Service System, or a Federal Emergency Management Agency billet that must be filled on, or shortly after, mobilization. Individual mobilization augmentees train on a part-time basis with these organizations to prepare for mobilization. Inactive duty training for individual mobilization augmentees is decided by component policy and can vary from 0 to 48 drills a year. Also called **IMA.** (JP 4-05)

individual protective equipment — In chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear operations, the personal clothing and equipment required to protect an individual from chemical, biological, and radiological hazards and some nuclear hazards. Also called **IPE.** (JP 3-11)

Individual Ready Reserve — A manpower pool consisting of individuals who have had some training or who have served previously in the Active Component or in the Selected Reserve, and may have some period of their military service obligation remaining. Members may voluntarily participate in training for retirement points and promotion with or without pay. Also called **IRR.** See also **Selected Reserve.** (JP 4-05)

individual self-defense — The individual's inherent right of self-defense is an element of unit self-defense. It is critical that individuals are aware of and train to the principle that they have the authority to use all available means and to take all appropriate action to defend themselves and other US personnel in their vicinity. In the implementation of

these standing and other rules of engagement (ROE), commanders have the obligation to ensure that the individuals within that commander's unit understand when and how they may use force in self-defense. While individuals assigned to a unit respond to a hostile act or hostile intent in the exercise of self-defense, their use of force must remain consistent with lawful orders of their superiors, the rules contained in joint doctrine, and other applicable ROE promulgated for the mission or area of responsibility.

individual sponsored dependent — A dependent not entitled to travel to the overseas command at Government expense or who enters the command without endorsement of the appropriate overseas commander.

induced radiation — (*) Radiation produced as a result of exposure to radioactive materials, particularly the capture of neutrons. See also **contamination; initial radiation; residual radiation.**

induction circuit — (*) In naval mine warfare, a circuit actuated by the rate of change in a magnetic field due to the movement of the ship or the changing current in the sweep.

industrial mobilization — The transformation of industry from its peacetime activity to the industrial program necessary to support the national military objectives. It includes the mobilization of materials, labor, capital, production facilities, and contributory items and services essential to the industrial program. See also **mobilization.** (JP 4-05)

industrial preparedness — The state of preparedness of industry to produce essential materiel to support the national military objectives. (JP 4-05)

industrial preparedness program — Plans, actions, or measures for the transformation of the industrial base, both government-owned and civilian-owned, from its peacetime activity to the emergency program necessary to support the national military objectives. It includes industrial preparedness measures such as modernization, expansion, and preservation of the production facilities and contributory items and services for planning with industry. Also called **IPP.** (JP 4-05)

inert filling — (*) A prepared non-explosive filling of the same weight as the explosive filling.

inertial navigation system — A self-contained navigation system using inertial detectors, which automatically provides vehicle position, heading, and velocity. Also called **INS.** (JP 3-09)

inert mine — (*) A mine or replica of a mine incapable of producing an explosion.

in extremis — A situation of such exceptional urgency that immediate action must be taken to minimize imminent loss of life or catastrophic degradation of the political or military situation. (JP 3-05)

infiltration — 1. The movement through or into an area or territory occupied by either friendly or enemy troops or organizations. The movement is made, either by small groups or by individuals, at extended or irregular intervals. When used in connection with the enemy, it implies that contact is avoided. 2. In intelligence usage, placing an agent or other person in a target area in hostile territory. Usually involves crossing a frontier or other guarded line. Methods of infiltration are: black (clandestine); grey (through legal crossing point but under false documentation); and white (legal). (JP 3-05.1)

inflight report — The transmission from the airborne system of information obtained both at the target and en route.

influence field — (*) The distribution in space of the influence of a ship or minesweeping equipment.

influence mine — A mine actuated by the effect of a target on some physical condition in the vicinity of the mine or on radiations emanating from the mine. See also **mine.** (JP 3-15)

influence sweep — A sweep designed to produce an influence similar to that produced by a ship and thus actuate mines.

information — 1. Facts, data, or instructions in any medium or form. 2. The meaning that a human assigns to data by means of the known conventions used in their representation. (JP 3-13.1)

information assurance — Measures that protect and defend information and information systems by ensuring their availability, integrity, authentication, confidentiality, and nonrepudiation. This includes providing for restoration of information systems by incorporating protection, detection, and reaction capabilities. Also called **IA.** See also **information; information operations; information system.** (JP 3-13)

information-based processes — Processes that collect, analyze, and disseminate information using any medium or form. These processes may be stand-alone processes or sub-processes that, taken together, comprise a larger system or systems of processes. See also **information system.** (JP 3-13)

information box — (*) A space on an annotated overlay, mosaic, map, etc., which is used for identification, reference, and scale information.

information environment — The aggregate of individuals, organizations, and systems that collect, process, disseminate, or act on information. See also **information system.** (JP 3-13)

information management — The function of managing an organization's information resources by the handling of knowledge acquired by one or many different individuals and organizations in a way that optimizes access by all who have a share in that knowledge or a right to that knowledge. (JP 3-0)

information operations — The integrated employment of the core capabilities of electronic warfare, computer network operations, psychological operations, military deception, and operations security, in concert with specified supporting and related capabilities, to influence, disrupt, corrupt or usurp adversarial human and automated decision making while protecting our own. Also called **IO.** See also **computer network operations; electronic warfare; military deception; operations security; psychological operations.** (JP 3-13)

information report — Report used to forward raw information collected to fulfill intelligence requirements.

information requirements — In intelligence usage, those items of information regarding the adversary and other relevant aspects of the operational environment that need to be collected and processed in order to meet the intelligence requirements of a commander. See also **priority intelligence requirement.** (JP 2-0)

information resources — Information and related resources, such as personnel, equipment, and information technology. See also **information**. (JP 3-35)

information security — The protection of information and information systems against unauthorized access or modification of information, whether in storage, processing, or transit, and against denial of service to authorized users. Also called **INFOSEC.** See also **information system.** (JP 3-13)

information superiority — The operational advantage derived from the ability to collect, process, and disseminate an uninterrupted flow of information while exploiting or denying an adversary's ability to do the same. See also **information operations.** (JP 3-13)

information system — The entire infrastructure, organization, personnel, and components for the collection, processing, storage, transmission, display, dissemination, and disposition of information. See also **information; information operations.** (JP 3-13)

infrared imagery — That imagery produced as a result of sensing electromagnetic radiations emitted or reflected from a given target surface in the infrared position of the electromagnetic spectrum (approximately 0.72 to 1,000 microns).

infrared linescan system — (*) A passive airborne infrared recording system which scans across the ground beneath the flight path, adding successive lines to the record as the vehicle advances along the flight path.

infrared pointer — A low power laser device operating in the near infrared light spectrum that is visible with light amplifying night vision devices. Also called **IR pointer.** (JP 3-09.3)

infrastructure — All building and permanent installations necessary for the support, redeployment, and military forces operations (e.g., barracks, headquarters, airfields, communications, facilities, stores, port installations, and maintenance stations). See also **bilateral infrastructure; common infrastructure; national infrastructure.** (JP 3-35)

initial assessment — An assessment that provides a basic determination of the viability of the infiltration and exfiltration portion of a proposed special operations forces mission. Also called **IA.** (JP 3-05.1)

initial contact report — See **contact report.**

initial draft plan — (*) A plan which has been drafted and coordinated by the originating headquarters, and is ready for external coordination with other military headquarters. It cannot be directly implemented by the issuing commander, but it may form the basis for an operation order issued by the commander in the event of an emergency. See also **coordinated draft plan; draft plan; final plan; operation plan.**

initial operational capability — The first attainment of the capability to employ effectively a weapon, item of equipment, or system of approved specific characteristics that is manned or operated by an adequately trained, equipped, and supported military unit or force. Also called **IOC.**

initial path sweeping — (*) In naval mine warfare, initial sweeping to clear a path through a mined area dangerous to the following mine sweepers. See also **precursor sweeping.**

initial point — 1. The first point at which a moving target is located on a plotting board. 2. A well-defined point, easily distinguishable visually and/or electronically, used as a starting point for the bomb run to the target. 3. **airborne** — A point close to the landing area where serials (troop carrier air formations) make final alterations in course to pass over individual drop or landing zones. 4. **helicopter** — An air control point in the vicinity of the landing zone from which individual flights of helicopters are directed to their prescribed landing sites. 5. Any designated place at which a column or element thereof is formed by the successive arrival of its various subdivisions, and comes under the control of the commander ordering the move. Also called **IP.** See also **target approach point.**

initial programmed interpretation report — (*) A standardized imagery interpretation report providing information on programmed mission objectives or other vital intelligence information which can be readily identified near these objectives, and which has not been reported elsewhere. Also called **IPIR.**

initial provisioning — The process of determining the range and quantity of items (i.e., spares and repair parts, special tools, test equipment, and support equipment) required to support and maintain an item for an initial period of service. Its phases include the identification of items of supply, the establishment of data for catalog, technical manual, and allowance list preparation, and the preparation of instructions to assure delivery of necessary support items with related end articles.

initial radiation — The radiation, essentially neutrons and gamma rays, resulting from a nuclear burst and emitted from the fireball within one minute after burst. See also **induced radiation; residual radiation.** (JP 3-11)

initial reception point — In personnel recovery, a secure area or facility under friendly control where initial reception of recovered isolated personnel can safely take place. This point is ideally associated with a medical treatment facility, can safeguard recovered isolated personnel for up to 48 hours, and is where the reintegration process begins. (JP 3-50)

initial response force — The first unit, usually military police, on the scene of a terrorist incident. See also **antiterrorism.** (JP 3-07.2)

initial unloading period — In amphibious operations, that part of the ship-to-shore movement in which unloading is primarily tactical in character and must be instantly responsive to landing force requirements. All elements intended to land during this period are serialized. See also **general unloading period.** (JP 3-02)

initiating directive — An order to a subordinate commander to conduct military operations as directed. It is issued by the unified commander, subunified commander, Service component commander, or joint force commander delegated overall responsibility for the operation. (JP 3-18)

injury — A term comprising such conditions as fractures, wounds, sprains, strains, dislocations, concussions, and compressions. In addition, it includes conditions resulting from extremes of temperature or prolonged exposure. Acute poisonings (except those due to contaminated food) resulting from exposure to a toxic or poisonous substance are also classed as injuries. See also **casualty; wounded.**

inland petroleum distribution system —A multi-product system consisting of both commercially available and military standard petroleum equipment that can be assembled by military personnel and, when assembled into an integrated petroleum distribution system, provides the military with the capability required to support an operational force with bulk fuels. The inland petroleum distribution system is comprised of three primary subsystems: tactical petroleum terminal, pipeline segments, and pump stations. Engineer units install the pipeline and construct the pump stations; Quartermaster units install the theater petroleum terminal and operate the total system when it is completed. Also called **IPDS.** (JP 4-03)

inland search and rescue region — The inland areas of the continental United States, except waters under the jurisdiction of the United States. See also **search and rescue region.**

inner transport area — In amphibious operations, an area as close to the landing beach as depth of water, navigational hazards, boat traffic, and enemy action permit, to which transports may move to expedite unloading. See also **outer transport area; transport area.** (JP 3-02)

innocent passage — The right of all ships to engage in continuous and expeditious surface passage through the territorial sea and archipelagic waters of foreign coastal states in a manner not prejudicial to its peace, good order, or security. Passage includes stopping and anchoring, but only if incidental to ordinary navigation or necessary by force majeure or distress, or for the purpose of rendering assistance to persons, ships, or aircraft in danger or distress.

in-place force — 1. A North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)-assigned force that, in peacetime, is principally stationed in the designated combat zone of the NATO command to which it is committed. 2. Force within a combatant commander's area of responsibility and under the combatant commander's combatant command (command authority).

inshore patrol — (*) A naval defense patrol operating generally within a naval defense coastal area and comprising all elements of harbor defenses, the coastal lookout system, patrol craft supporting bases, aircraft, and Coast Guard stations.

inspection — In arms control, physical process of determining compliance with arms control measures.

installation — A grouping of facilities, located in the same vicinity, which support particular functions. Installations may be elements of a base. See also **base; base complex.**

installation commander — The individual responsible for all operations performed by an installation. See also **antiterrorism; base commander; installation.** (JP 3-07.2)

instructional mine — (*) An inert mine used for instruction and normally sectionalized for this purpose. See also **inert mine.**

instrument approach procedure — A series of predetermined maneuvers for the orderly transfer of an aircraft under instrument flight conditions from the beginning of the initial approach to a landing or to a point from which a landing may be made visually or the missed approach procedure is initiated. (JP 3-04)

instrument meteorological conditions — Meteorological conditions expressed in terms of visibility, distance from cloud, and ceiling; less than minimums specified for visual meteorological conditions. Also called **IMC.** See also **visual meteorological conditions.** (JP 3-04)

instruments of national power — All of the means available to the government in its pursuit of national objectives. They are expressed as diplomatic, economic, informational and military. (JP 1)

in support — (*) An expression used to denote the task of providing artillery supporting fire to a formation or unit. Liaison and observation are not normally provided. See also **at priority call; direct support.**

in support of — Assisting or protecting another formation, unit, or organization while remaining under original control. (JP 1)

insurgency — The organized use of subversion and violence by a group or movement that seeks to overthrow or force change of a governing authority. Insurgency can also refer to the group itself. (JP 3-24)

Integrated Consumable Item Support — A decision support system that takes time-phased force and deployment data (i.e., Department of Defense deployment plans) and calculates the ability of the Defense Logistics Agency, the warehousing unit of the Department of Defense, to support those plans. Integrated Consumable Item Support can calculate for the planned deployment supply/demand curves for over two million individual items stocked by the Defense Logistics Agency in support of deployment. Integrated Consumable Item Support allows planners to identify critical end items and anticipated shortfalls in the Defense Logistics Agency inventories. Integrated Consumable Item Support provides materiel readiness information for Defense Logistics Agency managed items to Defense Logistics Agency management, to all Services, and to the Joint Staff, to be used as a piece of the larger wartime logistic picture, which ultimately is used to assess total readiness and sustainability for deliberately planned contingencies. The goals and objectives of Integrated Consumable Item Support are to know the "war stoppers," know the weapons systems affected, and know when the Defense Logistics Agency will run out of stock. Also called **ICIS.** (JP 4-03)

integrated logistic support — A composite of all the support considerations necessary to assure the effective and economical support of a system for its life cycle. It is an integral part of all other aspects of system acquisition and operation. Also called **ILS.**

integrated materiel management — The exercise of total Department of Defense-level management responsibility for a federal supply group or class, commodity, or item for a single agency. It normally includes computation of requirements, funding, budgeting, storing, issuing, cataloging, standardizing, and procuring functions. Also called **IMM.** See also **materiel; materiel management.** (JP 4-07)

integrated planning — In amphibious operations, the planning accomplished by commanders and staffs of corresponding echelons from parallel chains of command within the amphibious task force. See also **amphibious operation; amphibious task force.** (JP 3-02)

integrated priority list — A list of a combatant commander's highest priority requirements, prioritized across Service and functional lines, defining shortfalls in key programs that, in the judgment of the combatant commander, adversely affect the capability of the combatant commander's forces to accomplish their assigned mission. The integrated priority list provides the combatant commander's recommendations for programming funds in the planning, programming, and budgeting system process. Also called **IPL.**

integrated staff — (*) A staff in which one officer only is appointed to each post on the establishment of the headquarters, irrespective of nationality and Service. See also **multinational staff; joint staff; parallel staff; staff.**

integration — 1. In force protection, the synchronized transfer of units into an operational commander's force prior to mission execution. 2. The arrangement of military forces and their actions to create a force that operates by engaging as a whole. 3. In photography, a process by which the average radar picture seen on several scans of the time base may be obtained on a print, or the process by which several photographic images are combined into a single image. See also **force protection.** (JP 1)

intelligence — The product resulting from the collection, processing, integration, evaluation, analysis, and interpretation of available information concerning foreign nations, hostile or potentially hostile forces or elements, or areas of actual or potential operations. The term is also applied to the activity which results in the product and to the organizations engaged in such activity. See also **acoustic intelligence; all-source intelligence; basic intelligence; combat intelligence; communications intelligence; critical intelligence; current intelligence; departmental intelligence; domestic intelligence; electronic intelligence; electro-optical intelligence; foreign intelligence; foreign instrumentation signals intelligence; general military intelligence; human resources intelligence; imagery intelligence; joint intelligence; laser intelligence; measurement and signature intelligence; medical intelligence; military intelligence; national intelligence; nuclear intelligence; open-source intelligence; operational intelligence; political intelligence; radar intelligence; scientific and technical intelligence; security intelligence; strategic intelligence; tactical intelligence; target intelligence; technical intelligence; technical operational intelligence; terrain intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

intelligence annex — A supporting document of an operation plan or order that provides detailed information on the enemy situation, assignment of intelligence tasks, and intelligence administrative procedures.

intelligence collection plan — A plan for gathering information from all available sources to meet an intelligence requirement. Specifically, a logical plan for transforming the essential elements of information into orders or requests to sources within a required time limit. See also **intelligence process.**

intelligence community — All departments or agencies of a government that are concerned with intelligence activity, either in an oversight, managerial, support, or participatory role. Also called **IC.** (JP 2-01.2)

intelligence contingency funds — Appropriated funds to be used for intelligence activities when the use of other funds is not applicable or would either jeopardize or impede the mission of the intelligence unit.

intelligence database — The sum of holdings of intelligence data and finished intelligence products at a given organization.

intelligence data handling systems — Information systems that process and manipulate raw information and intelligence data as required. They are characterized by the application of general purpose computers, peripheral equipment, and automated storage and retrieval equipment for documents and photographs. While automation is a distinguishing characteristic of intelligence data handling systems, individual system components may be either automated or manually operated. Also called **IDHS.**

intelligence discipline — A well defined area of intelligence planning, collection, processing, exploitation, analysis, and reporting using a specific category of technical or human resources. There are seven major disciplines: human intelligence, geospatial intelligence, measurement and signature intelligence, signals intelligence, open-source intelligence, technical intelligence, and counterintelligence. See also **counterintelligence; human intelligence; imagery intelligence; intelligence; measurement and signature intelligence; open-source intelligence; signals intelligence; technical intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

intelligence estimate — The appraisal, expressed in writing or orally, of available intelligence relating to a specific situation or condition with a view to determining the courses of action open to the enemy or adversary and the order of probability of their adoption. (JP 2-0)

intelligence federation — A formal agreement in which a combatant command joint intelligence center receives preplanned intelligence support from other joint intelligence centers, Service intelligence organizations, Reserve organizations, and national agencies during crisis or contingency operations. (JP 2-01)

intelligence gathering — Collection of intelligence on other units or forces by own units or forces.

intelligence information report — The primary vehicle used to provide human intelligence information to the consumer. It utilizes a message format structure that supports automated data entry into intelligence community databases. Also called **IIR.** (JP 2-01.2)

intelligence interrogation — The systematic process of using approved interrogation approaches to question a captured or detained person to obtain reliable information to satisfy intelligence requirements, consistent with applicable law. (JP 2-01.2)

intelligence journal — A chronological log of intelligence activities covering a stated period, usually 24 hours. It is an index of reports and messages that have been received and transmitted, important events that have occurred, and actions taken. The journal is a permanent and official record.

intelligence operations — The variety of intelligence and counterintelligence tasks that are carried out by various intelligence organizations and activities within the intelligence process. Intelligence operations include planning and direction, collection, processing and exploitation, analysis and production, dissemination and integration, and evaluation and feedback. See also **analysis and production; collection; dissemination and integration; evaluation and feedback; planning and direction; processing and exploitation.** (JP 2-01)

intelligence preparation of the battlespace — The analytical methodologies employed by the Services or joint force component commands to reduce uncertainties concerning the enemy, environment, time, and terrain. Intelligence preparation of the battlespace supports the individual operations of the joint force component commands. Also called **IPB.** See also **joint intelligence preparation of the operational environment.** (JP 2-01.3)

intelligence process — The process by which information is converted into intelligence and made available to users. The process consists of six interrelated intelligence operations: planning and direction, collection, processing and exploitation, analysis and production, dissemination and integration, and evaluation and feedback. See also **analysis and production; collection; dissemination and integration; evaluation and feedback; intelligence; planning and direction; processing and exploitation.** (JP 2-01)

intelligence-related activities — Those activities outside the consolidated defense intelligence program that: respond to operational commanders' tasking for time-sensitive information on foreign entities; respond to national intelligence community tasking of systems whose primary mission is support to operating forces; train personnel for intelligence duties; provide an intelligence reserve; or are devoted to research and development of intelligence or related capabilities. (Specifically excluded are programs that are so closely integrated with a weapon system that their primary function is to provide immediate-use targeting data.) (JP 2-01)

intelligence report — A specific report of information, usually on a single item, made at any level of command in tactical operations and disseminated as rapidly as possible in keeping with the timeliness of the information. Also called **INTREP.**

intelligence reporting — The preparation and conveyance of information by any means. More commonly, the term is restricted to reports as they are prepared by the collector and as they are transmitted by the collector to the latter's headquarters and by this component of the intelligence structure to one or more intelligence-producing components. Thus, even in this limited sense, reporting embraces both collection and dissemination. The term is applied to normal and specialist intelligence reports.

intelligence requirement — 1. Any subject, general or specific, upon which there is a need for the collection of information, or the production of intelligence. 2. A requirement for intelligence to fill a gap in the command's knowledge or understanding of the operational environment or threat forces. See also **intelligence; priority intelligence requirement.** (JP 2-0)

intelligence source — The means or system that can be used to observe and record information relating to the condition, situation, or activities of a targeted location, organization, or individual. An intelligence source can be people, documents, equipment, or technical sensors. See also **intelligence; source.** (JP 2-0)

intelligence subject code — A system of subject and area references to index the information contained in intelligence reports as required by a general intelligence document reference service.

intelligence summary — A specific report providing a summary of items of intelligence at frequent intervals. Also called **INTSUM.** See also **intelligence.**

intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance — An activity that synchronizes and integrates the planning and operation of sensors, assets, and processing, exploitation, and dissemination systems in direct support of current and future operations. This is an integrated intelligence and operations function. Also called **ISR.** See also **intelligence; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance visualization; reconnaissance; surveillance.** (JP 2-01)

intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance visualization — The capability to graphically display the current and future locations of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance sensors, their projected platform tracks, vulnerability to threat capabilities and meteorological and oceanographic phenomena, fields of regard, tasked collection targets, and products to provide a basis for dynamic re-tasking and time-sensitive decision making. Also called **ISR visualization.** See also **intelligence; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; reconnaissance; surveillance.** (JP 2-01)

intelligence system — Any formal or informal system to manage data gathering, to obtain and process the data, to interpret the data, and to provide reasoned judgments to decision makers as a basis for action. The term is not limited to intelligence organizations or services but includes any system, in all its parts, that accomplishes the listed tasks. (JP 2-01)

intensity factor — (*) A multiplying factor used in planning activities to evaluate the foreseeable intensity or the specific nature of an operation in a given area for a given period of time. It is applied to the standard day of supply in order to calculate the combat day of supply.

intensity mine circuit — (*) A circuit whose actuation is dependent on the field strength reaching a level differing by some pre-set minimum from that experienced by the mine when no ships are in the vicinity.

intensive management — The continuous process by which the supported and supporting commanders, the Services, transportation component commands, and appropriate Defense agencies ensure that movement data in the Joint Operation Planning and Execution System time-phased force and deployment data for the initial days of deployment and/or mobilization are current to support immediate execution.

intention — An aim or design (as distinct from capability) to execute a specified course of action. (JP 2-01)

interagency — United States Government agencies and departments, including the Department of Defense. See also **interagency coordination**. (JP 3-08)

interagency coordination — Within the context of Department of Defense involvement, the coordination that occurs between elements of Department of Defense, and engaged US Government agencies for the purpose of achieving an objective. (JP 3-0)

interceptor — (*) A manned aircraft utilized for identification and/or engagement of airborne objects.

intercept point — (*) The point to which an airborne vehicle is vectored or guided to complete an interception.

intercept receiver — (*) A receiver designed to detect and provide visual and/or aural indication of electromagnetic emissions occurring within the particular portion of the electromagnetic spectrum to which it is tuned.

inter-chart relationship diagram — (*) A diagram on a map or chart showing names and/or numbers of adjacent sheets in the same (or related) series. Also called **index to adjoining sheets.** See also **map index.**

intercount dormant period — (*) In naval mine warfare, the period after the actuation of a ship counter before it is ready to receive another actuation.

interdepartmental or agency support — Provision of logistic and/or administrative support in services or materiel by one or more Military Services to one or more departments or agencies of the United States Government (other than military) with or without reimbursement. See also **international logistic support; inter-Service support; support.**

interdepartmental intelligence — Integrated departmental intelligence that is required by departments and agencies of the United States Government for the execution of their missions but which transcends the exclusive competence of a single department or agency to produce.

interdiction — 1. An action to divert, disrupt, delay, or destroy the enemy's military surface capability before it can be used effectively against friendly forces, or to otherwise achieve objectives. 2. In support of law enforcement, activities conducted to divert, disrupt, delay, intercept, board, detain, or destroy, as appropriate, vessels, vehicles, aircraft, people, and cargo. See also **air interdiction.** (JP 3-03)

intergovernmental organization — An organization created by a formal agreement (e.g., a treaty) between two or more governments. It may be established on a global, regional, or functional basis for wide-ranging or narrowly defined purposes. Formed to protect and promote national interests shared by member states. Examples include the United Nations, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the African Union. Also called **IGO.** (JP 3-08)

inter-look dormant period — (*) In mine warfare, the time interval after each look in a multi-look mine, during which the firing mechanism will not register.

intermediate approach — (*) That part of an instrument approach procedure in which aircraft configuration, speed, and positioning adjustments are made. It blends the initial approach segment into the final approach segment. It begins at the intermediate fix or point and ends at the final approach fix or point.

intermediate maintenance (field) — Maintenance that is the responsibility of and performed by designated maintenance activities for direct support of using organizations. Its phases normally consist of: a. calibration, repair, or replacement of damaged or unserviceable parts, components, or assemblies; b. the emergency manufacture of nonavailable parts; and c. providing technical assistance to using organizations.

intermediate marker (land mine warfare) — (*) A marker, natural, artificial or specially installed, which is used as a point of reference between the landmark and the minefield.

intermediate objective — (*) In land warfare, an area or feature between the line of departure and an objective which must be seized and/or held.

intermediate staging base — A tailorable, temporary location used for staging forces, sustainment and/or extraction into and out of an operational area. Also called **ISB.** See also **base; staging base.** (JP 3-35)

intermittent arming device — (*) A device included in a mine so that it will be armed only at set times.

intermittent illumination — (*) A type of fire in which illuminating projectiles are fired at irregular intervals.

intermodal — Type of international freight system that permits transshipping among sea, highway, rail, and air modes of transportation through use of American National Standards Institute and International Organization for Standardization containers, line-haul assets, and handling equipment. See also **International Organization for Standardization.** (JP 4-09)

intermodal systems — Specialized transportation facilities, assets, and handling procedures designed to create a seamless transportation system by combining multimodal operations and facilities during the shipment of cargo. See also **intermodal; transportation system.** (JP 4-01)

internal audience — US military members and Department of Defense civilian employees and their immediate families. See also **external audience.** (JP 3-61)

internal defense and development — The full range of measures taken by a nation to promote its growth and to protect itself from subversion, lawlessness, insurgency, terrorism, and other threats to its security. Also called **IDAD.** See also **foreign internal defense.** (JP 3-22)

internal information — See **command information.**

internally displaced person — Any person who has been forced or obliged to flee or to leave their home or places of habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural or human-made disasters, and who have not crossed an internationally recognized state border. (JP 3-29)

internal radiation — (*) Nuclear radiation (alpha and beta particles and gamma radiation) resulting from radioactive substances in the body.

internal security — The state of law and order prevailing within a nation.

internal waters — All waters, other than lawfully claimed archipelagic waters, landward of the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured. Archipelagic states may also delimit internal waters consistent with the 1982 convention on the law of the sea. All states have complete sovereignty over their internal waters.

international call sign — (*) A call sign assigned in accordance with the provisions of the International Telecommunications Union to identify a radio station. The nationality of the radio station is identified by the first or the first two characters. (When used in visual signaling, international call signs are referred to as "signal letters.") See also **call sign.**

International Convention for Safe Containers — A convention held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 2 Dec 1972, which resulted in setting standard safety requirements for containers moving in international transport. These requirements were ratified by the United States on 3 January 1978. Also called **CSC.** (JP 4-09)

international cooperative logistics — (*) Cooperation and mutual support in the field of logistics through the coordination of policies, plans, procedures, development activities, and the common supply and exchange of goods and services arranged on the basis of bilateral and multilateral agreements with appropriate cost reimbursement provisions.

international date line — (*) The line coinciding approximately with the anti-meridian of Greenwich, modified to avoid certain habitable land. In crossing this line there is a date change of one day. Also called **date line.**

international identification code — (*) In railway terminology, a code which identifies a military train from point of origin to final destination. The code consists of a series of figures, letters, or symbols indicating the priority, country of origin, day of departure, national identification code number, and country of destination of the train.

international loading gauge (GIC) — (*) The loading gauge upon which international railway agreements are based. A load whose dimensions fall within the limits of this gauge may move without restriction on most of the railways of Continental Western Europe. GIC is an abbreviation for "*gabarit international de chargement*," formerly called PPI.

international logistics — The negotiating, planning, and implementation of supporting logistic arrangements between nations, their forces, and agencies. It includes furnishing logistic support (major end items, materiel, and/or services) to, or receiving logistic support from, one or more friendly foreign governments, international organizations, or military forces, with or without reimbursement. It also includes planning and actions related to the intermeshing of a significant element, activity, or component of the military logistic systems or procedures of the United States with those of one or more foreign governments, international organizations, or military forces on a temporary or permanent basis. It includes planning and actions related to the utilization of United States logistic policies, systems, and/or procedures to meet

requirements of one or more foreign governments, international organizations, or forces.

international logistic support — The provision of military logistic support by one participating nation to one or more participating nations, either with or without reimbursement. See also **interdepartmental or agency support; inter-Service support; support.**

international military education and training — Formal or informal instruction provided to foreign military students, units, and forces on a nonreimbursable (grant) basis by offices or employees of the United States, contract technicians, and contractors. Instruction may include correspondence courses; technical, educational, or informational publications; and media of all kinds. Also called **IMET.** See also **United States Military Service funded foreign training.**

international narcotics activities — Those activities outside the United States which produce, transfer, or sell narcotics or other substances controlled in accordance with Title 21, "Food and Drugs" — United States Code, sections 811 and 812. (JP 3-07.4)

International Organization for Standardization — A worldwide federation of national standards bodies from some 100 countries, one from each country. The International Organization for Standardization is a nongovernmental organization, established to promote the development of standardization and related activities in the world with a view to facilitating the international exchange of goods and services, and to developing cooperation in the spheres of intellectual, scientific, technological, and economic activity. Also called **ISO.** (JP 4-09)

interned — See **missing.**

interoperability — 1. The ability to operate in synergy in the execution of assigned tasks. (JP 3-0) 2. The condition achieved among communications-electronics systems or items of communications-electronics equipment when information or services can be exchanged directly and satisfactorily between them and/or their users. The degree of interoperability should be defined when referring to specific cases. (JP 6-0)

interpretability — (*) Suitability of imagery for interpretation with respect to answering adequately requirements on a given type of target in terms of quality and scale. a. **poor** — Imagery is unsuitable for interpretation to answer adequately requirements on a given type of target. b. **fair** — Imagery is suitable for interpretation to answer requirements on a given type of target but with only average detail. c. **good** — Imagery is suitable for interpretation to answer requirements on a given type of target in considerable detail. d. **excellent** — Imagery is suitable for interpretation to answer requirements on a given type of target in complete detail.

interpretation — A part of the analysis and production phase in the intelligence process in which the significance of information is judged in relation to the current body of knowledge. See also **intelligence process.** (JP 2-01)

interrogation (intelligence) — Systematic effort to procure information by direct questioning of a person under the control of the questioner.

inter-Service, intragovernmental agreements — Formal long-term or operational specific support agreements between Services, Department of Defense (DOD), and/or non-DOD agencies governed by DOD Instruction 4000.19, *Interservice and Intragovernmental Support.* These agreements, normally developed at the Service Secretariat and governmental agency director level, document funding and reimbursement procedures as well as standards of support between the supplying and receiving Service or agencies. Inter-Service, intragovernmental agreements, while binding Service level agreements, do not connote DOD-level executive agent responsibilities. See also **inter-Service support.** (JP 4-07)

inter-Service support — Action by one Military Service or element thereof to provide logistic and/or administrative support to another Military Service or element thereof. Such action can be recurring or nonrecurring in character on an installation, area, or worldwide basis. See also **interdepartmental or agency support; international logistic support; support.** (JP 4-0)

inter-Service training — Military training provided by one Service to members of another Service. See also **military education; military training.**

intertheater — Between theaters or between the continental United States and theaters. See also **intertheater traffic**. (JP 3-17)

intertheater airlift — The common-user airlift linking theaters to the continental United States and to other theaters as well as the airlift within the continental United States. The majority of these air mobility assets is assigned to the Commander, United States Transportation Command. Because of the intertheater ranges usually involved, intertheater airlift is normally conducted by the heavy, longer range, intercontinental airlift assets but may be augmented with shorter range aircraft when required. Formerly referred to as "strategic airlift." See also **intratheater airlift.** (JP 3-17)

intertheater patient movement — Moving patients between, into, and out of the different theaters of the geographic combatant commands and into the continental United States or another supporting theater. See also **en route care; evacuation; intratheater patient movement; patient.** (JP 4-02)

intertheater traffic — Traffic between theaters exclusive of that between the continental United States and theaters.

interval — (*) 1. The space between adjacent groups of ships or boats measured in any direction between the corresponding ships or boats in each group. 2. The space between adjacent individuals, ground vehicles, or units in a formation that are placed side by side, measured abreast. 3. The space between adjacent aircraft measured from front to rear in units of time or distance. 4. The time lapse between photographic exposures. 5. At battery right or left, an interval ordered in seconds is the time between one gun firing and the next gun firing. Five seconds is the standard interval. 6. At rounds of fire for effect the interval is the time in seconds between successive rounds from each gun.

intervention — Action taken to divert a unit or force from its track, flight path, or mission.

interview (intelligence) — To gather information from a person who is aware that information is being given although there is ignorance of the true connection and purposes of the interviewer. Generally overt unless the collector is other than purported to be.

intracoastal sealift — Shipping used primarily for the carriage of personnel and/or cargo along a coast or into river ports to support operations within a given area.

intransit aeromedical evacuation facility — A medical facility, on or in the vicinity of an air base, that provides limited medical care for intransit patients awaiting air transportation. This type of medical facility is provided to obtain effective utilization of transport airlift within operating schedules. It includes "remain overnight" facilities, intransit facilities at aerial ports of embarkation and debarkation, and casualty staging facilities in an overseas combat area. See also **aeromedical evacuation unit.** (JP 4-02)

in-transit visibility — The ability to track the identity, status, and location of Department of Defense units, and non-unit cargo (excluding bulk petroleum, oils, and lubricants) and passengers; patients; and personal property from origin to consignee or destination across the range of military operations. Also called **ITV.** See also **Global Transportation Network.** (JP 4-01.2)

intratheater — Within a theater. (JP 3-17)

intratheater airlift — Airlift conducted within a theater. Assets assigned to a geographic combatant commander or attached to a subordinate joint force commander normally conduct intratheater airlift operations. Intratheater airlift provides air movement and delivery of personnel and equipment directly into objective areas through air landing, airdrop, extraction, or other delivery techniques as well as the air logistic support of all theater forces, including those engaged in combat operations, to meet specific theater objectives and requirements. During large-scale operations, US Transportation Command assets may be tasked to augment intratheater airlift operations, and may be temporarily attached to a joint force commander. Formerly referred to as theater airlift. See also **intertheater airlift.** (JP 3-17)

intratheater patient movement — Moving patients within the theater of a combatant command or in the continental United States. See also **en route care; evacuation; intertheater patient movement; patient.** (JP 4-02)

intruder — An individual, unit, or weapon system, in or near an operational or exercise area, which presents the threat of intelligence gathering or disruptive activity.

intrusion — Movement of a unit or force within another nation's specified operational area outside of territorial seas and territorial airspace for surveillance or intelligence gathering in time of peace or tension.

invasion currency — See **military currency.**

inventory control — That phase of military logistics that includes managing, cataloging, requirements determinations, procurement, distribution, overhaul, and disposal of materiel. Also called **inventory management; materiel control; materiel management; supply management.** (JP 4-09)

inventory control point — An organizational unit or activity within a Department of Defense supply system that is assigned the primary responsibility for the materiel management of a group of items either for a particular Service or for the Defense Department as a whole. Materiel inventory management includes cataloging direction, requirements computation, procurement direction, distribution management, disposal direction and, generally, rebuild direction. Also called **ICP.** (JP 4-09)

inventory management — See **inventory control.**

inventory managers — See **inventory control point.**

ionizing radiation — Particulate (alpha, beta, and neutron) and electromagnetic (X-ray and gamma) radiation of sufficient energy to displace electrons from atoms, producing ions. (JP 3-11)

ionosphere — That part of the atmosphere, extending from about 70 to 500 kilometers, in which ions and free electrons exist in sufficient quantities to reflect electromagnetic waves.

IR pointer — See **infrared pointer.** (JP 3-09.3)

irregular forces — Armed individuals or groups who are not members of the regular armed forces, police, or other internal security forces. (JP 3-24)

irregular outer edge — (*) In land mine warfare, short mine rows or strips laid in an irregular manner in front of a minefield facing the enemy to deceive the enemy as to the

type or extent of the minefield. Generally, the irregular outer edge will only be used in minefields with buried mines.

irregular warfare — A violent struggle among state and non-state actors for legitimacy and influence over the relevant population(s). Irregular warfare favors indirect and asymmetric approaches, though it may employ the full range of military and other capacities, in order to erode an adversary's power, influence, and will. Also called **IW.** (JP 1)

isodose rate line — See **dose rate contour line.**

isolated personnel — US military, Department of Defense civilians and contractor personnel (and others designated by the President or Secretary of Defense) who are separated from their unit (as an individual or a group) while participating in a US sponsored military activity or mission and are, or may be, in a situation where they must survive, evade, resist, or escape. See also **combat search and rescue; search and rescue.** (JP 3-50)

isolated personnel report — A Department of Defense Form (DD 1833) containing information designed to facilitate the identification and authentication of an isolated person by a recovery force. Also called **ISOPREP.** See also **authentication; evader; recovery force.** (JP 3-50)

issue control group — A detachment that operates the staging area, consisting of holding areas and loading areas, in an operation. See also **staging area.** (JP 4-01.6)

item manager — An individual within the organization of an inventory control point or other such organization assigned management responsibility for one or more specific items of materiel. (JP 4-09)

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J-2X — The staff element of the intelligence directorate of a joint staff that combines and represents the principal authority for counterintelligence and human intelligence support. See also **counterintelligence; human intelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

jamming — See **barrage jamming; electronic attack; electromagnetic jamming; selective jamming; spot jamming.**

jettisoned mines — (*) Mines which are laid as quickly as possible in order to empty the minelayer of mines, without regard to their condition or relative positions.

joiner — (*) An independent merchant ship sailed to join a convoy. See also **joiner convoy; joiner section.**

joiner convoy — (*) A convoy sailed to join the main convoy. See also **joiner; joiner section.**

joiner section — (*) A joiner or joiner convoy, after rendezvous, and while maneuvering to integrate with the main convoy.

joint — Connotes activities, operations, organizations, etc., in which elements of two or more Military Departments participate. (JP 1)

joint acquisition review board — A joint task force or subunified commander established board used to review and make recommendations for controlling critical common-user logistic supplies and services within the joint operational area and to recommend the proper sources of support for approved support requirements. Also called **JARB.** See also **combatant commander logistic procurement support board; joint contracting support board.** (JP 4-10)

joint after action report — A report consisting of summary joint universal lessons learned. It describes a real world operation or training exercise and identifies significant lessons learned. Also called **JAAR.**

joint air attack team — A combination of attack and/or scout rotary-wing aircraft and fixed-wing close air support aircraft operating together to locate and attack high-priority targets and other targets of opportunity. The joint air attack team normally operates as a coordinated effort supported by fire support, air defense artillery, naval surface fire support, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance systems, electronic warfare systems, and ground maneuver forces against enemy forces. Joint terminal attack controllers may perform duties as directed by the air mission commander in support of the ground commander's scheme of maneuver. Also called **JAAT.** See also **close air support.** (JP 3-09.3)

joint air component coordination element — A general term for the liaison element that serves as the direct representative of the joint force air component commander for joint air operations. Also called **JACCE.** (JP 3-30)

joint air operations — Air operations performed with air capabilities/forces made available by components in support of the joint force commander's operation or campaign objectives, or in support of other components of the joint force. (JP 3-30)

joint air operations center — A jointly staffed facility established for planning, directing, and executing joint air operations in support of the joint force commander's operation or campaign objectives. Also called **JAOC.** See also **joint air operations.** (JP 3-30)

joint air operations plan — A plan for a connected series of joint air operations to achieve the joint force commander's objectives within a given time and joint operational area. Also called **JAOP.** See also **joint air operations.** (JP 3-30)

joint base — For purposes of base defense operations, a joint base is a locality from which operations of two or more of the Military Departments are projected or supported and which is manned by significant elements of two or more Military Departments or in which significant elements of two or more Military Departments are located. See also **base.** (JP 3-10)

joint captured materiel exploitation center — A physical location for deriving intelligence information from captured enemy materiel. It is normally subordinate to the joint force/J-2. Also called **JCMEC.** (JP 2-01)

joint civil-military operations task force — A joint task force composed of civil-military operations units from more than one Service. It provides support to the joint force commander in humanitarian or nation assistance operations, theater campaigns, or civil-military operations concurrent with or subsequent to regional conflict. It can organize military interaction among many governmental and nongovernmental humanitarian agencies within the theater. Also called **JCMOTF.** See also **civil-military operations; joint task force; task force.** (JP 3-05.1)

joint combined exchange training — A program conducted overseas to fulfill US forces training requirements and at the same time exchange the sharing of skills between US forces and host nation counterparts. Training activities are designed to improve US and host nation capabilities. Also called **JCET.** (JP 3-05)

joint communications network — The aggregation of all the joint communications systems in a theater. The joint communications network includes the joint multi-channel trunking and switching system and the joint command and control communications system(s). Also called **JCN.** (JP 6-0)

joint concept — Links strategic guidance to the development and employment of future joint force capabilities and serve as "engines for transformation" that may ultimately

lead to doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership and education, personnel and facilities (DOTMLPF) and policy changes. (CJCSI 3010.02)

joint contracting support board — A joint task force or subunified commander established board to coordinate all contracting support and to determine specific contracting mechanisms to obtain commercially procured common logistic supplies and services within the joint operational area. Also called **JCSB.** See also **combatant commander logistic procurement support board; joint acquisition review board.** (JP 4-10)

joint deployable intelligence support system — A transportable workstation and communications suite that electronically extends a joint intelligence center to a joint task force or other tactical user. Also called **JDISS.** (JP 2-0)

Joint Deployment and Distribution Enterprise — The complex of equipment, procedures, doctrine, leaders, technical connectivity, information, shared knowledge, organizations, facilities, training, and materiel necessary to conduct joint distribution operations. Also called **JDDE.** (DODI 5851.06)

joint deployment and distribution operations center — A combatant command movement control organization designed to synchronize and optimize national and theater multimodal resources for deployment, distribution, and sustainment, Also called **JDDOC.** (JP 4-09)

joint desired point of impact — A unique, alpha-numeric coded aimpoint identified by a three dimensional (latitude, longitude, elevation) mensurated point. It represents a weapon or capabilities desired point of impact or penetration and is used as the standard for identifying aimpoints. Also called a **JDPI.** See also **aimpoint; desired point of impact; desired mean point of impact.** (JP 3-60)

joint distribution — The operational process of synchronizing all elements of the joint logistic system using the Joint Deployment and Distribution Enterprise for end-to-end movement of forces and materiel from point of origin to the designated point of need. (JP 4-09)

joint doctrine — Fundamental principles that guide the employment of US military forces in coordinated action toward a common objective. Joint doctrine contained in joint publications also includes terms, tactics, techniques, and procedures. It is authoritative but requires judgment in application. See also **Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff instruction; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff manual; doctrine; joint publication; joint test publication; multinational doctrine.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

joint doctrine development community — The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Services, the combatant commands, the Joint Staff, the combat support agencies, and the doctrine development agencies of the Services and the joint community. Also called **JDDC**. (CJCSI 5120.02)

Joint Doctrine Development System — The system of lead agents, Joint Staff doctrine sponsors, primary review authorities, coordinating review authorities, technical review authorities, assessment agents, evaluation agents, Joint Doctrine Planning Conference, procedures, and hierarchical framework designed to initiate, develop, approve, and maintain joint publications. Also called **JDDS**. (CJCSI 5120.02)

Joint Doctrine Planning Conference — A forum that meets semiannually to address and vote on project proposals; discuss key joint doctrinal and operational issues; discuss potential changes to the joint doctrine development process; keep up to date on the status of the joint publication projects and emerging publications; and keep abreast of other initiatives of interest to the members. The Joint Doctrine Planning Conference provides recommendations that are approved by the Joint Staff/J-7, in the name of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Also called **JDPC.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

joint document exploitation center — A physical location for deriving intelligence information from captured adversary documents including all forms of electronic data and other forms of stored textual and graphic information. It is normally subordinate to the joint force/J-2. Also called **JDEC.** See also **intelligence.** (JP 2-01)

joint duty assignment — An assignment to a designated position in a multi-Service, joint or multinational command or activity that is involved in the integrated employment or support of the land, sea, and air forces of at least two of the three Military Departments. Such involvement includes, but is not limited to, matters relating to national military strategy, joint doctrine and policy, strategic planning, contingency planning, and command and control of combat operations under a unified or specified command. Also called **JDA.**

Joint Duty Assignment List — Positions designated as joint duty assignments are reflected in a list approved by the Secretary of Defense and maintained by the Joint Staff. The Joint Duty Assignment List is reflected in the Joint Duty Assignment Management Information System. Also called **JDAL.**

joint engagement zone — In air defense, that airspace of defined dimensions within which multiple air defense systems (surface-to-air missiles and aircraft) are simultaneously employed to engage air threats. Also called **JEZ.** (JP 3-52)

Joint Facilities Utilization Board — A joint board that evaluates and reconciles component requests for real estate, use of existing facilities, inter-Service support, and construction to ensure compliance with Joint Civil-Military Engineering Board priorities. Also called **JFUB.** (JP 3-34)

joint field office — A temporary multiagency coordination center established at the incident site to provide a central location for coordination of federal, state, local, tribal, nongovernmental, and private-sector organizations with primary responsibility for

incident oversight, direction, and/or assistance to effectively coordinate protection, prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery actions. Also called **JFO.** (JP 3-28)

joint fires — Fires delivered during the employment of forces from two or more components in coordinated action to produce desired effects in support of a common objective. See also **fires.** (JP 3-0)

joint fires element — An optional staff element that provides recommendations to the operations directorate to accomplish fires planning and synchronization. Also called **JFE.** See also **fire support; joint fires.** (JP 3-60)

joint fires observer — A trained Service member who can request, adjust, and control surface-to-surface fires, provide targeting information in support of Type 2 and 3 close air support terminal attack control, and perform autonomous terminal guidance operations. Also called **JFO**. (JP 3-09.3)

joint fire support — Joint fires that assist air, land, maritime, and special operations forces to move, maneuver, and control territory, populations, airspace, and key waters. See also **fire support; joint fires.** (JP 3-0)

joint flow and analysis system for transportation — System that determines the transportation feasibility of a course of action or operation plan; provides daily lift assets needed to move forces and resupply; advises logistic planners of channel and port inefficiencies; and interprets shortfalls from various flow possibilities. Also called **JFAST.** See also **course of action; operation plan; system**. (JP 3-35)

joint force — A general term applied to a force composed of significant elements, assigned or attached, of two or more Military Departments operating under a single joint force commander. See also **joint force commander.** (JP 3-0)

joint force air component commander — The commander within a unified command, subordinate unified command, or joint task force responsible to the establishing commander for making recommendations on the proper employment of assigned, attached, and/or made available for tasking air forces; planning and coordinating air operations; or accomplishing such operational missions as may be assigned. The joint force air component commander is given the authority necessary to accomplish missions and tasks assigned by the establishing commander. Also called **JFACC.** See also **joint force commander.** (JP 3-0)

joint force chaplain — The military chaplain designated by the joint force commander to serve as the senior chaplain for the joint force. Also called the **JFCH.** (JP 1-05)

joint force commander — A general term applied to a combatant commander, subunified commander, or joint task force commander authorized to exercise combatant command (command authority) or operational control over a joint force. Also called **JFC.** See also **joint force.** (JP 1)

joint force land component commander — The commander within a unified command, subordinate unified command, or joint task force responsible to the establishing commander for making recommendations on the proper employment of assigned, attached, and/or made available for tasking land forces; planning and coordinating land operations; or accomplishing such operational missions as may be assigned. The joint force land component commander is given the authority necessary to accomplish missions and tasks assigned by the establishing commander. Also called **JFLCC.** See also **joint force commander.** (JP 3-0)

joint force maritime component commander — The commander within a unified command, subordinate unified command, or joint task force responsible to the establishing commander for making recommendations on the proper employment of assigned, attached, and/or made available for tasking maritime forces and assets; planning and coordinating maritime operations; or accomplishing such operational missions as may be assigned. The joint force maritime component commander is given the authority necessary to accomplish missions and tasks assigned by the establishing commander. Also called **JFMCC.** See also **joint force commander.** (JP 3-0)

joint force special operations component commander — The commander within a unified command, subordinate unified command, or joint task force responsible to the establishing commander for making recommendations on the proper employment of assigned, attached, and/or made available for tasking special operations forces and assets; planning and coordinating special operations; or accomplishing such operational missions as may be assigned. The joint force special operations component commander is given the authority necessary to accomplish missions and tasks assigned by the establishing commander. Also called **JFSOCC.** See also **joint force commander.** (JP 3-0)

joint force surgeon — A general term applied to a Department of Defense medical department officer appointed by the joint force commander to serve as the joint force special staff officer responsible for establishing, monitoring, or evaluating joint force health service support. Also called **JFS.** See also **health service support; joint force.** (JP 4-02)

joint functions — Related capabilities and activities grouped together to help joint force commanders synchronize, integrate, and direct joint operations. Functions that are common to joint operations at all levels of war fall into six basic groups — command and control, intelligence, fires, movement and maneuver, protection, and sustainment. (JP 3-0)

joint information system — Integrates incident information and public affairs into a cohesive organization designed to provide consistent, coordinated, timely information during a crisis or incident. Also called **JIS.** (JP 3-28)

joint integrated prioritized target list — A prioritized list of targets approved and maintained by the joint force commander. Targets and priorities are derived from the recommendations of components and other appropriate agencies, in conjunction with their proposed operations supporting the joint force commander's objectives and guidance. Also called **JIPTL**. See also **target.** (JP 3-60)

joint intelligence — Intelligence produced by elements of more than one Service of the same nation. (JP 2-0)

joint intelligence architecture — A dynamic, flexible structure that consists of the Defense Joint Intelligence Operations Center, combatant command joint intelligence operations centers, and subordinate joint task force intelligence operations centers or joint intelligence support elements. This architecture encompasses automated data processing equipment capabilities, communications and information requirements, and responsibilities to provide national, theater, and tactical commanders with the full range of intelligence required for planning and conducting operations. See also **architecture; intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

joint intelligence operations center — An interdependent, operational intelligence organization at the Department of Defense, combatant command, or joint task force (if established) level, that is integrated with national intelligence centers, and capable of accessing all sources of intelligence impacting military operations planning, execution, and assessment. Also called **JIOC.** (JP 2-0)

joint intelligence preparation of the operational environment — The analytical process used by joint intelligence organizations to produce intelligence estimates and other intelligence products in support of the joint force commander's decision-making process. It is a continuous process that includes defining the operational environment; describing the impact of the operational environment; evaluating the adversary; and determining adversary courses of action. Also called **JIPOE.** (JP 2-01.3)

joint intelligence support element — A subordinate joint force element whose focus is on intelligence support for joint operations, providing the joint force commander, joint staff, and components with the complete air, space, ground, and maritime adversary situation. Also called **JISE.** See also **intelligence; joint force; joint operations.** (JP 2-01)

joint interagency coordination group — An interagency staff group that establishes regular, timely, and collaborative working relationships between civilian and military operational planners. Composed of US Government civilian and military experts accredited to the combatant commander and tailored to meet the requirements of a supported joint force commander, the joint interagency coordination group provides the joint force commander with the capability to coordinate with other US Government civilian agencies and departments. Also called **JIACG.** (JP 3-08)

joint interface control officer — The senior interface control officer for multi-tactical data link networks in the joint force. Responsible for development and validation of the architecture and the joint interoperability and management of the multi-tactical data link networks. Oversees operations of a joint interface control cell. Also called **JICO.** (JP 3-01)

joint interrogation and debriefing center — Physical location for the exploitation of intelligence information from detainees and other sources. Also called **JIDC.** See also **information; intelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

joint interrogation operations — 1. Activities conducted by a joint or interagency organization to extract information for intelligence purposes from enemy prisoners of war, dislocated civilians, enemy combatants, or other uncategorized detainees. 2. Activities conducted in support of law enforcement efforts to adjudicate enemy combatants who are believed to have committed crimes against US persons or property. Also called **JIO.** See also **enemy combatant.** (JP 2-01)

joint land operations — Land operations performed across the range of military operations with land forces made available by Service components in support of the joint force commander's operation or campaign objectives, or in support of other components of the joint force. (JP 3-31)

joint land operations plan — A plan for a connected series of joint land operations to achieve the joint force commander's objectives within a given time and operational area. (JP 3-31)

joint logistics — The coordinated use, synchronization, and sharing of two or more Military Departments' logistic resources to support the joint force. See also **logistics.** (JP 4-0)

Joint Logistics Operations Center — The Joint Logistics Operations Center is the current operations division within the Logistics Directorate of the Joint Staff. It monitors crisis, exercises, and interagency actions. It also works acquisition and cross-servicing agreements as well as international logistics. The Joint Logistics Operations Center reviews deployment orders produced by the Operations Directorate of the Joint Staff for logistic issues and ensures the correct airlift priority code is assigned. Also called **JLOC.** See also **logistics.** (JP 4-01)

joint logistics over-the-shore commander — The joint logistics over-the-shore (JLOTS) commander is selected by the joint force commander (JFC) and is usually from either the Army or Navy components that are part of the JFC's task organization. This individual then builds a joint headquarters from personnel and equipment in theater to organize the efforts of all elements participating in accomplishing the JLOTS mission having either wet or dry cargo or both. JLOTS commanders will usually integrate members from each participating organization to balance the overall knowledge base in their headquarters. See also **joint logistics over-the-shore operations.** (JP 4-01.6)

joint logistics over-the-shore operations — Operations in which Navy and Army logistics over-the-shore forces conduct logistics over-the-shore operations together under a joint force commander. Also called **JLOTS operations**. See also **joint logistics; logistics over-the-shore operations.** (JP 4-01.2)

joint manpower program — The document that reflects an activity's mission, functions, organization, current and projected manpower needs and, when applicable, its required mobilization augmentation. A recommended joint manpower program also identifies and justifies any changes proposed by the commander or director of a joint activity for the next five fiscal years. Also called **JMP.**

joint meteorological and oceanographic coordination cell — A subset of a joint meteorological and oceanographic coordination organization which is delegated the responsibility of executing the coordination of meteorological and oceanographic support operations in the operational area. Also called **JMCC.** (JP 3-59)

joint meteorological and oceanographic coordination organization — A Service meteorological and oceanographic organization which is designated within the operations order as the lead organization responsible for coordinating meteorological and oceanographic operations support in the operational area. Also called **JMCO.** (JP 3-59)

joint meteorological and oceanographic officer — Officer designated to provide direct meteorological and oceanographic support to a joint force commander. Also called **JMO.** (JP 3-59)

joint mission-essential task — A mission task selected by a joint force commander deemed essential to mission accomplishment and defined using the common language of the universal joint task list in terms of task, condition, and standard. Also called **JMET.** See also **condition, universal joint task list.**

joint mortuary affairs office — Plans and executes all mortuary affairs programs within a theater. Provides guidance to facilitate the conduct of all mortuary programs and to maintain data (as required) pertaining to recovery, identification, and disposition of all US dead and missing in the assigned theater. Serves as the central clearing point for all mortuary affairs and monitors the deceased and missing personal effects program. Also called **JMAO.** See also **mortuary affairs; personal effects.** (JP 4-06)

joint movement center — The center established to coordinate the employment of all means of transportation (including that provided by allies or host nations) to support the concept of operations. This coordination is accomplished through establishment of transportation policies within the assigned operational area, consistent with relative urgency of need, port and terminal capabilities, transportation asset availability, and priorities set by a joint force commander. Also called **JMC.** See also **concept of operations.** (JP 4-0)

joint network operations control center — An element of the J-6 established to support a joint force commander. The joint network operations control center serves as the single control agency for the management and direction of the joint force communications systems. The joint network operations control center may include plans and operations, administration, system control, and frequency management sections. Also called **JNCC.** (JP 6-0)

joint nuclear accident coordinating center — A combined Defense Special Weapons Agency and Department of Energy centralized agency for exchanging and maintaining information concerned with radiological assistance capabilities and coordinating that assistance in response to an accident or incident involving radioactive materials. Also called **JNACC.**

joint operation planning — Planning activities associated with joint military operations by combatant commanders and their subordinate joint force commanders in response to contingencies and crises. Joint operation planning includes planning for the mobilization, deployment, employment, sustainment, redeployment, and demobilization of joint forces. See also **execution planning; Joint Operation Planning and Execution System; joint operation planning process.** (JP 5-0)

Joint Operation Planning and Execution System — A system of joint policies, procedures, and reporting structures, supported by communications and computer systems, that is used by the joint planning and execution community to monitor, plan, and execute mobilization, deployment, employment, sustainment, redeployment, and demobilization activities associated with joint operations. Also called **JOPES.** See also **joint operation planning; joint operations; level of detail.** (JP 5-0)

joint operation planning process — An orderly, analytical process that consists of a logical set of steps to analyze a mission; develop, analyze, and compare alternative courses of action against criteria of success and each other; select the best course of action; and produce a joint operation plan or order. Also called **JOPP.** See also **joint operation planning; Joint Operation Planning and Execution System.** (JP 5-0)

joint operations — A general term to describe military actions conducted by joint forces, or by Service forces in relationships (e.g., support, coordinating authority), which, of themselves, do not establish joint forces. (JP 3-0)

joint operations area — An area of land, sea, and airspace, defined by a geographic combatant commander or subordinate unified commander, in which a joint force commander (normally a joint task force commander) conducts military operations to accomplish a specific mission. Also called **JOA.** See also **area of responsibility; joint special operations area.** (JP 3-0)

joint operations area forecast — The official baseline meteorological and oceanographic forecast for operational planning and mission execution within the joint operations area. Also called **JOAF.** (JP 3-59)

joint operations center — A jointly manned facility of a joint force commander's headquarters established for planning, monitoring, and guiding the execution of the commander's decisions. Also called **JOC.**

joint patient movement requirements center — A joint activity established to coordinate the joint patient movement requirements function for a joint task force operating within a unified command area of responsibility. It coordinates with the theater patient movement requirements center for intratheater patient movement and the Global Patient Movement Requirements Center for intertheater patient movement. Also called **JPMRC.** See also **health service support; joint force surgeon; joint operations area; medical treatment facility; patient.** (JP 4-02)

joint patient movement team — Teams comprised of personnel trained in medical regulating and movement procedures. These teams can supplement a global, theater, or joint patient movement requirements center staff. Joint patient movement teams are under the operational control of the Global Patient Movement Requirements Center until attached to a theater/joint patient movement requirements center or forward element supporting the respective joint operation or Federal Emergency Management Agency contingency. Also called **JPMT.** (JP 4-02)

joint personnel recovery center — The primary joint force organization responsible for planning and coordinating personnel recovery for military operations within the assigned operational area. Also called **JPRC.** See also **combat search and rescue; search and rescue.** (JP 3-50)

joint personnel recovery support product — The basic reference document for personnel recovery-specific information on a particular country or region of interest. Also called **JPRSP.** (JP 3-50)

joint personnel training and tracking activity — The continental US center established (upon request of the supported combatant commander) to facilitate the reception, accountability, processing, training, and onward movement of both military and civilian individual augmentees preparing for overseas movement to support a joint military operation. Also called **JPTTA.** (JP 1-0)

joint planning and execution community — Those headquarters, commands, and agencies involved in the training, preparation, mobilization, deployment, employment, support, sustainment, redeployment, and demobilization of military forces assigned or committed to a joint operation. It consists of the Joint Staff, the Services and their major commands (including the Service wholesale logistics commands), the combatant commands (and their Service component commands), the subordinate unified

commands and other subordinate joint forces of the combatant commands, and the combat support agencies. Also called **JPEC.** (JP 5-0)

joint planning group — A planning organization consisting of designated representatives of the joint force headquarters principal and special staff sections, joint force components (Service and/or functional), and other supporting organizations or agencies as deemed necessary by the joint force commander. Also called **JPG.** See also **crisis action planning; joint operation planning.** (JP 5-0)

joint proponent — A Service, combatant command, or Joint Staff directorate assigned coordinating authority to lead the collaborative development and integration of joint capability with specific responsibilities designated by the Secretary of Defense. (SecDef Memo 03748-09)

joint psychological operations task force — A joint special operations task force composed of headquarters and operational assets. It assists the joint force commander in developing strategic, operational, and tactical psychological operation plans for a theater campaign or other operations. Mission requirements will determine its composition and assigned or attached units to support the joint task force commander. Also called **JPOTF.** See also **joint special operations task force; psychological operations; special operations.** (JP 3-13.2)

Joint Public Affairs Support Element — A deployable unit assigned to assist a joint force commander in developing and training public affairs forces in joint, interagency, and multinational environments. Also called **JPASE.** (JP 3-61)

joint publication — A publication containing joint doctrine that is prepared under the direction and authority of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and applies to all Armed Forces of the United States. Also called **JP.** See also **Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff instruction; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff manual; joint doctrine; joint test publication.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

joint readiness — See **readiness.**

joint reception center — The center established in the operational area (per direction of the joint force commander), with responsibility for the reception, accountability, training, processing, of military and civilian individual augmentees upon their arrival in the operational area. Also the center where augmentees will normally be outprocessed through upon departure from the operational area. Also called **JRC.** (JP 3-35)

joint reception complex — The group of nodes (air and/or sea) designated by the supported combatant command, in coordination with the host nation and United States Transportation Command, that receives, processes, services, supports, and facilitates onward movement of personnel, equipment, materiel, and units deploying into, out of, or within a theater line of communications. See also **group; node**. (JP 3-35)

joint reception coordination center — The organization, established by the Department of the Army as the designated Department of Defense executive agent for the repatriation of noncombatants, that ensures Department of Defense personnel and noncombatants receive adequate assistance and support for an orderly and expedient debarkation, movement to final destination in the US, and appropriate follow-on assistance at the final destination. Also called **JRCC.** (JP 3-68)

joint reception, staging, onward movement, and integration — A phase of joint force projection occurring in the operational area. This phase comprises the essential processes required to transition arriving personnel, equipment, and materiel into forces capable of meeting operational requirements. Also called **JRSOI.** See also **integration; joint force; reception; staging**. (JP 3-35)

joint restricted frequency list — A time and geographically-oriented listing of TABOO, PROTECTED, and GUARDED functions, nets, and frequencies. It should be limited to the minimum number of frequencies necessary for friendly forces to accomplish objectives. Also called **JRFL.** See also **electronic warfare; guarded frequencies; protected frequencies; TABOO frequencies.** (JP 3-13.1)

joint security area — A specific surface area, designated by the joint force commander to facilitate protection of joint bases and their connecting lines of communications that support joint operations. Also called **JSA.** (JP 3-10)

joint security coordination center — A joint operations center tailored to assist the joint security coordinator in meeting the security requirements in the joint operational area. Also called **JSCC.** (JP 3-10)

joint security coordinator — The officer with responsibility for coordinating the overall security of the operational area in accordance with joint force commander directives and priorities. Also called **JSC.** (JP 3-10)

joint servicing — That function performed by a jointly staffed and financed activity in support of two or more Military Services. See also **servicing.**

joint special operations air component commander — The commander within a joint force special operations command responsible for planning and executing joint special operations air activities. Also called **JSOACC.** (JP 3-05)

joint special operations area — An area of land, sea, and airspace assigned by a joint force commander to the commander of a joint special operations force to conduct special operations activities. It may be limited in size to accommodate a discrete direct action mission or may be extensive enough to allow a continuing broad range of unconventional warfare operations. Also called **JSOA.** (JP 3-0)

joint special operations task force — A joint task force composed of special operations units from more than one Service, formed to carry out a specific special operation or

prosecute special operations in support of a theater campaign or other operations. The joint special operations task force may have conventional non-special operations units assigned or attached to support the conduct of specific missions. Also called **JSOTF.** (JP 3-05)

joint specialty officer or joint specialist — An officer on the active duty list who is particularly trained in, and oriented toward, joint matters. Also called **JSO.**

joint staff — 1. The staff of a commander of a unified or specified command, subordinate unified command, joint task force, or subordinate functional component (when a functional component command will employ forces from more than one Military Department), that includes members from the several Services comprising the force. These members should be assigned in such a manner as to ensure that the commander understands the tactics, techniques, capabilities, needs, and limitations of the component parts of the force. Positions on the staff should be divided so that Service representation and influence generally reflect the Service composition of the force. 2. (capitalized as Joint Staff) The staff under the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as provided for in Title 10, United States Code, Section 155. The Joint Staff assists the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and, subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in carrying out their responsibilities. Also called **JS.** See also **staff.** (JP 1)

Joint Staff doctrine sponsor — A Joint Staff directorate assigned to coordinate a specific joint doctrine project with the Joint Staff. Joint Staff doctrine sponsors assist the lead agent and primary review authority as requested and directed and process the final coordination (and test publications if applicable) for approval. Also called **JSDS.** See also **joint doctrine.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan — The Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan provides guidance to the combatant commanders and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to accomplish tasks and missions based on current military capabilities. It apportions limited forces and resources to combatant commanders, based on military capabilities resulting from completed program and budget actions and intelligence assessments. The Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan provides a coherent framework for capabilities-based military advice provided to the President and Secretary of Defense. Also called **JSCP.** See also **combatant commander; joint.** (JP 5-0)

joint strategic exploitation center — Theater-level physical location for an exploitation facility that functions under the direction of the joint force commander and is used to hold detainees with potential long-term strategic intelligence value, deemed to be of interest to counterintelligence or criminal investigators, or who may be a significant threat to the United States, its citizens or interests, or US allies. Also called **JSEC.** (JP 2-01.2)

Joint Strategic Planning System — One of the primary means by which the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in consultation with the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the combatant commanders, carries out the statutory responsibilities to assist the President and Secretary of Defense in providing strategic direction to the Armed Forces; prepares strategic plans; prepares and reviews joint operation plans; advises the President and Secretary of Defense on requirements, programs, and budgets; and provides net assessment on the capabilities of the Armed Forces of the United States and its allies as compared with those of their potential adversaries. Also called **JSPS.** (JP 5-0)

joint suppression of enemy air defenses — A broad term that includes all suppression of enemy air defense activities provided by one component of the joint force in support of another. Also called **J-SEAD.** See also **suppression of enemy air defenses.** (JP 3-01)

joint table of distribution — A manpower document that identifies the positions and enumerates the spaces that have been approved for each organizational element of a joint activity for a specific fiscal year (authorization year), and those spaces which have been accepted for planning and programming purposes for the four subsequent fiscal years (program years). Also called **JTD.** See also **joint manpower program.**

joint targeting coordination board — A group formed by the joint force commander to accomplish broad targeting oversight functions that may include but are not limited to coordinating targeting information, providing targeting guidance and priorities, and refining the joint integrated prioritized target list. The board is normally comprised of representatives from the joint force staff, all components, and if required, component subordinate units. Also called **JTCB.** See also **joint integrated prioritized target list; targeting.** (JP 3-60)

joint targeting steering group — A group formed by a combatant commander to assist in developing targeting guidance and reconciling competing requests for assets from multiple joint task forces. Also called **JTSG.** See also **group; joint; targeting.** (JP 3-60)

joint target list — A consolidated list of selected targets, upon which there are no restrictions placed, considered to have military significance in the joint force commander's operational area. Also called **JTL.** See also **joint; target.** (JP 3-60)

joint task force — A joint force that is constituted and so designated by the Secretary of Defense, a combatant commander, a subunified commander, or an existing joint task force commander. Also called **JTF.** (JP 1)

Joint Task Force-Civil Support — A standing joint task force established to plan and integrate Department of Defense support to the designated lead federal agency for domestic chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives consequence management operations. Also called **JTF-CS.** (JP 3-41)

joint task force counterintelligence coordinating authority — An authority that affects the overall coordination of counterintelligence (CI) activities (in a joint force intelligence directorate counterintelligence and human intelligence staff element, joint task force configuration), with subordinate command CI elements, other supporting CI organizations, and supporting agencies to ensure full CI coverage of the task force operational area. Also called **TFCICA.** See also **counterintelligence; counterintelligence activities; joint task force.** (JP 2-01.2)

joint technical augmentation cell — A tailored team that, when directed, deploys to a supported combatant commander's area of responsibility to provide chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear technical advice and planning assistance for executing foreign consequence management. Also called **JTAC.** (JP 3-41)

Joint Technical Coordinating Group for Munitions Effectiveness — A Joint Staff-level organization tasked to produce generic target vulnerability and weaponeering studies. The special operations working group is a subordinate organization specializing in studies for special operations. Also called **JTCG-ME.** (JP 3-05.1)

joint terminal attack controller — A qualified (certified) Service member who, from a forward position, directs the action of combat aircraft engaged in close air support and other offensive air operations. A qualified and current joint terminal attack controller will be recognized across the Department of Defense as capable and authorized to perform terminal attack control. Also called **JTAC.** See also **terminal attack control.** (JP 3-09.3)

joint test publication — A proposed publication produced for field-testing an emergent concept that has been validated through the Joint Experimentation Program or a similar joint process. Also called **JTP.** See also **Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff instruction; joint doctrine; joint publication.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

joint total asset visibility — The capability designed to consolidate source data from a variety of joint and Service automated information systems to provide joint force commanders with visibility over assets in-storage, in-process, and in-transit. Also called **JTAV.** (JP 3-35)

Joint Transportation Board — Responsible to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Joint Transportation Board assures that common-user transportation resources assigned or available to the Department of Defense are allocated as to achieve maximum benefit in meeting Department of Defense objectives. Also called **JTB.** See also **common-user transportation.** (JP 4-01.2)

joint urban operations — Joint operations across the range of military operations planned and conducted on, or against objectives on a topographical complex and its adjacent natural terrain, where man-made construction or the density of population are the dominant features. Also called **JUOs.** See also **joint operations.** (JP 3-06)

joint warfighting capabilities assessment — A team of warfighting and functional area experts from the Joint Staff, unified commands, Services, Office of the Secretary of Defense, and Defense agencies tasked by the Joint Requirements Oversight Council with completing assessments and providing military recommendations to improve joint warfighting capabilities. Also called **JWCA.**

Joint Worldwide Intelligence Communications System — The sensitive, compartmented information portion of the Defense Information Systems Network. It incorporates advanced networking technologies that permit point-to-point or multipoint information exchange involving voice, text, graphics, data, and video teleconferencing. Also called **JWICS.** (JP 2-0)

join up — (*) To form separate aircraft or groups of aircraft into a specific formation.

judge advocate — An officer of the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and the United States Coast Guard who is designated as a judge advocate. Also called **JA.** (JP 1-04)

jumpmaster — The assigned airborne qualified individual who controls paratroops from the time they enter the aircraft until they exit. See also **stick commander (air transport).** (JP 3-17)

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key doctrine element — A foundational core concept, principle, or idea of joint operations as established in approved joint doctrine text; other information in joint doctrine expands on or supports these foundational doctrine elements. Also called **KDE**. (CJCSI 5120.02)

key employee — Any Reservist identified by his or her employer, private or public, as filling a key position.

key facilities list — A register of selected command installations and industrial facilities of primary importance to the support of military operations or military production programs. It is prepared under the policy direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

key point — (*) A concentrated site or installation, the destruction or capture of which would seriously affect the war effort or the success of operations.

key position — A civilian position, public or private (designated by the employer and approved by the Secretary concerned), that cannot be vacated during war or national emergency.

keystone publications — Joint doctrine publications that establish the doctrinal foundation for a series of joint publications in the hierarchy of joint publications. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff signs these publications. Keystone publications are provided for joint personnel support, intelligence support, operations, logistic support, plans, and communications systems support. See also **capstone publications; joint publication.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

key terrain — Any locality, or area, the seizure or retention of which affords a marked advantage to either combatant. See also **vital ground.** (JP 2-01.3)

kill box — A three-dimensional area used to facilitate the integration of joint fires. (JP 3-09)

killed in action — A casualty category applicable to a hostile casualty, other than the victim of a terrorist activity, who is killed outright or who dies as a result of wounds or other injuries before reaching a medical treatment facility. Also called **KIA.** See also **casualty category.**

kill probability — (*) A measure of the probability of destroying a target.

kiloton weapon — (*) A nuclear weapon, the yield of which is measured in terms of thousands of tons of trinitrotoluene explosive equivalents, producing yields from 1 to 999 kilotons. See also **megaton weapon; nominal weapon; subkiloton weapon.**

kite — (*) In naval mine warfare, a device which when towed, submerges and planes at a predetermined level without sideways displacement.

L

land control operations — The employment of land forces, supported by maritime and air forces (as appropriate) to control vital areas of the land domain. Such operations are conducted to establish local military superiority in land operational areas. See also **sea control operations**. (JP 3-31)

land forces — Personnel, weapon systems, vehicles, and support elements operating on land to accomplish assigned missions and tasks. (JP 3-31)

landing aid — Any illuminating light, radio beacon, radar device, communicating device, or any system of such devices for aiding aircraft in an approach and landing. (JP 3-04)

landing area — 1. That part of the operational area within which are conducted the landing operations of an amphibious force. It includes the beach, the approaches to the beach, the transport areas, the fire support areas, the airspace above it, and the land included in the advance inland to the initial objective. 2. (Airborne) The general area used for landing troops and materiel either by airdrop or air landing. This area includes one or more drop zones or landing strips. 3. Any specially prepared or selected surface of land, water, or deck designated or used for takeoff and landing of aircraft. See also **airfield; amphibious force; landing beach; landing force.** (JP 3-02)

landing area diagram — A graphic means of showing, for amphibious operations, the beach designations, boat lanes, organization of the line of departure, scheduled waves, landing ship area, transport areas, and the fire support areas in the immediate vicinity of the boat lanes. (JP 3-02)

landing beach — That portion of a shoreline usually required for the landing of a battalion landing team. However, it may also be that portion of a shoreline constituting a tactical locality (such as the shore of a bay) over which a force larger or smaller than a battalion landing team may be landed. (JP 3-02)

landing craft — A craft employed in amphibious operations, specifically designed for carrying troops and their equipment and for beaching, unloading, and retracting. It is also used for resupply operations. (JP 3-02)

landing craft and amphibious vehicle assignment table — A table showing the assignment of personnel and materiel to each landing craft and amphibious vehicle and the assignment of the landing craft and amphibious vehicles to waves for the ship-to-shore movement. (JP 3-02)

landing craft availability table — A tabulation of the type and number of landing craft that will be available from each ship of the transport group. The table is the basis for the assignment of landing craft to the boat groups for the ship-to-shore movement. (JP 3-02)

landing diagram — A graphic means of illustrating the plan for the ship-to-shore movement. (JP 3-02)

landing force — A Marine Corps or Army task organization formed to conduct amphibious operations. The landing force, together with the amphibious task force and other forces, constitute the amphibious force. Also called **LF.** See also **amphibious force; amphibious operation; amphibious task force; task organization.** (JP 3-02)

landing force support party — A temporary landing force organization composed of Navy and landing force elements, that facilitates the ship-to-shore movement and provides initial combat support and combat service support to the landing force. The landing force support party is brought into existence by a formal activation order issued by the commander, landing force. Also called **LFSP.** See also **combat service support; combat support; landing force; ship-to-shore movement.** (JP 3-02)

landing group — In amphibious operations, a subordinate task organization of the landing force capable of conducting landing operations, under a single tactical command, against a position or group of positions. (JP 3-02)

landing group commander — In amphibious operations, the officer designated by the commander, landing force as the single tactical commander of a subordinate task organization capable of conducting landing operations against a position or group of positions. See also **amphibious operation; commander, landing force.** (JP 3-02)

landing mat — (*) A prefabricated, portable mat so designed that any number of planks (sections) may be rapidly fastened together to form surfacing for emergency runways, landing beaches, etc.

landing plan — In amphibious operations, a collective term referring to all individually prepared naval and landing force documents that, taken together, present in detail all instructions for execution of the ship-to-shore movement. (JP 3-02)

landing point — (*) A point within a landing site where one helicopter or vertical takeoff and landing aircraft can land. See also **airfield.**

landing roll — (*) The movement of an aircraft from touchdown through deceleration to taxi speed or full stop.

landing sequence table — A document that incorporates the detailed plans for ship-to-shore movement of nonscheduled units. (JP 3-02)

landing ship — An assault ship which is designed for long sea voyages and for rapid unloading over and on to a beach. (JP 3-02)

landing signalman enlisted — Enlisted man responsible for ensuring that helicopters, on signal, are safely started, engaged, launched, recovered, and shut down. Also called **LSE.** (JP 3-04)

landing signals officer — Officer responsible for the visual control of aircraft in the terminal phase of the approach immediately prior to landing. Also called **LSO.** See also **terminal phase.** (JP 3-04)

landing site — 1. A site within a landing zone containing one or more landing points. See also airfield. 2. In amphibious operations, a continuous segment of coastline over which troops, equipment and supplies can be landed by surface means. (JP 3-02)

landing zone — Any specified zone used for the landing of aircraft. Also called **LZ.** See also **airfield.** (JP 3-17)

landing zone control party — (*) Personnel specially trained and equipped to establish and operate communications devices from the ground for traffic control of aircraft/helicopters for a specific landing zone.

landmark — (*) A feature, either natural or artificial, that can be accurately determined on the ground from a grid reference.

land mine warfare — See **mine warfare.**

lane marker — (*) In land mine warfare, sign used to mark a minefield lane. Lane markers, at the entrance to and exit from the lane, may be referenced to a landmark or intermediate marker. See also **marker; minefield lane.**

lap — (*) In naval mine warfare, that section or strip of an area assigned to a single sweeper or formation of sweepers for a run through the area.

lap course — (*) In naval mine warfare, the true course desired to be made good during a run along a lap.

lap track — (*) In naval mine warfare, the center line of a lap; ideally, the track to be followed by the sweep or detecting gear.

lap turn — (*) In naval mine warfare, the maneuver a minesweeper carries out during the period between the completion of one run and the commencement of the run immediately following.

lap width — (*) In naval mine warfare, the swept path of the ship or formation divided by the percentage coverage being swept to.

large-scale map — A map having a scale of 1:75,000 or larger. See also **map.**

laser guided weapon — A weapon which uses a seeker to detect laser energy reflected from a laser marked/designated target and through signal processing provides guidance commands to a control system which guides the weapon to the point from which the laser energy is being reflected. Also called **LGW.** (JP 3-09)

laser illuminator — A device for enhancing the illumination in a zone of action by irradiating with a laser beam.

laser intelligence — Technical and geo-location intelligence derived from laser systems; a subcategory of electro-optical intelligence. Also called **LASINT.** See also **electro-optical intelligence; intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

laser rangefinder — A device which uses laser energy for determining the distance from the device to a place or object. (JP 3-09)

laser seeker — A device based on a direction sensitive receiver which detects the energy reflected from a laser designated target and defines the direction of the target relative to the receiver. See also **laser guided weapon.** (JP 3-09)

laser spot — The area on a surface illuminated by a laser. See also **spot.** (JP 3-09)

laser spot tracker — A device that locks on to the reflected energy from a laser-marked or designated target and defines the direction of the target relative to itself. Also called **LST.** (JP 3-09)

laser target designator — A device that emits a beam of laser energy which is used to mark a specific place or object. Also called **LTD.** See also **target.** (JP 3-09)

laser-target line — An imaginary straight line from the laser designator to the target with respect to magnetic north. See also **laser target designator; target.**

lashing point — See **tie down point.**

late — (*) In artillery and naval gunfire support, a report made to the observer or spotter, whenever there is a delay in reporting "shot" by coupling a time in seconds with the report.

lateral gain — (*) The amount of new ground covered laterally by successive photographic runs over an area.

lateral route — (*) A route generally parallel to the forward edge of the battle area, which crosses, or feeds into, axial routes. See also **route.**

latest arrival date — A day, relative to C-Day, that is specified by the supported combatant commander as the latest date when a unit, a resupply shipment, or replacement personnel can arrive at the port of debarkation and support the concept of

operations. Used with the earliest arrival date, it defines a delivery window for transportation planning. Also called **LAD.**

lattice — (*) A network of intersecting positional lines printed on a map or chart from which a fix may be obtained.

launch pad — (*) A concrete or other hard surface area on which a missile launcher is positioned.

launch time — The time at which an aircraft or missile is scheduled to be airborne.

launch window — The earliest and latest time a rocket may launch.

laundering — In counterdrug operations, the process of transforming drug money into a more manageable form while concealing its illicit origin. Foreign bank accounts and dummy corporations are used as shelters. See also **counterdrug operations.** (JP 3-07.4)

law enforcement agency — Any of a number of agencies (outside the Department of Defense) chartered and empowered to enforce US laws in the following jurisdictions: The United States, a state (or political subdivision) of the United States, a territory (or political subdivision) of the United States, a federally recognized Native American tribe or Alaskan Native Village, or within the borders of a host nation. Also called **LEA.** (JP 3-28)

law of armed conflict — See **law of war.**

law of war — That part of international law that regulates the conduct of armed hostilities. Also called **the law of armed conflict.** See also **rules of engagement.**

lay — 1. Direct or adjust the aim of a weapon. 2. Setting of a weapon for a given range, a given direction, or both. 3. To drop one or more aerial bombs or aerial mines onto the surface from an aircraft. 4. To spread a smoke screen on the ground from an aircraft. 5. To calculate or project a course. 6. To lay on: a. to execute a bomber strike; b. to set up a mission.

laydown bombing — (*) A very low level bombing technique wherein delay fuzes and/or devices are used to allow the attacker to escape the effects of the bomb.

lay reference number — (*) In naval mine warfare, a number allocated to an individual mine by the minefield planning authority to provide a simple means of referring to it.

lead agency — Designated among US Government agencies to coordinate the interagency oversight of the day-to-day conduct of an ongoing operation. The lead agency is to chair the interagency working group established to coordinate policy related to a

particular operation. The lead agency determines the agenda, ensures cohesion among the agencies, and is responsible for implementing decisions. (JP 3-08)

lead agent — 1. An individual Service, combatant command, or Joint Staff directorate assigned to develop and maintain a joint publication. 2. In medical materiel management, the designated unit or organization to coordinate or execute day-to-day conduct of an ongoing operation or function. Also called **LA.** (JP 4-02)

lead aircraft — 1. The airborne aircraft designated to exercise command of other aircraft within the flight. 2. An aircraft in the van of two or more aircraft.

lead federal agency — The federal agency that leads and coordinates the overall federal response to an emergency. Designation and responsibilities of a lead federal agency vary according to the type of emergency and the agency's statutory authority. Also called **LFA.** (JP 3-41)

lead nation — One nation assumes the responsibility for procuring and providing a broad spectrum of logistic support for all or a part of the multinational force and/or headquarters. Compensation and/or reimbursement will then be subject to agreements between the parties involved. The lead nation may also assume the responsibility to coordinate logistics of the other nations within its functional and regional area of responsibility. See also **logistic support; multinational force.** (JP 4-0)

lead Service or agency for common-user logistics — A Service component or Department of Defense agency that is responsible for execution of common-user item or service support in a specific combatant command or multinational operation as defined in the combatant or subordinate joint force commander's operation plan, operation order, and/or directives. See also **common-user logistics.** (JP 4-07)

leapfrog — (*) Form of movement in which like supporting elements are moved successively through or by one another along the axis of movement of supported forces.

leaver — (*) A merchant ship which breaks off from a convoy to proceed to a different destination and becomes independent. Also called **convoy leaver.** See also **leaver convoy; leaver section.**

leaver convoy — (*) A convoy which has broken off from the main convoy and is proceeding to a different destination. See also **leaver; leaver section.**

leaver section — (*) A group of ships forming part of the main convoy which will subsequently break off to become leavers or a leaver convoy. See also **leaver; leaver convoy.**

left (or right) — (*) 1. Terms used to establish the relative position of a body of troops. The person using the terms "left" or "right" is assumed to be facing in the direction of

the enemy regardless of whether the troops are advancing towards or withdrawing from the enemy. 2. Correction used in adjusting fire to indicate that a lateral shift of the mean point of impact perpendicular to the reference line or spotting line is desired.

left (right) bank — That bank of a stream or river on the left (right) of the observer when facing in the direction of flow or downstream.

letter of assist — A contractual document issued by the United Nations to a government authorizing it to provide goods or services to a peacekeeping operation; the United Nations agrees either to purchase the goods or services or authorizes the government to supply them subject to reimbursement by the United Nations. A letter of assist typically details specifically what is to be provided by the contributing government and establishes a funding limit that cannot be exceeded. Also called **LOA.** See also **peacekeeping.** (JP 1-06)

letter of authorization — A document issued by the procuring contracting officer or designee that authorizes contractor personnel authorized to accompany the force to travel to, from, and within the operational area; and, outlines government furnished support authorizations within the operational area. Also called **LOA.** (JP 4-10)

letter of offer and acceptance — Standard Department of Defense form on which the US Government documents its offer to transfer to a foreign government or international organization US defense articles and services via foreign military sales pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act. Also called **LOA.** See also **foreign military sales.** (JP 4-08)

level of detail — Within the current joint planning and execution system, movement characteristics for both personnel and cargo are described at six distinct levels of detail. Levels I, V, and VI describe personnel and Levels I through IV and VI for cargo. Levels I through IV are coded and visible in the Joint Operation Planning and Execution System automated data processing. Levels V and VI are used by Joint Operation Planning and Execution System automated data processing feeder systems. a. **level I** - personnel: expressed as total number of passengers by unit line number. Cargo: expressed in total short tons, total measurement tons, total square feet, and total thousands of barrels by unit line number. Petroleum, oils, and lubricants is expressed by thousands of barrels by unit line number. b. **level II** - cargo: expressed by short tons and measurement tons of bulk, oversize, outsize, and non-air transportable cargo by unit line number. Also square feet for vehicles and non self-deployable aircraft and boats by unit line number. c. **level III** - cargo: detail by cargo category code expressed as short tons and measurement tons as well as square feet associated to that cargo category code for an individual unit line number. d. **level IV** - cargo: detail for individual dimensional data expressed in length, width, and height in number of inches, and weight/volume in short tons/measurement tons, along with a cargo description. Each cargo item is associated with a cargo category code and a unit line number). e. **level V** - personnel: any general summarization/aggregation of level VI detail in distribution and deployment. f. **level VI** - personnel: detail expressed by name,

Service, military occupational specialty and unique identification number. Cargo: detail expressed by association to a transportation control number or single tracking number or item of equipment to include federal stock number/national stock number and/or requisition number. Nested cargo, cargo that is contained within another equipment item, may similarly be identified. Also called **JOPES level of detail.** (CJCSM 3122.01A)

level-of-effort munitions — (*) In stockpile planning, munitions stocked on the basis of expected daily expenditure rate, the number of combat days, and the attrition rate assumed, to counter targets the number of which is unknown. See also **threat-oriented munitions.**

leverage — In the context of joint operation planning, a relative advantage in combat power and/or other circumstances against the adversary across one or more domains (air, land, sea, and space) and/or the information environment sufficient to exploit that advantage. Leverage is an element of operational design. See also **operational art; operational design.** (JP 5-0)

L-hour — See **times.** (JP 3-02)

liaison — That contact or intercommunication maintained between elements of military forces or other agencies to ensure mutual understanding and unity of purpose and action. (JP 3-08)

liberated territory — (*) Any area, domestic, neutral, or friendly, which, having been occupied by an enemy, is retaken by friendly forces.

licensed production — A direct commercial arrangement between a US company and a foreign government, international organization, or foreign company, providing for the transfer of production information which enables the foreign government, international organization, or commercial producer to manufacture, in whole or in part, an item of US defense equipment. A typical license production arrangement would include the functions of production engineering, controlling, quality assurance and determining of resource requirements. It may or may not include design engineering information and critical materials production and design information. A licensed production arrangement is accomplished under the provisions of a manufacturing license agreement per the US International Traffic in Arms Regulation.

life cycle — The total phases through which an item passes from the time it is initially developed until the time it is either consumed in use or disposed of as being excess to all known materiel requirements.

lifeguard submarine — (*) A submarine employed for rescue in an area which cannot be adequately covered by air or surface rescue facilities because of enemy opposition, distance from friendly bases, or other reasons. It is stationed near the objective and sometimes along the route to be flown by the strike aircraft.

light damage — See **nuclear damage, Part 1.**

lightening — (*) The operation (normally carried out at anchor) of transferring crude oil cargo from a large tanker to a smaller tanker, so reducing the draft of the larger tanker to enable it to enter port.

lighterage — The process in which small craft are used to transport cargo or personnel from ship to shore. Lighterage may be performed using amphibians, landing craft, discharge lighters, causeways, and barges. (JP 4-01.6)

light filter — (*) An optical element such as a sheet of glass, gelatine, or plastic dyed in a specific manner to absorb selectively light of certain colors.

light line — (*) A designated line forward of which vehicles are required to use black-out lights at night.

lightweight amphibious container handler — A United States Marine Corps piece of equipment usually maneuvered by a bulldozer and used to retrieve 20-foot equivalent containers from landing craft in the surf and place them on flatbed truck trailers. See also **container.** (JP 4-01.6)

limiting factor — A factor or condition that, either temporarily or permanently, impedes mission accomplishment. Illustrative examples are transportation network deficiencies, lack of in-place facilities, malpositioned forces or materiel, extreme climatic conditions, distance, transit or overflight rights, political conditions, etc.

limit of fire — (*) 1. The boundary marking off the area on which gunfire can be delivered. 2. Safe angular limits for firing at aerial targets.

linear scale — See **graphic scale; scale.**

line of communications — A route, either land, water, and/or air, that connects an operating military force with a base of operations and along which supplies and military forces move. Also called **LOC.** See also **base of operations; route.** (JP 2-01.3)

line of demarcation — A line defining the boundary of a buffer zone or area of limitation. A line of demarcation may also be used to define the forward limits of disputing or belligerent forces after each phase of disengagement or withdrawal has been completed. See also **area of limitation; buffer zone; disengagement; peace operations.** (JP 3-07.3)

line of departure — 1. In land warfare, a line designated to coordinate the departure of attack elements. Also called **LD.** (JP 3-31) 2. In amphibious warfare, a suitably

marked offshore coordinating line to assist assault craft to land on designated beaches at scheduled times the seaward end of a boat lane. Also called **LOD.** (JP 3-02)

line of operations — 1. A logical line that connects actions on nodes and/or decisive points related in time and purpose with an objective(s). 2. A physical line that defines the interior or exterior orientation of the force in relation to the enemy or that connects actions on nodes and/or decisive points related in time and space to an objective(s). Also called **LOO.** (JP 3-0)

line search — (*) Reconnaissance along a specific line of communications, such as a road, railway or waterway, to detect fleeting targets and activities in general.

link — 1. A behavioral, physical, or functional relationship between nodes. 2. In communications, a general term used to indicate the existence of communications facilities between two points. 3. A maritime route, other than a coastal or transit route, which links any two or more routes. See also **node.** (JP 3-0)

link encryption — The application of online crypto-operation to a link of a communications system so that all information passing over the link is encrypted in its entirety.

liquid explosive — (*) Explosive which is fluid at normal temperatures.

listening watch — A continuous receiver watch established for the reception of traffic addressed to, or of interest to, the unit maintaining the watch, with complete log optional.

litter — A basket or frame utilized for the transport of injured persons.

litter patient — A patient requiring litter accommodations while in transit.

littoral — The littoral comprises two segments of operational environment: 1. Seaward: the area from the open ocean to the shore, which must be controlled to support operations ashore. 2. Landward: the area inland from the shore that can be supported and defended directly from the sea. (JP 2-01.3)

load — (*) The total weight of passengers and/or freight carried on board a ship, aircraft, train, road vehicle, or other means of conveyance. See also **airlift capability; airlift requirement.**

load control group — (*) Personnel who are concerned with organization and control of loading within the pick-up zone.

loading — (*) The process of putting personnel, materiel, supplies and other freight on board ships, aircraft, trains, road vehicles, or other means of conveyance. See also **embarkation.**

loading plan — (*) All of the individually prepared documents which, taken together, present in detail all instructions for the arrangement of personnel, and the loading of equipment for one or more units or other special grouping of personnel or material moving by highway, water, rail, or air transportation. See also **ocean manifest.**

loading point — (*) A point where one aircraft can be loaded or unloaded.

loading site — (*) An area containing a number of loading points.

loadmaster — An Air Force technician qualified to plan loads, to operate auxiliary materials handling equipment, and to supervise loading and unloading of aircraft. (JP 3-17)

load signal — In personnel recovery, a visual signal displayed in a covert manner to indicate the presence of an individual or object at a given location. See also **evasion; recovery operations; signal.** (JP 3-50)

load spreader — (*) Material used to distribute the weight of a load over a given area to avoid exceeding designed stress.

localizer — (*) A directional radio beacon which provides to an aircraft an indication of its lateral position relative to a predetermined final approach course. See also **instrument landing system.**

local mean time — (*) The time interval elapsed since the mean sun's transit of the observer's anti-meridian.

local procurement — The process of obtaining personnel, services, supplies, and equipment from local or indigenous sources.

local purchase — The function of acquiring a decentralized item of supply from sources outside the Department of Defense.

lock on — Signifies that a tracking or target-seeking system is continuously and automatically tracking a target in one or more coordinates (e.g., range, bearing, elevation).

lodgment — A designated area in a hostile or potentially hostile operational area that, when seized and held, makes the continuous landing of troops and materiel possible and provides maneuver space for subsequent operations. See also **hostile.** (JP 3-18)

lodgment area — See **airhead, Part 1; beachhead.**

loft bombing — A method of bombing in which the delivery plane approaches the target at a very low altitude, makes a definite pullup at a given point, releases the bomb at a

predetermined point during the pullup, and tosses the bomb onto the target. See also **toss bombing.**

logistic assessment — An evaluation of: a. the logistic support required to support particular military operations in a theater, country, or area; and b. the actual and/or potential logistic support available for the conduct of military operations either within the theater, country, or area, or located elsewhere.

logistic estimate of the situation — An appraisal resulting from an orderly examination of the logistic factors influencing contemplated courses of action in order to provide conclusions concerning the degree and manner of that influence.

logistic marking and reading symbology — A system designed to improve the flow of cargo through the seaport of embarkation and debarkation using bar code technology. See also **logistics.** (JP 4-01.6)

logistics — Planning and executing the movement and support of forces. It includes those aspects of military operations that deal with: a. design and development, acquisition, storage, movement, distribution, maintenance, evacuation, and disposition of materiel; b. movement, evacuation, and hospitalization of personnel; c. acquisition or construction, maintenance, operation, and disposition of facilities; and d. acquisition or furnishing of services. (JP 4-0)

logistics over-the-shore operation area — That geographic area required to conduct a logistics over-the-shore operation. Also called **LOA.** See also **logistics over-the-shore operations.** (JP 4-01.6)

logistics over-the-shore operations — The loading and unloading of ships without the benefit of deep draft-capable, fixed port facilities; or as a means of moving forces closer to tactical assembly areas dependent on threat force capabilities. Also called **LOTS operations**. See also **joint logistics over-the-shore operations.** (JP 4-01.6)

logistic sourcing — The identification of the origin and determination of the availability of the time-phased force and deployment data nonunit logistic requirements.

logistic support — Support that encompasses the logistic services, materiel, and transportation required to support the continental United States-based and worldwide deployed forces. (JP 4-0)

logistic support (medical) — Medical care, treatment, hospitalization, and evacuation as well as the furnishing of medical services, supplies, materiel, and adjuncts thereto.

long-range transport aircraft — See **transport aircraft.**

look — (*) In mine warfare, a period during which a mine circuit is receptive of an influence.

loran — (*) A long-range radio navigation position fixing system using the time difference of reception of pulse type transmissions from two or more fixed stations. This term is derived from the words long-range electronic navigation.

lot — Specifically, a quantity of material all of which was manufactured under identical conditions and assigned an identifying lot number.

low airburst — (*) The fallout safe height of burst for a nuclear weapon which maximizes damage to or casualties on surface targets. See also **types of burst.**

low-altitude missile engagement zone — In air defense, that airspace of defined dimensions within which the responsibility for engagement of air threats normally rests with low- to medium-altitude surface-to-air missiles. Also called **LOMEZ.** (JP 3-52)

low level flight — See **terrain flight.**

low-level transit route — A temporary corridor of defined dimensions established in the forward area to minimize the risk to friendly aircraft from friendly air defenses or surface forces. Also called **LLTR.** (JP 3-52)

low oblique — See **oblique air photograph.**

low velocity drop — A drop procedure in which the drop velocity does not exceed 30 feet per second. (JP 3-17)

low visibility operations — Sensitive operations wherein the political-military restrictions inherent in covert and clandestine operations are either not necessary or not feasible; actions are taken as required to limit exposure of those involved and/or their activities. Execution of these operations is undertaken with the knowledge that the action and/or sponsorship of the operation may preclude plausible denial by the initiating power. (JP 3-05.1)

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magnetic bearing — See **bearing.**

magnetic circuit — See **magnetic mine.**

magnetic compass — (*) An instrument containing a freely suspended magnetic element which displays the direction of the horizontal component of the Earth's magnetic field at the point of observation.

magnetic declination — (*) The angle between the magnetic and geographical meridians at any place, expressed in degrees east or west to indicate the direction of magnetic north from true north. In nautical and aeronautical navigation, the term magnetic variation is used instead of magnetic declination and the angle is termed variation of the compass or magnetic variation. Magnetic declination is not otherwise synonymous with magnetic variation which refers to regular or irregular change with time of the magnetic declination, dip, or intensity. See also **magnetic variation.**

magnetic equator — (*) A line drawn on a map or chart connecting all points at which the magnetic inclination (dip) is zero for a specified epoch. Also called **aclinic line.**

magnetic mine — A mine which responds to the magnetic field of a target. (JP 3-15)

magnetic north — (*) The direction indicated by the north seeking pole of a freely suspended magnetic needle, influenced only by the Earth's magnetic field.

magnetic variation — (*) 1. In navigation, at a given place and time, the horizontal angle between the true north and magnetic north measured east or west according to whether magnetic north lies east or west of true north. See also **magnetic declination.** 2. In cartography, the annual change in direction of the horizontal component of the Earth's magnetic field.

mail embargo — A temporary shutdown or redirection of mail flow to or from a specific location. (JP 1-0)

main airfield — (*) An airfield planned for permanent occupation in peacetime, also suitable for use in wartime and having sufficient operational facilities for full use of its combat potential. See also **airfield; departure airfield; diversion airfield; redeployment airfield.**

main attack — (*) The principal attack or effort into which the commander throws the full weight of the offensive power at his disposal. An attack directed against the chief objective of the campaign, major operation, or battle.

main battle area — That portion of the battlefield in which the decisive battle is fought to defeat the enemy. For any particular command, the main battle area extends rearward

from the forward edge of the battle area to the rear boundary of the command's subordinate units.

main convoy — (*) The convoy as a whole which sails from the convoy assembly port/anchorage to its destination. It may be supplemented by joiners or joiner convoys, and leavers or leaver convoys may break off.

main deck — The highest deck running the full length of a vessel (except for an aircraft carrier's hanger deck). See also **watercraft.** (JP 4-01.6)

main detonating line — (*) In demolition, a line of detonating cord used to transmit the detonation wave to two or more branches.

main operating base — A facility outside the United States and US territories with permanently stationed operating forces and robust infrastructure. Main operating bases are characterized by command and control structures, enduring family support facilities, and strengthened force protection measures. Also called **MOB.** See also **cooperative security location; forward operating site.** (CJCS CM-0007-05)

main operations base — In special operations, a base established by a joint force special operations component commander or a subordinate special operations component commander in friendly territory to provide sustained command and control, administration, and logistic support to special operations activities in designated areas. Also called **MOB.** See also **advanced operations base; forward operations base.** (JP 3-05.1)

main supply route — The route or routes designated within an operational area upon which the bulk of traffic flows in support of military operations. Also called **MSR.**

maintenance area — A general locality in which are grouped a number of maintenance activities for the purpose of retaining or restoring materiel to a serviceable condition.

maintenance (materiel) — 1. All action taken to retain materiel in a serviceable condition or to restore it to serviceability. It includes inspection, testing, servicing, classification as to serviceability, repair, rebuilding, and reclamation. 2. All supply and repair action taken to keep a force in condition to carry out its mission. 3. The routine recurring work required to keep a facility (plant, building, structure, ground facility, utility system, or other real property) in such condition that it may be continuously used at its original or designed capacity and efficiency for its intended purpose.

maintenance status — 1. A nonoperating condition, deliberately imposed, with adequate personnel to maintain and preserve installations, materiel, and facilities in such a condition that they may be readily restored to operable condition in a minimum time by the assignment of additional personnel and without extensive repair or overhaul. 2. That condition of materiel that is in fact, or is administratively classified as, unserviceable, pending completion of required servicing or repairs. 3. A condition of

materiel readiness that reports the level of operational readiness for a piece of equipment.

major combat element — Those organizations and units described in the Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan that directly produce combat capability. The size of the element varies by Service, force capability, and the total number of such elements available. Examples are Army divisions and separate brigades, Air Force squadrons, Navy task forces, and Marine expeditionary forces. See also **major force.**

major disaster — See **domestic emergencies.**

major fleet — A principal, permanent subdivision of the operating forces of the Navy with certain supporting shore activities. Presently there are two such fleets: the Pacific Fleet and the Atlantic Fleet. See also **fleet.**

major force — A military organization comprised of major combat elements and associated combat support, combat service support, and sustainment increments. The major force is capable of sustained military operations in response to plan employment requirements. See also **major combat element.**

major nuclear power — (*) Any nation that possesses a nuclear striking force capable of posing a serious threat to every other nation.

major operation — A series of tactical actions (battles, engagements, strikes) conducted by combat forces of a single or several Services, coordinated in time and place, to achieve strategic or operational objectives in an operational area. These actions are conducted simultaneously or sequentially in accordance with a common plan and are controlled by a single commander. For noncombat operations, a reference to the relative size and scope of a military operation. See also **operation.** (JP 3-0)

make safe — One or more actions necessary to prevent or interrupt complete function of the system (traditionally synonymous with "dearm," "disarm," and "disable"). Among the necessary actions are: (1) install (safety devices such as pins or locks); (2) disconnect (hoses, linkages, batteries); (3) bleed (accumulators, reservoirs); (4) remove (explosive devices such as initiators, fuzes, detonators); and (5) intervene (as in welding, lockwiring).

maneuver — 1. A movement to place ships, aircraft, or land forces in a position of advantage over the enemy. 2. A tactical exercise carried out at sea, in the air, on the ground, or on a map in imitation of war. 3. The operation of a ship, aircraft, or vehicle, to cause it to perform desired movements. 4. Employment of forces in the operational area through movement in combination with fires to achieve a position of advantage in respect to the enemy in order to accomplish the mission. See also **mission; operation.** (JP 3-0)

maneuverable reentry vehicle — A reentry vehicle capable of performing preplanned flight maneuvers during the reentry phase. See also **multiple independently targetable reentry vehicle; multiple reentry vehicle; reentry vehicle.**

manifest — A document specifying in detail the passengers or items carried for a specific destination.

manipulative electromagnetic deception — See **electromagnetic deception.**

man portable — Capable of being carried by one man. Specifically, the term may be used to qualify: 1. Items designed to be carried as an integral part of individual, crew-served, or team equipment of the dismounted soldier in conjunction with assigned duties. Upper weight limit: approximately 14 kilograms (31 pounds.) 2. In land warfare, equipment which can be carried by one man over long distance without serious degradation of the performance of normal duties.

manpower — See **manpower requirements; manpower resources.**

manpower management — (*) The means of manpower control to ensure the most efficient and economical use of available manpower.

manpower management survey — (*) Systematic evaluation of a functional area, utilizing expert knowledge, manpower scaling guides, experience, and other practical considerations in determining the validity and managerial efficiency of the function's present or proposed manpower establishment.

manpower requirements — Human resources needed to accomplish specified work loads of organizations.

manpower resources — Human resources available to the Services that can be applied against manpower requirements.

map — (*) A graphic representation, usually on a plane surface and at an established scale, of natural or artificial features on the surface of a part or the whole of the Earth or other planetary body. The features are positioned relative to a coordinate reference system. See also **chart index; chart series; chart sheet; large-scale map; map chart; map index; map series; map sheet; medium-scale map; situation map; small-scale map; tactical map; topographic map.**

map chart — A representation of a land-sea area, using the characteristics of a map to represent the land area and the characteristics of a chart to represent the sea area, with such special characteristics as to make the map-chart most useful in military operations, particularly amphibious operations. See also **map.**

map convergence — (*) The angle at which one meridian is inclined to another on a map or chart. See also **convergence.**

map index — (*) Graphic key primarily designed to give the relationship between sheets of a series, their coverage, availability, and further information on the series. See also **map.**

mapping camera — See **air cartographic camera.**

map reference — (*) A means of identifying a point on the surface of the Earth by relating it to information appearing on a map, generally the graticule or grid.

map reference code — (*) A code used primarily for encoding grid coordinates and other information pertaining to maps. This code may be used for other purposes where the encryption of numerals is required.

map series — (*) A group of maps or charts usually having the same scale and cartographic specifications, and with each sheet appropriately identified by producing agency as belonging to the same series.

map sheet — (*) An individual map or chart either complete in itself or part of a series. See also **map.**

margin — (*) In cartography, the area of a map or chart lying outside the border.

marginal data — (*) All explanatory information given in the margin of a map or chart which clarifies, defines, illustrates, and/or supplements the graphic portion of the sheet.

marginal information — See **marginal data.**

Marine air command and control system — A system that provides the aviation combat element commander with the means to command, coordinate, and control all air operations within an assigned sector and to coordinate air operations with other Services. It is composed of command and control agencies with communications-electronics equipment that incorporates a capability from manual through semiautomatic control. Also called **MACCS.** See also **direct air support center; tactical air operations center.** (JP 3-09.3)

Marine air-ground task force — The Marine Corps principal organization for all missions across the range of military operations, composed of forces task-organized under a single commander capable of responding rapidly to a contingency anywhere in the world. The types of forces in the Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF) are functionally grouped into four core elements: a command element, an aviation combat element, a ground combat element, and a combat service support element. The four core elements are categories of forces, not formal commands. The basic structure of the MAGTF never varies, though the number, size, and type of Marine Corps units comprising each of its four elements will always be mission dependent. The flexibility of the organizational structure allows for one or more subordinate MAGTFs to be

assigned. Also called **MAGTF.** See also **aviation combat element; combat service support element; command element; ground combat element; Marine expeditionary force; Marine expeditionary unit; special purpose Marine air-ground task force; task force.**

Marine Corps special operations forces — Those Active Component Marine Corps forces designated by the Secretary of Defense that are specifically organized, trained, and equipped to conduct and support special operations. Also called **MARSOF.** (JP 3-05.1)

marine environment — The oceans, seas, bays, estuaries, and other major water bodies, including their surface interface and interaction, with the atmosphere and with the land seaward of the mean high water mark.

Marine expeditionary brigade — A Marine air-ground task force that is constructed around a reinforced infantry regiment, a composite Marine aircraft group, and a combat logistics regiment. The Marine expeditionary brigade, commanded by a general officer, is task-organized to meet the requirements of a specific situation. It can function as part of a joint task force, as the lead echelon of the Marine expeditionary force, or alone. It varies in size and composition, and is larger than a Marine expeditionary unit but smaller than a Marine expeditionary force. The Marine expeditionary brigade is capable of conducting missions across the full range of military operations. Also called **MEB.** See also **brigade; Marine air-ground task force; Marine expeditionary force.** (JP 3-18)

Marine expeditionary force — The largest Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF) and the Marine Corps principal warfighting organization, particularly for larger crises or contingencies. It is task-organized around a permanent command element and normally contains one or more Marine divisions, Marine aircraft wings, and Marine force service support groups. The Marine expeditionary force is capable of missions across the range of military operations, including amphibious assault and sustained operations ashore in any environment. It can operate from a sea base, a land base, or both. Also called **MEF.** See also **aviation combat element; combat service support element; command element; ground combat element; Marine air-ground task force; Marine expeditionary unit; special purpose Marine air-ground task force; task force.**

Marine expeditionary unit — A Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF) that is constructed around an infantry battalion reinforced, a helicopter squadron reinforced, and a task-organized combat service support element. It normally fulfills Marine Corps forward sea-based deployment requirements. The Marine expeditionary unit provides an immediate reaction capability for crisis response and is capable of limited combat operations. Also called **MEU.** See also **aviation combat element; combat service support element; command element; ground combat element; Marine air-ground task force; Marine expeditionary force; Marine expeditionary unit (special operations capable); special purpose Marine air-ground task force; task force.**

Marine expeditionary unit (special operations capable) — The Marine Corps standard, forward-deployed, sea-based expeditionary organization. The Marine expeditionary unit (special operations capable) (MEU[SOC]) is a Marine expeditionary unit, augmented with selected personnel and equipment, that is trained and equipped with an enhanced capability to conduct amphibious operations and a variety of specialized missions of limited scope and duration. These capabilities include specialized demolition, clandestine reconnaissance and surveillance, raids, in-extremis hostage recovery, and enabling operations for follow-on forces. The MEU(SOC) is not a special operations force but, when directed by the Secretary of Defense, the combatant commander, and/or other operational commander, may conduct limited special operations in extremis, when other forces are inappropriate or unavailable. Also called **MEU(SOC).** See also **aviation combat element; combat service support element; command element; ground combat element; Marine air-ground task force; Marine expeditionary force; Marine expeditionary unit; special purpose Marine air-ground task force; task force.**

Maritime Administration Ready Reserve Force — The Maritime Administration (MARAD) Ready Reserve Force is composed of 68 surge sealift assets owned and operated by the US Department of Transportation/MARAD and crewed by civilian mariners. In time of contingency or exercises, the ships are placed under the operational command of the Military Sealift Command. See also **National Defense Reserve Fleet.** (JP 4-01.6)

maritime control area — An area generally similar to a defensive sea area in purpose except that it may be established any place on the high seas. Maritime control areas are normally established only in time of war. See also **defensive sea area.**

maritime defense sector — (*) One of the subdivisions of a coastal area.

maritime domain — The oceans, seas, bays, estuaries, islands, coastal areas, and the airspace above these, including the littorals. (JP 3-32)

maritime domain awareness — The effective understanding of anything associated with the maritime domain that could impact the security, safety, economy, or environment of a nation. (JP 3-32)

maritime environment — The complex union and interaction between oceans, seas, bays, estuaries, and other major water bodies, with the atmosphere and land seaward of the mean high water mark. (JP 3-59)

maritime forces — Forces that operate on, under, or above the sea to gain or exploit command of the sea, sea control, or sea denial and/or to project power from the sea. (JP 3-32)

maritime interception operations — Efforts to monitor, query, and board merchant vessels in international waters to enforce sanctions against other nations such as those in support of United Nations Security Council Resolutions and/or prevent the transport of restricted goods. Also called **MIO.** (JP 3-0)

maritime power projection — Power projection in and from the maritime environment, including a broad spectrum of offensive military operations to destroy enemy forces or logistic support or to prevent enemy forces from approaching within enemy weapons' range of friendly forces. Maritime power projection may be accomplished by amphibious assault operations, attack of targets ashore, or support of sea control operations.

maritime pre-positioning force operation — A rapid deployment and assembly of a Marine expeditionary force in a secure area using a combination of intertheater airlift and forward-deployed maritime pre-positioning ships. See also **Marine expeditionary force; maritime pre-positioning ships.** (JP 4-01.6)

maritime pre-positioning ships — Civilian-crewed, Military Sealift Command-chartered ships that are organized into three squadrons and are usually forward-deployed. These ships are loaded with pre-positioned equipment and 30 days of supplies to support three Marine expeditionary brigades. Also called **MPS.** See also **Navy cargo handling battalion.**

maritime search and rescue region — The waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States; the territories and possessions of the United States (except Canal Zone and the inland area of Alaska), and designated areas of the high seas. See also **search and rescue region.**

maritime superiority — That degree of dominance of one force over another that permits the conduct of maritime operations by the former and its related land, maritime, and air forces at a given time and place without prohibitive interference by the opposing force. (JP 3-32 CH1)

maritime supremacy — That degree of maritime superiority wherein the opposing force is incapable of effective interference.

marker — (*) 1. A visual or electronic aid used to mark a designated point. 2. In land mine warfare: See **gap marker; intermediate marker; lane marker; row marker; strip marker.** 3. In naval operations, a maritime unit which maintains an immediate offensive or obstructive capability against a specified target.

marking — To maintain contact on a target from such a position that the marking unit has an immediate offensive capability. (JP 3-09.3)

marking error — (*) In naval mine warfare, the distance and bearing of a marker from a target.

marking fire — (*) Fire placed on a target for the purpose of identification.

marking panel — (*) A sheet of material displayed for visual communication, usually between friendly units. See also **panel code.**

married failure — (*) In naval mine warfare, a moored mine lying on the seabed connected to its sinker from which it has failed to release owing to defective mechanism.

marshalling — 1. The process by which units participating in an amphibious or airborne operation group together or assemble when feasible or move to temporary camps in the vicinity of embarkation points, complete preparations for combat, or prepare for loading. 2. The process of assembling, holding, and organizing supplies and/or equipment, especially vehicles of transportation, for onward movement. See also **stage; staging area.** (JP 3-17)

marshalling area — A location in the vicinity of a reception terminal or pre-positioned equipment storage site where arriving unit personnel, equipment, materiel, and accompanying supplies are reassembled, returned to the control of the unit commander, and prepared for onward movement. The joint complex commander designating the location will coordinate the use of the facilities with other allied commands and the host nation, and will provide life support to the units while in the marshalling area. See also **marshalling**. (JP 3-35)

mass — (*) 1. The concentration of combat power. 2. The military formation in which units are spaced at less than the normal distances and intervals.

mass casualty — Any large number of casualties produced in a relatively short period of time, usually as the result of a single incident such as a military aircraft accident, hurricane, flood, earthquake, or armed attack that exceeds local logistic support capabilities. See also **casualty.** (JP4-02)

massed fire — 1. The fire of the batteries of two or more ships directed against a single target. 2. Fire from a number of weapons directed at a single point or small area. (JP 3-02)

master — The commanding officer of a United States Naval Ship, a commercial ship, or a government-owned general agency agreement ship operated for the Military Sealift Command by a civilian company to transport Department of Defense cargo. Also called **MA.** (JP 3-02.2)

master air attack plan — A plan that contains key information that forms the foundation of the joint air tasking order. Sometimes referred to as the air employment plan or joint air tasking order shell. Information that may be found in the plan includes joint force commander guidance, joint force air component commander guidance, support plans,

component requests, target update requests, availability of capabilities and forces, target information from target lists, aircraft allocation, etc. Also called **MAAP.** See also **target.** (JP 3-60)

master film — (*) The earliest generation of imagery (negative or positive) from which subsequent copies are produced.

master plot — (*) A portion of a map or overlay on which are drawn the outlines of the areas covered by an air photographic sortie. Latitude and longitude, map, and sortie information are shown.

materials handling — (*) The movement of materials (raw materials, scrap, semifinished, and finished) to, through, and from productive processes; in warehouses and storage; and in receiving and shipping areas.

materials handling equipment — Mechanical devices for handling of supplies with greater ease and economy. Also called **MHE.** See also **materials handling.** (JP 3-35)

materiel — All items (including ships, tanks, self-propelled weapons, aircraft, etc., and related spares, repair parts, and support equipment, but excluding real property, installations, and utilities) necessary to equip, operate, maintain, and support military activities without distinction as to its application for administrative or combat purposes. See also **equipment; personal property.** (JP 4-0)

materiel control — See **inventory control.**

materiel inventory objective — The quantity of an item required to be on hand and on order on M-day in order to equip, provide a materiel pipeline, and sustain the approved US force structure (active and reserve) and those Allied forces designated for US materiel support, through the period prescribed for war materiel planning purposes. It is the quantity by which the war materiel requirement exceeds the war materiel procurement capability and the war materiel requirement adjustment. It includes the M-day force materiel requirement and the war reserve materiel requirement. (JP 4-09)

materiel management — See **inventory control.**

materiel planning — A subset of logistic planning consisting of a four-step process. a. **requirements definition.** Requirements for significant items must be calculated at item level detail (i.e., National Stock Number) to support sustainability planning and analysis. Requirements include unit roundout, consumption and attrition replacement, safety stock, and the needs of allies. b. **apportionment.** Items are apportioned to the combatant commanders based on a global scenario to avoid sourcing of items to multiple theaters. The basis for apportionment is the capability provided by unit stocks, host-nation support, theater pre-positioned war reserve stocks and industrial base, and continental United States Department of Defense stockpiles and available production. Item apportionment cannot exceed total capabilities. c. **sourcing.** Sourcing is the

matching of available capabilities on a given date against item requirements to support sustainability analysis and the identification of locations to support transportation planning. Sourcing of any item is done within the combatant commander's apportionment. d. **documentation.** Sourced item requirements and corresponding shortfalls are major inputs to the combatant commander's sustainability analysis. Sourced item requirements are translated into movement requirements and documented in the Joint Operation Planning and Execution System database for transportation feasibility analysis. Movement requirements for nonsignificant items are estimated in tonnage.

materiel readiness — The availability of materiel required by a military organization to support its wartime activities or contingencies, disaster relief (flood, earthquake, etc.), or other emergencies.

materiel release order — An order issued by an accountable supply system manager (usually an inventory control point or accountable depot or stock point) directing a non-accountable activity (usually a storage site or materiel drop point) within the same supply distribution complex to release and ship materiel. Also called **MRO.** (JP 4-09)

materiel requirements — Those quantities of items of equipment and supplies necessary to equip, provide a materiel pipeline, and sustain a Service, formation, organization, or unit in the fulfillment of its purposes or tasks during a specified period. (JP 4-09)

maximum effective range — The maximum distance at which a weapon may be expected to be accurate and achieve the desired effect.

maximum elevation figure — (*) A figure, shown in each quadrangle bounded by ticked graticule lines on aeronautical charts, which represents the height in thousands and hundreds of feet, above mean sea level, of the highest known natural or manmade feature in that quadrangle, plus suitable factors to allow for inaccuracy and incompleteness of the topographical heighting information.

maximum enlisted amount — For any month, the sum of: a. the highest rate of basic pay payable for such month to any enlisted member of the Armed Forces of the United States at the highest pay grade applicable to enlisted members; and b. in the case of officers entitled to special pay under Title 37, United States Code, for such month, the amount of such special pay payable to such officers for such month. (JP 1-0)

maximum landing weight — (*) The maximum gross weight due to design or operational limitations at which an aircraft is permitted to land.

maximum ordinate — (*) In artillery and naval gunfire support, the height of the highest point in the trajectory of a projectile above the horizontal plane passing through its origin. Also called **vertex height.**

maximum permissible concentration — See **radioactivity concentration guide.**

maximum permissible dose — (*) That radiation dose which a military commander or other appropriate authority may prescribe as the limiting cumulative radiation dose to be received over a specific period of time by members of the command, consistent with current operational military considerations.

maximum range — (*) The greatest distance a weapon can fire without consideration of dispersion.

maximum sustained speed — (*) In road transport, the highest speed at which a vehicle, with its rated payload, can be driven for an extended period on a level first-class highway without sustaining damage.

maximum take-off weight — (*) The maximum gross weight due to design or operational limitations at which an aircraft is permitted to take off.

mayday — Distress call.

M-day — See **times.**

meaconing — A system of receiving radio beacon signals and rebroadcasting them on the same frequency to confuse navigation. The meaconing stations cause inaccurate bearings to be obtained by aircraft or ground stations. (JP 3-13.1)

mean lethal dose — (*) 1. The amount of nuclear irradiation of the whole body which would be fatal to 50 percent of the exposed personnel in a given period of time. 2. The dose of chemical agent that would kill 50 percent of exposed, unprotected, and untreated personnel.

mean point of burst — See **mean point of impact.**

mean point of impact — (*) The point whose coordinates are the arithmetic means of the coordinates of the separate points of impact/burst of a finite number of projectiles fired or released at the same aiming point under a given set of conditions.

means of transport — See **mode of transport.**

measured mile — (*) In maritime navigation, distance precisely measured and marked, used by a vessel to calibrate its log.

measurement and signature intelligence — Intelligence obtained by quantitative and qualitative analysis of data (metric, angle, spatial, wavelength, time dependence, modulation, plasma, and hydromagnetic) derived from specific technical sensors for the purpose of identifying any distinctive features associated with the emitter or sender, and to facilitate subsequent identification and/or measurement of the same. The detected

feature may be either reflected or emitted. Also called **MASINT.** See also **intelligence; scientific and technical intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

Measurement and Signature Intelligence Requirements System — A system for the management of theater and national measurement and signature intelligence (MASINT) collection requirements. It provides automated tools for users in support of submission, review, and validation of MASINT nominations of requirements to be tasked for national and Department of Defense MASINT collection, production, and exploitation resources. Also called **MRS.** See also **measurement and signature intelligence.** (JP 2-01)

measurement ton — The unit of volumetric measurement of equipment associated with surface-delivered cargo. Measurement tons equal total cubic feet divided by 40 (1MTON = 40 cubic feet). Also called **M/T, MT, MTON.**

measure of effectiveness — A criterion used to assess changes in system behavior, capability, or operational environment that is tied to measuring the attainment of an end state, achievement of an objective, or creation of an effect. Also called **MOE.** See also **combat assessment; mission.** (JP 3-0)

measure of performance — A criterion used to assess friendly actions that is tied to measuring task accomplishment. Also called **MOP.** (JP 3-0)

mechanical sweep — (*) In naval mine warfare, any sweep used with the object of physically contacting the mine or its appendages.

median incapacitating dose — (*) The amount or quantity of chemical agent which when introduced into the body will incapacitate 50 percent of exposed, unprotected personnel.

media operations center — A facility established by the joint force commander to serve as the focal point for the interface between the military and the media during the conduct of joint operations. Also called **MOC.** (JP 3-61)

media pool — A limited number of news media who represent a larger number of news media organizations for purposes of news gathering and sharing of material during a specified activity. Pooling is typically used when news media support resources cannot accommodate a large number of journalists. See also **news media representative; public affairs.** (JP 3-61)

medical civil-military operations — All military health-related activities in support of a joint force commander that establish, enhance, maintain or influence relations between the joint or multinational force and host nation, multinational governmental and nongovernmental civilian organizations and authorities, and the civilian populace in order to facilitate military operations, achieve US operational objectives, and positively impact the health sector. Also called **MCMO.** (JP 4-02)

medical contingency file — A web-based database within the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia's Readiness Management Application that identifies and manages Department of Defense medical contingency materiel requirements. (JP 4-02)

medical evacuees — Personnel who are wounded, injured, or ill and must be moved to or between medical facilities. (JP 4-02)

medical intelligence — That category of intelligence resulting from collection, evaluation, analysis, and interpretation of foreign medical, bio-scientific, and environmental information that is of interest to strategic planning and to military medical planning and operations for the conservation of the fighting strength of friendly forces and the formation of assessments of foreign medical capabilities in both military and civilian sectors. Also called **MEDINT.** See also **intelligence.** (JP 2-01)

medical intelligence preparation of the operational environment — A systematic continuing process that analyzes information on medical and disease threats, enemy capabilities, terrain, weather, local medical infrastructure, potential humanitarian and refugee situations, transportation issues, and political, religious and social issues for all types of operations. Medical intelligence preparation of the operational environment is a component of the health service support mission analysis process, and the resulting statistics serves as a basis for developing health service support estimates and plans. It includes: defining the operational environment, describing the operational environment effects on health service support operations, evaluating the operational environmental threats, and determining courses of action to meet actual and potential threats. Also called **MIPOE.** (JP 4-02)

medical officer — (*) Physician with officer rank. Also called **MO.**

medical protocols — Directives issued by competent military authority that delineate the circumstances and limitations under which United States medical forces will initiate medical care and support to those individuals that are not Department of Defense health care beneficiaries or designated eligible for care in a military medical treatment facility by the Secretary of Defense. (JP 4-02)

medical regulating — The actions and coordination necessary to arrange for the movement of patients through the levels of care. This process matches patients with a medical treatment facility that has the necessary health service support capabilities and available bed space. See also **health service support; medical treatment facility.** (JP 4-02)

medical surveillance — The ongoing, systematic collection, analysis, and interpretation of data derived from instances of medical care or medical evaluation, and the reporting of population-based information for characterizing and countering threats to a population's health, well-being and performance. See also **surveillance.** (JP 4-02)

medical treatment facility — A facility established for the purpose of furnishing medical and/or dental care to eligible individuals. Also called **MTF.** (JP 4-02)

medium-range transport aircraft — See **transport aircraft.**

medium-scale map — A map having a scale larger than 1:600,000 and smaller than 1:75,000. See also **map.**

meeting engagement — (*) A combat action that occurs when a moving force, incompletely deployed for battle, engages an enemy at an unexpected time and place.

megaton weapon — (*) A nuclear weapon, the yield of which is measured in terms of millions of tons of trinitrotoluene explosive equivalents. See also **kiloton weapon; nominal weapon; subkiloton weapon.**

mensuration — The process of measurement of a feature or location on the earth to determine an absolute latitude, longitude, and elevation. For targeting applications, the errors inherent in both the source for measurement as well as the measurement processes must be understood and reported. (JP 3-60)

merchant convoy — (*) A convoy consisting primarily of merchant ships controlled by the naval control of shipping organization.

merchant ship — (*) A vessel engaged in mercantile trade except river craft, estuarial craft, or craft which operate solely within harbor limits.

merchant ship communications system — (*) A worldwide system of communications to and from merchant ships using the peacetime commercial organization as a basis but under operational control authority, with the ability to employ the broadcast mode to ships when the situation makes radio silence necessary. Also called **mercomms system.**

merchant ship control zone — (*) A defined area of sea or ocean inside which it may be necessary to offer guidance, control, and protection to Allied shipping.

merchant ship reporting and control message system — (*) A worldwide message system for reporting the movements of and information relating to the control of merchant ships.

mercomms system — See **merchant ship communications system.**

message — 1. Any thought or idea expressed briefly in a plain or secret language and prepared in a form suitable for transmission by any means of communication. (JP 6-0) 2. A narrowly focused communication directed at a specific audience to support a specific theme. (JP 3-61)

meteorological and oceanographic — A term used to convey all meteorological, oceanographic, and space environmental factors as provided by Services, support agencies, and other sources. These factors include the whole range of atmospheric (weather) and oceanographic phenomena, from the sub-bottom of the earth's oceans up to the space environment (space weather). Also called **METOC.** (JP 3-59)

meteorological and oceanographic data — Measurements or observations of meteorological and oceanographic variables. (JP 3-59)

meteorological and oceanographic environment — The surroundings, which include conditions, resources, and natural phenomena, in and through which the joint force operates. The complete environment extends from the sub-bottom of the Earth's oceans, through maritime, land areas, airspace, ionosphere, and outward into space. (JP 3-59)

meteorological and oceanographic operations support community — The collective of electronically connected, shore-based meteorological and oceanographic production facilities/centers, theater and/or regional meteorological and oceanographic production activities. Also called **MOSC.** See also **meteorological and oceanographic.** (JP 3-59)

meteorology — The study dealing with the phenomena of the atmosphere including the physics, chemistry, and dynamics extending to the effects of the atmosphere on the Earth's surface and the oceans. (JP 3-59)

microform — (*) A generic term for any form, whether film, video tape, paper, or other medium, containing miniaturized or otherwise compressed images which cannot be read without special display devices.

midcourse guidance — The guidance applied to a missile between termination of the boost phase and the start of the terminal phase of flight.

midcourse phase — That portion of the flight of a ballistic missile between the boost phase and the terminal phase. See also **ballistic trajectory; boost phase; terminal phase.** (JP 3-01)

migrant — A person who (1) belongs to a normally migratory culture who may cross national boundaries, or (2) has fled his or her native country for economic reasons rather than fear of political or ethnic persecution. (JP 3-29)

militarily significant fallout — Radioactive contamination capable of inflicting radiation doses on personnel which may result in a reduction of their combat effectiveness.

Military Affiliate Radio System — A program conducted by the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force in which amateur radio stations and operators participate in and contribute to the mission of providing auxiliary and emergency communications on

a local, national, or international basis as an adjunct to normal military communications. Also called **MARS.**

military assistance advisory group — A joint Service group, normally under the military command of a commander of a unified command and representing the Secretary of Defense, which primarily administers the US military assistance planning and programming in the host country. Also called **MAAG**. (JP 3-22)

military assistance for civil disturbances — A mission of civil support involving Department of Defense support, normally based on the direction of the President, to suppress insurrections, rebellions, and domestic violence, and provide federal supplemental assistance to the states to maintain law and order. Also called **MACDIS.** (DODD 3025.15)

Military Assistance Program — That portion of the US security assistance authorized by the Foreign Assistance Act of l961, as amended, which provides defense articles and services to recipients on a nonreimbursable (grant) basis. Also called **MAP.**

military assistance to civil authorities — The broad mission of civil support consisting of the three mission subsets of military support to civil authorities, military support to civilian law enforcement agencies, and military assistance for civil disturbances. Also called **MACA.** (DODD 3025.1)

military capability — The ability to achieve a specified wartime objective (win a war or battle, destroy a target set). It includes four major components: force structure, modernization, readiness, and sustainability. a. **force structure** — Numbers, size, and composition of the units that comprise US defense forces; e.g., divisions, ships, air wings. b. **modernization** — Technical sophistication of forces, units, weapon systems, and equipments. c. **unit readiness** — The ability to provide capabilities required by the combatant commanders to execute their assigned missions. This is derived from the ability of each unit to deliver the outputs for which it was designed. d. **sustainability** — The ability to maintain the necessary level and duration of operational activity to achieve military objectives. Sustainability is a function of providing for and maintaining those levels of ready forces, materiel, and consumables necessary to support military effort. See also **readiness.**

military characteristics — Those characteristics of equipment upon which depends its ability to perform desired military functions. Military characteristics include physical and operational characteristics but not technical characteristics.

military civic action — The use of preponderantly indigenous military forces on projects useful to the local population at all levels in such fields as education, training, public works, agriculture, transportation, communications, health, sanitation, and others contributing to economic and social development, which would also serve to improve the standing of the military forces with the population. (US forces may at times advise or engage in military civic actions in overseas areas.) (JP 3-57)

military construction — Any construction, alteration, development, conversion, or extension of any kind carried out with respect to a military installation. Also called **MILCON.** (JP 3-34)

military convoy — (*) A land or maritime convoy that is controlled and reported as a military unit. A maritime convoy can consist of any combination of merchant ships, auxiliaries, or other military units.

military currency — (*) Currency prepared by a power and declared by its military commander to be legal tender for use by civilian and/or military personnel as prescribed in the areas occupied by its forces. It should be of distinctive design to distinguish it from the official currency of the countries concerned, but may be denominated in the monetary unit of either.

military deception — Actions executed to deliberately mislead adversary military decision makers as to friendly military capabilities, intentions, and operations, thereby causing the adversary to take specific actions (or inactions) that will contribute to the accomplishment of the friendly mission. Also called **MILDEC.** See also **deception.** (JP 3-13.4)

Military Department — One of the departments within the Department of Defense created by the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. Also called **MILDEP.** See also **Department of the Air Force; Department of the Army; Department of the Navy.**

military education — The systematic instruction of individuals in subjects that will enhance their knowledge of the science and art of war. See also **military training.**

military engagement — Routine contact and interaction between individuals or elements of the Armed Forces of the United States and those of another nation's armed forces, or foreign and domestic civilian authorities or agencies to build trust and confidence, share information, coordinate mutual activities, and maintain influence. (JP 3-0)

military geography — The specialized field of geography dealing with natural and manmade physical features that may affect the planning and conduct of military operations.

military government — See **civil affairs.**

military governor — (*) The military commander or other designated person who, in an occupied territory, exercises supreme authority over the civil population subject to the laws and usages of war and to any directive received from the commander's government or superior.

military grid — (*) Two sets of parallel lines intersecting at right angles and forming squares; the grid is superimposed on maps, charts, and other similar representations of

the surface of the Earth in an accurate and consistent manner to permit identification of ground locations with respect to other locations and the computation of direction and distance to other points. See also **military grid reference system.**

military grid reference system — (*) A system which uses a standard-scaled grid square, based on a point of origin on a map projection of the surface of the Earth in an accurate and consistent manner to permit either position referencing or the computation of direction and distance between grid positions. Also called **MGRS.** See also **military grid.**

military health system — A health system that supports the military mission by fostering, protecting, sustaining, and restoring health. It also provides the direction, resources, health care providers, and other means necessary for promoting the health of the beneficiary population. These include developing and promoting health awareness issues to educate customers, discovering and resolving environmentally based health threats, providing health services, including preventive care and problem intervention, and improving the means and methods for maintaining the health of the beneficiary population, by constantly evaluating the performance of the health care services system. (JP 4-02)

military independent — (*) A merchant ship or auxiliary sailed singly but controlled and reported as a military unit. See also **independent.**

military intelligence — Intelligence on any foreign military or military-related situation or activity which is significant to military policymaking or the planning and conduct of military operations and activities. Also called **MI.** (JP 2-01)

Military Intelligence Board — A decision-making forum which formulates Department of Defense intelligence policy and programming priorities. Also called **MIB.** See also **intelligence; military intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

military intervention — The deliberate act of a nation or a group of nations to introduce its military forces into the course of an existing controversy.

military journalist — A US Service member or Department of Defense civilian employee providing photographic, print, radio, or television command information for military internal audiences. See also **command information.** (JP 3-61)

military load classification — (*) A standard system in which a route, bridge, or raft is assigned class number(s) representing the load it can carry. Vehicles are also assigned number(s) indicating the minimum class of route, bridge, or raft they are authorized to use. See also **route classification.**

military necessity — (*) The principle whereby a belligerent has the right to apply any measures which are required to bring about the successful conclusion of a military operation and which are not forbidden by the laws of war.

military nuclear power — (*) A nation which has nuclear weapons and the capability for their employment.

military occupation — A condition in which territory is under the effective control of a foreign armed force. See also **occupied territory.**

military options — A range of military force responses that can be projected to accomplish assigned tasks. Options include one or a combination of the following: civic action, humanitarian assistance, civil affairs, and other military activities to develop positive relationships with other countries; confidence building and other measures to reduce military tensions; military presence; activities to convey threats to adversaries as well as truth projections; military deceptions and psychological operations; quarantines, blockades, and harassment operations; raids; intervention operations; armed conflict involving air, land, maritime, and strategic warfare operations; support for law enforcement authorities to counter international criminal activities (terrorism, narcotics trafficking, slavery, and piracy); support for law enforcement authorities to suppress domestic rebellion; and support for insurgency, counterinsurgency, and civil war in foreign countries. See also **civil affairs; foreign humanitarian assistance; military civic action.** (JP 5-01.3)

military post office — A branch of a designated US-based post office such as New York, San Francisco, Miami, or Seattle established by US Postal Service authority and operated by one of the Military Services. The term includes Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and established Coast Guard post offices Also called **MPO.**

Military Postal Service — The command, organization, personnel, and facilities established to provide, through military post offices, a means for the transmission of mail to and from the Department of Defense, members of the US Armed Forces, and other authorized agencies and individuals. Also called **MPS.** (JP 1)

Military Postal Service Agency — The single manager operating agency established to manage the Military Postal Service. Also called **MPSA.**

military posture — The military disposition, strength, and condition of readiness as it affects capabilities.

military requirement — (*) An established need justifying the timely allocation of resources to achieve a capability to accomplish approved military objectives, missions, or tasks. Also called **operational requirement.**

military resources — Military and civilian personnel, facilities, equipment, and supplies under the control of a Department of Defense component.

Military Sealift Command — A major command of the US Navy reporting to Commander Fleet Forces Command, and the US Transportation Command's component command

responsible for designated common-user sealift transportation services to deploy, employ, sustain, and redeploy US forces on a global basis. Also called **MSC.** See also **transportation component command.** (JP 4-01.2)

Military Sealift Command force — The Military Sealift Command force common-user sealift consists of three subsets: the Naval Fleet Auxiliary Force, common-user ocean transportation, and the special mission support force. These ship classes include government-owned ships (normally civilian-manned) and ships acquired by Military Sealift Command charter or allocated from other government agencies. See also **common-user sealift; Military Sealift Command.** (JP 4-01.2)

Military Service — A branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, established by act of Congress, in which persons are appointed, enlisted, or inducted for military service, and which operates and is administered within a military or executive department. The Military Services are: the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United States Marine Corps, and the United States Coast Guard.

military source operations — Refers to the collection, from, by and/or via humans, of foreign and military and military-related intelligence. (JP 2-01.2)

military specification container — A container that meets specific written standards. Also called **MILSPEC container.** (JP 4-09)

military standard requisitioning and issue procedure — A uniform procedure established by the Department of Defense for use within the Department of Defense to govern requisition and issue of materiel within standardized priorities. Also called **MILSTRIP.**

military standard transportation and movement procedures — Uniform and standard transportation data, documentation, and control procedures applicable to all cargo movements in the Department of Defense transportation system. Also called **MILSTAMP.**

military support to civil authorities — A mission of civil support consisting of support for natural or man-made disasters, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high-yield explosive consequence management, and other support as required. Also called **MSCA.** (DODD 3025.1)

military support to civilian law enforcement agencies — A mission of civil support that includes support to civilian law enforcement agencies. This includes but is not limited to: combating terrorism, counterdrug operations, national security special events, and national critical infrastructure and key asset protection. Also called **MSCLEA.** (DODD 3025.1)

military symbol — (*) A graphic sign used, usually on map, display or diagram, to represent a particular military unit, installation, activity, or other item of military interest.

military technician — A Federal civilian employee providing full-time support to a National Guard, Reserve, or Active Component organization for administration, training, and maintenance of the Selected Reserve. Also called **MILTECH.** (CJCSM 3150.13)

military training — 1. The instruction of personnel to enhance their capacity to perform specific military functions and tasks. 2. The exercise of one or more military units conducted to enhance their combat readiness. See also **military education.**

military van (container) — Military-owned, demountable container, conforming to US and international standards, operated in a centrally controlled fleet for movement of military cargo. Also called **MILVAN.**

MILSPEC container — See **military specification container.** (JP 4-09)

MILVAN — See **military van (container).**

mine — 1. In land mine warfare, an explosive or other material, normally encased, designed to destroy or damage ground vehicles, boats, or aircraft, or designed to wound, kill, or otherwise incapacitate personnel. It is designed to be detonated by the action of its victim, by the passage of time, or by controlled means. 2. In naval mine warfare, an explosive device laid in the water with the intention of damaging or sinking ships or of deterring shipping from entering an area. See also **land mine warfare; mine warfare.** (JP 3-15)

mineable waters — (*) Waters where naval mines of any given type may be effective against any given target.

mine clearance — (*) The process of removing all mines from a route or area.

mine-cluster — A number of mines (not to exceed five) laid within a two-meter semicircle of the central mine.

mine countermeasures — All methods for preventing or reducing damage or danger from mines. Also called **MCM.** (JP 3-15)

mined area — (*) An area declared dangerous due to the presence or suspected presence of mines.

mine defense — (*) The defense of a position, area, etc., by land or underwater mines. A mine defense system includes the personnel and equipment needed to plant, operate, maintain, and protect the minefields that are laid.

mine disposal — The operation by suitably qualified personnel designed to render safe, neutralize, recover, remove, or destroy mines.

minefield — 1. In land warfare, an area of ground containing mines emplaced with or without a pattern. 2. In naval warfare, an area of water containing mines laid with or without a pattern. See also **land mine warfare; mine; mine warfare.** (JP 3-15)

minefield breaching — (*) In land mine warfare, the process of clearing a lane through a minefield under tactical conditions. See also **minefield lane.**

minefield density — In land mine warfare, the average number of mines per meter of minefield front, or the average number of mines per square meter of minefield. In naval warfare, the average number of mines per nautical mile.

minefield lane — A marked lane, unmined, or cleared of mines, leading through a minefield.

minefield marking — Visible marking of all points required in laying a minefield and indicating the extent of such minefields.

minefield record — A complete written record of all pertinent information concerning a minefield, submitted on a standard form by the officer in charge of the laying operations. (JP 3-15)

minefield report — An oral, electronic, or written communication concerning mining activities (friendly or enemy) submitted in a standard format by the fastest secure means available. (JP 3-15)

minehunting — Employment of sensor and neutralization systems, whether air, surface, or subsurface, to locate and dispose of individual mines. Minehunting is conducted to eliminate mines in a known field when sweeping is not feasible or desirable, or to verify the presence or absence of mines in a given area. See also **minesweeping.** (JP 3-15)

mine row — (*) A single row of mines or clusters of mines. See also **mine strip.**

mine spotting — (*) In naval mine warfare, the process of visually observing a mine or minefield.

mine strip — (*) In land mine warfare, two parallel mine rows laid simultaneously six meters or six paces apart. See also **mine row.**

minesweeping — The technique of clearing mines using either mechanical, explosive, or influence sweep equipment. Mechanical sweeping removes, disturbs, or otherwise neutralizes the mine; explosive sweeping causes sympathetic detonations in, damages,

or displaces the mine; and influence sweeping produces either the acoustic and/or magnetic influence required to detonate the mine. See also **minehunting.** (JP 3-15)

mine warfare — The strategic, operational, and tactical use of mines and mine countermeasures. Mine warfare is divided into two basic subdivisions: the laying of mines to degrade the enemy's capabilities to wage land, air, and maritime warfare; and the countering of enemy-laid mines to permit friendly maneuver or use of selected land or sea areas. Also called **MIW.** (JP 3-15)

mine warfare chart — (*) A special naval chart, at a scale of 1:50,000 or larger (preferably 1:25,000 or larger) designed for planning and executing mine warfare operations, either based on an existing standard nautical chart, or produced to special specifications.

mine warfare group — (*) A task organization of mine warfare units for the conduct of minelaying and/or mine countermeasures in maritime operations.

minewatching — (*) In naval mine warfare, the mine countermeasures procedure to detect, record and, if possible, track potential minelayers and to detect, find the position of, and/or identify mines during the actual minelaying.

mine weapons — (*) The collective term for all weapons which may be used in mine warfare.

minimize — A condition wherein normal message and telephone traffic is drastically reduced in order that messages connected with an actual or simulated emergency shall not be delayed. (JP 6-0)

minimum aircraft operating surface — (*) The minimum surface on an airfield which is essential for the movement of aircraft. It includes the aircraft dispersal areas, the minimum operating strip, and the taxiways between them. See also **minimum operating strip.**

minimum force — Those minimum actions, including the use of armed force, sufficient to bring a situation under control or to defend against hostile act or hostile intent. All actions must cease as soon as the target complies with instructions or ceases hostile action. The firing of weapons is to be considered as a means of last resort.

minimum nuclear safe distance — (*) The sum of the radius of safety and the buffer distance.

minimum nuclear warning time — (*) The sum of system reaction time and personnel reaction time.

minimum obstruction clearance altitude — The specified altitude in effect between radio fixes on very high frequency omnirange airways, off-airway routes, or route segments,

which meets obstruction clearance requirements for the entire route segment, and that assures acceptable navigational signal coverage only within 22 miles of a very high frequency omnirange.

minimum operating strip — (*) A runway which meets the minimum requirements for operating assigned and/or allocated aircraft types on a particular airfield at maximum or combat gross weight. See also **minimum aircraft operating surface.**

minimum range — 1. Least range setting of a gun at which the projectile will clear an obstacle or friendly troops between the gun and the target. 2. Shortest distance to which a gun can fire from a given position. 3. The range at which a projectile or fuse will be armed.

minimum reception altitude — The lowest altitude required to receive adequate signals to determine specific very high frequency omnirange and tactical air navigation fixes.

minimum residual radioactivity weapon — (*) A nuclear weapon designed to have optimum reduction of unwanted effects from fallout, rainout, and burst site radioactivity. See also **salted weapon.**

minimum-risk route — A temporary corridor of defined dimensions recommended for use by high-speed, fixed-wing aircraft that presents the minimum known hazards to low-flying aircraft transiting the combat zone. Also called **MRR.** (JP 3-52)

minimum safe altitude — (*) The altitude below which it is hazardous to fly owing to presence of high ground or other obstacles.

minor control — See **photogrammetric control.**

minor port — (*) A port having facilities for the discharge of cargo from coasters or lighters only.

misfire — (*) 1. Failure to fire or explode properly. 2. Failure of a primer or the propelling charge of a round or projectile to function wholly or in part.

missed approach — (*) An approach which is not completed by landing.

missile control system — (*) A system that serves to maintain attitude stability and to correct deflections. See also **missile guidance system.**

missile defense — Defensive measures designed to destroy attacking enemy missiles, or to nullify or reduce the effectiveness of such attack. (JP 3-01)

missile destruct — (*) Intentional destruction of a missile or similar vehicle for safety or other reasons.

missile destruct system — (*) A system which, when operated by external command or preset internal means, destroys the missile or similar vehicle.

missile guidance system — (*) A system which evaluates flight information, correlates it with target data, determines the desired flight path of a missile, and communicates the necessary commands to the missile flight control system. See also **missile control system.**

missing — A casualty status for which the United States Code provides statutory guidance concerning missing members of the Military Services. Excluded are personnel who are in an absent without leave, deserter, or dropped-from-rolls status. A person declared missing is categorized as follows. a. **beleaguered** — The casualty is a member of an organized element that has been surrounded by a hostile force to prevent escape of its members. b. **captured** — The casualty has been seized as the result of action of an unfriendly military or paramilitary force in a foreign country. c. **detained** — The casualty is prevented from proceeding or is restrained in custody for alleged violation of international law or other reason claimed by the government or group under which the person is being held. d. **interned** — The casualty is definitely known to have been taken into custody of a nonbelligerent foreign power as the result of and for reasons arising out of any armed conflict in which the Armed Forces of the United States are engaged. e. **missing** — The casualty is not present at his or her duty location due to apparent involuntary reasons and whose location is unknown. f. **missing in action** — The casualty is a hostile casualty, other than the victim of a terrorist activity, who is not present at his or her duty location due to apparent involuntary reasons and whose location is unknown. Also called **MIA.** See also **casualty category; casualty status.**

missing in action — See **missing.**

mission — 1. The task, together with the purpose, that clearly indicates the action to be taken and the reason therefore. (JP 3-0) 2. In common usage, especially when applied to lower military units, a duty assigned to an individual or unit; a task. (JP 3-0) 3. The dispatching of one or more aircraft to accomplish one particular task. (JP 3-30)

mission assignment — The vehicle used by the Department of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness and Response/Federal Emergency Management Agency to support federal operations in a Stafford Act major disaster or emergency declaration that orders immediate, short-term emergency response assistance when an applicable state or local government is overwhelmed by the event and lacks the capability to perform, or contract for, the necessary work. (JP 3-28)

mission-capable — Material condition of an aircraft indicating it can perform at least one and potentially all of its designated missions. Mission-capable is further defined as the sum of full mission-capable and partial mission-capable. Also called **MC.**

mission command — The conduct of military operations through decentralized execution based upon mission-type orders. (JP 3-31)

mission needs statement — A formatted non-system-specific statement containing operational capability needs and written in broad operational terms. It describes required operational capabilities and constraints to be studied during the Concept Exploration and Definition Phase of the Requirements Generation Process. Also called **MNS.**

mission-oriented protective posture — A flexible system of protection against chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear contamination. This posture requires personnel to wear only that protective clothing and equipment (mission-oriented protective posture gear) appropriate to the threat level, work rate imposed by the mission, temperature, and humidity. Also called **MOPP.** See also **mission-oriented protective posture gear.** (JP 3-11)

mission-oriented protective posture gear — Military term for individual protective equipment including suit, boots, gloves, mask with hood, first aid treatments, and decontamination kits issued to military members. Also called **MOPP gear.** See also **decontamination; mission-oriented protective posture.** (JP 3-11)

mission specific data sets — Further densification of global geospatial foundation data. Information created to support specific operations, operation plans, training, or system development. Information conforms to established Department of Defense data specifications. Also called **MSDS.** See also **geospatial information and services.** (JP 2-03)

mission statement — A short sentence or paragraph that describes the organization's essential task (or tasks) and purpose — a clear statement of the action to be taken and the reason for doing so. The mission statement contains the elements of who, what, when, where, and why, but seldom specifies how. See also **mission.** (JP 5-0)

mission type order — 1. An order issued to a lower unit that includes the accomplishment of the total mission assigned to the higher headquarters. 2. An order to a unit to perform a mission without specifying how it is to be accomplished. (JP 3-50)

mixed — (*) In artillery and naval gunfire support, a spotting, or an observation, by a spotter or an observer to indicate that the rounds fired resulted in an equal number of air and impact bursts.

mixed bag — (*) In naval mine warfare, a collection of mines of various types, firing systems, sensitivities, arming delays and ship counter settings.

mixed minefield — (*) A minefield containing both antitank and antipersonnel mines. See also **minefield.**

mobile inshore undersea warfare unit — A Navy surveillance unit that provides seaward security to joint logistics over-the-shore operations from either a port or harbor

complex or unimproved beach sites. The mobile inshore undersea warfare unit is equipped with mobile radar, sonar, and communications equipment located within a mobile van. Also called **MIUWU.** See also **joint logistics over-the-shore operations.** (JP 4-01.6)

mobile mine — (*) In naval mine warfare, a mine designed to be propelled to its proposed laying position by propulsion equipment like a torpedo. It sinks at the end of its run and then operates like a mine. See also **mine.**

mobile security force — A dedicated security force designed to defeat Level I and II threats on a base and/or base cluster. Also called **MSF.** (JP 3-10)

mobile training team — A team consisting of one or more US military or civilian personnel sent on temporary duty, often to a foreign nation, to give instruction. The mission of the team is to train indigenous personnel to operate, maintain, and employ weapons and support systems, or to develop a self-training capability in a particular skill. The Secretary of Defense may direct a team to train either military or civilian indigenous personnel, depending upon host-nation requests. Also called **MTT.**

mobility — A quality or capability of military forces which permits them to move from place to place while retaining the ability to fulfill their primary mission. (JP 3-17)

mobility air forces — The mobility air forces are comprised of those air components and Service components that are assigned air mobility forces and/or that routinely exercise command authority over their operations. Also called **MAF**. (JP 3-17)

mobility analysis — An in-depth examination of all aspects of transportation planning in support of operation plan and operation order development.

mobility corridor — Areas where a force will be canalized due to terrain restrictions. They allow military forces to capitalize on the principles of mass and speed and are therefore relatively free of obstacles. (JP 2-01.3)

mobility echelon — A subordinate element of a unit that is scheduled for deployment separately from the parent unit.

mobilization — 1. The act of assembling and organizing national resources to support national objectives in time of war or other emergencies. See also **industrial mobilization.** 2. The process by which the Armed Forces or part of them are brought to a state of readiness for war or other national emergency. This includes activating all or part of the Reserve Component as well as assembling and organizing personnel, supplies, and materiel. Mobilization of the Armed Forces includes but is not limited to the following categories: a. **selective mobilization** — Expansion of the active Armed Forces resulting from action by Congress and/or the President to mobilize Reserve Component units, Individual Ready Reservists, and the resources needed for their support to meet the requirements of a domestic emergency that is not the result of an

enemy attack. b. **partial mobilization** — Expansion of the active Armed Forces resulting from action by Congress (up to full mobilization) or by the President (not more than 1,000,000 for not more than 24 consecutive months) to mobilize Ready Reserve Component units, individual reservists, and the resources needed for their support to meet the requirements of a war or other national emergency involving an external threat to the national security. c. **full mobilization** — Expansion of the active Armed Forces resulting from action by Congress and the President to mobilize all Reserve Component units and individuals in the existing approved force structure, as well as all retired military personnel, and the resources needed for their support to meet the requirements of a war or other national emergency involving an external threat to the national security. Reserve personnel can be placed on active duty for the duration of the emergency plus six months. d. **total mobilization** — Expansion of the active Armed Forces resulting from action by Congress and the President to organize and/or generate additional units or personnel beyond the existing force structure, and the resources needed for their support, to meet the total requirements of a war or other national emergency involving an external threat to the national security. Also called **MOB.** (JP 4-05)

mobilization base — The total of all resources available, or that can be made available, to meet foreseeable wartime needs. Such resources include the manpower and materiel resources and services required for the support of essential military, civilian, and survival activities, as well as the elements affecting their state of readiness, such as (but not limited to) the following: manning levels, state of training, modernization of equipment, mobilization materiel reserves and facilities, continuity of government, civil defense plans and preparedness measures, psychological preparedness of the people, international agreements, planning with industry, dispersion, and standby legislation and controls. (JP 4-05)

mobilization exercise — An exercise involving, either completely or in part, the implementation of mobilization plans. (JP 4-05)

mobilization reserves — Not to be used. See **war reserves.**

mobilization site — The designated location where a Reserve Component unit or individual mobilizes or moves after mobilization for further processing, training, and employment. This differs from a mobilization station in that it is not necessarily a military installation. See also **mobilization; mobilization station; Reserve Component.** (JP 4-05)

mobilization staff officer — The action officer assigned the principle responsibility or additional duties related to Reserve Component mobilization actions. See also **mobilization; Reserve Component.** (JP 4-05)

mobilization station — The designated military installation to which a Reserve Component unit or individual is moved for further processing, organizing, equipping, training, and employment and from which the unit or individual may move to an aerial port of

embarkation or seaport of embarkation. See also **mobilization; mobilization site; Reserve Component.** (JP 4-05)

mock-up — (*) A model, built to scale, of a machine, apparatus, or weapon, used in studying the construction of, and in testing a new development, or in teaching personnel how to operate the actual machine, apparatus, or weapon.

mode (identification, friend or foe) — The number or letter referring to the specific pulse spacing of the signals transmitted by an interrogator or transponder.

mode of transport — One of the various modes used for a movement. For each mode, there are several means of transport. They are: a. inland surface transportation (rail, road, and inland waterway); b. sea transport (coastal and ocean); c. air transportation; and d. pipelines. (JP 4-09)

modernization — See **military capability.**

Modernized Integrated Database — The national level repository for the general military intelligence available to the entire Department of Defense Intelligence Information System community and, through Global Command and Control System integrated imagery and intelligence, to tactical units. This data is maintained and updated by the Defense Intelligence Agency. Commands and Services are delegated responsibility to maintain their portion of the database. Also called **MIDB.** See also **database.** (JP 3-13.1)

modified combined obstacle overlay — A joint intelligence preparation of the operational environment product used to portray the militarily significant aspects of the operational environment, such as obstacles restricting military movement, key geography, and military objectives. Also called **MCOO.** See also **joint intelligence preparation of the operational environment**. (JP 2-01.3)

moment — (*) In air transport, the weight of a load multiplied by its distance from a reference point in the aircraft.

monitoring — (*) 1. The act of listening, carrying out surveillance on, and/or recording the emissions of one's own or allied forces for the purposes of maintaining and improving procedural standards and security, or for reference, as applicable. 2. The act of listening, carrying out surveillance on, and/or recording of enemy emissions for intelligence purposes. 3. The act of detecting the presence of radiation and the measurement thereof with radiation measuring instruments. Also called **radiological monitoring.**

moored — Lying with both anchors down or tied to a pier, anchor buoy, or mooring buoy. (JP 4-01.6)

moored mine — A contact or influence-operated mine of positive buoyancy held below the surface by a mooring attached to a sinker or anchor on the bottom. See also **mine.** (JP 3-15)

mopping up — (*) The liquidation of remnants of enemy resistance in an area that has been surrounded or isolated, or through which other units have passed without eliminating all active resistance.

mortar — A muzzle-loading, indirect fire weapon with either a rifled or smooth bore. It usually has a shorter range than a howitzer, employs a higher angle of fire, and has a tube with a length of 10 to 20 calibers. See also **gun; howitzer.**

mortuary affairs — Covers the search for, recovery, identification, preparation, and disposition of remains of persons for whom the Services are responsible by status and Executive Order. See also **joint mortuary affairs office.** (JP 4-06)

mosaic — (*) An assembly of overlapping photographs that have been matched to form a continuous photographic representation of a portion of the surface of the Earth. See also **controlled mosaic; semi-controlled mosaic.**

most capable Service or agency — The organization that is best suited to provide common supply commodity or logistic service support within a specific joint operation. In this context, "best suited" could mean the Service or agency that has required or readily available resources and/or expertise. The most capable Service may or may not be the dominant user in any particular operation. See also **agency.** (JP 4-07)

motorized unit — (*) A unit equipped with complete motor transportation that enables all of its personnel, weapons, and equipment to be moved at the same time without assistance from other sources.

mounting — (*) 1. All preparations made in areas designated for the purpose, in anticipation of an operation. It includes the assembly in the mounting area, preparation and maintenance within the mounting area, movement to loading points, and subsequent embarkation into ships, craft, or aircraft if applicable. 2. **(DOD only)** A carriage or stand upon which a weapon is placed.

mounting area — A general locality where assigned forces of an amphibious or airborne operation, with their equipment, are assembled, prepared, and loaded in shipping and/or aircraft preparatory to an assault. See also **embarkation area.**

movement control — 1. The planning, routing, scheduling, and control of personnel and cargo movements over lines of communications. 2. An organization responsible for the planning, routing, scheduling, and control of personnel and cargo movements over lines of communications. Also called **movement control center or MCC**. See also **consumer logistics; line of communications; movement control center; movement control teams; non-unit-related cargo; non-unit-related personnel.** (JP 3-10)

movement control center — See **movement control.**

movement control post — (*) The post through which the control of movement is exercised by the commander, depending on operational requirements.

movement control team — An Army team used to decentralize the execution of movement responsibilities on an area basis or at key transportation nodes. Also called **MCT.** (JP 4-09)

movement credit — (*) The allocation granted to one or more vehicles in order to move over a controlled route in a fixed time according to movement instructions.

movement data — Those essential elements of information to schedule lift, obtain transportation assets, manage movement of forces, and report in-transit visibility of movements and associated forces (people, equipment, and supplies). (JP 4-09)

movement directive — The basic document published by the Department of the Army or the Department of the Air Force (or jointly) that authorizes a command to take action to move a designated unit from one location to another.

movement group — Those ships and embarked units that load out and proceed to rendezvous in the objective area. (JP 3-02)

movement order — An order issued by a commander covering the details for a move of the command.

movement phase — In amphibious operations, the period during which various elements of the amphibious force move from points of embarkation to the operational area. This move may be via rehearsal, staging, or rendezvous areas. The movement phase is completed when the various elements of the amphibious force arrive at their assigned positions in the operational area. See also **amphibious force; amphibious operation.** (JP 3-02)

movement plan — In amphibious operations, the naval plan providing for the movement of the amphibious task force to the objective area. It includes information and instructions concerning departure of ships from embarkation points, the passage at sea, and the approach to and arrival in assigned positions in the objective area. See also **amphibious operation; amphibious task force.** (JP 3-02)

movement requirement — A stated movement mode and time-phased need for the transport of units, personnel, and/or materiel from a specified origin to a specified destination. (JP 4-09)

movement restriction — (*) A restriction temporarily placed on traffic into and/or out of areas to permit clearance of or prevention of congestion.

movement schedule — A schedule developed to monitor or track a separate entity, whether it is a force requirement, cargo or personnel increment, or lift asset. The schedule reflects the assignment of specific lift resources (such as an aircraft or ship) that will be used to move the personnel and cargo included in a specific movement increment. Arrival and departure times at ports of embarkation, etc., are detailed to show a flow and workload at each location. Movement schedules are detailed enough to support plan implementation. (JP 4-09)

movement table — A table giving detailed instructions or data for a move. When necessary it will be qualified by the words road, rail, sea, air, etc., to signify the type of movement. Normally issued as an annex to a movement order or instruction. (JP 4-09)

movement to contact — A form of the offense designed to develop the situation and to establish or regain contact. See also **meeting engagement; reconnaissance in force.**

moving map display — (*) A display in which a symbol, representing the vehicle, remains stationary while the map or chart image moves beneath the symbol so that the display simulates the horizontal movement of the vehicle in which it is installed. Occasionally the design of the display is such that the map or chart image remains stationary while the symbol moves across a screen. See also **projected map display.**

moving mine — (*) The collective description of mines, such as drifting, oscillating, creeping, mobile, rising, homing, and bouquet mines.

moving target indicator — (*) A radar presentation which shows only targets which are in motion. Signals from stationary targets are subtracted out of the return signal by the output of a suitable memory circuit.

multichannel — Pertaining to communications, usually full duplex, on more than one channel simultaneously. Multichannel transmission may be accomplished by either time-, frequency-, code-, and phase-division multiplexing or space diversity.

multi-modal — (*) In transport operations, a term applied to the movement of passengers and cargo by more than one method of transport.

multinational — Between two or more forces or agencies of two or more nations or coalition partners. See also **alliance**; **coalition.** (JP 5-0)

multinational doctrine — Fundamental principles that guide the employment of forces of two or more nations in coordinated action toward a common objective. It is ratified by participating nations. See also **doctrine; joint doctrine; multi-Service doctrine.**

multinational exercise — An exercise containing one or more non-US participating force(s). See also **exercise.**

multinational force — A force composed of military elements of nations who have formed an alliance or coalition for some specific purpose. Also called **MNF.** See also **multinational force commander; multinational operations.** (JP 1)

multinational force commander — A general term applied to a commander who exercises command authority over a military force composed of elements from two or more nations. The extent of the multinational force commander's command authority is determined by the participating nations. Also called **MNFC.** See also **multinational force.** (JP 3-16)

multinational integrated logistic support — Two or more nations agree to provide logistic assets to a multinational force under operational control of a multinational force commander for the logistic support of a multinational force. See also **logistic support; multinational integrated logistic support unit; multinational logistics; multinational logistic support arrangement.** (JP 4-08)

multinational integrated logistic support unit — An organization resulting when two or more nations agree to provide logistics assets to a multinational logistic force under the operational control of a multinational commander for the logistic support of a multinational force. Also called **MILU.** See also **logistic support; multinational; multinational integrated logistic support.** (JP 4-08)

multinational logistics — Any coordinated logistic activity involving two or more nations supporting a multinational force conducting military operations under the auspices of an alliance or coalition, including those conducted under United Nations mandate. Multinational logistics includes activities involving both logistic units provided by participating nations designated for use by the multinational force commander as well as a variety of multinational logistic support arrangements that may be developed and used by participating forces. See also **logistics; multinational; multinational logistic support arrangement.** (JP 4-08)

multinational logistic support arrangement — Any arrangement involving two or more nations that facilitates the logistic support of a force (either the forces of the countries participating in the arrangement or other countries). See also **logistic support; multinational; multinational logistics.** (JP 4-08)

multinational operations — A collective term to describe military actions conducted by forces of two or more nations, usually undertaken within the structure of a coalition or alliance. See also **alliance; coalition; coalition action.** (JP 3-16)

multinational staff — A staff composed of personnel of two or more nations within the structure of a coalition or alliance. See also **integrated staff; joint staff; parallel staff.**

multinational warfare — Warfare conducted by forces of two or more nations, usually undertaken within the structure of a coalition or alliance. (JP 3-05)

multiple independently targetable reentry vehicle — A reentry vehicle carried by a delivery system that can place one or more reentry vehicles over each of several separate targets. See also **maneuverable reentry vehicle; multiple reentry vehicle; reentry vehicle.**

multiple reentry vehicle — The reentry vehicle of a delivery system that places more than one reentry vehicle over an individual target. See also **maneuverable reentry vehicle; multiple independently targetable reentry vehicle; reentry vehicle.**

multiple warning phenomenology — Deriving warning information from two or more systems observing separate physical phenomena associated with the same events to attain high credibility while being less susceptible to false reports or spoofing.

multiplexer — A device that combines (multiplexes) multiple input signals (information channels) into an aggregate signal (common channel) for transmission.

multi-point refueling system — A limited number of KC-135 aircraft can be equipped with external wing-mounted pods to conduct drogue air refueling, while still maintaining boom air refueling capability on the same mission. This dual refueling capability makes KC-135s with multi-point refueling systems ideal for use as ground alert aircraft. Also called **MPRS.** See also **air refueling.** (JP 3-17)

multispectral imagery — The image of an object obtained simultaneously in a number of discrete spectral bands. Also called **MSI.** (JP 3-14)

multi-spot ship — Those ships certified to have two or more adjacent landing areas. See also **spot.** (JP 3-04)

munition — (*) A complete device charged with explosives, propellants, pyrotechnics, initiating composition, or nuclear, biological, or chemical material for use in military operations, including demolitions. Certain suitably modified munitions can be used for training, ceremonial, or nonoperational purposes. Also called **ammunition.** (Note: In common usage, "munitions" [plural] can be military weapons, ammunition, and equipment.) See also **explosive ordnance.**

munitions effectiveness assessment — Conducted concurrently and interactively with battle damage assessment, the assessment of the military force applied in terms of the weapon system and munitions effectiveness to determine and recommend any required changes to the methodology, tactics, weapon system, munitions, fusing, and/or weapon delivery parameters to increase force effectiveness. Munitions effectiveness assessment is primarily the responsibility of operations with required inputs and coordination from the intelligence community. Also called **MEA.** See also **assessment; battle damage assessment; munition.** (JP 2-01)

mutual support — That support which units render each other against an enemy, because of their assigned tasks, their position relative to each other and to the enemy, and their inherent capabilities. See also **close support; direct support; support.** (JP 3-31)

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named area of interest — The geospatial area or systems node or link against which information that will satisfy a specific information requirement can be collected. Named areas of interest are usually selected to capture indications of adversary courses of action, but also may be related to conditions of the operational environment. Also called **NAI.** See also **area of interest.** (JP 2-01.3)

napalm — 1. Powdered aluminum soap or similar compound used to gelatinize oil or gasoline for use in napalm bombs or flame throwers. 2. The resultant gelatinized substance.

nap-of-the-earth flight — See **terrain flight.**

narcoterrorism — Terrorism that is linked to illicit drug trafficking. (JP 3-07.4)

National Air Mobility System — A broad and comprehensive system of civilian and military capabilities and organizations that provides the President and Secretary of Defense and combatant commanders with rapid global mobility. This system effectively integrates the management of airlift, air refueling, and air mobility support assets, processes, and procedures into an integrated whole. Also called **NAMS.** See also **airlift; air mobility; air refueling.** (JP 3-17)

national capital region — A geographic area encompassing the District of Columbia and eleven local jurisdictions in the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Also called **NCR.** (JP 3-28)

National Communications System — The telecommunications system that results from the technical and operational integration of the separate telecommunications systems of the several executive branch departments and agencies having a significant telecommunications capability. Also called **NCS.** (JP 6-0)

national critical infrastructure and key assets — The infrastructure and assets vital to a nation's security, governance, public health and safety, economy, and public confidence. They include telecommunications, electrical power systems, gas and oil distribution and storage, water supply systems, banking and finance, transportation, emergency services, industrial assets, information systems, and continuity of government operations. Also called **NCI&KA.** (JP 3-28)

national defense area — An area established on non-Federal lands located within the United States or its possessions or territories for the purpose of safeguarding classified defense information or protecting Department of Defense (DOD) equipment and/or materiel. Establishment of a national defense area temporarily places such non-Federal lands under the effective control of the Department of Defense and results only from an emergency event. The senior DOD representative at the scene will define the boundary, mark it with a physical barrier, and post warning signs. The landowner's

consent and cooperation will be obtained whenever possible; however, military necessity will dictate the final decision regarding location, shape, and size of the national defense area. Also called **NDA.**

National Defense Reserve Fleet — 1. Including the Ready Reserve Force, a fleet composed of ships acquired and maintained by the Maritime Administration (MARAD) for use in mobilization or emergency. 2. Less the Ready Reserve Force, a fleet composed of the older dry cargo ships, tankers, troop transports, and other assets in MARAD's custody that are maintained at a relatively low level of readiness. They are acquired by MARAD from commercial ship operators under the provisions of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 and are available only on mobilization or congressional declaration of an emergency. Because the ships are maintained in a state of minimum preservation, activation requires 30 to 90 days and extensive shipyard work, for many. Also called **NDRF.** See also **Ready Reserve Force.** (JP 4-01.6)

national defense strategy — A document approved by the Secretary of Defense for applying the Armed Forces of the United States in coordination with Department of Defense agencies and other instruments of national power to achieve national security strategy objectives. Also called **NDS.** (JP 3-0)

national detainee reporting center — National-level center that obtains and stores information concerning enemy prisoners of war, civilian internees, and retained personnel and their confiscated personal property. May be established upon the outbreak of an armed conflict or when persons are captured or detained by U.S. military forces in the course of the full range of military operations. Accounts for all persons who pass through the care, custody, and control of the U.S. Department of Defense. Also called **NDRC.** (JP 3-63)

National Disaster Medical System — A coordinated partnership between Departments of Homeland Security, Health and Human Services, Defense, and Veterans Affairs established for the purpose of responding to the needs of victims of a public health emergency. Also called **NDMS.** (JP 3-41)

national emergency — A condition declared by the President or the Congress by virtue of powers previously vested in them that authorize certain emergency actions to be undertaken in the national interest. Action to be taken may include partial, full, or total mobilization of national resources. See also **mobilization.** (JP 3-28)

National Incident Management System — A national crisis response system that provides a consistent, nationwide approach for Federal, state, local, and tribal governments; the private sector; and nongovernmental organizations to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity. Also called **NIMS.** (JP 3-41)

national information infrastructure — The nationwide interconnection of communications networks, computers, databases, and consumer electronics that make

vast amounts of information available to users. The national information infrastructure encompasses a wide range of equipment, including cameras, scanners, keyboards, facsimile machines, computers, switches, compact disks, video and audio tape, cable, wire, satellites, fiber-optic transmission lines, networks of all types, televisions, monitors, printers, and much more. The friendly and adversary personnel who make decisions and handle the transmitted information constitute a critical component of the national information infrastructure. Also called **NII.** See also **defense information infrastructure; global information infrastructure; information.** (JP 3-13)

national infrastructure — (*) Infrastructure provided and financed by a NATO member in its own territory solely for its own forces (including those forces assigned to or designated for NATO). See also **infrastructure.**

national intelligence — The terms "national intelligence" and "intelligence related to the national security" each refers to all intelligence, regardless of the source from which derived and including information gathered within or outside of the United States, which pertains, as determined consistent with any guidelines issued by the President, to the interests of more than one department or agency of the Government; and that involves (a) threats to the United States, its people, property, or interests; (b) the development, proliferation, or use of weapons of mass destruction; or (c) any other matter bearing on United States national or homeland security. (JP 2-01.2)

national intelligence estimate — A strategic estimate of the capabilities, vulnerabilities, and probable courses of action of foreign nations produced at the national level as a composite of the views of the intelligence community. Also called **NIE.** (JP 2-01)

national intelligence support team — A nationally sourced team composed of intelligence and communications experts from Defense Intelligence Agency, Central Intelligence Agency, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, or other intelligence community agencies as required. Also called **NIST.** See also **intelligence; national intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

national intelligence surveys — Basic intelligence studies produced on a coordinated interdepartmental basis and concerned with characteristics, basic resources, and relatively unchanging natural features of a foreign country or other area.

national interagency fire center — A facility located in Boise, Idaho, that is jointly operated by several federal agencies and is dedicated to coordination, logistic support, and improved weather services in support of fire management operations throughout the United States. Also called **NIFC.** (JP 3-28)

National Military Command System — The priority component of the Global Command and Control System designed to support the President, Secretary of Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff in the exercise of their responsibilities. Also called **NMCS.** (JP 6-0)

National Military Strategy — A document approved by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for distributing and applying military power to attain national security strategy and national defense strategy objectives. Also called **NMS.** See also **National Security Strategy; strategy; theater strategy.** (JP 3-0)

national operations center — The primary national hub for domestic incident management operational coordination and situational awareness. A standing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week interagency organization fusing law enforcement, national intelligence, emergency response, and private-sector reporting. Also called **NOC.** (JP 3-28)

national policy — A broad course of action or statements of guidance adopted by the government at the national level in pursuit of national objectives.

National Reconnaissance Office — A Department of Defense agency tasked to ensure that the United States has the technology and spaceborne and airborne assets needed to acquire intelligence worldwide, including support to such functions as monitoring of arms control agreements, indications and warning, and the planning and conducting of military operations. This mission is accomplished through research and development, acquisition, and operation of spaceborne and airborne intelligence data collection systems. Also called **NRO.** (JP 2-0)

national response coordination center — A multiagency center that provides overall federal response and recovery coordination for incidents of national significance and emergency management program implementation. This center is a functional component of the national operations center. Also called **NRCC.** (JP 3-28)

national security — A collective term encompassing both national defense and foreign relations of the United States. Specifically, the condition provided by: a. a military or defense advantage over any foreign nation or group of nations; b. a favorable foreign relations position; or c. a defense posture capable of successfully resisting hostile or destructive action from within or without, overt or covert. See also **security.**

National Security Agency/Central Security Service Representative — The senior theater or military command representative of the Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service in a specific country or military command headquarters who provides the Director, National Security Agency, with information on command plans requiring cryptologic support. The National Security Agency/Central Security Service representative serves as a special advisor to the combatant commander for cryptologic matters, to include signals intelligence, communications security, and computer security. Also called **NCR.** See also **counterintelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

National Security Council — A governmental body specifically designed to assist the President in integrating all spheres of national security policy. The President, Vice President, Secretary of State, and Secretary of Defense are statutory members. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Director, Central Intelligence Agency; and the

Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs serve as advisers. Also called **NSC.**

national security interests — The foundation for the development of valid national objectives that define US goals or purposes. National security interests include preserving US political identity, framework, and institutions; fostering economic well-being; and bolstering international order supporting the vital interests of the United States and its allies.

National Security Strategy — A document approved by the President of the United States for developing, applying, and coordinating the instruments of national power to achieve objectives that contribute to national security. Also called **NSS.** See also **National Military Strategy; strategy; theater strategy.** (JP 3-0)

national shipping authority — The organization within each Allied government responsible in time of war for the direction of its own merchant shipping. Also called **NSA.** (JP 4-01.2)

national special security event — A designated event that, by virtue of its political, economic, social, or religious significance, may be the target of terrorism or other criminal activity. Also called **NSSE.** (JP 3-28)

national stock number — The 13-digit stock number replacing the 11-digit federal stock number. It consists of the 4-digit federal supply classification code and the 9-digit national item identification number. The national item identification number consists of a 2-digit National Codification Bureau number designating the central cataloging office (whether North Atlantic Treaty Organization or other friendly country) that assigned the number and a 7-digit (xxx-xxxx) nonsignificant number. The number shall be arranged as follows: 9999-00-999-9999. Also called **NSN.** (JP 4-09)

national support element — Any national organization or activity that supports national forces that are a part of a multinational force. Their mission is nation-specific support to units and common support that is retained by the nation. Also called **NSE.** See also **multinational force; support.** (JP 1)

National System for Geospatial Intelligence — The combination of technology, policies, capabilities, doctrine, activities, people, data, and communities necessary to produce geospatial intelligence in an integrated, multi-intelligence environment. Also called **NSG.** (JP 2-03)

nation assistance — Civil and/or military assistance rendered to a nation by foreign forces within that nation's territory during peacetime, crises or emergencies, or war based on agreements mutually concluded between nations. Nation assistance programs include, but are not limited to, security assistance, foreign internal defense, other Title 10, US Code programs, and activities performed on a reimbursable basis by Federal agencies or intergovernmental organizations. (JP 3-0)

natural disaster — An emergency situation posing significant danger to life and property that results from a natural cause. See also **domestic emergencies.** (JP 3-29)

nautical chart — See **hydrographic chart.**

nautical mile — A measure of distance equal to one minute of arc on the Earth's surface. The United States has adopted the international nautical mile equal to 1,852 meters or 6,076.11549 feet. Also called **nm.**

nautical plotting chart — (*) An outline chart, devoid of hydrographic information, of a specific scale and projection, usually portraying a graticule and compass rose, designed to be ancillary to standard nautical charts, and produced either as an individual chart or a part of a coordinated series.

naval advanced logistic support site — An overseas location used as the primary transshipment point in the theater of operations for logistic support. A naval advanced logistic support site possesses full capabilities for storage, consolidation, and transfer of supplies and for support of forward-deployed units (including replacements units) during major contingency and wartime periods. Naval advanced logistic support sites, with port and airfield facilities in close proximity, are located within the theater of operations but not near the main battle areas, and must possess the throughput capacity required to accommodate incoming and outgoing intertheater airlift and sealift. When fully activated, the naval advanced logistic support site should consist of facilities and services provided by the host nation, augmented by support personnel located in the theater of operations, or both. Also called **NALSS or Naval ALSS.** See also **logistic support; naval forward logistic site; support; theater of operations.** (JP 3-35)

Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization manual — Series of general and specific aircraft procedural manuals that govern the operations of naval aircraft. Also called **NATOPS manual.** (JP 3-04)

naval base — A naval base primarily for support of the forces afloat, contiguous to a port or anchorage, consisting of activities or facilities for which the Navy has operating responsibilities, together with interior lines of communications and the minimum surrounding area necessary for local security. (Normally, not greater than an area of 40 square miles.) See also **base complex.**

naval beach group — A permanently organized naval command within an amphibious force composed of a commander and staff, a beachmaster unit, an amphibious construction battalion, and assault craft units, designed to provide an administrative group from which required naval tactical components may be made available to the attack force commander and to the amphibious landing force commander. Also called **NBG.** See also **shore party.** (JP 3-02)

naval construction force — The combined construction units of the Navy, including primarily the mobile construction battalions and the amphibious construction battalions. These units are part of the operating forces and represent the Navy's capability for advanced base construction. Also called **NCF.** (JP 3-34)

naval coordination and protection of shipping — Control exercised by naval authorities of movement, routing, reporting, convoy organization, and tactical diversion of allied merchant shipping. It does not include the employment or active protection of such shipping. Also called **NCAPS.** (JP 4-01.2)

naval coordination and protection of shipping officer — A naval officer appointed to form merchant convoys and control and coordinate the routing and movements of such convoys, independently sailed merchant ships, and hospital ships in and out of a port or base. (JP 4-01.2)

naval coordination and protection of shipping organization — The organization within the Navy which carries out the specific responsibilities of the Chief of Naval Operations to provide for the control and protection of movements of merchant ships in time of war. Also called **NCAPS organization.** (JP 4-01.2)

naval expeditionary warfare — Military operations mounted from the sea, usually on short notice, consisting of forward deployed, or rapidly deployable, self-sustaining naval forces tailored to achieve a clearly stated objective. Also called **NEW.** See also **expedition.** (JP 3-33)

naval forward logistic site — An overseas location, with port and airfield facilities nearby, which provides logistic support to naval forces within the theater of operations during major contingency and wartime periods. Naval forward logistic sites may be located in close proximity to main battle areas to permit forward staging of services, throughput of high priority cargo, advanced maintenance, and battle damage repair. Naval forward logistic sites are linked to in-theater naval advanced logistic support sites by intratheater airlift and sealift, but may also serve as transshipment points for intertheater movement of high-priority cargo into areas of direct combat. In providing fleet logistic support, naval forward logistic site capabilities may range from very austere to near those of a naval advanced logistic support site. Also called **NFLS or Naval FLS.** See also **logistic support; naval advanced logistic support site; staging.** (JP 3-35)

naval gunfire operations center — (*) The agency established in a ship to control the execution of plans for the employment of naval gunfire, process requests for naval gunfire support, and to allot ships to forward observers. Ideally located in the same ship as the supporting arms coordination center.

naval gunfire spotting team — The unit of a shore fire control party that designates targets; controls commencement, cessation, rate, and types of fire; and spots fire on the target. See also **spotter.**

naval gunfire support — Fire provided by Navy surface gun systems in support of a unit or units tasked with achieving the commander's objectives. A subset of naval surface fire support. Also called **NGFS.** See also **naval surface fire support.** (JP 3-09)

naval mobile environmental team — A team of naval personnel organized, trained, and equipped to support maritime special operations by providing weather, oceanography, mapping, charting, and geodesy support. Also called **NMET.** (JP 3-05)

naval operation — 1. A naval action (or the performance of a naval mission) that may be strategic, operational, tactical, logistic, or training. 2. The process of carrying on or training for naval combat in order to gain the objectives of any battle or campaign. (JP 3-32)

naval port control office — The authority established at a port or port complex to coordinate arrangements for logistic support and harbor services to ships under naval control and to otherwise support the naval control of shipping organization.

naval special warfare — A designated naval warfare specialty that conducts operations in the coastal, riverine, and maritime environments. Naval special warfare emphasizes small, flexible, mobile units operating under, on, and from the sea. These operations are characterized by stealth, speed, and precise, violent application of force. Also called **NSW.** (JP 3-05)

naval special warfare forces — Those Active and Reserve Component Navy forces designated by the Secretary of Defense that are specifically organized, trained, and equipped to conduct and support special operations. Also called **NSW forces** or **NAVSOF.** (JP 3-05.1)

naval special warfare group — A permanent Navy echelon III major command to which most naval special warfare forces are assigned for some operational and all administrative purposes. It consists of a group headquarters with command and control, communications, and support staff; sea-air-land teams; and sea-air-land team delivery vehicle teams. Also called **NSWG.** (JP 3-05.1)

naval special warfare special operations component — The Navy special operations component of a unified or subordinate unified command or joint special operations task force. Also called **NAVSOC.** (JP 3-05)

naval special warfare task element — A provisional subordinate element of a naval special warfare task unit, employed to extend the command and control and support capabilities of its parent task unit. Also called **NSWTE.** See also **naval special warfare task unit.** (JP 3-05.1)

naval special warfare task group — A provisional naval special warfare organization that plans, conducts, and supports special operations in support of fleet commanders and

joint force special operations component commanders. Also called **NSWTG.** (JP 3-05.1)

naval special warfare task unit — A provisional subordinate unit of a naval special warfare task group. Also called **NSWTU.** See also **naval special warfare task group.** (JP 3-05.1)

naval special warfare unit — A permanent Navy organization forward based to control and support attached naval special warfare forces. Also called **NSWU.** (JP 3-05.1)

naval stores — (*) Any articles or commodities used by a naval ship or station, such as equipment; consumable supplies; clothing; petroleum, oils, and lubricants; medical supplies; and ammunition.

naval surface fire support — Fire provided by Navy surface gun and missile systems in support of a unit or units. Also called **NSFS.** See also **fire support.** (JP 3-09.3)

naval tactical data system — A complex of data inputs, user consoles, converters, adapters, and radio terminals interconnected with high-speed, general-purpose computers and its stored programs. Combat data is collected, processed, and composed into a picture of the overall tactical situation that enables the force commander to make rapid, accurate evaluations and decisions.

navigational grid — (*) A series of straight lines, superimposed over a conformal projection and indicating grid north, used as an aid to navigation. The interval of the grid lines is generally a multiple of 60 or 100 nautical miles. See also **military grid.**

Navy cargo handling battalion — A mobile logistic support unit capable of worldwide deployment in its entirety or in specialized detachments. It is organized, trained, and equipped to: a. load and offload Navy and Marine Corps cargo carried in maritime pre-positioning ships and merchant breakbulk or container ships in all environments; b. operate an associated temporary ocean cargo terminal; c. load and offload Navy and Marine Corps cargo carried in military-controlled aircraft; and d. operate an associated expeditionary air cargo terminal. Also called **NCHB or Navy CHB.** Two sources of Navy cargo handling battalions are: a. **Navy cargo handling and port group** — The active duty, cargo handling, battalion-sized unit composed solely of active duty personnel. Also called **NAVCHAPGRU.** b. **Naval Reserve cargo handling battalion** — A reserve cargo handling battalion composed solely of selected reserve personnel. Also called **NRCHB.** See also **maritime pre-positioning ships.** (JP 4-01.6)

Navy cargo handling force — The combined cargo handling units of the Navy, including primarily the Navy cargo handling and port group, the Naval Reserve cargo handling training battalion, and the Naval Reserve cargo handling battalion. These units are part of the operating forces and represent the Navy's capability for open ocean cargo handling. Also called **NCHF.** See also **Navy cargo handling battalion.** (JP 4-01.6)

Navy special operations component — The Navy component of a joint force special operations component. Also called **NAVSOC.** See also **Air Force special operations component; Army special operations component.** (JP 3-05.1)

Navy support element — The maritime pre-positioning force element that is composed of naval beach group staff and subordinate unit personnel, a detachment of Navy cargo handling force personnel, and other Navy components, as required. It is tasked with conducting the off-load and ship-to-shore movement of maritime pre-positioned equipment and/or supplies. Also called **NSE.** (JP 3-02.2)

Navy tactical air control center — See **tactical air control center.** (JP 3-09.3)

Navy-unique fleet essential aircraft — Combatant commander-controlled airlift assets deemed essential for providing air transportation in support of naval operations' transportation requirements. This capability is intended to provide a balance and supplement to other airlift assets to ensure the Navy's ability to respond to emergency and wartime requirements. Also called **NUFEA.** (JP 3-17)

N-day — See **times.**

near miss (aircraft) — Any circumstance in flight where the degree of separation between two aircraft is considered by either pilot to have constituted a hazardous situation involving potential risk of collision.

near real time — (*) Pertaining to the timeliness of data or information which has been delayed by the time required for electronic communication and automatic data processing. This implies that there are no significant delays. Also called **NRT.** See also **real time.**

neatlines — (*) The lines that bound the body of a map, usually parallels and meridians. See also **graticule.**

need to know — A criterion used in security procedures that requires the custodians of classified information to establish, prior to disclosure, that the intended recipient must have access to the information to perform his or her official duties.

negation — Measures to deceive, disrupt, deny, degrade, or destroy an adversary's space systems and services or any other space system or service used by an adversary that is hostile to US national interests. See also **space control.** (JP 3-14)

negative photo plane — (*) The plane in which a film or plate lies at the moment of exposure.

negligible risk (nuclear) — A degree of risk where personnel are reasonably safe, with the exceptions of dazzle or temporary loss of night vision.

nerve agent — A potentially lethal chemical agent which interferes with the transmission of nerve impulses. (JP 3-11)

net call sign — (*) A call sign which represents all stations within a net. See also **call sign.**

net control station — A communications station designated to control traffic and enforce circuit discipline within a given net. Also called **NCS.**

net explosive weight — The actual weight in pounds of explosive mixtures or compounds, including the trinitrotoluene equivalent of energetic material, that is used in determination of explosive limits and explosive quantity data arcs. Also called **NEW.** (JP 4-09)

net sweep — (*) In naval mine warfare, a two-ship sweep, using a netlike device, designed to collect drifting mines or scoop them up from the sea bottom.

network operations — Activities conducted to operate and defend the Global Information Grid. Also called **NETOPS.** (JP 6-0)

neutral — In combat and combat support operations, an identity applied to a track whose characteristics, behavior, origin, or nationality indicate that it is neither supporting nor opposing friendly forces. See also **hostile; suspect; unknown.**

neutrality — In international law, the attitude of impartiality during periods of war adopted by third states toward a belligerent and subsequently recognized by the belligerent, which creates rights and duties between the impartial states and the belligerent. In a United Nations enforcement action, the rules of neutrality apply to impartial members of the United Nations except so far as they are excluded by the obligation of such members under the United Nations Charter.

neutralization — (*) In mine warfare, a mine is said to be neutralized when it has been rendered, by external means, incapable of firing on passage of a target, although it may remain dangerous to handle.

neutralization fire — Fire which is delivered to render the target ineffective or unusable.

neutralize — 1. As pertains to military operations, to render ineffective or unusable. 2. To render enemy personnel or material incapable of interfering with a particular operation. 3. To render safe mines, bombs, missiles, and booby traps. 4. To make harmless anything contaminated with a chemical agent.

neutral state — In international law, a state that pursues a policy of neutrality during war. See also **neutrality.**

neutron induced activity — (*) Radioactivity induced in the ground or an object as a result of direct irradiation by neutrons.

news media representative — An individual employed by a civilian radio or television station, newspaper, newsmagazine, periodical, or news agency to gather and report on a newsworthy event. Also called **NMR.** See also **public affairs.** (JP 3-61)

nickname — A combination of two separate unclassified words that is assigned an unclassified meaning and is employed only for unclassified administrative, morale, or public information purposes.

night effect — (*) An effect mainly caused by variations in the state of polarization of reflected waves, which sometimes result in errors in direction finding bearings. The effect is most frequent at nightfall.

night vision device — Any electro-optical device that is used to detect visible and infrared energy and provide a visible image. Night vision goggles, forward-looking infrared, thermal sights, and low-light level television are night vision devices. Also called **NVD.** See also **forward-looking infrared; night vision goggles(s).** (JP 3-09.3)

night vision goggle(s) — An electro-optical image intensifying device that detects visible and near-infrared energy, intensifies the energy, and provides a visible image for night viewing. Night vision goggles can be either hand-held or helmet-mounted. Also called **NVG.** See also **night vision device.** (JP 3-09.3)

node — 1. A location in a mobility system where a movement requirement is originated, processed for onward movement, or terminated. (JP 3-17) 2. In communications and computer systems, the physical location that provides terminating, switching, and gateway access services to support information exchange. (JP 6-0) 3. An element of a system that represents a person, place, or physical thing. (JP 3-0)

no-fire area — An area designated by the appropriate commander into which fires or their effects are prohibited. Also called **NFA.** See also **fires.** (JP 3-09.3)

no-fire line — (*) A line short of which artillery or ships do not fire except on request or approval of the supported commander, but beyond which they may fire at any time without danger to friendly troops.

nominal filter — (*) A filter capable of cutting off a nominated minimum percentage by weight of solid particles greater than a stated micron size.

nominal focal length — (*) An approximate value of the focal length, rounded off to some standard figure, used for the classification of lenses, mirrors, or cameras.

nominal scale — See **principal scale; scale.**

nominal weapon — (*) A nuclear weapon producing a yield of approximately 20 kilotons. See also **kiloton weapon; megaton weapon; subkiloton weapon.**

nonappropriated funds — Funds generated by DOD military and civilian personnel and their dependents and used to augment funds appropriated by the Congress to provide a comprehensive, morale-building welfare, religious, educational, and recreational program, designed to improve the well-being of military and civilian personnel and their dependents.

nonbattle injury — A person who becomes a casualty due to circumstances not directly attributable to hostile action or terrorist activity. Also called **NBI.**

noncombatant evacuation operations — Operations directed by the Department of State or other appropriate authority, in conjunction with the Department of Defense, whereby noncombatants are evacuated from foreign countries when their lives are endangered by war, civil unrest, or natural disaster to safe havens or to the United States. Also called **NEOs.** See also **evacuation; geospatial-intelligence contingency package; noncombatant evacuees; operation; safe haven.** (JP 3-0)

noncombatant evacuees — 1. US citizens who may be ordered to evacuate by competent authority include: a. civilian employees of all agencies of the US Government and their dependents, except as noted in 2a below; b. military personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States specifically designated for evacuation as noncombatants; and c. dependents of members of the Armed Forces of the United States. 2. US (and non-US) citizens who may be authorized or assisted (but not necessarily ordered to evacuate) by competent authority include: a. civilian employees of US Government agencies and their dependents, who are residents in the country concerned on their own volition, but express the willingness to be evacuated; b. private US citizens and their dependents; c. military personnel and dependents of members of the Armed Forces of the United States outlined in 1c above, short of an ordered evacuation; and d. designated personnel, including dependents of persons listed in 1a through 1c above, as prescribed by the Department of State. See also **noncombatant evacuation operations.** (JP 3-68)

nonconventional assisted recovery — Personnel recovery conducted by indigenous/surrogate personnel that are trained, supported, and led by special operations forces, unconventional warfare ground and maritime forces, or other government agencies' personnel that have been specifically trained and directed to establish and operate indigenous or surrogate infrastructures. Also called **NAR.** (JP 3-50)

nondestructive electronic warfare — Those electronic warfare actions, not including employment of wartime reserve modes, that deny, disrupt, or deceive rather than damage or destroy. See also **electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.1)

nonexpendable supplies and materiel — Supplies not consumed in use that retain their original identity during the period of use, such as weapons, machines, tools, and equipment.

nongovernmental organization — A private, self-governing, not-for-profit organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering; and/or promoting education, health care, economic development, environmental protection, human rights, and conflict resolution; and/or encouraging the establishment of democratic institutions and civil society. Also called **NGO.** (JP 3-08)

nonhostile casualty — A person who becomes a casualty due to circumstances not directly attributable to hostile action or terrorist activity. Casualties due to the elements, self-inflicted wounds, and combat fatigue are nonhostile casualties. Also called **NHCS.** See also **casualty; casualty type; hostile casualty.** (JP 4-02)

nonlethal weapon — A weapon that is explicitly designed and primarily employed so as to incapacitate personnel or materiel, while minimizing fatalities, permanent injury to personnel, and undesired damage to property and the environment. Also called **NLW.** (JP 3-28)

non-linear approach — (*) In approach and landing systems, a final approach in which the nominal flight path is not a straight line.

nonorganic transportation requirement — Unit personnel and cargo for which the transportation source must be an outside agency, normally a component of US Transportation Command.

nonpersistent agent — A chemical agent that when released dissipates and/or loses its ability to cause casualties after 10 to 15 minutes. (JP 3-11)

nonproliferation — Actions to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction by dissuading or impeding access to, or distribution of, sensitive technologies, material, and expertise. Also called **NP.** See also **counterproliferation.** (JP 3-40)

non-registered publication — (*) A publication which bears no register number and for which periodic accounting is not required.

nonscheduled units — Units of the landing force held in readiness for landing during the initial unloading period, but not included in either scheduled or on-call waves. This category usually includes certain of the combat support units and most of the combat service support units with higher echelon (division and above) reserve units of the landing force. Their landing is directed when the need ashore can be predicted with a reasonable degree of accuracy. (JP 3-02)

nonstandard item — An item of supply determined by standardization action as not authorized for procurement.

nonstandard unit — A force requirement identified in a time-phased force and deployment data for which movement characteristics have not been described in the type unit characteristics file. The planner is required to submit detailed movement characteristics for these units.

nonstrategic nuclear forces — Those nuclear-capable forces located in an operational area with a capability to employ nuclear weapons by land, sea, or air forces against opposing forces, supporting installations, or facilities. Such forces may be employed, when authorized by competent authority, to support operations that contribute to the accomplishment of the commander's mission within the theater of operations.

non-submarine contact chart — (*) A special naval chart, at a scale of 1:100,000 to 1:1,000,000, showing bathymetry, bottom characteristics, wreck data, and non-submarine contact data for coastal and off-shore waters. It is designed for use in conducting submarine and antisubmarine warfare operations. Also called non-sub contact chart.

non-unit record — A time-phased force and deployment data file entry for non-unit-related cargo and personnel. Characteristics include using and providing organization, type of movement, routing data, cargo category, weight, volume, area required, and number of personnel requiring transportation.

non-unit-related cargo — All equipment and supplies requiring transportation to an operational area, other than those identified as the equipment or accompanying supplies of a specific unit (e.g., resupply, military support for allies, and support for nonmilitary programs, such as civil relief). Also called **NURC.**

non-unit-related personnel — All personnel requiring transportation to or from an operational area, other than those assigned to a specific unit (e.g., filler personnel; replacements; temporary duty/temporary additional duty personnel; civilians; medical evacuees; and retrograde personnel). Also called **NRP** or **NUP.**

non-US forces — Includes all armed forces of states other than US forces. US forces may act in defense of non-US forces when so designated by the President or Secretary of Defense.

normal impact effect — See **cardinal point effect.**

normal lighting — (*) Lighting of vehicles as prescribed or authorized by the law of a given country without restrictions for military reasons. See also **reduced lighting.**

normal operations — Generally and collectively, the broad functions that a combatant commander undertakes when assigned responsibility for a given geographic or functional area. Except as otherwise qualified in certain unified command plan paragraphs that relate to particular commands, "normal operations" of a combatant

commander include: planning and execution of operations throughout the range of military operations; planning and conduct of cold war activities; planning and administration of military assistance; and maintaining the relationships and exercising the directive or coordinating authority prescribed in JP 0-2 and JP 4-01.

North American Aerospace Defense Command — A bi-national command of the US and Canada that provides aerospace surveillance, warning and assessment of aerospace attack, and maintains the sovereignty of US and Canadian airspace. Also called **NORAD.**

no-strike list — A list of objects or entities characterized as protected from the effects of military operations under international law and/or rules of engagement. Attacking these may violate the law of armed conflict or interfere with friendly relations with indigenous personnel or governments. Also called **NSL.** See also **law of armed conflict.** (JP 3-60)

notice to airmen — A notice containing information concerning the establishment, condition, or change in any aeronautical facility, service, procedures, or hazard, the timely knowledge of which is essential to personnel concerned with flight operations. Also called **NOTAM.**

not mission capable, maintenance — Material condition indicating that systems and equipment are not capable of performing any of their assigned missions because of maintenance requirements. Also called **NMCM.** See also **not mission capable, supply.**

not mission capable, supply — Material condition indicating that systems and equipment are not capable of performing any of their assigned missions because of maintenance work stoppage due to a supply shortage. Also called **NMCS.** See also **not mission capable, maintenance.**

not seriously injured — The casualty status of a person whose injury may or may not require hospitalization; medical authority does not classify as very seriously injured, seriously injured, or incapacitating illness or injury; and the person can communicate with the next of kin. Also called **NSI.** See also **casualty status.** (JP 4-02)

no-wind position — See **air position.**

nuclear airburst — (*) The explosion of a nuclear weapon in the air, at a height greater than the maximum radius of the fireball. See also **types of burst.**

nuclear bonus effects — (*) Desirable damage or casualties produced by the effects from friendly nuclear weapons that cannot be accurately calculated in targeting as the uncertainties involved preclude depending on them for a militarily significant result.

nuclear certifiable — (*) Indicates a unit or vehicle possessing the potential of passing functional tests and inspections of all normal and emergency systems affecting the nuclear weapons.

nuclear certified — See **nuclear certified delivery unit; nuclear certified delivery vehicle.**

nuclear certified delivery unit — (*) Any level of organization and support elements which are capable of executing nuclear missions in accordance with appropriate bilateral arrangements and NATO directives. See also **nuclear delivery unit.**

nuclear certified delivery vehicle — (*) A delivery vehicle whose compatibility with a nuclear weapon has been certified by the applicable nuclear power through formal procedures. See also **nuclear delivery vehicle.**

nuclear cloud — (*) An all-inclusive term for the volume of hot gases, smoke, dust, and other particulate matter from the nuclear bomb itself and from its environment, which is carried aloft in conjunction with the rise of the fireball produced by the detonation of the nuclear weapon.

nuclear column — (*) A hollow cylinder of water and spray thrown up from an underwater burst of a nuclear weapon, through which the hot, high-pressure gases formed in the explosion are vented to the atmosphere. A somewhat similar column of dirt is formed in an underground explosion.

nuclear commitment — (*) A statement by a NATO member that specific forces have been committed or will be committed to NATO in a nuclear only or dual capable role.

nuclear damage — (*) 1. **Light Damage** — Damage which does not prevent the immediate use of equipment or installations for which it was intended. Some repair by the user may be required to make full use of the equipment or installations. 2. **Moderate Damage** — Damage which prevents the use of equipment or installations until extensive repairs are made. 3. **Severe Damage** — Damage which prevents use of equipment or installations permanently.

nuclear damage assessment — (*) The determination of the damage effect to the population, forces, and resources resulting from actual nuclear attack. It is performed during and after an attack. The operational significance of the damage is not evaluated in this assessment.

nuclear delivery unit — (*) Any level of organization capable of employing a nuclear weapon system or systems when the weapon or weapons have been released by proper authority.

nuclear delivery vehicle — (*) That portion of the weapon system which provides the means of delivery of a nuclear weapon to the target.

nuclear detonation detection and reporting system — (*) A system deployed to provide surveillance coverage of critical friendly target areas, and indicate place, height of burst, yield, and ground zero of nuclear detonations. Also called **NUDETS.**

nuclear energy — All forms of energy released in the course of a nuclear fission or nuclear transformation.

nuclear exoatmospheric burst — The explosion of a nuclear weapon above the sensible atmosphere (above 120 kilometers) where atmospheric interaction is minimal. See also **types of burst.**

nuclear incident — An unexpected event involving a nuclear weapon, facility, or component, resulting in any of the following, but not constituting a nuclear weapon(s) accident: a. an increase in the possibility of explosion or radioactive contamination; b. errors committed in the assembly, testing, loading, or transportation of equipment, and/or the malfunctioning of equipment and materiel which could lead to an unintentional operation of all or part of the weapon arming and/or firing sequence, or which could lead to a substantial change in yield, or increased dud probability; and c. any act of God, unfavorable environment, or condition resulting in damage to the weapon, facility, or component.

nuclear intelligence — Intelligence derived from the collection and analysis of radiation and other effects resulting from radioactive sources. Also called **NUCINT.** See also **intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

nuclear nation — (*) Military nuclear powers and civil nuclear powers.

nuclear proximity-surface burst — An explosion of a nuclear weapon at a height less than the maximum radius of its fireball, but low enough to facilitate cratering and/or the propagation of a shock wave into the ground.

nuclear radiation — Particulate and electromagnetic radiation emitted from atomic nuclei in various nuclear processes. The important nuclear radiations, from the weapon standpoint, are alpha and beta particles, gamma rays, and neutrons. (JP 3-11)

nuclear reactor — A facility in which fissile material is used in a self-supporting chain reaction (nuclear fission) to produce heat and/or radiation for both practical application and research and development. (JP 3-40)

nuclear safety line — (*) A line selected, if possible, to follow well-defined topographical features and used to delineate levels of protective measures, degrees of damage or risk to friendly troops, and/or to prescribe limits to which the effects of friendly weapons may be permitted to extend.

nuclear strike warning — (*) A warning of impending friendly or suspected enemy nuclear attack.

nuclear underground burst — (*) The explosion of a nuclear weapon in which the center of the detonation lies at a point beneath the surface of the ground. See also **types of burst.**

nuclear underwater burst — (*) The explosion of a nuclear weapon in which the center of the detonation lies at a point beneath the surface of the water. See also **types of burst.**

nuclear vulnerability assessment — (*) The estimation of the probable effect on population, forces, and resources from a hypothetical nuclear attack. It is performed predominantly in the preattack period; however, it may be extended to the transattack or postattack periods.

nuclear warfare — (*) Warfare involving the employment of nuclear weapons.

nuclear warning message — A warning message that must be disseminated to all affected friendly forces any time a nuclear weapon is to be detonated if effects of the weapon will have impact upon those forces.

nuclear weapon — A complete assembly (i.e., implosion type, gun type, or thermonuclear type), in its intended ultimate configuration which, upon completion of the prescribed arming, fusing, and firing sequence, is capable of producing the intended nuclear reaction and release of energy. (JP 3-11)

nuclear weapon employment time — (*) The time required for delivery of a nuclear weapon after the decision to fire has been made.

nuclear weapon exercise — (*) An operation not directly related to immediate operational readiness. It includes removal of a weapon from its normal storage location, preparing for use, delivery to an employment unit, and the movement in a ground training exercise, to include loading aboard an aircraft or missile and return to storage. It may include any or all of the operations listed above, but does not include launching or flying operations. Typical exercises include aircraft generation exercises, ground readiness exercises, ground tactical exercises, and various categories of inspections designed to evaluate the capability of the unit to perform its prescribed mission. See also **nuclear weapon maneuver.**

nuclear weapon maneuver — (*) An operation not directly related to immediate operational readiness. It may consist of all those operations listed for a nuclear weapon exercise and is extended to include flyaway in combat aircraft, but does not include expenditure of the weapon. Typical maneuvers include nuclear operational readiness maneuvers and tactical air operations. See also **nuclear weapon exercise.**

nuclear weapon(s) accident — An unexpected event involving nuclear weapons or radiological nuclear weapon components that results in any of the following; a. accidental or unauthorized launching, firing, or use by United States forces or United States supported allied forces of a nuclear-capable weapon system that could create the risk of an outbreak of war; b. nuclear detonation; c. nonnuclear detonation or burning of a nuclear weapon or radiological nuclear weapon component; d. radioactive contamination; e. seizure, theft, loss, or destruction of a nuclear weapon or radiological nuclear weapon component, including jettisoning; and f. public hazard, actual or implied.

nuclear weapons state — See **military nuclear power.**

nuclear weapons surety — Materiel, personnel, and procedures that contribute to the security, safety, and reliability of nuclear weapons and to the assurance that there will be no nuclear weapon accidents, incidents, unauthorized weapon detonations, or degradation in performance at the target.

nuisance minefield — (*) A minefield laid to delay and disorganize the enemy and to hinder the use of an area or route. See also **minefield.**

number . . . in (out) — (*) In artillery, term used to indicate a change in status of weapon number _____.

numbered beach — In amphibious operations, a subdivision of a colored beach, designated for the assault landing of a battalion landing team or similarly sized unit, when landed as part of a larger force. (JP 3-02)

numbered fleet — A major tactical unit of the Navy immediately subordinate to a major fleet command and comprising various task forces, elements, groups, and units for the purpose of prosecuting specific naval operations. See also **fleet.**

numbered wave — See **wave.**

numerical scale — See **scale.**

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objective — 1. The clearly defined, decisive, and attainable goal toward which every operation is directed. 2. The specific target of the action taken (for example, a definite terrain feature, the seizure or holding of which is essential to the commander's plan, or, an enemy force or capability without regard to terrain features). See also **target.** (JP 5-0)

objective area — A defined geographical area within which is located an objective to be captured or reached by the military forces. This area is defined by competent authority for purposes of command and control. Also called **OA**. (JP 3-06)

oblique air photograph — (*) An air photograph taken with the camera axis directed between the horizontal and vertical planes. Commonly referred to as an "oblique." a. **High Oblique.** One in which the apparent horizon appears. b. **Low Oblique.** One in which the apparent horizon does not appear.

observation helicopter — (*) Helicopter used primarily for observation and reconnaissance, but which may be used for other roles.

observation post — (*) A position from which military observations are made, or fire directed and adjusted, and which possesses appropriate communications; may be airborne. Also called **OP.**

observed fire — (*) Fire for which the point of impact or burst can be seen by an observer. The fire can be controlled and adjusted on the basis of observation.

observed fire procedure — (*) A standardized procedure for use in adjusting indirect fire on a target.

observer-target line — (*) An imaginary straight line from the observer/spotter to the target. See also **spotting line.**

observer-target range — The distance along an imaginary straight line from the observer or spotter to the target.

obstacle — Any obstruction designed or employed to disrupt, fix, turn, or block the movement of an opposing force, and to impose additional losses in personnel, time, and equipment on the opposing force. Obstacles can exist naturally or can be man-made, or can be a combination of both. (JP 3-15)

obstacle belt — A brigade-level command and control measure, normally given graphically, to show where within an obstacle zone the ground tactical commander plans to limit friendly obstacle employment and focus the defense. It assigns an intent to the obstacle plan and provides the necessary guidance on the overall effect of obstacles within a belt. See also **obstacle.** (JP 3-15)

obstacle clearing — The total elimination or neutralization of obstacles.

obstacle intelligence — Those collection efforts to detect the presence of enemy (and natural) obstacles, determine their types and dimensions, and provide the necessary information to plan appropriate combined arms breaching, clearance, or bypass operations to negate the impact on the friendly scheme of maneuver. It is typically related to the tactical level of intelligence. Also called **OBSTINTEL.** (JP 2-0)

obstacle restricted areas — A command and control measure used to limit the type or number of obstacles within an area. See also **obstacle.** (JP 3-15)

obstacle zone — A division-level command and control measure, normally done graphically, to designate specific land areas where lower echelons are allowed to employ tactical obstacles. See also **obstacle.** (JP 3-15)

obstructor — (*) In naval mine warfare, a device laid with the sole object of obstructing or damaging mechanical minesweeping equipment.

occupational and environmental health surveillance — The regular or repeated collection, analysis, archiving, interpretation, and dissemination of occupational and environmental health-related data for monitoring the health of, or potential health hazard impact on, a population and individual personnel, and for intervening in a timely manner to prevent, treat, or control the occurrence of disease or injury when determined necessary. (JP 4-02)

occupational and environmental health threats — Threats to the health of military personnel and to military readiness created by exposure to hazardous agents, environmental contamination, or toxic industrial materials. See also **health threat.** (JP 4-02)

occupation currency — See **military currency.**

occupied territory — Territory under the authority and effective control of a belligerent armed force. The term is not applicable to territory being administered pursuant to peace terms, treaty, or other agreement, express or implied, with the civil authority of the territory. See also **civil affairs agreement.**

Ocean Cargo Clearance Authority — The Surface Deployment and Distribution Command activity that books Department of Defense sponsored cargo and passengers for surface movement, performs related contract administration, and accomplishes export and import surface traffic management functions for Department of Defense cargo moving within the Defense Transportation System. Also called **OCCA.** (JP 4-01.2)

ocean convoy — (*) A convoy whose voyage lies, in general, outside the continental shelf. See also **convoy.**

ocean manifest — (*) A detailed listing of the entire cargo loaded into any one ship showing all pertinent data which will readily identify such cargo and where and how the cargo is stowed.

oceanography — The study of the sea, embracing and integrating all knowledge pertaining to the sea and its physical boundaries, the chemistry and physics of seawater, and marine biology. From a military perspective, oceanography includes basic oceanography plus the study of bathymetry, hydrography, geophysics, astrometry and precise time; supported by ocean engineering, operational supercomputing, and operations research. (JP 3-59)

ocean station ship — (*) A ship assigned to operate within a specified area to provide several services, including search and rescue, meteorological information, navigational aid, and communications facilities.

offensive counterair — Offensive operations to destroy, disrupt, or neutralize enemy aircraft, missiles, launch platforms, and their supporting structures and systems both before and after launch, but as close to their source as possible. Offensive counterair operations range throughout enemy territory and are generally conducted at the initiative of friendly forces. These operations include attack operations, suppression of enemy air defenses, fighter escort, and fighter sweep. Also called **OCA.** See also **counterair; defensive counterair; operation.** (JP 3-01)

offensive counterair attack operations — Offensive action in support of the offensive counterair mission against surface targets which contribute to the enemy's air power capabilities. Any part of the joint force may be tasked to conduct or support offensive counterair attack operations. Also called **OCA attack ops.** See also **counterair; offensive counterair.** (JP 3-01)

offensive minefield — In naval mine warfare, a minefield laid in enemy territorial water or waters under enemy control. (JP 3-15)

offensive space control — Those operations to prevent an adversary's hostile use of US/third party space capabilities and services or negate (disrupt, deny, degrade, deceive, or destroy) an adversary's space capabilities. (JP 3-14)

office — An enduring organization that is formed around a specific function within a joint force commander's headquarters to coordinate and manage support requirements. (JP 3-33)

officer in tactical command — In maritime usage, the senior officer present eligible to assume command, or the officer to whom the senior officer has delegated tactical command. Also called **OTC.**

officer of the deck — The officer of the deck under way has been designated by the commanding officer to be in charge of the ship, including its safe and proper operation. The officer of the deck reports directly to the commanding officer for the safe navigation and general operation of the ship, to the executive officer (and command duty officer if appointed) for carrying out the ship's routine, and to the navigator on sighting navigational landmarks and making course and speed changes. Also called **OOD.** (JP 3-04)

official information — Information that is owned by, produced for or by, or is subject to the control of the United States Government. (JP 3-61)

off-load preparation party — A temporary task organization of Navy and Marine maintenance, embarkation, equipment operators, and cargo-handling personnel deployed to the maritime pre-positioning ship before or during its transit to the objective area to prepare the ship's off-load systems and embarked equipment for off-load. Also called **OPP.** See also **task organization.** (JP 3-35)

offset bombing — (*) Any bombing procedure which employs a reference or aiming point other than the actual target.

offset costs — Costs for which funds have been appropriated that may not be incurred as a result of a contingency operation. Those funds may then be applied to the cost of the operation. See also **contingency operation.** (JP 1-06)

offshore bulk fuel system — The system used for transferring fuel from points offshore to reception facilities on the beach. It consists of two subsystems: amphibious bulk liquid transfer system and the offshore petroleum discharge system. See also **amphibious bulk liquid transfer system; offshore petroleum discharge system.** (JP 4-01.6)

offshore patrol — (*) A naval defense patrol operating in the outer areas of navigable coastal waters. It is a part of the naval local defense forces consisting of naval ships and aircraft and operates outside those areas assigned to the inshore patrol.

offshore petroleum discharge system — Provides a semipermanent, all-weather facility for bulk transfer of petroleum, oils, and lubricants (POL) directly from an offshore tanker to a beach termination unit (BTU) located immediately inland from the high watermark. POL then is either transported inland or stored in the beach support area. Major offshore petroleum discharge systems (OPDS) components are: the OPDS tanker with booster pumps and spread mooring winches; a recoverable single anchor leg mooring (SALM) to accommodate tankers of up to 70,000 deadweight tons; ship to SALM hoselines; up to 4 miles of 6-inch (internal diameter) conduit for pumping to the beach; and two BTUs to interface with the shoreside systems. OPDS can support a two-line system for multiproduct discharge, but ship standoff distance is reduced from 4 to 2 miles. Amphibious construction battalions install the OPDS with underwater construction team assistance. OPDS are embarked on selected Ready Reserve Force

tankers modified to support the system. Also called **OPDS.** See also **facility; petroleum, oils, and lubricants; single-anchor leg mooring.** (JP 4-01.6)

off-the-shelf item — An item that has been developed and produced to military or commercial standards and specifications, is readily available for delivery from an industrial source, and may be procured without change to satisfy a military requirement.

oiler — (*) A naval or merchant tanker specially equipped and rigged for replenishing other ships at sea.

on berth — Said of a ship when it is properly moored to a quay, wharf, jetty, pier, or buoy or when it is at anchor and available for loading or discharging passengers and cargo.

on-call — 1. A term used to signify that a prearranged concentration, air strike, or final protective fire may be called for. 2. Preplanned, identified force or materiel requirements without designated time-phase and destination information. Such requirements will be called forward upon order of competent authority.

on-call resupply — A resupply mission planned before insertion of a special operations team into the operations area but not executed until requested by the operating team. See also **automatic resupply; emergency resupply.** (JP 3-05.1)

on-call target — Planned target upon which fires or other actions are determined using deliberate targeting and triggered, when detected or located, using dynamic targeting. See also **dynamic targeting; on-call; operational area; planned target; target.** (JP 3-60)

on-call wave — See **wave.**

one day's supply — (*) A unit or quantity of supplies adopted as a standard of measurement, used in estimating the average daily expenditure under stated conditions. It may also be expressed in terms of a factor, e.g., rounds of ammunition per weapon per day.

one-look circuit — (*) A mine circuit which requires actuation by a given influence once only.

on hand — The quantity of an item that is physically available in a storage location and contained in the accountable property book records of an issuing activity. (JP 4-09)

on-scene commander — 1. An individual in the immediate vicinity of an isolating event who temporarily assumes command of the incident. 2. The federal officer designated to direct federal crisis and consequence management efforts at the scene of a terrorist or weapons of mass destruction incident. Also called **OSC.** (JP 3-50)

on-station time — The time an aircraft can remain on station. May be determined by endurance or orders.

open improved storage space — Open area that has been graded and hard surfaced or prepared with topping of some suitable material so as to permit effective materials handling operations.

open ocean — Ocean limit defined as greater than 12 nautical miles (nm) from shore, as compared with high seas that are over 200 nm from shore. See also **contiguous zone.**

open route — (*) A route not subject to traffic or movement control restrictions.

open-source intelligence — Information of potential intelligence value that is available to the general public. Also called **OSINT.** See also **intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

open unimproved wet space — That water area specifically allotted to and usable for storage of floating equipment.

operating forces — Those forces whose primary missions are to participate in combat and the integral supporting elements thereof. See also **combat service support element.**

operation — 1. A military action or the carrying out of a strategic, operational, tactical, service, training, or administrative military mission. 2. The process of carrying on combat, including movement, supply, attack, defense, and maneuvers needed to gain the objectives of any battle or campaign.

operational architecture — Descriptions of the tasks, operational elements, and information flows required to accomplish or support a warfighting function.

operational area — An overarching term encompassing more descriptive terms for geographic areas in which military operations are conducted. Operational areas include, but are not limited to, such descriptors as area of responsibility, theater of war, theater of operations, joint operations area, amphibious objective area, joint special operations area, and area of operations. Also called **OA.** See also **amphibious objective area; area of operations; area of responsibility; joint operations area; joint special operations area; theater of operations; theater of war.** (JP 3-0)

operational art — The application of creative imagination by commanders and staffs — supported by their skill, knowledge, and experience — to design strategies, campaigns, and major operations and organize and employ military forces. Operational art integrates ends, ways, and means across the levels of war. (JP 3-0)

operational authority — That authority exercised by a commander in the chain of command, defined further as combatant command (command authority), operational control, tactical control, or a support relationship. See also **combatant command**

(command authority); in support of; operational control; support; tactical control. (JP 1)

operational characteristics — Those military characteristics that pertain primarily to the functions to be performed by equipment, either alone or in conjunction with other equipment; e.g., for electronic equipment, operational characteristics include such items as frequency coverage, channeling, type of modulation, and character of emission.

operational contract support — The process of planning for and obtaining supplies, services, and construction from commercial sources in support of joint operations along with the associated contractor management functions. (JP 4-10)

operational control — Command authority that may be exercised by commanders at any echelon at or below the level of combatant command. Operational control is inherent in combatant command (command authority) and may be delegated within the command. Operational control is the authority to perform those functions of command over subordinate forces involving organizing and employing commands and forces, assigning tasks, designating objectives, and giving authoritative direction necessary to accomplish the mission. Operational control includes authoritative direction over all aspects of military operations and joint training necessary to accomplish missions assigned to the command. Operational control should be exercised through the commanders of subordinate organizations. Normally this authority is exercised through subordinate joint force commanders and Service and/or functional component commanders. Operational control normally provides full authority to organize commands and forces and to employ those forces as the commander in operational control considers necessary to accomplish assigned missions; it does not, in and of itself, include authoritative direction for logistics or matters of administration, discipline, internal organization, or unit training. Also called **OPCON.** See also **combatant command; combatant command (command authority); tactical control.** (JP 1)

operational control authority — (*) The naval commander responsible within a specified geographical area for the naval control of all merchant shipping under Allied naval control. Also called **OCA.**

operational decontamination — Decontamination carried out by an individual and/or a unit, restricted to specific parts of operationally essential equipment, materiel and/or working areas, in order to minimize contact and transfer hazards and to sustain operations. This may include decontamination of the individual beyond the scope of immediate decontamination, as well as decontamination of mission-essential spares and limited terrain decontamination. See also **decontamination; immediate decontamination; thorough decontamination.** (JP 3-11)

operational design — The conception and construction of the framework that underpins a campaign or major operation plan and its subsequent execution. See also **campaign; major operation.** (JP 3-0)

operational design element — A key consideration used in operational design. (JP 3-0)

operational environment — A composite of the conditions, circumstances, and influences that affect the employment of capabilities and bear on the decisions of the commander. Also called **OE.** (JP 3-0)

operational exposure guide — The maximum amount of nuclear/external ionizing radiation that the commander considers a unit may be permitted to receive while performing a particular mission or missions. Also called **OEG.** See also **radiation exposure status.** (JP 3-11)

operational intelligence — Intelligence that is required for planning and conducting campaigns and major operations to accomplish strategic objectives within theaters or operational areas. See also **intelligence; strategic intelligence; tactical intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

operational level of war — The level of war at which campaigns and major operations are planned, conducted, and sustained to achieve strategic objectives within theaters or other operational areas. Activities at this level link tactics and strategy by establishing operational objectives needed to achieve the strategic objectives, sequencing events to achieve the operational objectives, initiating actions, and applying resources to bring about and sustain these events. See also **strategic level of war; tactical level of war.** (JP 3-0)

operational limitation — An action required or prohibited by higher authority, such as a constraint or a restraint, and other restrictions that limit the commander's freedom of action, such as diplomatic agreements, rules of engagement, political and economic conditions in affected countries, and host nation issues. See also **constraint; restraint.** (JP 5-0)

operationally ready — 1. A unit, ship, or weapon system capable of performing the missions or functions for which organized or designed. Incorporates both equipment readiness and personnel readiness. 2. Personnel available and qualified to perform assigned missions or functions.

operational necessity — A mission associated with war or peacetime operations in which the consequences of an action justify the risk of loss of aircraft and crew. See also **mission.** (JP 3-04)

operational pause — A temporary halt in operations. (JP 5-0)

operational procedures — (*) The detailed methods by which headquarters and units carry out their operational tasks.

operational reach — The distance and duration across which a unit can successfully employ military capabilities. (JP 3-0)

operational readiness — (*) The capability of a unit/formation, ship, weapon system, or equipment to perform the missions or functions for which it is organized or designed. May be used in a general sense or to express a level or degree of readiness. Also called **OR.** See also **combat readiness.**

operational readiness evaluation — (*) An evaluation of the operational capability and effectiveness of a unit or any portion thereof.

operational requirement — See **military requirement.**

Operational Requirements Document — A formatted statement containing performance and related operational parameters for the proposed concept or system. Prepared by the user or user's representative at each milestone beginning with Milestone I, Concept Demonstration Approval of the Requirements Generation Process. Also called **ORD.**

operational reserve — An emergency reserve of men and/or materiel established for the support of a specific operation.

operational route — (*) Land route allocated to a command for the conduct of a specific operation; derived from the corresponding basic military route network.

operational support airlift — Operational support airlift missions are movements of high-priority passengers and cargo with time, place, or mission-sensitive requirements. Operational support airlift aircraft are those fixed-wing aircraft acquired and/or retained exclusively for operational support airlift missions, as well as any other Department of Defense-owned or controlled aircraft, fixed- or rotary-wing, used for operational support airlift purposes. Also called **OSA.** (JP 3-17)

operational testing — A continuing process of evaluation that may be applied to either operational personnel or situations to determine their validity or reliability.

operational training — (*) Training that develops, maintains, or improves the operational readiness of individuals or units.

operation and maintenance — Maintenance and repair of real property, operation of utilities, and provision of other services such as refuse collection and disposal, entomology, snow removal, and ice alleviation. Also called **O&M.** (JP 3-34)

operation annexes — Those amplifying instructions that are of such a nature, or are so voluminous or technical, as to make their inclusion in the body of the plan or order undesirable.

operation order — A directive issued by a commander to subordinate commanders for the purpose of effecting the coordinated execution of an operation. Also called **OPORD.** (JP 5-0)

operation plan — 1. Any plan for the conduct of military operations prepared in response to actual and potential contingencies. 2. In the context of joint operation planning level 4 planning detail, a complete and detailed joint plan containing a full description of the concept of operations, all annexes applicable to the plan, and a time-phased force and deployment data. It identifies the specific forces, functional support, and resources required to execute the plan and provide closure estimates for their flow into the theater. Also called **OPLAN.** See also **operation order.** (JP 5-0)

operations center — The facility or location on an installation, base, or facility used by the commander to command, control, and coordinate all operational activities. Also called **OC.** See also **base defense operations center; command center.** (JP 3-07.2)

operations research — The analytical study of military problems undertaken to provide responsible commanders and staff agencies with a scientific basis for decision on action to improve military operations. Also called **operational research; operations analysis.**

operations security — A process of identifying critical information and subsequently analyzing friendly actions attendant to military operations and other activities to: a. identify those actions that can be observed by adversary intelligence systems; b. determine indicators that adversary intelligence systems might obtain that could be interpreted or pieced together to derive critical information in time to be useful to adversaries; and c. select and execute measures that eliminate or reduce to an acceptable level the vulnerabilities of friendly actions to adversary exploitation. Also called **OPSEC.** See also **operations security indicators; operations security measures; operations security planning guidance; operations security vulnerability.** (JP 3-13.3)

operations security indicators — Friendly detectable actions and open-source information that can be interpreted or pieced together by an adversary to derive critical information. (JP 3-13.3)

operations security measures — Methods and means to gain and maintain essential secrecy about critical information. See also operations security. (JP 3-13.3)

operations security planning guidance — Guidance that serves as the blueprint for operations security planning by all functional elements throughout the organization. It defines the critical information that requires protection from adversary appreciations, taking into account friendly and adversary goals, estimated key adversary questions, probable adversary knowledge, desirable and harmful adversary appreciations, and pertinent intelligence system threats. It also should outline provisional operations security measures to ensure the requisite essential secrecy. (JP 3-13.3)

operations security vulnerability — A condition in which friendly actions provide operations security indicators that may be obtained and accurately evaluated by an adversary in time to provide a basis for effective adversary decisionmaking. (JP 3-13.3)

operations support element — An element that is responsible for all administrative, operations support and services support functions within the counterintelligence and human intelligence staff element of a joint force intelligence directorate. Also called **OSE.** (JP 2-01.2)

operations to restore order — Operations intended to halt violence and support, reinstate, or establish civil authorities. They are designed to return an unstable and lawless environment to the point where indigenous police forces can effectively enforce the law and restore civil authority. See also **operation; peace operations.** (JP 3-07.3)

opportune lift — That portion of lift capability available for use after planned requirements have been met. (JP 4-02)

optical axis — (*) In a lens element, the straight line which passes through the centers of curvature of the lens surfaces. In an optical system, the line formed by the coinciding principal axes of the series of optical elements.

optical minehunting — (*) The use of an optical system (e.g., television or towed diver) to detect and classify mines or minelike objects on or protruding from the seabed.

optimum height — (*) The height of an explosion which will produce the maximum effect against a given target.

optimum height of burst — (*) For nuclear weapons and for a particular target (or area), the height at which it is estimated a weapon of a specified energy yield will produce a certain desired effect over the maximum possible area.

orbit point — (*) A geographically or electronically defined location used in stationing aircraft in flight during tactical operations when a predetermined pattern is not established. See also **holding point.** (JP 3-50)

order — (*) A communication, written, oral, or by signal, which conveys instructions from a superior to a subordinate. **(DOD only)** In a broad sense, the terms "order" and "command" are synonymous. However, an order implies discretion as to the details of execution whereas a command does not.

ordered departure — A procedure by which the number of US Government personnel, their dependents, or both are reduced at a foreign service post. Departure is directed by the Department of State (initiated by the chief of mission or the Secretary of State) to

designated safe havens with implementation of the combatant commander noncombatant evacuation operations plan. (JP 3-68)

order of battle — The identification, strength, command structure, and disposition of the personnel, units, and equipment of any military force. Also called **OB; OOB.** (JP 2-01.3)

ordinary transport — (*) In railway terminology, transport of a load whose size, weight, or preparation does not entail special difficulties vis-à-vis the facilities or equipment of the railway systems to be used. See also **exceptional transport.**

ordnance — Explosives, chemicals, pyrotechnics, and similar stores, e.g., bombs, guns and ammunition, flares, smoke, or napalm.

organic — Assigned to and forming an essential part of a military organization. Organic parts of a unit are those listed in its table of organization for the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps, and are assigned to the administrative organizations of the operating forces for the Navy.

organizational equipment — Referring to method of use: signifies that equipment (other than individual equipment) used in furtherance of the common mission of an organization or unit. See also **equipment.**

organizational maintenance — That maintenance that is the responsibility of and performed by a using organization on its assigned equipment. Its phases normally consist of inspecting, servicing, lubricating, and adjusting, as well as the replacing of parts, minor assemblies, and subassemblies.

organization for combat — In amphibious operations, task organization of landing force units for combat, involving combinations of command, ground and aviation combat, combat support, and combat service support units for accomplishment of missions ashore. See also **amphibious operation; task organization.** (JP 3-02)

organization for embarkation — In amphibious operations, the organization for embarkation consisting of temporary landing force task organizations established by the commander, landing force and a temporary organization of Navy forces established by the commander, amphibious task force for the purpose of simplifying planning and facilitating the execution of embarkation. See also **amphibious operation; embarkation; landing force; task organization.** (JP 3-02)

organization for landing — In amphibious operations, the specific tactical grouping of the landing force for the assault. (JP 3-02)

organization of the ground — (*) The development of a defensive position by strengthening the natural defenses of the terrain and by assignment of the occupying troops to specific localities.

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force — A network of 13 regional organized crime drug enforcement task forces designed to coordinate Federal law enforcement efforts to combat the national and international organizations that cultivate, process, and distribute illicit drugs. Also called **OCDETF.** (JP 3-07.4)

origin — Beginning point of a deployment where unit or non-unit-related cargo or personnel are located.

original destination — (*) In naval control of shipping, the original final destination of a convoy or an individual ship (whether in convoy or independent). This is particularly applicable to the original destination of a voyage begun in peacetime.

originating medical facility — A medical facility that initially transfers a patient to another medical facility. (JP 4-02)

originator — The command by whose authority a message is sent. The responsibility of the originator includes the responsibility for the functions of the drafter and the releasing officer.

oropesa sweep — (*) In naval mine warfare, a form of sweep in which a length of sweep wire is towed by a single ship, lateral displacement being caused by an otter and depth being controlled at the ship end by a kite and at the other end by a float and float wire.

orthomorphic projection — (*) A projection in which the scale, although varying throughout the map, is the same in all directions at any point, so that very small areas are represented by correct shape and bearings are correct.

oscillating mine — (*) A mine, hydrostatically controlled, which maintains a pre-set depth below the surface of the water independently of the rise and fall of the tide. See also **mine.**

other detainee — Person in the custody of the US Armed Forces who has not been classified as an enemy prisoner of war (article 4, Geneva Convention of 1949 Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War (GPW)), retained personnel (article 33, GPW), or civilian internee (article 78, Geneva Convention). Also called **OD.** See also **civilian internee; custody; detainee; prisoner of war; retained personnel.** (JP 1-0)

other government agency — Within the context of interagency coordination, a non Department of Defense agency of the United States Government. Also called **OGA.** (JP 1)

otter — (*) In naval mine warfare, a device which, when towed, displaces itself sideways to a predetermined distance.

outer transport area — In amphibious operations, an area inside the antisubmarine screen to which assault transports proceed initially after arrival in the objective area. See also **inner transport area; transport area.** (JP 3-02)

outline map — (*) A map which represents just sufficient geographic information to permit the correlation of additional data placed upon it.

outline plan — (*) A preliminary plan which outlines the salient features or principles of a course of action prior to the initiation of detailed planning.

outsized cargo — Cargo that exceeds the dimensions of oversized cargo and requires the use of a C-5 or C-17 aircraft or surface transportation. A single item that exceeds 1,000 inches long by 117 inches wide by 105 inches high in any one dimension. See also **oversized cargo.** (JP 4-01.6)

overlap — 1. In photography, the amount by which one photograph includes the same area covered by another, customarily expressed as a percentage. The overlap between successive air photographs on a flight line is called "forward overlap." The overlap between photographs in adjacent parallel flight lines is called "side overlap." 2. In cartography, that portion of a map or chart that overlaps the area covered by another of the same series. 3. In naval mine warfare, the width of that part of the swept path of a ship or formation that is also swept by an adjacent sweeper or formation or is reswept on the next adjacent lap.

overpressure — The pressure resulting from the blast wave of an explosion. It is referred to as "positive" when it exceeds atmospheric pressure and "negative" during the passage of the wave when resulting pressures are less than atmospheric pressure. (JP 3-11)

overprint — (*) Information printed or stamped upon a map or chart, in addition to that originally printed, to show data of importance or special use.

Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document — A set of objective criteria and management practices developed by the Department of Defense to protect human health and the environment. Also called **OEBGD.** (JP 3-34)

oversized cargo — 1. Large items of specific equipment such as a barge, side loadable warping tug, causeway section, powered, or causeway section, nonpowered. Requires transport by sea. 2. Air cargo exceeding the usable dimension of a 463L pallet loaded to the design height of 96 inches, but equal to or less than 1,000 inches in length, 117 inches in width, and 105 inches in height. This cargo is air transportable on the C-5, C-17, C-130, KC-10 and most civilian contract cargo carriers. See also **outsized cargo.** (JP 3-17)

Over-the-horizon amphibious operations — An operational initiative launched from beyond visual and radar range of the shoreline. (JP 3-02)

over-the-horizon radar — A radar system that makes use of the atmospheric reflection and refraction phenomena to extend its range of detection beyond line of sight. Over-the-horizon radars may be either forward scatter or back scatter systems.

overt operation — An operation conducted openly, without concealment. See also **clandestine operation; covert operation.** (JP 3-05.1)

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pace — (*) For ground forces, the speed of a column or element regulated to maintain a prescribed average speed.

pace setter — (*) An individual, selected by the column commander, who travels in the lead vehicle or element to regulate the column speed and establish the pace necessary to meet the required movement order.

packaged petroleum product — A petroleum product (generally a lubricant, oil, grease, or specialty item) normally packaged by a manufacturer and procured, stored, transported, and issued in containers having a fill capacity of 55 United States gallons (or 45 Imperial gallons, or 205 liters) or less.

packup kit — Service-provided maintenance gear including spare parts and consumables most commonly needed by the deployed helicopter detachment. Supplies are sufficient for a short-term deployment but do not include all material needed for every maintenance task. Also called **PUK.** (JP 3-04)

palletized unit load — Quantity of any item, packaged or unpackaged, which is arranged on a pallet in a specified manner and securely strapped or fastened thereto so that the whole is handled as a unit. (JP 4-01.6)

panel code — (*) A prearranged code designed for visual communications, usually between friendly units, by making use of marking panels. See also **marking panel.**

panoramic camera — (*) 1. In aerial photography, a camera which, through a system of moving optics or mirrors, scans a wide area of the terrain, usually from horizon to horizon. The camera may be mounted vertically or obliquely within the aircraft, to scan across or along the line of flight. 2. In ground photography, a camera which photographs a wide expanse of terrain by rotating horizontally about the vertical axis through the center of the camera lens.

parachute deployment height — (*) The height above the intended impact point at which the parachute or parachutes are fully deployed.

paradrop — (*) Delivery by parachute of personnel or cargo from an aircraft in flight.

parallel chains of command — In amphibious operations, a parallel system of command, responding to the interrelationship of Navy, landing force, Air Force, and other major forces assigned, wherein corresponding commanders are established at each subordinate level of all components to facilitate coordinated planning for, and execution of, the amphibious operation. (JP 3-02)

parallel staff — (*) A staff in which one officer from each nation, or Service, working in parallel is appointed to each post. See also **multinational staff; integrated staff; joint staff.**

paramilitary forces — Forces or groups distinct from the regular armed forces of any country, but resembling them in organization, equipment, training, or mission. (JP 3-24)

pararescue team — Specially trained personnel qualified to penetrate to the site of an incident by land or parachute, render medical aid, accomplish survival methods, and rescue survivors. Also called **PRT.**

partial mobilization — See **mobilization, Part 2.**

partisan warfare — Not to be used. See **guerrilla warfare.**

partner nation — Those nations that the United States works with to disrupt the production, transportation, distribution, and sale of illicit drugs, as well as the money involved with this illicit activity. Also called **PN.** (JP 3-07.4)

part number — A combination of numbers, letters, and symbols assigned by a designer, a manufacturer, or vendor to identify a specific part or item of materiel.

pass — 1. A short tactical run or dive by an aircraft at a target. 2. A single sweep through or within firing range of an enemy air formation.

passage of lines — An operation in which a force moves forward or rearward through another force's combat positions with the intention of moving into or out of contact with the enemy. A passage may be designated as a forward or rearward passage of lines.

passenger mile — One passenger transported one mile. For air and ocean transport, use nautical miles; for rail, highway, and inland waterway transport in the continental United States, use statute miles.

passive — (*) In surveillance, an adjective applied to actions or equipments which emit no energy capable of being detected.

passive air defense — All measures, other than active air defense, taken to minimize the effectiveness of hostile air and missile threats against friendly forces and assets. These measures include camouflage, concealment, deception, dispersion, reconstitution, redundancy, detection and warning systems, and the use of protective construction. See also **air defense; concealment, deception, dispersion.** (JP 3-01)

passive defense — Measures taken to reduce the probability of and to minimize the effects of damage caused by hostile action without the intention of taking the initiative. See also **active defense.**

passive homing guidance — (*) A system of homing guidance wherein the receiver in the missile utilizes radiation from the target.

passive mine — (*) 1. A mine whose anticountermining device has been operated preventing the firing mechanism from being actuated. The mine will usually remain passive for a comparatively short time. 2. A mine which does not emit a signal to detect the presence of a target. See also **active mine.**

pass time — (*) In road transport, the time that elapses between the moment when the leading vehicle of a column passes a given point and the moment when the last vehicle passes the same point.

password — (*) A secret word or distinctive sound used to reply to a challenge. See also **challenge; countersign.**

pathfinders — 1. Experienced aircraft crews who lead a formation to the drop zone, release point, or target. 2. Teams dropped or air landed at an objective to establish and operate navigational aids for the purpose of guiding aircraft to drop and landing zones. 3. A radar device used for navigating or homing to an objective when visibility precludes accurate visual navigation. 4. Teams air delivered into enemy territory for the purpose of determining the best approach and withdrawal lanes, landing zones, and sites for helicopterborne forces.

pathogen — A disease producing microorganism that directly attacks human tissue and biological processes. (JP 3-11)

patient — A sick, injured, wounded, or other person requiring medical and/or dental care or treatment. (JP 4-02)

patient movement — The act or process of moving a sick, injured, wounded, or other person to obtain medical and/or dental care or treatment. Functions include medical regulating, patient evacuation, and en route medical care. See also **patient; patient movement items; patient movement requirements center.** (JP 4-02)

patient movement items — The medical equipment and supplies required to support patients during aeromedical evacuation. Also called **PMIs.**

patient movement policy — Command decision establishing the maximum number of days that patients may be held within the command for treatment. Patients who, in the opinion of responsible medical officers, cannot be returned to a duty status within the period prescribed are evacuated by the first available means, provided the travel involved will not aggravate their disabilities. See also **evacuation; patient.** (JP 4-02)

patient movement requirements center — Term used to represent any theater, joint or the Global Patient Movement Requirements Center function. A joint activity that coordinates patient movement. It is the functional merging of joint medical regulating processes, Services' medical regulating processes, and patient movement evacuation requirements planning (transport to bed plan). Also called **PMRC.** See also **patient.** (JP 4-02)

patrol — (*) A detachment of ground, sea, or air forces sent out for the purpose of gathering information or carrying out a destructive, harassing, mopping-up, or security mission. See also **combat air patrol.**

pattern laying — (*) In land mine warfare, the laying of mines in a fixed relationship to each other.

payload — (*) 1. The sum of the weight of passengers and cargo that an aircraft can carry. See also **load.** 2. The warhead, its container, and activating devices in a military missile. 3. The satellite or research vehicle of a space probe or research missile. 4. The load (expressed in tons of cargo or equipment, gallons of liquid, or number of passengers) which the vehicle is designed to transport under specified conditions of operation, in addition to its unladen weight.

payload (missile) — See **payload, Part 2.**

P-day — That point in time at which the rate of production of an item available for military consumption equals the rate at which the item is required by the Armed Forces.

peace building — Stability actions, predominately diplomatic and economic, that strengthen and rebuild governmental infrastructure and institutions in order to avoid a relapse into conflict. Also called **PB.** See also **peace enforcement; peacekeeping; peacemaking; peace operations.** (JP 3-07.3)

peace enforcement — Application of military force, or the threat of its use, normally pursuant to international authorization, to compel compliance with resolutions or sanctions designed to maintain or restore peace and order. See also **peace building; peacekeeping; peacemaking; peace operations.** (JP 3-07.3)

peacekeeping — Military operations undertaken with the consent of all major parties to a dispute, designed to monitor and facilitate implementation of an agreement (cease fire, truce, or other such agreement) and support diplomatic efforts to reach a long-term political settlement. See also **peace building; peace enforcement; peacemaking; peace operations.** (JP 3-07.3)

peacemaking — The process of diplomacy, mediation, negotiation, or other forms of peaceful settlements that arranges an end to a dispute and resolves issues that led to it.

See also **peace building; peace enforcement; peacekeeping; peace operations.** (JP 3-07.3)

peace operations — A broad term that encompasses multiagency and multinational crisis response and limited contingency operations involving all instruments of national power with military missions to contain conflict, redress the peace, and shape the environment to support reconciliation and rebuilding and facilitate the transition to legitimate governance. Peace operations include peacekeeping, peace enforcement, peacemaking, peace building, and conflict prevention efforts. Also called **PO.** See also **peace building; peace enforcement; peacekeeping; and peacemaking.** (JP 3-07.3)

peacetime operating stocks — Logistic resources on hand or on order necessary to support day-to-day operational requirements, and which, in part, can also be used to offset sustaining requirements. Also called **POS.** (JP 4-03)

peak overpressure — (*) The maximum value of overpressure at a given location which is generally experienced at the instant the shock (or blast) wave reaches that location.

pencil beam — (*) A searchlight beam reduced to, or set at, its minimum width.

penetration — (*) In land operations, a form of offensive which seeks to break through the enemy's defense and disrupt the defensive system.

penetration aids — Techniques and/or devices employed by offensive aerospace weapon systems to increase the probability of penetration of enemy defenses.

penetration (air traffic control) — That portion of a published high altitude instrument approach procedure that prescribes a descent path from the fix on which the procedure is based to a fix or altitude from which an approach to the airport is made.

penetration (intelligence) — The recruitment of agents within or the infiltration of agents or technical monitoring devices in an organization or group for the purpose of acquiring information or of influencing its activities.

percentage clearance — (*) In mine warfare, the estimated percentage of mines of specified characteristics which have been cleared from an area or channel.

performance work statement — A statement of work for performance based acquisitions that describe the results in clear, specific, and objective terms with measurable outcomes. Also called **PWS.** (JP 4-10)

perils of the sea — Accidents and dangers peculiar to maritime activities, such as storms, waves, and wind; collision; grounding; fire, smoke and noxious fumes; flooding, sinking and capsizing; loss of propulsion or steering; and any other hazards resulting from the unique environment of the sea.

period — The time it takes for a satellite to complete one orbit around the earth. (JP 3-14)

perishable cargo — Cargo requiring refrigeration, such as meat, fruit, fresh vegetables, and medical department biologicals.

permissive action link — A device included in or attached to a nuclear weapon system to preclude arming and/or launching until the insertion of a prescribed discrete code or combination. It may include equipment and cabling external to the weapon or weapon system to activate components within the weapon or weapon system.

permissive environment — Operational environment in which host country military and law enforcement agencies have control as well as the intent and capability to assist operations that a unit intends to conduct. (JP 3-0)

persistency — In biological or chemical warfare, the characteristic of an agent which pertains to the duration of its effectiveness under determined conditions after its dispersal. (JP 3-11)

persistent agent — A chemical agent that, when released, remains able to cause casualties for more than 24 hours to several days or weeks. (JP 3-11)

persistent surveillance — A collection strategy that emphasizes the ability of some collection systems to linger on demand in an area to detect, locate, characterize, identify, track, target, and possibly provide battle damage assessment and retargeting in near or real-time. Persistent surveillance facilitates the prediction of an adversary's behavior and the formulation and execution of preemptive activities to deter or forestall anticipated adversary courses of action. See also **surveillance.** (JP 2-0)

personal effects — All privately owned moveable, personal property of an individual. Also called **PE.** See also **mortuary affairs; personal property.** (JP 4-06)

personal locator beacon — (*) An emergency radio locator beacon with a two-way speech facility carried by crew members, either on their person or in their survival equipment, and capable of providing homing signals to assist search and rescue operations. Also called **PLB.** See also **crash locator beacon; emergency locator beacon.**

personal property — Property of any kind or any interest therein, except real property, records of the Federal Government, and naval vessels of the following categories: surface combatants, support ships, and submarines.

personal protective equipment — The equipment provided to shield or isolate a person from the chemical, physical, and thermal hazards that can be encountered at a hazardous materials incident. Personal protective equipment includes both personal protective clothing and respiratory protection. Also called **PPE.** See also **individual protective equipment.** (JP 3-11)

person authorized to direct disposition of human remains — A person, usually primary next of kin, who is authorized to direct disposition of human remains. Also called **PADD.** See also **mortuary affairs.** (JP 4-06)

person eligible to receive effects — The person authorized by law to receive the personal effects of a deceased military member. Receipt of personal effects does not constitute ownership. Also called **PERE.** See also **mortuary affairs; personal effects.** (JP 4-06)

personnel — Those individuals required in either a military or civilian capacity to accomplish the assigned mission.

personnel increment number — A seven-character, alphanumeric field that uniquely describes a non-unit-related personnel entry (line) in a Joint Operation Planning and Execution System time-phased force and deployment data. Also called **PIN.**

personnel locator system — A system that provides rough range and bearing to isolated personnel by integrating the survival radio (if equipped with a transponder) with an airborne locating system, based on an encrypted communications homing system. Also called **PLS.** (JP 3-50)

personnel locator system code — A six digit number programmed into survival radios and used by recovery forces to covertly locate isolated personnel. Also called **PLS code.** (JP 3-50)

personnel reaction time (nuclear) — (*) The time required by personnel to take prescribed protective measures after receipt of a nuclear strike warning.

personnel recovery — The sum of military, diplomatic, and civil efforts to prepare for and execute the recovery and reintegration of isolated personnel. Also called **PR.** See also **combat search and rescue; evasion; evasion and escape; personnel; recovery; search and rescue.** (JP 3-50)

personnel recovery coordination cell — The primary joint force component organization responsible for coordinating and controlling component personnel recovery missions. Also called **PRCC.** (JP 3-50)

personnel recovery task force — A force comprised of US or multinational military forces and/or other US agencies formed to execute a specific personnel recovery mission to locate, support, and recover isolated personnel. Also called **PRTF.** (JP 3-50)

personnel replacement center — The processing centers at selected Army installations through which individual personnel will be processed to ensure that soldier readiness processing actions have been completed prior to reporting to the aerial port of embarkation for deployment to a theater of operations. See also **deployment.** (JP 1-0)

personnel security investigation — An inquiry into the activities of an individual, designed to develop pertinent information pertaining to trustworthiness and suitability for a position of trust as related to loyalty, character, emotional stability, and reliability. Also called **PSI.**

perspective grid — (*) A network of lines, drawn or superimposed on a photograph, to represent the perspective of a systematic network of lines on the ground or datum plane.

petroleum intersectional service — (*) An intersectional or interzonal service in a theater of operations that operates pipelines and related facilities for the supply of bulk petroleum products to theater Army elements and other forces as directed.

petroleum, oils and lubricants — A broad term that includes all petroleum and associated products used by the Armed Forces. Also called **POL.** (JP 4-01.6)

phase — In joint operation planning, a definitive stage of an operation or campaign during which a large portion of the forces and capabilities are involved in similar or mutually supporting activities for a common purpose. (JP 5-0)

phase line — A line utilized for control and coordination of military operations, usually an easily identified feature in the operational area. Also called **PL.** (JP 3-09)

phonetic alphabet — A list of standard words used to identify letters in a message transmitted by radio or telephone. The following are the authorized words, listed in order, for each letter in the alphabet: ALFA, BRAVO, CHARLIE, DELTA, ECHO, FOXTROT, GOLF, HOTEL, INDIA, JULIETT, KILO, LIMA, MIKE, NOVEMBER, OSCAR, PAPA, QUEBEC, ROMEO, SIERRA, TANGO, UNIFORM, VICTOR, WHISKEY, X-RAY, YANKEE, and ZULU.

phony minefield — An area free of live mines used to simulate a minefield, or section of a minefield, with the object of deceiving the enemy. See also **gap, minefield.** (JP 3-15)

photoflash bomb — (*) A bomb designed to produce a brief and intense illumination for medium altitude night photography.

photoflash cartridge — (*) A pyrotechnic cartridge designed to produce a brief and intense illumination for low altitude night photography.

photogrammetric control — (*) Control established by photogrammetric methods as distinguished from control established by ground methods. Also called **minor control.**

photogrammetry — (*) The science or art of obtaining reliable measurements from photographic images.

photographic interpretation — See **imagery interpretation.**

photographic reading — (*) The simple recognition of natural or manmade features from photographs not involving imagery interpretation techniques.

photographic scale — (*) The ratio of a distance measured on a photograph or mosaic to the corresponding distance on the ground, classified as follows:

a. **very large scale** — 1:4,999 and larger;
b. **large scale** — 1:5,000 to 1:9,999;
c. **medium scale** — 1:10,000 to 1:24,999;
d. **small scale** — 1:25,000 to 1:49,999;
e. **very small scale** — 1:50,000 and smaller.

See also **scale.**

photographic strip — (*) Series of successive overlapping photographs taken along a selected course or direction.

photo interpretation key — See **imagery interpretation key.**

photomap — (*) A reproduction of a photograph or photomosaic upon which the grid lines, marginal data, contours, place names, boundaries, and other data may be added.

photo nadir — (*) The point at which a vertical line through the perspective center of the camera lens intersects the photo plane.

physical characteristics — Those military characteristics of equipment that are primarily physical in nature, such as weight, shape, volume, water-proofing, and sturdiness.

physical damage assessment — The estimate of the quantitative extent of physical damage (through munitions blast, fragmentation, and/or fire damage effects) to a target resulting from the application of military force. This assessment is based upon observed or interpreted damage. **See also battle damage assessment.** (JP 3-60)

physical security —1. That part of security concerned with physical measures designed to safeguard personnel; to prevent unauthorized access to equipment, installations, material, and documents; and to safeguard them against espionage, sabotage, damage, and theft. (JP 3-0) 2. In communications security, the component that results from all physical measures necessary to safeguard classified equipment, material, and documents from access thereto or observation thereof by unauthorized persons. See also **communications security; security.** (JP 6-0)

pictomap — A topographic map in which the photographic imagery of a standard mosaic has been converted into interpretable colors and symbols by means of a pictomap process.

pictorial symbolization — (*) The use of symbols which convey the visual character of the features they represent.

Pierson-Moskowitz scale — A scale that categorizes the force of progressively higher wind speeds. See also **sea state.** (JP 4-01.6)

pillbox — (*) A small, low fortification that houses machine guns, antitank weapons, etc. A pillbox is usually made of concrete, steel, or filled sandbags.

pilot's trace — (*) A rough overlay to a map made by the pilot of a photographic reconnaissance aircraft during or immediately after a sortie. It shows the location, direction, number, and order of photographic runs made, together with the camera(s) used on each run.

pinpoint — (*) 1. A precisely identified point, especially on the ground, that locates a very small target, a reference point for rendezvous or for other purposes; the coordinates that define this point. 2. The ground position of aircraft determined by direct observation of the ground.

pinpoint photograph — (*) A single photograph or a stereo pair of a specific object or target.

pinpoint target — (*) In artillery and naval gunfire support, a target less than 50 meters in diameter.

pipeline — (*) In logistics, the channel of support or a specific portion thereof by means of which materiel or personnel flow from sources of procurement to their point of use. (JP 4-0)

piracy — An illegal act of violence, depredation (e.g., plundering, robbing, or pillaging), or detention in or over international waters committed for private ends by the crew or passengers of a private ship or aircraft against another ship or aircraft or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft.

pitch — (*) 1. The movement of an aircraft or ship about its transverse axis. 2. In air photography, the camera rotation about the transverse axis of the aircraft. Also called **tip.**

pitch angle — (*) The angle between the aircraft's longitudinal axis and the horizontal plane. Also called **inclination angle.**

plan for landing — In amphibious operations, a collective term referring to all individually prepared naval and landing force documents which, taken together, present in detail all instructions for execution of the ship-to-shore movement. (JP 3-02)

plan identification number — 1. A command-unique four-digit number followed by a suffix indicating the Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan (JSCP) year for which the plan is written, e.g., "2220-95". 2. In the Joint Operation Planning and Execution System (JOPES) database, a five-digit number representing the command-unique four-digit identifier, followed by a one-character, alphabetic suffix indicating the operation plan option, or a one-digit number numeric value indicating the JSCP year for which the plan is written. Also called **PID.**

plan information capability — The capability that allows a supported command to enter and update key elements of information in an operation plan stored in the Joint Operation Planning and Execution System.

planned target — Target that is known to exist in the operational environment, upon which actions are planned using deliberate targeting, creating effects which support commander's objectives. There are two types of planned targets: scheduled and on-call. See also o**n-call target; operational area; scheduled target; target.** (JP 3-60)

planning and direction — In intelligence usage, the determination of intelligence requirements, development of appropriate intelligence architecture, preparation of a collection plan, and issuance of orders and requests to information collection agencies. See also **intelligence process.** (JP 2-01)

planning directive — In amphibious operations, the plan issued by the designated commander, following receipt of the initiating directive, to ensure that the planning process and interdependent plans developed by the amphibious force will be coordinated, completed in the time allowed, and important aspects not overlooked. See also **amphibious force; amphibious operation.** (JP 3-02)

planning factor — (*) A multiplier used in planning to estimate the amount and type of effort involved in a contemplated operation. Planning factors are often expressed as rates, ratios, or lengths of time.

planning factors database — Databases created and maintained by the Military Services for the purpose of identifying all geospatial information and services requirements for emerging and existing forces and systems. The database identifies: unit requirements, at the information content level, for geospatial data and services; system requirements for standard Department of Defense geospatial data and services; research, development, test, and evaluation requirements for developmental systems, identified by milestone; and initial operating capability and full operating capability for emerging systems. Also called **PFDB.** See also **data; database; geospatial information and services.** (JP 2-03)

planning order — A planning directive that provides essential planning guidance and directs the initiation of execution planning before the directing authority approves a military course of action. Also called **PLANORD.** See also **execution planning.** (JP 5-0)

planning phase — In amphibious operations, the phase normally denoted by the period extending from the issuance of the initiating directive up to the embarkation phase. The planning phase may occur during movement or at any other time upon receipt of a new mission or change in the operational situation. See also **amphibious operation.** (JP 3-02)

planning team — A functional element within a joint force commander's headquarters established to solve problems related to a specific task or requirement. The planning team is not enduring and dissolves upon completion of the assigned task. (JP 3-33)

plan position indicator — (*) A cathode ray tube on which radar returns are so displayed as to bear the same relationship to the transmitter as the objects giving rise to them.

plastic zone — (*) The region beyond the rupture zone associated with crater formation resulting from an explosion in which there is no visible rupture, but in which the soil is permanently deformed and compressed to a high density. See also **rupture zone.**

plate — (*) 1. In cartography: a. a printing plate of zinc, aluminum, or engraved copper; b. collective term for all "states" of an engraved map reproduced from the same engraved printing plate; c. all detail to appear on a map or chart which will be reproduced from a single printing plate (e.g., the "blue plate" or the "contour plate"). 2. In photography, a transparent medium, usually glass, coated with a photographic emulsion. See also **diapositive.**

platform drop — (*) The airdrop of loaded platforms from rear loading aircraft with roller conveyors. See also **airdrop.**

plot — (*) 1. Map, chart, or graph representing data of any sort. 2. Representation on a diagram or chart of the position or course of a target in terms of angles and distances from positions; location of a position on a map or a chart. 3. The visual display of a single location of an airborne object at a particular instant of time. 4. A portion of a map or overlay on which are drawn the outlines of the areas covered by one or more photographs. See also **master plot.**

point defense — The defense or protection of special vital elements and installations; e.g., command and control facilities or air bases. (JP 3-52)

point designation grid — (*) A system of lines, having no relation to the actual scale, or orientation, drawn on a map, chart, or air photograph dividing it into squares so that points can be more readily located.

pointee-talkee — A language aid containing selected phrases in English opposite a translation in a foreign language. It is used by pointing to appropriate phrases. See also **evasion aid.** (JP 3-50

point of employment — In distribution operations, a physical location designated by the commander at the tactical level where force employment, emplacement, or commodity consumption occurs. (JP 4-09)

point of need — In distribution operations, a physical location within a desired operational area designated by the geographic combatant commander or subordinate commander as a receiving point for forces or materiel, for subsequent use or consumption. (JP 4-09)

point of no return — (*) A point along an aircraft track beyond which its endurance will not permit return to its own or some other associated base on its own fuel supply.

point of origin — In distribution operations, the beginning point of a deployment, redeployment, or movement where forces or materiel are located. (JP 4-09)

point-to-point sealift — The movement of troops and/or cargo in Military Sealift Command nucleus or commercial shipping between established ports, in administrative landings, or during logistics over-the-shore operations. See also **administrative landing; administrative movement; logistics over-the-shore operations**.

poised mine — (*) A mine in which the ship counter setting has been run down to "one" and which is ready to detonate at the next actuation. See also **mine.**

polar coordinates — (*) 1. Coordinates derived from the distance and angular measurements from a fixed point (pole). 2. In artillery and naval gunfire support, the direction, distance, and vertical correction from the observer/spotter position to the target.

polar orbit — A satellite orbit in which the satellite passes over the North and South Poles on each orbit, and eventually passes over all points on the earth. The angle of inclination between the equator and a polar orbit is 90 degrees. (JP 3-14)

polar plot — (*) The method of locating a target or point on the map by means of polar coordinates.

political intelligence — Intelligence concerning foreign and domestic policies of governments and the activities of political movements.

pool — 1. Maintenance and control of a supply of resources or personnel upon which other activities may draw. The primary purpose of a pool is to promote maximum efficiency of use of the pooled resources or personnel, e.g., a petroleum pool or a labor and equipment pool. 2. Any combination of resources which serves a common purpose.

population at risk — The strength in personnel of a given force structure in terms of which casualty rates are stated. Also called **PAR.** (JP 4-02)

port capacity — (*) The estimated capacity of a port or an anchorage to clear cargo in 24 hours usually expressed in tons. See also **beach capacity; clearance capacity.**

port complex — (*) A port complex comprises one or more port areas of varying importance whose activities are geographically linked either because these areas are dependent on a common inland transport system or because they constitute a common initial destination for convoys.

port designator — (*) A group of letters identifying ports in convoy titles or messages.

port evacuation of cargoes — (*) The removal of cargoes from a threatened port to alternative storage sites.

port evacuation of shipping — (*) The movement of merchant ships from a threatened port for their own protection.

port of debarkation — The geographic point at which cargo or personnel are discharged. This may be a seaport or aerial port of debarkation; for unit requirements; it may or may not coincide with the destination. Also called **POD.** See also **port of embarkation.** (JP 4-0)

port of embarkation — The geographic point in a routing scheme from which cargo or personnel depart. This may be a seaport or aerial port from which personnel and equipment flow to a port of debarkation; for unit and non-unit requirements, it may or may not coincide with the origin. Also called **POE.** See also **port of debarkation.** (JP 4-01.2)

port operations group — A task-organized unit, located at the seaport of embarkation and/or debarkation under the control of the landing force support party and/or combat service support element, that assists and provides support in the loading and/or unloading and staging of personnel, supplies, and equipment from shipping. Also called **POG.** See also **combat service support element; landing force support party; task organization.** (JP 3-35)

port security — The safeguarding of vessels, harbors, ports, waterfront facilities, and cargo from internal threats such as destruction, loss, or injury from sabotage or other subversive acts; accidents; thefts; or other causes of similar nature. See also **physical security; security.** (JP 3-10)

port support activity — A tailorable support organization composed of mobilization station assets that ensures the equipment of the deploying units is ready to load. The port support activity operates unique equipment in conjunction with ship loading operations. The port support activity is operationally controlled by the military port commander or terminal transfer unit commander. Also called **PSA.** See also **support.** (JP 3-35)

positional defense — See **position defense.**

position defense — (*) The type of defense in which the bulk of the defending force is disposed in selected tactical localities where the decisive battle is to be fought. Principal reliance is placed on the ability of the forces in the defended localities to maintain their positions and to control the terrain between them. The reserve is used to add depth, to block, or restore the battle position by counterattack.

positive control — A method of airspace control that relies on positive identification, tracking, and direction of aircraft within an airspace, conducted with electronic means by an agency having the authority and responsibility therein. (JP 3-52)

positive identification and radar advisory zone — A specified area established for identification and flight following of aircraft in the vicinity of a fleet-defended area. Also called **PIRAZ.**

Posse Comitatus Act — Prohibits search, seizure, or arrest powers to US military personnel. Amended in 1981 under Public Law 97-86 to permit increased Department of Defense support of drug interdiction and other law enforcement activities. (Title 18, "Use of Army and Air Force as Posse Comitatus" - United States Code, Section 1385)

poststrike reconnaissance — Missions undertaken for the purpose of gathering information used to measure results of a strike.

power projection — The ability of a nation to apply all or some of its elements of national power - political, economic, informational, or military - to rapidly and effectively deploy and sustain forces in and from multiple dispersed locations to respond to crises, to contribute to deterrence, and to enhance regional stability. See also **elements of national power.** (JP 3-35)

PPI gauge — See **international loading gauge.**

practice mine — (*) 1. In land mine warfare, an inert mine to which is fitted a fuze and a device to indicate, in a non-lethal fashion, that the fuze has been activated. See also **mine.** 2. In naval mine warfare, an inert-filled mine but complete with assembly, suitable for instruction and for practice in preparation. See also **drill mine.**

prearranged fire — Fire that is formally planned and executed against targets or target areas of known location. Such fire is usually planned well in advance and is executed at a predetermined time or during a predetermined period of time. See also **on-call; scheduled fire.** (JP 3-09)

preassault operations — Operations conducted by the amphibious force upon its arrival in the operational area and prior to H-hour and/or L-hour. See also **amphibious force; times.** (JP 3-02)

precautionary personnel recovery — The planning and pre-positioning of aircraft, ships, or ground forces and facilities before an operation to provide personnel recovery assistance if needed. Precautionary postures include: duckbutt; lifeguard; airborne alert; and quick response posture. Also called **precautionary PR.** (JP 3-50)

precedence — 1. **communications** — A designation assigned to a message by the originator to indicate to communications personnel the relative order of handling and to the addressee the order in which the message is to be noted. Examples of communication precedence from most immediate to least are flash, immediate, priority, and routine. 2. **reconnaissance** — A letter designation, assigned by a unit requesting several reconnaissance missions, to indicate the relative order of importance (within an established priority) of the mission requested. 3. **evacuation** — The assignment of a priority for medical evacuation that is based on patient condition, advice of the senior medical person at the scene, and the tactical situation. See also **flash message; immediate message; priority message; routine message.**

precession — See **apparent precession.**

precipitation static — Charged precipitation particles that strike antennas and gradually charge the antenna, which ultimately discharges across the insulator, causing a burst of static. Also called **P-STATIC.** (JP 3-13.1)

precise time and time interval — A reference value of time and time interval (frequency). Standards are maintained through traceable measurements referenced to a primary timing or frequency standard. The Department of Defense standard for precise time and time interval is Universal Coordinated Time as maintained by the United States Naval Observatory. (JP 3-59)

precision bombing — Bombing directed at a specific point target.

precision-guided munition — A weapon that uses a seeker to detect electromagnetic energy reflected from a target or reference point and, through processing, provides guidance commands to a control system that guides the weapon to the target. Also called **PGM.** See also **munitions.** (JP 3-03)

precursor — Any chemical reactant which takes place at any stage in the production by whatever method of a toxic chemical. This includes any key component of a binary or multicomponent chemical system. (JP 3-11)

precursor chemical — Compounds that are required in the synthetic or extraction processes of drug production, and become incorporated into the drug molecule. Not used in the production of cocaine or heroin. (JP 3-07.4)

precursor front — (*) An air pressure wave which moves ahead of the main blast wave for some distance as a result of a nuclear explosion of appropriate yield and low burst height over a heat-absorbing (or dusty) surface. The pressure at the precursor front

increases more gradually than in a true (or ideal) shock wave, so that the behavior in the precursor region is said to be non-ideal.

precursor sweeping — (*) The sweeping of an area by relatively safe means in order to reduce the risk to mine countermeasures vessels in subsequent operations.

predicted fire — (*) Fire that is delivered without adjustment.

predominant height — (*) In air reconnaissance, the height of 51 percent or more of the structures within an area of similar surface material.

preemptive attack — An attack initiated on the basis of incontrovertible evidence that an enemy attack is imminent.

preliminary communications search — In search and rescue operations, consists of contacting and checking major facilities within the areas where the craft might be or might have been seen. A preliminary communications search is normally conducted during the uncertainty phase. Also called **PRECOM.** See also **search and rescue incident classification, Subpart a.**

preliminary demolition target — (*) A target, other than a reserved demolition target, which is earmarked for demolition and which can be executed immediately after preparation, provided that prior authority has been granted. See also **demolition target.**

preload loading — (*) The loading of selected items aboard ship at one port prior to the main loading of the ship at another. See also **loading.**

preparation fire — Fire delivered on a target preparatory to an assault.

prepare to deploy order — An order issued by competent authority to move forces or prepare forces for movement (e.g., increase deployability posture of units). Also called **PTDO.** (JP 5-0)

preplanned air support — Air support in accordance with a program, planned in advance of operations. See also **air support.** (JP 3-09.3)

preplanned mission request — A request for an air strike on a target that can be anticipated sufficiently in advance to permit detailed mission coordination and planning. (JP 3-09.3)

pre-position — To place military units, equipment, or supplies at or near the point of planned use or at a designated location to reduce reaction time, and to ensure timely support of a specific force during initial phases of an operation. (JP 4-0)

pre-positioned war reserve materiel requirement, balance — That portion of the pre-positioned war reserve materiel requirement that has not been acquired or funded. This level consists of the pre-positioned war reserve materiel requirement, less the pre-positioned war reserve requirement, protectable.

pre-positioned war reserve materiel requirement, protectable — That portion of the pre-positioned war reserve materiel requirement that is protected for purposes of procurement, funding, and inventory management.

pre-positioned war reserve requirement — That portion of the war reserve materiel requirement that the current Secretary of Defense guidance dictates be reserved and positioned at or near the point of planned use or issue to the user prior to hostilities to reduce reaction time and to assure timely support of a specific force or project until replenishment can be effected.

pre-positioned war reserve stock — The assets that are designated to satisfy the pre-positioned war reserve materiel requirement. Also called **PWRS.**

presail — The time prior to a ship getting under way used to prepare for at-sea events. (JP 3-04)

prescribed nuclear load — (*) A specified quantity of nuclear weapons to be carried by a delivery unit. The establishment and replenishment of this load after each expenditure is a command decision and is dependent upon the tactical situation, the nuclear logistical situation, and the capability of the unit to transport and utilize the load. It may vary from day to day and among similar delivery units.

prescribed nuclear stockage — (*) A specified quantity of nuclear weapons, components of nuclear weapons, and warhead test equipment to be stocked in special ammunition supply points or other logistical installations. The establishment and replenishment of this stockage is a command decision and is dependent upon the tactical situation, the allocation, the capability of the logistical support unit to store and maintain the nuclear weapons, and the nuclear logistical situation. The prescribed stockage may vary from time to time and among similar logistical support units.

preset guidance — A technique of missile control wherein a predetermined flight path is set into the control mechanism and cannot be adjusted after launching.

Presidential Call-up — Procedures by which the President brings all or a part of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard to active federal service under Title 10, United States Code, Section 12406 and Chapter 15. See also **active duty; federal service; Presidential Reserve Call-up.** (JP 4-05)

Presidential Reserve Call-up — Provision of a public law (Title 10, United States Code, Section 12304) that provides the President a means to activate, without a declaration of national emergency, not more than 200,000 members of the Selected Reserve and the

Individual Ready Reserve (of whom not more than 30,000 may be members of the Individual Ready Reserve), for not more than 365 days to meet the requirements of any operational mission. Members called under this provision may not be used for disaster relief or to suppress insurrection. This authority has particular utility when used in circumstances in which the escalatory national or international signals of partial or full mobilization would be undesirable. Forces available under this authority can provide a tailored, limited-scope, deterrent, or operational response, or may be used as a precursor to any subsequent mobilization. Also called **PRC.** See also **Individual Ready Reserve; mobilization; Presidential Call-up; Selected Reserve.** (JP 4-05)

pressure breathing — (*) The technique of breathing which is required when oxygen is supplied direct to an individual at a pressure higher than the ambient barometric pressure.

pressure front — See **shock front.**

pressure mine — 1. In land mine warfare, a mine whose fuse responds to the direct pressure of a target. 2. In naval mine warfare, a mine whose circuit responds to the hydrodynamic pressure field of a target. See also **mine.** (JP 3-15)

pressure mine circuit — See **pressure mine.**

prestrike reconnaissance — Missions undertaken for the purpose of obtaining complete information about known targets for use by the strike force.

prevention — 1. The security procedures undertaken by the public and private sectors in order to discourage terrorist acts. (JP 3-07.2) 2. In space usage, measures to preclude an adversary's hostile use of United States or third-party space systems and services. Prevention can include diplomatic, economic, and political measures. See also **space control.** (JP 3-14)

prevention of mutual interference — In submarine operations, procedures established to prevent submerged collisions between friendly submarines, between submarines and friendly surface ship towed bodies and arrays, and between submarines and any other hazards to submerged navigation (e.g., explosive detonations, research submersible operations, oil drilling rigs, etc.). (JP 3-32)

prevention of stripping equipment — See **antirecovery device.**

preventive deployment — The deployment of military forces to deter violence at the interface or zone of potential conflict where tension is rising among parties. Forces may be employed in such a way that they are indistinguishable from a peace operations force in terms of equipment, force posture, and activities. See also **peace enforcement; peacekeeping; peace operations.** (JP 3-07.3)

preventive diplomacy — Diplomatic actions taken in advance of a predictable crisis to prevent or limit violence. (JP 3-0)

preventive maintenance — The care and servicing by personnel for the purpose of maintaining equipment and facilities in satisfactory operating condition by providing for systematic inspection, detection, and correction of incipient failures either before they occur or before they develop into major defects.

preventive medicine — The anticipation, communication, prediction, identification, prevention, education, risk assessment, and control of communicable diseases, illnesses and exposure to endemic, occupational, and environmental threats. These threats include nonbattle injuries, combat stress responses, weapons of mass destruction, and other threats to the health and readiness of military personnel. Communicable diseases include anthropod-, vector-, food-, waste-, and waterborne diseases. Preventative medicine measures include field sanitation, medical surveillance, pest and vector control, disease risk assessment, environmental and occupational health surveillance, waste (human, hazardous, and medical) disposal, food safety inspection, and potable water surveillance. Also called **PVNTMED.** (JP 4-02)

primary agency — The federal department or agency assigned primary responsibility for managing and coordinating a specific emergency support function in the National Response Plan. (JP 3-28)

primary aircraft authorization — The number of aircraft authorized to a unit for performance of its operational mission. The primary authorization forms the basis for the allocation of operating resources to include manpower, support equipment, and flying-hour funds. Also called **PAA.**

primary aircraft inventory — The aircraft assigned to meet the primary aircraft authorization. Also called **PAI.**

primary control officer — In amphibious operations, the officer embarked in a primary control ship assigned to control the movement of landing craft, amphibious vehicles, and landing ships to and from a colored beach. Also called **PCO.** (JP 3-02)

primary control ship — In amphibious operations, a ship of the task force designated to provide support for the primary control officer and a combat information center control team for a colored beach. Also called **PCS.** (JP 3-02)

primary flight control — The controlling agency on aviation ships and amphibious aviation assault ships that is responsible for air traffic control of aircraft within 5 nautical miles of the ship. On most Coast Guard cutters, primary flight control duties are performed by a combat information center, and the term "PRIFLY" is not used. Also called **PRIFLY.** See also **amphibious aviation assault ship; aviation ship.** (JP 3-04)

primary interest — Principal, although not exclusive, interest and responsibility for accomplishment of a given mission, including responsibility for reconciling the activities of other agencies that possess collateral interest in the program.

primary review authority — The organization, within the lead agent's chain of command, that is assigned by the lead agent to perform the actions and coordination necessary to develop and maintain the assigned joint publication under the cognizance of the lead agent. Also called **PRA.** See also **joint publication; lead agent.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

prime contract — A contract or contractual action entered into by the United States Government for the purpose of obtaining supplies, materials, equipment, or services of any kind. (JP 4-10)

primed charge — (*) A charge ready in all aspects for ignition.

prime mover — A vehicle, including heavy construction equipment, possessing military characteristics, designed primarily for towing heavy, wheeled weapons and frequently providing facilities for the transportation of the crew of, and ammunition for, the weapon.

prime vendor — A contracting process that provides commercial products to regionally grouped military and federal customers from commercial distributors using electronic commerce. Customers typically receive materiel delivery through the vendor's commercial distribution system. Also called **PV.** See also **distribution system.** (JP 4-09)

principal federal official — The federal official designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security to act as his/her representative locally to oversee, coordinate, and execute the Secretary's incident management responsibilities under Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 for incidents of national significance. Also called **PFO.** (JP 3-41)

principal items — End items and replacement assemblies of such importance that management techniques require centralized individual item management throughout the supply system, to include depot level, base level, and items in the hands of using units. These specifically include the items where, in the judgment of the Services, there is a need for central inventory control, including centralized computation of requirements, central procurement, central direction of distribution, and central knowledge and control of all assets owned by the Services.

principal officer — The officer in charge of a diplomatic mission, consular office, or other Foreign Service post, such as a United States Liaison Office.

principal parallel — (*) On an oblique photograph, a line parallel to the true horizon and passing through the principal point.

principal plane — (*) A vertical plane which contains the principal point of an oblique photograph, the perspective center of the lens, and the ground nadir.

principal scale — (*) In cartography, the scale of a reduced or generating globe representing the sphere or spheroid, defined by the fractional relation of their respective radii. Also called **nominal scale.** See also **scale.**

principal vertical — (*) On an oblique photograph, a line perpendicular to the true horizon and passing through the principal point.

printing size of a map or chart — (*) The dimensions of the smallest rectangle which will contain a map or chart, including all the printed material in its margin.

print reference — (*) A reference to an individual print in an air photographic sortie.

priority designator — A two-digit issue and priority code (01 through 15) placed in military standard requisitioning and issue procedure requisitions. It is based upon a combination of factors that relate the mission of the requisitioner and the urgency of need or the end use and is used to provide a means of assigning relative rankings to competing demands placed on the Department of Defense supply system.

priority intelligence requirement — An intelligence requirement, stated as a priority for intelligence support, that the commander and staff need to understand the adversary or the operational environment. Also called **PIR.** See also **information requirements; intelligence; intelligence process; intelligence requirement.** (JP 2-0)

priority message — A category of precedence reserved for messages that require expeditious action by the addressee(s) and/or furnish essential information for the conduct of operations in progress when routine precedence will not suffice. See also **precedence.**

priority national intelligence objectives — A guide for the coordination of intelligence collection and production in response to requirements relating to the formulation and execution of national security policy. They are compiled annually by the Washington Intelligence Community and flow directly from the intelligence mission as set forth by the National Security Council. They are specific enough to provide a basis for planning the allocation of collection and research resources, but not so specific as to constitute in themselves research and collection requirements.

prior permission — (*) Permission granted by the appropriate authority prior to the commencement of a flight or a series of flights landing in or flying over the territory of the nation concerned.

prisoner of war — A detained person as defined in Articles 4 and 5 of the Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of August 12, 1949. In particular, one who, while engaged in combat under orders of his or her government, is

captured by the armed forces of the enemy. As such, he or she is entitled to the combatant's privilege of immunity from the municipal law of the capturing state for warlike acts which do not amount to breaches of the law of armed conflict. For example, a prisoner of war may be, but is not limited to, any person belonging to one of the following categories who has fallen into the power of the enemy: a member of the armed forces, organized militia or volunteer corps; a person who accompanies the armed forces without actually being a member thereof; a member of a merchant marine or civilian aircraft crew not qualifying for more favorable treatment; or individuals who, on the approach of the enemy, spontaneously take up arms to resist the invading forces. Also called **POW or PW.**

prisoner of war branch camp — (*) A subsidiary camp under the supervision and administration of a prisoner of war camp.

prisoner of war camp — An installation established for the internment and administration of prisoners of war.

prisoner of war compound — (*) A subdivision of a prisoner of war enclosure.

prisoner of war enclosure — (*) A subdivision of a prisoner of war camp.

prisoner of war personnel record — (*) A form for recording the photograph, fingerprints, and other pertinent personal data concerning the prisoner of war, including that required by the Geneva Convention.

private sector — An umbrella term that may be applied in the United States and in foreign countries to any or all of the nonpublic or commercial individuals and businesses, specified nonprofit organizations, most of academia and other scholastic institutions, and selected nongovernmental organizations. (JP 3-57)

privity of contract — The legal relationship that exists between two contracting parties, for example, between the government and the prime contractor (JP 4-10)

proactive measures — In antiterrorism, measures taken in the preventive stage of antiterrorism designed to harden targets and detect actions before they occur. (JP 3-07.2)

proactive mine countermeasures — Measures intended to prevent the enemy from successfully laying mines. See also **mine countermeasures.** (JP 3-15)

probability of damage — (*) The probability that damage will occur to a target expressed as a percentage or as a decimal. Also called **PD.**

probable error — See **horizontal error.**

probably destroyed — (*) In air operations, a damage assessment on an enemy aircraft seen to break off combat in circumstances which lead to the conclusion that it must be a loss although it is not actually seen to crash.

probe — In information operations, any attempt to gather information about an automated information system or its on-line users. See also **information; information operations; information system.** (JP 3-13)

procedural control — A method of airspace control which relies on a combination of previously agreed and promulgated orders and procedures. (JP 3-52)

procedures — Standard, detailed steps that prescribe how to perform specific tasks. See also **tactics; techniques.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

procedure turn — (*) An aircraft maneuver in which a turn is made away from a designated track followed by a turn in the opposite direction, both turns being executed at a constant rate so as to permit the aircraft to intercept and proceed along the reciprocal of the designated track.

procedure word — A word or phrase limited to radio telephone procedure used to facilitate communication by conveying information in a condensed standard form. Also called **proword.** (JP 3-09.3)

processing — (*) 1. In photography, the operations necessary to produce negatives, diapositives, or prints from exposed films, plates, or paper. 2. **(DOD only)** A system of operations designed to convert raw data into useful information. (JP 2-0)

processing and exploitation — In intelligence usage, the conversion of collected information into forms suitable to the production of intelligence. See also **intelligence process.** (JP 2-01)

process owner — The head of a Department of Defense component assigned a responsibility by the Secretary of Defense when process improvement involves more than one Military Service or Department of Defense component. (JP 4-0)

proclamation — A document published to the inhabitants of an area that sets forth the basis of authority and scope of activities of a commander in a given area and which defines the obligations, liabilities, duties, and rights of the population affected.

procurement lead time — The interval in time between the initiation of procurement action and receipt into the supply system of the production model (excludes prototypes) purchased as the result of such actions. It is composed of two elements, production lead time and administrative lead time. See also **production lead time; receipt into the supply system.** (JP 4-10)

procuring contracting officer — A contracting officer who initiates and signs the contract. Also called **PCO.** See also **administrative contracting officer; contracting officer.** (JP 4-10)

producer countries — In counterdrug operations, countries where naturally occurring plants such as coca, cannabis, or poppies are cultivated for later refinement into illicit drugs. See also **counterdrug operations.** (JP 3-07.4)

production base — The total national industrial production capacity available for the manufacture of items to meet materiel requirements. (JP 4-05)

production lead time — The time interval between the placement of a contract and receipt into the supply system of materiel purchased. Two entries are provided: a. **initial** — The time interval if the item is not under production as of the date of contract placement; and b. **reorder** — The time interval if the item is under production as of the date of contract placement. See also **procurement lead time.** (JP 4-10)

production logistics — That part of logistics concerning research, design, development, manufacture, and acceptance of materiel. In consequence, production logistics includes: standardization and interoperability, contracting, quality assurance, initial provisioning, transportability, reliability and defect analysis, safety standards, specifications and production processes, trials and testing (including provision of necessary facilities), equipment documentation, configuration control, and modifications.

profile — See **flight profile.**

Programmed Forces — The forces that exist for each year of the Future Years Defense Program. They contain the major combat and tactical support forces that are expected to execute the national strategy within manpower, fiscal, and other constraints. See also **current force; force.**

program of nuclear cooperation — (*) Presidentially approved bilateral proposals for the United States to provide nuclear weapons and specified support to user nations who desire to commit delivery units to NATO in nuclear only or dual capable roles. After presidential approval in principle, negotiations will be initiated with the user nation to develop detailed support arrangements.

prohibited area — A specified area within the land areas of a state or its internal waters, archipelagic waters, or territorial sea adjacent thereto over which the flight of aircraft is prohibited. May also refer to land or sea areas to which access is prohibited. See also **closed area; danger area; restricted area.** (JP 3-52)

projected map display — (*) The displayed image of a map or chart projected through an optical or electro-optical system onto a viewing surface.

proliferation — The transfer of weapons of mass destruction, related materials, technology, and expertise from suppliers to hostile state or non-state actors. (JP 3-40)

proofing — The verification that a breached lane is free of live mines by passing a mine roller or other mine-resistant vehicle through as the lead vehicle. (JP 3-15)

propaganda — Any form of adversary communication, especially of a biased or misleading nature, designed to influence the opinions, emotions, attitudes, or behavior of any group in order to benefit the sponsor, either directly or indirectly. (JP 3-13.2)

propelled mine — See **mobile mine.**

proper authority — An authority authorized to call an opposing force hostile; may be either the President, the Secretary of Defense, the affected combatant commander, and/or any commander so delegated by either the President, Secretary of Defense or the combatant commander.

proper clearance — A clearance for entry of units into specified defense areas by civil or military authorities having responsibility for granting such clearance.

property — 1. Anything that may be owned. 2. As used in the military establishment, this term is usually confined to tangible property, including real estate and materiel. For special purposes and as used in certain statutes, this term may exclude such items as the public domain, certain lands, certain categories of naval vessels, and records of the Federal Government.

protected emblems — The red cross, red crescent, and other symbols that designate that persons, places, or equipment so marked have a protected status under the law of war.

protected frequencies — Those friendly frequencies used for a particular operation, identified and protected to prevent them from being inadvertently jammed by friendly forces while active electronic warfare operations are directed against hostile forces. These frequencies are of such critical importance that jamming should be restricted unless absolutely necessary or until coordination with the using unit is made. They are generally time-oriented, may change with the tactical situation, and must be updated periodically. See also **electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.1)

protected persons/places — Persons (such as enemy prisoners of war) and places (such as hospitals) that enjoy special protections under the law of war. They may or may not be marked with protected emblems.

protected site — (*) A facility which is protected by the use of camouflage or concealment, selective siting, construction of facilities designed to prevent damage from fragments caused by conventional weapons, or a combination of such measures.

protection — 1. Preservation of the effectiveness and survivability of mission-related military and nonmilitary personnel, equipment, facilities, information, and infrastructure deployed or located within or outside the boundaries of a given operational area. (JP 3-0) 2. In space usage, active and passive defensive measures to ensure that United States and friendly space systems perform as designed by seeking to overcome an adversary's attempts to negate them and to minimize damage if negation is attempted. See also **mission-oriented protective posture; space control.** (JP 3-14)

protection of shipping — The use of proportionate force by US warships, military aircraft, and other forces, when necessary for the protection of US flag vessels and aircraft, US citizens (whether embarked in US or foreign vessels), and their property against unlawful violence. This protection may be extended (consistent with international law) to foreign flag vessels, aircraft, and persons. (JP 3-0)

protective clothing — (*) Clothing especially designed, fabricated, or treated to protect personnel against hazards caused by extreme changes in physical environment, dangerous working conditions, or enemy action.

protective mask — A protective ensemble designed to protect the wearer's face and eyes and prevent the breathing of air contaminated with chemical and/or biological agents. See also **mission-oriented protective posture.** (JP 3-11)

protective minefield — 1. In land mine warfare, a minefield employed to assist a unit in its local, close-in protection. 2. In naval mine warfare, a minefield laid in friendly territorial waters to protect ports, harbors, anchorages, coasts, and coastal routes. See also **minefield.** (JP 3-15)

provincial reconstruction team — An interim interagency organization designed to improve stability in a given area by helping build the legitimacy and effectiveness of a host nation local or provincial government in providing security to its citizens and delivering essential government services. Also called **PRT.** (JP 3-57)

proword — See **procedure word.**

proximity fuze — (*) A fuze wherein primary initiation occurs by remotely sensing the presence, distance, and/or direction of a target or its associated environment by means of a signal generated by the fuze or emitted by the target, or by detecting a disturbance of a natural field surrounding the target.

proximity operations — In space operations, on-orbit activities of a resident space object that deliberately and necessarily maintains a close distance from another resident space object for a specific purpose. Two objects in space that pass each other by natural orbital mechanics (e.g., routine orbital conjunctions or close approaches) or Department of Defense space systems which are designated to utilize cluster or formation flight to maintain required proximity to provide required system functionality do not fall within this definition. (JP 3-14)

psychological operations — Planned operations to convey selected information and indicators to foreign audiences to influence their emotions, motives, objective reasoning, and ultimately the behavior of foreign governments, organizations, groups, and individuals. The purpose of psychological operations is to induce or reinforce foreign attitudes and behavior favorable to the originator's objectives. Also called **PSYOP.** (JP 3-13.2)

psychological operations assessment team — A small, tailored team (approximately 4-12 personnel) that consists of psychological operations planners and product distribution/dissemination and logistic specialists. The team is deployed to theater at the request of the combatant commander to assess the situation, develop psychological operations objectives, and recommend the appropriate level of support to accomplish the mission. Also called **POAT.** (JP 3-13.2)

psychological operations impact indicators — An observable event or a discernible subjectively determined behavioral change that represents an effect of a psychological operations activity on the intended foreign target audience at a particular point in time. It is measured evidence, ascertained during the analytical phase of the psychological operations development process, to evaluate the degree to which the psychological operations objective is achieved. (JP 3-13.2)

psychological operations support element — A tailored element that can provide limited psychological operations support. Psychological operations support elements do not contain organic command and control capability; therefore, command relationships must be clearly defined. The size, composition and capability of the psychological operations support element are determined by the requirements of the supported commander. A psychological operations support element is not designed to provide full-scale psychological operations capability; reachback is critical for its mission success. Also called **PSE.** (JP 3-13.2)

public affairs — Those public information, command information, and community engagement activities directed toward both the external and internal publics with interest in the Department of Defense. Also called **PA.** See also **command information; public information.** (JP 3-61)

public affairs assessment — An analysis of the news media and public environments to evaluate the degree of understanding about strategic and operational objectives and military activities and to identify levels of public support. It includes judgments about the public affairs impact of pending decisions and recommendations about the structure of public affairs support for the assigned mission. See also **assessment; public affairs.** (JP 3-61)

public affairs guidance — Constraints and restraints established by proper authority regarding public information, command information, and community relations activities. It may also address the method(s), timing, location, and other details

governing the release of information to the public. Also called **PAG.** See also **public affairs.** (JP 3-61)

public diplomacy — 1. Those overt international public information activities of the United States Government designed to promote United States foreign policy objectives by seeking to understand, inform, and influence foreign audiences and opinion makers, and by broadening the dialogue between American citizens and institutions and their counterparts abroad. 2. In peace building, civilian agency efforts to promote an understanding of the reconstruction efforts, rule of law, and civic responsibility through public affairs and international public diplomacy operations. Its objective is to promote and sustain consent for peace building both within the host nation and externally in the region and in the larger international community. (JP 3-07.3)

public information — Within public affairs, that information of a military nature, the dissemination of which is consistent with security and approved for release. (JP 3-61)

public key infrastructure — An enterprise-wide service (i.e. data integrity, user identification and authentication, user non-repudiation, data confidentiality, encryption, and digital signature) that supports digital signatures and other public key-based security mechanisms for Department of Defense functional enterprise programs, including generation, production, distribution, control, and accounting of public key certificates. A public key infrastructure provides the means to bind public keys to their owners and helps in the distribution of reliable public keys in large heterogeneous networks. Public keys are bound to their owners by public key certificates. These certificates contain information such as the owner's name and the associated public key and are issued by a reliable certification authority. Also called **PKI.**

pull-up point — (*) The point at which an aircraft must start to climb from a low-level approach in order to gain sufficient height from which to execute the attack or retirement. See also **contact point.**

pulse duration — In radar, measurement of pulse transmission time in microseconds; that is, the time the radar's transmitter is energized during each cycle. Also called **pulse length and pulse width.**

pulsejet — (*) A jet-propulsion engine containing neither compressor nor turbine. Equipped with valves in the front which open and shut, it takes in air to create thrust in rapid periodic bursts rather than continuously.

pulsing — (*) In naval mine warfare, a method of operating magnetic and acoustic sweeps in which the sweep is energized by current which varies or is intermittent in accordance with a predetermined schedule.

purchasing office — Any installation or activity, or any division, office, branch, section, unit, or other organizational element of an installation or activity charged with the functions of procuring supplies or services.

purposeful interference — In space operations, deliberate actions taken to deny or disrupt a space system, service, or capability. Purposeful interference threats include but are not limited to: mission uplink or downlink interference; command uplink interference; telemetry downlink jamming; positioning jamming; unauthorized access; information insertion; and signal probing. Also called **PI.** (JP 3-14)

pursuit — (*) An offensive operation designed to catch or cut off a hostile force attempting to escape, with the aim of destroying it.

pyrotechnic delay — (*) A pyrotechnic device added to a firing system which transmits the ignition flame after a predetermined delay.

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q-message — (*) A classified message relating to navigational dangers, navigational aids, mined areas, and searched or swept channels.

Q-route — A system of preplanned shipping lanes in mined or potentially mined waters used to minimize the area the mine countermeasures commander has to keep clear of mines in order to provide safe passage for friendly shipping. (JP 3-15)

quadrant elevation — (*) The angle between the horizontal plane and the axis of the bore when the weapon is laid. **(DOD only)** It is the algebraic sum of the elevation, angle of site, and complementary angle of site.

quadruple container — A quadruple container box 57.5inches x 96inches x 96inches with a metal frame, pallet base, and International Organization for Standardization corner fittings. Four of these boxes can be lashed together to form a 20-foot American National Standards Institute or International Organization for Standardization intermodal container. Also called **QUADCON.** (JP 4-09)

quay — A structure of solid construction along a shore or bank that provides berthing and generally provides cargo-handling facilities. A similar facility of open construction is called a wharf. See also **wharf.** (JP 4-01.5)

quick response force — A company-sized force providing responsive, mission-tailored, lightly armed ground units that can deploy on short notice, with minimal lift assets, and capable of providing immediate or emergency response. Also called **QRF.** (JP 3-27)

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radar advisory — The term used to indicate that the provision of advice and information is based on radar observation. (JP 3-52)

radar altimetry area — (*) A large and comparatively level terrain area with a defined elevation which can be used in determining the altitude of airborne equipment by the use of radar.

radar beacon — A receiver-transmitter combination that sends out a coded signal when triggered by the proper type of pulse, enabling determination of range and bearing information by the interrogating station or aircraft. Also called **RB.**

radar camouflage — (*) The use of radar absorbent or reflecting materials to change the radar echoing properties of a surface of an object.

radar clutter — (*) Unwanted signals, echoes, or images on the face of the display tube which interfere with observation of desired signals.

radar coverage — (*) The limits within which objects can be detected by one or more radar stations.

radar danning — (*) In naval mine warfare, a method of navigating by using radar to keep the required distance from a line of dan buoys.

radar fire — (*) Gunfire aimed at a target which is tracked by radar.

radar guardship — (*) Any ship which has been assigned the task by the officer in tactical command of maintaining the radar watch.

radar horizon — (*) The locus of points at which the rays from a radar antenna become tangential to the Earth's surface. On the open sea this locus is horizontal, but on land it varies according to the topographical features of the terrain.

radar imagery — Imagery produced by recording radar waves reflected from a given target surface.

radar intelligence — Intelligence derived from data collected by radar. Also called **RADINT.** See also **intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

radar netting — (*) The linking of several radars to a single center to provide integrated target information.

radar netting station — (*) A center which can receive data from radar tracking stations and exchange this data among other radar tracking stations, thus forming a radar netting system. See also **radar netting unit.**

radar netting unit — Optional electronic equipment that converts the operations central of certain air defense fire distribution systems to a radar netting station. See also **radar netting station.**

radar picket — Any ship, aircraft, or vehicle, stationed at a distance from the force protected, and integrated into a common operational picture for the purpose of increasing the radar detection range. (JP 3-07.4)

radarscope overlay — (*) A transparent overlay for placing on the radarscope for comparison and identification of radar returns.

radarscope photography — (*) A film record of the returns shown by a radar screen.

radar silence — (*) An imposed discipline prohibiting the transmission by radar of electromagnetic signals on some or all frequencies.

radar spoking — Periodic flashes of the rotating time base on a radial display. Sometimes caused by mutual interference.

radial — A magnetic bearing extending from a very high frequency omni-range and/or tactical air navigation station.

radial displacement — (*) On vertical photographs, the apparent "leaning out," or the apparent displacement of the top of any object having height in relation to its base. The direction of displacement is radial from the principal point on a true vertical, or from the isocenter on a vertical photograph distorted by tip or tilt.

radiant exposure — See **thermal exposure.**

radiation dose — The total amount of ionizing radiation absorbed by material or tissues. See also **exposure dose.** (JP 3-11)

radiation dose rate — Measurement of radiation dose per unit of time. (JP 3-11)

radiation exposure state — (*) The condition of a unit, or exceptionally an individual, deduced from the cumulative whole body radiation dose(s) received. It is expressed as a symbol which indicates the potential for future operations and the degree of risk if exposed to additional nuclear radiation.

radiation exposure status — Criteria to assist the commander in measuring unit exposure to radiation based on total past cumulative dose, normally expressed in centigray. Also called **RES.** (JP 3-11)

radiation intensity — (*) The radiation dose rate at a given time and place. It may be used, coupled with a figure, to denote the radiation intensity at a given number of

hours after a nuclear burst, e.g., RI-3 is the radiation intensity 3 hours after the time of burst. Also called **RI.**

radiation scattering — (*) The diversion of radiation (thermal, electromagnetic, or nuclear) from its original path as a result of interaction or collisions with atoms, molecules, or larger particles in the atmosphere or other media between the source of the radiation (e.g., a nuclear explosion) and a point at some distance away. As a result of scattering, radiation (especially gamma rays and neutrons) will be received at such a point from many directions instead of only from the direction of the source.

radiation sickness — (*) An illness resulting from excessive exposure to ionizing radiation. The earliest symptoms are nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, which may be followed by loss of hair, hemorrhage, inflammation of the mouth and throat, and general loss of energy.

radioactive decay — (*) The decrease in the radiation intensity of any radioactive material with respect to time.

radioactive decay curve — (*) A graph line representing the decrease of radioactivity with the passage of time.

radioactivity concentration guide — (*) The amount of any specified radioisotope that is acceptable in air and water for continuous consumption.

radio approach aids — (*) Equipment making use of radio to determine the position of an aircraft with considerable accuracy from the time it is in the vicinity of an airfield or carrier until it reaches a position from which landing can be carried out.

radio beacon — (*) A radio transmitter which emits a distinctive or characteristic signal used for the determination of bearings, courses, or location.

radio detection — (*) The detection of the presence of an object by radio-location without precise determination of its position.

radio direction finding — (*) Radio-location in which only the direction of a station is determined by means of its emissions.

radio frequency countermeasures — Any device or technique employing radio frequency materials or technology that is intended to impair the effectiveness of enemy activity, particularly with respect to precision guided weapons and sensor systems. Also called **RF CM.** (JP 3-13.1)

radiological accident — A loss of control over radiation or radioactive material that presents a hazard to life, health, or property or that may result in any member of the general population exceeding exposure limits for ionizing radiation. (JP 3-41)

radiological defense — Defensive measures taken against the radiation hazards resulting from the employment of nuclear and radiological weapons. (JP 3-41)

radiological dispersal device — An improvised assembly or process, other than a nuclear explosive device, designed to disseminate radioactive material in order to cause destruction, damage, or injury. Also called **RDD.** (JP 3-11)

radiological environment — Conditions found in an area resulting from the presence of a radiological hazard. (JP 3-41)

radiological exposure device — A radioactive source placed to cause injury or death. Also called **RED.** (JP 3-11)

radiological monitoring — See **monitoring.**

radiological operation — (*) The employment of radioactive materials or radiation producing devices to cause casualties or restrict the use of terrain. It includes the intentional employment of fallout from nuclear weapons.

radiological survey — (*) The directed effort to determine the distribution and dose rates of radiation in an area.

radio magnetic indicator — (*) An instrument which displays aircraft heading and bearing to selected radio navigation aids.

radio navigation — (*) Radio-location intended for the determination of position or direction or for obstruction warning in navigation.

radio range finding — (*) Radio-location in which the distance of an object is determined by means of its radio emissions, whether independent, reflected, or retransmitted on the same or other wavelength.

radio range station — (*) A radio navigation land station in the aeronautical radio navigation service providing radio equi-signal zones. (In certain instances a radio range station may be placed on board a ship.)

radio silence — (*) A condition in which all or certain radio equipment capable of radiation is kept inoperative. **(DOD only)** (Note: In combined or United States Joint or intra-Service communications the frequency bands and/or types of equipment affected will be specified.)

radio telephony — (*) The transmission of speech by means of modulated radio waves.

radius of action — (*) The maximum distance a ship, aircraft, or vehicle can travel away from its base along a given course with normal combat load and return without refueling, allowing for all safety and operating factors.

radius of safety — (*) The horizontal distance from ground zero beyond which the weapon effects on friendly troops are acceptable.

raid — An operation to temporarily seize an area in order to secure information, confuse an adversary, capture personnel or equipment, or to destroy a capability. It ends with a planned withdrawal upon completion of the assigned mission. (JP 3-0)

railhead — A point on a railway where loads are transferred between trains and other means of transport. (JP 4-09)

railway line capacity — (*) The maximum number of trains which can be moved in each direction over a specified section of track in a 24 hour period. See also **route capacity.**

railway loading ramp — (*) A sloping platform situated at the end or beside a track and rising to the level of the floor of the rail cars or wagons.

rainout — (*) Radioactive material in the atmosphere brought down by precipitation.

ramjet — (*) A jet-propulsion engine containing neither compressor nor turbine which depends for its operation on the air compression accomplished by the forward motion of the engine. See also **pulsejet.**

random minelaying — (*) In land mine warfare, the laying of mines without regard to pattern.

range — 1. The distance between any given point and an object or target. 2. Extent or distance limiting the operation or action of something, such as the range of an aircraft, ship, or gun. 3. The distance that can be covered over a hard surface by a ground vehicle, with its rated payload, using the fuel in its tank and its cans normally carried as part of the ground vehicle equipment. 4. Area equipped for practice in shooting at targets. In this meaning, also called **target range.**

range marker — (*) A single calibration blip fed onto the time base of a radial display. The rotation of the time base shows the single blips as a circle on the plan position indicator scope. It may be used to measure range.

range markers — Two upright markers that may be lighted at night and placed so that, when aligned, the direction indicated assists in piloting. They may be used in amphibious operations to aid in beaching landing ships or craft.

Rangers — Rapidly deployable airborne light infantry organized and trained to conduct highly complex joint direct action operations in coordination with or in support of other special operations units of all Services. Rangers also can execute direct action operations in support of conventional nonspecial operations missions conducted by a

combatant commander and can operate as conventional light infantry when properly augmented with other elements of combined arms. (JP 3-05.1)

ranging — (*) The process of establishing target distance. Types of ranging include echo, intermittent, manual, navigational, explosive echo, optical, radar, etc. See also **spot.**

rapid and precise response — Rapid and precise response is the ability of the defense supply chain to meet the constantly changing needs of the joint force. (JP 4-0)

rapid global mobility — The timely movement, positioning, and sustainment of military forces and capabilities across the range of military operations. See also **mobility.** (JP 3-17)

rapid response force — A battalion minus-sized force providing responsive, mission-tailored, lightly armed ground units that can deploy on short notice, with minimal lift assets, and capable of providing immediate or emergency response. Also called **RRF.** (JP 3-27)

rated load — (*) The designed safe operating load for the equipment under prescribed conditions.

rate of march — (*) The average number of miles or kilometers to be traveled in a given period of time, including all ordered halts. It is expressed in miles or kilometers in the hour. See also **pace.**

ratification — 1. The declaration by which a nation formally accepts, with our without reservation, the content of a standardization agreement. 2. The process of approving an unauthorized commitment by an official who has the authority to do so. See also **implementation; subscription; unauthorized commitment.** (JP 4-10)

rationalization — Any action that increases the effectiveness of allied forces through more efficient or effective use of defense resources committed to the alliance. Rationalization includes consolidation, reassignment of national priorities to higher alliance needs, standardization, specialization, mutual support or improved interoperability, and greater cooperation. Rationalization applies to both weapons and/or materiel resources and non-weapons military matters.

R-day — See **times.**

reachback — The process of obtaining products, services, and applications, or forces, or equipment, or material from organizations that are not forward deployed. (JP 3-30)

reaction time — 1. The elapsed time between the initiation of an action and the required response. 2. The time required between the receipt of an order directing an operation and the arrival of the initial element of the force concerned in the designated area.

readiness — The ability of United States military forces to fight and meet the demands of the national military strategy. Readiness is the synthesis of two distinct but interrelated levels. a. **unit readiness** — The ability to provide capabilities required by the combatant commanders to execute their assigned missions. This is derived from the ability of each unit to deliver the outputs for which it was designed. b. **joint readiness** — The combatant commander's ability to integrate and synchronize ready combat and support forces to execute his or her assigned missions. See also **military capability; National Military Strategy.**

readiness condition — See **operational readiness.**

ready position — (*) In helicopter operations, a designated place where a helicopter load of troops and/or equipment waits for pick-up.

Ready Reserve — The Selected Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve, and Inactive National Guard liable for active duty as prescribed by law (Title 10, United States Code, Sections 10142, 12301, and 12302). See also **active duty; Inactive National Guard; Individual Ready Reserve; Selected Reserve.** (JP 4-05)

ready-to-load date — The date when a unit will be ready to move from the origin, i.e., mobilization station. Also called **RLD.**

reallocation authority — (*) The authority given to NATO commanders and normally negotiated in peacetime, to reallocate in an "emergency in war" national logistic resources controlled by the combat forces under their command, and made available by nations, in order to influence the battle logistically.

real property — Lands, buildings, structures, utilities systems, improvements, and appurtenances thereto. Includes equipment attached to and made part of buildings and structures (such as heating systems) but not movable equipment (such as plant equipment).

real time — Pertaining to the timeliness of data or information which has been delayed only by the time required for electronic communication. This implies that there are no noticeable delays. See also **near real time.**

rear area operations center/rear tactical operations center — A command and control facility that serves as an area and/or subarea commander's planning, coordinating, monitoring, advising, and directing agency for area security operations. (JP 3-10)

rear echelon — (*) Elements of a force which are not required in the objective area.

rearming — 1. An operation that replenishes the prescribed stores of ammunition, bombs, and other armament items for an aircraft, naval ship, tank, or armored vehicle (including replacement of defective ordnance equipment) in order to make it ready for

combat service. 2. Resetting the fuze on a bomb or on an artillery, mortar, or rocket projectile so that it will detonate at the desired time.

reattack recommendation — An assessment, derived from the results of battle damage assessment and munitions effectiveness assessment, providing the commander systematic advice on reattack of targets and further target selection to achieve objectives. The reattack recommendation considers objective achievement, target, and aimpoint selection, attack timing, tactics, and weapon system and munitions selection. The reattack recommendation is a combined operations and intelligence function. Also called **RR.** See also **assessment; battle damage assessment; munitions effectiveness assessment; target.** (JP 3-60)

receipt into the supply system — That point in time when the first item or first quantity of the item of the contract has been received at or is en route to point of first delivery after inspection and acceptance. See also **procurement lead time.** (JP 4-10)

receiving ship — The ship in a replenishment unit that receives the rig(s).

reception — 1. All ground arrangements connected with the delivery and disposition of air or sea drops. Includes selection and preparation of site, signals for warning and approach, facilitation of secure departure of agents, speedy collection of delivered articles, and their prompt removal to storage places having maximum security. When a group is involved, it may be called a reception committee. 2. Arrangements to welcome and provide secure quarters or transportation for defectors, escapees, evaders, or incoming agents. 3. The process of receiving, offloading, marshalling, and transporting of personnel, equipment, and materiel from the strategic and/or intratheater deployment phase to a sea, air, or surface transportation point of debarkation to the marshalling area. (JP 3-35)

reclama — A request to duly constituted authority to reconsider its decision or its proposed action.

recognition — 1. The determination by any means of the individuality of persons, or of objects such as aircraft, ships, or tanks, or of phenomena such as communications-electronics patterns. 2. In ground combat operations, the determination that an object is similar within a category of something already known; e.g., tank, truck, man.

recognition signal — Any prearranged signal by which individuals or units may identify each other.

recompression chamber — See **hyperbaric chamber.**

reconnaissance — A mission undertaken to obtain, by visual observation or other detection methods, information about the activities and resources of an enemy or adversary, or to

secure data concerning the meteorological, hydrographic, or geographic characteristics of a particular area. Also called **RECON.** (JP 2-0)

reconnaissance by fire — (*) A method of reconnaissance in which fire is placed on a suspected enemy position to cause the enemy to disclose a presence by movement or return of fire.

reconnaissance exploitation report — (*) A standard message format used to report the results of a tactical air reconnaissance mission. Whenever possible the report should include the interpretation of sensor imagery. Also called **RECCEXREP.**

reconnaissance in force — (*) An offensive operation designed to discover and/or test the enemy's strength or to obtain other information.

reconnaissance patrol — See **patrol.**

recovery — 1. In air (aviation) operations, that phase of a mission which involves the return of an aircraft to a land base or platform afloat. 2. The retrieval of a mine from the location where emplaced. 3. In personnel recovery, actions taken to physically gain custody of isolated personnel and return them to the initial reception point. 4. Actions taken to extricate damaged or disabled equipment for return to friendly control or repair at another location. See also **evader; evasion; recovery; recovery force.** (JP 3-50)

recovery activation signal — In personnel recovery, a precoordinated signal from an evader to a receiving or observing source that indicates, "I am here, start the recovery planning." Also called **RAS.** See also **evader; evasion; recovery operations; signal.** (JP 3-50)

recovery and reconstitution — 1. Those actions taken by one nation prior to, during, and following an attack by an enemy nation to minimize the effects of the attack, rehabilitate the national economy, provide for the welfare of the populace, and maximize the combat potential of remaining forces and supporting activities. 2. Those actions taken by a military force during or after operational employment to restore its combat capability to full operational readiness. See also **recovery.** (JP 3-35)

recovery force — In personnel recovery, an organization consisting of personnel and equipment with a mission of locating, supporting, and recovering isolated personnel, and returning them to friendly control. See also **evader; evasion; recovery operations.** (JP 3-50)

recovery mechanism — Designated indigenous or surrogate infrastructure that is specifically developed, trained, and directed by US forces to contact, authenticate, support, move, and exfiltrate designated isolated personnel from uncertain or hostile areas back to friendly control. Recovery mechanisms may operate with other US or multinational personnel recovery capabilities. Also called **RM.** (JP 3-50)

recovery operations — Operations conducted to search for, locate, identify, recover, and return isolated personnel, human remains, sensitive equipment, or items critical to national security. (JP 3-50)

recovery procedures — See **explosive ordnance disposal procedures.**

recovery site — In personnel recovery, an area from which isolated personnel can be recovered. See also **escapee; evader; evasion; evasion and escape.** (JP 3-50)

recovery team — In personnel recovery, designated US or US-directed forces, who are specifically trained to operate in conjunction with indigenous or surrogate forces, and are tasked to contact, authenticate, support, move, and exfiltrate isolated personnel. Also called **RT.** (JP 3-50)

recovery vehicle — In personnel recovery, the vehicle on which isolated personnel are boarded and transported from the recovery site. (JP 3-50)

recovery zone — A designated geographic area from which special operations forces can be extracted by air, boat, or other means. Also called **RZ.** (JP 3-05.1)

rectification — (*) In photogrammetry, the process of projecting a tilted or oblique photograph on to a horizontal reference plane.

redeployment — The transfer of forces and materiel to support another joint force commander's operational requirements, or to return personnel, equipment, and materiel to the home and/or demobilization stations for reintegration and/or out-processing. See also **deployment.** (JP 3-35)

redeployment airfield — (*) An airfield not occupied in its entirety in peacetime, but available immediately upon outbreak of war for use and occupation by units redeployed from their peacetime locations. It must have substantially the same standard of operational facilities as the main airfield. See also **airfield; departure airfield; diversion airfield; main airfield.**

RED HORSE — Air Force units wartime-structured to provide a heavy engineer capability. They have a responsibility across the operational area, are not tied to a specific base, and are not responsible for base operation and maintenance. These units are mobile, rapidly deployable, and largely self-sufficient for limited periods of time. (JP 3-34)

redistribution — The utilization of logistic resources after Transfer of Authority necessary for the fulfillment of the commander's combat missions. The logistic resources are designated in peacetime and will become assigned to the NATO commander in crisis and conflict. (JP 4-08)

red team — An organizational element comprised of trained and educated members that provide an independent capability to fully explore alternatives in plans and operations

in the context of the operational environment and from the perspective of adversaries and others. (JP 2-0)

reduced charge — 1. The smaller of the two propelling charges available for naval guns. 2. Charge employing a reduced amount of propellant to fire a gun at short ranges as compared to a normal charge.

reduced lighting — (*) The reduction in brightness of ground vehicle lights by either reducing power or by screening in such a way that any visible light is limited in output. See also **normal lighting.**

reduced operating status — Applies to the Military Sealift Command ships withdrawn from full operating status because of decreased operational requirements. A ship in reduced operating status is crewed for a level of ship maintenance and possible future operational requirements, with crew size predetermined contractually. The condition of readiness in terms of calendar days required to attain full operating status is designated by the numeral following the acronym ROS (e.g., ROS-5). Also called **ROS.** See also **Military Sealift Command.** (JP 4-01.6)

reduction — The creation of lanes through a minefield or obstacle to allow passage of the attacking ground force. (JP 3-15)

reentry vehicle — (*) That part of a space vehicle designed to re-enter the Earth's atmosphere in the terminal portion of its trajectory. Also called **RV.** See also **maneuverable reentry vehicle; multiple reentry vehicle.**

reference diversion point — (*) One of a number of positions selected by the routing authority on both sides of the route of a convoy or independent to facilitate diversion at sea.

reference point — (*) A prominent, easily located point in the terrain.

reflex sight — (*) An optical or computing sight that reflects a reticle image (or images) onto a combining glass for superimposition on the target.

refraction — The process by which the direction of a wave is changed when moving into shallow water at an angle to the bathymetric contours. The crest of the wave advancing in shallower water moves more slowly than the crest still advancing in deeper water, causing the wave crest to bend toward alignment with the underwater contours. (JP 4-01.6)

refuge area — (*) A coastal area considered safe from enemy attack to which merchant ships may be ordered to proceed when the shipping movement policy is implemented. See also **safe anchorage.**

refugee — A person who owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his or her nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country. See also **dislocated civilian; displaced person; evacuee; expellee; stateless person.** (JP 3-29)

regimental landing team — A task organization for landing composed of an infantry regiment reinforced by those elements that are required for initiation of its combat function ashore. (JP 3-02)

regional air defense commander — Commander subordinate to the area air defense commander and responsible for air and missile defenses in the assigned region. Exercises authorities as delegated by the area air defense commander. Also called **RADC.** (JP 3-01)

regional liaison group — A combined Department of State-Department of Defense element collocated with a combatant command for the purpose of coordinating post emergency evacuation plans. Also called **RLG.** (JP 3-68)

regional response coordination center — A standing facility that is activated to coordinate regional response efforts, until a joint field office is established and/or the principal federal official, federal or coordinating officer can assume their National Response Plan coordination responsibilities. Also called **RRCC.** (JP 3-28)

regional satellite communications support center — United States Strategic Command operational element responsible for providing the operational communications planners with a single all-spectrum (extremely high frequency, super-high frequency, ultrahigh frequency, Ku, and Ka) point of contact for accessing and managing satellite communications (SATCOM) resources. Specific tasks include: supporting combatant commanders' deliberate and crisis planning, assisting combatant commanders in day-to-day management of apportioned resources and allocating non-apportioned resources, assisting theater spectrum managers, and facilitating SATCOM interface to the defense information infrastructure. Also called **RSSC.**

regional security officer — A security officer responsible to the chief of mission (ambassador), for security functions of all US embassies and consulates in a given country or group of adjacent countries. Also called **RSO.** (JP 3-10)

register — (*) In cartography, the correct position of one component of a composite map image in relation to the other components, at each stage of production.

registration fire — (*) Fire delivered to obtain accurate data for subsequent effective engagement of targets.

registration point — (*) Terrain feature or other designated point on which fire is adjusted for the purpose of obtaining corrections to firing data.

regrade — To determine that certain classified information requires, in the interests of national defense, a higher or a lower degree of protection against unauthorized disclosure than currently provided, coupled with a changing of the classification designation to reflect such higher or lower degree.

regulated item — (*) Any item whose issue to a user is subject to control by an appropriate authority for reasons that may include cost, scarcity, technical or hazardous nature, or operational significance. Also called **controlled item.** See also **critical supplies and materiel.**

regulating point — An anchorage, port, or ocean area to which assault and assault follow-on echelons and follow-up shipping proceed on a schedule, and at which they are normally controlled by the commander, amphibious task force, until needed in the transport area for unloading. See also **assault; commander, amphibious task force.** (JP 3-02)

regulating station — A command agency established to control all movements of personnel and supplies into or out of a given area.

rehabilitation — (*) 1. The processing, usually in a relatively quiet area, of units or individuals recently withdrawn from combat or arduous duty, during which units recondition equipment and are rested, furnished special facilities, filled up with replacements, issued replacement supplies and equipment, given training, and generally made ready for employment in future operations. 2. The action performed in restoring an installation to authorized design standards.

rehabilitative care — Therapy that provides evaluations and treatment programs using exercises, massage, or electrical therapeutic treatment to restore, reinforce, or enhance motor performance and restores patients to functional health allowing for their return to duty or discharge from the Service. Also called **restorative care.** See also **patient; patient movement policy; theater.** (JP 4-02)

rehearsal phase — In amphibious operations, the period during which the prospective operation is practiced for the purpose of: (1) testing adequacy of plans, the timing of detailed operations, and the combat readiness of participating forces; (2) ensuring that all echelons are familiar with plans; and (3) testing communications-information systems. See also **amphibious operation.** (JP 3-02)

reinforcing — A support mission in which the supporting unit assists the supported unit to accomplish the supported unit's mission. Only like units (e.g., artillery to artillery, intelligence to intelligence, armor to armor, etc) can be given a reinforcing/reinforced mission.

reinforcing obstacles — Those obstacles specifically constructed, emplaced, or detonated through military effort and designed to strengthen existing terrain to disrupt, fix, turn, or block enemy movement. See also **obstacle.** (JP 3-15)

reintegrate — In personnel recovery, the task of conducting appropriate debriefings and reintegrating recovered isolated personnel back to duty and their family. (JP 3-50)

relateral tell — (*) The relay of information between facilities through the use of a third facility. This type of telling is appropriate between automated facilities in a degraded communications environment. See also **track telling.**

relative altitude — See **vertical separation.**

release — (*) In air armament, the intentional separation of a free-fall aircraft store, from its suspension equipment, for purposes of employment of the store.

release altitude — Altitude of an aircraft above the ground at the time of release of bombs, rockets, missiles, tow targets, etc.

reliability diagram — (*) In cartography, a diagram showing the dates and quality of the source material from which a map or chart has been compiled. See also **information box.**

relief — (*) Inequalities of evaluation and the configuration of land features on the surface of the Earth which may be represented on maps or charts by contours, hypsometric tints, shading, or spot elevations.

relief in place — (*) An operation in which, by direction of higher authority, all or part of a unit is replaced in an area by the incoming unit. The responsibilities of the replaced elements for the mission and the assigned zone of operations are transferred to the incoming unit. The incoming unit continues the operation as ordered.

religious advisement — The practice of informing the commander on the impact of religion on joint operations to include, but not limited to: worship, rituals, customs and practices of US military personnel, international forces, and the indigenous population. (JP 1-05)

religious affairs — The combination of religious support and religious advisement. (JP 1-05)

religious support — Chaplain facilitated free exercise of religion through worship, religious and pastoral counseling services, ceremonial honors for the dead, crisis intervention, and advice to the commander on matters pertaining to morals, ethics, and morale as affected by religion. Also called **RS.** See also **combatant command chaplain; command chaplain; religious support plan; religious support team.** (JP 1-05)

religious support plan — A plan that describes how religious support will be provided to all members of a joint force. When approved by the commander, it may be included as an annex to an operation plan. Also called **RSP.** See also **combatant command chaplain; command chaplain; religious support; religious support team.** (JP 1-05)

religious support team — A team that is composed of at least one chaplain and one enlisted support person. Religious support teams assigned at Joint Staff and combatant command level may be from different Services; those assigned at joint task force and below are normally from the same Service. The team works together in designing, implementing, and executing the command religious program. Also called **RST.** See also **combatant command chaplain; command chaplain; religious support; religious support plan.** (JP 1-05)

relocatable building — A building designed to be readily moved, erected, disassembled, stored, and reused. All types of buildings or building forms designed to provide relocatable capabilities are included in this definition. In classifying buildings as relocatable, the estimated funded and unfunded costs for average building disassembly, repackaging (including normal repair and refurbishment of components), and nonrecoverable building components, including typical foundations, may not exceed 20 percent of the building acquisition cost. Excluded from this definition are building types and forms that are provided as an integral part of a mobile equipment item and that are incidental portions of such equipment components, such as communications vans or trailers. (JP 3-34)

remain-behind equipment — Unit equipment left by deploying forces at their bases when they deploy. (JP 4-05)

remote delivery — (*) In mine warfare, the delivery of mines to a target area by any means other than direct emplacement. The exact position of mines so laid may not be known.

remotely piloted vehicle — (*) An unmanned vehicle capable of being controlled from a distant location through a communication link. It is normally designed to be recoverable. See also **drone.**

render safe procedures — See **explosive ordnance disposal procedures.**

rendezvous area — In an amphibious operation, the area in which the landing craft and amphibious vehicles rendezvous to form waves after being loaded, and prior to movement to the line of departure. (JP 3-02)

reorder point — 1. That point at which time a stock replenishment requisition would be submitted to maintain the predetermined or calculated stockage objective. 2. The sum of the safety level of supply plus the level for order and shipping time equals the reorder point.

repair — The restoration of an item to serviceable condition through correction of a specific failure or unserviceable condition.

repairable item — An item that can be reconditioned or economically repaired for reuse when it becomes unserviceable. (JP 4-09)

repair cycle — The stages through which a repairable item passes from the time of its removal or replacement until it is reinstalled or placed in stock in a serviceable condition. (JP 4-09)

repatriate — A person who returns to his or her country or citizenship, having left said native country either against his or her will, or as one of a group who left for reason of politics, religion, or other pertinent reasons.

repatriation — 1. The procedure whereby American citizens and their families are officially processed back into the United States subsequent to an evacuation. See also **evacuation.** 2. The release and return of enemy prisoners of war to their own country in accordance with the 1949 Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War. (JP 1-0)

repeater-jammer — (*) A receiver transmitter device which amplifies, multiplies, and retransmits the signals received, for purposes of deception or jamming.

replacement factor — (*) The estimated percentage of equipment or repair parts in use that will require replacement during a given period due to wearing out beyond repair, enemy action, abandonment, pilferage, and other causes except catastrophes.

replacements — Personnel required to take the place of others who depart a unit.

replenishment at sea — (*) Those operations required to make a transfer of personnel and/or supplies when at sea.

reportable incident — Any suspected or alleged violation of Department of Defense policy or of other related orders, policies, procedures or applicable law, for which there is credible information. (JP 3-63)

reported unit — A unit designation that has been mentioned in an agent report, captured document, or interrogation report, but for which available information is insufficient to include the unit in accepted order of battle holdings.

reporting post — (*) An element of the control and reporting system used to extend the radar coverage of the control and reporting center. It does not undertake the control of aircraft.

representative downwind direction — (*) During the forecast period, the mean surface downwind direction in the hazard area towards which the cloud travels.

representative downwind speed — (*) The mean surface downwind speed in the hazard area during the forecast period.

request for assistance — A request based on mission requirements and expressed in terms of desired outcome, formally asking the Department of Defense to provide assistance to a local, state, tribal, or other federal agency. Also called **RFA.** (JP 3-28)

request for information — 1. Any specific time-sensitive ad hoc requirement for intelligence information or products to support an ongoing crisis or operation not necessarily related to standing requirements or scheduled intelligence production. A request for information can be initiated to respond to operational requirements and will be validated in accordance with the combatant command's procedures. 2. The National Security Agency/Central Security Service uses this term to state ad hoc signals intelligence requirements. Also called **RFI.** See also **information; intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

request modify — (*) In artillery and naval gunfire support, a request by any person, other than the person authorized to make modifications to a fire plan, for a modification.

required delivery date — The date that a force must arrive at the destination and complete unloading. Also called **RDD.**

requirements — See **military requirement.**

requirements capability — This capability provides a Joint Operation Planning and Execution System user with the ability to identify, update, review, and delete data on forces and sustainment required to support an operation plan or course of action.

requirements management system — A system for the management of theater and national imagery collection requirements that provides automated tools for users in support of submission, review, and validation of imagery nominations as requirements to be tasked on national or Department of Defense imagery collection, production, and exploitation resources. Also called **RMS.** See also **imagery.** (JP 2-01)

requiring activity — A military or other designated supported organization that identifies and receives contracted support during military operations. See also **supported unit.** (JP 4-10)

requisition — (*) 1. An authoritative demand or request especially for personnel, supplies, or services authorized but not made available without specific request. 2. **(DOD only)** To demand or require services from an invaded or conquered nation.

requisitioning objective — The maximum quantities of materiel to be maintained on hand and on order to sustain current operations. It will consist of the sum of stocks

represented by the operating level, safety level, and the order and shipping time or procurement lead time, as appropriate.

rescue combat air patrol — An aircraft patrol provided over that portion of an objective area in which recovery operations are being conducted for the purpose of intercepting and destroying hostile aircraft. Also called **RESCAP.** See also **combat air patrol.** (JP 3-50)

rescue ship — (*) In shipping control, a ship of a convoy stationed at the rear of a convoy column to rescue survivors.

reseau — (*) A grid system of a standard size in the image plane of a photographic system used for mensuration purposes.

reserve — 1. Portion of a body of troops that is kept to the rear, or withheld from action at the beginning of an engagement, in order to be available for a decisive movement. 2. Members of the Military Services who are not in active service but who are subject to call to active duty. 3. Portion of an appropriation or contract authorization held or set aside for future operations or contingencies and, in respect to which, administrative authorization to incur commitments or obligations has been withheld. See also **operational reserve.**

Reserve Component — The Armed Forces of the United States Reserve Component consists of: a. the Army National Guard of the United States; b. the Army Reserve; c. the Navy Reserve; d. the Marine Corps Reserve; e. the Air National Guard of the United States; f. the Air Force Reserve; and g. the Coast Guard Reserve. Also called **RC.** See also **component; reserve.** (JP 4-05)

Reserve Component category — The category that identifies an individual's status in the Reserve Component. The three Reserve Component categories are Ready Reserve, Standby Reserve, and Retired Reserve. Each reservist is identified by a specific Reserve Component category designation. (JP 4-05)

reserved obstacles — Those demolition obstacles that are deemed critical to the plan for which the authority to detonate is reserved by the designating commander. See also **obstacle.** (JP 3-15)

reserved route — (*) In road traffic, a specific route allocated exclusively to an authority or formation. See also **route.**

resettled person — A refugee or an internally displaced person wishing to return somewhere other than his or her previous home or land within the country or area of original displacement. (JP 3-29)

residual capabilities assessment — Provides an automated or manual crisis action capability to assess the effects of weapons of mass destruction events for operations

planning. Residual capabilities assessment tasks include, but are not limited to, assessment of infrastructure and facility damage, fallout prediction, weapons effect analysis, population impact assessment, and tracking strategic assets.

residual contamination — (*) Contamination which remains after steps have been taken to remove it. These steps may consist of nothing more than allowing the contamination to decay normally.

residual forces — Unexpended portions of the remaining United States forces that have an immediate combat potential for continued military operations, and that have been deliberately withheld from utilization.

residual radiation — Nuclear radiation caused by fallout, artificial dispersion of radioactive material, or irradiation which results from a nuclear explosion and persists longer than one minute after burst. See also **contamination; induced radiation; initial radiation.** (JP 3-11)

resistance movement — An organized effort by some portion of the civil population of a country to resist the legally established government or an occupying power and to disrupt civil order and stability.

resolution — 1. A measurement of the smallest detail that can be distinguished by a sensor system under specific conditions. 2. A formal expression of an official body such as Congress, the United Nations Security Council, or North Atlantic Treaty Organization North Atlantic Committee that may provide the basis for or set limits on a military operation.

resource management — A financial management function which includes providing advice and guidance to the commander, developing command resource requirements, identifying sources of funding, determining cost, acquiring funds, distributing and controlling funds, tracking costs and obligations, cost capturing and reimbursement procedures, providing accounting support, and establishing a management internal control process. Also called **RM.** See also **financial management.** (JP 1-06)

resources — The forces, materiel, and other assets or capabilities apportioned or allocated to the commander of a unified or specified command.

response force — A mobile force with appropriate fire support designated, usually by the area commander, to deal with Level II threats in the operational area. Also called **RF.** (JP 3-10)

responsibility — 1. The obligation to carry forward an assigned task to a successful conclusion. With responsibility goes authority to direct and take the necessary action to ensure success. 2. The obligation for the proper custody, care, and safekeeping of property or funds entrusted to the possession or supervision of an individual. See also **accountability.**

responsor — (*) An electronic device used to receive an electronic challenge and display a reply thereto.

rest and recuperation — The withdrawal of individuals from combat or duty in a combat area for short periods of rest and recuperation. Also called **R&R.** See also **rehabilitation.**

restitution — (*) The process of determining the true planimetric position of objects whose images appear on photographs.

restitution factor — See **correlation factor.**

restraint — In the context of joint operation planning, a requirement placed on the command by a higher command that prohibits an action, thus restricting freedom of action. See also **constraint; operational limitation.** (JP 5-0)

restricted area — 1. An area (land, sea, or air) in which there are special restrictive measures employed to prevent or minimize interference between friendly forces. 2. An area under military jurisdiction in which special security measures are employed to prevent unauthorized entry. See also **air surface zone; controlled firing area; restricted areas (air).**

restricted areas (air) — Designated areas established by appropriate authority over which flight of aircraft is restricted. They are shown on aeronautical charts, published in notices to airmen, and provided in publications of aids to air navigation. See also **restricted area**. (JP 3-52)

restricted dangerous air cargo — (*) Cargo which does not belong to the highly dangerous category but which is hazardous and requires, for transport by cargo or passenger aircraft, extra precautions in packing and handling.

restricted items list — A document listing those logistic goods and services for which nations must coordinate any contracting activity with a commander's centralized contracting organization. (JP 4-08)

restricted operations area — Airspace of defined dimensions, designated by the airspace control authority, in response to specific operational situations/requirements within which the operation of one or more airspace users is restricted. Also called **ROA.** (JP 3-52)

restricted target list — A list of restricted targets nominated by elements of the joint force and approved by the joint force commander. This list also includes restricted targets directed by higher authorities. Also called **RTL.** See also **restricted target; target.** (JP 3-60)

restricted target — A valid target that has specific restrictions placed on the actions authorized against it due to operational considerations. See also **target.** (JP 3-60)

restrictive fire area — An area in which specific restrictions are imposed and into which fires that exceed those restrictions will not be delivered without coordination with the establishing headquarters. Also called **RFA.** See also **fires.** (JP 3-09)

restrictive fire line — A line established between converging friendly surface forces that prohibits fires or their effects across that line. Also called **RFL.** See also **fires.** (JP 3-09)

restrictive fire plan — (*) A safety measure for friendly aircraft which establishes airspace that is reasonably safe from friendly surface delivered non-nuclear fires.

resupply — The act of replenishing stocks in order to maintain required levels of supply. (JP 4-09)

resuscitative care — Advanced emergency medical treatment required to prevent immediate loss of life or limb and to attain stabilization to ensure the patient could tolerate evacuation. (JP 4-02)

retained personnel — Enemy medical personnel and medical staff administrators who are engaged in either the search for, collection, transport, or treatment of the wounded or sick, or the prevention of disease; chaplains attached to enemy armed forces; and, staff of National Red Cross Societies and that of other volunteer aid societies, duly recognized and authorized by their governments to assist medical service personnel of their own armed forces, provided they are exclusively engaged in the search for, or the collection, transport or treatment of wounded or sick, or in the prevention of disease, and provided that the staff of such societies are subject to military laws and regulations. Also called **RP.** See also **personnel.** (JP 3-63)

reticle — (*) A mark such as a cross or a system of lines lying in the image plane of a viewing apparatus. It may be used singly as a reference mark on certain types of monocular instruments or as one of a pair to form a floating mark as in certain types of stereoscopes. See also **graticule.**

Retired Reserve — All Reserve members who receive retirement pay on the basis of their active duty and/or Reserve service; those members who are otherwise eligible for retirement pay but have not reached age 60 and who have not elected discharge and are not voluntary members of the Ready or Standby Reserve. See also **active duty; Ready Reserve; Standby Reserve.** (JP 4-05)

retirement — (*) An operation in which a force out of contact moves away from the enemy.

retrograde — The process for the movement of non-unit equipment and materiel from a forward location to a reset (replenishment, repair, or recapitalization) program or to another directed area of operations to replenish unit stocks, or to satisfy stock requirements. (JP 4-09)

returned to military control — The status of a person whose casualty status of "duty status - whereabouts unknown" or "missing" has been changed due to the person's return or recovery by US military authority. Also called **RMC.** See also **casualty status; duty status - whereabouts unknown; missing.**

returnee — A displaced person who has returned voluntarily to his or her former place of residence. (JP 3-29)

return load — (*) Personnel and/or cargo to be transported by a returning carrier.

return to base — An order to proceed to the point indicated by the displayed information or by verbal communication. This point is being used to return the aircraft to a place at which the aircraft can land. Command heading, speed, and altitude may be used, if desired. Also called **RTB.**

revolving fund — A fund established to finance a cycle of operations to which reimbursements and collections are returned for reuse in a manner such as will maintain the principal of the fund, e.g., working capital funds, industrial funds, and loan funds. (JP 1-06)

right (or left) — See **left (or right).**

riot control agent — Any chemical, not listed in a schedule of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction which can produce rapidly in humans sensory irritation or disabling physical effects which disappear within a short time following termination of exposure. Also called **RCA.** See also **chemical warfare.** (JP 3-11)

rising mine — (*) In naval mine warfare, a mine having positive buoyancy which is released from a sinker by a ship influence or by a timing device. The mine may fire by contact, hydrostatic pressure, or other means.

risk — 1. Probability and severity of loss linked to hazards. 2. See degree of risk. See also **hazard; risk management.** (JP 3-33)

risk assessment — The identification and assessment of hazards (first two steps of risk management process).

risk management — The process of identifying, assessing, and controlling risks arising from operational factors and making decisions that balance risk cost with mission benefits. Also called **RM.** See also **risk.** (JP 2-0)

riverine area — An inland or coastal area comprising both land and water, characterized by limited land lines of communication, with extensive water surface and/or inland waterways that provide natural routes for surface transportation and communications.

riverine operations — Operations conducted by forces organized to cope with and exploit the unique characteristics of a riverine area, to locate and destroy hostile forces, and/or to achieve or maintain control of the riverine area. Joint riverine operations combine land, naval, and air operations, as appropriate, and are suited to the nature of the specific riverine area in which operations are to be conducted.

road block — (*) A barrier or obstacle (usually covered by fire) used to block or limit the movement of hostile vehicles along a route.

road clearance time — (*) The total time a column requires to travel over and clear a section of the road.

road hazard sign — (*) A sign used to indicate traffic hazards. Military hazard signs should be used in a communications zone area only in accordance with existing agreements with national authorities.

road net — The system of roads available within a particular locality or area.

road space — (*) The length of roadway allocated to and/or actually occupied by a column on a route, expressed in miles or kilometers.

roentgen — (*) A unit of exposure dose of gamma (or X-) radiation. In field dosimetry, one roentgen is essentially equal to one rad.

role number — (*) In the medical field, the classification of treatment facilities according to their different capabilities.

role specialist nation — A nation that has agreed to assume responsibility for providing a particular class of supply or service for all or part of the multinational force. Also called **RSN.** See also **lead nation; multinational force.** (JP 4-08)

roll-on/roll-off discharge facility — Provides a means of disembarking vehicles from a roll-on and roll-off ship to lighterage. The roll-on/roll-off discharge facility consists of six causeway sections, nonpowered assembled into a platform that is two sections long and three sections wide. When use of landing craft, utility, as lighters, is being considered, a seventh "sea end" causeway section, non-powered, fitted with a rhino horn, is required. The roll-on/roll-off discharge facility assembly includes fendering, lighting, and a ramp for vehicle movement from ship to the platform. Also called **RRDF.** See also **facility; lighterage.** (JP 4-01.6)

romper — (*) A ship which has moved more than 10 nautical miles ahead of its convoy, and is unable to rejoin it. See also **straggler.**

rope — (*) An element of chaff consisting of a long roll of metallic foil or wire which is designed for broad, low-frequency responses. See also **chaff.**

rough terrain container handler — A piece of materials handling equipment used to pick up and move containers. Also called **RTCH.** See also **materials handling equipment.** (JP 4-01.6)

route — (*) The prescribed course to be traveled from a specific point of origin to a specific destination. See also **controlled route; dispatch route; lateral route; reserved route; supervised route.**

route capacity — (*) 1. The maximum traffic flow of vehicles in one direction at the most restricted point on the route. 2. The maximum number of metric tons which can be moved in one direction over a particular route in one hour. It is the product of the maximum traffic flow and the average payload of the vehicles using the route. See also **railway line capacity.**

route classification — (*) Classification assigned to a route using factors of minimum width, worst route type, least bridge, raft, or culvert military load classification, and obstructions to traffic flow. See also **military load classification.**

route lanes — (*) A series of parallel tracks for the routing of independently sailed ships.

routine message — A category of precedence to be used for all types of messages that justify transmission by rapid means unless of sufficient urgency to require a higher precedence. See also **precedence.**

row marker — (*) In land mine warfare, a natural, artificial, or specially installed marker, located at the start or finish of a mine row where mines are laid by individual rows. See also **marker.**

rules for the use of force — Directives issued to guide United States forces on the use of force during various operations. These directives may take the form of execute orders, deployment orders, memoranda of agreement, or plans. Also called **RUF.** (JP 3-28)

rules of engagement — Directives issued by competent military authority that delineate the circumstances and limitations under which United States forces will initiate and/or continue combat engagement with other forces encountered. Also called **ROE.** See also **law of war.** (JP 1-04)

runway visual range — (*) The maximum distance in the direction of takeoff or landing at which the runway, or specified lights or markers delineating it, can be seen from a

position above a specified point on its center line at a height corresponding to the average eye level of pilots at touch-down.

rupture zone — (*) The region immediately adjacent to the crater boundary in which the stresses produced by the explosion have exceeded the ultimate strength of the medium. It is characterized by the appearance of numerous radial cracks of various sizes. See also **plastic zone.**

ruse — In military deception, a trick of war designed to deceive the adversary, usually involving the deliberate exposure of false information to the adversary's intelligence collection system. (JP 3-13.4)

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sabotage — An act or acts with intent to injure, interfere with, or obstruct the national defense of a country by willfully injuring or destroying, or attempting to injure or destroy, any national defense or war materiel, premises, or utilities, to include human and natural resources.

safe anchorage — (*) An anchorage considered safe from enemy attack to which merchant ships may be ordered to proceed when the shipping movement policy is implemented. See also **refuge area.**

safe area — A designated area in hostile territory that offers the evader or escapee a reasonable chance of avoiding capture and of surviving until he or she can be evacuated. (JP 3-50)

safe burst height — (*) The height of burst at or above which the level of fallout or damage to ground installations is at a predetermined level acceptable to the military commander. See also **types of burst.**

safe current — (*) In naval mine warfare, the maximum current that can be supplied to a sweep in a given waveform and pulse cycle which does not produce a danger area with respect to the mines being swept for.

safe depth — (*) In naval mine warfare, the shallowest depth of water in which a ship will not actuate a bottom mine of the type under consideration. Safe depth is usually quoted for conditions of ship upright, calm sea, and a given speed.

safe distance — (*) In naval mine warfare, the horizontal range from the edge of the explosion damage area to the center of the sweeper.

safe haven — 1. Designated area(s) to which noncombatants of the United States Government's responsibility and commercial vehicles and materiel may be evacuated during a domestic or other valid emergency. 2. Temporary storage provided to Department of Energy classified shipment transporters at Department of Defense facilities in order to assure safety and security of nuclear material and/or nonnuclear classified material. Also includes parking for commercial vehicles containing Class A or Class B explosives. 3. A protected body of water or the well deck of an amphibious ship used by small craft operating offshore for refuge from storms or heavy seas. (JP 4-01.6)

safe house — An innocent-appearing house or premises established by an organization for the purpose of conducting clandestine or covert activity in relative security.

safe separation distance — (*) The minimum distance between the delivery system and the weapon beyond which the hazards associated with functioning (detonation) are acceptable.

safety and arming mechanism — (*) A dual function device which prevents the unintended activation of a main charge or propulsion unit prior to arming, but allows activation thereafter upon receipt of the appropriate stimuli.

safety device — (*) A device which prevents unintentional functioning.

safety distance — (*) In road transport, the distance between vehicles traveling in column specified by the command in light of safety requirements.

safety height — See **altitude; minimum safe altitude.**

safety lane — (*) Specified sea lane designated for use in transit by submarine and surface ships to prevent attack by friendly forces.

safety line — (*) In land mine warfare, demarcation line for trip wire or wire-actuated mines in a minefield. It serves to protect the laying personnel. After the minefield is laid, this line is neither marked on the ground nor plotted on the minefield record.

safety wire — (*) A cable, wire, or lanyard attached to the aircraft and routed to an expendable aircraft store to prevent arming initiation prior to store release.

safety zone — (*) An area (land, sea, or air) reserved for noncombat operations of friendly aircraft, surface ships, submarines, or ground forces. (Note: DOD does not use the word "submarines".)

safing — As applied to weapons and ammunition, the changing from a state of readiness for initiation to a safe condition. Also called **de-arming.**

salted weapon — (*) A nuclear weapon which has, in addition to its normal components, certain elements or isotopes which capture neutrons at the time of the explosion and produce radioactive products over and above the usual radioactive weapon debris. See also **minimum residual radioactivity weapon.**

salvage — 1. Property that has some value in excess of its basic material content but is in such condition that it has no reasonable prospect of use for any purpose as a unit and its repair or rehabilitation for use as a unit is clearly impractical. 2. The saving or rescuing of condemned, discarded, or abandoned property, and of materials contained therein for reuse, refabrication, or scrapping.

salvage operation — 1. The recovery, evacuation, and reclamation of damaged, discarded, condemned, or abandoned allied or enemy materiel, ships, craft, and floating equipment for reuse, repair, refabrication, or scrapping. 2. Naval salvage operations include harbor and channel clearance, diving, hazardous towing and rescue tug services, and the recovery of materiel, ships, craft, and floating equipment sunk offshore or elsewhere stranded.

salvo — 1. In naval gunfire support, a method of fire in which a number of weapons are fired at the same target simultaneously. 2. In close air support or air interdiction operations, a method of delivery in which the release mechanisms are operated to release or fire all ordnance of a specific type simultaneously.

sanction enforcement — Operations that employ coercive measures to interdict the movement of certain types of designated items into or out of a nation or specified area. (JP 3-0)

sanctuary — A nation or area near or contiguous to the combat area that, by tacit agreement between the warring powers, is exempt from attack and therefore serves as a refuge for staging, logistic, or other activities of the combatant powers.

sanitize — To revise a report or other document in such a fashion as to prevent identification of sources, or of the actual persons and places with which it is concerned, or of the means by which it was acquired. Usually involves deletion or substitution of names and other key details.

satellite and missile surveillance — The systematic observation of aerospace for the purpose of detecting, tracking, and characterizing objects, events, and phenomena associated with satellites and inflight missiles, friendly and enemy. See also **surveillance.**

S-bend distortion — See **S-curve distortion.**

scale — (*) The ratio or fraction between the distance on a map, chart, or photograph and the corresponding distance on the surface of the Earth. See also **conversion scale; graphic scale; photographic scale; principal scale.**

scale (photographic) — See **photographic scale.**

scaling law — (*) A mathematical relationship which permits the effects of a nuclear explosion of given energy yield to be determined as a function of distance from the explosion (or from ground zero) provided the corresponding effect is known as a function of distance for a reference explosion, e.g., of 1-kiloton energy yield.

scan — 1. The path periodically followed by a radiation beam. 2. In electronic intelligence, the motion of an electronic beam through space looking for a target. Scanning is produced by the motion of the antenna or by lobe switching. See also **electronic intelligence.**

scan line — (*) The line produced on a recording medium frame by a single sweep of a scanner.

scan period — The period taken by a radar, sonar, etc., to complete a scan pattern and return to a starting point.

scan rate — (*) The rate at which individual scans are recorded.

scan type — The path made in space by a point on the radar beam; for example, circular, helical, conical, spiral, or sector.

scatterable mine — In land mine warfare, a mine laid without regard to classical pattern and which is designed to be delivered by aircraft, artillery, missile, ground dispenser, or by hand. Once laid, it normally has a limited life. See also **mine.** (JP 3-15)

scheduled arrival date — The projected arrival date of a specified movement requirement at a specified location.

scheduled fire — (*) A type of prearranged fire executed at a predetermined time.

scheduled speed — (*) The planned sustained speed of a convoy through the water which determines the speed classification of that convoy. See also **convoy speed; critical speed.**

scheduled target — Planned target upon which fires or other actions are scheduled for prosecution at a specified time. See also **planned target; target.** (JP 3-60)

scheduled wave — See **wave.**

schedule of fire — Groups of fires or series of fires fired in a definite sequence according to a definite program. The time of starting the schedule may be on call. For identification purposes, schedules may be referred to by a code name or other designation. (JP 3-09)

schedule of targets — In artillery, mortar, and naval gunfire support, individual targets, groups, or series of targets to be fired on, in a definite sequence according to a definite program.

scheduling and movement — Joint Operation Planning and Execution System application software providing the capability to create, update, allocate, manifest, and review organic carrier information before and during deployment. It provides the ability to review, analyze, and generate several predefined reports on an extensive variety of scheduling and movement information. Also called **S&M.**

scheduling and movement capability — The capability required by Joint Operation Planning and Execution System planners and operators to allow for review and update of scheduling and movement data before and during implementation of a deployment operation.

scheme of maneuver — Description of how arrayed forces will accomplish the commander's intent. It is the central expression of the commander's concept for operations and governs the design of supporting plans or annexes.

scientific and technical intelligence — The product resulting from the collection, evaluation, analysis, and interpretation of foreign scientific and technical information that covers: a. foreign developments in basic and applied research and in applied engineering techniques; and b. scientific and technical characteristics, capabilities, and limitations of all foreign military systems, weapons, weapon systems, and materiel; the research and development related thereto; and the production methods employed for their manufacture. Also called **S&TI.** See also **intelligence; technical intelligence.** (JP 2-01)

screen — (*) 1. An arrangement of ships, aircraft and/or submarines to protect a main body or convoy. 2. In cartography, a sheet of transparent film, glass, or plastic carrying a "ruling" or other regularly repeated pattern which may be used in conjunction with a mask, either photographically or photomechanically, to produce areas of the pattern. 3. In surveillance, camouflage and concealment, any natural or artificial material, opaque to surveillance sensor(s), interposed between the sensor(s) and the object to be camouflaged or concealed. See also **concealment.** 4. A security element whose primary task is to observe, identify, and report information, and which only fights in self-protection. See also **flank guard**; **guard.** 5. **(DOD only)** A task to maintain surveillance; provide early warning to the main body; or impede, destroy, and harass enemy reconnaissance within its capability without becoming decisively engaged. See also **security operations.**

scribing — (*) In cartography, a method of preparing a map or chart by cutting the lines into a prepared coating.

S-curve distortion — (*) The distortion in the image produced by a scanning sensor which results from the forward displacement of the sensor during the time of lateral scan.

S-Day — See **times.**

sea-air-land team — US Navy forces organized, trained, and equipped to conduct special operations in maritime, littoral, and riverine environments. Also called **SEAL.** (JP 3-05)

sea areas — Areas in the amphibious objective area designated for the stationing of amphibious task force ships. Sea areas include inner transport area, sea echelon area, fire support area, etc. See also **amphibious objective area; fire support area; inner transport area; sea echelon area.** (JP 3-02)

sea barge — A type of barge-ship that can carry up to 38 loaded barges. It may also carry tugs, stacked causeway sections, various watercraft, or heavy lift equipment to better support joint logistics over-the-shore operations.

seabasing — The deployment, assembly, command projection, reconstitution, and re-employment of joint power from the sea without reliance on land bases within the operational area. See also **amphibious operation.** (JP 3-02)

sea control operations — The employment of naval forces, supported by land and air forces as appropriate, in order to achieve military objectives in vital sea areas. Such operations include destruction of enemy naval forces, suppression of enemy sea commerce, protection of vital sea lanes, and establishment of local military superiority in areas of naval operations. See also **land control operations.**

sea echelon — A portion of the assault shipping which withdraws from or remains out of the transport area during an amphibious landing and operates in designated areas to seaward in an on-call or unscheduled status. (JP 3-02)

sea echelon area — In amphibious operations, an area to seaward of a transport area from which assault shipping is phased into the transport area, and to which assault shipping withdraws from the transport area. (JP 3-02)

sea echelon plan — In amphibious operations, the distribution plan for amphibious shipping in the transport area to minimize losses due to enemy attack by weapons of mass destruction and to reduce the area to be swept of mines. See also **amphibious operation.** (JP 3-02)

sealed cabin — (*) The occupied space of an aircraft characterized by walls which do not allow any gaseous exchange between the ambient atmosphere and the inside atmosphere and containing its own ways of regenerating the inside atmosphere.

sealift enhancement features — Special equipment and modifications that adapt merchant-type dry cargo ships and tankers to specific military missions. They are typically installed on Ready Reserve Force ships or ships under Military Sealift Command control. Sealift enhancements fall into three categories: productivity, survivability, and operational enhancements. Also called **SEFs.** See also **Military Sealift Command; Ready Reserve.** (JP 4-01.2)

Sealift Readiness Program — A standby contractual agreement between Military Sealift Command and US ship operators for voluntary provision of private ships for defense use. Call-up of ships may be authorized by joint approval of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Transportation. Also called **SRP.** See also **Military Sealift Command.** (JP 4-01.2)

seaport — A land facility designated for reception of personnel or materiel moved by sea, and that serves as an authorized port of entrance into or departure from the country in which located. See also **port of debarkation; port of embarkation.** (JP 4-01.2)

search — 1. An operation to locate an enemy force known or believed to be at sea. 2. A systematic reconnaissance of a defined area, so that all parts of the area have passed within visibility. 3. To distribute gunfire over an area in depth by successive changes in gun elevation.

search and rescue — The use of aircraft, surface craft, submarines, and specialized rescue teams and equipment to search for and rescue distressed persons on land or at sea in a permissive environment. Also called **SAR.** See also **combat search and rescue; isolated personnel; joint personnel recovery center; personnel recovery coordination cell.** (JP 3-50)

search and rescue alert notice — An alerting message used for United States domestic flights. It corresponds to the declaration of the alert phase. Also called **ALNOT.** See also **search and rescue incident classification, subpart b.**

search and rescue incident classification — Three emergency phases into which an incident may be classified or progress, according to the seriousness of the incident and its requirement for rescue service. a. **uncertainty phase** — Doubt exists as to the safety of a craft or person because of knowledge of possible difficulties or because of lack of information concerning progress or position. b. **alert phase** — Apprehension exists for the safety of a craft or person because of definite information that serious difficulties exist that do not amount to a distress or because of a continued lack of information concerning progress or position. c. **distress phase** — Immediate assistance is required by a craft or person because of being threatened by grave or imminent danger or because of continued lack of information concerning progress or position after procedures for the alert phase have been executed.

search and rescue region — See **inland search and rescue region; maritime search and rescue region.**

searched channel — (*) In naval mine warfare, the whole or part of a route or a path which has been searched, swept, or hunted, the width of the channel being specified.

searching fire — (*) Fire distributed in depth by successive changes in the elevation of a gun.

search jammer — See **automatic search jammer.**

search mission — (*) In air operations, an air reconnaissance by one or more aircraft dispatched to locate an object or objects known or suspected to be in a specific area.

search radius — In search and rescue operations, a radius centered on a datum point having a length equal to the total probable error plus an additional safety length to ensure a greater than 50 percent probability that the target is in the search area.

search sweeping — (*) In naval mine warfare, the operation of sweeping a sample of route or area to determine whether poised mines are present.

SEASHED — A temporary deck in container ships for transport of large military vehicles and outsized breakbulk cargo that will not fit into containers. See also **outsized cargo.** (JP 4-01.6)

sea state — A scale that categorizes the force of progressively higher seas by wave height. This scale is mathematically co-related to the Pierson-Moskowitz scale and the relationship of wind to waves. See also **Pierson-Moskowitz scale.** (JP 4-01.6)

sea surveillance — (*) The systematic observation of surface and subsurface sea areas by all available and practicable means primarily for the purpose of locating, identifying and determining the movements of ships, submarines, and other vehicles, friendly and enemy, proceeding on or under the surface of the world's seas and oceans. See also **surveillance.**

sea surveillance system — (*) A system for collecting, reporting, correlating, and presenting information supporting and derived from the task of sea surveillance.

seaward launch point — A designated point off the coast from which special operations forces will launch to proceed to the beach to conduct operations. Also called **SLP.** See also **seaward recovery point.** (JP 3-05.1)

seaward recovery point — A designated point off the coast to which special operations forces will proceed for recovery by submarine or other means of recovery. Also called **SRP.** See also **seaward launch point.** (JP 3-05.1)

secondary imagery dissemination — See **electronic imagery dissemination.**

secondary loads — Unit equipment, supplies, and major end items that are transported in the beds of organic vehicles.

secondary port — (*) A port with one or more berths, normally at quays, which can accommodate ocean-going ships for discharge.

secondary road — A road supplementing a main road, usually wide enough and suitable for two-way, all-weather traffic at moderate or slow speeds.

secondary wave breaker system — A series of waves superimposed on another series and differing in height, period, or angle of approach to the beach. (JP 4-01.6)

secret — See **security classification.**

Secretary of a Military Department — The Secretary of the Air Force, Army, or Navy.

SECRET Internet Protocol Router Network — The worldwide SECRET-level packet switch network that uses high-speed internet protocol routers and high-capacity Defense Information Systems Network circuitry. Also called **SIPRNET.** See also **Defense Information Systems Network.** (JP 6-0)

section — 1. As applied to ships or naval aircraft, a tactical subdivision of a division. It is normally one-half of a division in the case of ships, and two aircraft in the case of aircraft. 2. A subdivision of an office, installation, territory, works, or organization; especially a major subdivision of a staff. 3. A tactical unit of the Army and Marine Corps. A section is smaller than a platoon and larger than a squad. In some organizations the section, rather than the squad, is the basic tactical unit. 4. An area in a warehouse extending from one wall to the next; usually the largest subdivision of one floor.

sector — (*) 1. An area designated by boundaries within which a unit operates, and for which it is responsible. 2. One of the subdivisions of a coastal frontier. See also **area of influence; zone of action.**

sector air defense commander — Commander subordinate to an area/regional air defense commander and responsible for air and missile defenses in the assigned sector. Exercises authorities delegated by the area/regional air defense commander. Also called **SADC.** (JP 3-01)

sector of fire — (*) A defined area which is required to be covered by the fire of individual or crew served weapons or the weapons of a unit.

sector scan — (*) Scan in which the antenna oscillates through a selected angle.

secure — (*) In an operational context, to gain possession of a position or terrain feature, with or without force, and to make such disposition as will prevent, as far as possible, its destruction or loss by enemy action. See also **denial measure.**

security — 1. Measures taken by a military unit, activity, or installation to protect itself against all acts designed to, or which may, impair its effectiveness. (JP 3-10) 2. A condition that results from the establishment and maintenance of protective measures that ensure a state of inviolability from hostile acts or influences. (JP 3-10) 3. With respect to classified matter, the condition that prevents unauthorized persons from having access to official information that is safeguarded in the interests of national security. (JP 2-0) See also **national security.**

security alert team — Two or more security force members who form the initial reinforcing element responding to security alarms, emergencies, or irregularities. Also called **SAT.**

security assistance — Group of programs authorized by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and the Arms Export Control Act of 1976, as amended, or other

related statutes by which the United States provides defense articles, military training, and other defense-related services by grant, loan, credit, or cash sales in furtherance of national policies and objectives. Security assistance is an element of security cooperation funded and authorized by Department of State to be administered by Department of Defense/Defense Security Cooperation Agency. Also called **SA.** See also **security cooperation.** (JP 3-22)

security classification — A category to which national security information and material is assigned to denote the degree of damage that unauthorized disclosure would cause to national defense or foreign relations of the United States and to denote the degree of protection required. There are three such categories. a. **top secret** — National security information or material that requires the highest degree of protection and the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to the national security. Examples of "exceptionally grave damage" include armed hostilities against the United States or its allies; disruption of foreign relations vitally affecting the national security; the compromise of vital national defense plans or complex cryptologic and communications intelligence systems; the revelation of sensitive intelligence operations; and the disclosure of scientific or technological developments vital to national security. b. **secret** — National security information or material that requires a substantial degree of protection and the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to the national security. Examples of "serious damage" include disruption of foreign relations significantly affecting the national security; significant impairment of a program or policy directly related to the national security; revelation of significant military plans or intelligence operations; and compromise of significant scientific or technological developments relating to national security. c. **confidential** — National security information or material that requires protection and the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to cause damage to the national security. See also **classification; security.**

security clearance — An administrative determination by competent authority that an individual is eligible, from a security stand-point, for access to classified information.

security cooperation — All Department of Defense interactions with foreign defense establishments to build defense relationships that promote specific US security interests, develop allied and friendly military capabilities for self-defense and multinational operations, and provide US forces with peacetime and contingency access to a host nation. Also called **SC**. See also **security assistance.** (JP 3-22)

security cooperation activity — Military activity that involves other nations and is intended to shape the operational environment in peacetime. Activities include programs and exercises that the US military conducts with other nations to improve mutual understanding and improve interoperability with treaty partners or potential coalition partners. They are designed to support a combatant commander's theater strategy as articulated in the theater security cooperation plan. (JP 3-0)

security cooperation organization — All Department of Defense elements located in a foreign country with assigned responsibilities for carrying out security assistance/cooperation management functions. It includes military assistance advisory groups, military missions and groups, offices of defense and military cooperation, liaison groups, and defense attaché personnel designated to perform security assistance/cooperation functions. Also called **SCO.** (JP 3-22)

security cooperation planning — The subset of joint strategic planning conducted to support the Department of Defense's security cooperation program. This planning supports a combatant commander's theater strategy. See also **security cooperation.** (JP 5-0)

security countermeasures — Those protective activities required to prevent espionage, sabotage, theft, or unauthorized use of classified or controlled information, systems, or material of the Department of Defense. See also **counterintelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

security force assistance — The Department of Defense activities that contribute to unified action by the US Government to support the development of the capacity and capability of foreign security forces and their supporting institutions. Also called **SFA.** (JP 3-22)

security forces — Duly constituted military, paramilitary, police, and constabulary forces of a state. (JP 3-22)

security intelligence — (*) Intelligence on the identity, capabilities, and intentions of hostile organizations or individuals who are or may be engaged in espionage, sabotage, subversion, or terrorism. See also **counterintelligence; intelligence; security.**

security review — The process of reviewing information and products prior to public release to ensure the material will not jeopardize ongoing or future operations. See also **security.** (JP 3-61)

security sector reform — The set of policies, plans, programs, and activities that a government undertakes to improve the way it provides safety, security, and justice. Also called **SSR.** (JP 3-24)

sedition — Willfully advocating or teaching the duty or necessity of overthrowing the US government or any political subdivision by force or violence. See also **counterintelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

segregation — In detainee operations, the removal of a detainee from other detainees and their environment for legitimate purposes unrelated to interrogation, such as when necessary for the movement, health, safety, and/or security of the detainee, the detention facility, or its personnel. (JP 3-63)

seize — To employ combat forces to occupy physically and to control a designated area. (JP 3-18)

seizures — In counterdrug operations, includes drugs and conveyances seized by law enforcement authorities and drug-related assets (monetary instruments, etc.) confiscated based on evidence that they have been derived from or used in illegal narcotics activities. See also **counterdrug operations; law enforcement agency.** (JP 3-07.4)

Selected Reserve — Those units and individuals within the Ready Reserve designated by their respective Services and approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff as so essential to initial wartime missions that they have priority over all other Reserves. Selected Reservists actively participate in a Reserve Component training program. The Selected Reserve also includes persons performing initial active duty for training. See also **Ready Reserve.** (JP 4-05)

selective identification feature — A capability that, when added to the basic identification friend or foe system, provides the means to transmit, receive, and display selected coded replies. (JP 3-52)

selective jamming — See **spot jamming.**

selective loading — (*) The arrangement and stowage of equipment and supplies aboard ship in a manner designed to facilitate issues to units. See also **loading.**

selective mobilization — See **mobilization, Part 2.**

selective unloading — In an amphibious operation, the controlled unloading from assault shipping, and movement ashore, of specific items of cargo at the request of the landing force commander. Normally, selective unloading parallels the landing of nonscheduled units during the initial unloading period of the ship-to-shore movement. (JP 3-02)

self-defense — A commander has the authority and obligation to use all necessary means available and to take all appropriate action to defend that commander's unit and other US forces in the vicinity from a hostile act or hostile intent. Force used should not exceed that which is necessary to decisively counter the hostile act or intent and ensure the continued safety of US forces or other persons and property they are ordered to protect. US forces may employ such force in self-defense only so long as the hostile force continues to present an imminent threat.

self-destroying fuze — (*) A fuze designed to burst a projectile before the end of its flight.

self-protection depth — (*) The depth of water where the aggregate danger width relative to mines affected by a minesweeping technique is zero. Safe depth is a particular self-protection depth.

semi-active homing guidance — (*) A system of homing guidance wherein the receiver in the missile utilizes radiations from the target which has been illuminated by an outside source.

semi-controlled mosaic — (*) A mosaic composed of corrected or uncorrected prints laid so that major ground features match their geographical coordinates. See also **mosaic.**

semipermanent joint task force — A joint task force that has been assigned an expanded or follow-on mission and will continue to conduct these operations in a specified area for an undetermined period of time. See also **joint task force; mission; operation.** (JP 3-33)

senior airfield authority — An individual designated by the joint force commander to be responsible for the control, operation, and maintenance of an airfield to include the runways, associated taxiways, parking ramps, land, and facilities whose proximity directly affects airfield operations. Also called SAA. (JP 3-17)

senior contracting official — The lead Service or joint command designated contracting official who has direct managerial responsibility over theater support contracting. Also called **SCO.** (JP 4-10)

senior meteorological and oceanographic officer — Meteorological and oceanographic officer responsible for assisting the combatant commander and staff in developing and executing operational meteorological and oceanographic service concepts in support of a designated joint force. Also called **SMO.** See also **meteorological and oceanographic.** (JP 3-59)

sensitive — Requiring special protection from disclosure that could cause embarrassment, compromise, or threat to the security of the sponsoring power. May be applied to an agency, installation, person, position, document, material, or activity.

sensitive compartmented information — All information and materials bearing special community controls indicating restricted handling within present and future community intelligence collection programs and their end products for which community systems of compartmentation have been or will be formally established. (These controls are over and above the provisions of DOD 5200.1-R, Information Security Program Regulation.) Also called **SCI.**

sensitive compartmented information facility — An accredited area, room, group of rooms, or installation where sensitive compartmented information (SCI) may be stored, used, discussed, and/or electronically processed. Sensitive compartmented information facility (SCIF) procedural and physical measures prevent the free access of persons unless they have been formally indoctrinated for the particular SCI authorized for use or storage within the SCIF. Also called **SCIF.** See also **sensitive compartmented information.** (JP 2-01)

sensitive site — A geographically limited area that contains, but is not limited to, adversary information systems, war crimes sites, critical government facilities, and areas suspected of containing high value targets. (JP 3-31)

separation zone — (*) An area between two adjacent horizontal or vertical areas into which units are not to proceed unless certain safety measures can be fulfilled.

sequel — In a campaign, a major operation that follows the current major operation. In a single major operation, a sequel is the next phase. Plans for a sequel are based on the possible outcomes (success, stalemate, or defeat) associated with the current operation. See also **branch.** (JP 5-0)

sequence circuit — (*) In mine warfare, a circuit which requires actuation by a predetermined sequence of influences of predetermined magnitudes.

sequenced ejection system — See **ejection systems.**

serial — 1. An element or a group of elements within a series which is given a numerical or alphabetical designation for convenience in planning, scheduling, and control. 2. A serial can be a group of people, vehicles, equipment, or supplies and is used in airborne, air assault, amphibious operations, and convoys. (JP 3-02)

serial assignment table — A table that is used in amphibious operations and shows the serial number, the title of the unit, the approximate number of personnel; the material, vehicles, or equipment in the serial; the number and type of landing craft and/or amphibious vehicles required to boat the serial; and the ship on which the serial is embarked. (JP 3-02)

seriously ill or injured — The casualty status of a person whose illness or injury is classified by medical authority to be of such severity that there is cause for immediate concern, but there is not imminent danger to life. Also called **SII.** See also **casualty status**. (JP 4-02)

seriously wounded — A casualty whose injuries or illness are of such severity that the patient is rendered unable to walk or sit, thereby requiring a litter for movement and evacuation. See also **evacuation; litter; patient.** (JP 4-02)

service ammunition — Ammunition intended for combat rather than for training purposes.

Service-common— Equipment, material, supplies, and services adopted by a Military Service for use by its own forces and activities. These include standard military items, base operating support, and the supplies and services provided by a Military Service to support and sustain its own forces, including those assigned to the combatant commands. Items and services defined as Service-common by one Military Service are not necessarily Service-common for all other Military Services. See also **special operations-peculiar.** (JP 3-05)

Service component command — A command consisting of the Service component commander and all those Service forces, such as individuals, units, detachments,

organizations, and installations under that command, including the support forces that have been assigned to a combatant command or further assigned to a subordinate unified command or joint task force. See also **component; functional component command.** (JP 1)

service environment — (*) All external conditions, whether natural or induced, to which items of materiel are likely to be subjected throughout their life cycle.

Service force module — A hypothetical force module built per Service doctrine composed of combat, combat support, and combat service support forces and sustainment for an estimated period, e.g., 30 days.

service group — A major naval administration and/or tactical organization, consisting of the commander and the staff, designed to exercise operational and administrative control of assigned squadrons and units in executing their tasks of providing logistic support of fleet operations.

service mine — (*) A mine capable of a destructive explosion.

Service-organic transportation assets — Transportation assets that are: a. Assigned to a Military Department for functions of the Secretaries of the Military Departments set forth in Title 10 of the United States Code, Sections 3013(b), 5013(b), and 8013(b), including administrative functions (such as motor pools), intelligence functions, training functions, and maintenance functions; b. Assigned to the Department of the Army for the execution of the missions of the Army Corps of Engineers; c. Assigned to the Department of the Navy as the special mission support force of missile range instrumentation ships, ocean survey ships, cable ships, oceanographic research ships, acoustic research ships, and naval test support ships; the naval fleet auxiliary force of fleet ammunition ships, fleet stores ships, fleet ocean tugs, and fleet oilers; hospital ships; and Navy-unique fleet essential airlift aircraft to provide delivery of passengers and/or cargo from forward Air Mobility Command channel hubs to mobile fleet units; Marine Corps intermediate maintenance activity ships, Marine Corps helicopter support to senior federal officials; and, prior to the complete discharge of cargo, maritime pre-positioning ships; d. Assigned to the Department of the Air Force for search and rescue, weather reconnaissance, audiovisual services, and aeromedical evacuation functions, and transportation of senior federal officials. (JP 4-01)

service squadron — An administrative and/or tactical subdivision of a naval service force or service group, consisting of the commander and the staff and organized to exercise operational and administrative control of assigned units in providing logistic support of fleet units as directed.

service troops — Those units designed to render supply, maintenance, transportation, evacuation, hospitalization, and other services required by air and ground combat units to carry out effectively their mission in combat. See also **combat service support elements; troops.**

Service-unique container — Any 20- or 40-foot International Organization for Standardization container procured or leased by a Service to meet Service-unique requirements. Also called **component-owned container.** See also **common-use container; component-owned container.** (JP 4-09)

servicing — See **common servicing; cross-servicing; joint servicing.** See also **inter-Service support.**

severe damage — See **nuclear damage, Part 3.**

shaded relief — (*) A cartographic technique that provides an apparent three-dimensional configuration of the terrain on maps and charts by the use of graded shadows that would be cast by high ground if light were shining from the northwest. Shaded relief is usually used in combination with contours. See also **hill shading.**

shadowing — To observe and maintain contact (not necessarily continuously) with a unit or force.

shaped charge — (*) A charge shaped so as to concentrate its explosive force in a particular direction.

shear link assembly — (*) A device designed to break at a specified mechanical load.

sheet explosive — (*) Plastic explosive provided in a sheet form.

shelf life — (*) The length of time during which an item of supply, subject to deterioration or having a limited life which cannot be renewed, is considered serviceable while stored. See also **storage life.**

shell (specify) — (*) A command or request indicating the type of projectile to be used.

shelter — An International Organization for Standardization container outfitted with live- or work-in capability. See also **International Organization for Standardization.** (JP 4-09)

shielding — (*) 1. Material of suitable thickness and physical characteristics used to protect personnel from radiation during the manufacture, handling, and transportation of fissionable and radioactive materials. 2. Obstructions which tend to protect personnel or materials from the effects of a nuclear explosion.

shifting fire — Fire delivered at constant range at varying deflections; used to cover the width of a target that is too great to be covered by an open sheaf.

ship counter — In naval mine warfare, a device in a mine which prevents the mine from detonating until a preset number of actuations has taken place. (JP 3-15)

ship influence — (*) In naval mine warfare, the magnetic, acoustic, and pressure effects of a ship, or a minesweep simulating a ship, which is detectable by a mine or other sensing devices.

shipping control — See **naval control of shipping.**

shipping lane — (*) A term used to indicate the general flow of merchant shipping between two departure/terminal areas.

ship-to-shore movement — That portion of the action phase of an amphibious operation which includes the deployment of the landing force from the assault shipping to designated landing areas. (JP 3-02)

shoal — A sandbank or bar that makes water shoal; i.e., a sand-bank that is not rocky and on which there is a water depth of 6 fathoms or less. (JP 4-01.6)

shock front — (*) The boundary between the pressure disturbance created by an explosion (in air, water, or earth) and the ambient atmosphere, water, or earth.

shore fire control party — A specially trained unit for control of naval gunfire in support of troops ashore. It consists of a spotting team to adjust fire and a naval gunfire liaison team to perform liaison functions for the supported battalion commander. Also called **SFCP.**

shoreline effect — See **coastal refraction.**

shore party — A task organization of the landing force, formed for the purpose of facilitating the landing and movement off the beaches of troops, equipment, and supplies; for the evacuation from the beaches of casualties and enemy prisoners of war; and for facilitating the beaching, retraction, and salvaging of landing ships and craft. It comprises elements of both the naval and landing forces. Also called **beach group.** See also **beachmaster unit; beach party; naval beach group.** (JP 3-02)

shortfall — The lack of forces, equipment, personnel, materiel, or capability, reflected as the difference between the resources identified as a plan requirement and those apportioned to a combatant commander for planning, that would adversely affect the command's ability to accomplish its mission.

short-range air defense engagement zone — In air defense, that airspace of defined dimensions within which the responsibility for engagement of air threats normally rests with short-range air defense weapons. It may be established within a low- or high-altitude missile engagement zone. Also called **SHORADEZ.** (JP 3-52)

short-range transport aircraft — See **transport aircraft.**

short scope buoy — (*) A buoy used as a navigational reference which remains nearly vertical over its sinker.

short supply — An item is in short supply when the total of stock on hand and anticipated receipts during a given period are less than the total estimated demand during that period.

short takeoff and landing — (*) The ability of an aircraft to clear a 50-foot (15 meters) obstacle within 1,500 feet (450 meters) of commencing takeoff or in landing, to stop within 1,500 feet (450 meters) after passing over a 50-foot (15 meters) obstacle. Also called **STOL.**

short takeoff and vertical landing aircraft — (*) Fixed-wing aircraft capable of clearing a 15-meter (50-foot) obstacle within 450 meters (1,500 feet) of commencing takeoff run, and capable of landing vertically. Also called **STOVL.** See also **short takeoff and landing.**

short title — (*) A short, identifying combination of letters, and/or numbers assigned to a document or device for purposes of brevity and/or security.

show of force — An operation designed to demonstrate US resolve that involves increased visibility of US deployed forces in an attempt to defuse a specific situation that, if allowed to continue, may be detrimental to US interests or national objectives. (JP 3-0)

shuttered fuze — (*) A fuze in which inadvertent initiation of the detonator will not initiate either the booster or the burst charge.

side-looking airborne radar — (*) An airborne radar, viewing at right angles to the axis of the vehicle, which produces a presentation of terrain or moving targets. Also called **SLAR.**

sighting — Actual visual contact. Does not include other contacts, which must be reported by type, e.g., radar and sonar contacts. See also **contact report.**

SIGINT direct service — A reporting procedure to provide signals intelligence (SIGINT) to a military commander or other authorized recipient in response to SIGINT requirements. The product may vary from recurring, serialized reports produced by the National Security Agency/Central Security Service to instantaneous aperiodic reports provided to the command or other recipient, usually from a fixed SIGINT activity engaged in collection and processing. See also **signals intelligence.**

SIGINT direct service activity — A signals intelligence (SIGINT) activity composed of collection and associated resources that normally performs in a direct service role under the SIGINT operational control of the Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service. See also **signals intelligence.**

SIGINT direct support — The provision of signals intelligence (SIGINT) information to a military commander by a SIGINT direct support unit in response to SIGINT operational tasking levied by that commander. See also **signals intelligence.**

SIGINT direct support unit — A signals intelligence (SIGINT) unit, usually mobile, designed to perform a SIGINT direct support role for a military commander under delegated authority from the Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service. See also **signals intelligence.**

SIGINT operational control — The authoritative direction of signals intelligence (SIGINT) activities, including tasking and allocation of effort, and the authoritative prescription of those uniform techniques and standards by which SIGINT information is collected, processed, and reported. See also **signals intelligence.**

SIGINT operational tasking — The authoritative operational direction of and direct levying of signals intelligence (SIGINT) information needs by a military commander on designated SIGINT resources. These requirements are directive, irrespective of other priorities, and are conditioned only by the capability of those resources to produce such information. Operational tasking includes authority to deploy all or part of the SIGINT resources for which SIGINT operational tasking authority has been delegated. See also **signals intelligence.**

SIGINT operational tasking authority — A military commander's authority to operationally direct and levy signals intelligence (SIGINT) requirements on designated SIGINT resources; includes authority to deploy and redeploy all or part of the SIGINT resources for which SIGINT operational tasking authority has been delegated. Also called **SOTA.** See also **signals intelligence.**

SIGINT resources — Personnel and equipment of any unit, activity, or organizational element engaged in signals intelligence activities. See also **signals intelligence.**

signal — (*) 1. As applied to electronics, any transmitted electrical impulse. 2. Operationally, a type of message, the text of which consists of one or more letters, words, characters, signal flags, visual displays, or special sounds with prearranged meaning, and which is conveyed or transmitted by visual, acoustical, or electrical means.

signal operating instructions — A series of orders issued for technical control and coordination of the signal communication activities of a command. In Marine Corps usage, these instructions are designated communication operation instructions. (JP 6-0)

signal security — A generic term that includes both communications security and electronics security. See also **security.**

signals intelligence — 1. A category of intelligence comprising either individually or in combination all communications intelligence, electronic intelligence, and foreign

instrumentation signals intelligence, however transmitted. 2. Intelligence derived from communications, electronic, and foreign instrumentation signals. Also called **SIGINT.** See also **communications intelligence; electronic intelligence; foreign instrumentation signals intelligence; intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

signal-to-noise ratio — The ratio of the amplitude of the desired signal to the amplitude of noise signals at a given point in time.

signature equipment — (*) Any item of equipment which reveals the type and nature of the unit or formation to which it belongs.

significant wave height — The average height of the third of waves observed during a given period of time. Significant wave height is used for evaluating the impact of waves and breakers on watercraft in the open sea and surf zones. See also **surf zone.** (JP 4-01.6)

Silver Triangle — The South American region consisting of Peru, Bolivia, and Colombia that is historically known to be a major illegal drug production area. (JP 3-07.4)

simulative electromagnetic deception — See **electromagnetic deception.**

simultaneous engagement — The concurrent engagement of hostile targets by combination of interceptor aircraft and surface-to-air missiles.

single-anchor leg mooring — A mooring facility dedicated to the offshore petroleum discharge system. Once installed, it permits a tanker to remain on station and pump in much higher sea states than is possible with a spread moor. Also called **SALM.** See also **offshore petroleum discharge system.** (JP 4-01.6)

single flow route — (*) A route at least one-and-a-half lanes wide allowing the passage of a column of vehicles, and permitting isolated vehicles to pass or travel in the opposite direction at predetermined points. See also **double flow route.**

single integrated theater logistic manager — Service component or agency, usually in a mature theater, that is designated by the combatant commander or subunified commander as the single in-theater manager for planning and execution of a specific common-user logistic (CUL) item or related items. Single integrated logistic managers are normally long-term in nature with responsibilities that include planning, coordination, control, and execution of a specific CUL function (or similar CUL functions) at the theater level, in both peacetime and during actual operations, within the parameters of combatant commander's directives. Also called **SITLM.** See also **agency.** (JP 4-07)

single manager— A Military Department or Agency designated by the Secretary of Defense to be responsible for management of specified commodities or common service activities on a Department of Defense-wide basis. (JP 4-01)

single manager for transportation — The United States Transportation Command is the Department of Defense single manager for transportation, other than Service-organic or theater-assigned transportation assets. See also **Service-organic transportation assets; theater-assigned transportation assets; United States Transportation Command.** (JP 4-01)

single port manager — Through its transportation component commands, the US Transportation Command is the Department of Defense-designated single port manager for all common-user aerial and seaports worldwide. The single port manager performs those functions necessary to support the strategic flow of the deploying forces' equipment and sustainment from the aerial and seaport of embarkation and hand-off to the combatant commander in the aerial and seaport of debarkation. The single port manager is responsible for providing strategic deployment status information to the combatant commander and to manage workload of the aerial port of debarkation and seaport of debarkation operator based on the commander's priorities and guidance. The single port manager is responsible through all phases of the theater aerial and seaport operations continuum, from a unimproved airfield and bare beach deployment to a commercial contract supported deployment. Also called **SPM.** See also **Surface Deployment and Distribution Command; transportation component command; United States Transportation Command.** (JP 4-01.2)

single-service manager — A component commander, designated by the combatant commander, who has been assigned responsibility and delegated the authority to coordinate specific theater personnel support activities such as theater postal operations. See also **component.** (JP 1-0)

sinker — (*) In naval mine warfare, a heavy weight to which a buoyant mine is moored. The sinker generally houses the mooring rope drum and depth-setting mechanism and for mines laid by ships, it also serves as a launching trolley.

site exploitation — A series of activities to recognize, collect, process, preserve, and analyze information, personnel, and/or materiel found during the conduct of operations. Also called **SE.** (JP 3-31)

situation map — (*) A map showing the tactical or the administrative situation at a particular time. See also **map.**

situation report — (*) A report giving the situation in the area of a reporting unit or formation. Also called **SITREP.**

situation template — A depiction of assumed adversary dispositions, based on that adversary's preferred method of operations and the impact of the operational environment if the adversary should adopt a particular course of action. See also **adversary template; course of action.** (JP 2-01.3)

618th Tanker Airlift Control Center — The Air Mobility Command direct reporting unit responsible for tasking and controlling operational missions for all activities involving forces supporting US Transportation Command's global air mobility mission. The Tanker Airlift Control Center is comprised of the following functions: current operations, command and control, logistic operations, aerial port operations, aeromedical evacuation, flight planning, diplomatic clearances, and weather. Also called **618th TACC**. See also **Air Mobility Command.** (JP 3-17)

skim sweeping — (*) In naval mine warfare, the technique of wire sweeping to a fixed depth over deep-laid moored mines to cut any shallow enough to endanger surface shipping.

slant range — (*) The line of sight distance between two points, not at the same level relative to a specific datum.

slice — An average logistic planning factor used to obtain estimates of requirements for personnel and materiel. (e.g., a personnel slice generally consists of the total strength of the stated basic combatant elements, plus its proportionate share of all supporting and higher headquarters personnel.)

slightly wounded — A casualty whose injuries or illness are relatively minor, permitting the patient to walk and/or sit. See also **patient; walking patient.** (JP 4-02)

small arms — Man portable, individual, and crew-served weapon systems used mainly against personnel and lightly armored or unarmored equipment.

small arms ammunition — Ammunition for small arms, i.e., all ammunition up to and including 20 millimeters (.787 inches).

small-scale map — A map having a scale smaller than 1:600,000. See also **map.**

snagline mine — (*) A contact mine with a buoyant line attached to one of the horns or switches which may be caught up and pulled by the hull or propellers of a ship.

sociocultural factors — The social, cultural, and behavioral factors characterizing the relationships and activities of the population of a specific region or operational environment. (JP 2-01.3)

soft missile base — (*) A launching base that is not protected against a nuclear explosion.

solatium — Monetary compensation given in areas where it is culturally appropriate to alleviate grief, suffering, and anxiety resulting from injuries, death, and property loss with a monetary payment. (JP 1-06)

solenoid sweep — (*) In naval mine warfare, a magnetic sweep consisting of a horizontal axis coil wound on a floating iron tube.

sonar — A sonic device used primarily for the detection and location of underwater objects. (This term is derived from the words "sound navigation and ranging.")

sonobuoy — A sonar device used to detect submerged submarines that, when activated, relays information by radio. It may be active directional or nondirectional, or it may be passive directional or nondirectional.

sortie — In air operations, an operational flight by one aircraft. (JP 3-30)

sortie allotment message — The means by which the joint force commander allots excess sorties to meet requirements of subordinate commanders that are expressed in their air employment and/or allocation plan. Also called **SORTIEALOT.** (JP 3-30)

sortie number — (*) A reference used to identify the images taken by all the sensors during one air reconnaissance sortie.

sortie reference — See **sortie number.**

sorting — In counterdrug operations, the process involved in differentiating traffic which could be involved in drug trafficking from legitimate air traffic. See also **counterdrug operations.** (JP 3-07.4)

source — 1. A person, thing, or activity from which information is obtained. 2. In clandestine activities, a person (agent), normally a foreign national, in the employ of an intelligence activity for intelligence purposes. 3. In interrogation activities, any person who furnishes information, either with or without the knowledge that the information is being used for intelligence purposes. In this context, a controlled source is in the employment or under the control of the intelligence activity and knows that the information is to be used for intelligence purposes. An uncontrolled source is a voluntary contributor of information and may or may not know that the information is to be used for intelligence purposes. See also **agent; collection agency.**

source registry — A source record/catalogue of leads and sources acquired by collectors and centralized for management, coordination and deconfliction of source operations. (JP 2-01.2)

space — A medium like the land, sea, and air within which military activities shall be conducted to achieve US national security objectives. (JP 3-14)

space asset — Any individual part of a space system as follows. (1) Equipment that is or can be placed in space (e.g., a satellite or a launch vehicle). (2) Terrestrially-based equipment that directly supports space activity (e.g., a satellite ground station). (JP 3-14)

space assignment — An assignment to the individual Departments/Services by the appropriate transportation operating agency of movement capability which completely or partially satisfies the stated requirements of the Departments/Services for the operating month and that has been accepted by them without the necessity for referral to the Joint Transportation Board for allocation.

space available mail — A transportation category for military mail transported to and from overseas bases by air on a space-available basis. Also called **SAM.**

space capability — 1. The ability of a space asset to accomplish a mission. 2. The ability of a terrestrial-based asset to accomplish a mission in space (e.g., a ground-based or airborne laser capable of negating a satellite). See also **space; space asset.** (JP 3-14)

space control — Operations to ensure freedom of action in space for the US and its allies and, when directed, deny an adversary freedom of action in space. The space control mission area includes: operations conducted to protect friendly space capabilities from attack, interference, or unintentional hazards (defensive space control); operations to deny an adversary's use of space capabilities (offensive space control); supported by the requisite current and predictive knowledge of the space environment and the operational environment upon which space operations depend (space situational awareness). See also **combat service support; combat support; negation; space; space systems.** (JP 3-14)

space coordinating authority — A commander responsible for coordinating joint space operations and integrating space capabilities in the operational area. Also called **SCA.** (JP 3-14)

space environment — The environment corresponding to the space domain, where electromagnetic radiation, charged particles, and electric and magnetic fields are the dominant physical influences, and that encompasses the earth's ionosphere and magnetosphere, interplanetary space, and the solar atmosphere. See also **ionosphere.** (JP 3-59)

space force application — Combat operations in, through, and from space to influence the course and outcome of conflict. The space force application mission area includes ballistic missile defense and force projection. See also **ballistic missile; force protection; space.** (JP 3-14)

space force enhancement — Combat support operations and force-multiplying capabilities delivered from space systems to improve the effectiveness of military forces as well as support other intelligence, civil, and commercial users. The space force enhancement mission area includes: intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; integrated tactical warning and attack assessment; command, control, and communications; positioning, navigation, and timing; and environmental monitoring. See also **combat support; space.** (JP 3-14)

space forces — The space and terrestrial systems, equipment, facilities, organizations, and personnel necessary to access, use and, if directed, control space for national security. See also **national security; space; space systems.** (JP 3-14)

space power — The total strength of a nation's capabilities to conduct and influence activities to, in, through, and from space to achieve its objectives. See also **space.** (JP 3-14)

space sensor — An instrument or mechanical device mounted on a space platform or space vehicle for collecting information or detecting activity or conditions either in space or in a terrestrial medium. See also **space.** (JP 3-14)

space situational awareness — The requisite current and predictive knowledge of the space environment and the operational environment upon which space operations depend — including physical, virtual, and human domains — as well as all factors, activities, and events of friendly and adversary space forces across the spectrum of conflict. (JP 3-14)

space superiority — The degree of dominance in space of one force over another that permits the conduct of operations by the former and its related land, maritime, air, space, and special operations forces at a given time and place without prohibitive interference by the opposing force. See also **space.** (JP 3-14)

space support — Operations to deploy and sustain military and intelligence systems in space. The space support mission area includes launching and deploying space vehicles, maintaining and sustaining spacecraft on-orbit, rendezvous and proximity operations, disposing of (including deorbiting and recovering) space capabilities, and reconstitution of space forces, if required. See also **combat service support; space.** (JP 3-14)

space surveillance — The observation of space and of the activities occurring in space. This mission is normally accomplished with the aid of ground-based radars and electro-optical sensors. This term is separate and distinct from the intelligence collection mission conducted by space-based sensors which surveil terrestrial activity. See also **space; space control.** (JP 3-14)

space systems — All of the devices and organizations forming the space network. These consist of: spacecraft; mission packages(s); ground stations; data links among spacecraft, mission or user terminals, which may include initial reception, processing, and exploitation; launch systems; and directly related supporting infrastructure, including space surveillance and battle management and/or command and control. See also **space.** (JP 3-14)

space weather — The conditions and phenomena in space and specifically in the near-Earth environment that may affect space assets or space operations. Space weather may impact spacecraft and ground-based systems. Space weather is influenced by

phenomena such as solar flare activity, ionospheric variability, energetic particle events, and geophysical events. See also **space; space asset.** (JP 3-14)

special access program — A sensitive program, approved in writing by a head of agency with original top secret classification authority, that imposes need-to-know and access controls beyond those normally provided for access to confidential, secret, or top secret information. The level of controls is based on the criticality of the program and the assessed hostile intelligence threat. The program may be an acquisition program, an intelligence program, or an operations and support program. Also called **SAP.** (JP 3-05.1)

special actions — Those functions that due to particular sensitivities, compartmentation, or caveats cannot be conducted in normal staff channels and therefore require extraordinary processes and procedures and may involve the use of sensitive capabilities. (JP 3-05.1)

special activities — Activities conducted in support of national foreign policy objectives that are planned and executed so that the role of the US Government is not apparent or acknowledged publicly. They are also functions in support of such activities but are not intended to influence US political processes, public opinion, policies, or media and do not include diplomatic activities or the collection and production of intelligence or related support functions. (JP 3-05)

special agent — A person, either United States military or civilian, who is a specialist in military security or the collection of intelligence or counterintelligence information.

special air operation — An air operation conducted in support of special operations and other clandestine, covert, and psychological activities. (JP 3-05.1)

special assignment airlift requirements — Airlift requirements, including Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff -directed or -coordinated exercises, that require special consideration due to the number of passengers involved, weight or size of cargo, urgency of movement, sensitivity, or other valid factors that preclude the use of channel airlift. See also **airlift requirement; channel airlift.**

special boat squadron — A permanent Navy echelon III major command to which two or more special boat units are assigned for some operational and all administrative purposes. The squadron is tasked with the training and deployment of these special boat units and may augment naval special warfare task groups and task units. Also called **SBS.** (JP 3-05.1)

special boat team — US Navy forces organized, trained, and equipped to conduct or support special operations with patrol boats or other combatant craft. Also called **SBT.** (JP 3-05)

special cargo — Cargo that requires special handling or protection, such as pyrotechnics, detonators, watches, and precision instruments.

special events for homeland security — Those special events designated as having an impact on homeland security. Also called **SEHS.** (JP 3-28)

special forces — US Army forces organized, trained, and equipped to conduct special operations with an emphasis on unconventional warfare capabilities. Also called **SF.** (JP 3-05)

special forces group — A combat arms organization capable of planning, conducting, and supporting special operations activities in all operational environments in peace, conflict, and war. It consists of a group headquarters and headquarters company, a support company, and special forces battalions. The group can operate as a single unit, but normally the battalions plan and conduct operations from widely separated locations. The group provides general operational direction and synchronizes the activities of subordinate battalions. Although principally structured for unconventional warfare, special forces group units are capable of task-organizing to meet specific requirements. Also called **SFG.** (JP 3-05)

special forces operations base — A command, control, and support base established and operated by a special forces group or battalion from organic and attached resources. The base commander and his staff coordinate and synchronize the activities of subordinate and forward-deployed forces. A special forces operations base is normally established for an extended period of time to support a series of operations. Also called **SFOB.** (JP 3-05)

special hazard — (*) In aircraft crash rescue and fire-fighting activities: fuels, materials, components, or situations that could increase the risks normally associated with military aircraft accidents and could require special procedures, equipment, or extinguishing agents.

special information operations — Information operations that by their sensitive nature and due to their potential effect or impact, security requirements, or risk to the national security of the United States, require a special review and approval process. Also called **SIO.** See also **information; information operations; operation.** (JP 3-13)

specialization — An arrangement within an alliance wherein a member or group of members most suited by virtue of technical skills, location, or other qualifications assume(s) greater responsibility for a specific task or significant portion thereof for one or more other members.

special mission unit — A generic term to represent a group of operations and support personnel from designated organizations that is task-organized to perform highly classified activities. Also called **SMU.** (JP 3-05.1)

special operations — Operations conducted in hostile, denied, or politically sensitive environments to achieve military, diplomatic, informational, and/or economic objectives employing military capabilities for which there is no broad conventional force requirement. These operations often require covert, clandestine, or low visibility capabilities. Special operations are applicable across the range of military operations. They can be conducted independently or in conjunction with operations of conventional forces or other government agencies and may include operations through, with, or by indigenous or surrogate forces. Special operations differ from conventional operations in degree of physical and political risk, operational techniques, mode of employment, independence from friendly support, and dependence on detailed operational intelligence and indigenous assets. Also called **SO.** (JP 3-05)

special operations combat control team — A team of Air Force personnel organized, trained, and equipped to conduct and support special operations. Under clandestine, covert, or low-visibility conditions, these teams establish and control air assault zones; assist aircraft by verbal control, positioning, and operating navigation aids; conduct limited offensive direct action and special reconnaissance operations; and assist in the insertion and extraction of special operations forces. Also called **SOCCT.** See also **combat control team.** (JP 3-05.1)

special operations command — A subordinate unified or other joint command established by a joint force commander to plan, coordinate, conduct, and support joint special operations within the joint force commander's assigned operational area. Also called **SOC.** See also **special operations.** (JP 3-05)

special operations command and control element — A special operations element that is the focal point for the synchronization of special operations forces activities with conventional forces activities. It performs command and control functions according to mission requirements. It normally collocates with the command post of the supported force. It can also receive special operations forces operational, intelligence, and target acquisition reports directly from deployed special operations elements and provide them to the supported component headquarters. It remains under the operational control of the joint force special operations component commander or commander, joint special operations task force. Also called SOCCE. See also command and control; joint force special operations component commander; special operations; special operations forces. (JP 3-05.1)

special operations forces — Those Active and Reserve Component forces of the Military Services designated by the Secretary of Defense and specifically organized, trained, and equipped to conduct and support special operations. Also called **SOF.** See also **Air Force special operations forces; Army special operations forces; naval special warfare forces.** (JP 3-05.1)

special operations liaison element — A special operations liaison team provided by the joint force special operations component commander to the joint force air component commander (if designated), or appropriate Service component air command and control

organization, to coordinate, deconflict, and integrate special operations air, surface, and subsurface operations with conventional air operations. Also called **SOLE.** See also **joint force air component commander; joint force special operations component commander; special operations.** (JP 3-05)

special operations mission planning folder — The package that contains the materials required to execute a given special operations mission. It will include the mission tasking letter, mission tasking package, original feasibility assessment (as desired), initial assessment (as desired), target intelligence package, plan of execution, infiltration and exfiltration plan of execution, and other documentation as required or desired. Also called **SOMPF.** (JP 3-05.1)

special operations naval mobile environment team — A team of Navy personnel organized, trained, and equipped to support naval special warfare forces by providing weather, oceanographic, mapping, charting, and geodesy support. Also called **SONMET.** (JP 3-05.1)

special operations-peculiar — Equipment, material, supplies, and services required for special operations missions for which there is no Service-common requirement. These are limited to items and services initially designed for, or used by, special operations forces until adopted for Service-common use by one or more Military Service; modifications approved by the Commander, US Special Operations Command for application to standard items and services used by the Military Services; and items and services approved by the Commander, US Special Operations Command as critically urgent for the immediate accomplishment of a special operations mission. Also called **SO-peculiar.** See also **Service-common; special operations.** (JP 3-05)

special operations weather team/tactical element — A task-organized team of Air Force personnel organized, trained, and equipped to collect critical weather observations from data-sparse areas. These teams are trained to operate independently in permissive or uncertain environments, or as augmentation to other special operations elements in hostile environments, in direct support of special operations. Also called **SOWT/TE.** (JP 3-05)

special operations wing — An Air Force special operations wing. Also called **SOW.** (JP 3-05.1)

special purpose Marine air-ground task force — A Marine air-ground task force organized, trained, and equipped with narrowly focused capabilities. It is designed to accomplish a specific mission, often of limited scope and duration. It may be any size, but normally it is a relatively small force — the size of a Marine expeditionary unit or smaller. Also called **SPMAGTF.** See also **aviation combat element; combat service support element; command element; ground combat element; Marine air-ground task force; Marine expeditionary force; Marine expeditionary unit; task force.**

special reconnaissance — Reconnaissance and surveillance actions conducted as a special operation in hostile, denied, or politically sensitive environments to collect or verify information of strategic or operational significance, employing military capabilities not normally found in conventional forces. These actions provide an additive capability for commanders and supplement other conventional reconnaissance and surveillance actions. Also called **SR.** (JP 3-05)

special staff — All staff officers having duties at a headquarters and not included in the general (coordinating) staff group or in the personal staff group. The special staff includes certain technical specialists and heads of services, e.g., quartermaster officer, antiaircraft officer, transportation officer, etc. See also **staff.**

special tactics — US Air Force special operations forces organized, trained, and equipped to conduct special operations. They include combat control team, pararescue, and combat weather personnel who provide the interface between air and ground combat operations. Also called **ST.** See also **special tactics team.** (JP 3-05)

special tactics team — A task-organized element of special tactics that may include combat control, pararescue, and combat weather personnel. Functions include austere airfield and assault zone reconnaissance, surveillance, establishment, and terminal control; terminal attack control; combat search and rescue; combat casualty care and evacuation staging; and tactical weather observations and forecasting. Also called **STT.** See also **combat search and rescue; special operations; special operations forces; special tactics; terminal attack control.** (JP 3-05)

special unloading berth — Berths established in the vicinity of the approach lanes into which transports may move for unloading, thus reducing the running time for landing craft and assisting in the dispersion of transports. (JP 3-02.2)

special weapons — A term sometimes used to indicate weapons grouped for special procedures, for security, or other reasons. Specific terminology, e.g., "nuclear weapons" or "guided missiles," is preferable.

specific intelligence collection requirement — An identified gap in intelligence holdings that may be satisfied only by collection action, and that has been validated by the appropriate requirements control authority. Also called **SICR.**

specified combatant command — See **specified command.** (JP 1)

specified command — A command that has a broad, continuing mission, normally functional, and is established and so designated by the President through the Secretary of Defense with the advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It normally is composed of forces from a single Military Department. Also called **specified combatant command.** (JP 1)

specified task — In the context of joint operation planning, a task that is specifically assigned to an organization by its higher headquarters. See also **essential task; implied task.** (JP 5-0)

spectrozonal photography — (*) A photographic technique whereby the natural spectral emissions of all objects are selectively filtered in order to image only those objects within a particular spectral band or zone and eliminate the unwanted background.

speed of advance — (*) In naval usage, the speed expected to be made good over the ground. Also called **SOA.** See also **pace; rate of march.**

speed of sound — (*) The speed at which sound travels in a given medium under specified conditions. The speed of sound at sea level in the International Standard Atmosphere is 1108 ft/second, 658 knots, 1215 km/hour. See also **hypersonic; transonic.**

split cameras — (*) An assembly of two cameras disposed at a fixed overlapping angle relative to each other.

split-mission oriented protective posture — The concept of maintaining heightened protective posture only in those areas (or zones) that are contaminated, allowing personnel in uncontaminated areas to continue to operate in a reduced posture. Also called **split-MOPP.** (JP 3-11)

split pair — See **split vertical photography.**

split-up — See **break-up.**

split vertical photography — (*) Photographs taken simultaneously by two cameras mounted at an angle from the vertical, one tilted to the left and one to the right, to obtain a small side overlap.

spoiling attack — A tactical maneuver employed to seriously impair a hostile attack while the enemy is in the process of forming or assembling for an attack. Usually employed by armored units in defense by an attack on enemy assembly positions in front of a main line of resistance or battle position.

sponsor — Military member or civilian employee with dependents.

spoke — The portion of the hub and spoke distribution system that refers to transportation mode operators responsible for scheduled delivery to a customer of the "hub". See also **distribution; distribution system; hub; hub and spoke distribution.** (JP 4-09)

spot — 1. To determine by observation, deviations of ordnance from the target for the purpose of supplying necessary information for the adjustment of fire. 2. To place in a proper location. 3. An approved shipboard helicopter landing site. See also **ordnance.** (JP 3-04)

spot elevation — (*) A point on a map or chart whose elevation is noted.

spot jamming — (*) The jamming of a specific channel or frequency. See also **barrage jamming; electronic warfare; jamming.**

spot net — Radio communication net used by a spotter in calling fire.

spot report — A concise narrative report of essential information covering events or conditions that may have an immediate and significant effect on current planning and operations that is afforded the most expeditious means of transmission consistent with requisite security. Also called **SPOTREP.** (Note: In reconnaissance and surveillance usage, spot report is not to be used.) (JP 3-09.3)

spot size — (*) The size of the electron spot on the face of the cathode ray tube.

spotter — An observer stationed for the purpose of observing and reporting results of naval gunfire to the firing agency and who also may be employed in designating targets. See also **naval gunfire spotting team.**

spotting — Parking aircraft in an approved shipboard landing site. (JP 3-04)

spotting line — (*) Any straight line to which the fall of shot of projectiles is related or fire is adjusted by an observer or a spotter. See also **gun-target line; observer-target line.**

spray dome — (*) The mound of water spray thrown up into the air when the shock wave from an underwater detonation of a nuclear weapon reaches the surface.

spreader bar — A device specially designed to permit the lifting and handling of containers or vehicles and breakbulk cargo. (JP 4-01.6)

sprocket — (*) In naval mine warfare, an anti-sweep device included in a mine mooring to allow a sweep wire to pass through the mooring without parting the mine from its sinker.

squadron — 1. An organization consisting of two or more divisions of ships, or two or more divisions (Navy) or flights of aircraft. It is normally but not necessarily composed of ships or aircraft of the same type. 2. The basic administrative aviation unit of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force. 3. Battalion-sized ground or aviation units in US Army cavalry regiments.

squirt — (*) In air-to-air refuelling, a means of providing visual detection of a nearby aircraft. In practice this is achieved by the donor aircraft dumping fuel and/or the receiver aircraft selecting afterburners, if so equipped.

stability operations — An overarching term encompassing various military missions, tasks, and activities conducted outside the United States in coordination with other instruments of national power to maintain or reestablish a safe and secure environment, provide essential governmental services, emergency infrastructure reconstruction, and humanitarian relief. (JP 3-0)

stabilized patient — A patient whose airway is secured, hemorrhage is controlled, shock treated, and fractures are immobilized. See also **patient.** (JP 4-02)

stable base film — (*) A particular type of film having a high stability in regard to shrinkage and stretching.

stable patient — A patient for whom no inflight medical intervention is expected but the potential for medical intervention exists. See also **patient.** (JP 4-02)

staff — See **multinational staff; integrated staff; joint staff; parallel staff; special staff.**

staff estimates — Assessments of courses of action by the various staff elements of a command that serve as the foundation of the commander's estimate.

staff judge advocate — A judge advocate so designated in the Army, Air Force, or Marine Corps, and the principal legal advisor of a Navy, Coast Guard, or joint force command who is a judge advocate. Also called **SJA.** (JP 1-04)

staff supervision — The process of advising other staff officers and individuals subordinate to the commander of the commander's plans and policies, interpreting those plans and policies, assisting such subordinates in carrying them out, determining the extent to which they are being followed, and advising the commander thereof.

stage — (*) 1. An element of the missile or propulsion system that generally separates from the missile at burnout or cut-off. Stages are numbered chronologically in order of burning. 2. To process, in a specified area, troops which are in transit from one locality to another. See also **marshalling; staging area.**

staged crews — Aircrews specifically positioned at intermediate airfields to take over aircraft operating on air routes, thus relieving complementary crews of flying fatigue and speeding up the flow rate of the aircraft concerned.

staging — Assembling, holding, and organizing arriving personnel, equipment, and sustaining materiel in preparation for onward movement. The organizing and preparation for movement of personnel, equipment, and materiel at designated areas to incrementally build forces capable of meeting the operational commander's requirements. See also **staging area.** (JP 3-35)

staging area — 1. **Amphibious or airborne** — A general locality between the mounting area and the objective of an amphibious or airborne expedition, through which the

expedition or parts thereof pass after mounting, for refueling, regrouping of ships, and/or exercise, inspection, and redistribution of troops. 2. **Other movements** — A general locality established for the concentration of troop units and transient personnel between movements over the lines of communications. Also called **SA.** See also **airborne; marshalling; stage; staging.** (JP 3-35)

staging base — 1. An advanced naval base for the anchoring, fueling, and refitting of transports and cargo ships as well as replenishment of mobile service squadrons. 2. A landing and takeoff area with minimum servicing, supply, and shelter provided for the temporary occupancy of military aircraft during the course of movement from one location to another.

standardization — The process by which the Department of Defense achieves the closest practicable cooperation among the Services and Department of Defense agencies for the most efficient use of research, development, and production resources, and agrees to adopt on the broadest possible basis the use of: a. common or compatible operational, administrative, and logistic procedures; b. common or compatible technical procedures and criteria; c. common, compatible, or interchangeable supplies, components, weapons, or equipment; and d. common or compatible tactical doctrine with corresponding organizational compatibility. (JP 4-02)

standard operating procedure — A set of instructions covering those features of operations which lend themselves to a definite or standardized procedure without loss of effectiveness. The procedure is applicable unless ordered otherwise. Also called **SOP.** (JP 3-31)

standard parallel — (*) A parallel on a map or chart along which the scale is as stated for that map or chart.

standard pattern — (*) In land mine warfare, the agreed pattern to which mines are normally laid.

standard unit — A type unit whose unit-type code and movement characteristics are described in the type unit characteristics file.

standard use Army aircraft flight route — Route established below the coordinating altitude to facilitate the movement of Army aviation assets. Route is normally located in the corps through brigade rear areas of operation and do not require approval by the airspace control authority. Also called **SAAFR.** (JP 3-52)

Standby Reserve — Those units and members of the Reserve Component (other than those in the Ready Reserve or Retired Reserve) who are liable for active duty only, as provided in Title 10, United States Code, Sections 10151, 12301, and 12306. See also **active duty; Ready Reserve; Reserve Component; Retired Reserve.** (JP 4-05)

stand fast — (*) In artillery, the order at which all action on the position ceases immediately.

standing joint force headquarters — A staff organization operating under a flag officer providing a combatant commander with a full-time, trained joint command and control element integrated into the combatant commander's staff whose focus is on contingency and crisis action planning. Also called **SJFHQ.** (JP 3-0)

standing operating procedure — See **standard operating procedure.** (JP 3-31)

standing order — (*) A promulgated order which remains in force until amended or cancelled.

standing rules for the use of force — Preapproved directives issued to guide United States forces on the use of force during various operations. These directives may take the form of execute orders, deployment orders, memoranda of agreement, or plans. Also called **SRUF.** (JP 3-28)

stateless person — A person who is not considered as a national by any state under the operation of its law. See also **dislocated civilian; displaced person; evacuee; expellee; refugee.** (JP 3-29)

static air temperature — (*) The temperature at a point at rest relative to the ambient air.

static line cable — See **anchor cable.**

static marking — (*) Marks on photographic negatives and other imagery caused by unwanted discharges of static electricity.

station time — In air transport operations, the time at which crews, passengers, and cargo are to be on board and ready for the flight. (JP 3-17)

status-of-forces agreement — An agreement that defines the legal position of a visiting military force deployed in the territory of a friendly state. Agreements delineating the status of visiting military forces may be bilateral or multilateral. Provisions pertaining to the status of visiting forces may be set forth in a separate agreement, or they may form a part of a more comprehensive agreement. These provisions describe how the authorities of a visiting force may control members of that force and the amenability of the force or its members to the local law or to the authority of local officials. Also called **SOFA.** See also **civil affairs agreement.** (JP 3-16)

stay behind force — (*) A force which is left in position to conduct a specified mission when the remainder of the force withdraws or retires from the area.

stepped-up separation — (*) The vertical separation in a formation of aircraft measured from an aircraft ahead upward to the next aircraft behind or in echelon.

sterilize — (*) 1. In naval mine warfare, to permanently render a mine incapable of firing by means of a device (e.g., sterilizer) within the mine. 2. **(DOD only)** To remove from material to be used in covert and clandestine operations, marks or devices which can identify it as emanating from the sponsoring nation or organization.

sterilizer — (*) In mine warfare, a device included in mines to render the mine permanently inoperative on expiration of a pre-determined time after laying.

stick commander (air transport) — A designated individual who controls paratroops from the time they enter the aircraft until their exit. See also **jumpmaster.**

stimulants — Controlled drugs that make the user feel stronger, more decisive, and self-possessed; includes cocaine and amphetamines. (JP 3-07.4)

stockage objective — The maximum quantities of materiel to be maintained on hand to sustain current operations. It will consist of the sum of stocks represented by the operating level and the safety level.

Stock Number — See **national stock number.**

stockpile to target sequence — 1. The order of events involved in removing a nuclear weapon from storage and assembling, testing, transporting, and delivering it on the target. 2. A document that defines the logistic and employment concepts and related physical environments involved in the delivery of a nuclear weapon from the stockpile to the target. It may also define the logistic flow involved in moving nuclear weapons to and from the stockpile for quality assurance testing, modification and retrofit, and the recycling of limited life components.

stock record account — A basic record showing by item the receipt and issuance of property, the balances on hand, and such other identifying or stock control data as may be required by proper authority.

stop-loss — Presidential authority under Title 10, United States Code, Section 12305 to suspend laws relating to promotion, retirement, or separation of any member of the Armed Forces determined essential to the national security of the United States ("laws relating to promotion" broadly includes, among others, grade tables, current general or flag officer authorizations, and E8 and 9 limits). This authority may be exercised by the President only if reservists are serving on active duty under Title 10, United States Code authorities for Presidential Reserve Call-up, partial mobilization, or full mobilization. See also **mobilization; partial mobilization; Presidential Reserve Call-up.** (JP 4-05)

storage life — (*) The length of time for which an item of supply, including explosives, given specific storage conditions, may be expected to remain serviceable and, if relevant, safe. See also **shelf life.**

stores — See **naval stores; supplies.**

stowage — The method of placing cargo into a single hold or compartment of a ship to prevent damage, shifting, etc. (JP 3-02)

stowage diagram — (*) A scaled drawing included in the loading plan of a vessel for each deck or platform showing the exact location of all cargo. See also **stowage plan.**

stowage factor — The number that expresses the space, in cubic feet, occupied by a long ton of any commodity as prepared for shipment, including all crating or packaging.

stowage plan — A completed stowage diagram showing what materiel has been loaded and its stowage location in each hold, between-deck compartment, or other space in a ship, including deck space. Each port of discharge is indicated by colors or other appropriate means. Deck and between-deck cargo normally is shown in perspective, while cargo stowed in the lower hold is shown in profile, except that vehicles usually are shown in perspective regardless of stowage. See also **stowage diagram.**

strafing — The delivery of automatic weapons fire by aircraft on ground targets.

straggler — (*) 1. Any personnel, vehicles, ships, or aircraft which, without apparent purpose or assigned mission, become separated from their unit, column, or formation. 2. A ship separated from its convoy by more than 5 nautical miles, through inability to keep up, and unable to rejoin before dark, or over 10 nautical miles from its convoy whether or not it can rejoin before dark. See also **romper.**

strapping — 1. An operation by which supply containers, such as cartons or boxes, are reinforced by bands, metal straps, or wire, placed at specified intervals around them, drawn taut, and then sealed or clamped by a machine. 2. Measurement of storage tanks and calculation of volume to provide tables for conversion of depth of product in linear units of measurement to volume of contents.

strategic advantage — The overall relative power relationship of opponents that enables one nation or group of nations effectively to control the course of a military or political situation.

strategic air transport — The movement of personnel and materiel by air in accordance with a strategic plan.

strategic air transport operations — (*) The carriage of passengers and cargo between theaters by means of: a. scheduled service; b. special flight; c. air logistic support; d. aeromedical evacuation.

strategic communication — Focused United States Government efforts to understand and engage key audiences to create, strengthen, or preserve conditions favorable for the

advancement of United States Government interests, policies, and objectives through the use of coordinated programs, plans, themes, messages, and products synchronized with the actions of all instruments of national power. Also called **SC.** (JP 5-0)

strategic concentration — (*) The assembly of designated forces in areas from which it is intended that operations of the assembled force shall begin so that they are best disposed to initiate the plan of campaign.

strategic concept — The course of action accepted as the result of the estimate of the strategic situation. It is a statement of what is to be done in broad terms sufficiently flexible to permit its use in framing the military, diplomatic, economic, informational, and other measures which stem from it.

strategic direction — The common thread that integrates and synchronizes the activities of the Joint Staff, combatant commands, Services, and combat support agencies. As an overarching term, strategic direction encompasses the processes and products by which the President, Secretary of Defense, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff provide strategic guidance in the form of various strategic products. (JP 5-0)

strategic estimate — The estimate of the broad strategic factors that influence the determination of missions, objectives, and courses of action. The estimate is continuous and includes the strategic direction received from the President, Secretary of Defense, or the authoritative body of an alliance or coalition. See also **commander's estimate of the situation; estimate; logistic estimate of the situation; national intelligence estimate.** (JP 3-0)

strategic intelligence — Intelligence required for the formation of policy and military plans at national and international levels. Strategic intelligence and tactical intelligence differ primarily in level of application, but may also vary in terms of scope and detail. See also **intelligence; operational intelligence; tactical intelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

strategic level of war — The level of war at which a nation, often as a member of a group of nations, determines national or multinational (alliance or coalition) strategic security objectives and guidance, and develops and uses national resources to achieve these objectives. Activities at this level establish national and multinational military objectives; sequence initiatives; define limits and assess risks for the use of military and other instruments of national power; develop global plans or theater war plans to achieve those objectives; and provide military forces and other capabilities in accordance with strategic plans. See also **operational level of war; tactical level of war.** (JP 3-0)

strategic mining — A long-term mining operation designed to deny the enemy the use of specific sea routes or sea areas. (JP 3-15)

strategic mission — A mission directed against one or more of a selected series of enemy targets with the purpose of progressive destruction and disintegration of the enemy's

warmaking capacity and will to make war. Targets include key manufacturing systems, sources of raw material, critical material, stockpiles, power systems, transportation systems, communication facilities, and other such target systems. As opposed to tactical operations, strategic operations are designed to have a long-range rather than immediate effect on the enemy and its military forces.

strategic mobility — The capability to deploy and sustain military forces worldwide in support of national strategy. See also **mobility.**

strategic plan — A plan for the overall conduct of a war.

strategic sealift — The afloat pre-positioning and ocean movement of military materiel in support of US and multinational forces. Sealift forces include organic and commercially acquired shipping and shipping services, including chartered foreign-flag vessels and associated shipping services. (JP 4-01.5)

strategic sealift forces — Sealift forces composed of ships, cargo handling and delivery systems, and the necessary operating personnel. They include US Navy, US Marine Corps, and US Army elements with Active and Reserve components. Merchant marine vessels manned by civilian mariners may constitute part of this force. See also **force.** (JP 4-01.6)

strategic sealift shipping — Common-user ships of the Military Sealift Command force, including pre-positioned ships after their pre-positioning mission has been completed and they have been returned to the operational control of the Military Sealift Command. See also **Military Sealift Command; Military Sealift Command force.** (JP 4-01.2)

strategic transport aircraft — (*) Aircraft designed primarily for the carriage of personnel and/or cargo over long distances.

strategic vulnerability — The susceptibility of vital instruments of national power to being seriously decreased or adversely changed by the application of actions within the capability of another nation to impose. Strategic vulnerability may pertain to political, geographic, economic, informational, scientific, sociological, or military factors.

strategic warning — A warning prior to the initiation of a threatening act. See also **tactical warning; warning.**

strategy — A prudent idea or set of ideas for employing the instruments of national power in a synchronized and integrated fashion to achieve theater, national, and/or multinational objectives. (JP 3-0)

stretcher — See **litter.**

strike — An attack to damage or destroy an objective or a capability. (JP 3-0)

strike coordination and reconnaissance — A mission flown for the purpose of detecting targets and coordinating or performing attack or reconnaissance on those targets. Strike coordination and reconnaissance missions are flown in a specific geographic area and are an element of the command and control interface to coordinate multiple flights, detect and attack targets, neutralize enemy air defenses and provide battle damage assessment. Also called **SCAR.** (JP 3-0)

strikedown — The movement of aircraft from the flight deck to the hangar deck level. See also **flight deck.** (JP 3-04)

strike photography — (*) Air photographs taken during an air strike.

strip marker — (*) In land mine warfare, a marker, natural, artificial, or specially installed, located at the start and finish of a mine strip. See also **marker.**

strip plot — (*) A portion of a map or overlay on which a number of photographs taken along a flight line is delineated without defining the outlines of individual prints.

strong point — (*) A key point in a defensive position, usually strongly fortified and heavily armed with automatic weapons, around which other positions are grouped for its protection.

structured message text — (*) A message text composed of paragraphs ordered in a specified sequence, each paragraph characterized by an identifier and containing information in free form. It is designed to facilitate manual handling and processing. See also **formatted message text; free form message text.**

stuffing — Packing of cargo into a container. See also **unstuffing.** (JP 4-09)

subassembly — (*) In logistics, a portion of an assembly, consisting of two or more parts, that can be provisioned and replaced as an entity. See also **assembly; component.**

subkiloton weapon — (*) A nuclear weapon producing a yield below one kiloton. See also **kiloton weapon; megaton weapon; nominal weapon.**

submarine operating authority — The naval commander exercising operational control of submarines. Also called **SUBOPAUTH.**

submarine patrol area — A restricted area established to allow submarine operations: a. unimpeded by the operation of, or possible attack from, friendly forces in wartime; b. without submerged mutual interference in peacetime.

subordinate command — A command consisting of the commander and all those individuals, units, detachments, organizations, or installations that have been placed under the command by the authority establishing the subordinate command. (JP 1)

subordinate unified command — A command established by commanders of unified commands, when so authorized by the Secretary of Defense through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to conduct operations on a continuing basis in accordance with the criteria set forth for unified commands. A subordinate unified command may be established on an area or functional basis. Commanders of subordinate unified commands have functions and responsibilities similar to those of the commanders of unified commands and exercise operational control of assigned commands and forces within the assigned operational area. Also called **subunified command.** See also **area command; functional component command; operational control; subordinate command; unified command.** (JP 1)

subscription — An agreement by a nation's Military Services to agree to accept and abide by, with or without reservation, the details of a standardization agreement. See also **implementation; ratification.**

subsidiary landing — In an amphibious operation, a landing usually made outside the designated landing area, the purpose of which is to support the main landing. (JP 3-02)

subunified command — See **subordinate unified command.** (JP 1)

subversion — Actions designed to undermine the military, economic, psychological, or political strength or morale of a governing authority. See also **unconventional warfare.** (JP 3-24)

subversive activity — Anyone lending aid, comfort, and moral support to individuals, groups, or organizations that advocate the overthrow of incumbent governments by force and violence is subversive and is engaged in subversive activity. All willful acts that are intended to be detrimental to the best interests of the government and that do not fall into the categories of treason, sedition, sabotage, or espionage will be placed in the category of subversive activity.

subversive political action — A planned series of activities designed to accomplish political objectives by influencing, dominating, or displacing individuals or groups who are so placed as to affect the decisions and actions of another government.

summit — The highest altitude above mean sea level that a projectile reaches in its flight from the gun to the target; the algebraic sum of the maximum ordinate and the altitude of the gun.

sun-synchronous orbit — An orbit in which the satellite's orbital plane is at a fixed orientation to the sun, i.e., the orbit precesses about the earth at the same rate that the earth orbits the sun. It has the characteristics of maintaining similar sun angles along its ground trace for all orbits, and typically has an inclination from 96 to 98 degrees, depending on the orbit altitude and orbit shape (eccentricity). (JP 3-14)

supercargo — Personnel that accompany cargo on board a ship for the purpose of accomplishing en route maintenance and security.

supervised route — (*) In road traffic, a roadway over which limited control is exercised by means of traffic control posts, traffic patrols, or both. Movement credit is required for its use by a column of vehicles or a vehicle of exceptional size or weight. See also **route.**

supplementary facilities — (*) Facilities required at a particular location to provide a specified minimum of support for reinforcing forces, which exceed the facilities required to support in-place forces.

supplies — In logistics, all materiel and items used in the equipment, support, and maintenance of military forces. See also **assembly; component; equipment; subassembly.** (JP 4-0)

supply — The procurement, distribution, maintenance while in storage, and salvage of supplies, including the determination of kind and quantity of supplies. a. **producer phase** — That phase of military supply that extends from determination of procurement schedules to acceptance of finished supplies by the Military Services. b. **consumer phase** — That phase of military supply which extends from receipt of finished supplies by the Military Services through issue for use or consumption. (JP 4-0)

supply by air — See **airdrop; air movement.**

supply chain — The linked activities associated with providing materiel from a raw materiel stage to an end user as a finished product. See also **supply; supply chain management.** (JP 4-09)

supply chain management — A cross-functional approach to procuring, producing, and delivering products and services to customers. The broad management scope includes subsuppliers, suppliers, internal information, and funds flow. See also **supply; supply chain.** (JP 4-09)

supplying ship — (*) The ship in a replenishment unit that provides the personnel and/or supplies to be transferred.

supply management — See **inventory control.**

supply support activity — Activities assigned a Department of Defense activity address code and that have a supply support mission, i.e., direct support supply units, missile support elements, and maintenance support units. Also called **SSA.** (JP 4-09)

support — 1. The action of a force that aids, protects, complements, or sustains another force in accordance with a directive requiring such action. 2. A unit that helps another unit in battle. 3. An element of a command that assists, protects, or supplies other

forces in combat. See also **close support; direct support; general support; interdepartmental or agency support; international logistic support; inter-Service support; mutual support.** (JP 1)

support agency — A federal department or agency designated to assist a specific primary agency with available resources, capabilities, or expertise in support of emergency support response operations, as coordinated by the representative of the primary agency. See also **lead federal agency.** (JP 3-28)

supported commander — 1. The commander having primary responsibility for all aspects of a task assigned by the Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan or other joint operation planning authority. In the context of joint operation planning, this term refers to the commander who prepares operation plans or operation orders in response to requirements of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. 2. In the context of a support command relationship, the commander who receives assistance from another commander's force or capabilities, and who is responsible for ensuring that the supporting commander understands the assistance required. See also **support; supporting commander.** (JP 3-0)

supported unit — As related to contracted support, a supported unit is the organization that is the recipient, but not necessarily the requester of, contractor-provided support. See also **requiring activity.** (JP 4-10)

supporting arms — Weapons and weapons systems of all types employed to support forces by indirect or direct fire. (JP 3-02)

supporting arms coordination center — A single location on board an amphibious command ship in which all communication facilities incident to the coordination of fire support of the artillery, air, and naval gunfire are centralized. This is the naval counterpart to the fire support coordination center utilized by the landing force. Also called **SACC.** See also **fire support coordination center.** (JP 3-09.3)

supporting attack — (*) An offensive operation carried out in conjunction with a main attack and designed to achieve one or more of the following: a. deceive the enemy; b. destroy or pin down enemy forces which could interfere with the main attack; c. control ground whose occupation by the enemy will hinder the main attack; or d. force the enemy to commit reserves prematurely or in an indecisive area.

supporting commander — 1. A commander who provides augmentation forces or other support to a supported commander or who develops a supporting plan. This includes the designated combatant commands and Department of Defense agencies as appropriate. 2. In the context of a support command relationship, the commander who aids, protects, complements, or sustains another commander's force, and who is responsible for providing the assistance required by the supported commander. See also **support; supported commander.** (JP 3-0)

supporting fire — Fire delivered by supporting units to assist or protect a unit in combat. See also **direct supporting fire.** (JP 3-09)

supporting forces — Forces stationed in or to be deployed to an operational area to provide support for the execution of an operation order. Combatant command (command authority) of supporting forces is not passed to the supported commander.

supporting operations — In amphibious operations, those operations conducted by forces other than those conducted by the amphibious force. See also **amphibious force; amphibious operation.** (JP 3-02)

supporting plan — An operation plan prepared by a supporting commander, a subordinate commander, or an agency to satisfy the requests or requirements of the supported commander's plan. See also **supported commander; supporting commander.** (JP 5-0)

support items — Items subordinate to or associated with an end item (i.e., spares, repair parts, tools, test equipment, and sundry materiel) and required to operate, service, repair, or overhaul an end item.

suppression — Temporary or transient degradation by an opposing force of the performance of a weapons system below the level needed to fulfill its mission objectives.

suppression mission — A mission to suppress an actual or suspected weapons system for the purpose of degrading its performance below the level needed to fulfill its mission objectives at a specific time for a specified duration.

suppression of enemy air defenses — Activity that neutralizes, destroys, or temporarily degrades surface-based enemy air defenses by destructive and/or disruptive means. Also called **SEAD.** See also **electromagnetic spectrum; electronic warfare.** (JP 3-01)

suppressive fire — Fires on or about a weapons system to degrade its performance below the level needed to fulfill its mission objectives, during the conduct of the fire mission.

surface action group — A temporary or standing organization of combatant ships, other than carriers, tailored for a specific tactical mission. Also called **SAG.** See **group**; **mission.** (JP 3-02)

surface code — See **panel code.**

surface combatant — A ship constructed and armed for combat use with the capability to conduct operations in multiple maritime roles against air, surface and subsurface threats, and land targets.

Surface Deployment and Distribution Command — A major command of the US Army, and the US Transportation Command's component command responsible for designated continental United States land transportation as well as common-user water terminal and traffic management service to deploy, employ, sustain, and redeploy US forces on a global basis. Also called **SDDC.** See also **transportation component command.** (JP 4-09)

surface smuggling event — In counterdrug operations, the sighting of a suspected drug smuggling vessel or arrival of a suspected drug smuggling vessel. See also **arrival zone; counterdrug operations; transit zone.** (JP 3-07.4)

surface-to-air guided missile — (*) A surface-launched guided missile for use against air targets.

surface-to-air missile site — A plot of ground prepared in such a manner that it will readily accept the hardware used in surface-to-air missile system.

surface-to-air weapon — A surface-launched weapon for use against airborne targets. Examples include missiles, rockets, and air defense guns. (JP 3-09.3)

surface-to-surface guided missile — (*) A surface-launched guided missile for use against surface targets.

surface warfare — That portion of maritime warfare in which operations are conducted to destroy or neutralize enemy naval surface forces and merchant vessels. Also called **SUW.** (JP 3-33)

surface zero — See **ground zero.**

surf line — The point offshore where waves and swells are affected by the underwater surface and become breakers. See also **breaker.** (JP 4-01.6)

surf zone — The area of water from the surf line to the beach. See also **surf line.** (JP 4-01.6)

surplus property — Any excess property not required for the needs and for the discharge of the responsibilities of all federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, as determined by the General Services Administration.

surprise dosage attack — (*) A chemical operation which establishes on target a dosage sufficient to produce the desired casualties before the troops can mask or otherwise protect themselves.

surveillance — The systematic observation of aerospace, surface, or subsurface areas, places, persons, or things, by visual, aural, electronic, photographic, or other means.

See also **air surveillance; satellite and missile surveillance; sea surveillance.** (JP 3-0)

surveillance approach — An instrument approach conducted in accordance with directions issued by a controller referring to the surveillance radar display.

survey photography — See **air cartographic photography.**

survivability — Concept which includes all aspects of protecting personnel, weapons, and supplies while simultaneously deceiving the enemy. Survivability tactics include building a good defense; employing frequent movement; using concealment, deception, and camouflage; and constructing fighting and protective positions for both individuals and equipment. (JP 3-34)

survival, evasion, resistance, and escape — Actions performed by isolated personnel designed to ensure their health, mobility, safety, and honor in anticipation of or preparation for their return to friendly control. Also called **SERE.** (JP 3-50)

suspect — 1. In counterdrug operations, a track of interest where correlating information actually ties the track of interest to alleged illegal drug operations. See also **counterdrug operations; track of interest.** 2. An identity applied to a track that is potentially hostile because of its characteristics, behavior, origin, or nationality. See also **assumed friend; hostile; neutral; unknown**. (JP 3-07.4)

suspension equipment — (*) All aircraft devices such as racks, adapters, missile launchers, and pylons used for carriage, employment, and jettison of aircraft stores.

suspension strop — (*) A length of webbing or wire rope between the helicopter and cargo sling.

sustainability — See **military capability.**

sustained attrition minefield — (*) In naval mine warfare, a minefield which is replenished to maintain its danger to the enemy in the face of countermeasures.

sustained rate of fire — (*) Actual rate of fire that a weapon can continue to deliver for an indefinite length of time without seriously overheating.

sustaining stocks — (*) Stocks to support the execution of approved operation plans beyond the initial predetermined period covered by basic stocks until resupply is available for support of continued operations.

sustainment — The provision of logistics and personnel services required to maintain and prolong operations until successful mission accomplishment. (JP 3-0)

swell — Ocean waves that have traveled out of their fetch. Swell characteristically exhibits a more regular and longer period and has flatter crests than waves within their fetch. (JP 4-01.6)

sweeper track — See **hunter track.**

sweep jamming — (*) A narrow band of jamming that is swept back and forth over a relatively wide operating band of frequencies.

swept path — (*) In naval mine warfare, the width of the lane swept by the mechanical sweep at all depths less than the sweep depth.

switch horn — (*) In naval mine warfare, a switch in a mine operated by a projecting spike. See also **horn.**

sympathetic detonation — (*) Detonation of a charge by exploding another charge adjacent to it.

synchronization — 1. The arrangement of military actions in time, space, and purpose to produce maximum relative combat power at a decisive place and time. 2. In the intelligence context, application of intelligence sources and methods in concert with the operation plan to ensure intelligence requirements are answered in time to influence the decisions they support. (JP 2-0)

synchronized clock — A technique of timing the delivery of fires by placing all units on a common time. The synchronized clock uses a specific hour and minute based on either local or universal time. Local time is established using the local time zone. (JP 3-09.3)

synthesis — In intelligence usage, the examining and combining of processed information with other information and intelligence for final interpretation.

synthetic exercise — (*) An exercise in which enemy and/or friendly forces are generated, displayed, and moved by electronic or other means on simulators, radar scopes, or other training devices.

system — A functionally, physically, and/or behaviorally related group of regularly interacting or interdependent elements; that group of elements forming a unified whole. (JP 3-0)

systems support contract — A prearranged contract awarded by a Service acquisition program management office that provides technical support, maintenance and, in some cases, repair parts for selected military weapon and support systems. See also **external support contract; theater support contract.** (JP 4-10)

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table of allowance — An equipment allowance document that prescribes basic allowances of organizational equipment, and provides the control to develop, revise, or change equipment authorization inventory data. Also called **TOA.** (JP 4-09)

TABOO frequencies — Any friendly frequency of such importance that it must never be deliberately jammed or interfered with by friendly forces. Normally, these frequencies include international distress, CEASE BUZZER, safety, and controller frequencies. These frequencies are generally long standing. However, they may be time-oriented in that, as the combat or exercise situation changes, the restrictions may be removed. See also **electronic warfare.** (JP 3-13.1)

tactical aeromedical evacuation — That phase of evacuation which provides airlift for patients from the combat zone to points outside the combat zone, and between points within the communications zone. (JP 4-02)

tactical air command center — The principal US Marine Corps air command and control agency from which air operations and air defense warning functions are directed. It is the senior agency of the US Marine air command and control system that serves as the operational command post of the aviation combat element commander. It provides the facility from which the aviation combat element commander and his battle staff plan, supervise, coordinate, and execute all current and future air operations in support of the Marine air-ground task force. The tactical air command center can provide integration, coordination, and direction of joint and combined air operations. Also called **Marine TACC.** (JP 3-09.3)

tactical air control center — The principal air operations installation (ship-based) from which all aircraft and air warning functions of tactical air operations are controlled. Also called **Navy TACC.** (JP 3-09.3)

tactical air control party — A subordinate operational component of a tactical air control system designed to provide air liaison to land forces and for the control of aircraft. Also called **TACP.** (JP 3-09.3)

tactical air coordinator (airborne) — An officer who coordinates, from an aircraft, the actions of other aircraft engaged in air support of ground or sea forces. Also called **TAC(A).** See also **forward observer**. (JP 3-09.3)

tactical air direction center — An air operations installation under the overall control of the Navy tactical air control center or the Marine Corps tactical air command center, from which aircraft and air warning service functions of tactical air operations in support of amphibious operations are directed. Also called **TADC.** (JP 3-09.3)

tactical airfield fuel dispensing system — A tactical aircraft refueling system deployed by a Marine air-ground task force in support of air operations at an expeditionary airfield or a forward arming and refueling point. Also called **TAFDS.**

tactical air officer (afloat) — The officer (aviator) under the amphibious task force commander who coordinates planning of all phases of air participation of the amphibious operation and air operations of supporting forces en route to and in the objective area. Until control is passed ashore, this officer exercises control over all operations of the tactical air control center (afloat) and is charged with the following: a. control of all aircraft in the objective area assigned for tactical air operations, including offensive and defensive air; b. control of all other aircraft entering or passing through the objective area; and c. control of all air warning facilities in the objective area. (JP 3-02)

tactical air operations center — The principal air control agency of the US Marine air command and control system responsible for airspace control and management. It provides real-time surveillance, direction, positive control, and navigational assistance for friendly aircraft. It performs real-time direction and control of all antiair warfare operations, to include manned interceptors and surface-to-air weapons. It is subordinate to the tactical air command center. Also called **TAOC.** (JP 3-09.3)

tactical air support — (*) Air operations carried out in coordination with surface forces and which directly assist land or maritime operations. See also **air support.**

tactical air support element — An element of a US Army division, corps, or field army tactical operations center consisting of Army component intelligence staff officer and Army component operations staff officer air personnel who coordinate and integrate tactical air support with current tactical ground operations.

tactical air transport operations — The carriage of passengers and cargo within a theater by means of: a. airborne operations: (1) parachute assault, (2) helicopterborne assault, (3) air landing; b. air logistic support; c. special missions; d. aeromedical evacuation missions. (JP 4-02)

tactical assembly area — An area that is generally out of the reach of light artillery and the location where units make final preparations (pre-combat checks and inspections) and rest, prior to moving to the line of departure. See also **assembly area; line of departure.** (JP 3-35)

tactical call sign — (*) A call sign which identifies a tactical command or tactical communication facility. See also **call sign.**

tactical combat force — A combat unit, with appropriate combat support and combat service support assets, that is assigned the mission of defeating Level III threats. Also called **TCF.** (JP 3-10)

tactical concept — (*) A statement, in broad outline, which provides a common basis for future development of tactical doctrine. See also **tactical sub-concept.**

tactical control — Command authority over assigned or attached forces or commands, or military capability or forces made available for tasking, that is limited to the detailed direction and control of movements or maneuvers within the operational area necessary to accomplish missions or tasks assigned. Tactical control is inherent in operational control. Tactical control may be delegated to, and exercised at any level at or below the level of combatant command. Tactical control provides sufficient authority for controlling and directing the application of force or tactical use of combat support assets within the assigned mission or task. Also called **TACON.** See also **combatant command; combatant command (command authority); operational control.** (JP 1)

tactical data link — A Joint Staff-approved, standardized communication link suitable for transmission of digital information. Tactical digital information links interface two or more command and control or weapons systems via a single or multiple network architecture and multiple communication media for exchange of tactical information. Also called **TDL.** (JP 6-0)

tactical diversion — See **diversion.**

tactical exploitation of national capabilities — Congressionally mandated program to improve the combat effectiveness of the Services through more effective military use of national programs. Also called **TENCAP.**

tactical intelligence — Intelligence required for the planning and conduct of tactical operations. See also **intelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

tactical intelligence and related activities — Those activities outside the National Foreign Intelligence Program that accomplish the following: a. respond to operational commanders' tasking for time-sensitive information on foreign entities; b. respond to national intelligence community tasking of systems whose primary mission is support to operating forces; c. train personnel for intelligence duties; d. provide an intelligence reserve; or e. are devoted to research and development of intelligence or related capabilities. Specifically excluded are programs that are so closely integrated with a weapon system that their primary function is to provide immediate-use targeting data. Also called **TIARA.**

tactical level of war — The level of war at which battles and engagements are planned and executed to achieve military objectives assigned to tactical units or task forces. Activities at this level focus on the ordered arrangement and maneuver of combat elements in relation to each other and to the enemy to achieve combat objectives. See also **operational level of war; strategic level of war.** (JP 3-0)

tactical loading — See **combat loading; unit loading.**

tactical locality — (*) An area of terrain which, because of its location or features, possesses a tactical significance in the particular circumstances existing at a particular time.

tactical-logistical group — Representatives designated by troop commanders to assist Navy control officers aboard control ships in the ship-to-shore movement of troops, equipment, and supplies. Also called **TACLOG group**. (JP 3-02)

tactical map — A large-scale map used for tactical and administrative purposes. See also **map.**

tactical minefield — A minefield that is employed to directly attack enemy maneuver as part of a formation obstacle plan and is laid to delay, channel, or break up an enemy advance, giving the defending element a positional advantage over the attacker.

tactical mining — (*) In naval mine warfare, mining designed to influence a specific operation or to counter a known or presumed tactical aim of the enemy. Implicit in tactical mining is a limited period of effectiveness of the minefield.

tactical obstacles — Those obstacles employed to disrupt enemy formations, to turn them into a desired area, to fix them in position under direct and indirect fires, and to block enemy penetrations. (JP 3-15)

tactical operations center — A physical groupment of those elements of a general and special staff concerned with the current tactical operations and the tactical support thereof. Also called **TOC.** See also **command post.**

tactical questioning — Direct questioning by any Department of Defense personnel of a captured or detained person to obtain time-sensitive tactical intelligence information, at or near the point of capture or detention and consistent with applicable law. Also called **TQ.** (JP 3-63)

tactical range — (*) A range in which realistic targets are in use and a certain freedom of maneuver is allowed.

tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel — A Marine Corps mission performed by an assigned and briefed aircrew for the specific purpose of the recovery of personnel, equipment, and/or aircraft when the tactical situation precludes search and rescue assets from responding and when survivors and their location have been confirmed. Also called **TRAP.** (JP 3-50)

tactical reserve — A part of a force held under the control of the commander as a maneuvering force to influence future action.

tactical security — (*) In operations, the measures necessary to deny information to the enemy and to ensure that a force retains its freedom of action and is warned or protected against an unexpected encounter with the enemy or an attack. See also **physical security; security.** (JP 3-07.2)

tactical sub-concept — (*) A statement, in broad outline, for a specific field of military capability within a tactical concept which provides a common basis both for equipment and weapon system development and for future development of tactical doctrine. See also **tactical concept.**

tactical transport aircraft — (*) Aircraft designed primarily for the carriage of personnel and/or cargo over short or medium distances.

tactical unit — An organization of troops, aircraft, or ships that is intended to serve as a single unit in combat. It may include service units required for its direct support.

tactical warning — 1. A warning after initiation of a threatening or hostile act based on an evaluation of information from all available sources. 2. In satellite and missile surveillance, a notification to operational command centers that a specific threat event is occurring. The component elements that describe threat events are as follows: a. **country of origin** — Country or countries initiating hostilities; b. **event type and size** — Identification of the type of event and determination of the size or number of weapons; c. **country under attack** — Determined by observing trajectory of an object and predicting its impact point; and d. **event time** — Time the hostile event occurred. See also **attack assessment; strategic warning.**

tactical warning and attack assessment — A composite term. See separate definitions for tactical warning and for attack assessment. Also called **TW/AA.**

tactics — The employment and ordered arrangement of forces in relation to each other. See also **procedures; techniques.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

tagline — A line attached to a draft of cargo or container to provide control and minimize pendulation of cargo during lifting operations. See also **container; draft.** (JP 4-01.6)

tare weight — The weight of a container deducted from gross weight to obtain net weight or the weight of an empty container. (JP 4-09)

target — 1. An entity or object considered for possible engagement or other action. 2. In intelligence usage, a country, area, installation, agency, or person against which intelligence operations are directed. 3. An area designated and numbered for future firing. 4. In gunfire support usage, an impact burst that hits the target. See also **objective area.** (JP 3-60)

target acquisition — The detection, identification, and location of a target in sufficient detail to permit the effective employment of weapons. Also called **TA.** See also **target analysis.** (JP 3-60)

target analysis — An examination of potential targets to determine military importance, priority of attack, and weapons required to obtain a desired level of damage or casualties. See also **target acquisition.** (JP 3-60)

target approach point — (*) In air transport operations, a navigational check point over which the final turn into the drop zone/landing zone is made. See also **initial point.**

target area of interest — The geographical area where high-value targets can be acquired and engaged by friendly forces. Not all target areas of interest will form part of the friendly course of action; only target areas of interest associated with high priority targets are of interest to the staff. These are identified during staff planning and wargaming. Target areas of interest differ from engagement areas in degree. Engagement areas plan for the use of all available weapons; target areas of interest might be engaged by a single weapon. Also called **TAI.** See also **area of interest; high-value target; target.** (JP 2-01.3)

target area survey base — (*) A base line used for the locating of targets or other points by the intersection of observations from two stations located at opposite ends on the line.

target array — A graphic representation of enemy forces, personnel, and facilities in a specific situation, accompanied by a target analysis.

target audience — An individual or group selected for influence. Also called **TA.** (JP 3-13)

target bearing — 1. **true** — The true compass bearing of a target from a firing ship. 2. **relative** — The bearing of a target measured in the horizontal from the bow of one's own ship clockwise from 0 degrees to 360 degrees, or from the nose of one's own aircraft in hours of the clock.

target complex — A geographically integrated series of target concentrations. See also **target.** (JP 3-60)

target component — A set of targets within a target system performing a similar function. See also **target; target critical damage point.** (JP 3-60)

target concentration — A grouping of geographically proximate targets. See also **target; target complex.** (JP 3-60)

target critical damage point — The part of a target component that is most vital. Also called **critical node.** See also **target; target component.** (JP 3-05.1)

target date — (*) The date on which it is desired that an action be accomplished or initiated.

target development — The systematic examination of potential target systems - and their components, individual targets, and even elements of targets - to determine the necessary type and duration of the action that must be exerted on each target to create an effect that is consistent with the commander's specific objectives. (JP 3-60)

target discrimination — (*) The ability of a surveillance or guidance system to identify or engage any one target when multiple targets are present.

target dossier — (*) A file of assembled target intelligence about a specific geographic area.

target folder — A folder, hardcopy or electronic, containing target intelligence and related materials prepared for planning and executing action against a specific target. See also **target.** (JP 3-60)

target information center — The agency or activity responsible for collecting, displaying, evaluating, and disseminating information pertaining to potential targets. Also called **TIC**. See also **target.** (JP 3-02)

targeting — The process of selecting and prioritizing targets and matching the appropriate response to them, considering operational requirements and capabilities. See also **joint targeting coordination board; target.** (JP 3-0)

target intelligence — Intelligence that portrays and locates the components of a target or target complex and indicates its vulnerability and relative importance. See also **target; target complex.** (JP 3-60)

target location error — The difference between the coordinates generated for a target and the actual location of the target. Target location error is expressed primarily in terms of circular and vertical errors or infrequently, as spherical error. Also called **TLE**. (JP 3-09.3)

target materials — Graphic, textual, tabular, digital, video, or other presentations of target intelligence, primarily designed to support operations against designated targets by one or more weapon(s) systems. Target materials are suitable for training, planning, executing, and evaluating military operations. See also **Air Target Materials Program.** (JP 2-0)

target nomination list — A target-consolidated list of targets made up of the multiple candidate target lists. A prioritized list of targets drawn from the joint target list and nominated by component commanders, appropriate agencies, or the joint force commander's staff for inclusion on the joint integrated prioritized target list. Also

called **TNL.** See also **candidate target list; joint integrated prioritized target list; target.** (JP 3-60)

target of opportunity — 1. A target identified too late, or not selected for action in time, to be included in deliberate targeting that, when detected or located, meets criteria specific to achieving objectives and is processed using dynamic targeting. There are two types of targets of opportunity: unplanned and unanticipated. 2. A target visible to a surface or air sensor or observer, which is within range of available weapons and against which fire has not been scheduled or requested. See also **dynamic targeting; target; unplanned target; unanticipated target.** (JP 3-60)

target overlay — (*) A transparent sheet which, when superimposed on a particular chart, map, drawing, tracing or other representation, depicts target locations and designations. The target overlay may also show boundaries between maneuver elements, objectives and friendly forward dispositions.

target priority — A grouping of targets with the indicated sequence of attack. (JP 3-60)

target range — See **range.**

target signature — 1. The characteristic pattern of a target displayed by detection and identification equipment. 2. In naval mine warfare, the variation in the influence field produced by the passage of a ship or sweep. (JP 3-60)

target stress point — The weakest point (most vulnerable to damage) on the critical damage point. Also called **vulnerable node.** See also **target critical damage point.** (JP 3-05.1)

target system — 1. All the targets situated in a particular geographic area and functionally related. 2. A group of targets that are so related that their destruction will produce some particular effect desired by the attacker. See also **target; target complex.** (JP 3-60)

target system analysis — An all-source examination of potential target systems to determine relevance to stated objectives, military importance, and priority of attack. It is an open-ended analytic process produced through the intelligence production process using national and theater validated requirements as a foundation. Also called **TSA.** (JP 3-60)

target system assessment — The broad assessment of the overall impact and effectiveness of the full spectrum of military force applied against the operation of an enemy target system or total combat effectiveness (including significant subdivisions of the system) relative to the operational objectives established. See also **target system.** (JP 3-60)

target system component — A set of targets belonging to one or more groups of industries and basic utilities required to produce component parts of an end product, or one type of a series of interrelated commodities. (JP 3-60)

task component — A subdivision of a fleet, task force, task group, or task unit, organized by the respective commander or by higher authority for the accomplishment of specific tasks.

task element — A component of a naval task unit organized by the commander of a task unit or higher authority. (JP 3-02)

task force — (*) 1. A temporary grouping of units, under one commander, formed for the purpose of carrying out a specific operation or mission. 2. A semi-permanent organization of units, under one commander, formed for the purpose of carrying out a continuing specific task. 3. A component of a fleet organized by the commander of a task fleet or higher authority for the accomplishment of a specific task or tasks. Also called **TF.** See also **force.**

task group — A component of a naval task force organized by the commander of a task force or higher authority. Also called **TG.** (JP 3-02)

tasking order — A method used to task and to disseminate to components, subordinate units, and command and control agencies projected targets and specific missions. In addition, the tasking order provides specific instructions concerning the mission planning agent, targets, and other control agencies, as well as general instructions for accomplishment of the mission. Also called **TASKORD.** See also **mission; order; target.** (JP 3-05.1)

task order — Order for services placed against an established contract. See also **civil augmentation program; cost-plus award fee contract.** (JP 4-10)

task organization — 1. In the Navy, an organization which assigns to responsible commanders the means with which to accomplish their assigned tasks in any planned action. 2. An organization table pertaining to a specific naval directive.

task-organizing — The act of designing an operating force, support staff, or logistic package of specific size and composition to meet a unique task or mission. Characteristics to examine when task-organizing the force include, but are not limited to: training, experience, equipage, sustainability, operating environment, enemy threat, and mobility. (JP 3-05)

task unit — A component of a naval task group organized by the commander of a task group or higher authority. (JP 3-02)

taxiway — (*) A specially prepared or designated path on an airfield for the use of taxiing aircraft.

T-day — See **times.**

tear line — A physical line on an intelligence message or document separating categories of information that have been approved for foreign disclosure and release. Normally, the intelligence below the tear line is that which has been previously cleared for disclosure or release. (JP 2-0)

technical analysis — (*) In imagery interpretation, the precise description of details appearing on imagery.

technical architecture — A minimal set of rules governing the arrangement, interaction, and interdependence of the parts or elements whose purpose is to ensure that a conformant system satisfies a specified set of requirements.

technical assistance — The providing of advice, assistance, and training pertaining to the installation, operation, and maintenance of equipment. (JP 3-22)

technical characteristics — Those characteristics of equipment that pertain primarily to the engineering principles involved in producing equipment possessing desired military characteristics; e.g., for electronic equipment, technical characteristics include such items as circuitry as well as types and arrangement of components.

technical documentation — Visual information documentation (with or without sound as an integral documentation component) of an actual event made for purposes of evaluation. Typically, technical documentation contributes to the study of human or mechanical factors, procedures, and processes in the fields of medicine, science, logistics, research, development, test and evaluation, intelligence, investigations, and armament delivery. Also called **TECDOC.** (JP 3-61)

technical escort — An individual technically qualified and properly equipped to accompany designated material requiring a high degree of safety or security during shipment.

technical evaluation — The study and investigations by a developing agency to determine the technical suitability of material, equipment, or a system for use in the Military Services.

technical information — Information, including scientific information, that relates to research, development, engineering, test, evaluation, production, operation, use, and maintenance of munitions and other military supplies and equipment.

technical intelligence — Intelligence derived from the collection, processing, analysis, and exploitation of data and information pertaining to foreign equipment and materiel for the purposes of preventing technological surprise, assessing foreign scientific and technical capabilities, and developing countermeasures designed to neutralize an

adversary's technological advantages. Also called **TECHINT.** See also **exploitation; intelligence.** (JP 2-0)

technical operational intelligence — A Defense Intelligence Agency initiative to provide enhanced scientific and technical intelligence to the commanders of unified commands and their subordinates through a closed loop system involving all Service and Defense Intelligence Agency scientific and technical intelligence centers. Through a system manager in the National Military Joint Intelligence Center, the technical operational intelligence program provides timely collection, analysis, and dissemination of area of responsibility-specific scientific and technical intelligence to combatant commanders and their subordinates for planning, training, and executing joint operations. Also called **TOPINT.** (JP 2-0)

technical review authority — The organization tasked to provide specialized technical or administrative expertise to the primary review authority or coordinating review authority for joint publications. Also called TRA. See also **coordinating review authority; joint publication; primary review authority.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

technical surveillance countermeasures — Techniques and measures to detect and neutralize a wide variety of hostile penetration technologies that are used to obtain unauthorized access to classified and sensitive information. Technical penetrations include the employment of optical, electro-optical, electromagnetic, fluidic, and acoustic means as the sensor and transmission medium, or the use of various types of stimulation or modification to equipment or building components for the direct or indirect transmission of information meant to be protected. Also called **TSCM.** See also **counterintelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

techniques — Non-prescriptive ways or methods used to perform missions, functions, or tasks. See also **procedures; tactics.** (CJCSI 5120.02)

telecommunications — Any transmission, emission, or reception of signs, signals, writings, images, sounds, or information of any nature by wire, radio, visual, or other electromagnetic systems. (JP 6-0)

telemedicine — Rapid access to shared and remote medical expertise by means of telecommunications and information technologies to deliver health services and exchange health information for the purpose of improving patient care. (JP 4-02)

temperature gradient — At sea, a temperature gradient is the change of temperature with depth; a positive gradient is a temperature increase with an increase in depth, and a negative gradient is a temperature decrease with an increase in depth.

tempest — An unclassified term referring to technical investigations for compromising emanations from electrically operated information processing equipment; these investigations are conducted in support of emanations and emissions security. See also **counterintelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

temporary interment — A site for the purpose of: a. the interment of the remains if the circumstances permit; or b. the reburial of remains exhumed from an emergency interment. See also **emergency interment; mortuary affairs.** (JP 4-06)

terminal — A facility designed to transfer cargo from one means of conveyance to another. (Conveyance is the piece of equipment used to transport cargo; i.e., railcar to truck or truck to truck. This is as opposed to mode, which is the type of equipment; i.e., ship to rail, rail to truck.) See also **facility.** (JP 4-01.6)

terminal attack control — The authority to control the maneuver of and grant weapons release clearance to attacking aircraft. See also **joint terminal attack controller.** (JP 3-09.3)

terminal clearance capacity — The amount of cargo or personnel that can be moved through and out of a terminal on a daily basis.

terminal control — 1. The authority to direct aircraft to maneuver into a position to deliver ordnance, passengers, or cargo to a specific location or target. Terminal control is a type of air control. 2. Any electronic, mechanical, or visual control given to aircraft to facilitate target acquisition and resolution. See also **terminal guidance.** (JP 3-09.3)

terminal control area — A control area or portion thereof normally situated at the confluence of air traffic service routes in the vicinity of one or more major airfields. See also **control area; controlled airspace; control zone.** (JP 3-52)

terminal guidance — 1. The guidance applied to a guided missile between midcourse guidance and arrival in the vicinity of the target. 2. Electronic, mechanical, visual, or other assistance given an aircraft pilot to facilitate arrival at, operation within or over, landing upon, or departure from an air landing or airdrop facility. See also **terminal control.** (JP 3-03)

terminal guidance operations — Those actions that provide electronic, mechanical, voice or visual communications that provide approaching aircraft and/or weapons additional information regarding a specific target location. Also called **TGO.** (JP 3-09)

terminal operations — The reception, processing, and staging of passengers; the receipt, transit, storage, and marshalling of cargo; the loading and unloading of modes of transport conveyances; and the manifesting and forwarding of cargo and passengers to destination. See also **operation; terminal.** (JP 4-01.5)

terminal phase — That portion of the flight of a ballistic missile that begins when the warhead or payload reenters the atmosphere and ends when the warhead or payload detonates or impacts. For ballistic missiles that do not exit the atmosphere, terminal phase begins when the warhead or payload reaches apogee and ends when the warhead or payload detonates or impacts. See also **boost phase; midcourse phase.** (JP 3-01)

terminal velocity — (*) 1. Hypothetical maximum speed a body could attain along a specified flight path under given conditions of weight and thrust if diving through an unlimited distance in air of specified uniform density. 2. Remaining speed of a projectile at the point in its downward path where it is level with the muzzle of the weapon.

termination criteria — The specified standards approved by the President and/or the Secretary of Defense that must be met before a joint operation can be concluded. (JP 3-0)

terms of reference — 1. A mutual agreement under which a command, element, or unit exercises authority or undertakes specific missions or tasks relative to another command, element, or unit. 2. The directive providing the legitimacy and authority to undertake a mission, task, or endeavor. Also called **TORs.** (JP 3-0)

terrain analysis — (*) The collection, analysis, evaluation, and interpretation of geographic information on the natural and manmade features of the terrain, combined with other relevant factors, to predict the effect of the terrain on military operations.

terrain avoidance system — (*) A system which provides the pilot or navigator of an aircraft with a situation display of the ground or obstacles which project above either a horizontal plane through the aircraft or a plane parallel to it, so that the pilot can maneuver the aircraft to avoid the obstruction.

terrain clearance system — (*) A system which provides the pilot, or autopilot, of an aircraft with climb or dive signals such that the aircraft will maintain a selected height over flat ground and clear the peaks of undulating ground within the selected height in a vertical plane through the flight vector. This system differs from terrain following in that the aircraft need not descend into a valley to follow the ground contour.

terrain flight — (*) Flight close to the Earth's surface during which airspeed, height, and/or altitude are adapted to the contours and cover of the ground in order to avoid enemy detection and fire. Also called **TERF.**

terrain following system — (*) A system which provides the pilot or autopilot of an aircraft with climb or dive signals such that the aircraft will maintain as closely as possible a selected height above a ground contour in a vertical plane through the flight vector.

terrain intelligence — Intelligence on the military significance of natural and manmade characteristics of an area.

terrestrial environment — The Earth's land area, including its man-made and natural surface and sub-surface features, and its interfaces and interactions with the atmosphere and the oceans. (JP 3-14)

territorial airspace — Airspace above land territory, internal waters, archipelagic waters, and territorial seas.

territorial sea — A belt of ocean space adjacent to and measured from the coastal state's baseline to a maximum width of 12 nm. Throughout the vertical and horizontal planes of the territorial sea, the coastal state exercises sovereign jurisdiction, subject to the right of innocent passage of vessels on the surface and the right of transit passage in, under, and over international straits. Territorial sea areas that are a continuation of sea lanes through archipelagoes are subject to archipelagic sealane passage, with the same transit rights as those that apply to international straits.

terrorism — The calculated use of unlawful violence or threat of unlawful violence to inculcate fear; intended to coerce or to intimidate governments or societies in the pursuit of goals that are generally political, religious, or ideological. See also **antiterrorism; combating terrorism; counterterrorism; force protection condition; terrorist; terrorist group.** (JP 3-07.2)

terrorist — An individual who commits an act or acts of violence or threatens violence in pursuit of political, religious, or ideological objectives. See also **terrorism.** (JP 3-07.2)

terrorist group — Any number of terrorists who assemble together, have a unifying relationship, or are organized for the purpose of committing an act or acts of violence or threatens violence in pursuit of their political, religious, or ideological objectives. See also **terrorism.** (JP 3-07.2)

terrorist threat level — An intelligence threat assessment of the level of terrorist threat faced by US personnel and interests in a foreign country. The assessment is based on a continuous intelligence analysis of a minimum of five elements: terrorist group existence, capability, history, trends, and targeting. There are five threat levels: NEGLIGIBLE, LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, and CRITICAL. Threat levels should not be confused with force protection conditions. Threat level assessments are provided to senior leaders to assist them in determining the appropriate local force protection condition. (The Department of State also makes threat assessments, which may differ from those determined by Department of Defense.) (JP 3-07.2)

test depth — (*) The depth to which the submarine is tested by actual or simulated submergence.

theater — The geographical area for which a commander of a geographic combatant command has been assigned responsibility. (JP 1)

theater antisubmarine warfare commander — A Navy commander assigned to develop plans and direct assigned and attached assets for the conduct of antisubmarine warfare within an operational area. Normally designated as a task force or task group

commander and responsible to a Navy component commander or joint force maritime component commander. Also called **TASWC.** (JP 3-32 CH1)

theater-assigned transportation assets — Transportation assets that are assigned under the combatant command (command authority) of a geographic combatant commander. See also **combatant command (command authority); single manager for transportation.** (JP 4-01)

theater detainee reporting center — The field operating agency of the national detainee reporting center. It is the central tracing agency within the theater, responsible for maintaining information on all detainees and their personal property within a theater of operations or assigned area of operations. Also called **TDRC.** (JP 3-63)

theater distribution — The flow of personnel, equipment, and materiel within theater to meet the geographic combatant commander's missions. See also **distribution; theater; theater distribution system.** (JP 4-09)

theater distribution system — A distribution system comprised of four independent and mutually supported networks within theater to meet the geographic combatant commander's requirements: the physical network; the financial network; the information network; and the communications network. See also **distribution; distribution plan; distribution system; theater; theater distribution.** (JP 4-01)

theater event system — Architecture for reporting theater ballistic missile events, composed of three independent processing and reporting elements: the joint tactical ground stations, tactical detection and reporting, and the space-based infrared system mission control station. Also called **TES.** (JP 3-14)

theater hospitalization capability — Essential care and health service support capabilities to either return the patient to duty and/or stabilization to ensure the patient can tolerate evacuation to a definitive care facility outside the theater. It includes modular hospital configurations required to support the theater (emergency medical services, surgical services, primary care, veterinary services, dental services, preventive medicine, and combat and operational stress control, blood banking services, hospitalization, laboratory and pharmacy services, radiology, medical logistics and other medical specialty capabilities as required). (JP 4-02)

theater missile — A missile, which may be a ballistic missile, a cruise missile, or an air-to-surface missile (not including short-range, non-nuclear, direct fire missiles, bombs, or rockets such as Maverick or wire-guided missiles), whose target is within a given theater of operation. Also called **TM.** (JP 3-01)

theater of operations — An operational area defined by the geographic combatant commander for the conduct or support of specific military operations. Multiple theaters of operations normally will be geographically separate and focused on different missions. Theaters of operations are usually of significant size, allowing for operations

in depth and over extended periods of time. Also called **TO.** See also **theater of war.** (JP 3-0)

theater of war — Defined by the President, Secretary of Defense, or the geographic combatant commander, the area of air, land, and water that is, or may become, directly involved in the conduct of major operations and campaigns involving combat. A theater of war does not normally encompass the geographic combatant commander's entire area of responsibility and may contain more than one theater of operations. See also **area of responsibility; theater of operations.** (JP 3-0)

theater patient movement requirements center — The activity responsible for intratheater patient movement management (medical regulating and aeromedical evacuation scheduling), the development of theater-level patient movement plans and schedules, the monitoring and execution in concert with the Global Patient Movement Requirements Center. Also called **TPMRC.** (JP 4-02)

theater special operations command — A subordinate unified or other joint command established by a joint force commander to plan, coordinate, conduct, and support joint special operations within the joint force commander's assigned operational area. Also called TSOC. See also **special operations.** (JP 3-05.1)

theater strategy — Concepts and courses of action directed toward securing the objectives of national and multinational policies and strategies through the synchronized and integrated employment of military forces and other instruments of national power. See also **National Military Strategy; National Security Strategy; strategy.** (JP 3-0)

theater support contract — A type of contingency contract that is awarded by contracting officers in the operational area serving under the direct contracting authority of the Service component, special operations force command, or designated joint head of contracting activity for the designated contingency operation. See also **external support contract; systems support contract.** (JP 4-10)

thermal crossover — The natural phenomenon that normally occurs twice daily when temperature conditions are such that there is a loss of contrast between two adjacent objects on infrared imagery. (JP 3-09.3)

thermal energy — The energy emitted from the fireball as thermal radiation. The total amount of thermal energy received per unit area at a specified distance from a nuclear explosion is generally expressed in terms of calories per square centimeter.

thermal exposure — The total normal component of thermal radiation striking a given surface throughout the course of a detonation; expressed in calories per square centimeter or megajoules per square meter.

thermal imagery — (*) Imagery produced by sensing and recording the thermal energy emitted or reflected from the objects which are imaged.

thermal radiation — (*) 1. The heat and light produced by a nuclear explosion. 2. **(DOD only)** Electromagnetic radiations emitted from a heat or light source as a consequence of its temperature; it consists essentially of ultraviolet, visible, and infrared radiations.

thermal shadow — (*) The tone contrast difference of infrared linescan imagery which is caused by a thermal gradient which persists as a result of a shadow of an object which has been moved.

thermal X-rays — (*) The electromagnetic radiation, mainly in the soft (low-energy) X-ray region, emitted by the debris of a nuclear weapon by virtue of its extremely high temperature.

thermonuclear weapon — (*) A weapon in which very high temperatures are used to bring about the fusion of light nuclei such as those of hydrogen isotopes (e.g., deuterium and tritium) with the accompanying release of energy. The high temperatures required are obtained by means of fission.

thorough decontamination — Decontamination carried out by a unit, with or without external support, to reduce contamination on personnel, equipment, materiel, and/or working areas equal to natural background or to the lowest possible levels, to permit the partial or total removal of individual protective equipment and to maintain operations with minimum degradation. This may include terrain decontamination beyond the scope of operational decontamination. See also **immediate decontamination; operational decontamination.** (JP 3-11)

threat analysis — In antiterrorism, a continual process of compiling and examining all available information concerning potential terrorist activities by terrorist groups which could target a facility. A threat analysis will review the factors of a terrorist group's existence, capability, intentions, history, and targeting, as well as the security environment within which friendly forces operate. Threat analysis is an essential step in identifying probability of terrorist attack and results in a threat assessment. See also **antiterrorism.** (JP 3-07.2)

threat and vulnerability assessment — In antiterrorism, the pairing of a facility's threat analysis and vulnerability analysis. See also **antiterrorism.** (JP 3-07.2)

threat identification and assessment — The Joint Operation Planning and Execution System function that provides: timely warning of potential threats to US interests; intelligence collection requirements; the effects of environmental, physical, and health hazards, and cultural factors on friendly and enemy operations; and determines the enemy military posture and possible intentions.

threat-oriented munitions — (*) In stockpile planning, munitions intended to neutralize a finite assessed threat and for which the total requirement is determined by an agreed mathematical model. See also **level-of-effort munitions.**

threat reduction cooperation — Activities undertaken with the consent and cooperation of host nation authorities in a permissive environment to enhance physical security, and to reduce, dismantle, redirect, and/or improve protection of a state's existing weapons of mass destruction program, stockpiles, and capabilities. Also called **TRC**. (JP 3-40)

threat warning — The urgent communication and acknowledgement of time-critical information essential for the preservation of life and/or vital resources. (JP 2-01)

threshold — (*) The beginning of that portion of the runway usable for landing.

throughput — 1. In transportation, the average quantity of cargo and passengers that can pass through a port on a daily basis from arrival at the port to loading onto a ship or plane, or from the discharge from a ship or plane to the exit (clearance) from the port complex. Throughput is usually expressed in measurement tons, short tons, or passengers. Reception and storage limitation may affect final throughput. 2. In patient movement and care, the maximum number of patients (stable or stabilized) by category, that can be received at the airport, staged, transported, and received at the proper hospital within any 24-hour period. (JP 4-02)

tie down diagram — (*) A drawing indicating the prescribed method of securing a particular item of cargo within a specific type of vehicle.

tie down point — (*) An attachment point provided on or within a vehicle for securing cargo.

tie down point pattern — (*) The pattern of tie down points within a vehicle.

tilt angle — (*) The angle between the optical axis of an air camera and the vertical at the time of exposure.

time-definite delivery — The consistent delivery of requested logistic support at a time and destination specified by the receiving activity. See also **logistic support.** Also called **TDD.** (JP 4-09)

time fuze — (*) A fuze which contains a graduated time element to regulate the time interval after which the fuze will function.

time of attack — The hour at which the attack is to be launched. If a line of departure is prescribed, it is the hour at which the line is to be crossed by the leading elements of the attack.

time of flight — In artillery, mortar, and naval gunfire support, the time in seconds from the instant a weapon is fired, launched, or released from the delivery vehicle or weapons system to the instant it strikes or detonates.

time on target — The actual time at which munitions impact the target. Also called **TOT.** (JP 3-09.3)

time-phased force and deployment data — The Joint Operation Planning and Execution System database portion of an operation plan; it contains time-phased force data, non-unit-related cargo and personnel data, and movement data for the operation plan, including the following: a. In-place units; b. Units to be deployed to support the operation plan with a priority indicating the desired sequence for their arrival at the port of debarkation; c. Routing of forces to be deployed; d. Movement data associated with deploying forces; e. Estimates of non-unit-related cargo and personnel movements to be conducted concurrently with the deployment of forces; and f. Estimate of transportation requirements that must be fulfilled by common-user lift resources as well as those requirements that can be fulfilled by assigned or attached transportation resources. Also called **TPFDD.** See also **time-phased force and deployment data maintenance; time-phased force and deployment data refinement; time-phased force and deployment list.** (JP 5-0)

time-phased force and deployment data maintenance — The deliberate planning process that requires a supported commander to incorporate changes to time-phased force and deployment data (TPFDD) that occur after the TPFDD becomes effective for execution. TPFDD maintenance is conducted by the supported combatant commander in coordination with the supporting combatant commanders, Service components, US Transportation Command, and other agencies as required. At designated intervals, changes to data in the TPFDD, including force structure, standard reference files, and Services' type unit characteristics files, are updated in Joint Operation Planning and Execution System (JOPES) to ensure currency of deployment data. TPFDD maintenance may also be used to update the TPFDD for Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan submission in lieu of refinement during the JOPES plan development phase. Also called **TPFDD maintenance.** See also **time-phased force and deployment data; time-phased force and deployment data refinement; time-phased force and deployment list.**

time-phased force and deployment data refinement — For both global and regional operation plan development, the process consists of several discrete phases time-phased force and deployment data (TPFDD) that may be conducted sequentially or concurrently, in whole or in part. These phases are concept, plan development, and review. The plan development phase consists of several subphases: forces, logistics, and transportation, with shortfall identification associated with each phase. The plan development phases are collectively referred to as TPFDD refinement. The normal TPFDD refinement process consists of sequentially refining force, logistic (non-unit-related personnel and sustainment), and transportation data to develop a TPFDD file that supports a feasible and adequate overlapping of several refinement phases. The decision is made by the supported commander, unless otherwise directed by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. For global planning, refinement conferences are conducted by the Joint Staff in conjunction with US Transportation Command. TPFDD refinement is conducted in coordination with supported and

supporting commanders, Services, the Joint Staff, and other supporting agencies. Commander in Chief, US Transportation Command, will normally host refinement conferences at the request of the Joint Staff or the supported commander. Also called **TPFDD refinement.** See also **time-phased force and deployment data; time-phased force and deployment data maintenance; time-phased force and deployment list.**

time-phased force and deployment list — Appendix 1 to Annex A of the operation plan. It identifies types and/or actual units required to support the operation plan and indicates origin and ports of debarkation or ocean area. It may also be generated as a computer listing from the time-phased force and deployment data. Also called **TPFDL.** See also **Joint Operation Planning and Execution System; time-phased force and deployment data; time-phased force and deployment data maintenance; time-phased force and deployment data refinement.** (JP 4-05)

times — (C-, D-, M-days end at 2400 hours Universal Time (Zulu time) and are assumed to be 24 hours long for planning.) The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff normally coordinates the proposed date with the commanders of the appropriate unified and specified commands, as well as any recommended changes to C-day. L-hour will be established per plan, crisis, or theater of operations and will apply to both air and surface movements. Normally, L-hour will be established to allow C-day to be a 24-hour day. a. **C-day.** The unnamed day on which a deployment operation commences or is to commence. The deployment may be movement of troops, cargo, weapon systems, or a combination of these elements using any or all types of transport. The letter "C" will be the only one used to denote the above. The highest command or headquarters responsible for coordinating the planning will specify the exact meaning of C-day within the aforementioned definition. The command or headquarters directly responsible for the execution of the operation, if other than the one coordinating the planning, will do so in light of the meaning specified by the highest command or headquarters coordinating the planning. b. **D-day.** The unnamed day on which a particular operation commences or is to commence. (JP 3-02) c. **F-hour.** The effective time of announcement by the Secretary of Defense to the Military Departments of a decision to mobilize Reserve units. d. **H-hour.** The specific hour on D-day at which a particular operation commences. e. **H-hour (amphibious operations).** For amphibious operations, the time the first assault elements are scheduled to touch down on the beach, or a landing zone, and in some cases the commencement of countermine breaching operations. (JP 3-02) f. **L-hour.** The specific hour on C-day at which a deployment operation commences or is to commence. g. **L-hour (amphibious operations).** In amphibious operations, the time at which the first helicopter of the helicopter-borne assault wave touches down in the landing zone. (JP 3-02) h. **M-day.** The term used to designate the unnamed day on which full mobilization commences or is due to commence. i. **N-day.** The unnamed day an active duty unit is notified for deployment or redeployment. j. **R-day.** Redeployment day. The day on which redeployment of major combat, combat support, and combat service support forces begins in an operation. k. **S-day.** The day the President authorizes Selective Reserve callup (not more than 200,000). l. **T-day.** The

effective day coincident with Presidential declaration of national emergency and authorization of partial mobilization (not more than 1,000,000 personnel exclusive of the 200,000 callup). m. **W-day.** Declared by the President, W-day is associated with an adversary decision to prepare for war (unambiguous strategic warning). (JP 3-02)

time-sensitive target — A joint force commander designated target requiring immediate response because it is a highly lucrative, fleeting target of opportunity or it poses (or will soon pose) a danger to friendly forces. Also called **TST.** (JP 3-60)

time slot — (*) Period of time during which certain activities are governed by specific regulations.

time to target — The number of minutes and seconds to elapse before aircraft ordnance impacts on target. Also called **TTT.** (JP 3-09.3)

tip — See **pitch.**

title block — See **information box.**

TNT equivalent — (*) A measure of the energy released from the detonation of a nuclear weapon, or from the explosion of a given quantity of fissionable material, in terms of the amount of TNT (trinitrotoluene) which could release the same amount of energy when exploded.

tone down — See **attenuation.**

tophandler — A device specially designed to permit the lifting and handling of containers from the top with rough terrain container handlers. See also **container.** (JP 4-01.6)

topographic base — See **chart base.**

topographic map — A map that presents the vertical position of features in measurable form as well as their horizontal positions. See also **map.**

topography — The configuration of the ground to include its relief and all features. Topography addresses both dry land and the sea floor (underwater topography). (JP 4-01.6)

top secret — See **security classification.**

torpedo defense net — (*) A net employed to close an inner harbor to torpedoes fired from seaward or to protect an individual ship at anchor or underway.

torture — As defined by Title 18, US Code, Section 2340, it is any act committed by a person acting under color of law specifically intended to inflict severe physical or mental pain or suffering (other than pain or suffering incidental to lawful sanctions)

upon another person within his custody or physical control. "Severe mental pain or suffering" means the prolonged mental harm caused by or resulting from: (a) the intentional infliction or threatened infliction of severe physical pain or suffering; (b) the administration or application, or threatened administration or application, of mind-altering substances or other procedures calculated to disrupt profoundly the senses or personality; (c) the threat of imminent death; or (d) the threat that another person will imminently be subjected to death, severe physical pain or suffering, or the administration or application of mind-altering substances or other procedures calculated to disrupt profoundly the senses or personality. (JP 2-01.2)

toss bombing — A method of bombing where an aircraft flies on a line towards the target, pulls up in a vertical plane, releasing the bomb at an angle that will compensate for the effect of gravity drop on the bomb. Similar to loft bombing; unrestricted as to altitude. See also **loft bombing.**

total dosage attack — (*) A chemical operation which does not involve a time limit within which to produce the required toxic level.

total materiel requirement — The sum of the peacetime force material requirement and the war reserve material requirement.

total mobilization — See **mobilization.**

total overall aircraft inventory — The sum of the total active aircraft inventory and the inactive aircraft inventory. Also called **TOAI.**

total pressure — (*) The sum of dynamic and static pressures.

touchdown zone — (*) 1. For fixed wing aircraft — The first 3,000 feet or 1,000 meters of runway beginning at the threshold. 2. For rotary wings and vectored thrust aircraft — That portion of the helicopter landing area or runway used for landing.

toxic chemical, biological, or radiological attack — An attack directed at personnel, animals, or crops, using injurious agents of chemical, biological, or radiological origin.

toxic industrial biological — Any biological material manufactured, used, transported, or stored by industrial, medical, or commercial processes which could pose an infectious or toxic threat. Also called **TIB.** (JP 3-11)

toxic industrial chemical — A chemical developed or manufactured for use in industrial operations or research by industry, government, or academia. For example: pesticides, petrochemicals, fertilizers, corrosives, poisons, etc. These chemicals are not primarily manufactured for the specific purpose of producing human casualties or rendering equipment, facilities, or areas dangerous for human use. Hydrogen cyanide, cyanogen chloride, phosgene, and chloropicrin are industrial chemicals that also can be military chemical agents. Also called **TIC.** (JP 3-11)

toxic industrial material — A generic term for toxic or radioactive substances in solid, liquid, aerosolized, or gaseous form that may be used, or stored for use, for industrial, commercial, medical, military, or domestic purposes. Toxic industrial material may be chemical, biological, or radioactive and described as toxic industrial chemical, toxic industrial biological, or toxic industrial radiological. Also called **TIM.** (JP 3-11)

toxic industrial radiological — Any radiological material manufactured, used, transported, or stored by industrial, medical, or commercial processes. For example: spent fuel rods, medical sources, etc. Also called **TIR.** (JP 3-11)

toxin — Poisonous substances that may be produced naturally (by bacteria, plants, fungi, snakes, insects, and other living organisms) or synthetically. (JP 3-11)

track — 1. A series of related contacts displayed on a data display console or other display device. 2. To display or record the successive positions of a moving object. 3. To lock onto a point of radiation and obtain guidance therefrom. 4. To keep a gun properly aimed, or to point continuously a target-locating instrument at a moving target. 5. The actual path of an aircraft above or a ship on the surface of the Earth. The course is the path that is planned; the track is the path that is actually taken. 6. One of the two endless belts on which a full-track or half-track vehicle runs. 7. A metal part forming a path for a moving object; e.g., the track around the inside of a vehicle for moving a mounted machine gun.

track correlation — Correlating track information for identification purposes using all available data.

tracking — Precise and continuous position-finding of targets by radar, optical, or other means. (JP 3-07.4)

track management — Defined set of procedures whereby the commander ensures accurate friendly and enemy unit and/or platform locations, and a dissemination procedure for filtering, combining, and passing that information to higher, adjacent, and subordinate commanders.

track of interest — In counterdrug operations, contacts that meet the initial sorting criteria applicable in the area where the contacts are detected. Also called **TOI.** See also **suspect.** (JP 3-07.4)

track production area — (*) An area in which tracks are produced by one radar station.

track symbology — (*) Symbols used to display tracks on a data display console or other display device.

track telling — The process of communicating air surveillance and tactical data information between command and control systems or between facilities within the

systems. Telling may be classified into the following types: back tell; cross tell; forward tell; lateral tell; overlap tell; and relateral tell.

trafficability — Capability of terrain to bear traffic. It refers to the extent to which the terrain will permit continued movement of any or all types of traffic.

traffic density — (*) The average number of vehicles that occupy one mile or one kilometer of road space, expressed in vehicles per mile or per kilometer.

traffic flow — (*) The total number of vehicles passing a given point in a given time. Traffic flow is expressed as vehicles per hour.

traffic flow security — The protection resulting from features, inherent in some cryptoequipment, that conceal the presence of valid messages on a communications circuit, normally achieved by causing the circuit to appear busy at all times.

traffic management — The direction, control, and supervision of all functions incident to the procurement and use of freight and passenger transportation services. (JP 4-09)

traffic pattern — The traffic flow that is prescribed for aircraft landing at, taxiing on, and taking off from an airport. The usual components of a traffic pattern are upwind leg, crosswind leg, downwind leg, base leg, and final approach.

trained strength in units — Those reservists assigned to units who have completed initial active duty for training of 12 weeks or its equivalent and are eligible for deployment overseas on land when mobilized under proper authority. Excludes personnel in non-deployable accounts or a training pipeline.

training aids — Any item developed or procured with the primary intent that it shall assist in training and the process of learning.

training and readiness oversight — The authority that combatant commanders may exercise over assigned Reserve Component forces when not on active duty or when on active duty for training. As a matter of Department of Defense policy, this authority includes: a. Providing guidance to Service component commanders on operational requirements and priorities to be addressed in Military Department training and readiness programs; b. Commenting on Service component program recommendations and budget requests; c. Coordinating and approving participation by assigned Reserve Component forces in joint exercises and other joint training when on active duty for training or performing inactive duty for training; d. Obtaining and reviewing readiness and inspection reports on assigned Reserve Component forces; and e. Coordinating and reviewing mobilization plans (including post-mobilization training activities and deployability validation procedures) developed for assigned Reserve Component forces. Also called **TRO.** See also **combatant commander.** (JP 1)

training period — An authorized and scheduled regular inactive duty training period. A training period must be at least two hours for retirement point credit and four hours for pay. Previously used interchangeably with other common terms such as drills, drill period, assemblies, periods of instruction, etc.

training pipeline — A Reserve Component category designation that identifies untrained officer and enlisted personnel who have not completed initial active duty for training of 12 weeks or its equivalent.

training unit — A unit established to provide military training to individual reservists or to Reserve Component units. (JP 4-05)

train path — (*) In railway terminology, the timing of a possible movement of a train along a given route. All the train paths on a given route constitute a timetable.

trajectory — See **ballistic trajectory.**

transfer loader — (*) A wheeled or tracked vehicle with a platform capable of vertical and horizontal adjustment used in the loading and unloading of aircraft, ships, or other vehicles.

transient — 1. Personnel, ships, or craft stopping temporarily at a post, station, or port to which they are not assigned or attached, and having destination elsewhere. 2. An independent merchant ship calling at a port and sailing within 12 hours, and for which routing instructions to a further port have been promulgated. 3. An individual awaiting orders, transport, etc., at a post or station to which he or she is not attached or assigned.

transient forces — Forces that pass or stage through, or base temporarily within, the operational area of another command but are not under its operational control. See also **force; transient.** (JP 1)

transit area — See **staging area.**

transit bearing — (*) A bearing determined by noting the time at which two features on the Earth's surface have the same relative bearing.

transition layer — (*) The airspace between the transition altitude and the transition level.

transition level — (*) The lowest flight level available for use above the transition altitude. See also **altitude.**

transit passage — The nonsuspendable right of continuous and expeditious navigation and/or overflight in the normal mode through an international strait linking one part of the high seas (or exclusive economic zone) with another.

transit route — A sea route which crosses open waters normally joining two coastal routes. (JP 3-07.4)

transit zone — The path taken by either airborne or seaborne smugglers. Zone can include transfer operations to another carrier (airdrop, at-sea transfer, etc.). See also **arrival zone.** (JP 3-07.4)

transmission security — The component of communications security that results from all measures designed to protect transmissions from interception and exploitation by means other than cryptanalysis. See also **communications security.** (JP 6-0)

transnational threat — Any activity, individual, or group not tied to a particular country or region that operates across international boundaries and threatens United States national security or interests. (JP 3-26)

transonic — (*) Of or pertaining to the speed of a body in a surrounding fluid when the relative speed of the fluid is subsonic in some places and supersonic in others. This is encountered when passing from subsonic to supersonic speed and vice versa. See also **speed of sound.**

transponder — (*) A receiver-transmitter which will generate a reply signal, upon proper interrogation. See also **responsor.**

transportability — The capability of material to be moved by towing, self-propulsion, or carrier via any means, such as railways, highways, waterways, pipelines, oceans, and airways.

transport aircraft — (*) Aircraft designed primarily for the carriage of personnel and/or cargo. Transport aircraft may be classed according to range, as follows: a. **Short-range** — Not to exceed 1200 nautical miles at normal cruising conditions (2222 km). b. **Medium-range** — Between 1200 and 3500 nautical miles at normal cruising conditions (2222 and 6482 km). c. **Long-range** — Exceeds 3500 nautical miles at normal cruising conditions (6482 km). See also **strategic transport aircraft; tactical transport aircraft.**

transport area — In amphibious operations, an area assigned to a transport organization for the purpose of debarking troops and equipment. See also **inner transport area; outer transport area**. (JP 3-02)

transportation closure — The actual arrival date of a specified movement requirement at port of debarkation.

transportation component command — The three component commands of United States Transportation Command: Air Force Air Mobility Command, Navy Military Sealift Command, and Army Surface Deployment and Distribution Command. Each transportation component command remains a major command of its parent Service

and continues to organize, train, and equip its forces as specified by law. Each transportation component command also continues to perform Service-unique missions. Also called **TCC.** See also **United States Transportation Command.** (JP 4-01.6)

transportation emergency — A situation created by a shortage of normal transportation capability and of a magnitude sufficient to frustrate military movement requirements, and which requires extraordinary action by the President or other designated authority to ensure continued movement of essential Department of Defense traffic.

transportation feasibility — A determination that the capability exists to move forces, equipment, and supplies from the point of origin to the final destination within the time required. See also **operation plan.** (JP 4-09)

transportation movement requirement — The need for transport of units, personnel, or materiel from a specified origin to a specified destination within a specified timeframe. (JP 4-01)

transportation operating agencies — Those Federal agencies having responsibilities under national emergency conditions for the operational direction of one or more forms of transportation.

transportation priorities — Indicators assigned to eligible traffic that establish its movement precedence. Appropriate priority systems apply to the movement of traffic by sea and air. In times of emergency, priorities may be applicable to continental United States movements by land, water, or air. (JP 4-09)

transportation system — All the land, water, and air routes and transportation assets engaged in the movement of US forces and their supplies across the range of military operations, involving both mature and immature theaters and at the strategic, operational, and tactical levels of war. (JP 4-0)

transport group — An element that directly deploys and supports the landing of the landing force, and is functionally designated as a transport group in the amphibious task force organization. A transport group provides for the embarkation, movement to the objective, landing, and logistic support of the landing force. Transport groups comprise all sealift and airlift in which the landing force is embarked. They are categorized as follows: a. airlifted groups; b. Navy amphibious ship transport groups; and c. strategic sealift shipping groups. (JP 3-02)

transporting (ordnance) — The movement or repositioning of ordnance or explosive devices along established explosive routes (does not apply to the aircraft flight line). See also **ordnance.** (JP 3-04)

transshipment point — (*) A location where material is transferred between vehicles.

traverse — (*) 1. To turn a weapon to the right or left on its mount. 2. A method of surveying in which lengths and directions of lines between points on the earth are obtained by or from field measurements, and used in determining positions of the points

traverse level — (*) That vertical displacement above low-level air defense systems, expressed both as a height and altitude, at which aircraft can cross the area.

treason — Violation of the allegiance owed to one's sovereign or state; betrayal of one's country.

triangulation station — (*) A point on the Earth, the position of which is determined by triangulation. Also called **trig point.**

tri-camera photography — (*) Photography obtained by simultaneous exposure of three cameras systematically disposed in the air vehicle at fixed overlapping angles relative to each other in order to cover a wide field. See also **fan camera photography.**

trim — The difference in draft at the bow and stern of a vessel or the manner in which a vessel floats in the water based on the distribution of cargo, stores and ballast aboard the vessel. See also **draft; watercraft.** (JP 4-01.6)

troops — A collective term for uniformed military personnel (usually not applicable to naval personnel afloat). See also **airborne troops; combat service support elements; service troops.**

troop space cargo — Cargo such as sea or barracks bags, bedding rolls or hammocks, locker trunks, and office equipment, normally stowed in an accessible place. This cargo will also include normal hand-carried combat equipment and weapons to be carried ashore by the assault troops.

tropopause — (*) The transition zone between the stratosphere and the troposphere. The tropopause normally occurs at an altitude of about 25,000 to 45,000 feet (8 to 15 kilometers) in polar and temperate zones, and at 55,000 feet (20 kilometers) in the tropics.

true horizon — (*) 1. The boundary of a horizontal plane passing through a point of vision. 2. In photogrammetry, the boundary of a horizontal plane passing through the perspective center of a lens system.

true north — (*) The direction from an observer's position to the geographic North Pole. The north direction of any geographic meridian.

turnaround — (*) The length of time between arriving at a point and being ready to depart from that point. It is used in this sense for the loading, unloading, re-fueling, and

re-arming, where appropriate, of vehicles, aircraft, and ships. See also **turnaround cycle.**

turnaround cycle — (*) A term used in conjunction with vehicles, ships, and aircraft, and comprising the following: loading time at departure point; time to and from destination; unloading and loading time at destination; unloading time at returning point; planned maintenance time; and, where applicable, time awaiting facilities. See also **turnaround.**

turning movement — A variation of the envelopment in which the attacking force passes around or over the enemy's principal defensive positions to secure objectives deep in the enemy's rear to force the enemy to abandon his position or divert major forces to meet the threat. (JP 3-06)

turning point — (*) In land mine warfare, a point on the centerline of a mine strip or row where it changes direction.

two-person rule — A system designed to prohibit access by an individual to nuclear weapons and certain designated components by requiring the presence at all times of at least two authorized persons, each capable of detecting incorrect or unauthorized procedures with respect to the task to be performed.

types of burst — See **airburst; fallout safe height of burst; height of burst; high altitude burst; low airburst; nuclear airburst; nuclear exoatmospheric burst; nuclear contact-surface burst; nuclear proximity-surface burst; nuclear underground burst; nuclear underwater burst; optimum height of burst; safe burst height.**

type unit — A type of organizational or functional entity established within the Armed Forces and uniquely identified by a five-character, alphanumeric code called a unit type code.

type unit data file — A file that provides standard planning data and movement characteristics for personnel, cargo, and accompanying supplies associated with type units.

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unaccounted for — An inclusive term (not a casualty status) applicable to personnel whose person or remains are not recovered or otherwise accounted for following hostile action. Commonly used when referring to personnel who are killed in action and whose bodies are not recovered. See also **casualty; casualty category; casualty status; casualty type.**

unanticipated target — A target of opportunity that was unknown or not expected to exist in the operational environment. See also **target of opportunity.** See also **operational area; target; target of opportunity.** (JP 3-60)

unauthorized commitment — An agreement that is not binding solely because the United States Government representative who made it lacked the authority to enter into that agreement on behalf of the Unites States Government. See also **ratification.** (JP 4-10)

uncertain environment — Operational environment in which host government forces, whether opposed to or receptive to operations that a unit intends to conduct, do not have totally effective control of the territory and population in the intended operational area. (JP 3-0)

uncharged demolition target — (*) A demolition target for which charges have been calculated, prepared, and stored in a safe place, and for which execution procedures have been established. See also **demolition target.**

unclassified matter — (*) Official matter which does not require the application of security safeguards, but the disclosure of which may be subject to control for other reasons. See also **classified matter.**

unconventional assisted recovery — Nonconventional assisted recovery conducted by special operations forces. Also called **UAR.** See also **authenticate; evader; recovery.** (JP 3-50)

unconventional assisted recovery coordination cell — A compartmented special operations forces facility, established by the joint force special operations component commander, staffed on a continuous basis by supervisory personnel and tactical planners to coordinate, synchronize, and de-conflict nonconventional assisted recovery operations within the operational area assigned to the joint force commander. Also called **UARCC.** See also **joint operations center; joint personnel recovery center; special operations forces; unconventional assisted recovery.** (JP 3-50)

unconventional assisted recovery mechanism — A recovery mechanism developed and managed by special operations forces. Also called **UARM.** See also **recovery; unconventional assisted recovery.** (JP 3-50)

unconventional assisted recovery team — A designated special operations forces unconventional warfare ground or maritime force capable of conducting unconventional assisted recovery with indigenous or surrogate forces. Also called **UART.** (JP 3-50)

unconventional warfare — A broad spectrum of military and paramilitary operations, normally of long duration, predominantly conducted through, with, or by indigenous or surrogate forces who are organized, trained, equipped, supported, and directed in varying degrees by an external source. It includes, but is not limited to, guerrilla warfare, subversion, sabotage, intelligence activities, and unconventional assisted recovery. Also called **UW.** (JP 3-05)

undersea warfare — Operations conducted to establish and maintain control of the underwater environment by denying an opposing force the effective use of underwater systems and weapons. It includes offensive and defensive submarine, antisubmarine, and mine warfare operations. Also called **USW.** See also **antisubmarine warfare; mine warfare.** (JP 3-32 CH1)

underwater demolition — (*) The destruction or neutralization of underwater obstacles; this is normally accomplished by underwater demolition teams.

underwater demolition team — A group of officers and enlisted specially trained and equipped for making hydrographic reconnaissance of approaches to prospective landing beaches; for effecting demolition of obstacles and clearing mines in certain areas; locating, improving, and marking of useable channels; channel and harbor clearance; acquisition of pertinent data during pre-assault operations, including military information; observing the hinterland to gain information useful to the landing force; and for performing miscellaneous underwater and surface tasks within their capabilities. Also called **UDT.**

underway replenishment — See **replenishment at sea.**

underway replenishment force — (*) A task force of fleet auxiliaries (consisting of oilers, ammunition ships, stores issue ships, etc.) adequately protected by escorts furnished by the responsible operational commander. The function of this force is to provide underway logistic support for naval forces. See also **force.**

underway replenishment group — A task group configured to provide logistic replenishment of ships underway by transfer-at-sea methods.

unexploded explosive ordnance — Explosive ordnance which has been primed, fused, armed or otherwise prepared for action, and which has been fired, dropped, launched, projected, or placed in such a manner as to constitute a hazard to operations, installations, personnel, or material and remains unexploded either by malfunction or design or for any other cause. Also called **UXO.** See also **explosive ordnance.** (JP 3-15)

unified action — The synchronization, coordination, and/or integration of the activities of governmental and nongovernmental entities with military operations to achieve unity of effort. (JP 1)

unified combatant command — See **unified command.** (JP 1)

unified command — A command with a broad continuing mission under a single commander and composed of significant assigned components of two or more Military Departments that is established and so designated by the President, through the Secretary of Defense with the advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Also called **unified combatant command.** See also **combatant command; subordinate unified command.** (JP 1)

Unified Command Plan — The document, approved by the President, that sets forth basic guidance to all unified combatant commanders; establishes their missions, responsibilities, and force structure; delineates the general geographical area of responsibility for geographic combatant commanders; and specifies functional responsibilities for functional combatant commanders. Also called **UCP.** See also **combatant command; combatant commander.** (JP 1)

uniformed services — The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Services. See also **Military Department; Military Service.**

unit — 1. Any military element whose structure is prescribed by competent authority, such as a table of organization and equipment; specifically, part of an organization. 2. An organization title of a subdivision of a group in a task force. 3. A standard or basic quantity into which an item of supply is divided, issued, or used. In this meaning, also called **unit of issue.** 4. With regard to Reserve Components of the Armed Forces, denotes a Selected Reserve unit organized, equipped, and trained for mobilization to serve on active duty as a unit or to augment or be augmented by another unit. Headquarters and support functions without wartime missions are not considered units.

unit aircraft — Those aircraft provided an aircraft unit for the performance of a flying mission.

unit commitment status — (*) The degree of commitment of any unit designated and categorized as a force allocated to NATO.

unit designation list — A list of actual units by unit identification code designated to fulfill requirements of a force list.

United States — Includes the land area, internal waters, territorial sea, and airspace of the United States, including the following: a. US territories, possessions, and

commonwealths; and b. Other areas over which the US Government has complete jurisdiction and control or has exclusive authority or defense responsibility.

United States Armed Forces — Used to denote collectively only the regular components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. See also **Armed Forces of the United States.**

United States controlled shipping — That shipping under US flag and selected ships under foreign flag considered to be under "effective US control," i.e., that can reasonably be expected to be made available to the United States in time of national emergency. See also **effective US controlled ships.**

United States message text format — A program designed to enhance joint and combined combat effectiveness through standardization of message formats, data elements, and information exchange procedures. Standard message formats with standard information content provides all tactical commanders at the joint interface with a common playing field and a common language. Also called **USMTF.**

United States Naval Ship — A public vessel of the United States that is in the custody of the Navy and is: a. Operated by the Military Sealift Command and manned by a civil service crew; or b. Operated by a commercial company under contract to the Military Sealift Command and manned by a merchant marine crew. Also called **USNS.** See also **Military Sealift Command.** (JP 3-02.2)

United States Signals Intelligence System — The unified organization of signals intelligence activities under the direction of the Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service. It consists of the National Security Agency/Central Security Service, the components of the Military Services authorized to conduct signals intelligence, and such other entities (other than the Federal Bureau of Investigation) authorized by the National Security Council or the Secretary of Defense to conduct signals intelligence activities. Also called **USSS.** See also **counterintelligence.** (JP 2-01.2)

United States Transportation Command — The unified command with the mission to provide strategic air, land, and sea transportation and common-user port management for the Department of Defense across the range of military operations. Also called **USTRANSCOM.** See also **global transportation network; single port manager; transportation component command; unified command.** (JP 4-01)

unit identification code — A six-character, alphanumeric code that uniquely identifies each Active, Reserve, and National Guard unit of the Armed Forces. Also called **UIC.**

unitized load — A single item or a number of items packaged, packed, or arranged in a specified manner and capable of being handled as a unit. Unitization may be accomplished by placing the item or items in a container or by banding them securely together. See also **palletized unit load.**

unit line number — A seven-character alphanumeric code that describes a unique increment of a unit deployment, i.e., advance party, main body, equipment by sea and air, reception team, or trail party, in a Joint Operation Planning and Execution System time-phased force and deployment data. Also called **ULN.**

unit loading — (*) The loading of troop units with their equipment and supplies in the same vessels, aircraft, or land vehicles. See also **loading.**

unit movement control center — A temporary organization activated by major subordinate commands and subordinate units during deployment to control and manage marshalling and movement. Also called **UMCC.** See also **deployment; marshaling; unit.** (JP 3-35)

unit of issue — In its special storage meaning, refers to the quantity of an item; as each number, dozen, gallon, pair, pound, ream, set, yard. Usually termed unit of issue to distinguish from "unit price." See also **unit.**

unit movement data — A unit equipment and/or supply listing containing corresponding transportability data. Tailored unit movement data has been modified to reflect a specific movement requirement. Also called **UMD.**

unit personnel and tonnage table — A table included in the loading plan of a combat-loaded ship as a recapitulation of totals of personnel and cargo by type, listing cubic measurements and weight. Also called **UP&TT.**

unit readiness — See **readiness.**

unit type code — A Joint Chiefs of Staff developed and assigned code, consisting of five characters that uniquely identify a "type unit."

unity of effort — Coordination and cooperation toward common objectives, even if the participants are not necessarily part of the same command or organization - the product of successful unified action. (JP 1)

Universal Joint Task List — A menu of capabilities (mission-derived tasks with associated conditions and standards, i.e., the tools) that may be selected by a joint force commander to accomplish the assigned mission. Once identified as essential to mission accomplishment, the tasks are reflected within the command joint mission essential task list. Also called **UJTL.** (JP 3-33)

universal polar stereographic grid — A military grid prescribed for joint use in operations in limited areas and used for operations requiring precise position reporting. It covers areas between the 80 degree parallels and the poles.

Universal Postal Union — A worldwide postal organization to which the United States and most other countries are members. The exchange of mail, except parcel post, between the United States and other nations is governed by the provisions of the Universal Postal Union convention. Also called **UPU.**

Universal Time — A measure of time that conforms, within a close approximation, to the mean diurnal rotation of the Earth and serves as the basis of civil timekeeping. Universal Time (UT1) is determined from observations of the stars, radio sources, and also from ranging observations of the moon and artificial Earth satellites. The scale determined directly from such observations is designated Universal Time Observed (UTO); it is slightly dependent on the place of observation. When UTO is corrected for the shift in longitude of the observing station caused by polar motion, the time scale UT1 is obtained. When an accuracy better than one second is not required, Universal Time can be used to mean Coordinated Universal Time. Also called **ZULU time.** Formerly called Greenwich Mean Time.

universal transverse mercator grid — (*) A grid coordinate system based on the transverse mercator projection, applied to maps of the Earth's surface extending to 84 degrees N and 80 degrees S latitudes. Also called **UTM grid.**

unknown — 1. A code meaning "information not available." 2. An unidentified target. An aircraft or ship that has not been determined to be hostile, friendly, or neutral using identification friend or foe and other techniques, but that must be tracked by air defense or naval engagement systems. 3. An identity applied to an evaluated track that has not been identified. See also **assumed friend; friend; hostile; neutral; suspect.**

unmanned aircraft — An aircraft or balloon that does not carry a human operator and is capable of flight under remote control or autonomous programming. Also called **UA.** (JP 3-52)

unmanned aircraft system — That system whose components include the necessary equipment, network, and personnel to control an unmanned aircraft. Also called **UAS.** (JP 3-52)

unplanned target — A target of opportunity that is known to exist in the operational environment. See also **operational area; target; target of opportunity.** (JP 3-60)

unscheduled convoy phase — (*) The period in the early days of war when convoys are instituted on an ad hoc basis before the introduction of convoy schedules in the regular convoy phase.

unstable patient — A patient whose physiological status is in fluctuation. Emergent, treatment and/or surgical intervention are anticipated during the evacuation. An unstable patient's rapidly changing status and requirements are beyond the standard en route care capability and requires medical/surgical augmentation. (JP 4-02)

unstuffing — The removal of cargo from a container. Also called **stripping.** (JP 4-09)

unwanted cargo — (*) A cargo loaded in peacetime which is not required by the consignee country in wartime.

unwarned exposed — (*) The vulnerability of friendly forces to nuclear weapon effects. In this condition, personnel are assumed to be standing in the open at burst time, but have dropped to a prone position by the time the blast wave arrives. They are expected to have areas of bare skin exposed to direct thermal radiation, and some personnel may suffer dazzle. See also **warned exposed; warned protected.**

urban triad — The three elements that compose the urban environment: complex man-made physical terrain, a population of significant size and density, and an infrastructure. See also **infrastructure; joint urban operations.** (JP 3-06)

urgent mining — (*) In naval mine warfare, the laying of mines with correct spacing but not in the ordered or planned positions. The mines may be laid either inside or outside the allowed area in such positions that they will hamper the movements of the enemy more than those of our own forces.

US commercial assets — US commercial aircraft, spacecraft, flag shipping, offshore, and land-based assets located landward of the outer limit of the continental shelf of the United States, its territories, and possessions, and excluding those privately owned oil rigs operating under foreign license in disputed offshore areas.

use of force policy — Policy guidance issued by the Commandant, US Coast Guard, on the use of force and weapons.

US Defense Representative — A senior US officer in a foreign country representing the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the commander of the unified command that coordinates the security matters regarding in-country, non-combat Department of Defense (DOD) elements (i.e., DOD personnel and organizations under the command of a combatant commander but not assigned to, or attached to, the combatant commander). Also called **USDR.**

US forces — All Armed Forces (including the Coast Guard) of the United States, any person in the Armed Forces of the United States, and all equipment of any description that either belongs to the US Armed Forces or is being used (including Type I and II Military Sealift Command vessels), escorted, or conveyed by the US Armed Forces.

US national — US citizen and US permanent and temporary legal resident aliens.

US person — For intelligence purposes, a US person is defined as one of the following: (1) a US citizen; (2) an alien known by the intelligence agency concerned to be a permanent resident alien; (3) an unincorporated association substantially composed of US citizens or permanent resident aliens; or (4) a corporation incorporated in the

United States, except for those directed and controlled by a foreign government or governments. (JP 2-01.2)

US Transportation Command coordinating instructions — Instructions of the US Transportation Command that establish suspense dates for selected members of the joint planning and execution community to complete updates to the operation plan database. Instructions will ensure that the target date movement requirements will be validated and available for scheduling.

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validate — Execution procedure used by combatant command components, supporting combatant commanders, and providing organizations to confirm to the supported commander and US Transportation Command that all the information records in a time-phased force and deployment data not only are error-free for automation purposes, but also accurately reflect the current status, attributes, and availability of units and requirements. Unit readiness, movement dates, passengers, and cargo details should be confirmed with the unit before validation occurs.

validation — 1. A process associated with the collection and production of intelligence that confirms that an intelligence collection or production requirement is sufficiently important to justify the dedication of intelligence resources, does not duplicate an existing requirement, and has not been previously satisfied. 2. A part of target development that ensures all vetted targets meet the objectives and criteria outlined in the commander's guidance and ensures compliance with the law of armed conflict and rules of engagement. 3. In computer modeling and simulation, the process of determining the degree to which a model or simulation is an accurate representation of the real world from the perspective of the intended uses of the model or simulation. 4. Execution procedure used by combatant command components, supporting combatant commanders, and providing organizations to confirm to the supported commander and United States Transportation Command that all the information records in a time-phased force and deployment data not only are error free for automation purposes, but also accurately reflect the current status, attributes, and availability of units and requirements. See also **time-phased force and deployment data; verification.** (JP 3-35)

valuable cargo — (*) Cargo which may be of value during a later stage of the war.

variability — (*) The manner in which the probability of damage to a specific target decreases with the distance from ground zero; or, in damage assessment, a mathematical factor introduced to average the effects of orientation, minor shielding, and uncertainty of target response to the effects considered.

variation — The angular difference between true and magnetic north. See also **deviation.**

vehicle-borne improvised explosive device — A device placed or fabricated in an improvised manner on a vehicle incorporating destructive, lethal, noxious, pyrotechnic, or incendiary chemicals and designed to destroy, incapacitate, harass, or distract. Otherwise known as a car bomb. Also called **VBIED.** (JP 3-10)

vehicle cargo — Wheeled or tracked equipment, including weapons, that require certain deck space, head room, and other definite clearance.

vehicle distance — (*) The clearance between vehicles in a column which is measured from the rear of one vehicle to the front of the following vehicle.

vehicle summary and priority table — A table listing all vehicles by priority of debarkation from a combat-loaded ship. It includes the nomenclature, dimensions, square feet, cubic feet, weight, and stowage location of each vehicle; the cargo loaded in each vehicle; and the name of the unit to which the vehicle belongs.

verification — 1. In arms control, any action, including inspection, detection, and identification, taken to ascertain compliance with agreed measures. 2. In computer modeling and simulation, the process of determining that a model or simulation implementation accurately represents the developer's conceptual description and specifications. See also **configuration management; validation.**

verify — (*) To ensure that the meaning and phraseology of the transmitted message conveys the exact intention of the originator.

vertex — (*) In artillery and naval gunfire support, the highest point in the trajectory of a projectile.

vertex height — See **maximum ordinate.**

vertical air photograph — (*) An air photograph taken with the optical axis of the camera perpendicular to the surface of the Earth.

vertical and/or short takeoff and landing — Vertical and/or short takeoff and landing capability for aircraft.

vertical envelopment — A tactical maneuver in which troops, either air-dropped or air-landed, attack the rear and flanks of a force, in effect cutting off or encircling the force. (JP 3-18)

vertical landing zone — A specified ground area for landing vertical takeoff and landing aircraft to embark or disembark troops and/or cargo. A landing zone may contain one or more landing sites. Also called **VLZ.** See also **landing zone; vertical takeoff and landing aircraft.** (JP 3-02)

vertical loading — (*) A type of loading whereby items of like character are vertically tiered throughout the holds of a ship so that selected items are available at any stage of the unloading. See also **loading.**

vertical replenishment — The use of a helicopter for the transfer of materiel to or from a ship. Also called **VERTREP.** (JP 3-04)

vertical separation — (*) Separation between aircraft expressed in units of vertical distance.

vertical takeoff and landing aircraft — Fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters capable of taking off or landing vertically. Also called **VTOL aircraft.** See also **vertical landing zone.** (JP 3-02)

very seriously ill or injured — The casualty status of a person whose illness or injury is classified by medical authority to be of such severity that life is imminently endangered. Also called **VSII.** See also **casualty status.** (JP 4-02)

very small aperture terminal — Refers to a fixed satellite terminal whose antenna diameter typically does not exceed two meters. Also called **VSAT.**

vesicant agent — See **blister agent.** (JP 3-11)

vetting — A part of target development that assesses the accuracy of the supporting intelligence to targeting. (JP 3-60)

vignetting — (*) A method of producing a band of color or tone on a map or chart, the density of which is reduced uniformly from edge to edge.

visual call sign — (*) A call sign provided primarily for visual signaling. See also **call sign.**

visual information — Various visual media with or without sound. Generally, visual information includes still and motion photography, audio video recording, graphic arts, visual aids, models, display, and visual presentations. Also called **VI.** (JP 3-61)

visual meteorological conditions — Weather conditions in which visual flight rules apply; expressed in terms of visibility, ceiling height, and aircraft clearance from clouds along the path of flight. When these criteria do not exist, instrument meteorological conditions prevail and instrument flight rules must be complied with. Also called **VMC.** See also **instrument meteorological conditions.** (JP 3-04)

visual mine firing indicator — (*) A device used with exercise mines to indicate that the mine would have detonated had it been poised.

vital area — (*) A designated area or installation to be defended by air defense units.

vital ground — (*) Ground of such importance that it must be retained or controlled for the success of the mission. See also **key terrain.**

voice call sign — (*) A call sign provided primarily for voice communication. See also **call sign.**

Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement — An agreement that provides the Department of Defense with assured access to US flag assets, both vessel capacity and intermodal systems, to meet Department of Defense contingency requirements. Carriers

contractually commit specified portions of their fleet to meet time-phased Department of Defense contingency requirements. Also called **VISA.** See also **intermodal; intermodal systems.** (JP 4-01.2)

voluntary tanker agreement — An agreement established by the Maritime Administration to provide for US commercial tanker owners and operators to voluntarily make their vessels available to satisfy the Department of Defense needs. It is designed to meet contingency or war requirements for point-to-point petroleum, oils, and lubricants movements, and not to deal with capacity shortages in resupply operations. Also called **VTA.** (JP 4-01.2)

voluntary training — Training in a non-pay status for Individual Ready Reservists and active status Standby Reservists. Participation in voluntary training is for retirement points only and may be achieved by training with Selected Reserve or voluntary training units; by active duty for training; by completion of authorized military correspondence courses; by attendance at designated courses of instruction; by performing equivalent duty; by participation in special military and professional events designated by the Military Departments; or by participation in authorized Civil Defense activities. Retirees may voluntarily train with organizations to which they are properly preassigned by orders for recall to active duty in a national emergency or declaration of war. Such training shall be limited to that training made available within the resources authorized by the Secretary concerned.

voluntary training unit — A unit formed by volunteers to provide Reserve Component training in a non-pay status for Individual Ready Reservists and active status Standby Reservists attached under competent orders and participating in such units for retirement points.

VOR — (*) An air navigational radio aid which uses phase comparison of a ground transmitted signal to determine bearing. This term is derived from the words "very high frequency omnidirectional radio range."

vulnerability — 1. The susceptibility of a nation or military force to any action by any means through which its war potential or combat effectiveness may be reduced or its will to fight diminished. 2. The characteristics of a system that cause it to suffer a definite degradation (incapability to perform the designated mission) as a result of having been subjected to a certain level of effects in an unnatural (man-made) hostile environment. 3. In information operations, a weakness in information system security design, procedures, implementation, or internal controls that could be exploited to gain unauthorized access to information or an information system. See also **information; information operations; information system.** (JP 3-60)

vulnerability assessment — A Department of Defense, command, or unit-level evaluation (assessment) to determine the vulnerability of a terrorist attack against an installation, unit, exercise, port, ship, residence, facility, or other site. Identifies areas of

improvement to withstand, mitigate, or deter acts of violence or terrorism. Also called **VA.** (JP 3-07.2)

vulnerable area — See **vital area.**

vulnerable node — See **target stress point.**

vulnerable point — See **vital area.**

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wading crossing — See **deep fording capability.**

walking patient — A patient whose injuries and/or illness are relatively minor, permitting the patient to walk and not require a litter. See also **litter; patient; slightly wounded.** (JP 4-02)

wanted cargo — (*) In naval control of shipping, a cargo which is not immediately required by the consignee country but will be needed later.

warble — (*) In naval mine warfare, the process of varying the frequency of sound produced by a narrow band noisemaker to ensure that the frequency to which the mine will respond is covered.

warden system — An informal method of communication used to pass information to US citizens during emergencies. See also **noncombatant evacuation operations.** (JP 3-68)

war game — A simulation, by whatever means, of a military operation involving two or more opposing forces using rules, data, and procedures designed to depict an actual or assumed real life situation.

warhead section — (*) A completely assembled warhead, including appropriate skin sections and related components.

war materiel requirement — The quantity of an item required to equip and support the approved forces specified in the current Secretary of Defense guidance through the period prescribed for war materiel planning purposes.

warned exposed — (*) The vulnerability of friendly forces to nuclear weapon effects. In this condition, personnel are assumed to be prone with all skin covered and with thermal protection at least that provided by a two-layer summer uniform. See also **unwarned exposed; warned protected.**

warned protected — (*) The vulnerability of friendly forces to nuclear weapon effects. In this condition, personnel are assumed to have some protection against heat, blast, and radiation such as that afforded in closed armored vehicles or crouched in fox holes with improvised overhead shielding. See also **unwarned exposed; warned exposed.**

warning — 1. A communication and acknowledgment of dangers implicit in a wide spectrum of activities by potential opponents ranging from routine defense measures to substantial increases in readiness and force preparedness and to acts of terrorism or political, economic, or military provocation. 2. Operating procedures, practices, or conditions that may result in injury or death if not carefully observed or followed. (JP 3-04)

warning area — See **danger area.**

warning of attack — A warning to national policymakers that an adversary is not only preparing its armed forces for war, but intends to launch an attack in the near future. See also **tactical warning; warning.**

warning order — 1. A preliminary notice of an order or action that is to follow. 2. **(**A planning directive that initiates the development and evaluation of military courses of action by a supported commander and requests that the supported commander submit a commander's estimate. 3. A planning directive that describes the situation, allocates forces and resources, establishes command relationships, provides other initial planning guidance, and initiates subordinate unit mission planning. Also called **WARNORD.** (JP 3-33)

warning red — See **air defense warning conditions.**

warning shots — The firing of shots or delivery of ordnance by personnel or weapons systems in the vicinity of a person, vessel, or aircraft as a signal to immediately cease activity. Warning shots are one measure to convince a potentially hostile force to withdraw or cease its threatening actions.

warning white — See **air defense warning conditions.**

warning yellow — See **air defense warning conditions.**

warp — To haul a ship ahead by line or anchor. (JP 4-01.6)

war reserve materiel requirement — That portion of the war materiel requirement required to be on hand on D-day. This level consists of the war materiel requirement less the sum of the peacetime assets assumed to be available on D-day and the war materiel procurement capability.

war reserves — (*) Stocks of materiel amassed in peacetime to meet the increase in military requirements consequent upon an outbreak of war. War reserves are intended to provide the interim support essential to sustain operations until resupply can be effected.

war reserve stock — That portion of total materiel assets designated to satisfy the war reserve materiel requirement. Also called **WRS.** See also **reserve; war reserve materiel requirement; war reserves.** (JP 2-03)

wartime load — The maximum quantity of supplies of all kinds which a ship can carry. The composition of the load is prescribed by proper authority.

wartime manpower planning system — A standardized Department of Defense (DOD)-wide procedure, structure, and database for computing, compiling, projecting, and portraying the time-phased wartime manpower requirements, demand, and supply of the DOD components. Also called **WARMAPS.** See also **S-day.**

wartime reserve modes — Characteristics and operating procedures of sensor, communications, navigation aids, threat recognition, weapons, and countermeasures systems that will contribute to military effectiveness if unknown to or misunderstood by opposing commanders before they are used, but could be exploited or neutralized if known in advance. Wartime reserve modes are deliberately held in reserve for wartime or emergency use and seldom, if ever, applied or intercepted prior to such use. Also called **WARM.**

Washington Liaison Group — An interagency committee and/or joint monitoring body, chaired by the Department of State with representation from the Department of Defense, established to coordinate the preparation and implementation of plans for evacuation of United States citizens abroad in emergencies. Also called **WLG.** (JP 3-68)

watching mine — (*) In naval mine warfare, a mine secured to its mooring but showing on the surface, possibly only in certain tidal conditions. See also **floating mine; mine.**

watercraft — Any vessel or craft designed specifically and only for movement on the surface of the water. (JP 4-01.6)

waterspace management — The allocation of waterspace in terms of antisubmarine warfare attack procedures to permit the rapid and effective engagement of hostile submarines while preventing inadvertent attacks on friendly submarines. Also called **WSM.** (JP 3-32 CH1)

water terminal — A facility for berthing ships simultaneously at piers, quays, and/or working anchorages, normally located within sheltered coastal waters adjacent to rail, highway, air, and/or inland water transportation networks. (JP 4-01.5)

wave — A formation of forces, including ships, craft, amphibious vehicles or aircraft, required to beach or land about the same time. Waves can be classified by function: scheduled, on-call, or non-scheduled. Waves can also be classified by type of craft, e.g., assault, helicopter, or landing craft. (JP 3-02)

wave crest — The highest part of a wave. See also **crest; wave.** (JP 4-01.6)

wave height — The vertical distance between trough and crest, usually expressed in feet. See also **wave.** (JP 4-01.6)

wave length — The horizontal distance between successive wave crests measured perpendicular to the crest, usually expressed in feet. See also **crest; wave; wave crest.** (JP 4-01.6)

wave period — The time it takes for two successive wave crests to pass a given point. See also **wave; wave crest.** (JP 4-01.6)

wave trough — The lowest part of the wave between crests. See also **crest; wave.** (JP 4-01.6)

wave velocity — The speed at which a wave form advances across the sea, usually expressed in knots. See also **wave.** (JP 4-01.6)

W-day — See **times.**

weaponeering — The process of determining the quantity of a specific type of lethal or nonlethal weapons required to achieve a specific level of damage to a given target, considering target vulnerability, weapons characteristics and effects, and delivery parameters. (JP 3-60)

weapon engagement zone — In air defense, airspace of defined dimensions within which the responsibility for engagement of air threats normally rests with a particular weapon system. Also called **WEZ**. (JP 3-52)

weapons assignment — (*) In air defense, the process by which weapons are assigned to individual air weapons controllers for use in accomplishing an assigned mission.

weapons free zone — An air defense zone established for the protection of key assets or facilities, other than air bases, where weapon systems may be fired at any target not positively recognized as friendly. (JP 3-52)

weapons of mass destruction — Chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear weapons capable of a high order of destruction or causing mass casualties and exclude the means of transporting or propelling the weapon where such means is a separable and divisible part from the weapon. Also called **WMD.** See also **special operations.** (JP 3-40)

weapons of mass destruction active defense — Active measures to defeat an attack with chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear weapons by employing actions to divert, neutralize, or destroy those weapons or their means of delivery while en route to their target. Also called **WMD active defense.** (JP 3-40)

weapons of mass destruction - civil support team — Joint National Guard (Army National Guard and Air National Guard) team established to deploy rapidly to assist a local incident commander in determining the nature and extent of a weapons of mass destruction attack or incident; provide expert technical advice on weapons of mass

destruction response operations; and help identify and support the arrival of follow-on state and federal military response assets. Also called **WMD-CST.** (JP 3-28)

weapons of mass destruction consequence management — Actions authorized by the Secretary of Defense to mitigate the effects of a weapon of mass destruction attack or event and, if necessary, provide temporary essential operations and services at home and abroad. Also called **WMD CM.** (JP 3-40)

weapons of mass destruction elimination — Actions undertaken in a hostile or uncertain environment to systematically locate, characterize, secure, and disable, or destroy weapons of mass destruction programs and related capabilities. Also called **WMD elimination.** (JP 3-40)

weapons of mass destruction interdiction — Operations to track, intercept, search, divert, seize, or otherwise stop the transit of weapons of mass destruction, its delivery systems, or related materials, technologies, and expertise. Also called **WMD interdiction.** (JP 3-40)

weapons of mass destruction offensive operations — Actions to disrupt, neutralize, or destroy a weapon of mass destruction threat before it can be used, or to deter subsequent use of such weapons. Also called **WMD offensive operations.** (JP 3-40)

weapons of mass destruction security cooperation and partner activities — Activities to improve or promote defense relationships and capacity of allied and partner nations to execute or support the other military mission areas to combat weapons of mass destruction through military-to-military contact, burden sharing arrangements, combined military activities, and support to international activities. Also called **WMD security cooperation.** (JP 3-40)

weapons readiness state — The degree of readiness of air defense weapons which can become airborne or be launched to carry out an assigned task. Weapons readiness states are expressed in numbers of weapons and numbers of minutes. Weapon readiness states are defined as follows: a. **2 minutes** — Weapons can be launched within two minutes. b. **5 minutes** — Weapons can be launched within five minutes. c. **15 minutes** — Weapons can be launched within fifteen minutes. d. **30 minutes** — Weapons can be launched within thirty minutes. e. **1 hour** — Weapons can be launched within one hour. f. **3 hours** — Weapons can be launched within three hours. g. **released** — Weapons are released from defense commitment for a specified period of time.

weapons recommendation sheet — (*) A sheet or chart which defines the intention of the attack, and recommends the nature of weapons, and resulting damage expected, tonnage, fuzing, spacing, desired mean points of impact, and intervals of reattack.

weapon(s) system — (*) A combination of one or more weapons with all related equipment, materials, services, personnel, and means of delivery and deployment (if applicable) required for self-sufficiency.

weapon system employment concept — (*) A description in broad terms, based on established outline characteristics, of the application of a particular equipment or weapon system within the framework of tactical concept and future doctrines.

weather deck — A deck having no overhead protection; uppermost deck. (JP 4-01.6)

weather minimum — The worst weather conditions under which aviation operations may be conducted under either visual or instrument flight rules. Usually prescribed by directives and standing operating procedures in terms of minimum ceiling, visibility, or specific hazards to flight.

weight and balance sheet — (*) A sheet which records the distribution of weight in an aircraft and shows the center of gravity of an aircraft at takeoff and landing.

wellness — Force health protection program that consolidates and incorporates physical and mental fitness, health promotion, and environmental and occupational health. See also **force health protection.** (JP 4-02)

wharf — A structure built of open rather than solid construction along a shore or a bank that provides cargo-handling facilities. A similar facility of solid construction is called a quay. See also **quay.** (JP 4-01.5)

white cap — A small wave breaking offshore as a result of the action of strong winds. See also **wave.** (JP 4-01.6)

whiteout — (*) Loss of orientation with respect to the horizon caused by sun reflecting on snow and overcast sky.

winch — A hoisting machine used for loading and discharging cargo and stores or for hauling in lines. See also **stores.** (JP 4-01.6)

wind velocity — (*) The horizontal direction and speed of air motion.

wing — 1. An Air Force unit composed normally of one primary mission group and the necessary supporting organizations, i.e., organizations designed to render supply, maintenance, hospitalization, and other services required by the primary mission groups. Primary mission groups may be functional, such as combat, training, transport, or service. 2. A fleet air wing is the basic organizational and administrative unit for naval-, land-, and tender-based aviation. Such wings are mobile units to which are assigned aircraft squadrons and tenders for administrative organization control. 3. A balanced Marine Corps task organization of aircraft groups and squadrons, together with appropriate command, air control, administrative, service, and maintenance units.

A standard Marine Corps aircraft wing contains the aviation elements normally required for the air support of a Marine division. 4. A flank unit; that part of a military force to the right or left of the main body.

wingman — An aviator subordinate to and in support of the designated section leader; also, the aircraft flown in this role.

withdrawal operation — A planned retrograde operation in which a force in contact disengages from an enemy force and moves in a direction away from the enemy.

working anchorage — An anchorage where ships lie to discharge cargoes over-side to coasters or lighters. See also **emergency anchorage.**

working capital fund — A revolving fund established to finance inventories of supplies and other stores, or to provide working capital for industrial-type activities. (JP 1-06)

working group — An enduring or ad hoc organization within a joint force commander's headquarters formed around a specific function whose purpose is to provide analysis to users. The working group consists of a core functional group and other staff and component representatives. Also called **WG.** (JP 3-33)

work order — A specific or blanket authorization to perform certain work — usually broader in scope than a job order. It is sometimes used synonymously with job order.

world geographic reference system — See **georef.**

Worldwide Port System — Automated information system to provide cargo management and accountability to water port and regional commanders while providing in-transit visibility to the Global Transportation Network. Also called **WPS.** See also **Global Transportation Network.** (JP 4-01)

wounded — See **seriously wounded; slightly wounded**.

wounded in action — A casualty category applicable to a hostile casualty, other than the victim of a terrorist activity, who has incurred an injury due to an external agent or cause. The term encompasses all kinds of wounds and other injuries incurred in action, whether there is a piercing of the body, as in a penetration or perforated wound, or none, as in the contused wound. These include fractures, burns, blast concussions, all effects of biological and chemical warfare agents, and the effects of an exposure to ionizing radiation or any other destructive weapon or agent. The hostile casualty's status may be categorized as "very seriously ill or injured," "seriously ill or injured," "incapacitating illness or injury," or "not seriously injured." Also called **WIA.** See also **casualty category.** (JP 4-02)

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yaw — (*) 1. The rotation of an aircraft, ship, or missile about its vertical axis so as to cause the longitudinal axis of the aircraft, ship, or missile to deviate from the flight line or heading in its horizontal plane. 2. Angle between the longitudinal axis of a projectile at any moment and the tangent to the trajectory in the corresponding point of flight of the projectile.

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zero-length launching — (*) A technique in which the first motion of the missile or aircraft removes it from the launcher.

zone of action — A tactical subdivision of a larger area, the responsibility for which is assigned to a tactical unit; generally applied to offensive action. See also **sector.** (JP 3-09)

zone of fire — An area into which a designated ground unit or fire support ship delivers, or is prepared to deliver, fire support. Fire may or may not be observed. Also called ZF. (JP 3-09)

ZULU time — See **Universal Time.**

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APPENDIX A
ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

A

A	analog
A&P	administrative and personnel; analysis and production
A2C2	Army airspace command and control
A-3	Operations Directorate (COMAFFOR)
A-4	Air Force logistics directorate
A-5	Plans Directorate (COMAFFOR)
AA	assessment agent; avenue of approach
AAA	antiaircraft artillery; arrival and assembly area; assign alternate area
AAAS	amphibious aviation assault ship
AABB	American Association of Blood Banks
AABWS	amphibious assault bulk water system
AAC	activity address code
AACG	arrival airfield control group
AADC	area air defense commander
AADP	area air defense plan
AA&E	arms, ammunition, and explosives
AAEC	aeromedical evacuation control team
AAFES	Army and Air Force Exchange Service
AAFIF	automated air facility information file
AAFS	amphibious assault fuel system
AAFSF	amphibious assault fuel supply facility
AAGS	Army air-ground system
AAI	air-to-air interface
AAM	air-to-air missile
AAMDC	US Army Air and Missile Defense Command
AAOE	arrival and assembly operations element
AAOG	arrival and assembly operations group
AAP	Allied administrative publication; assign alternate parent
AAR	after action report; after action review; air-to-air refueling area
AAST	aeromedical evacuation administrative support team
AAT	automatic analog test; aviation advisory team
AATCC	amphibious air traffic control center
AAU	analog applique unit
AAV	amphibious assault vehicle
AAW	antiair warfare
AB	airbase
ABCA	American, British, Canadian, Australian Armies Program
ABCS	Army Battle Command System
ABD	airbase defense

ABFC	advanced base functional component
ABFDS	aerial bulk fuel delivery system
ABFS	amphibious bulk fuel system
ABGD	air base ground defense
ABL	airborne laser
ABLTS	amphibious bulk liquid transfer system
ABM	antiballistic missile
ABN	airborne
ABNCP	Airborne Command Post
ABO	air base operability; blood typing system
ABP	air battle plan
A/C	aircraft
AC	Active Component; aircraft commander; alternating current
AC2	airspace command and control
AC-130	Hercules
ACA	airlift clearance authority; airspace control authority; airspace coordination area
ACAA	automatic chemical agent alarm
ACAPS	area communications electronics capabilities
ACAT	aeromedical evacuation command augmentation team
ACB	amphibious construction battalion
ACC	Air Combat Command; air component commander; area coordination center; Army Contracting Command
ACCE	air component coordination element
ACCON	acoustic condition
ACCS	air command and control system
ACCSA	Allied Communications and Computer Security Agency
ACDO	assistant command duty officer
ACE	airborne command element (USAF); air combat element (NATO); Allied Command Europe; aviation combat element; aviation combat element (MAGTF)
ACEOI	automated communications-electronics operating instructions
ACF	air contingency force
ACI	assign call inhibit
ACIC	Army Counterintelligence Center
ACINT	acoustic intelligence
ACK	acknowledgement
ACL	access control list; allowable cabin load
ACLANT	Allied Command Atlantic
ACLP	affiliated contingency load planning
ACM	advanced conventional munitions; advanced cruise missile; air combat maneuver; air contingency Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF); airspace coordinating measure
ACMREQ	airspace control means request; airspace coordination measures request

ACN	assign commercial network
ACO	administrative contracting officer; airspace control order
ACOA	adaptive course of action
ACOC	area communications operations center
ACOCC	air combat operations command center
ACOS	assistant chief of staff
ACP	access control point; air commander's pointer; airspace control plan; Allied communications publication; assign common pool
ACR	armored cavalry regiment (Army); assign channel reassignment
ACS	agile combat support; air-capable ship; airspace control system; auxiliary crane ship
ACSA	acquisition and cross-servicing agreement; Allied Communications Security Agency
AC/S, C4I	Assistant Chief of Staff, Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence (USMC)
ACT	activity; advance civilian team; Allied Command Transformation
ACU	assault craft unit
ACV	aircraft cockpit video; armored combat vehicle
ACW	advanced conventional weapons
A/D	analog-to-digital
AD	active duty; advanced deployability; air defense; automatic distribution; priority add-on
ADA	aerial damage assessment; air defense artillery
A/DACG	arrival/departure airfield control group
ADAFCO	air defense artillery fire control officer
ADAL	authorized dental allowance list
ADAM	air defense airspace management
ADAM/BAE	air defense airspace management/brigade aviation element
ADAMS	Allied Deployment and Movement System
ADANS	Air Mobility Command Deployment Analysis System
ADC	air defense commander; area damage control
ADCAP	advanced capability
A/DCG	arrival/departure control group
ADCI/MS	Associate Director of Central Intelligence for Military Support
ADCON	administrative control
ADD	assign on-line diagnostic
ADDO	Assistant Deputy Director for Operations
ADDO(MS)	Assistant Deputy Director for Operations/Military Support
ADE	assign digit editing
ADF	automatic direction finding

ADIZ	air defense identification zone
ADKC/RCU	Automatic Key Distribution Center/Rekeying Control Unit
ADL	advanced distributed learning; armistice demarcation line; assign XX (SL) routing
ADMIN	administration
ADN	Allied Command Europe desired ground zero number
ADNET	anti-drug network
ADOC	air defense operations center
ADP	air defense plan; automated data processing
ADPE	automated data processing equipment
ADPS	automatic data processing system
ADR	accident data recorder; aircraft damage repair; armament delivery recording
ADRA	Adventist Development and Relief Agency
ADS	air defense section; air defense sector; amphibian discharge site
ADSIA	Allied Data Systems Interoperability Agency
ADSW	active duty for special work
ADT	active duty for training; assign digital transmission group; automatic digital tester
ADUSD(TP)	Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Transportation Policy
ADVON	advanced echelon
ADW	air defense warnings
ADWC	air defense warning condition
ADZ	amphibious defense zone
A/E	ammunition/explosives
AE	aeromedical evacuation; assault echelon; attenuation equalizer
AEC	aeromedical evacuation crew
AECA	Arms Export Control Act
AECC	aeromedical evacuation coordination center
AECM	aeromedical evacuation crew member
AECS	aeromedical evacuation command squadron
AECT	aeromedical evacuation control team
AEF	air and space expeditionary force
AEG	air expeditionary group
AELT	aeromedical evacuation liaison team
AEOS	aeromedical evacuation operations squadron
AEOT	aeromedical evacuation operations team
AEPS	aircrew escape propulsion system
AEPST	aeromedical evacuation plans and strategy team
AES	aeromedical evacuation squadron; aeromedical evacuation system
AESC	aeromedical evacuation support cell
AET	airport emergency team

AETC	Air Education and Training Command
AETF	air and space expeditionary task force
A/ETF	automated/electronic target folder
AEU	assign essential user bypass
AEW	air and space expeditionary wing; airborne early warning
AEW&C	airborne early warning and control
AF	amphibious force
AFAARS	Air Force After Action Reporting System
AFARN	Air Force air request net
AFATDS	Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System
AFB	Air Force base
AFC	area frequency coordinator; automatic frequency control
AFCA	Air Force Communications Agency
AFCAP	Air Force contract augmentation program; Armed Forces contract augmentation program
AFCB	Armed Forces Chaplains Board
AFCC	Air Force Component Commander
AFCCC	Air Force Combat Climatology Center
AFCEE	Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence
AFCENT	Allied Forces Central Europe (NATO)
AFCERT	Air Force computer emergency response team
AFCESA	Air Force Civil Engineering Support Agency
AFCS	automatic flight control system
AFD	assign fixed directory
AFDC	Air Force Doctrine Center
AFDD	Air Force doctrine document
AFDIGS	Air Force digital graphics system
AFDIL	Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory
AFDIS	Air Force Weather Agency Dial In Subsystem
AF/DP	Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Air Force
AFE	Armed Forces Entertainment
AFEES	Armed Forces Examining and Entrance Station
AFFIS	Air Facilities File Information System
AFFMA	Air Force Frequency Management Agency
AFFOR	Air Force forces
AFH	Air Force handbook
AFI	Air Force instruction
AFID	anti-fratricide identification device
AF/IL	Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, USAF
AFIP	Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
AFIS	American Forces Information Service
AFIRB	Armed Forces Identification Review Board
AFIWC	Air Force Information Warfare Center
AFJI	Air Force joint instruction
AFJMAN	Air Force Joint Manual
AFLC	Air Force Logistics Command

AFLE	Air Force liaison element
AFLNO	Air Force liaison officer
AFMAN	Air Force manual
AFMC	Air Force Materiel Command
AFMD	Air Force Mission Directive
AFME	Armed Forces Medical Examiner
AFMES	Armed Forces Medical Examiner System
AFMIC	Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center
AFMLO	Air Force Medical Logistics Office
AFMS	Air Force Medical Service
AFNORTH	Air Force North; Allied Forces Northern Europe (NATO)
AFNORTHWEST	Allied Forces North West Europe (NATO)
AFNSEP	Air Force National Security and Emergency Preparedness Agency
AFOE	assault follow-on echelon
AFOSI	Air Force Office of Special Investigations
AFPAM	Air Force pamphlet
AFPC	Air Force Personnel Center
AFPD	Air Force policy directive
AFPEO	Armed Forces Professional Entertainment Overseas
AFR	Air Force Reserve; assign frequency for network reporting
AFRC	Air Force Reserve Command; Armed Forces Recreation Center
AFRCC	Air Force rescue coordination center
AFRL	Air Force Research Laboratory
AFRRI	Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute
AFRTS	American Forces Radio and Television Service
AFS	aeronautical fixed service
AFSATCOM	Air Force satellite communications (system)
AFSB	Army field support brigade
AFSC	Armed Forces Staff College; United States Air Force specialty code
AFSCN	Air Force Satellite Control Network
AFSOB	Air Force special operations base
AFSOC	Air Force Special Operations Command; Air Force special operations component
AFSOCC	Air Force special operations control center
AFSOD	Air Force special operations detachment
AFSOE	Air Force special operations element
AFSOF	Air Force special operations forces
AFSOUTH	Allied Forces, South (NATO)
AFSPACE	United States Space Command Air Force
AFSPC	Air Force Space Command
AFSPOC	Air Force Space Operations Center
AFTAC	Air Force Technical Applications Center
AFTH	Air Force Theater Hospital

AFTN	Aeronautical Fixed Telecommunications Network
AFTO	Air Force technical order
AFTRANS	Air Force Transportation Component
AFTTP	Air Force tactics, techniques, and procedures; Air Force technical training publication
AFTTP(I)	Air Force tactics, techniques, and procedures (instruction)
AFW	Air Force Weather
AFWA	Air Force Weather Agency
AFWCF	Air Force working capital fund
AFWIN	Air Force Weather Information Network
AF/XO	Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, United States Air Force
AF/XOI	Air Force Director of Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance
AF/XOO	Director of Operations, United States Air Force
A/G	air to ground
AG	adjutant general (Army)
AGARD	Advisory Group for Aerospace Research and Development
AGCCS	Army Global Command and Control System
AGE	aerospace ground equipment
AGI	advanced geospatial intelligence
AGIL	airborne general illumination lightself
AGL	above ground level
AGM-28A	Hound Dog
AGM-65	Maverick
AGM-69	short range attack missile
AGR	Active Guard and Reserve
AGS	aviation ground support
AHA	alert holding area
AHD	antihandling device
AI	airborne interceptor; air interdiction; area of interest
AIA	Air Intelligence Agency
AIASA	annual integrated assessment for security assistance
AIC	air intercept controller; assign individual compressed dial; Atlantic Intelligence Command
AICF/USA	Action Internationale Contre La Faim (International Action Against Hunger)
AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome
AIF	automated installation intelligence file
AIFA	AAFES Imprest Fund Activity
AIG	addressee indicator group
AIIRS	automated intelligence information reporting system
AIK	assistance in kind
AIM	Airman's Information Manual
AIM-7	Sparrow
AIM-9	Sidewinder

AIM-54A	Phoenix
AIMD	aircraft intermediate maintenance department
AIP	aeronautical information publication
AIQC	antiterrorism instructor qualification course
AIRBAT	Airborne Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Requirements-Based Allocation Tool
AIRCENT	Allied Air Forces Central Europe (NATO)
AIRES	advanced imagery requirements exploitation system
AIREVACCONFIRM	air evacuation confirmation
AIREVACREQ	air evacuation request
AIREVACRESP	air evacuation response
AIRNORTHWEST	Allied Air Forces North West Europe (NATO)
AIRREQRECON	air request reconnaissance
AIRSOUTH	Allied Air Forces Southern Europe (NATO)
AIRSUPREQ	air support request
AIS	automated information system
AIT	aeromedical isolation team; automated identification technology
AIU	Automatic Digital Network Interface Unit
AJ	anti-jam
AJBPO	area joint blood program office
AJCC	alternate joint communications center
AJ/CM	anti-jam control modem
AJF	allied joint force
AJFP	adaptive joint force packaging
AJMRO	area joint medical regulating office
AJNPE	airborne joint nuclear planning element
AJP	Allied joint publication
AK	commercial cargo ship
AKNLDG	acknowledge message
ALARA	as low as reasonably achievable
ALCC	airlift control center
ALCE	airlift control element
ALCF	airlift control flight
ALCG	analog line conditioning group
ALCM	air launched cruise missile
ALCOM	United States Alaskan Command
ALCON	all concerned
ALCS	airlift control squadron
ALCT	airlift control team
ALD	airborne laser designator; available-to-load date
ALE	airlift liaison element
ALERFA	alert phase (ICAO)
ALERT	attack and launch early reporting to theater
ALERTORD	alert order
ALLOREQ	air allocation request; allocation request

ALLTV	all light level television
ALMSNSCD	airlift mission schedule
ALN	ammunition lot number
ALNOT	alert notice; search and rescue alert notice
ALO	air liaison officer
ALOC	air line of communications
ALORD	alert launch order
ALP	Allied Logistic Publication
ALSA	Air Land Sea Application (Center)
ALSS	advanced logistic support site
ALT	acquisition, logistics, and technology
ALTD	airborne laser target designator
ALTRV	altitude reservation
ALTTSC	alternate Tomahawk strike coordinator
A/M	approach and moor
AM	amplitude modulation
AMAL	authorized medical allowance list
AMB	air mobility branch; ambassador
AMBUS	ambulance bus
AMC	airborne mission coordinator; Air Mobility Command; Army Materiel Command: midpoint compromise search area
AMCC	allied movement coordination center; alternate military command center
AMCIT	American citizen
AMCM	airborne mine countermeasures
AMCT	air mobility control team
AMD	air and missile defense; air mobility division
AME	antenna mounted electronics
AMEDD	Army Medical Department
AMEDDCS	U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School
AMedP	Allied Medical Publication
AMEMB	American Embassy
AMF(L)	ACE Mobile Force (Land) (NATO)
AMH	automated message handler
AMHS	automated message handling system
AMIO	alien migrant interdiction operations
AMLO	air mobility liaison officer
AMMO	ammunition
AMOC	Air Marine Operations Center
AMOCC	air mobility operations control center
AMOG	air mobility operations group
AMOPES	Army Mobilization and Operations Planning and Execution System
AMOPS	Army mobilization and operations planning system; Army mobilization operations system

AMOS	air mobility operations squadron
AMOSS	Air and Marine Operations Surveillance System
AMOW	air mobility operations wing
AMP	amplifier; analysis of mobility platform
AMPE	automated message processing exchange
AMPN	amplification
AMP-PAT	analysis of mobility platform suite of port analysis tools
AMPSSO	Automated Message Processing System Security Office (or Officer)
AMRAAM	advanced medium-range air-to-air missile
AMS	aerial measuring system; air mobility squadron; Army management structure; Asset Management System
AMSS	air mobility support squadron
AMT	aerial mail terminal
AMVER	automated mutual-assistance vessel rescue system
AMW	air mobility wing; amphibious warfare
AN	alphanumeric; analog nonsecure
ANCA	Allied Naval Communications Agency
ANDVT	advanced narrowband digital voice terminal
ANG	Air National Guard
ANGLICO	air-naval gunfire liaison company
ANGUS	Air National Guard of the United States
A/NM	administrative/network management
ANMCC	Alternate National Military Command Center
ANN	assign NNX routing
ANR	Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ANX	assign NNXX routing
ANY	assign NYX routing
ANZUS	Australia-New Zealand-United States Treaty
AO	action officer; administration officer; air officer; area of operations; aviation ordnance person
AO&M	administration, operation, and maintenance
AOA	amphibious objective area
AOB	advanced operations base; aviation operations branch
AOC	air and space operations center (USAF); air operations center; Army operations center
AOCC	air operations control center
AOC-E	Aviation Operations Center-East (USCS)
AOCU	analog orderwire control unit
AOC-W	Aviation Operations Center-West (USCS)
AOD	air operations directive; on-line diagnostic
AOF	azimuth of fire
AOI	area of interest
AOL	area of limitation

AOP	air operations plan; area of probability
AOR	area of responsibility
AOS	area of separation
AOSS	aviation ordnance safety supervisor
AOTR	Aviation Operational Threat Response
AP	allied publication; antipersonnel; average power
APA	Army pre-positioned afloat
APAN	Asia-Pacific Area Network
APC	aerial port commander; assign preprogrammed conference list
APCC	alternate processing and correlation center
APES	Automated Patient Evacuation System
APF	afloat pre-positioning force
APG	aimpoint graphic
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
APIC	allied press information center
APL	antipersonnel land
APO	afloat pre-positioning operations; Air Force post office; Army post office
APOD	aerial port of debarkation
APOE	aerial port of embarkation
APORT	aerial port
APORTSREP	air operations bases report
APP	allied procedural publication
APPS	analytical photogrammetric positioning system
APR	assign primary zone routing
APS	aerial port squadron; afloat pre-positioning ship; Army pre-positioned stocks
APS-3	afloat pre-positioning stocks
APU	auxiliary power unit
AR	air refueling; Army regulation; Army reserve
ARB	alternate recovery base; assign receive bypass lists
ARBS	angle rate bombing system
ARC	air Reserve Components; American Red Cross
ARCENT	United States Army Central Command
ARCP	air refueling control point
ARCT	air refueling control team; air refueling control time
ARDF	automatic radio direction finding
AREC	air resource element coordinator
ARFOR	Army forces
ARG	amphibious ready group
ARGO	automatic ranging grid overlay
ARINC	Aeronautical Radio Incorporated
ARIP	air refueling initiation point
ARL-M	airborne reconnaissance low-multifunction
ARM	antiradiation missile

ARNG	Army National Guard
ARNGUS	Army National Guard of the United States
ARNORTH	US Army North
ARP	air refueling point
ARPERCEN	United States Army Reserve Personnel Center
ARQ	automatic request-repeat
ARRC	Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps (NATO)
ARRDATE	arrival date
ARS	acute radiation syndrome; air rescue service
ARSOA	Army special operations aviation
ARSOC	Army special operations component
ARSOF	Army special operations forces
ARSOTF	Army special operations task force
ARSPACE	Army Space Command
ARSPOC	Army space operations center
ARSST	Army space support team
ART	air reserve technician
ARTCC	air route traffic control center
ARTS III	Automated Radar Tracking System
ARTYMET	artillery meteorological
AS	analog secure; aviation ship
A/S	anti-spoofing
ASA	automatic spectrum analyzer
ASA(ALT)	Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology
ASAP	as soon as possible
ASARS	Advanced Synthetic Aperture Radar System
ASAS	All Source Analysis System
ASAT	antisatellite weapon
ASB	naval advanced support base
ASBP	Armed Services Blood Program
ASBPO	Armed Services Blood Program Office
ASC	acting service chief; Aeronautical Systems Center; Air Systems Command; Army Sustainment Command; assign switch classmark; Automatic Digital Network switching center
ASCC	Air Standardization Coordinating Committee; Army Service component command; Army Service component commander
ASCIET	all Services combat identification evaluation team
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
ASCOPE	areas, structures, capabilities, organizations, people, and events
ASCS	air support control section; air support coordination section
ASD	Assistant Secretary of Defense

ASD(A&L)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Logistics)
ASD(C)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)
ASD(C3I)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence)
ASD(FM&P)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel)
ASD(FMP)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy)
ASD(HA)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)
ASD(HD)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense)
ASD(HD&ASA)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs)
ASDI	analog simple data interface
ASDIA	All-Source Document Index
ASD(ISA)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs)
ASD(ISP)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy)
ASD(LA)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs)
ASD(NII)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Networks and Information Integration)
ASD(P&L)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production and Logistics)
ASD(PA)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)
ASD(PA&E)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation)
ASD(RA)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs)
ASD(RSA)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Regional Security Affairs)
ASD(S&R)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy and Requirements)
ASD(SO/LIC)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict)
ASD(SO/LIC&IC)	Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities
ASE	aircraft survivability equipment; automated stabilization equipment
ASF	aeromedical staging facility
ASG	area support group
ASH	Assistant Administrator for Security and Hazardous Materials
ASI	assign and display switch initialization
ASIC	Air and Space Interoperability Council
ASIF	Airlift Support Industrial Fund
ASL	allowable supply list; archipelagic sea lane; assign switch locator (SL) routing; authorized stockage list (Army)

ASM	air-to-surface missile; armored scout mission; automated scheduling message
ASMD	antiship missile defense
ASN(RD&A)	Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition
ASO	advanced special operations; air support operations
ASOC	air support operations center
ASOFDTG	as of date/time group
ASP	ammunition supply point
ASPA	American Service-Members' Protection Act
ASPP	acquisition systems protection program
ASPPO	Armed Service Production Planning Office
ASR	air support request; available supply rate
ASSETREP	transportation assets report
AST	assign secondary traffic channels
ASTS	aeromedical staging squadron
ASW	antisubmarine warfare; average surface wind
ASWBPL	Armed Services Whole Blood Processing Laboratories
ASWC	antisubmarine warfare commander
AT	annual training; antitank; antiterrorism
At	total attainable search area
ATA	Airlift Tanker Association
ATAC	antiterrorism alert center (Navy)
ATACC	advanced tactical air command center
ATACMS	Army Tactical Missile System
ATACO	air tactical actions control officer
ATACS	Army Tactical Communications System
ATAF	Allied Tactical Air Force (NATO)
ATBM	antitactical ballistic missile
ATC	Air Threat Conference; air traffic control; air transportable clinic (USAF)
ATCA	Allied Tactical Communications Agency
ATCAA	air traffic control assigned airspace
ATCC	Antiterrorism Coordinating Committee
ATCC-SSG	Antiterrorism Coordinating Committee-Senior Steering Group
ATCRBS	Air Traffic Control Radar Beacon System
ATCS	air traffic control section
ATDL1	Army tactical data link 1
ATDLS	Advanced Tactical Data Link System
ATDM	adaptive time division multiplexer
ATDS	airborne tactical data system
ATEP	Antiterrorism Enterprise Portal
ATF	Advanced Targeting FLIR; amphibious task force; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (DOJ)
AT/FP	antiterrorism/force protection

ATG	amphibious task group; assign trunk group cluster
ATGM	antitank guided missile; antitank guided munition
ATH	air transportable hospital; assign thresholds
ATHS	Airborne Target Handover System
ATM	advanced trauma management; air target material; assign traffic metering
ATMCT	air terminal movement control team
ATMP	Air Target Materials Program
ATN	assign thresholds
ATO	air tasking order; antiterrorism officer
ATOC	air tactical operations center; air terminal operations center
ATP	advance targeting pod; allied tactical publication
ATR	attrition reserve
ATS	air traffic service; assign terminal service
ATSD(AE)	Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy)
ATSD(IO)	Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Intelligence Oversight)
ATSD(NCB)	Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs
ATT	assign terminal type
ATTP	Army tactics, techniques, and procedures
ATTU	air transportable treatment unit
ATWG	antiterrorism working group
AUEL	automated unit equipment list
AUF	airborne use of force
AUG	application user group
AUIC	active duty unit identification code
AUTODIN	Automatic Digital Network
AUX	auxiliary
AV	air vehicle; asset visibility
AV-8	Harrier
AVCAL	aviation consolidated allowance list
AVDTG	analog via digital trunk group
AVGAS	aviation gasoline
AVIM	aviation intermediate maintenance
AVL	assign variable location
AVOU	analog voice orderwire unit
AVOW	analog voice orderwire
AVS	asset visibility system; audiovisual squadron
AVUM	aviation unit maintenance
AV/VI	audiovisual/visual information
AW	acoustic warfare; air warfare
AWACS	Airborne Warning and Control System
AWC	air warfare commander
AWCAP	airborne weapons corrective action program
AWCCM	acoustic warfare counter-countermeasures

AWCM	acoustic warfare countermeasures
AWDS	automated weather distribution system
AWN	Automated Weather Network
AWOL	absent without leave
AWS	Air Weather Service
AWSE	armament weapons support equipment
AWSIM	air warfare simulation model
AWSR	Air Weather Service regulation
AXP	ambulance exchange point
AXX	assign XXX routing
AZR	assign zone restriction lists

B

B	cross-over barrier pattern
B-52	Stratofortress
B&A	boat and aircraft
BAE	brigade aviation element
BAF	backup alert force
BAG	baggage
BAH	basic allowance for housing
BAI	backup aircraft inventory; battlefield air interdiction
BALO	battalion air liaison officer
BAS	basic allowance for subsistence; battalion aid station
BATF	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms
B/B	baseband
BB	breakbulk
BBL	barrel (42 US gallons)
BC	bottom current
BCA	border crossing authority
BCAT	beddown capability assessment tool
BCD	battlefield coordination detachment
BCI	bit count integrity
BCL	battlefield coordination line
BCN	beacon
BCOC	base cluster operations center
BCR	baseline change request
BCT	brigade combat team
BCTP	battle command training program
BCU	beach clearance unit
BDA	battle damage assessment
BDAREP	battle damage assessment report
BDC	blood donor center
BDE	brigade
BDL	beach discharge lighter
BDOC	base defense operations center

BDR	battle damage repair
BDRP	Biological Defense Research Program
BDZ	base defense zone
BE	basic encyclopedia
BEAR	base expeditionary airfield resources
BEE	bioenvironmental engineering officer
BEN	base encyclopedia number
BE number	basic encyclopedia number
BER	bit error ratio
BES	budget estimate submission
BFT	blue force tracking
BfV	*Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz (*federal office for defending the Constitution)
BGC	boat group commander
BHR	Bureau of Humanitarian Response
BI	battlefield injury; battle injury
BIA	behavioral influences analysis; Bureau of Indian Affairs
BIAS	Battlefield Illumination Assistance System
BIDDS	Base Information Digital Distribution System
BIDE	basic identity data element
BIFC	Boise Interagency Fire Center
BIH	International Time Bureau (Bureau International d'l'Heure)
BII	base information infrastructure
BINM	Bureau of International Narcotics Matters
BIO	biological; Bureau of International Organizations
BIS	Bureau of Industry and Security
BISS	base installation security system
BIT	built-in test
BITE	built-in test equipment
BIU	beach interface unit
BKA	*Bundeskriminalamt* (federal criminal office)
BL	biocontainment level
BLCP	beach lighterage control point
BLDREP	blood report
BLDSHIPREP	blood shipment report
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BLOS	beyond line-of-sight
BLS	beach landing site
BLT	battalion landing team
BM	ballistic missile; battle management; beachmaster
BMC4I	Battle Management Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence
BMCT	begin morning civil twilight
BMD	ballistic missile defense
BMDO	Ballistic Missile Defense Organization

BMET	biomedical equipment technician
BMEWS	ballistic missile early warning system
BMNT	begin morning nautical twilight
BMU	beachmaster unit
BN	battalion
BND	*Bundesnachrichtendienst* (federal intelligence service)
BOA	basic ordering agreement
BOC	base operations center; bomb on coordinate
BOCCA	Bureau of Coordination of Civil Aircraft (NATO)
BOG	beach operations group
BOH	bottom of hill
BORFIC	Border Patrol Field Intelligence Center
BOS	base operating support; battlefield operating system
BOSG	base operations support group
BOSS	base operating support service
BOT	bomb on target
BP	battle position; block parity
BPA	blanket purchase agreement
BPD	blood products depot
BPG	beach party group
BPI	bits per inch
BPO	blood program office
BPPBS	bi-annual planning, programming, and budget system
bps	bits per second
BPSK	biphase shift keying
BPT	beach party team
BPWRR	bulk petroleum war reserve requirement
BPWRS	bulk petroleum war reserve stocks
BR	budget review
BRAC	base realignment and closure
BRACE	Base Resource and Capability Estimator
BRC	base recovery course
BS	battle staff; broadcast source
BSA	beach support area; brigade support area
BSB	brigade support battalion
BSC	black station clock
BSC ro	black station clock receive out
BSCT	behavioral science consultation team
BSD	blood supply detachment
BSI	base support installation
BSP	base support plan
BSSG	brigade service support group
BSU	blood supply unit
BT	bathythermograph
BTB	believed-to-be
BTC	blood transshipment center

BTG	basic target graphic
BTOC	battalion tactical operations center
BTS	Border and Transportation Security (DHS)
BTU	beach termination unit
BULK	bulk cargo
BUMEDINST	Bureau of Medicine and Surgery instruction
BVR	beyond visual range
BW	bandwidth; biological warfare; biological weapon
BWC	Biological Weapons Convention
BZ	buffer zone

C

C	Celsius; centigrade; clock; compromise band; coverage factor; creeping line pattern
C&A	certification and accreditation
C&E	communications and electronics
C&LAT	cargo and loading analysis table
C2	command and control
C2-attack	an offensive form of command and control warfare
C2E	command and control element
C2IP	Command and Control Initiatives Program
C2IPS	Command and Control Information Processing System
C2P	command and control protection
C2-protect	a defensive form of command and control warfare
C2S	command and control support
C-2X	coalition Intelligence Directorate counterintelligence and human intelligence staff element
C3	command, control, and communications
C3AG	Command, Control, and Communications Advisory Group
C3CM	command, control, and communications countermeasures
C3I	command, control, communications, and intelligence
C3IC	coalition coordination, communications, and integration center
C3SMP	Command, Control, and Communications Systems Master Plan
C4CM	command, control, communications, and computer countermeasures
C4I	command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence
C4IFTW	command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence for the Warrior
C4ISR	command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance
C4S	command, control, communications, and computer systems

C4 systems	command, control, communications, and computer systems
C-5	Galaxy
C-17	Globemaster III
C-21	Learjet
C-27	Spartan
C-130	Hercules
C-141	Starlifter
CA	chaplain assistant; civil administration; civil affairs; combat assessment; coordinating altitude
C/A	course acquisition
CAA	civil air augmentation; combat aviation advisors; command arrangement agreement
CAAF	contractors authorized to accompany the force
CAB	combat aviation brigade
CAC	common access card; current actions center
CACOM	Civil Affairs command
CACTIS	community automated intelligence system
CAD	Canadian Air Division; cartridge actuated device; collective address designator
CADRS	concern and deficiency reporting system
CADS	containerized ammunition distribution system
CAE	command assessment element
CAF	Canadian Air Force; combat air forces; commander, airborne/air assault force
CAFMS	computer-assisted force management system
CAG	carrier air group; civil affairs group; collective address group
CAGO	contractor acquired government owned
CAIMS	conventional ammunition integrated management system
CAINS	carrier aircraft inertial navigation system
CAISE	civil authority information support element
CAL	caliber; critical asset list
CALA	Community Airborne Library Architecture
CALCM	conventional air-launched cruise missile
CALICS	communication, authentication, location, intentions, condition, and situation
CALMS	computer-aided load manifesting system
CAM	chemical agent monitor; crisis action module
CAMPS	Consolidated Air Mobility Planning System
CAMT	countering air and missile threats
CANA	convulsant antidote for nerve agent
CANADA COM	Canada Command
CANR	Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Command Region
CANUS	Canada-United States

CAO	chief administrative officer; civil affairs operations; counterair operation
CAOC	combat air operations center; combined air operations center
CAO SOP	standing operating procedures for coordination of atomic operations
CAP	Civil Air Patrol; civil augmentation program; combat air patrol; configuration and alarm panel; Consolidated Appeals Process (UN); crisis action planning
CAPT	civil affairs planning team
CAR	Chief of the Army Reserve
CARDA	continental United States airborne reconnaissance for damage assessment; continental United States area reconnaissance for damage assessment
CARE	Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CAREUSA)
CARIBROC	Caribbean Regional Operations Center
CARP	computed air release point; contingency alternate route plan
CARS	combat arms regimental system
CARVER	criticality, accessibility, recuperability, vulnerability, effect, and recognizability
CAS	casualty; civil aviation security; close air support
CASEVAC	casualty evacuation
CASF	contingency aeromedical staging facility
CASP	computer-aided search planning
CASPER	contact area summary position report
CASREP	casualty report
CASREQ	close air support request
CAT	category; crisis action team
CATCC	carrier air traffic control center
CATF	commander, amphibious task force
CAU	crypto ancillary unit; cryptographic auxiliary unit
CAVU	ceiling and visibility unlimited
CAW	carrier air wing
CAW/ESS	crisis action weather and environmental support system
CAX	computer-assisted exercise
C-B	chemical-biological
CB	chemical-biological; construction battalion (SEABEES)
CBBLS	hundreds of barrels
CBD	chemical, biological defense
CBFS	cesium beam frequency standard
CBIRF	chemical-biological incident response force
CBLTU	common battery line terminal unit
CBMR	capabilities-based munitions requirements
CBMU	construction battalion maintenance unit

CBP	capabilities-based planning; Customs and Border Protection
CBPO	Consolidated Base Personnel Office
CBPS	chemical biological protective shelter
CBR	chemical, biological, and radiological
CBRN	Caribbean Basin Radar Network; chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear
CBRN CM	chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear consequence management
CBRNE	chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives
CBRN hazard	chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear hazard
CBRN passive defense	chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear passive defense
CBRT	chemical-biological response team
CBS	common battery signaling
CBT	common battery terminal
CbT	combating terrorism
CbT-RIF	Combating Terrorism Readiness Initiatives Fund
CBTZ	combat zone
CBU	cluster bomb unit; conference bridge unit; construction battalion unit
CBW	chemical and biological warfare
C/C	cabin cruiser; cast off and clear
CC	command center; component command (NATO); critical capability
CC&D	camouflage, concealment, and deception
CCA	carrier-controlled approach; central contracting authority; circuit card assembly; container control activity; contamination control area; contingency capabilities assessment; contract construction agent (DOD)
CCAP	combatant command AFRTS planner
CCAS	contingency contract administration services
CCAS-C	contingency contract administration services commander
CCATT	critical care air transport team
CCB	Community Counterterrorism Board; configuration control board
CCC	coalition coordination cell; coalition coordination center; crisis coordination center; critical control circuit; cross-cultural communications course
CCD	camouflage, concealment, and deception
CCDR	combatant commander
CCE	container control element; continuing criminal enterprise
CCEB	Combined Communications-Electronics Board
CCF	collection coordination facility
CCG	crisis coordination group
CCGD	commander, Coast Guard district

CCIB	command center integration branch
CCIF	Combatant Commander Initiative Fund
CCIP	continuously computed impact point
CCIR	commander's critical information requirement; International Radio Consultative Committee
CCIS	common channel interswitch signaling
CCITT	International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee
CCIU	CEF control interface unit
CCJTF	commander, combined joint task force
CCL	communications/computer link
CCLI	computer control list item
CCO	central control officer; combat cargo officer; command and control office; complex contingency operation; contingency contracting officer
CCOI	critical contact of interest
CCP	casualty collection point; consolidated cryptologic program; consolidation and containerization point
CCPDS	command center processing and display system
CCR	closed circuit refueling
CCRD	combatant commander's required delivery date
C-CS	communication and computer systems
CCS	central control ship; container control site
CCSA	containership cargo stowage adapter
CCSD	command communications service designator; control communications service designator
CCT	collaborative contingency targeting; combat control team
CCTI	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff commended training issue
CCTV	closed circuit television
CCW	1980 United Nations Convention on Conventional Weapons; continuous carrier wave
CD	channel designator; compact disc; counterdrug; customer direct
C-day	unnamed day on which a deployment operation begins
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDE	collateral damage estimation
CDERA	Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency
CDF	combined distribution frame
CDI	cargo disposition instructions; conditioned diphase
C di	conditioned diphase
CDHAM	Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine
CDIP	combined defense improvement project
CDIPO	counterdrug intelligence preparation for operations
CDLMS	common data link management system

CDM	cable driver modem
CDMGB	cable driver modem group buffer
CDN	compressed dial number
CDO	command duty officer; commander, detainee operations
CDOC	counterdrug operations center
CDOPS	counterdrug operations
CDP	commander's dissemination policy; landing craft air cushion departure point
CDR	commander; continuous data recording
CDRAFSOF	commander, Air Force special operations forces
CDRARNORTH	Commander, US Army North
CDRCFCOM	Commander, Combined Forces Command
CDRESC	commander, electronic security command
CDREUDAC	Commander, European Command Defense Analysis Center (ELINT) or European Data Analysis Center
CDRFORSCOM	Commander, Forces Command
CDRG	catastrophic disaster response group (FEMA)
CDRJSOTF	commander, joint special operations task force
CDRL	contract data requirements list
CDRMTMC	Commander, Military Traffic Management Command
CDRNORAD	Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command
CD-ROM	compact disc read-only memory
CDRTSOC	commander, theater special operations command
CDRUNC	Commander, United Nations Command
CDRUSAINSCOM	Commander, United States Army Intelligence and Security Command
CDRUSCENTCOM	Commander, United States Central Command
CDRUSELEMNORAD	Commander, United States Element, North American Aerospace Defense Command
CDRUSEUCOM	Commander, United States European Command
CDRUSJFCOM	Commander, United States Joint Forces Command
CDRUSNAVEUR	Commander, United States Naval Forces, Europe
CDRUSNORTHCOM	Commander, United States Northern Command
CDRUSPACOM	Commander, United States Pacific Command
CDRUSSOCOM	Commander, United States Special Operations Command
CDRUSSOUTHCOM	Commander, United States Southern Command
CDRUSSTRATCOM	Commander, United States Strategic Command
CDRUSTRANSCOM	Commander, United States Transportation Command
CDS	Chief of Defence Staff (Canada); container delivery system
CDSSC	continuity of operations plan designated successor service chief
CDU	counterdrug update
C-E	communications-electronics
CE	casualty estimation; circular error; command element (MAGTF); communications-electronics; core element; counterespionage

CEA	captured enemy ammunition
CEB	combat engineer battalion
CEC	civil engineer corps
CECOM	communications-electronics command
CEDI	commercial electronic data interface
CEDREP	communications-electronics deployment report
CEE	captured enemy equipment
CEF	civil engineering file; common equipment facility
CEG	common equipment group
CEI	critical employment indicator
CEM	combined effects munition
CEMC	communications-electronics management center
CENTRIXS	Combined Enterprise Regional Information Exchange System
CEOI	communications-electronics operating instructions
CEP	cable entrance panel; circular error probable
CEPOD	communications-electronics post-deployment report
CERF	Central Emergency Revolving Fund (UN)
CERFP	CBRNE enhanced response force package
CERP	Commanders' Emergency Response Program
CERT	computer emergency response team
CERTSUB	certain submarine
CES	coast earth station
CESE	civil engineering support equipment; communications equipment support element
CESG	communications equipment support group
CESO	civil engineer support office
CESPG	civil engineering support plan group; civil engineering support planning generator
CEXC	combined explosives exploitation cell
CEW	Civilian Expeditionary Workforce
CF	Canadian forces; carrier furnished; causeway ferry; conventional forces; drift error confidence factor
CFA	Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (UN)
CFACC	combined force air component commander
CFB	Canadian forces base
CFC	Combined Forces Command, Korea
CF-COP	counterfire common operational picture
CFL	Contingency Planning Facilities List; coordinated fire line
CFLCC	coalition forces land component commander
CFM	cubic feet per minute
CFO	chief financial officer
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CFS	CI force protection source
CFSO	counterintelligence force protection source operations

CFST	coalition forces support team
CG	Chairman's guidance; Coast Guard; commanding general; Comptroller General
CGAS	Coast Guard Air Station
CGAUX	Coast Guard Auxiliary
CGC	Coast Guard Cutter
CGCAP	Coast Guard capabilities plan
CGDEFOR	Coast Guard defense force
CGFMFLANT	Commanding General, Fleet Marine Forces, Atlantic
CGFMFPAC	Commanding General, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific
CGIS	US Coast Guard Investigative Service
CGLSMP	Coast Guard logistic support and mobilization plan
CGRS	common geographic reference system
CGS	common ground station; continental United States ground station
CGUSAREUR	Commanding General, United States Army, Europe
CH	channel; contingency hospital
CH-53	Sea Stallion
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program for the Uniformed Services
CHARC	counterintelligence and human intelligence analysis and requirements cell
CHB	cargo handling battalion
CHCS	composite health care system
CHCSS	Chief, Central Security Service
CHE	cargo-handling equipment; container-handling equipment
CHET	customs high endurance tracker
CHOP	change of operational control
CHPPM	US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine
CHRIS	chemical hazard response information system
CHSTR	characteristics of transportation resources
CHSTREP	characteristics of transportation resources report
CI	civilian internee; counterintelligence
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CIAP	Central Intelligence Agency program; central intelligence architecture plan; command, control, communications, computers, intelligence surveillance, reconnaissance (C4ISR) integrated architecture program; command intelligence architecture plan; command intelligence architecture program
CIAS	counterintelligence analysis section
CIAT	counterintelligence analytic team
CIB	combined information bureau; controlled image base

CIC	combat information center; combat intelligence center (Marine Corps); combined intelligence center; communications interface controller; content indicator code; counterintelligence center
CICA	counterintelligence coordination authority
CICAD	Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission
CID	combat identification; combat intelligence division; criminal investigation division
CIDB	common intelligence database
CIDC	Criminal Investigation Division Command
CIE	collaborative information environment
C-IED	counter-improvised explosive device
CIEG/CIEL	common information exchange glossary and language
CIFA	counterintelligence field activity
CIG	communications interface group
CIHO	counterintelligence/human intelligence officer
CIIR	counterintelligence information report
CI/KR	critical infrastructure/key resources
CIL	command information library; critical item list
CILO	counterintelligence liaison officer
CIM	civil information management; compartmented information management
CIMIC	civil-military cooperation
CIN	cargo increment number
CIO	chief information officer; command intelligence officer
CIOTA	counterintelligence operational tasking authority
CIP	communications interface processor; critical infrastructure protection
CIPSU	communications interface processor pseudo line
CIR	continuing intelligence requirement
CIRM	International Radio-Medical Center
CIRV	common interswitch rekeying variable
CIRVIS	communications instructions for reporting vital intelligence sightings
CIS	common item support; Commonwealth of Independent States; communications interface shelter
CISD	critical incident stress debriefing
CISO	counterintelligence staff office; counterintelligence support officer
CITP	counter-IED targeting program
CIV	civilian
CIVPOL	civilian police
CIWG	communications interoperability working group
CJ-4	combined-joint logistics officer
CJATF	commander, joint amphibious task force
CJB	Congressional Justification Book

CJCS	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
CJCSAN	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Alerting Network
CJCSI	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff instruction
CJCSM	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff manual
CJDA	critical joint duty assignment
CJMAB	Central Joint Mortuary Affairs Board
CJMAO	Central Joint Mortuary Affairs Office; Chief, joint mortuary affairs office
CJPOTF	combined joint psychological operations task force
CJSOTF	combined joint special operations task force
CJTF	combined joint task force (NATO); commander, joint task force
CJTF-CS	Commander, Joint Task Force - Civil Support
CJTF-NCR	Commander, Joint Task Force - National Capital Region
C-JWICS	Containerized Joint Worldwide Intelligence Communications System
CKT	circuit
CL	class
CLA	landing craft air cushion launch area
CLB	combat logistics battalion
CLD	compact laser designator
CLEA	civilian law enforcement agency
C-level	category level
CLF	cantilever lifting frame; combat logistics force; commander, landing force
CLG	combat logistics group
CLGP	cannon-launched guided projectile
CLIPS	communications link interface planning system
CLPSB	combatant commander logistic procurement support board
CLPT	contingency load planning team
CLR	combat logistics regiment
CLS	contracted logistic support
CLSS	combat logistic support squadron
CLT	civil liaison team; combat lasing team
CLZ	craft landing zone; cushion landing zone; landing craft air cushion landing zone
CM	Chairman's memorandum; collection manager; configuration management; consequence management; control modem; countermine
Cm	mean coverage factor
cm	centimeter
CMA	collection management authority
CMAA	Cooperative Military Airlift Agreement
CMAH	commander of a combatant command's Mobile Alternate Headquarters

CMAT	consequence management advisory team
CMC	Commandant of the Marine Corps; crew management cell
Cmc	midpoint compromise coverage factor
CMCB	civil-military coordination board
CMCC	combined movement coordination center
CMD	command; cruise missile defense
CMHT	consequence management home team
CMMA	collection management mission application
CMO	Central Measurement and Signature Intelligence (MASINT) Organization; chief medical officer; chief military observer; civil-military operations; collection management office(r); configuration management office
CMOC	Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center; civil-military operations center
CMOS	cargo movement operations system; complementary metal-oxide semiconductor
CMP	communications message processor; contractor management plan
CMPF	commander, maritime pre-positioned force
CMPT	consequence management planning team
CM R&A	consequence management response and assessment
CMRT	consequence management response team
CMS	cockpit management system; command management system; community management staff; community security materiel system; contingency mutual support; crisis management system
CMST	consequence management support team
CMTS	comments
CMTU	cartridge magnetic tape unit
CMV	commercial motor vehicle
CMX	crisis management exercise
CN	counternarcotic
CNA	computer network attack
CNAC	Customs National Aviation Center (USCS)
C-NAF	component numbered air force
CNASP	chairman's net assessment for strategic planning
CNC	Crime and Narcotics Center
CNCE	communications nodal control element
CND	computer network defense; counternarcotics division
CNE	computer network exploitation; Counter Narcotics Enforcement
CNGB	Chief, National Guard Bureau
CNM	classified notice to mariners
CNO	Chief of Naval Operations; computer network operations
CNOG	Chairman, Nuclear Operations Group

CNRF	Commander, Naval Reserve Forces
CNSG	Commander, Naval Security Group
CNTY	country
CNWDI	critical nuclear weapons design information
CO	commanding officer
COA	course of action
COAA	course-of-action analysis
COAMPS	Coupled Ocean Atmosphere Mesoscale Prediction System
COB	collocated operating base; contingency operating base
COBOL	common business-oriented language
COC	combat operations center
CoC	Code of Conduct
COCOM	combatant command (command authority)
COD	carrier onboard delivery; combat operations division
COE	Army Corps of Engineers; common operating environment; concept of employment
COEDMHA	Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance
COF	chief of fires; conduct of fire
COFC	container on flatcar
COG	center of gravity; continuity of government
COGARD	Coast Guard
COI	community of interest; contact of interest
COIN	counterinsurgency
COLDS	cargo offload and discharge system
COLISEUM	community on-line intelligence system for end-users and managers
COLPRO	collective protection
COLT	combat observation and lasing team
COM	chief of mission; collection operations management; command; commander
COMACC	Commander, Air Combat Command
COMAFFOR	commander, Air Force forces
COMAFSOC	Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command
COMAJF	commander, allied joint force
COMALF	commander airlift forces
COMALOC	commercial air line of communications
COMARFOR	commander, Army forces
COMCAM	combat camera
COMCARGRU	commander, carrier group
COMCRUDESGRU	commander, cruiser destroyer group
COMDCAEUR	Commander, Defense Communications Agency Europe
COMDESRON	commander destroyer squadron
COMDT COGARD	Commandant, United States Coast Guard
COMDTINST	Commandant, United States Coast Guard instruction
COMICEDEFOR	Commander, United States Forces, Iceland

COMIDEASTFOR	Commander, Middle East Forces
COMINEWARCOM	Commander, Mine Warfare Command
COMINT	communications intelligence
COMJCSE	Commander, Joint Communications Support Element
COMJIC	Commander, Joint Intelligence Center
COMJSOTF	commander, joint special operations task force
COMLANDFOR	commander, land forces
COMLANTAREACOGARD	Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area
COMLOGGRU	combat logistics group
COMM	communications
COMMARFOR	commander, Marine Corps forces
COMMARFORNORTH	Commander, Marine Corps Forces North
COMMDZ	Commander, Maritime Defense Zone
COMMZ	communications zone
COMNAV	Committee for European Airspace Coordination Working Group on Communications and Navigation Aids
COMNAVAIRLANT	Commander, Naval Air Force, Atlantic
COMNAVAIRPAC	Commander, Naval Air Force, Pacific
COMNAVAIRSYSCOM	Commander, Naval Air Systems Command
COMNAVCOMTELCOM	Commander, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Command
COMNAVFOR	commander, Navy forces
COMNAVMETOCCOM	Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command
COMNAVSEASYSCOM	Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command
COMNAVSECGRP	Commander, United States Navy Security Group
COMNAVSURFLANT	Commander, Naval Surface Force, Atlantic
COMNAVSURFPAC	Commander, Naval Surface Force, Pacific
COMP	component
COMPACAF	Commander, Pacific Air Forces
COMPACAREACOGARD	Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area
COMPACFLT	Commander, Pacific Fleet
COMPASS	common operational modeling, planning, and simulation strategy; Computerized Movement Planning and Status System
COMPES	contingency operations mobility planning and execution system
COMPLAN	communications plan
COMPUSEC	computer security
COMSAT	communications satellite
COMSC	Commander, Military Sealift Command
COMSCINST	Commander, Military Sealift Command instruction
COMSEC	communications security
COMSOC	Commander, Special Operations Command
COMSOCCENT	Commander, Special Operations Command, United States Central Command

COMSOCEUR	Commander, Special Operations Command, United States European Command
COMSOCPAC	Commander Special Operations Command, United States Pacific Command
COMSOCSOUTH	Commander Special Operations Command, United States Southern Command
COMSOF	commander, special operations forces
COMSTAT	communications status
COMSUBLANT	Commander Submarine Force, United States Atlantic Fleet
COMSUBPAC	Commander Submarine Force, United States Pacific Fleet
COMSUPNAVFOR	commander, supporting naval forces
COMTAC	tactical communications
COMUSAFE	Commander, United States Air Force in Europe
COMUSARCENT	Commander, United States Army Forces, Central Command
COMUSCENTAF	Commander, United States Air Force, Central Command
COMUSFLTFORCOM	Commander, United States Fleet Forces Command
COMUSFORAZ	Commander, United States Forces, Azores
COMUSJ	Commander, United States Forces, Japan
COMUSK	Commander, United States Forces, Korea
COMUSLANTFLT	Commander, US Atlantic Fleet
COMUSMARCENT	Commander, United States Marine Forces, Central Command
COMUSNAVCENT	Commander, United States Navy, Central Command
COMUSPACFLT	Commander, US Pacific Fleet
COMUSSOCJFCOM	Commander Special Operations Command, United States Joint Forces Command
CONCAP	construction capabilities contract (Navy); Construction Capabilities Contract Process; construction capabilities contract program
CONEX	container express
CONEXPLAN	contingency and exercise plan
CONOPS	concept of operations
CONPLAN	concept plan; operation plan in concept format
CONR	continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Region
CONUS	continental United States
CONUSA	Continental United States Army
COOP	continuity of operations
COP	common operational picture
COP-CSE	common operational picture-combat support enabled
COPG	chairman, operations planners group
COPPERHEAD	name for cannon-launched guided projectile
COPS	communications operational planning system
COR	contracting officer representative

CORE	contingency response program
COS	chief of staff; chief of station; critical occupational specialty
COSCOM	corps support command
COSMIC	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) security category
COSPAS	*cosmicheskaya sistyema poiska avariynch sudov* - space system for search of distressed vessels (Russian satellite system)
COSR	combat and operational stress reactions
COT	commanding officer of troops; crisis operations team
COTHEN	Customs Over-the Horizon Enforcement Network
COTP	captain of the port
COTS	cargo offload and transfer system; commercial off-the-shelf; container offloading and transfer system
COU	cable orderwire unit
counter C3	counter command, control, and communications
COVCOM	covert communications
CP	check point; collection point; command post; contact point; control point; counterproliferation
CP&I	coastal patrol and interdiction
CPA	Chairman's program assessment; closest point of approach
CPD	combat plans division
CPE	customer premise equipment
CPFL	contingency planning facilities list
CPG	central processor group; Commander, Amphibious Group; Contingency Planning Guidance
CPI	crash position indicator
CPIC	coalition press information center
CPM	civilian personnel manual
CPO	chief petty officer; complete provisions only
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation; Chairman's program recommendation
CPRC	coalition personnel recovery center
CPS	characters per second; collective protective shelter
CPT	common procedural terminology
CPU	central processing unit
CPX	command post exercise
CR	critical requirement
CRA	command relationships agreement; continuing resolution authority; coordinating review authority
CRAF	Civil Reserve Air Fleet
CRAM	control random access memory
CRB	configuration review board
CRC	circuit routing chart; civil response corps; control and reporting center; CONUS replacement center; COOP response cell; cyclic redundancy rate

CRD	capstone requirements document; chemical reconnaissance detachment; combatant commander's required date
CRE	contingency response element; control reporting element
CREST	casualty and resource estimation support tool
CRF	channel reassignment function
CRG	contingency response group
CRI	collective routing indicator
CRIF	cargo routing information file
CRITIC	critical information; critical intelligence communication; critical message (intelligence)
CRITICOMM	critical intelligence communications system
CRM	collection requirements management; comment resolution matrix; crew resource management
CrM	crisis management
CRO	combat rescue officer
CROP	common relevant operational picture
CRP	control and reporting post
CRRC	combat rubber raiding craft
CRS	Catholic Relief Services; Chairman's readiness system; coastal radio station; community relations service; container recovery system; Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization
CRT	cathode ray tube; contingency response team
CRTS	casualty receiving and treatment ship
CR-UAV	close-range unmanned aerial vehicle
CRW	contingency response wing
CRYPTO	cryptographic
CS	call sign; Chaplain Service (Air Force); circuit switch; civil support; coastal station; combat service; combat support; content staging; controlled space; creeping line single-unit; critical source
CSA	Chief of Staff, United States Army; combat support agency; container stuffing activity
CSAAS	combat support agency assessment system
CSADR	combat support agency director's report
CSAF	Chief of Staff, United States Air Force
CSAM	computer security for acquisition managers
CSAR	combat search and rescue
CSAR3	combat support agency responsiveness and readiness report
CSARTE	combat search and rescue task element
CSARTF	combat search and rescue task force
CSB	contracting support brigade
CSB (ME)	combat support brigade (maneuver enhancement)

CSC	combat support center; community support center; convoy support center; creeping line single-unit coordinated; International Convention for Safe Containers
CSCC	coastal sea control commander
CSE	client server environment; combat support enhanced; combat support equipment; contingency support element
CSEL	circuit switch select line; combat survivor evader locator; command senior enlisted leader
CSEP	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff -sponsored exercise program
CSG	carrier strike group; Chairman's Staff Group; coordinating subgroup; cryptologic services group; Cryptologic Support Group
CSGN	coordinating subgroup for narcotics
CSH	combat support hospital
CSI	critical sustainability item
CSIF	communications service industrial fund
CSIP	contract support integration plan
CSIPG	circuit switch interface planning guide
CSL	combat stores list; cooperative security location
CSNP	causeway section, nonpowered
CSNP(BE)	causeway section, nonpowered (beach end)
CSNP(I)	causeway section, nonpowered (intermediate)
CSNP(SE)	causeway section, nonpowered (sea end)
CSO	Center for Special Operations (USSOCOM); communications support organization
CSOA	combined special operations area
CSOB	command systems operations branch
CSOD	command systems operation division
CSP	call service position; career sea pay; causeway section, powered; commence search point; contracting support plan; crisis staffing procedures (JCS); cryptologic support package
CSPAR	combatant commander's preparedness assessment report
CSR	central source registry; combatant commander's summary report; commander's summary report; controlled supply rate
CSRF	common source route file
CSS	central security service; combat service support; communications subsystem; coordinator surface search
CSSA	combat service support area
CSSB	combat sustainment support battalion
CSSC	coded switch set controller
CSSE	combat service support element (MAGTF)
CSST	combat service support team
CSSU	combat service support unit

CST	contingency support team; customer service team
CSW	compartment stowage worksheet; coordinate seeking weapons
CT	control telemetry; counterterrorism; country team
CTA	common table of allowance
CTAF	counterterrorism analytical framework
CTAPS	contingency Theater Air Control System automated planning system
CTC	cargo transfer company (USA); counterterrorist center
CTEP	combined training and education plan
CTF	combined task force
CTG	commander, task group
CTID	communications transmission identifier
CTL	candidate target list
CTM	core target material
CTOC	corps tactical operations center
CTP	common tactical picture
CTR	cooperative threat reduction
CTRIF	Combating Terrorism Readiness Initiative Fund
CTS	commodity tracking system
CTSS	central targeting support staff
CTU	commander, task unit
CU	cubic capacity; common unit
CUL	common-user logistics
CULT	common-user land transportation
CV	aircraft carrier; carrier; critical vulnerability; curriculum vitae
CVAMP	Core Vulnerability Assessment Management Program
CVN	aircraft carrier, nuclear
CVR	cockpit voice recorder
CVS	commercial vendor services
CVSD	continuous variable slope delta
CVT	criticality-vulnerability-threat
CVW	carrier air wing; cryptovariable weekly (GPS)
CVWC	carrier strike group air wing commander
CW	carrier wave; chemical warfare; continuous wave
CWC	Chemical Weapons Convention; composite warfare commander
CWDE	chemical warfare defense equipment
CWMD	combating weapons of mass destruction
CWO	communications watch officer
CWP	causeway pier
CWPD	Conventional War Plans Division, Joint Staff (J-7)
CWR	calm water ramp
CWT	combat weather team; customer wait time
CY	calendar year

D

D	total drift, data
d	surface drift
D&D	denial and deception
D&F	determinations and findings
D&M	detection and monitoring
D&R	debrief and reintegrate
D3A	decide, detect, deliver, and assess
D/A	digital-to-analog
DA	data adapter aerospace drift; data administrator; Department of the Army; Development Assistance; direct action; Directorate for Administration (DIA); double agent
Da	aerospace drift
DA&M	Director of Administration and Management
DAA	designated approving authority; display alternate area routing lists
DAADC(AMD)	deputy area air defense commander for air and missile defense
DAAS	defense automatic addressing system
DAASO	defense automatic addressing system office
DAB	Defense Acquisition Board
DAC	Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) counterintelligence and security activity; Department of Army civilians
DACB	data adapter control block
DACG	departure airfield control group
DACM	data adapter control mode
DADCAP	dawn and dusk combat air patrol
DAF	Department of the Air Force
DAFL	directive authority for logistics
DAICC	domestic air interdiction coordinator center
DAL	defended asset list
DALIS	Disaster Assistance Logistics Information System
DALS	downed aviator locator system
DAMA	demand assigned multiple access
DAMES	defense automatic addressing system (DAAS) automated message exchange system
DAN	Diver's Alert Network
DAO	defense attaché office; defense attaché officer; department/agency/organization
DAP	designated acquisition program
DAR	Defense Acquisition Regulation; distortion adaptive receiver
DARO	Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office
DARPA	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

DART	disaster assistance response team; downed aircraft recovery team; dynamic analysis and replanning tool
DAS	deep air support (USMC); defense attaché system; direct access subscriber; direct air support
DAS3	decentralized automated service support system
DASA	Department of the Army (DA) staff agencies
DASC	direct air support center
DASC(A)	direct air support center (airborne)
DASD	Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
DASD-CN	Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics
DASD(H&RA)	Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Humanitarian & Refugee Affairs)
DASD(I)	Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence)
DASD(PK/HA)	Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Affairs)
DASD(S&IO)	Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Security and Information Operations)
DASSS	decentralized automated service support system
DAT	deployment action team
DATT	defense attaché
DATU	data adapter termination unit
dB	decibel
DBA	database administrator
DBDB	digital bathymetric database
DBG	database generation
DBI	defense budget issue
DBMS	database management system; Defense-Business Management System
DBSS	Defense Blood Standard System
DBT	design basis threat
D/C	downconverter
DC	Deputies Committee; direct current; dislocated civilian
DCA	Defense Communications Agency; Defense Cooperation Agreements; defensive counterair; dual-capable aircraft
DCAA	Defense Contract Audit Agency
DCAM	Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support (DMLSS) customer assistance module
DCAPES	Deliberate and Crisis Action Planning and Execution Segments
DCC	damage control center; deployment control center
DCCC	defense collection coordination center
DCCEP	developing country combined exercise program
DCD	data collection device
DCE	defense coordinating element
D-cell	deployment cell
DCGS	distributed common ground/surface system

DCHA	Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance
DCI	defense critical infrastructure; Director of Central Intelligence; dual channel interchange
D/CI&SP	Director, Counterintelligence and Security Programs
D/CIA	Director, Central Intelligence Agency
DCID	Director of Central Intelligence directive
DCIIS	Defense Counterintelligence Information System
DCIO	defense criminal investigative organization
DCIP	Defense Critical Infrastructure Program
DCIS	Defense Criminal Investigative Services
DCJTF	deputy commander, joint task force
DCM	data channel multiplexer; deputy chief of mission
DCMA	Defense Contract Management Agency
DCMC	Office of Deputy Chairman, Military Committee
DCMO	deputy chief military observer
DCNO	Deputy Chief of Naval Operations
DCO	Defense Connect Online; defense coordinating officer; dial central office
DCP	Defense Continuity Program; detainee collection point
DCPA	Defense Civil Preparedness Agency
DCPG	digital clock pulse generator
DCR	DOTMLPF change recommendation
DCS	Defense Communications System; Defense Courier Service; deputy chief of staff; digital computer system
DCSCU	dual capability servo control unit
DC/S for RA	Deputy Chief of Staff for Reserve Affairs
DCSINT	Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence
DCSLOG	Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, US Army
DCSOPS	Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, United States Army
DCSPER	Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Army
DCST	Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) contingency support team
DCTS	Defense Collaboration Tool Suite
DD	Department of Defense (form); destroyer (Navy ship)
DDA	Deputy Director for Administration (CIA); designated development activity
D-day	unnamed day on which operations commence or are scheduled to commence
DDC	data distribution center; defense distribution center
DDCI	Deputy Director of Central Intelligence (CIA)
DDCI/CM	Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management
DDED	defense distribution expeditionary depot
DDG	guided missile destroyer
DDI	Deputy Director of Intelligence (CIA)

DDL	digital data link
DDM	digital data modem
DDMA	Defense Distribution Mapping Activity
DDMS	Deputy Director for Military Support
DDO	Deputy Director of Operations (CIA)
DDOC	Deployment and Distribution Operations Center (USTRANSCOM)
DDP	detailed deployment plan
DDR	disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration
DDR&E	director of defense research and engineering
DDRRR	disarmament, demobilization, repatriation, reintegration, and resettlement
DDS	defense dissemination system; Deployable Disbursing System; dry deck shelter
DDSM	Defense Distinguished Service Medal
DDS&T	Deputy Director for Science & Technology (CIA)
DDWSO	Deputy Director for Wargaming, Simulation, and Operations
DE	damage expectancy; delay equalizer; directed energy
De	total drift error
de	individual drift error
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
dea	aerospace drift error
DEACN	Drug Enforcement Administration Communications Network
DEAR	disease and environmental alert report
DEARAS	Department of Defense (DOD) Emergency Authorities Retrieval and Analysis System
DeCA	Defense Commissary Agency
DECL	declassify
DEFCON	defense readiness condition
DEFSMAC	Defense Special Missile and Aerospace Center
DEL	deployable equipment list
DEMARC	demarcation
de max	maximum drift error
DEMIL	demilitarization
de min	minimum drift error
de minimax	minimax drift error
DeMS	deployment management system
DEMUX	demultiplex
DEP	Delayed Entry Program; deployed
DEP&S	Drug Enforcement Plans and Support
DEPCJTF	deputy commander, joint task force
DEPID	deployment indicator code
DEPMEDS	deployable medical systems
DepOpsDeps	Service deputy operations deputies

DEPORD	deployment order
DESC	Defense Energy Support Center
DESCOM	Depot System Command (Army)
DESIGAREA	designated area message
DEST	destination; domestic emergency support team
DET	detachment; detainee
DETRESFA	distress phase (ICAO)
DEW	directed-energy warfare
DF	direction finding; dispersion factor; disposition form
DFARS	Department of Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement
DFAS	Defense Finance and Accounting Service
DFAS-DE	Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Denver
DFC	deputy force commander; detention facility commander
DFE	Defense Joint Intelligence Operations Center forward element; division force equivalent
DFM	deterrent force module
DFO	disaster field office (FEMA)
DFR	Defense Fuel Region
DFR/E	Defense Fuel Region, Europe
DFRIF	Defense Freight Railway Interchange Fleet
DFR/ME	Defense Fuel Region, Middle East
DFSC	Defense Fuel Supply Center
DFSP	Defense Fuel Support Point
DFT	deployment for training
DG	defense guidance
DGIAP	Defense General Intelligence and Applications Program
DGM	digital group multiplex
DGZ	desired ground zero
DH	death due to hostilities; Directorate for Human Intelligence (DIA)
DHA	detainee holding area
DHB	Defense Health Board
DHE	Department of Defense (DOD) human intelligence (HUMINT) element
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DHM	Department of Defense human intelligence manager
DHMO	Department of Defense human intelligence management office
DHS	Defense Human Intelligence (HUMINT) Service; Department of Homeland Security; Director of Health Services
DI	Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Directorate for Analysis; DIA Directorate for Intelligence Production; discrete identifier; dynamic interface
DIA	Defense Intelligence Agency

DIAC	Defense Intelligence Analysis Center
DIA/DHX	Defense Intelligence Agency, Directorate of Human Intelligence, Office of Document and Media Operations
DIAM	Defense Intelligence Agency manual; Defense Intelligence Agency memorandum
DIAP	Defense Intelligence Analysis Program; Drug Interdiction Assistance Program
DIAR	Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) regulation
DIB	defense industrial base
DIBITS	digital in-band interswitch trunk signaling
DIBRS	defense incident-based reporting system
DIBTS	digital in-band trunk signaling
DICO	Data Information Coordination Office
DIDHS	Deployable Intelligence Data Handling System
DIDO	designated intelligence disclosure official
DIDS	Defense Intelligence Dissemination System
DIEB	Defense Intelligence Executive Board
DIEPS	Digital Imagery Exploitation Production System
DIG	digital
DIGO	Defence Imagery and Geospatial Organisation
DII	defense information infrastructure
DII-COE	defense information infrastructure-common operating environment
DIILS	Defense Institute of International Legal Studies
DIJE	Defense Intelligence Joint Environment
DILPA	diphase loop modem-A
DIMA	drilling individual mobilization augmentee
DIMOC	Defense Imagery Management Operations Center
DIN	defense intelligence notice
DINET	Defense Industrial Net
DINFOS	Defense Information School
DIOC	drug interdiction operations center
DIOCC	Defense Intelligence Operations Coordination Center
DIPC	defense industrial plant equipment center
DIPFAC	diplomatic facility
DIPGM	diphase supergroup modem
DIRINT	Director of Intelligence (USMC)
DIRJIATF	director, joint inter-agency task force
DIRLAUTH	direct liaison authorized
DIRM	Directorate for Information and Resource Management
DIRMOBFOR	director of mobility forces
DIRNSA	Director, National Security Agency
DIRSPACEFOR	director of space forces (USAF)
DIS	daily intelligence summary; defense information system; Defense Investigative Service; distributed interactive simulation

DISA	Defense Information Systems Agency
DISA-LO	Defense Information Systems Agency - liaison officer
DISANMOC	Defense Information Systems Agency Network Management and Operations Center
DisasterAWARE	Disaster All-Hazard Warnings, Analysis, and Risk Evaluation System
DISCOM	division support command (Army)
DISGM	diphase supergroup
DISN	Defense Information Systems Network
DISN-E	Defense Information Systems Network – Europe
DISO	defense intelligence support office
DISP	drug investigation support program (FAA)
DISUM	daily intelligence summary
DITDS	defense information threat data system; defense intelligence threat data system
DITSUM	defense intelligence terrorist summary
DJIOC	Defense Joint Intelligence Operations Center
DJS	Director, Joint Staff
DJSM	Director, Joint Staff memorandum
DJTFAC	deployable joint task force augmentation cell
DJTFS	deputy joint task force surgeon
DLA	Defense Logistics Agency
DLAM	Defense Logistics Agency manual
DLAR	Defense Logistics Agency regulation
DLEA	drug law enforcement agency
DLED	dedicated loop encryption device
DLD	digital liaison detachment
DLIS	Defense Logistics Information Service
DLP	data link processor
DLPMA	diphase loop modem A
DLQ	deck landing qualification
DLR	depot-level repairable
DLSA	Defense Legal Services Agency
DLSS	Defense Logistics Standard Systems
DLTM	digital line termination module
DLTU	digital line termination unit
DM	detection and monitoring
DMA	Defense Media Activity
dmax	maximum drift distance
DMB	datum marker buoy
DMC	data mode control
DMD	digital message device
DMDC	defense management data center; defense manpower data center
DME	distance measuring equipment
DMHS	Defense Message Handling System

DMI	director military intelligence
DMIGS	Domestic Mobile Integrated Geospatial-Intelligence System
dmin	minimum drift distance
DML	data manipulation language
DMLSS	Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support
DMO	directory maintenance official
DMOS	duty military occupational specialty
DMPI	designated mean point of impact; desired mean point of impact
DMRD	defense management resource decision
DMRIS	defense medical regulating information system
DMS	defense message system; defense meteorological system; director of military support
DMSB	Defense Medical Standardization Board
DMSM	Defense Meritorious Service Medal
DMSO	Defense Modeling and Simulation Office; director of major staff office; Division Medical Supply Office
DMSP	Defense Meteorological Satellite Program
DMSSC	defense medical systems support center
DMT	disaster management team (UN)
DMU	disk memory unit
DMZ	demilitarized zone
DN	digital nonsecure
DNA	Defense Nuclear Agency; deoxyribonucleic acid
DNAT	defense nuclear advisory team
DNBI	disease and nonbattle injury
DNBI casualty	disease and nonbattle injury casualty
DNC	digital nautical chart
DND	Department of National Defence
DNDO	Domestic Nuclear Detection Office
DNGA	Director of National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
DNI	Director of National Intelligence; Director of Naval Intelligence
DNIF	duty not involving flying
DNMSP	driftnet monitoring support program
DNSO	Defense Network Systems Organization
DNVT	digital nonsecure voice terminal
DNY	display area code (NYX) routing
DOA	dead on arrival; director of administration
DOB	date of birth; dispersal operating base
DOC	Department of Commerce; designed operational capability
DOCC	deep operations coordination cell
DOCDIV	documents division
DOCEX	document exploitation
DOCNET	Doctrine Networked Education and Training
DOD	Department of Defense

DODAAC	Department of Defense activity address code
DODAAD	Department of Defense Activity Address Directory
DODAC DOD	ammunition code
DODD	Department of Defense directive
DODDS	Department of Defense Dependent Schools
DODEX	Department of Defense intelligence system information system extension
DODFMR	Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation
DODI	Department of Defense instruction
DODIC	Department of Defense identification code
DODID	Department of Defense Intelligence Digest
DODIIS	Department of Defense Intelligence Information System
DODIPC	Department of Defense intelligence production community
DODIPP	Department of Defense Intelligence Production Program
DOD-JIC	Department of Defense Joint Intelligence Center
DODM	data orderwire diphase modem
DOE	Department of Energy
DOF	degree of freedom
DOI	Defense Special Security Communications System (DSSCS) Operating Instructions; Department of Interior
DOJ	Department of Justice
DOL	Department of Labor
DOM	day of month
DOMS	director of military support
DON	Department of the Navy
DOPMA	Defense Officer Personnel Management Act
DOR	date of rank
DOS	date of separation; days of supply; denial of service; Department of State; disk operating system
DOT	Department of Transportation
DOTEO	Department of Transportation emergency organization
DOTMLPF	doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership and education, personnel, and facilities
DOW	data orderwire; died of wounds
DOX-T	direct operational exchange-tactical
DOY	day of year
DP	Air Force component plans officer (staff); decisive point; Directorate for Policy Support (DIA); displaced person
dp	parachute drift
DPA	Defense Production Act
DPAP	Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy
DPAS	Defense Priorities and Allocation System
DPC	deception planning cell; Defense Planning Committee (NATO)
DPEC	displaced person exploitation cell

DPG	Defense Planning Guidance
DPI	desired point of impact
dpi	dots per inch
DPICM	dual purpose improved conventional munitions
DPKO	Department of Peacekeeping Operations
DPLSM	dipulse group modem
DPM	dissemination program manager
DPMO	Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office
DPO	distribution process owner
DPP	data patch panel; distributed production program
DPPDB	digital point positioning database
DPQ	defense planning questionnaire (NATO)
DPR	display non-nodal routing
DPRB	Defense Planning and Resources Board
DPRE	displaced persons, refugees, and evacuees
DPS	data processing system
DPSC	Defense Personnel Support Center
DPSK	differential phase shift keying
DR	dead reckoning; digital receiver; disaster relief
DRB	Defense Resources Board
DRe	dead reckoning error
DRMD	deployments requirements manning document
DRMO	Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office
DRMS	Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service; distance root-mean-square
DRN	Disaster Response Network
DRO	departmental requirements office
DRRS	Defense Readiness Reporting System
DRS	detainee reporting system
DRSN	Defense Red Switched Network
DRT	dead reckoning tracer
DRTC	designated reporting technical control
DS	Directorate for Information Systems and Services (DIA); direct support; doctrine sponsor
DSA	defense special assessment (DIA); defensive sea area
DSAA	Defense Security Assistance Agency
DSAR	Defense Supply Agency regulation
DSB	digital in-band trunk signaling (DIBTS) signaling buffer
DSC	defensive space control; digital selective calling
DSCA	Defense Security Cooperation Agency; defense support of civil authorities
DSCP	Defense Supply Center Philadelphia
DSCR	Defense Supply Center Richmond
DSCS	Defense Satellite Communications System
DSCSOC	Defense Satellite Communications System operations center

DSDI	digital simple data interface
DSG	digital signal generator
DSI	defense simulation internet
DSL	display switch locator (SL) routing
DSMAC	digital scene-matching area correlation
DSN	Defense Switched Network
DSNET	Defense Secure Network
DSNET-2	Defense Secure Network-2
DSO	defensive systems officer
DSOE	deployment schedule of events
DSP	Defense Satellite Program; Defense Support Program
DSPD	defense support to public diplomacy
DSPL	display system programming language
DSPS	Director, Security Plans and Service
DSR	defense source registry
DSS	Defense Security Service; Distribution Standard System
DSS/ALOC	direct support system/air line of communications
DSSCS	Defense Special Security Communications System
DSSM	Defense Superior Service Medal
DSSO	data system support organization; defense sensitive support office; defense systems support organization
DSSR	Department of State Standardized Regulation
DST	Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) support team; deployment support team
DSTP	Director of Strategic Target Planning
DSTR	destroy
DSTS-G	Defense Information Systems Network (DISN) Satellite Transmission Services - Global
DSVL	doppler sonar velocity log
DSVT	digital subscriber voice terminal
DT	Directorate for MASINT and Technical Collection (DIA)
DTA	Defense Threat Assessment; dynamic threat assessment
DTAM	defense terrorism awareness message
DTCI	Defense Transportation Coordination Initiative
DTD	detailed troop decontamination
DTE	data terminal equipment; developmental test and evaluation
DTED	digital terrain elevation data
DTG	date-time group; digital trunk group (digital transmission group)
DTIP	Disruptive Technology Innovations Partnership (DIA)
DTL	designator target line
DTMF	dual tone multi-frequency
DTMR	defense traffic management regulation
DTO	division transportation office; drug trafficking organization
DTOC	division tactical operations center

DTR	defense transportation regulation
DTRA	Defense Threat Reduction Agency
DTRACS	Defense Transportation Reporting and Control System
DTRATCA	Defense Threat Reduction and Treaty Compliance Agency
DTS	Defense Transportation System; Defense Travel System; diplomatic telecommunications service
DTTS	Defense Transportation Tracking System
DU	depleted uranium
DUSD (CI&S)	Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Counterintelligence and Security
DUSDL	Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics
DUSD(L&MR)	Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness
DUSDP	Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
DUSTWUN	duty status-whereabouts unknown
DV	distinguished visitor
DVA	Department of Veterans Affairs
DVD	digital video device; digital video disc
DVITS	Digital Video Imagery Transmission System
DVOW	digital voice orderwire
DVT	deployment visualization tool
DWAS	Defense Working Capital Accounting System
DWMCF	double-wide modular causeway ferry
DWRIA	died of wounds received in action
DWT	deadweight tonnage
DWTS	Digital Wideband Transmission System
DX	Directorate for External Relations (DIA)
DZ	drop zone
DZC	drop zone controller
DZCO	drop zone control officer
DZSO	drop zone safety officer
DZST	drop zone support team
DZSTL	drop zone support team leader

E

E	total probable error
E&DCP	evaluation and data collection plan
E&E	emergency and extraordinary expense authority; evasion and escape
E&EE	emergency and extraordinary expense
E&I	engineering and installation
E&M	ear and mouth; special signaling leads
E1	Echelon 1
E2	Echelon 2
E3	Echelon 3; electromagnetic environmental effects

E4	Echelon 4
E5	Echelon 5
E-8C	joint surveillance, target attack radar system (JSTARS) aircraft
EA	electronic attack; emergency action; evaluation agent; executive agent; executive assistant
ea	each
EAC	echelons above corps (Army); emergency action; emergency action committee
EACS	expeditionary aeromedical evacuation crew member support
EACT	expeditionary aeromedical evacuation coordination team
EAD	earliest arrival date; echelons above division (Army); extended active duty
EADRU	Euro-Atlantic disaster response unit
EADS	Eastern Air Defense Sector
EAES	expeditionary aeromedical evacuation squadron
EAF	expeditionary aerospace forces
EAI	executive agent instruction
EALT	earliest anticipated launch time
EAM	emergency action message
EAP	emergency action plan; emergency action procedures
EAPC	Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council
EAP-CJCS	emergency action procedures of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
EARLY	evasion and recovery supplemental data report
E-ARTS	en route automated radar tracking system
EASF	expeditionary aeromedical staging facility
EAST	expeditionary aeromedical evacuation staging team
EASTPAC	eastern Pacific Ocean
EBCDIC	extended binary coded decimal interchange code
EBS	environmental baseline survey
EC	electronic combat; enemy combatant; error control; European Community
ECAC	Electromagnetic Compatibility Analysis Center
ECB	echelons corps and below (Army)
ECC	engineer coordination cell; evacuation control center
ECHA	Executive Committee for Humanitarian Affairs
ECHO	European Community Humanitarian Aid Department
ECM	electronic countermeasures
ECN	electronic change notice; Minimum Essential Emergency Communications Network
ECO	electronic combat officer
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council (UN)
ECP	emergency command precedence; engineering change proposal; entry control point
ECS	expeditionary combat support

ECU	environmental control unit
ED	envelope delay; evaluation directive
EDA	excess defense articles
EDC	estimated date of completion
EDD	earliest delivery date
EDI	electronic data interchange
EDSS	equipment deployment and storage system
EE	emergency establishment
EEA	environmental executive agent
EEBD	emergency escape breathing device
EECT	end evening civil twilight
EED	electro-explosive device; emergency-essential designation
EEDAC	emergency essential Department of the Army civilian
EEE	emergency and extraordinary expense
EEFI	essential elements of friendly information
EEI	essential element of information
EELV	evolved expendable launch vehicle
EEO	equal employment opportunity
EEPROM	electronic erasable programmable read-only memory
EER	enlisted employee review; extended echo ranging
EEZ	exclusive economic zone
EFA	engineering field activity
EFAC	emergency family assistance center
EFD	engineering field division
EFST	essential fire support task
EFT	electronic funds transfer
EFTO	encrypt for transmission only
EGM	Earth Gravity Model
EGS	Earth ground station
EH	explosive hazard
EHCC	explosive hazards coordination cell
EHF	extremely high frequency
EHO	environmental health officer
EHRA	environmental health risk assessment
EHSA	environmental health site assessment
EHT	explosive hazard team
EI	environmental information; exercise item
EIA	Electronic Industries Association
EID	electrically initiated device
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ELBA	emergency locator beacon
ELCAS	elevated causeway system
ELCAS(M)	elevated causeway system (modular)
ELCAS(NL)	elevated causeway system (Navy lighterage)
ELD	emitter locating data

ELECTRO-OPTINT	electro-optical intelligence
ELINT	electronic intelligence
ELIST	enhanced logistics intratheater support tool
ELOS	extended line of sight
ELPP	equal level patch panel
ELR	extra-long-range aircraft
ELSEC	electronics security
ELT	emergency locator transmitter
ELV	expendable launch vehicle
ELVA	emergency low-visibility approach
EM	electromagnetic; executive manager
EMAC	emergency management assistance compact
E-mail	electronic mail
EMALL	electronic mall
EMC	electromagnetic compatibility
EMCON	emission control
EMCON orders	emission control orders
EMD	effective miss distance
EME	electromagnetic environment
EMEDS	Expeditionary Medical Support
EMF	expeditionary medical facility
EMI	electromagnetic interface; electromagnetic interference
EMIO	expanded maritime interception operations
EMP	electromagnetic pulse
EMR hazards	electromagnetic radiation hazards
EMS	electromagnetic spectrum; emergency medical services
EMSEC	emanations security
EMT	emergency medical technician; emergency medical treatment
EMTF	expeditionary mobility task force
EMV	electromagnetic vulnerability
ENCOM	engineer command (Army)
ENDEX	exercise termination
ENL	enlisted
ENSCE	enemy situation correlation element
ENWGS	Enhanced Naval Warfare Gaming System
EO	electro-optical; end office; equal opportunity; executive order; eyes only
EOB	electronic order of battle; enemy order of battle
EOC	early operational capability; emergency operating center; emergency operations center
EOD	explosive ordnance disposal
EOI	electro-optic(al) imagery
EO-IR	electro-optical-infrared
EO-IR CM	electro-optical-infrared countermeasure
EOL	end of link

EOM	end of message
EOP	emergency operating procedures
E-O TDA	electro-optical tactical decision aid
EOW	engineering orderwire
EP	electronic protection; emergency preparedness; emergency procedures; execution planning
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency; evasion plan of action
EPBX	electronic private branch exchange
EPC	Emergency Procurement Committee
EPF	enhanced palletized load system (PLS) flatrack
EPH	emergency planning handbook
EPIC	El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIRB	emergency position-indicating radio beacon
EPLO	emergency preparedness liaison officer
EPROM	erasable programmable read-only memory
EPW	enemy prisoner of war
EPW/CI	enemy prisoner of war/civilian internee
ERC	exercise related construction
ERDC	Engineer Research and Development Center
ERGM	extended range guided munitions
ERO	engine running on or offload
ERRO	Emergency Response and Recovery Office
ERSD	estimated return to service date
ERT	emergency response team (FEMA); engineer reconnaissance team
ERT-A	emergency response team - advance element
ERU	emergency response unit
ES	electronic warfare support
ESB	engineer support battalion
ESC	Electronics Systems Center; expeditionary sustainment command
ESF	Economic Support Fund; emergency support function
ESG	executive steering group; expeditionary strike group
ESGN	electrically suspended gyro navigation
ESI	extremely sensitive information
ESK	electronic staff weather officer kit
ESM	expeditionary site mapping
ESO	embarkation staff officer; environmental science officer
ESOC	Emergency Supply Operations Center
ESORTS	Enhanced Status of Resources and Training System
ESP	engineer support plan
ESR	external supported recovery
EST	embarked security team; emergency service team; emergency support team (FEMA); en route support team
ETA	estimated time of arrival

ETAC	emergency tactical air control
ETD	estimated time of departure
ETF	electronic target folder
ETI	estimated time of intercept
ETIC	estimated time for completion; estimated time in commission
ETM	electronic transmission
ETPL	endorsed TEMPEST products list
ETR	export traffic release
ETS	European telephone system
ETSS	extended training service specialist
ETX	end of text
EU	European Union
E-UAV	endurance unmanned aerial vehicle
EUB	essential user bypass
EURV	essential user rekeying variable
EUSA	Eighth US Army
EUSC	effective United States control/controlled
EUSCS	effective United States-controlled ships
EVC	evasion chart
EVE	equal value exchange
EW	early warning; electronic warfare
EWC	electronic warfare coordinator
EWCC	electronic warfare coordination cell
EWCS	electronic warfare control ship
EW/GCI	early warning/ground-controlled intercept
EWIR	electronic warfare integrated reprogramming
EWO	electronic warfare officer
EXCIMS	Executive Council for Modeling and Simulations
ExCom	executive committee
EXDIR	Executive Director (CIA)
EXDIR/ICA	Executive Director for Intelligence Community Affairs (USG)
EXECSEC	executive secretary
EXER	exercise
EXORD	execute order
EXPLAN	exercise plan
EZ	exchange zone
EZCO	extraction zone control officer
EZM	engagement zone manager

F

F	Fahrenheit; flare patterns; flash
F2T2EA	find, fix, track, target, engage, and assess
F&ES	fire and emergency services

FA	feasibility assessment; field artillery
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration; Foreign Assistance Act
FAAO	Federal Aviation Administration order
FAAR	facilitated after-action review
FAC	forward air controller
FAC(A)	forward air controller (airborne)
FACE	forward aviation combat engineering
FACSFAC	fleet area control and surveillance facility
FACT	field advance civilian team; field assessment and coordination team
FAD	feasible arrival date
F/AD	force/activity designator
FAE	fuel air explosive
FALD	Field Administration and Logistics Division
FALOP	Forward Area Limited Observing Program
FAM	functional area manager
FAMP	forward area minefield planning
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization (UN); foreign area officer
FAPES	Force Augmentation Planning and Execution System
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Aviation Regulation
FARC	Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia
FARP	forward arming and refueling point
FAS	Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA); frequency assignment subcommittee; fueling at sea; functional account symbol
FASCAM	family of scatterable mines
FAST	field assessment surveillance team; fleet antiterrorism security team
FAX	facsimile
FB	forward boundary
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBIS	Foreign Broadcast Information Service
FBO	faith-based organization
FC	field circular; final coordination; fires cell (Army); floating causeway; floating craft; force commander
FCA	Foreign Claims Act; functional configuration audit
FCC	Federal Communications Commission; Federal coordinating center; functional combatant commander
FCE	forward command element
FCG	foreign clearance guide
FCM	foreign consequence management
FCO	federal coordinating officer
FCP	fire control party
FCT	firepower control team

FD	from temporary duty
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FDBM	functional database manager
FDC	fire direction center
FDESC	force description
FDL	fast deployment logistics
FDLP	flight deck landing practice
FDM	frequency division multiplexing
FDO	fire direction officer; flexible deterrent option; flight deck officer; foreign disclosure officer
FDR/FA	flight data recorder/fault analyzer
FDS	fault detection system
FDSL	fixed directory subscriber list
FDSS	fault detection subsystem
FDSSS	flight deck status and signaling system
FDT	forward distribution team
FDUL	fixed directory unit list
FDX	full duplex
FE	facilities engineering
FEA	front-end analysis
FEBA	forward edge of the battle area
FEC	forward error correction
FECC	fires and effects coordination cell
FED-STD	federal standard
FEK	frequency exchange keying
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FEP	fleet satellite (FLTSAT) extremely high frequency (EHF) package
FEPP	federal excess personal property; foreign excess personal property
FEST	foreign emergency support team; forward engineer support team
FET	facility engineer team
FEU	forty-foot equivalent unit
FEZ	fighter engagement zone
FF	navy fast frigate
Ff	fatigue correction factor
FFA	free-fire area
FFC	force fires coordinator
FFCC	flight ferry control center; force fires coordination center (USMC)
FFD	foundation feature data
FFE	field force engineering; flame field expedients
FFG	guided missile frigate
FFH	fast frequency hopping
FFH-net	fast-frequency-hopping net

FFHT-net	fast-frequency-hopping training net
FFIR	friendly force information requirement
FFP	Food for Peace; fresh frozen plasma
FFTU	forward freight terminal unit
FG	fighter group
FGMDSS	Future Global Maritime Distress and Safety System
FGS	final governing standard
FH	fleet hospital
FHA	Bureau for Food and Humanitarian Assistance; Federal Highway Administration; foreign humanitarian assistance
FHC	family help center
F-hour	effective time of announcement by the Secretary of Defense to the Military Departments of a decision to mobilize Reserve units
FHP	force health protection
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FI	foreign intelligence
FIA	functional interoperability architecture
FIC	force indicator code
FID	foreign internal defense
FIDAF	foreign internal defense augmentation force
FIE	fly-in echelon
FIFO	first-in-first-out
FinCEN	Financial Crimes Enforcement Network
FIR	first-impressions report; flight information region
FIRCAP	foreign intelligence requirements capabilities and priorities
1st IOC	1st Information Operations Command (Land)
FIS	flight information service; Foreign Intelligence Service
FISC	fleet and industrial supply center
FISINT	foreign instrumentation signals intelligence
FISS	foreign intelligence and security services
FIST	fire support team; fleet imagery support terminal; fleet intelligence support team
FIWC	fleet information warfare center
FIXe	navigational fix error
FLAR	forward-looking airborne radar
FLENUMMETOCCEN	Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center
FLENUMMETOCDET	Fleet Numerical Meteorological and Oceanographic Detachment
FLETC	Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
FLIP	flight information publication; flight instruction procedures
FLIR	forward-looking infrared
FLITE	federal legal information through electronics
FLO/FLO	float-on/float-off
FLOLS	fresnel lens optical landing system
FLOT	forward line of own troops

FLP	force level planning
FLS	forward logistic site
FLSG	force logistic support group
FLTSAT	fleet satellite
FLTSATCOM	fleet satellite communications
FM	field manual (Army); financial management; flare multiunit; force module; frequency modulation; functional manager
FMA-net	frequency management A-net
FMAS	foreign media analysis subsystem
FMAT	financial management augmentation team
FMC	force movement characteristics; full mission-capable
FMCH	fleet multichannel
FMCR	Fleet Marine Corps Reserve
FMCSA	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
FMI	field manual-interim
FMF	Fleet Marine Force
FMFP	foreign military financing program
FMID	force module identifier
FMO	frequency management office; functional manager office
FMP	force module package; foreign materiel program
FMS	force module subsystem; foreign military sales
FMSC	frequency management sub-committee
FMT-net	frequency management training net
FMV	full motion video
FN	foreign nation
FNMOC	Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center
FNMOD	Fleet Numerical Meteorological and Oceanographic Detachment
FNOC	Fleet Numerical Oceanographic Command
FNS	foreign nation support
FO	fiber optic; flash override; forward observer
FOB	forward operating base; forward operations base
FOC	full operational capability; future operations cell
FOD	field operations division; foreign object damage
FOFW	fiber optic field wire
FOG	Field Operations Guide for Disaster Assessment and Response
FOI	fault detection isolation
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FOIU	fiber optic interface unit
FOL	fiber optic link; forward operating location
FON	freedom of navigation (operations)
FOO	field ordering officer
FORSCOM	United States Army Forces Command
FORSTAT	force status and identity report

FOS	forward operating site; full operational status
FOT	follow-on operational test
FOUO	for official use only
FOV	field of view
FP	firing point; force protection; frequency panel
FPA	foreign policy advisor
FPC	final planning conference; future plans cell
FPCON	force protection condition
FPD	force protection detachment; foreign post differential
FPF	final protective fire
FPM	Federal personnel manual
FPO	fleet post office
FPOC	focal point operations center
FPS	force protection source
FPTAS	flight path threat analysis simulation
FPTS	forward propagation by tropospheric scatter
FPWG	force protection working group
FR	final report; frequency response
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration (DOT)
FRAG	fragmentation code
FRAGORD	fragmentary order
FRC	federal resource coordinator; forward resuscitative care
FRD	formerly restricted data
FREQ	frequency
FRERP	Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan
FRF	fragment retention film
FRMAC	Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (DOE)
FRN	force requirement number
FROG	free rocket over ground
FRP	Federal response plan (USG)
FRRS	frequency resource record system
FS	fighter squadron; file separator; file server; flare single-unit
fs	search radius safety factor
FSA	fire support area
FSB	fire support base; forward staging base; forward support base; forward support battalion
FSC	fire support cell; fire support coordinator (USMC)
FSCC	fire support coordination center (USMC)
FSCL	fire support coordination line
FSCM	fire support coordination measure
FSCOORD	fire support coordinator (Army)
FSE	fire support element
FSEM	fire support execution matrix
FSF	foreign security forces
FSK	frequency shift key

FSN	foreign service national
FSO	fire support officer; flight safety officer; foreign service officer
FSR	field service representative
FSS	fast sealift ship; fire support station; flight service station
FSSG	force service support group (USMC)
FSST	forward space support to theater
FST	fleet surgical team
FSU	former Soviet Union; forward support unit
FSW	feet of seawater
ft	feet; foot
ft3	cubic feet
FTC	Federal Trade Commission
FTCA	Foreign Tort Claims Act
FTP	file transfer protocol
FTRG	fleet tactical readiness group
FTS	Federal Telecommunications System; Federal telephone service; file transfer service
FTU	field training unit; freight terminal unit
FTX	field training exercise
FUAC	functional area code
FUNCPLAN	functional plan
F/V	fishing vessel
Fv	aircraft speed correction factor
FVT	Force Validation Tool
FW	fighter wing; fixed-wing; weather correction factor
FWD	forward
FWDA	friendly weapon danger area
FWF	former warring factions
FY	fiscal year
FYDP	Future Years Defense Program

G

G-1	Army or Marine Corps component manpower or personnel staff officer (Army division or higher staff, Marine Corps brigade or higher staff)
G-2	Army or Marine Corps component intelligence staff officer (Army division or higher staff, Marine Corps brigade or higher staff)
G-3	Army or Marine Corps component operations staff officer (Army division or higher staff, Marine Corps brigade or higher staff)
G-4	Army or Marine Corps component logistics staff officer (Army division or higher staff, Marine Corps brigade or higher staff); Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics

G-6	Army or Marine Corps component command, control, communications, and computer systems staff officer; assistant chief of staff for communications
G-7	information operations staff officer (ARFOR)
G/A	ground to air
GA	Tabun, a nerve agent
GAA	general agency agreement; geospatial intelligence assessment activity
GAFS	General Accounting and Finance System
GAMSS	Global Air Mobility Support System
GAO	General Accounting Office; Government Accountability Office
GAR	gateway access request
GARS	Global Area Reference System
GAT	governmental assistance team
GATB	guidance, apportionment, and targeting board
GATES	Global Air Transportation Execution System
GB	group buffer; Sarin, a nerve agent
GBL	government bill of lading
GBR	ground-based radar
GBS	Global Broadcast Service; Global Broadcast System
GBU	guided bomb unit
GC	general counsel; Geneva Convention; Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War
GC3A	global command, control, and communications assessment
GC4A	global command, control, communications, and computer assessment
GCA	ground controlled approach
GCC	geographic combatant commander; global contingency construction
GCCC	Global Contingency Construction Contract
GCCS	Global Command and Control System
GCCS-A	Global Command and Control System-Army
GCCS-I3	Global Command and Control System Integrated Imagery and Intelligence
GCCS-J	Global Command and Control System-Joint
GCCS-M	Global Command and Control System-Maritime
GCE	ground combat element (MAGTF)
GCI	ground control intercept
GCM	global container manager; Global Information Grid (GIG) Content Management
GCP	geospatial-intelligence contingency package; ground commander's pointer
GCRI	general collective routing indicator (RI)
GCS	ground control station

GCSC	Global Contingency Service Contract
GCSS-J	Global Combat Support System - Joint
GCTN	global combating terrorism network
GD	Soman, a nerve agent
GDF	gridded data field; Guidance for Development of the Force
GDIP	General Defense Intelligence Program
GDIPP	General Defense Intelligence Proposed Program
GDP	General Defense Plan (SACEUR): gross domestic product
GDSS	Global Decision Support System
GE	general engineering
GEF	Guidance for Employment of the Force
GEM	Global Information Grid (GIG) Enterprise Management
GENADMIN	general admin (message)
GENSER	general service (message)
GENTEXT	general text
GEO	geosynchronous Earth orbit
GEOCODE	geographic code
GEOFILE	geolocation code file; standard specified geographic location file
GEOINT	geospatial intelligence
GEOLOC	geographic location; geographic location code
GEOREF	geographic reference; world geographic reference system
GF	a nerve agent
GFE	government-furnished equipment
GFI	government-furnished information
GFM	Global Force Management; global freight management; government-furnished material
GFMB	Global Force Management Board
GFMIG	Global Force Management Implementation Guidance
GFMPL	Graphics Fleet Mission Program Library
GFOAR	global family of operation plans assessment report
GFS	global fleet station
GFU	group framing unit
GHz	gigahertz
GI	geomatics and imagery
GI&S	geospatial information and services
GIAC	graphic input aggregate control
GIC	(*gabarit international de chargement)* international loading gauge
GIE	global information environment
GIG	Global Information Grid
GII	global information infrastructure
GIP	gridded installation photograph
GIS	geographic information system; geospatial information systems
GL	government leased

GLCM	ground launched cruise missile
GLINT	gated laser intensifier
GLO	ground liaison officer
GLTD	ground laser target designator
GM	group modem
GMD	global missile defense; ground-based midcourse defense; group mux and/or demux
GMDSS	Global Maritime Distress and Safety System
GMF	ground mobile force
GMFP	global military force policy
GMI	general military intelligence
GMLRS	Global Positioning System Multiple Launch Rocket System
GMR	graduated mobilization response; ground mobile radar
GMRS	global mobility readiness squadron
GMS	global mobility squadron
GMTI	ground moving target indicator
GNA	Global Information Grid (GIG) Network Assurance
GNC	Global Network Operations Center
GNCC	global network operations (NETOPS) center
GND	Global Information Grid (GIG) Network Defense
GNSC	global network operations (NETOPS) support center
GO	government owned
GOCO	government-owned, contractor-operated
GOES	geostationary operational environmental satellite
GOGO	government-owned, government-operated
GOS	grade of service
GOSG	general officer steering group
GOTS	government off-the-shelf
GP	general purpose; group
GPC	government purchase card
GPD	gallons per day
GPE	geospatial intelligence preparation of the environment
GPEE	general purpose encryption equipment
GPL	Geospatial Product Library
GPM	gallons per minute; global pallet manager
GPMDM	group modem
GPMRC	Global Patient Movement Requirements Center
GPS	Global Positioning System
GPW	Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War
GQ	general quarters
GR	graduated response
GRASP	general retrieval and sort processor
GRCA	ground reference coverage area
GRG	gridded reference graphic

GRL	global reach laydown
GRREG	graves registration
GS	general service; general support; ground speed; group separator
GSA	General Services Administration; general support artillery
GSE	ground support equipment
GSI	glide slope indicator
GSM	ground station module
GSO	general services officer
GSORTS	Global Status of Resources and Training System
GS-R	general support-reinforcing
GSR	general support-reinforcing; ground surveillance radar
GSSA	general supply support area
GSSC	global satellite communications (SATCOM) support center
gt	gross ton
GTAS	ground-to-air signals
GTL	gun-target line
GTM	global transportation management
GTN	Global Transportation Network
GUARD	US National Guard and Air Guard
GUARDS	General Unified Ammunition Reporting Data System
G/VLLD	ground/vehicle laser locator designator
GW	guerrilla warfare
GWC	global weather central
GWEN	Ground Wave Emergency Network
GWOT	global war on terrorism
GWS	Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field
GWS Sea	Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded, Sick, and Shipwrecked Members of the Armed Forces at Sea

H

H&I	harassing and interdicting
H&S	headquarters and service
HA	holding area; humanitarian assistance
HAARS	high-altitude airdrop resupply system
HAB	high altitude burst
HAC	helicopter aircraft commander
HACC	humanitarian assistance coordination center
HAHO	high-altitude high-opening parachute technique
HALO	high-altitude low-opening parachute technique

HAP	humanitarian assistance program
HAP-EP	humanitarian assistance program-excess property
HARM	high-speed antiradiation missile
HARP	high altitude release point
HAST	humanitarian assistance survey team
HATR	hazardous air traffic report
HAZ	hazardous cargo
HAZMAT	hazardous materials
HB	heavy boat
HBCT	heavy brigade combat team
HCA	head of contracting activity; humanitarian and civic assistance
HCAS	hostile casualty
HCL	hydrochloride
HCO	helicopter control officer
HCP	hardcopy printer
HCS	helicopter combat support (Navy); helicopter coordination section
HCT	human intelligence (HUMINT) collection team
HD	a mustard agent; harmonic distortion; homeland defense
HDC	harbor defense commander; helicopter direction center
HDCU	harbor defense command unit
HDO	humanitarian demining operations
HDPLX	half duplex
HDR	humanitarian daily ration
HDTC	Humanitarian Demining Training Center
HE	heavy equipment; high explosive
HEAT	helicopter external air transport; high explosive antitank
HEC	helicopter element coordinator
HEFOE	hydraulic electrical fuel oxygen engine
HEI	high explosives incendiary
HEL-H	heavy helicopter
HEL-L	light helicopter
HEL-M	medium helicopter
HELO	helicopter
HEMP	high-altitude electromagnetic pulse
HEMTT	heavy expanded mobile tactical truck
HEO	highly elliptical orbit
HEPA	high efficiency particulate air
HERF	hazards of electromagnetic radiation to fuels
HERO	electromagnetic radiation hazards; hazards of electromagnetic radiation to ordnance
HERP	hazards of electromagnetic radiation to personnel
HET	heavy equipment transporter; human intelligence (HUMINT) exploitation team
HEWSweb	Humanitarian Early Warning Service

HF	high frequency
HFDF	high-frequency direction finding
HFRB	high frequency regional broadcast
HH	homing pattern
HHC	headquarters and headquarters company
HHD	headquarters and headquarters detachment
H-hour	seaborne assault landing hour; specific time an operation or exercise begins
HHQ	higher headquarters
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HIC	humanitarian information center
HICAP	high-capacity firefighting foam station
HIDACZ	high-density airspace control zone
HIDTA	high-intensity drug trafficking area
HIFR	helicopter in-flight refueling
HIMAD	high to medium altitude air defense
HIMARS	High Mobility Artillery Rocket System
HIMEZ	high-altitude missile engagement zone
HIRSS	hover infrared suppressor subsystem
HIRTA	high intensity radio transmission area
HIU	humanitarian information unit
HIV	human immuno-deficiency virus
HJ	crypto key change
HLPS	heavy-lift pre-position ship
HLZ	helicopter landing zone
HM	hazardous material
HMA	humanitarian mine action
HMH	Marine heavy helicopter squadron
HMIRS	Hazardous Material Information Resource System
HMIS	Hazardous Material Information System
HMLA	Marine light/attack helicopter squadron
HMM	Marine medium helicopter squadron
HMMWV	high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle
HMOD	harbormaster operations detachment
HMW	health, morale, and welfare
HN	host nation
HNS	host-nation support
HNSA	host-nation support agreement
HNSCC	host-nation support coordination cell
HOB	height of burst
HOC	human intelligence operations cell; humanitarian operations center
HOCC	humanitarian operations coordination center
HOD	head of delegation
HOGE	hover out of ground effect
HOIS	hostile intelligence service

HOM	head of mission
HOSTAC	helicopter operations from ships other than aircraft carriers (USN publication)
HPA	high power amplifier
HPMSK	high priority mission support kit
HPT	high-payoff target
HPTL	high-payoff target list
HQ	HAVE QUICK; headquarters
HQCOMDT	headquarters commandant
HQDA	Headquarters, Department of the Army
HQFM-net	HAVE QUICK frequency modulation net
HQFMT-net	HAVE QUICK frequency modulation training net
HQMC	Headquarters, Marine Corps
HR	helicopter request; hostage rescue
HRB	high-risk billet
HRC	high-risk-of-capture
HRJTF	humanitarian relief joint task force
HRO	humanitarian relief organizations
HRP	high-risk personnel; human remains pouch
HRS	horizon reference system
HRT	hostage rescue team
HS	helicopter antisubmarine (Navy); homeland security; homing single-unit
HSAC	Homeland Security Advisory Council
HSAS	Homeland Security Advisory System
HSB	high speed boat
HSC	helicopter sea combat (Navy); Homeland Security Council
HSCDM	high speed cable driver modem
HSC/PC	Homeland Security Council Principals Committee
HSC/PCC	Homeland Security Council Policy Coordination Committee
HSD	human intelligence support detachment
HSE	headquarters support element; human intelligence support element (DIA)
HSEP	hospital surgical expansion package (USAF)
HSI	hyperspectral imagery
HSLS	health service logistic support
HSM	humanitarian service medal
HSPD	homeland security Presidential directive
HSPR	high speed pulse restorer
HSS	health service support
HSSDB	high speed serial data buffer
HST	helicopter support team
HT	hatch team
HTERRCAS	hostile terrorist casualty
HTG	hard target graphic
HTH	high test hypochlorite

HU	hospital unit
HUD	head-up display
HUMINT	human intelligence; human resources intelligence
HUMRO	humanitarian relief operation
HUMRO OCP	humanitarian relief operation operational capability package
HUS	hardened unique storage
HVA	high-value asset
HVAA	high value airborne asset
HVAC	heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
HVI	high-value individual
HVT	high-value target
HW	hazardous waste
HWM	high water mark
HYE	high-yield explosives
Hz	hertz

I

I	immediate; individual
I&A	Office of Intelligence and Analysis
I&W	indications and warning
IA	implementing arrangement; individual augmentee; information assurance; initial assessment
IAC	Interagency Advisory Council
IACG	interagency coordination group
IADB	Inter-American Defense Board
IADS	integrated air defense system
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency (UN)
IAF	initial approach fix
IAIP	Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection
IAM	inertially aided munition
IAMSAR	International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue manual
IAP	international airport
IAR	interoperability assessment report
IASC	Interagency Standing Committee (UN); interim acting service chief
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IATACS	Improved Army Tactical Communications System
IATO	interim authority to operate
IAVM	information assurance vulnerability management
IAW	in accordance with
I/B	inboard
IBB	International Broadcasting Bureau
IBCT	infantry brigade combat team

IBES	intelligence budget estimate submission
IBM	International Business Machines
IBS	Integrated Booking System; integrated broadcast service; Integrated Broadcast System
IBU	inshore boat unit
IC	incident commander; intelligence community; intercept
IC3	integrated command, control, and communications
ICAD	individual concern and deficiency
ICAF	Interagency Conflict Assessment Framework
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICBM	intercontinental ballistic missile
ICC	information coordination center; Intelligence Coordination Center; International Criminal Court; Interstate Commerce Commission
ICD	international classifications of diseases; International Cooperation and Development Program (USDA)
ICDC	Intelligence Community Deputies Committee
ICDS	improved container delivery system
ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement
ICEDEFOR	Iceland Defense Forces
ICEPP	Incident Communications Emergency Policy and Procedures
IC/EXCOM	Intelligence Community Executive Committee
ICF	intelligence contingency funds
ICG	interagency core group
ICIS	integrated consumable item support
ICITAP	International Crime Investigative Training Assistance Program (DOJ)
ICM	image city map; improved conventional munitions; integrated collection management
ICN	idle channel noise; interface control net
ICNIA	integrated communications, navigation, and identification avionics
ICOD	intelligence cutoff data
ICODES	integrated computerized deployment system
ICON	imagery communications and operations node; intermediate coordination node
ICP	incident command post; intertheater communications security (COMSEC) package; interface change proposal; inventory control point
ICPC	Intelligence Community Principals Committee
ICR	Intelligence Collection Requirements
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICRI	interswitch collective routing indicator
ICS	incident command system; internal communications system; inter-Service chaplain support

ICSF	integrated command communications system framework
ICSAR	interagency committee on search and rescue
ICU	intensive care unit; interface control unit
ICVA	International Council of Voluntary Agencies
ICW	in coordination with
ID	identification; identifier; initiating directive
IDAD	internal defense and development
IDB	integrated database
IDCA	International Development Cooperation Agency
IDDF	intermediate data distribution facility
IDEAS	Intelligence Data Elements Authorized Standards
IDEX	imagery data exploitation system
IDF	intermediate distribution frame
IDHS	intelligence data handling system
ID/IQ	indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity
IDM	improved data modem; information dissemination management
IDNDR	International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (UN)
IDO	installation deployment officer
IDP	imagery derived product; imminent danger pay; internally displaced person
IDRA	infectious disease risk assessment
IDS	individual deployment site; integrated deployment system; interface design standards; intrusion detection system
IDSS	interoperability decision support system
IDT	inactive duty training
IDZ	inner defense zone
IEB	intelligence exploitation base
IED	improvised explosive device
IEDD	improvised explosive device defeat
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IEL	illustrative evaluation scenario
IEMATS	improved emergency message automatic transmission system
IER	information exchange requirement
IES	imagery exploitation system
IESS	imagery exploitation support system
IEW	intelligence and electronic warfare
IF	intermediate frequency
IFC	intelligence fusion center
IFCS	improved fire control system
IFF	identification, friend or foe
IFFN	identification, friend, foe, or neutral
IFF/SIF	identification, friend or foe/selective identification feature
IFP	integrated force package
IFR	instrument flight rules

IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
IFSAR	interferometric synthetic aperture radar
IG	inspector general
IGE	independent government estimate
IGL	intelligence gain/loss
IGO	intergovernmental organization
IGSM	interim ground station module (JSTARS)
IHADSS	integrated helmet and display sight system (Army)
IHC	International Humanitarian Community
IHO	industrial hygiene officer
IHS	international health specialist
IIB	interagency information bureau
IICL	Institute of International Container Lessors
IIM	intelligence information management
IIP	Bureau of International Information Programs (DOS); interagency implementation plan; international information program; interoperability improvement program
IIR	imagery interpretation report; imaging infrared; intelligence information report
IJC3S	initial joint command, control, and communications system; Integrated Joint Command, Control, and Communications System
IL	intermediate location
ILO	International Labor Organization (UN)
ILOC	integrated line of communications
ILS	integrated logistic support
IM	information management
IMA	individual mobilization augmentee
IMAAC	Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center
IMC	instrument meteorological conditions; International Medical Corps
IMDC	isolated, missing, detained, or captured
IMDG	international maritime dangerous goods (UN)
IMET	international military education and training
IMETS	Integrated Meteorological System
IMF	International Monetary Fund (UN)
IMI	international military information
IMINT	imagery intelligence
IMIT	international military information team
IMLTU	intermatrix line termination unit
IMM	integrated materiel management
IMMDELREQ	immediate delivery required

IMO	information management officer; International Maritime Organization
IMOSAR	International Maritime Organization (IMO) search and rescue manual
IMOSS	interim mobile oceanographic support system
IMP	implementation; information management plan; inventory management plan
IMPT	incident management planning team
IMRL	individual material requirements list
IMS	information management system; Interagency Management System; international military staff; international military standardization
IMSP	information management support plan
IMSU	installation medical support unit
IMU	inertial measuring unit; intermatrix unit
IN	Air Force component intelligence officer (staff); impulse noise; instructor
INCERFA	uncertainty phase (ICAO)
INCNR	increment number
INCSEA	incidents at sea
INDRAC	Interagency Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction Database of Responsibilities, Authorities, and Capabilities
INF	infantry
INFLTREP	inflight report
INFOCON	information operations condition
INFOSEC	information security
ING	Inactive National Guard
INID	intercept network in dialing
INJILL	injured or ill
INL	Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (DOS)
INM	international narcotics matters
INMARSAT	international maritime satellite
INR	Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State
INREQ	information request
INRP	Initial National Response Plan
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service; inertial navigation system; insert code
INSARAG	International Search and Rescue Advisory Group
INSCOM	United States Army Intelligence and Security Command
INTAC	individual terrorism awareness course
INTACS	integrated tactical communications system
INTELSAT	International Telecommunications Satellite Organization
INTELSITSUM	intelligence situation summary
InterAction	American Council for Voluntary International Action
INTERCO	International Code of signals

INTERPOL	International Criminal Police Organization
INTERPOL-USNCB	International Criminal Police Organization, United States National Central Bureau (DOJ)
INTREP	intelligence report
INTSUM	intelligence summary
INU	inertial navigation unit; integration unit
INV	invalid
INVOL	involuntary
I/O	input/output
IO	information objectives; information operations; intelligence oversight
IOC	Industrial Operations Command; initial operational capability; intelligence operations center; investigations operations center
IOI	injured other than hostilities or illness
IOM	installation, operation, and maintenance; International Organization for Migration
IOP	interface operating procedure
IOSS	Interagency Operations Security (OPSEC) Support Staff
IOT	information operations team
IOU	input/output unit
IOWG	information operations working group
IP	initial point; initial position; instructor pilot; internet protocol
IPA	intelligence production agency
IPB	intelligence preparation of the battlespace
IPBD	intelligence program budget decision
IPC	initial planning conference; integration planning cell; interagency planning cell
IPDM	intelligence program decision memorandum
IPDP	inland petroleum distribution plan
IPDS	imagery processing and dissemination system; inland petroleum distribution system (Army)
IPE	individual protective equipment; industrial plant equipment
IPG	isolated personnel guidance
IPI	indigenous populations and institutions
IPIR	initial photo interpretation report
IPL	imagery product library; integrated priority list
IPO	International Program Office
IPOE	intelligence preparation of the operational environment
IPOM	intelligence program objective memorandum
IPP	impact point prediction; industrial preparedness program
IPR	in-progress review; intelligence production requirement
IPRG	intelligence program review group
IPS	illustrative planning scenario; Interim Polar System; interoperability planning system

IPSG	intelligence program support group
IPSP	intelligence priorities for strategic planning
IPT	integrated planning team; integrated process team; Integrated Product Team
I/R	internment/resettlement
IR	incident report; information rate; information requirement; infrared; intelligence requirement
IRA	Provisional Irish Republican Army
IRAC	interdepartment radio advisory committee
I/R BN	internment/resettlement battalion
IRC	International Red Cross; International Rescue Committee; internet relay chat
IRCCM	infrared counter countermeasures
IRCM	infrared countermeasures
IRDS	infrared detection set
IRF	Immediate Reaction Forces (NATO); incident response force
IRINT	infrared intelligence
IRISA	Intelligence Report Index Summary File
IRO	international relief organization
IR pointer	infrared pointer
IRR	Individual Ready Reserve; integrated readiness report
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
IRST	infrared search and track
IRSTS	infrared search and track sensor; Infrared Search and Track System
IRT	Initial Response Team
IS	information superiority; information system; interswitch
ISA	international standardization agreement; inter-Service agreement
ISAF	International Security Assistance Force
ISB	intermediate staging base
ISDB	integrated satellite communications (SATCOM) database
ISE	intelligence support element
ISG	information synchronization group
ISMCS	international station meteorological climatic summary
ISMMP	integrated continental United States (CONUS) medical mobilization plan
ISN	Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation; internment serial number
ISO	International Organization for Standardization; isolation
ISOO	Information Security Oversight Office
ISOPAK	International Organization for Standardization package
ISOPREP	isolated personnel report
ISP	internet service provider
ISR	intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance
ISRD	intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance division

ISS	in-system select
ISSA	inter-Service support agreement
ISSG	Intelligence Senior Steering Group
ISSM	information system security manager
ISSO	information systems security organization
IST	integrated system test; interswitch trunk
ISU	internal airlift or helicopter slingable container unit
IT	information technology
ITA	international telegraphic alphabet
ITAC	intelligence and threat analysis center (Army)
ITALD	improved tactical air-launched decoy
ITAR	international traffic in arms regulation (coassembly)
ITF	intelligence task force (DIA)
ITG	infrared target graphic
ITL	intelligence task list
ITO	installation transportation officer
ITRO	inter-Service training organization
ITU	International Telecommunications Union
ITV	in-transit visibility
ITW/AA	integrated tactical warning and attack assessment
IUWG	inshore undersea warfare group
IV	intravenous
IVR	initial voice report
IVSN	Initial Voice Switched Network
IW	irregular warfare
IWC	information operations warfare commander
IW-D	defensive information warfare
IWG	intelligence working group; interagency working group
IWSC	Information Warfare Support Center
IWW	inland waterway
IWWS	inland waterway system

J

J-1	manpower and personnel directorate of a joint staff; manpower and personnel staff section
J-2	intelligence directorate of a joint staff; intelligence staff section
J-2A	deputy directorate for administration of a joint staff
J2-CI	Joint Counterintelligence Office
J-2J	deputy directorate for support of a joint staff
J-2M	deputy directorate for crisis management of a joint staff
J-2O	deputy directorate for crisis operations of a joint staff
J-2P	deputy directorate for assessment, doctrine, requirements, and capabilities of a joint staff

J-2T	Deputy Directorate for Targeting, Joint Staff Intelligence Directorate
J-2T-1	joint staff target operations division
J-2T-2	Target Plans Division
J-2X	joint force counterintelligence and human intelligence staff element
J-3	operations directorate of a joint staff; operations staff section
J-4	logistics directorate of a joint staff; logistics staff section
J-5	plans directorate of a joint staff; plans staff section
J-6	communications system directorate of a joint staff; command, control, communications, and computer systems staff section
J-7	engineering staff section; Joint Staff Operational Plans and Joint Force Development Directorate; operational plans and interoperability directorate of a joint staff
J-7/JED	exercises and training directorate of a joint staff
J-8	Director for Force Structure, Resource, and Assessment, Joint Staff; force structure, resource, and assessment directorate of a joint staff
J-9	civil-military operations directorate of a joint staff; civil-military operations staff section
J-35	future operations
JA	judge advocate
J-A	judge advocate directorate of a joint staff
JAAR	joint after-action report
JAARS	Joint After-Action Reporting System
JAAT	joint air attack team
JA/ATT	joint airborne and air transportability training
JAC	joint analysis center
JACC	joint airspace control center
JCCA	joint combat capability assessment
JACCC	joint airlift coordination and control cell
JACC/CP	joint airborne communications center/command post
JACCE	joint air component coordination element
JACS	joint automated communication-electronics operating instructions system
JADO	joint air defense operations
JADOCS	Joint Automated Deep Operations Coordination System
JAFWIN	JWICS Air Force weather information network
JAG	Judge Advocate General
JAGMAN	Manual of the Judge Advocate General (US Navy)
JAI	joint administrative instruction; joint airdrop inspection
JAIC	joint air intelligence center
JAIEG	joint atomic information exchange group

JAMPS	Joint Interoperability of Tactical Command and Control Systems (JINTACCS) automated message preparation system
JANAP	Joint Army, Navy, Air Force publication
JAO	joint air operations
JAOC	joint air operations center
JAOP	joint air operations plan
JAPO	joint area petroleum office
JAR	joint activity report
JARB	joint acquisition review board
JARCC	joint air reconnaissance control center
JARN	joint air request net
JARS	joint automated readiness system
JASC	joint action steering committee
JASSM	joint air-to-surface standoff missile
JAT	joint acceptance test
JATACS	joint advanced tactical cryptological support
JAT Guide	Joint Antiterrorism Program Manager's Guide
JAWS	Joint Munitions Effectiveness Manual (JMEM)/air-to-surface weaponeering system
JBP	Joint Blood Program
JBPO	joint blood program office
JC2WC	joint command and control warfare center
JCA	jamming control authority; Joint Capability Area
JCASREP	joint casualty report
JCAT	joint crisis action team
JCC	joint command center; joint contracting center; joint course catalog
JCCB	Joint Configuration Control Board
JCCC	joint combat camera center
JCCP	joint casualty collection point
JCE	Joint Intelligence Virtual Architecture (JIVA) Collaborative Environment
JCEOI	joint communications-electronics operating instructions
JCET	joint combined exchange training; joint combined exercise for training
JCEWR	joint coordination of electronic warfare reprogramming
JCEWS	joint force commander's electronic warfare staff
JCGRO	joint central graves registration office
JCIDO	Joint Combat Identification Office
JCIOC	joint counterintelligence operations center
JCISA	Joint Command Information Systems Activity
JCISB	Joint Counterintelligence Support Branch
JCLL	joint center for lessons learned
JCMA	joint communications security monitor activity
JCMB	Joint Collection Management Board

JCMC	joint crisis management capability
JCMEB	joint civil-military engineering board
JCMEC	joint captured materiel exploitation center
JCMO	joint communications security management office
JCMOTF	joint civil-military operations task force
JCMPO	Joint Cruise Missile Project Office
JCMT	joint collection management tools
JCN	joint communications network
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
JCSAN	Joint Chiefs of Staff Alerting Network
JCSAR	joint combat search and rescue
JCSB	joint contracting support board
JCSC	joint communications satellite center
JCSE	joint communications support element
JCSM	Joint Chiefs of Staff memorandum
JCSP	joint contracting support plan
JCSS	joint communications support squadron
JCTN	joint composite track network
JDA	joint duty assignment
JDAAP	Joint Doctrine Awareness Action Plan
JDAL	Joint Duty Assignment List
JDAM	Joint Direct Attack Munition
JDAMIS	Joint Duty Assignment Management Information System
JDC	joint deployment community; Joint Doctrine Center
JDD	joint doctrine distribution
JDDC	joint doctrine development community
JDDE	Joint Deployment and Distribution Enterprise
JDDOC	joint deployment and distribution operations center
JDEC	joint document exploitation center
JDEIS	Joint Doctrine, Education, and Training Electronic Information System
JDIG	Joint Drug Intelligence Group
JDISS	joint deployable intelligence support system
JDN	joint data network
JDNO	joint data network operations officer
JDOG	joint detention operations group
JDOMS	Joint Director of Military Support
JDPC	Joint Doctrine Planning Conference
JDPO	joint deployment process owner
JDSS	Joint Decision Support System
JDSSC	Joint Data Systems Support Center
JDTC	Joint Deployment Training Center
JE	joint experimentation
JEAP	Joint Electronic Intelligence (ELINT) Analysis Program
JECE	Joint Elimination Coordination Element
JECG	joint exercise control group

JECPO	Joint Electronic Commerce Program Office
JEDD	Joint Education and Doctrine Division
JEEP	joint emergency evacuation plan
JEL	Joint Electronic Library
JEM	joint exercise manual
JEMB	joint environmental management board
JEMP	joint exercise management package
JEPES	joint engineer planning and execution system
JET	Joint Operation Planning and Execution System (JOPES) editing tool
JEWC	Joint Electronic Warfare Center
JEZ	joint engagement zone
JFA	joint field activity
JFACC	joint force air component commander
JFAST	Joint Flow and Analysis System for Transportation
JFC	joint force commander
JFCC	joint functional component command
JFCC-IMD	Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense
JFCC-ISR	Joint Functional Component Command for Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance
JFCC NW	Joint Functional Component Command for Network Warfare
JFCC SPACE	Joint Functional Component Command for Space
JFCH	joint force chaplain
JFE	joint fires element
JFHQ	joint force headquarters
JFHQ – NCR	Joint Force Headquarters – National Capital Region
JFHQ – State	Joint Force Headquarters – State
JFIIT	Joint Fires Integration and Interoperability Team
JFIP	Japanese facilities improvement project
JFLCC	joint force land component commander
JFMC	joint fleet mail center
JFMCC	joint force maritime component commander
JFMO	joint frequency management office
JFO	joint field office; joint fires observer
JFP	joint force package (packaging)
JFRB	Joint Foreign Release Board
JFRG	joint force requirements generator
JFRG II	joint force requirements generator II
JFS	joint force surgeon
JFSOC	joint force special operations component
JFSOCC	joint force special operations component commander
JFTR	joint Federal travel regulations
JFUB	joint facilities utilization board
JHMCS	joint helmet-mounted cueing system

JI	joint inspection
JIACG	joint interagency coordination group
JIADS	joint integrated air defense system
JIATF	joint interagency task force
JIATF-E	joint interagency task force - East
JIATF-S	joint interagency task force - South
JIATF-W	joint interagency task force - West
JIC	joint information center
JICC	joint information coordination center; joint interface control cell
JICO	joint interface control officer
JICPAC	Joint Intelligence Center, Pacific
JICTRANS	Joint Intelligence Center for Transportation
JIDC	joint intelligence and debriefing center; joint interrogation and debriefing center
JIEO	joint interoperability engineering organization
JIEP	joint intelligence estimate for planning
JIES	joint interoperability evaluation system
JIG	joint interrogation group
JILE	joint intelligence liaison element
JIMB	joint information management board
JIMP	joint implementation master plan
JIMPP	joint industrial mobilization planning process
JIMS	joint information management system
JINTACCS	Joint Interoperability of Tactical Command and Control Systems
JIO	joint interrogation operations
JIOC	joint information operations center; joint intelligence operations center
JIOCPAC	Joint Intelligence Operations Center, Pacific
JIOC-SOUTH	Joint Intelligence Operations Center, South
JIOC TRANS	Joint Intelligence Operations Center - Transportation
JIOP	joint interface operational procedures
JIOP-MTF	joint interface operating procedures-message text formats
JIOWC	Joint Information Operations Warfare Command
JIPC	joint imagery production complex
JIPCL	joint integrated prioritized collection list
JIPOE	joint intelligence preparation of the operational environment
JIPTL	joint integrated prioritized target list
JIS	joint information system
JISE	joint intelligence support element
JITC	joint interoperability test command
JITF-CT	Joint Intelligence Task Force for Combating Terrorism
JIVA	Joint Intelligence Virtual Architecture
JKDDC	Joint Knowledge Development and Distribution Capability

JLCC	joint lighterage control center; joint logistics coordination center
JLE	joint logistics environment
JLLP	Joint Lessons Learned Program
JLNCHREP	joint launch report
JLOC	joint logistics operations center
JLOTS	joint logistics over-the-shore
JLRC	joint logistics readiness center
JLSB	joint line of communications security board
JLSE	joint legal support element
JM&S	joint modeling and simulation
JMAARS	joint model after-action review system
JMAG	Joint METOC Advisory Group
JMAO	joint mortuary affairs office; joint mortuary affairs officer
JMAR	joint medical asset repository
JMAS	joint manpower automation system
JMAT	joint medical analysis tool; joint mobility assistance team
JMB	joint meteorology and oceanography board
JMC	joint military command; joint movement center
JMCC	joint meteorological and oceanographic coordination cell
JMCG	joint movement control group
JMCIS	Joint Maritime Command Information System
JMCO	joint meteorological and oceanographic coordination organization
JMCOMS	joint maritime communications system
JMD	joint manning document
JMeDSAF	joint medical semi-automated forces
JMEM	Joint Munitions Effectiveness Manual
JMET	joint mission-essential task
JMETL	joint mission-essential task list
JMIC	Joint Military Intelligence College; joint modular intermodal container
JMICS	Joint Worldwide Intelligence Communications System (JWICS) mobile integrated communications system
JMIE	joint maritime information element
JMIP	joint military intelligence program
JMISC	Joint Military Information Support Command
JMITC	Joint Military Intelligence Training Center
JMLO	joint medical logistics officer
JMMC	Joint Material Management Center
JMMT	joint military mail terminal
JMNA	joint military net assessment
JMO	joint maritime operations; joint meteorological and oceanographic officer
JMO(AIR)	joint maritime operations (air)
JMOC	joint medical operations center

JMP	joint manpower program
JMPA	joint military postal activity; joint military satellite communications (MILSATCOM) panel administrator
JMRC	joint mobile relay center
JMRO	Joint Medical Regulating Office
JMRR	Joint Monthly Readiness Review
JMSEP	joint modeling and simulation executive panel
JMSWG	Joint Multi-Tactical Digital Information Link (Multi-TADIL) Standards Working Group
JMT	joint military training
JMTCA	joint munitions transportation coordinating activity
JMTCSS	Joint Maritime Tactical Communications Switching System
JMUA	Joint Meritorious Unit Award
JMV	joint METOC viewer
JMWG	joint medical working group
JNACC	joint nuclear accident coordinating center
JNCC	joint network operations (NETOPS) control center
JNMS	joint network management system
JNOCC	Joint Operation Planning and Execution System (JOPES) Network Operation Control Center
JNPE	joint nuclear planning element
JOA	joint operations area
JOAF	joint operations area forecast
JOC	joint operations center; joint oversight committee
JOCC	joint operations command center
JOERAD	joint spectrum center ordnance E3 risk assessment database
JOG	joint operations graphic
JOGS	joint operation graphics system
JOPES	Joint Operation Planning and Execution System
JOPESIR	Joint Operation Planning and Execution System Incident Reporting System
JOPESREP	Joint Operation Planning and Execution System Reporting System
JOPP	joint operation planning process
JOPPA	joint operation planning process for air
JOR	joint operational requirement
JORD	joint operational requirements document
JOSG	joint operational steering group
JOT&E	joint operational test and evaluation
JOTS	Joint Operational Tactical System
JP	joint publication
JPAC	joint planning augmentation cell; Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command
JPADS	joint precision airdrop system

JPAG	Joint Planning Advisory Group
JPASE	Joint Public Affairs Support Element
JPATS	joint primary aircraft training system
JPAV	joint personnel asset visibility
JPC	joint planning cell; joint postal cell
JPD	joint planning document
JPEC	joint planning and execution community
JPERSTAT	joint personnel status and casualty report
JPG	joint planning group
JPME	joint professional military education
JPMRC	joint patient movement requirements center
JPMT	joint patient movement team
JPN	joint planning network
JPO	joint petroleum office; Joint Program Office
JPOC	joint planning orientation course
JPOI	joint program of instruction
JPOM	joint preparation and onward movement
JPO-STC	Joint Program Office for Special Technology Countermeasures
JPOTF	joint psychological operations task force
JPOTG	joint psychological operations task group
JPRA	Joint Personnel Recovery Agency
JPRC	joint personnel recovery center
JPRSP	joint personnel recovery support product
JPS	joint processing system
JPTTA	joint personnel training and tracking activity
JQR	joint qualification requirements
JQRR	joint quarterly readiness review
JRADS	Joint Resource Assessment Data System
JRB	Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC) Review Board
JRC	joint reception center; joint reconnaissance center
JRCC	joint reception coordination center
JRERP	Joint Radiological Emergency Response Plan
JRFL	joint restricted frequency list
JRG	joint review group
JRIC	joint reserve intelligence center
JRMB	Joint Requirements and Management Board
JROC	Joint Requirements Oversight Council
JRS	joint reporting structure
JRSC	jam-resistant secure communications; joint rescue sub-center
JRSOI	joint reception, staging, onward movement, and integration
JRTC	joint readiness training center
JRX	joint readiness exercise
JS	the Joint Staff

JSA	joint security area
JSAC	joint strike analysis cell; joint strike analysis center
JSAM	joint security assistance memorandum; Joint Service Achievement Medal; joint standoff surface attack missile
JSAN	Joint Staff automation for the nineties
JSAP	Joint Staff action package
JSAS	joint strike analysis system
JSC	joint security coordinator; Joint Spectrum Center
JSCAT	joint staff crisis action team
JSCC	joint security coordination center; joint Services coordination committee
JSCM	joint Service commendation medal
JSCP	Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan
JSDS	Joint Staff doctrine sponsor
J-SEAD	joint suppression of enemy air defenses
JSEC	joint strategic exploitation center
JSHO	joint shipboard helicopter operations
JSIDS	joint Services imagery digitizing system
JSIR	joint spectrum interference resolution
JSISC	Joint Staff Information Service Center
JSIT	Joint Operation Planning and Execution System (JOPES) information trace
JSIVA	Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment
JSM	Joint Staff Manual
JSME	joint spectrum management element
JSMS	joint spectrum management system
JSO	joint security operations; joint specialty officer or joint specialist
JSOA	joint special operations area
JSOAC	joint special operations air component; joint special operations aviation component
JSOACC	joint special operations air component commander
JSOC	joint special operations command
JSOFI	Joint Special Operations Forces Institute
JSOTF	joint special operations task force
JSOU	Joint Special Operations University
JSOW	joint stand-off weapon
JSPA	joint satellite communications (SATCOM) panel administrator
JSPD	joint strategic planning document
JSPDSA	joint strategic planning document supporting analyses
JSPOC	Joint Space Operations Center
JSPS	Joint Strategic Planning System
JSR	joint strategy review
JSRC	joint subregional command (NATO)
JSS	joint surveillance system

JSSA	joint Services survival, evasion, resistance, and escape (SERE) agency
JSSIS	joint staff support information system
JSST	joint space support team
JSTAR	joint system threat assessment report
JSTARS	Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System
JSTE	joint system training exercise
JSTO	joint space tasking order
JT&E	joint test and evaluation
JTA	joint technical architecture
JTAC	joint technical augmentation cell; joint terminal attack controller; Joint Terrorism Analysis Center
JTACE	joint technical advisory chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear element
JTADS	Joint Tactical Air Defense System (Army); Joint Tactical Display System
JTAGS	joint tactical ground station (Army); joint tactical ground station (Army and Navy); joint tactical ground system
JTAO	joint tactical air operations
JTAR	joint tactical air strike request
JTASC	joint training analysis and simulation center
JTASG	Joint Targeting Automation Steering Group
JTAV	joint total asset visibility
JTAV-IT	joint total asset visibility-in theater
JTB	Joint Transportation Board
JTC	joint technical committee; Joint Training Confederation
JTCB	joint targeting coordination board
JTCC	joint transportation coordination cell; joint transportation corporate information management center
JTCG/ME	Joint Technical Coordinating Group for Munitions Effectiveness
JTD	joint table of distribution; joint theater distribution
JTDC	joint track data coordinator
JTF	joint task force
JTF-6	joint task force-6
JTF-AK	Joint Task Force - Alaska
JTF-B	joint task force-Bravo
JTFCEM	joint task force contingency engineering management
JTF-CM	joint task force - consequence management
JTF-CS	Joint Task Force-Civil Support
JTF-E	joint task force - elimination
JTF-GNO	Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations
JTF-GTMO	Joint Task Force-Guantanamo
JTF-HD	Joint Task Force-Homeland Defense
JTF HQ	joint task force headquarters
JTF-MAO	joint task force - mortuary affairs office

JTF-N	Joint Task Force-North
JTFP	Joint Tactical Fusion Program
JTF-PO	joint task force-port opening
JTFS	joint task force surgeon
JTF-State	Joint Task Force-State
JTIC	joint transportation intelligence center
JTIDS	Joint Tactical Information Distribution System
JTL	joint target list
JTLM	Joint Theater Logistics Management
JTLS	joint theater-level simulation
JTM	joint training manual
JTMD	joint table of mobilization and distribution; Joint Terminology Master Database
JTMP	joint training master plan
JTMS	joint theater movement staff; joint training master schedule
JTP	joint test publication; joint training plan
JTR	joint travel regulations
JTRB	joint telecommunication resources board
JTS	Joint Targeting School
JTSG	joint targeting steering group
JTSSCCB	Joint Tactical Switched Systems Configuration Control Board
JTSST	joint training system support team
JTT	joint targeting toolbox; joint training team
JTTF	joint terrorism task force
JUH-MTF	Joint User Handbook-Message Text Formats
JUIC	joint unit identification code
JULL	Joint Universal Lessons Learned (report)
JULLS	Joint Universal Lessons Learned System
JUO	joint urban operation
JUSMAG	Joint United States Military Advisory Group
JUWTF	joint unconventional warfare task force
JV	Joint Vision
JV 2020	Joint Vision 2020
JVB	Joint Visitors Bureau
JVIDS	Joint Visual Integrated Display System
JVSEAS	Joint Virtual Security Environment Assessment System
JWAC	Joint Warfare Analysis Center
JWARS	Joint Warfare Analysis and Requirements System
JWC	Joint Warfare Center
JWCA	joint warfighting capabilities assessment
JWFC	Joint Warfighting Center
JWG	joint working group
JWICS	Joint Worldwide Intelligence Communications System
JWID	joint warrior interoperability demonstration

K

k	thousand
Ka	Kurtz-above band
KAL	key assets list
KAPP	Key Assets Protection Program
kb	kilobit
kbps	kilobits per second
KC-135	Stratotanker
KDE	key doctrine element
KEK	key encryption key
KG	key generator
kg	kilogram
kHz	kilohertz
KIA	killed in action
K-Kill	catastrophic kill
km	kilometer
KMC	knowledge management center
KNP	Korean National Police
KP	key pulse
kph	kilometers per hour
KPP	key performance parameter
KQ ID	tactical location identifier
kt	kiloton(s); knot (nautical miles per hour)
Ku	Kurtz-under band
kVA	kilo Volt-Amps
KVG	key variable generator
kW	kilowatt
KWOC	keyword-out-of-context

L

L	length
l	search subarea length
LA	lead agent; legal adviser; line amplifier; loop key generator (LKG) adapter
LAADS	low altitude air defense system
LAAM	light anti-aircraft missile
LABS	laser airborne bathymetry system
LACH	lightweight amphibious container handler
LACV	lighter, air cushioned vehicle
LAD	latest arrival date
LAMPS	Light Airborne Multipurpose System (helicopter)
LAN	local area network
LANDCENT	Allied Land Forces Central Europe (NATO)
LANDSAT	land satellite

LANDSOUTH	Allied Land Forces Southern Europe (NATO)
LANTIRN	low-altitude navigation and targeting infrared for night
LAO	limited attack option
LARC	lighter, amphibious resupply, cargo
LARC-V	lighter, amphibious resupply, cargo, 5 ton
LARS	lightweight airborne recovery system
LASH	lighter aboard ship
LASINT	laser intelligence
LAT	latitude
LAV	light armored vehicle
lb	pound
LBR	Laser Beam Rider
LC	lake current; legal counsel
LCAC	landing craft, air cushion
LCAP	low combat air patrol
LCB	line of constant bearing
LCC	amphibious command ship; land component commander; launch control center; lighterage control center; link communications circuit; logistics component command
LCCS	landing craft control ship
LCE	logistics capability estimator; logistics combat element (MAGTF); logistics combat element (Marine)
LCES	line conditioning equipment scanner
LCM	landing craft, mechanized; letter-class mail; life-cycle management
LCMC	life cycle management command
LCO	landing craft air cushion control officer; lighterage control officer
LCP	lighterage control point
LCPL	landing craft personnel (large)
LCS	landing craft air cushion control ship
LCSR	life cycle systems readiness
LCU	landing craft, utility; launch correlation unit
LCVP	landing craft, vehicle, personnel
LD	line of departure
LDA	limited depository account
LDF	lightweight digital facsimile
LDI	line driver interface
LDO	laser designator operator
LDR	leader; low data rate
LE	law enforcement; low-order explosives
LEA	law enforcement agency
LEAP	Light ExoAtmospheric Projectile
LEASAT	leased satellite
LEAU	Law Enforcement Assistance Unit (FAA)
LECIC	Law Enforcement and Counterintelligence Center (DOD)

LED	law enforcement desk; light emitting diode
LEDET	law enforcement detachment
LEGAT	legal attaché
LEO	law enforcement operations; low Earth orbit
LEP	laser eye protection; linear error probable
LERSM	lower echelon reporting and surveillance module
LERTCON	alert condition
LES	law enforcement sensitive; leave and earnings statement; Lincoln Laboratories Experimental Satellite
LESO	Law Enforcement Support Office
LET	light equipment transport
LF	landing force; low frequency
LFA	lead federal agency
LFORM	landing force operational reserve material
LFSP	landing force support party
LfV	*Landesamt für Verfassungsschutz* (regional authority for constitutional protection)
LG	deputy chief of staff for logistics
LGB	laser-guided bomb
LGM	laser-guided missile; loop group multiplexer
LGM-30	Minuteman
LGW	laser-guided weapon
LHA	amphibious assault ship (general purpose)
LHD	amphibious assault ship (multipurpose)
L-hour	specific hour on C-day at which a deployment operation commences or is to commence
LHT	line-haul tractor
LIDAR	light detection and ranging
LIF	light interference filter
LIMDIS	limited distribution
LIMFAC	limiting factor
LIPS	Logistics Information Processing System
LIS	logistics information system
LIWA	land information warfare activity
LKG	loop key generator
LKP	last known position
LL	lessons learned
LLLGB	low-level laser-guided bomb
LLLTV	low-light level television
LLSO	low-level source operation
LLTR	low-level transit route
LM	loop modem
LMARS	Logistics Metrics Analysis Reporting System
LMAV	laser MAVERICK
LMF	language media format
LMSR	large, medium speed roll-on/roll-off

LN	lead nation
LNA	low voice amplifier
LNO	liaison officer
LO	low observable
LOA	Lead Operational Authority; letter of assist; letter of authorization; letter of offer and acceptance; lodgment operational area; logistics over-the-shore (LOTS) operation area
LOAC	law of armed conflict
LOAL	lock-on after launch
LOBL	lock-on before launch
LOC	line of communications; logistics operations center
LOC ACC	location accuracy
LOCAP	low combat air patrol
LOCE	Linked Operational Intelligence Centers Europe; Linked Operations-Intelligence Centers Europe
LOD	line of departure
LOE	letter of evaluation
LOG	logistics
LOGAIR	logistics aircraft
LOGAIS	logistics automated information system
LOGCAP	logistics civil augmentation program
LOGCAT	logistics capability assessment tool
LOGDET	logistics detail
LOGEX	logistics exercise
LOGFAC	Logistics Feasibility Assessment Capability
LOGFOR	logistics force packaging system
LOGMARS	logistics applications of automated marking and reading symbols
LOGMOD	logistics module
LOGPLAN	logistics planning system
LOGSAFE	logistic sustainment analysis and feasibility estimator
LOI	letter of instruction; loss of input
LO/LO	lift-on/lift-off
LOMEZ	low-altitude missile engagement zone
LONG	longitude
LOO	line of operations
LOP	line of position
LORAN	long-range aid to navigation
LO/RO	lift-on/roll-off
LOROP	long range oblique photography
LOS	line of sight
LOTS	logistics over-the-shore
LOX	liquid oxygen
LP	listening post
LPD	amphibious transport dock; low probability of detection

LPH	amphibious assault ship, landing platform helicopter
LPI	low probability of intercept
LPSB	logistics procurement support board
LPU	line printer unit
LPV	laser-protective visor
LRC	logistics readiness center
LRD	laser range finder-detector
LRF	laser range finder
LRF/D	laser range finder/detector
LRG	long-range aircraft
LRM	low rate multiplexer
LRP	load and roll pallet
LRRP	long range reconnaissance patrol
LRS	launch and recovery site
LRST	long-range surveillance team
LRSU	long-range surveillance unit
LSA	logistic support analysis; logistics supportability analysis
LSB	landing support battalion; lower sideband
LSCDM	low speed cable driver modem
LSD	dock landing ship; least significant digit
LSE	landing signalman enlisted; logistic support element
LSO	landing safety officer; landing signals officer
LSPR	low speed pulse restorer
LSS	laser spot search; local sensor subsystem
LST	laser spot tracker; tank landing ship
LSU	logistics civil augmentation program support unit
LSV	logistics support vessel
LT	large tug; local terminal; long ton
L/T	long ton
LTD	laser target designator
LTD/R	laser target designator/ranger
LTF	logistics task force
LTG	local timing generator
LTL	laser-to-target line
LTON	long ton
LTS	low-altitude navigation and targeting infrared for night (LANTIRN) targeting system
LTT	loss to theater
LTU	line termination unit
LUT	local user terminal
LVS	Logistics Vehicle System (USMC)
LW	leeway
LWR	Lutheran World Relief
LZ	landing zone
LZCO	landing zone control officer

M

M&S	modeling and simulation
M88A1	recovery vehicle
MA	master; medical attendant; mortuary affairs
mA	milliampere(s)
MAAG	military assistance advisory group
MAAP	master air attack plan
MAC	Mortuary Affairs Center
MACA	military assistance to civil authorities
MACB	multinational acquisition and contracting board
MACCS	Marine air command and control system
MACDIS	military assistance for civil disturbances
MACG	Marine air control group
MACOM	major command (Army)
MACP	mortuary affairs collection point
MACSAT	multiple access commercial satellite
MAD	*Militärischer Abschirmdienst* (military protection service); military air distress
MADCP	mortuary affairs decontamination collection point
MAEB	mean area of effectiveness for blast
MAEF	mean area of effectiveness for fragments
MAF	mobility air forces
MAFC	Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF) all-source fusion center
MAG	Marine aircraft group
MAGTF	Marine air-ground task force
MAGTF ACE	Marine air-ground task force aviation combat element
MAJCOM	major command (USAF)
MANFOR	manpower force packaging system
MANPADS	man-portable air defense system
MANPER	manpower and personnel module
MAOC-N	Maritime Analysis and Operations Center-Narcotics
MAP	Military Assistance Program; missed approach point; missed approach procedure
MAR	METOC assistance request
MARAD	Maritime Administration
MARCORMATCOM	Marine Corps Materiel Command
MARCORSYSCOM	Marine Corps Systems Command
MARDIV	Marine division
MARFOR	Marine Corps forces
MARFOREUR	Marine Corps Forces, Europe
MARFORLANT	Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic
MARFORNORTH	Marine Corps Forces, North
MARFORPAC	Marine Corps Forces, Pacific
MARFORSOUTH	Marine Corps Forces, South

MARFORSTRAT	United States Marine Corps Forces, United States Strategic Command
MARINCEN	Maritime Intelligence Center
MARLE	Marine liaison element
MARLO	Marine liaison officer
MAROP	marine operators
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
MARS	Military Auxiliary Radio System
MARSA	military assumes responsibility for separation of aircraft
MARSOC	Marine Corps special operations command
MARSOF	Marine Corps special operations forces
MART	mobile Automatic Digital Network (AUTODIN) remote terminal
MASCAL	mass casualty
MASF	mobile aeromedical staging facility
MASH	mobile Army surgical hospital
MASINT	measurement and signature intelligence
MASLO	measurement and signature intelligence (MASINT) liaison officer
MAST	military assistance to safety and traffic; mobile ashore support terminal
MAT	medical analysis tool
MATCALS	Marine air traffic control and landing system
MATCS	Marine air traffic control squadron
M/ATMP	Missiles/Air Target Materials Program
MAW	Marine aircraft wing
MAX	maximum
MAXORD	maximum ordinate
MB	medium boat; megabyte
MBA	main battle area
MBBLs	thousands of barrels
MBCDM	medical biological chemical defense materiel
MBI	major budget issue
Mbps	megabytes per second
Mbs	megabits per second
MC	Military Committee (NATO); military community; mission-capable
MC-130	Combat Talon (I and II)
MCA	mail control activity; maximum calling area; military civic action; mission concept approval; movement control agency
MCAG	maritime civil affairs group
MCAP	maximum calling area precedence
MCAS	Marine Corps air station
MCAT	maritime civil affairs team

MCB	movement control battalion
MCBAT	medical chemical biological advisory team
MCC	Marine component commander; maritime component commander; master control center; military cooperation committee; military coordinating committee; mission control center; mobility control center; movement control center
MCCC	mobile consolidated command center
MCCDC	Marine Corps Combat Development Command
MCCISWG	military command, control, and information systems working group
MCD	medical crew director
MCDA	military and civil defense assets (UN)
MCDP	Marine Corps doctrine publication
MCDS	modular cargo delivery system
MCEB	Military Communications-Electronics Board
MCEWG	Military Communications-Electronics Working Group
MC/FI	mass casualty/fatality incident
MCIA	Marine Corps Intelligence Activity
MCIO	military criminal investigative organization
MCIOC	Marine Corps Information Operations Center
MCIP	Marine Corps information publication; military command inspection program
MCJSB	Military Committee Joint Standardization Board
MCM	Manual for Courts-Martial; military classification manual; mine countermeasures
MCMC	mine countermeasures commander
MCMG	Military Committee Meteorological Group (NATO)
MCMO	medical civil-military operations
MCMOPS	mine countermeasures operations
M/CM/S	mobility, countermobility, and/or survivability
MCMREP	mine countermeasure report
MCO	Mapping Customer Operations; Marine Corps order
MCOO	modified combined obstacle overlay
MCRP	Marine Corps reference publication
MCS	maneuver control system; Military Capabilities Study; mine countermeasures ship; modular causeway system
MCSF	mobile cryptologic support facility
MCSFB	Marine Corps security force battalion
MCT	movement control team
MCTC	Midwest Counterdrug Training Center
MCTFT	Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training
MCU	maintenance communications unit
MCW	modulated carrier wave
MCWP	Marine Corps warfighting publication
MCX	Marine Corps Exchange

MDA	Magen David Adom (Israeli equivalent of the Red Cross); maritime domain awareness
M-DARC	military direct access radar channel
M-day	mobilization day; unnamed day on which mobilization of forces begins
MDCI	multidiscipline counterintelligence
MDDOC	Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF) deployment and distribution operations center
MDF	Main Defense Forces (NATO); main distribution frame
MDITDS	migration defense intelligence threat data system; Modernized Defense Intelligence Threat Data System
MDMA	methylenedioxymethamphetamine
MDR	medium data rate
MDRO	mission disaster response officer
MDS	Message Dissemination Subsystem; mission design series
MDSS II	Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF) Deployment Support System II
MDSU	mobile diving and salvage unit
MDW	Military District of Washington
MDZ	maritime defense zone
MEA	munitions effect assessment; munitions effectiveness assessment
MEB	Marine expeditionary brigade
MEBU	mission essential backup
MEC	medium endurance cutter
ME/C	medical examiner and/or coroner
MED	manipulative electronic deception
MEDAL	Mine Warfare Environmental Decision Aids Library
MEDCAP	medical civic action program
MEDCC	medical coordination cell
MEDCOM	medical command; US Army Medical Command
MEDEVAC	medical evacuation
MEDINT	medical intelligence
MEDLOG	medical logistics (USAF AIS)
MEDLOGCO	medical logistics company
MEDLOG JR	medical logistics, junior (USAF)
MEDMOB	Medical Mobilization Planning and Execution System
MEDNEO	medical noncombatant evacuation operation
MEDREG	medical regulating
MEDREGREP	medical regulating report
MEDRETE	medical readiness training exercise
MEDS	meteorological data system
MEDSOM	medical supply, optical, and maintenance unit
MEDSTAT	medical status
MEF	Marine expeditionary force
MEFPAKA	manpower and equipment force packaging

MEL	maintenance expenditure limit; minimum equipment list
MEO	medium Earth orbit; military equal opportunity
MEP	mobile electric power
MEPCOM	military entrance processing command
MEPES	Medical Planning and Execution System
MEPRS	Military Entrance Processing and Reporting System
MERCO	merchant ship reporting and control
MERSHIPS	merchant ships
MES	medical equipment set
MESAR	minimum-essential security assistance requirements
MESF	maritime expeditionary security force
MET	medium equipment transporter; mobile environmental team
METAR	meteorological airfield report; meteorological aviation report
METARS	routine aviation weather report (roughly translated from French; international standard code format for hourly surface weather observations)
METCON	control of meteorological information (roughly translated from French); meteorological control (Navy)
METL	mission-essential task list
METMF	meteorological mobile facility
METMR(R)	meteorological mobile facility (replacement)
METOC	meteorological and oceanographic
METSAT	meteorological satellite
METT-T	mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available—time available
METT-TC	mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available-time available and civil considerations (Army)
MEU	Marine expeditionary unit
MEU(SOC)	Marine expeditionary unit (special operations capable)
MEVA	mission essential vulnerable area
MEWSG	Multi-Service Electronic Warfare Support Group (NATO)
MEZ	missile engagement zone
MF	medium frequency; mobile facility; multi-frequency
MFC	multinational force commander
MFDS	Modular Fuel Delivery System
MFE	manpower force element
MFFIMS	mass fatality field information management system
MFO	multinational force and observers
MFP	major force program
MFPC	maritime future plans center
MFPF	minefield planning folder
MFS	multifunction switch
MGB	medium girder bridge
MGM	master group multiplexer
MGRS	military grid reference system

MGS	mobile ground system
MGT	management
MGW	maximum gross weight
MHC	management headquarters ceiling
MHE	materials handling equipment
MHU	modular heat unit
MHW	mean high water
MHz	megahertz
MI	military intelligence; movement instructions
MIA	missing in action
MIAC	maritime intelligence and analysis center
MIB	Military Intelligence Board
MIC	Multinational Interoperability Council
MICAP	mission capable/mission capability
MICON	mission concept
MICRO-MICS	micro-medical inventory control system
MICRO-SNAP	micro-shipboard non-tactical automated data processing system
MIDAS	model for intertheater deployment by air and sea
MIDB	modernized integrated database; modernized intelligence database
MIDDS-T	Meteorological and Oceanographic (METOC) Integrated Data Display System-Tactical
MIF	maritime interception force
MIJI	meaconing, interference, jamming, and intrusion
MILALOC	military air line of communications
MILCON	military construction
MILDEC	military deception
MILDEP	Military Department
MILGP	military group (assigned to American Embassy in host nation)
MILOB	military observer
MILOC	military oceanography group (NATO)
MILPERS	military personnel
MILSATCOM	military satellite communications
MILSPEC	military specification
MILSTAMP	military standard transportation and movement procedures
MILSTAR	military strategic and tactical relay system
MIL-STD	military standard
MILSTRAP	military standard transaction reporting and accounting procedure
MILSTRIP	military standard requisitioning and issue procedure
MILTECH	military technician
MILU	multinational integrated logistic support unit
MILVAN	military van (container)
MIM	maintenance instruction manual

MIMP	Mobilization Information Management Plan
MINEOPS	joint minelaying operations
MIO	maritime interception operations
MIO-9	information operations threat analysis division (DIA)
MIP	Military Intelligence Program
MIPE	mobile intelligence processing element
MIPOE	medical intelligence preparation of the operational environment
MIPR	military interdepartmental purchase request
MIS	maritime intelligence summary
MISCAP	mission capability
MISREP	mission report
MISS	missing
MIST	military information support team
MITASK	mission tasking
MITO	minimum interval takeoff
MITT	mobile integrated tactical terminal
MIUW	mobile inshore undersea warfare
MIUWU	mobile inshore undersea warfare unit
MIW	mine warfare
MJCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff memorandum
MJLC	multinational joint logistic center
M-Kill	mobility kill
MLA	mission load allowance
MLAYREP	mine laying report
MLE	maritime law enforcement
MLEA	Maritime Law Enforcement Academy
MLG	Marine logistics group
MLI	munitions list item
MLMC	medical logistics management center
MLO	military liaison office
MLP	message load plan
MLPP	multilevel precedence and preemption
MLPS	Medical Logistics Proponent Subcommittee
MLRS	Multiple Launch Rocket System
MLS	microwave landing system; multilevel security
MLSA	mutual logistics support agreement
MLW	mean low water
MMA	military mission area
MMAC	military mine action center
MMC	materiel management center
MMG	DOD Master Mobilization Guide
MMI	man/machine interface
MMLS	mobile microwave landing system
MMS	mast-mounted sight
MMT	military mail terminal

MNCC	multinational coordination center
MNF	multinational force
MNFACC	multinational force air component commander
MNFC	multinational force commander
MNFLCC	multinational force land component commander
MNFMCC	multinational force maritime component commander
MNFSOCC	multinational force special operations component commander
MNJLC	multinational joint logistics component
MNL	multinational logistics
MNLC	multinational logistic center
MNP	master navigation plan
MNS	mine neutralization system (USN); mission needs statement
MNTF	multinational task force
MO	medical officer; month
MOA	memorandum of agreement; military operating area
MOADS	maneuver-oriented ammunition distribution system
MOB	main operating base; main operations base; mobilization
MOBCON	mobilization control
MOBREP	military manpower mobilization and accession status report; mobilization report
MOC	maritime operations center; media operations center
MOCC	measurement and signature intelligence (MASINT) operations coordination center; mobile operations control center
MOD	Minister (Ministry) of Defense
MODEM	modulator/demodulator
MODLOC	miscellaneous operational details, local operations
MOD T-AGOS	modified tactical auxiliary general ocean surveillance
MOE	measure of effectiveness
MOG	maximum (aircraft) on ground; movement on ground (aircraft); multinational observer group
MOGAS	motor gasoline
MOLE	multichannel operational line evaluator
MOMAT	mobility matting
MOMSS	mode and message selection system
MOP	measure of performance; memorandum of policy
MOPP	mission-oriented protective posture
MOR	memorandum of record
MOS	military occupational specialty
MOSC	meteorological and oceanographic operations support community
MOTR	maritime operational threat response
MOU	memorandum of understanding

MOUT	military operations in urban terrain; military operations on urbanized terrain
MOVREP	movement report
MOW	maintenance orderwire
MP	military police (Army and Marine); multinational publication
MPA	maritime patrol aircraft; mission and payload assessment; mission planning agent
MPAT	military patient administration team; Multinational Planning Augmentation Team
MPC	mid-planning conference; military personnel center
MPE/S	maritime pre-positioning equipment and supplies
MPF	maritime pre-positioning force
MPG	maritime planning group; mensurated point graphic
mph	miles per hour
MPLAN	Marine Corps Mobilization Management Plan
MPM	medical planning module
MPNTP	Master Positioning Navigation and Timing Plan
MPO	military post office
MPP	maritime procedural publication
MPR	maritime patrol and reconnaissance
MPRS	multi-point refueling system
MPS	maritime pre-positioning ship; message processor shelter; Military Postal Service
MPSA	Military Postal Service Agency
MPSRON	maritime pre-positioning ships squadron
MR	milliradian; mobile reserve
MRAALS	Marine remote area approach and landing system
MRAT	medical radiobiology advisory team
MRCI	maximum rescue coverage intercept
MRE	meal, ready to eat
MRG	movement requirements generator
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MRMC	US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command
MRO	mass rescue operation; materiel release order; medical regulating office; medical regulating officer
MROC	multicommand required operational capability
MRR	minimum-risk route
MRRR	mobility requirement resource roster
MRS	measurement and signature intelligence (MASINT) requirements system; meteorological radar subsystem; movement report system
MRSA	Materiel Readiness Support Agency
MRT	maintenance recovery team
MRU	mountain rescue unit
MS	message switch
ms	millisecond

MSC major subordinate command; maritime support center; Military Sealift Command; military staff committee; mission support confirmation
MSCA military support to civil authorities; military support to civilian authorities
MSCD military support to civil defense
MSCLEA military support to civilian law enforcement agencies
MSCO Military Sealift Command Office
MSD marginal support date; mobile security division
MS-DOS Microsoft disk operating system
MSDS mission specific data set
MSE mission support element; mobile subscriber equipment;
MSECR HIS 6000 security module
MSEL master scenario events list
MSF *Medicins Sans Frontieres* ("Doctors Without Borders"); mission support force; mobile security force; multiplex signal format
MSG Marine Security Guard; message
MSGID message identification
MSHARPP mission, symbolism, history, accessibility, recognizability, population, and proximity
MSI modified surface index; multispectral imagery
MSIC Missile and Space Intelligence Center
MSIS Marine safety information system
MSK mission support kit
MSL master station log
MSNAP merchant ship naval augmentation program
MSO map support office; marine safety office(r); maritime security operations; military satellite communications (MILSATCOM) systems organization; military source operation; military strategic objective; military support operations; mobilization staff officer
MSOAG Marine special operations advisor group
MSOC Marine special operations company
MSP mission support plan; mobile sensor platform
MSPES mobilization stationing, planning, and execution system
MSPS mobilization stationing and planning system
MSR main supply route; maritime support request; mission support request
MSRON maritime expeditionary security squadron
MSRR modeling and simulation resource repository
MSRV message switch rekeying variable
MSS medical surveillance system; meteorological satellite subsystem
MSSG Marine expeditionary unit (MEU) service support group

MST	Marine expeditionary force (MEF) weather support team; meteorological and oceanographic support team; mission support team
M/T	measurement ton
MT	measurement ton; military technician; ministry team
MTA	military training agreement
MTAC	Multiple Threat Alert Center
MTBF	mean time between failures
MT Bn	motor transport battalion
MTCR	missile technology control regime
MT/D	measurement tons per day
MTF	medical treatment facility; message text format
MTG	master timing generator
MTI	moving target indicator
MTIC	Military Targeting Intelligence Committee
MTL	mission tasking letter
MTMS	maritime tactical message system
MTN	multi-tactical data link network
MTO	message to observer; mission type order
MTOE	modified table of organization and equipment
MTON	measurement ton
MTP	maritime task plan; mission tasking packet
MTS	Movement Tracking System
MTS/SOF-IRIS	multifunction system
MTT	magnetic tape transport; mobile training team
MTTP	multi-Service tactics, techniques, and procedures
MTW	major theater war
MTX	message text format
MU	marry up
MUL	master urgency list (DOD)
MULE	modular universal laser equipment
MUREP	munitions report
MUSARC	major United States Army reserve commands
MUSE	mobile utilities support equipment
MUST	medical unit, self-contained, transportable
MUX	multiplex
MV	merchant vessel; motor vessel
mV	millivolt
MWBP	missile warning bypass
MWC	Missile Warning Center (NORAD)
MWD	military working dog
MWDT	military working dog team
MWF	medical working file
MWG	mobilization working group
MWOD	multiple word-of-day
MWR	missile warning receiver; morale, welfare, and recreation

MWSG	Marine wing support group
MWSS	Marine wing support squadron

N

N	number of required track spacings; number of search and rescue units (SRUs)
N-1	Navy component manpower or personnel staff officer
N-2	Director of Naval Intelligence; Navy component intelligence staff officer
N-3	Navy component operations staff officer
N-4	Navy component logistics staff officer
N-5	Navy component plans staff officer
N-6	Navy component communications staff officer
NA	nation assistance
NAAG	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Army Armaments Group
NAC	North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) Air Center; North Atlantic Council (NATO)
NACE	National Military Command System (NMCS) Automated Control Executive
NACISA	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Communications and Information Systems Agency
NACISC	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Communications and Information Systems Committee
NACSEM	National Communications Security/Emanations Security (COMSEC/EMSEC) Information Memorandum
NACSI	national communications security (COMSEC) instruction
NACSIM	national communications security (COMSEC) information memorandum
NADEFCOL	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Defense College
NADEP	naval aircraft depot
NAE	Navy acquisition executive
NAEC-ENG	Naval Air Engineering Center - Engineering
NAF	naval air facility; nonappropriated funds; numbered air force
NAFAG	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Air Force Armaments Group
NAI	named area of interest
NAIC	National Air Intelligence Center
NAK	negative acknowledgement
NALC	Navy ammunition logistics code
NALE	naval and amphibious liaison element
NALSS	naval advanced logistic support site

NAMP	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Annual Manpower Plan
NAMS	National Air Mobility System
NAMTO	Navy material transportation office
NAOC	national airborne operations center (E-4B aircraft)
NAPCAP	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Allied Pre-Committed Civil Aircraft Program
NAPMA	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Airborne Early Warning and Control Program Management Agency
NAPMIS	Navy Preventive Medicine Information System
NAR	nonconventional assisted recovery; notice of ammunition reclassification
NARAC	national atmospheric release advisory capability
NARC	non-automatic relay center
NAS	naval air station
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NASAR	National Association for Search and Rescue
NAS computer	national airspace system computer
NASIC	National Air and Space Intelligence Center
NAT	nonair-transportable (cargo)
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NATOPS	Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization
NAU	Narcotics Assistance Unit
NAVAID	navigation aid
NAVAIDS	navigational aids
NAVAIR	naval air; Naval Air Systems Command
NAVAIRSYSCOM	Naval Air Systems Command (Also called NAVAIR)
NAVATAC	Navy Antiterrorism Analysis Center; Navy Antiterrorist Alert Center
NAVCHAPDET	naval cargo handling and port group detachment
NAVCHAPGRU	Navy cargo handling and port group
NAVCOMSTA	naval communications station
NAVELSG	Navy Expeditionary Logistic Support Group
NAVEODTECHDIV	Naval Explosives Ordnance Disposal Technology Division
NAVEURMETOCCEN	Naval Europe Meteorology and Oceanography Center
NAVFAC	Naval Facilities Engineering Command
NAVFACENGCOM	Naval Facilities Engineering Command
NAVFAC-X	Naval Facilities Engineering Command-expeditionary
NAVFAX	Navy facsimile
NAVFOR	Navy forces
NAVICECEN	Naval Ice Center
NAVLANTMETOCCEN	Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Center
NAVMAG	naval magazine

NAVMED	Navy Medical; Navy medicine
NAVMEDCOMINST	Navy medical command instruction
NAVMEDLOGCOM	Navy Medical Logistics Command
NAVMEDP	Navy medical pamphlet
NAVMETOCCOM	Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command
NAVMTO	naval military transportation office; Navy Material Transportation Office
NAVOCEANO	Naval Oceanographic Office
NAVORD	naval ordnance
NAVORDSTA	naval ordnance station
NAVPACMETOCCEN	Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center
NAVSAFECEN	naval safety center
NAVSAT	navigation satellite
NAVSEA	Naval Sea Systems Command
NAVSEAINST	Naval Sea Systems Command instruction
NAVSEALOGCEN	naval sea logistics center
NAVSEASYSCOM	Naval Sea Systems Command
NAVSO	United States Navy Forces, Southern Command
NAVSOC	Naval Satellite Operations Center; naval special operations command; naval special operations component; naval special warfare special operations component; Navy special operations component
NAVSOF	naval special operations forces; Navy special operations forces
NAVSPACECOM	Naval Space Command
NAVSPECWARCOM	Naval Special Warfare Command
NAVSPOC	Naval Space Operations Center
NAVSUP	Naval Supply Systems Command
NAVSUPINST	Navy Support Instruction
NAVSUPSYSCOM	Naval Supply Systems Command
NAVWAR	navigation warfare
NAWCAD	Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division
NB	narrowband
NBC	nuclear, biological, and chemical
NBCCS	nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) contamination survivability
NBDP	narrow band direct printing
NBG	naval beach group
NBI	nonbattle injury
NBS	National Bureau of Standards
NBST	narrowband secure terminal
NBVC	Naval Base Ventura County
NC3A	nuclear command, control, and communications (C3) assessment
NCAA	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Civil Airlift Agency

NCAGS	naval cooperation and guidance for shipping
NCAPS	naval coordination and protection of shipping
NCB	national central bureau; naval construction brigade
NCC	National Coordinating Center; naval component commander; Navy component command; Navy component commander; network control center; North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) Command Center
NCCS	Nuclear Command and Control System
NCD	net control device
NCDC	National Climatic Data Center
NCES	Net-Centric Enterprise Services
NCESGR	National Committee of Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve
NCF	naval construction force
NCFSU	naval construction force support unit
NCHB	Navy cargo handling battalion
NCHF	Navy cargo handling force
NCIC	National Crime Information Center
NCI&KA	national critical infrastructure and key assets
NCIS	Naval Criminal Investigative Service
NCISRA	Naval Criminal Investigative Service resident agent
NCISRO	Naval Criminal Investigative Service regional office
NCISRU	Naval Criminal Investigative Service resident unit
NCIX	National Counterintelligence Executive
NCMP	Navy Capabilities and Mobilization Plan
NCO	noncombat operations; noncommissioned officer
NCOB	National Counterintelligence Operations Board
NCOIC	noncommissioned officer in charge
NCOS	naval control of shipping
NCP	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan
NCR	National Capital Region (US); national cryptologic representative; National Security Agency/Central Security Service representative; naval construction regiment
NCRCC	National Capital Region Coordination Center
NCRCG	National Cyber Response Coordination Group
NCRDEF	national cryptologic representative defense
NCR-IADS	National Capital Region - Integrated Air Defense System
NCS	National Clandestine Service; National Communications System; naval control of shipping; net control station
NCSC	National Computer Security Center
NCSE	national intelligence support team (NIST) communications support element
NCT	network control terminal

NCTAMS	naval computer and telecommunications area master station
NCTC	National Counterterrorism Center; North East Counterdrug Training Center
NCTS	naval computer and telecommunications station
NCWS	naval coastal warfare squadron
NDA	national defense area
NDAA	National Defense Authorization Act
NDAF	Navy, Defense Logistics Agency, Air Force
N-day	day an active duty unit is notified for deployment or redeployment
NDB	nondirectional beacon
NDCS	national drug control strategy
NDDOC	US Northern Command Deployment and Distribution Operations Center
NDHQ	National Defence Headquarters, Canada
NDIC	National Drug Intelligence Center
NDL	national desired ground zero list
NDMC	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Defense Manpower Committee
NDMS	National Disaster Medical System
NDOC	National Defense Operations Center
NDP	national disclosure policy
NDPB	National Drug Policy Board
NDPC	National Disclosure Policy Committee
NDRC	national detainee reporting center
NDRF	National Defense Reserve Fleet
NDS	national defense strategy
NDSF	National Defense Sealift Fund
NDU	National Defense University
NEA	Northeast Asia
NEAT	naval embarked advisory team
NECC	Navy Expeditionary Combat Command
NEMT	National Emergency Management Team
NEO	noncombatant evacuation operation
NEOCC	noncombatant evacuation operation coordination center
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NEREP	Nuclear Execution and Reporting Plan
NES	National Exploitation System
NESDIS	National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service (DOC)
NEST	nuclear emergency support team
NETOPS	network operations
NETS	Nationwide Emergency Telecommunications System
NETT	new equipment training team
NETWARCOM	Naval Network Warfare Command

NEW	naval expeditionary warfare; net explosive weight
NEWAC	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Electronic Warfare Advisory Committee
NEWCS	NATO electronic warfare core staff
NEXCOM	Navy Exchange Command
NFA	no-fire area
NFD	nodal fault diagnostics
NFELC	Naval Facilities Expeditionary Logistics Center
NFESC	Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center
NFI	national foreign intelligence
NFIB	National Foreign Intelligence Board
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program (FEMA); National Foreign Intelligence Program
NFLIR	navigation forward-looking infrared
NFLS	naval forward logistic site
NFN	national file number
NFO	naval flight officer
NG	National Guard
NGA	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
NGB	National Guard Bureau
NGB-OC	National Guard Bureau - Office of the Chaplain
NGF	naval gun fire
NGFS	naval gunfire support
NGIC	National Ground Intelligence Center
NGLO	naval gunfire liaison officer
NGO	nongovernmental organization
NGP	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Program
NGRF	National Guard reaction force
NHCS	nonhostile casualty
NI	national identification (number); noted item
NIBRS	National Incident-Based Reporting System
NIC	National Intelligence Council; naval intelligence center
NICCL	National Incident Communications Conference Line
NICCP	National Interdiction Command and Control Plan
NICI	National Interagency Counternarcotics Institute
NID	naval intelligence database
NIDMS	National Military Command System (NMCS) Information for Decision Makers System
NIDS	National Military Command Center (NMCC) information display system
NIE	national intelligence estimate
NIEX	no-notice interoperability exercise
NIEXPG	No-Notice Interoperability Exercise Planning Group
NIFC	national interagency fire center
NII	national information infrastructure

NIIB	National Geospatial Intelligence Agency imagery intelligence brief
NIL	National Information Library
NIMCAMP	National Information Management and Communications Master Plan
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NIOC	Navy Information Operations Command
NIP	National Intelligence Program
NIPRNET	Nonsecure Internet Protocol Router Network
NIPS	Naval Intelligence Processing System
NIRT	Nuclear Incident Response Team
NISH	noncombatant evacuation operation (NEO) intelligence support handbook
NISP	national intelligence support plan; Nuclear Weapons Intelligence Support Plan
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology; national intelligence support team
NITES	Navy Integrated Tactical Environmental System
NITF	national imagery transmission format
NIU	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) interface unit
NIWA	naval information warfare activity
NL	Navy lighterage
NLO	naval liaison officer
.NL.	not less than
NLT	not later than
NLW	nonlethal weapon
NM	network management
nm	nautical mile
NMAWC	Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command
NMB	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) military body
NMCB	naval mobile construction battalion
NMCC	National Military Command Center
NMCM	not mission capable, maintenance
NMCS	National Military Command System; not mission capable, supply
NMD	national missile defense
NMEC	National Media Exploitation Center
NMET	naval mobile environmental team
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Services
NMIC	National Maritime Intelligence Center
NMIST	National Military Intelligence Support Team (DIA)
NMOC	network management operations center
NMOSW	Naval METOC Operational Support Web
NMP	national media pool
NMPS	Navy mobilization processing site

NMR	news media representative
NMRC	Naval Medical Research Center
NMS	National Military Strategy
NMSA	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Mutual Support Act
NMS-CO	National Military Strategy for Cyberspace Operations
NMS-CWMD	National Military Strategy to Combat Weapons of Mass Destruction
NMSP-WOT	National Military Strategic Plan for the War on Terrorism
NNAG	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Naval Armaments Group
NNSA	National Nuclear Security Administration
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOACT	Navy overseas air cargo terminal
NOC	National Operations Center; network operations center
NOCONTRACT	not releasable to contractors or consultants
NODDS	Naval Oceanographic Data Distribution System
NOE	nap-of-the-earth
NOEA	nuclear operations emergency action
NOFORN	not releasable to foreign nationals
NOG	Nuclear Operations Group
NOGAPS	Navy Operational Global Atmospheric Prediction System
NOHD	nominal ocular hazard distance
NOIC	Naval Operational Intelligence Center
NOK	next of kin
NOLSC	Naval Operational Logistics Support Center
NOMS	Nuclear Operations Monitoring System
NOP	nuclear operations
NOPLAN	no operation plan available or prepared
NORAD	North American Aerospace Defense Command
NORM	normal; not operationally ready, maintenance
NORS	not operationally ready, supply
NOSC	network operations and security center
NOSSA	Navy Ordnance Safety and Security Activity
NOTAM	notice to airmen
NOTMAR	notice to mariners
NP	nonproliferation
NPC	Nonproliferation Center
NPES	Nuclear Planning and Execution System
NPG	nonunit personnel generator
NPOESS	National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System
NPS	National Park Service; nonprior service; Nuclear Planning System
NPT	national pipe thread; Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPWIC	National Prisoner of War Information Center
NQ	nonquota
NR	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) restricted; number
NRC	National Response Center; non-unit-related cargo
NRCC	national response coordination center
NRCHB	Naval Reserve cargo handling battalion
NRCHF	Naval Reserve cargo handling force
NRCHTB	Naval Reserve cargo handling training battalion
NRF	National Response Framework
NRFI	not ready for issue
NRG	notional requirements generator
NRL	nuclear weapons (NUWEP) reconnaissance list
NRO	National Reconnaissance Office
NROC	Northern Regional Operations Center (CARIBROC-CBRN)
NRP	National Response Plan; non-unit-related personnel
NRPC	Naval Reserve Personnel Center
NRT	near real time
NRTD	near-real-time dissemination
NRZ	non-return-to-zero
NS	nuclear survivability
NSA	national security act; National Security Agency; national security area; national shipping authority; North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Standardization Agency
NSA/CSS	National Security Agency/Central Security Service
NSAWC	Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center
NSC	National Security Council
NSC/DC	Deputies Committee of the National Security Council
NSCID	National Security Council intelligence directive
NSC/IWG	National Security Council/Interagency Working Group
NSC/PC	National Security Council/Principals Committee
NSC/PCC	National Security Council Policy Coordinating Committee
NSCS	National Security Council System
NSCTI	Naval Special Clearance Team One
NS-CWMD	National Strategy to Combat Weapons of Mass Destruction
NSD	National Security Directive; National Security Division (FBI)
NSDA	non-self deployment aircraft
NSDD	national security decision directive
NSDM	national security decision memorandum
NSDS-E	Navy Satellite Display System-Enhanced
NSE	national support element; Navy support element
NSEP	national security emergency preparedness
NSF	National Science Foundation
NSFS	naval surface fire support

NSG	National System for Geospatial Intelligence; north-seeking gyro
NSGI	National System for Geospatial Intelligence
NSHS	National Strategy for Homeland Security
NSI	not seriously injured
NSL	no-strike list
NSM	national search and rescue (SAR) manual
NSMS	National Strategy for Maritime Security
NSN	national stock number
NSNF	nonstrategic nuclear forces
NSO	non-Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP) option
NSOC	National Security Operations Center; National Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) Operations Center; Navy Satellite Operations Center
NSOOC	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Staff Officer Orientation Course
NSP	national search and rescue plan
N-Sp/CC	North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD)-US Space Command/Command Center
NSPD	national security Presidential directive
NSRL	national signals intelligence (SIGINT) requirements list
NSS	National Search and Rescue Supplement; National Security Strategy; national security system; non-self-sustaining
NSSA	National Security Space Architect
NSSE	national special security event
NSST	naval space support team
NST	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency support team
NSTAC	National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee
NSTISSC	National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Committee
NSTL	national strategic targets list
NSTS	National Secure Telephone System
NSW	naval special warfare
NSWCDD	Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division
NSWCOM	Naval Special Warfare Command
NSWG	naval special warfare group
NSWTE	naval special warfare task element
NSWTF	naval special warfare task force
NSWTG	naval special warfare task group
NSWTU	naval special warfare task unit
NSWU	naval special warfare unit
NT	nodal terminal
NTACS	Navy tactical air control system
NTAP	National Track Analysis Program
NTB	national target base

NTBC	National Military Joint Intelligence Center Targeting and Battle Damage Assessment Cell
NTC	National Training Center
NTCS-A	Navy Tactical Command System-Afloat
NTDS	naval tactical data system
NTF	nuclear task force
N-TFS	New Tactical Forecast System
NTIA	National Telecommunications and Information Administration
NTIC	Navy Tactical Intelligence Center
NTISS	National Telecommunications and Information Security System
NTISSI	National Telecommunications and Information Security System (NTISS) Instruction
NTISSP	National Telecommunications and Information Security System (NTISS) Policy
NTM	national or multinational technical means of verification; notice to mariners
NTMPDE	National Telecommunications Master Plan for Drug Enforcement
NTMS	national telecommunications management structure
NTPS	near-term pre-positioned ships
NTRP	Navy tactical reference publication
NTS	night targeting system; noncombatant evacuation operation tracking system
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
NTSS	National Time-Sensitive System
NTTP	Navy tactics, techniques, and procedures
NTU	new threat upgrade
NUC	non-unit-related cargo; nuclear
NUCINT	nuclear intelligence
NUDET	nuclear detonation
NUDETS	nuclear detonation detection and reporting system
NUFEA	Navy-unique fleet essential aircraft
NUP	non-unit-related personnel
NURC	non-unit-related cargo
NURP	non-unit-related personnel
NUWEP	policy guidance for the employment of nuclear weapons
NVD	night vision device
NVDT	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency voluntary deployment team
NVG	night vision goggle(s)
NVS	night vision system
NW	network warfare; not waiverable
NWARS	National Wargaming System
NWB	normal wideband

NWBLTU	normal wideband line termination unit
NWDC	Navy Warfare Development Command
NWFP	Northwest Frontier Province (Pakistan)
NWP	Navy warfare publication; numerical weather prediction
NWREP	nuclear weapons report
NWS	National Weather Service
NWT	normal wideband terminal

O

1MC	general announcing system
1NCD	1st Naval Construction Division
O	contour pattern
O&I	operations and intelligence
O&M	operation and maintenance
OA	objective area; operating assembly; operational area; Operations Aerology shipboard METOC division
OADR	originating agency's determination required
OAE	operational area evaluation
OAF	Operation ALLIED FORCE
OAFME	Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner
OAG	operations advisory group
OAI	oceanographic area of interest
OAJCG	Operation Alliance joint control group
OAP	offset aimpoint
OAR	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff operation plans assessment report
OAS	offensive air support; Organization of American States
OASD	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
OASD(PA)	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)
OASD(RA)	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs)
OAU	Organization of African Unity
O/B	outboard
OB	operating base; order of battle
OBA	oxygen breathing apparatus
OBFS	offshore bulk fuel system
OBST	obstacle
OBSTINTEL	obstacle intelligence
OC	oleoresin capsicum ; operations center
OCA	offensive counterair; operational control authority
OCC	Operations Computer Center (USCG)
OCCA	Ocean Cargo Clearance Authority
OCD	orderwire clock distributor
OCDEFT	organized crime drug enforcement task force
OCE	officer conducting the exercise
OCEANCON	control of oceanographic information

OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OCJCS	Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
OCJCS-PA	Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff-Public Affairs
OCMI	officer in charge, Marine inspection
OCO	offload control officer
OCONUS	outside the continental United States
OCOP	outline contingency operation plan
OCP	operational configuration processing
OCR	Office of Collateral Responsibility
OCU	orderwire control unit (Types I, II, and III)
OCU-1	orderwire control unit-1
OD	operational detachment; other detainee
ODA	operational detachment-Alpha
ODATE	organization date
O-Day	off-load day
ODB	operational detachment-Bravo
ODC	Office of Defense Cooperation
ODCSLOG	Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (Army)
ODCSOPS	Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans (Army)
ODCSPER	Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (Army)
ODIN	Operational Digital Network
ODJS	Office of the Director, Joint Staff
ODR	Office of Defense representative
ODZ	outer defense zone
OEBGD	Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document
OE	operational environment
OEF	Operation ENDURING FREEDOM
OEG	operational experts group; operational exposure guide; operations security (OPSEC) executive group
OEH	occupational and environmental health
OEM	original equipment manufacturer
OER	officer evaluation report; operational electronic intelligence (ELINT) requirements
OES	office of emergency services
OET	Office of Emergency Transportation (DOT)
OF	officer (NATO)
OFAC	Office of Foreign Assets Control
OFCO	offensive counterintelligence operation
OFDA	Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance
OFHIS	operational fleet hospital information system
OFOESA	Office of Field Operational and External Support Activities
OGA	other government agency
OGS	overseas ground station
OH	overhead

OHDACA	Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid
OHDM	Office of Humanitarian Assistance, Disaster Relief, and Mine Action
OI	Office of Intelligence (USCS); operating instruction
OI&A	Office of Intelligence and Analysis (DHS)
OIC	officer in charge
OICC	officer in charge of construction; operational intelligence coordination center
OID	operation order (OPORD) identification
OIF	Operation IRAQI FREEDOM
OIR	operational intelligence requirements; other intelligence requirements
OJT	on-the-job training
OL	operating location
OLD	on-line tests and diagnostics
OLS	operational linescan system; optical landing system
OM	contour multiunit
OMA	Office of Military Affairs (CIA)
OMB	Office of Management and Budget; operations management branch
OMC	Office of Military Cooperation; optical memory card
OMF	officer master file
OMS	Office of Mission Support
OMT	operations management team; orthogonal mode transducer
OMT/OMTP	operational maintenance test(ing)/test plan
ONDCP	Office of National Drug Control Policy
ONE	Operation NOBLE EAGLE
ONI	Office of Naval Intelligence
OOB	order of battle
OOD	officer of the deck
OODA	observe, orient, decide, act
OOS	out of service
OP	observation post; operational publication (USN); ordnance publication
OPARS	Optimum Path Aircraft Routing System
OPBAT	Operation Bahamas, Turks, and Caicos
OPCEN	operations center (USCG)
OPCOM	operational command (NATO)
OPCON	operational control
OPDEC	operational deception
OPDS	offshore petroleum discharge system
OPE	operational preparation of the environment
OPELINT	operational electronic intelligence
OPFOR	opposing force; opposition force
OPG	operations planning group
OPGEN	operation general matter

OPLAN	operation plan
OPLAW	operational law
OPM	Office of Personnel Management; operations per minute
OPMG	Office of the Provost Marshal General
OPNAVINST	Chief of Naval Operations instruction
OPORD	operation order
OPP	off-load preparation party; orderwire patch panel
OPR	office of primary responsibility
OPREP	operational report
OPROJ	operational project
OPS	operational project stock; operations; operations center
OPSCOM	Operations Committee
OPSDEPS	Service Operations Deputies
OPSEC	operations security
OPSTK	operational stock
OPSUM	operation summary
OPT	operational planning team
OPTAR	operating target
OPTASK	operation task
OPTASKLINK	operations task link
OPTEMPO	operating tempo
OPTINT	optical intelligence
OPZONE	operation zone
OR	operational readiness; other rank(s) (NATO)
ORBAT	order of battle
ORCON	originator controlled
ORD	Operational Requirements Document
ORDREF	order reference
ORDTYP	order type
ORG	origin (GEOLOC)
ORIG	origin
ORM	operational risk management
ORP	ocean reception point
ORS	operationally responsive space
ORSA	operations research and systems analysis
OS	operating system
OSA	operational support airlift
OSAT	out-of-service analog test
OSC	offensive space control; on-scene commander; on-site commander; operational support command; operations support center
OSCE	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
OSD	Office of the Secretary of Defense
OSE	on scene endurance; operations support element
OSEI	operational significant event imagery
OSG	operational support group

OSI	open system interconnection; operational subsystem interface
OSIA	on-site inspection activity
OSINT	open-source intelligence
OSIS	open-source information system
OSO	operational support office
OSOCC	on-site operations coordination center
OSP	operations support package
OSPG	overseas security policy group
OSRI	originating station routing indicator
OSV	ocean station vessel
OT	operational test
OT&E	operational test and evaluation
OTC	officer in tactical command; over the counter
OTG	operational target graphic
OTH	other; over the horizon
OTH-B	over-the-horizon backscatter (radar)
OTHT	over-the-horizon targeting
OTI	Office of Transition Initiatives
OTS	Officer Training School; one-time source
OUB	offshore petroleum discharge system (OPDS) utility boat
OUSD	Office of the Under Secretary of Defense
OUSD(AT&L)	Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics)
OUSD(C)	Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)
OUSD(P)	Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy)
OUT	outsize cargo
OVE	on-vehicle equipment
OVER	oversize cargo
OVM	Operation Vigilant Mariner
OW	orderwire
OWS	operational weather squadron

P

P	parallel pattern; priority; publication
PA	parent relay; physician assistant; primary agency; probability of arrival; public affairs
PAA	position area of artillery; primary aircraft authorization
PABX	private automatic branch exchange (telephone)
PACAF	Pacific Air Forces
PAD	patient administration director; positional adjustment; precision aircraft direction
PADD	person authorized to direct disposition of human remains
PADRU	Pan American Disaster Response Unit
PADS	position azimuth determining system

PAG	public affairs guidance
PAI	primary aircraft inventory
PAL	permissive action link; personnel allowance list; program assembler language
PALS	precision approach landing system
PAM	preventive and aerospace medicine; pulse amplitude modulation
PaM	passage material
PANS	procedures for air navigation services
PAO	public affairs office; public affairs officer
PAR	performance assessment report; population at risk; precision approach radar
PARC	principal assistant for contracting
PARKHILL	high frequency cryptological device
PARPRO	peacetime application of reconnaissance programs
PAS	personnel accounting symbol
PAT	public affairs team
PAV	policy assessment visit
PAWS	phased array warning system
PAX	passengers; public affairs plans
PB	particle beam; patrol boat; peace building; President's budget
PB4T	planning board for training
PBA	performance-based agreement; production base analysis
PBCR	portable bar code recorder
PBD	program budget decision
PC	patrol craft; personal computer; pilot in command; preliminary coordination; Principals Committee
Pc	cumulative probability of detection
P,C,&H	packing, crating, and handling
PCA	Posse Comitatus Act
PCC	policy coordination committee; primary control center
PCF	personnel control facility
PCL	positive control launch
PC-LITE	processor, laptop imagery transmission equipment
PCM	pulse code modulation
PCO	primary control officer; procuring contracting officer
PCRTS	primary casualty receiving and treatment ship
PCS	permanent change of station; personal communications system; primary control ship; processing subsystem; processor controlled strapping
PCT	personnel control team
PCTC	pure car and truck carrier
PCZ	physical control zone

PD	position description; Presidential directive; priority designator; probability of damage; probability of detection; procedures description; program definition; program directive; program director; public diplomacy
Pd	drift compensated parallelogram pattern
PDA	preliminary damage assessment
PDAI	primary development/test aircraft inventory
PDC	Pacific Disaster Center
PDD	Presidential decision directive
PDDA	power driven decontamination apparatus
PDDG	program directive development group
PDG	positional data graphic
PDM	program decision memorandum
PDOP	position dilution of precision
PDS	position determining system; primary distribution site; protected distribution system
PDSC	public diplomacy and strategic communication
PDSS	predeployment site survey
PDU	psychological operations distribution unit
PDUSD(P&R)	Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness)
PE	peace enforcement; peacetime establishment; personal effects; program element
PEAD	Presidential emergency action document
PEAS	psychological operations (PSYOP) effects analysis subsystem
PEC	program element code
PECK	patient evacuation contingency kit
PECP	precision engagement collaboration process
PED	processing, exploitation, dissemination
PEDB	planning and execution database
PEGEO	personnel geographic location
PEI	principal end item
PEM	program element monitor
PEO	peace enforcement operations; program executive officer
PEP	personnel exchange program
PER	personnel
PERE	person eligible to receive effects
PERID	period
PERMREP	permanent representative (NATO)
PERSCO	personnel support for contingency operations
PERSCOM	personnel command (Army)
PERSINS	personnel information system
PES	preparedness evaluation system
PFA	primary federal agency

PFD	personal flotation device
PFDB	planning factors database
PFIAB	President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board
PFID	positive friendly identification
PFO	principal federal official
PfP	Partnership for Peace (NATO)
PGI	procedures, guidance, and information
PGM	precision-guided munition
pH	potential of hydrogen
PHEO	public health emergency officer
PHIBCB	amphibious construction battalion
PHIBGRU	amphibious group
PHIBOP	amphibious operation
PHIBRON	amphibious squadron
PHO	posthostilities operations
PHS	Public Health Service
PI	point of impact; probability of incapacitation; procedural item; purposeful interference
PIC	parent indicator code; payment in cash; person identification code; pilot in command; press information center (NATO)
PID	plan identification number
PIDD	planned inactivation or discontinued date
PIF	problem identification flag
PII	pre-incident indicators
PIM	pretrained individual manpower
PIN	personnel increment number
PINS	precise integrated navigation system
PIO	press information officer; public information officer
PIPS	plans integration partitioning system
PIR	priority intelligence requirement
PIRAZ	positive identification and radar advisory zone
PIREP	pilot report
PIRT	Purposeful Interference Response Team
PIW	person in water
PJ	pararescue jumper
PK	peacekeeping; probability of kill
PKG-POL	packaged petroleum, oils, and lubricants
PKI	public key infrastructure
PKO	peacekeeping operations
PKP	purple k powder
PL	phase line; public law
PLA	plain language address
PLAD	plain language address directory
PLANORD	planning order
PLAT	pilot's landing aid television
PLB	personal locator beacon

PLC	power line conditioner
PLGR	precise lightweight global positioning system (GPS) receiver
PLL	phase locked loop
PLL/ASL	prescribed load list/authorized stock level
PLRS	position location reporting system
PLS	palletized load system; personal locator system; personnel locator system; pillars of logistic support; precision location system
PLT	platoon; program library tape
PM	Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (DOS); parallel track multiunit; passage material; patient movement; peacemaking; political-military affairs; preventive medicine; program management; program manager; provost marshal
PMA	political/military assessment
PMAA	Production Management Alternative Architecture
PMAI	primary mission aircraft inventory
P/M/C	passengers/mail/cargo
PMC	parallel multiunit circle
PMCF	post maintenance check flight
PMCT	port movement control team
PMD	program management directive
PME	professional military education
PMEL	precision measurement equipment laboratory
PMESII	political, military, economic, social, information, and infrastructure
PMGM	program manager's guidance memorandum
PMI	patient movement item
PMIS	psychological operations (PSYOP) management information subsystem
PMN	parallel track multiunit non-return
PMO	production management office(r); program management office
PMOS	primary military occupational specialty
PMR	parallel track multiunit return; patient movement request; patient movement requirement
PMRC	patient movement requirements center
PMS	portable meteorological subsystem
PN	partner nation; pseudonoise
PNID	precedence network in dialing
PNT	positioning, navigation, and timing
PNVS	pilot night vision system
P/O	part of
PO	peace operations; petty officer
POA	plan of action

POADS	psychological operations automated data system
POAI	primary other aircraft inventory
POAS	psychological operations automated system
POAT	psychological operations assessment team
POB	persons on board; psychological operations battalion
POC	point of contact
POCD	port operations cargo detachment
POD	plan of the day; port of debarkation; probability of detection
POE	port of embarkation; port of entry
POES	polar operational environment satellite
POF	priority of fires
POG	port operations group; psychological operations group
POI	program of instruction
POL	petroleum, oils, and lubricants
POLAD	policy advisor; political advisor
POLCAP	bulk petroleum capabilities report
POLMIL	political-military
POM	program objective memorandum
POMCUS	pre-positioning of materiel configured to unit sets
POMSO	Plans, Operations, and Military Support Office(r) (NG)
POP	performance oriented packaging
POPS	port operational performance simulator
POR	proposed operational requirement
PORTS	portable remote telecommunications system
PORTSIM	port simulation model
POS	peacetime operating stocks; Point of Sale; probability of success
POSF	port of support file
POSSUB	possible submarine
POSTMOB	post mobilization
POTF	psychological operations task force
POTG	psychological operations task group
POTUS	President of the United States
POV	privately owned vehicle
POW	prisoner of war
P/P	patch panel
p-p	peak-to-peak
PPA	personnel information system (PERSINS) personnel activity
PPAG	proposed public affairs guidance
PPBE	Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution
PPD	program planning document
PPDB	point positioning database
PPE	personal protective equipment
PPF	personnel processing file
Pplan	programming plan

PPLI	precise participant location and identification
ppm	parts per million
PPP	power projection platform; primary patch panel; priority placement program
PPR	prior permission required
PPS	precise positioning service
PPTO	petroleum pipeline and terminal operating
PR	personnel recovery; Phoenix Raven; primary zone; production requirement; program review
PRA	patient reception area; primary review authority
PRANG	Puerto Rican Air National Guard
PRBS	pseudorandom binary sequence
PRC	populace and resources control; Presidential Reserve Call-up
PRCC	personnel recovery coordination cell
PRD	personnel readiness division; Presidential review directive
PRDO	personnel recovery duty officer
PRECOM	preliminary communications search
PREMOB	pre-mobilization
PREPO	pre-positioned force, equipment, or supplies; pre-positioning
PREREP	pre-arrival report
PRF	personnel resources file; pulse repetition frequency
PRG	program review group
PRI	movement priority for forces having the same latest arrival date (LAD); priority; progressive routing indicator
PRIFLY	primary flight control
Prime BEEF	Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force
PRISM	Planning Tool for Resource, Integration, Synchronization, and Management
PRM	Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (DOS); Presidential review memorandum
PRMFL	perm file
PRMS	personnel recovery mission software
PRN	pseudorandom noise
PRO	personnel recovery officer
PROBSUB	probable submarine
PROC	processor; Puerto Rican Operations Center
PROFIS	professional officer filler information system
PROM	programmable read-only memory
PROPIN	caution - proprietary information involved
PROVORG	providing organization
proword	procedure word
PRP	personnel reliability program
PRRIS	Puerto Rican radar integration system

PRSL	primary zone/switch location
PRT	pararescue team; patient reception team; provincial reconstruction team
PRTF	personnel recovery task force
PRU	pararescue unit; primary reporting unit
PS	parallel track single-unit; processing subsystem
PSA	port support activity
PSB	poststrike base
PSC	port security company; principal subordinate command
PSD	planning systems division
PSE	peculiar support equipment; psychological operations support element
PS/HD	port security/harbor defense
PSHDGRU	port security and harbor defense group
PSI	personnel security investigation; Proliferation Security Initiative
psi	pounds per square inch
PSK	phase-shift keying
PSL	parallel track single-unit long-range aid to navigation (LORAN)
PSMS	Personnel Status Monitoring System
PSN	packet switching node; public switch network
PSO	peace support operations (NATO); post security officer
PSP	perforated steel planking; portable sensor platform; power support platform
PSPS	psychological operations (PSYOP) studies program subsystem
PSS	parallel single-unit spiral; personnel services support
P-STATIC	precipitation static
PSTN	public switched telephone network
PSU	port security unit
PSV	pseudosynthetic video
PSYOP	psychological operations
PTA	position, time, altitude
PTAI	primary training aircraft inventory
PTC	peace through confrontation; primary traffic channel
PTDO	prepare to deploy order
PTT	postal telephone and telegraph; public telephone and telegraph; push-to-talk
PTTI	precise time and time interval
pub	publication
PUK	packup kit
PUL	parent unit level
PV	prime vendor
PVNTMED	preventive medicine
PVT	positioning, velocity, and timing

PW	prisoner of war
pW	picowatt
PWB	printed wiring board (assembly)
PWD	programmed warhead detonation
PWF	personnel working file
PWIS	Prisoner of War Information System
PWR	pre-positioned wartime reserves
PWRMR	pre-positioned war materiel requirement
PWRMS	pre-positioned war reserve materiel stock
PWRR	petroleum war reserve requirements
PWRS	petroleum war reserve stocks; pre-positioned war reserve stock
PWS	performance work statement
PZ	pickup zone

Q

QA	quality assurance
QAM	quadrature amplitude modulation
QAT	quality assurance team
QC	quality control
QD	quality distance
QDR	quality deficiency report
QEEM	quick erect expandable mast
QHDA	qualified hazardous duty area
QM	quartermaster
QPSK	quadrature phase shift keying
QRA	quick reaction antenna
QRCT	quick reaction communications terminal
QRE	quick reaction element
QRF	quick response force
QRG	quick response graphic
QRP	quick response posture
QRS	quick reaction strike
QRSA	quick reaction satellite antenna
QRT	quick reaction team
QS	quality surveillance
Q-ship	decoy ship
QSR	quality surveillance representative
QSTAG	quadripartite standardization agreement
QTY	quantity
QUADCON	quadruple container

R

R	routine; search radius
R&D	research and development
R&R	rest and recuperation
R&S	reconnaissance and surveillance
R2P2	rapid response planning process
RA	response action; risk analysis; risk assessment
RAA	redeployment assembly area
RABFAC	radar beacon forward air controller
RAC	responsible analytic center
RAC-OT	readiness assessment system - output tool
RAD	routine aerial distribution
RADAY	radio day
RADBN	radio battalion
RADC	regional air defense commander
RADCON	radiological control team
RADF	radarfind
RADHAZ	electromagnetic radiation hazards
RADINT	radar intelligence
RADS	rapid area distribution support (USAF)
RAE	right of assistance entry
RAF	Royal Air Force (UK)
R-AFF	regimental affiliation
RAM	raised angle marker; random access memory; random antiterrorism measure
RAMCC	regional air movement coordination center
RAOB	rawindsonde observation
RAOC	rear area operations center; regional air operations center
RAP	Radiological Assistance Program (DOE); rear area protection; Remedial Action Projects Program (JCS)
RAS	recovery activation signal; refueling at sea
RAS-OT	readiness assessment system – output tool
RAST	recovery assistance, securing, and traversing systems
RASU	random access storage unit
RATT	radio teletype
RB	radar beacon; short-range coastal or river boat
RBC	red blood cell
RBE	remain-behind equipment
RBECS	Revised Battlefield Electronic Communications, Electronics, Intelligence, and Operations (CEIO) System
RBI	RED/BLACK isolator
RB std	rubidium standard
RC	receive clock; regional coordinator; Reserve Component; river current
RCA	residual capabilities assessment; riot control agent

RCAT	regional counterdrug analysis team
RCC	regional contracting center; relocation coordination center
RCCPDS	Reserve Component common personnel data system
RCEM	regional contingency engineering management
RCHB	reserve cargo handling battalion
RCIED	radio-controlled improvised explosive device
RCM	Rules for Courts-Martial
RCMP	Royal Canadian Mounted Police
RC NORTH	Regional Command North (NATO)
RCO	regional contracting office
RCP	resynchronization control panel
RCS	radar cross section
RC SOUTH	Regional Command South (NATO)
RCSP	remote call service position
RCT	regimental combat team; rescue coordination team (Navy)
RCTA	Regional Counterdrug Training Academy
RCU	rate changes unit; remote control unit
RCVR	receiver
RD	receive data; ringdown
RDA	research, development, and acquisition
R-day	redeployment day
RDCFP	Regional Defense Counterterrorism Fellowship Program
RDCTFP	Regional Defense Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program
RDD	radiological dispersal device; required delivery date
RDECOM	US Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command
RDF	radio direction finder; rapid deployment force
RDO	request for deployment order
RDT&E	research, development, test and evaluation
REACT	rapid execution and combat targeting
REAC/TS	radiation emergency assistance center/training site (DOE)
READY	resource augmentation duty program
RECA	Residual Capability Assessment
RECAS	residual capability assessment system
RECAT	residual capability assessment team
RECCE	reconnaissance
RECCEXREP	reconnaissance exploitation report
RECMOB	reconstitution-mobilization
RECON	reconnaissance
RED	radiological exposure device
RED HORSE	Rapid Engineers Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron, Engineers
REF	reference(s)
REGT	regiment

REL	relative
RELCAN	releasable to Canada
REMT	regional emergency management team
REMUS	remote environmental monitoring unit system
REPOL	bulk petroleum contingency report; petroleum damage and deficiency report; reporting emergency petroleum, oils, and lubricants
REPSHIP	report of shipment
REPUNIT	reporting unit
REQCONF	request confirmation
REQSTATASK	air mission request status tasking
RES	radiation exposure status
RESA	research, evaluation, and system analysis
RESCAP	rescue combat air patrol
RESCORT	rescue escort
RESPROD	responsible production
RET	retired
RF	radio frequency; reserve force; response force
RFA	radio frequency authorization; request for assistance; restrictive fire area
RFC	request for capabilities; response force commander
RF CM	radio frequency countermeasures
RFD	revision first draft
RF/EMPINT	radio frequency/electromagnetic pulse intelligence
RFF	request for feedback; request for forces
RFI	radio frequency interference; ready for issue; request for information
RFID	radio frequency identification
RFL	restrictive fire line
RFP	request for proposal
RFS	request for service
RFW	request for waiver
RG	reconstitution group
RGR	Rangers
RGS	remote geospatial intelligence services
RH	reentry home
Rh	Rhesus factor
RHIB	rigid hull inflatable boat
RI	radiation intensity; Refugees International; routing indicator
RIB	rubberized inflatable boat
RIC	routing indicator code
RICO	regional interface control officer
RIG	recognition identification group
RIK	replacement in kind
RIMS	registrant information management system

RIP	register of intelligence publications
RIS	reconnaissance information system
RISOP	red integrated strategic offensive plan
RISTA	reconnaissance, intelligence, surveillance, and target acquisition
RIT	remote imagery transceiver
RIVRON	riverine squadron
RJTD	reconstitution joint table of distribution
RLD	ready-to-load date
RLE	rail liaison element
RLG	regional liaison group; ring laser gyro
RLGM	remote loop group multiplexer
RLGM/CD	remote loop group multiplexer/cable driver
RLP	remote line printer
RM	recovery mechanism; resource management; risk management
RMC	remote multiplexer combiner; rescue mission commander; Resource Management Committee (CSIF); returned to military control
RMKS	remarks
RMO	regional Marine officer
RMP	religious ministry professional
RMS	requirements management system; root-mean-square
RMU	receiver matrix unit
RNAV	area navigation
RNP	remote network processor
R/O	receive only
Ro	search radius rounded to next highest whole number
ROA	restricted operations area
ROC	regional operations center; rehearsal of concept; required operational capability
ROCU	remote orderwire control unit
ROE	rules of engagement
ROEX	rules of engagement exercise
ROG	railhead operations group
ROICC	resident officer in charge of construction
ROK	Republic of Korea
ROM	read-only memory; restriction of movement; rough order of magnitude
RON	remain overnight
RO/RO	roll-on/roll-off
ROS	reduced operating status
ROTC	Reserve Officer Training Corps
ROTHR	relocatable over-the-horizon backscatter radar (USN)
ROWPU	reverse osmosis water purification unit

ROZ	restricted operations zone
RP	reconstitution priority; release point (road); religious program specialist; retained personnel
RPG	rocket propelled grenade
RPM	revolutions per minute
RPO	rendezvous and proximity operations
RPPO	Requirements, Plans, and Policy Office
RPT	report
RPTOR	reporting organization
RPV	remotely piloted vehicle
RQMT	requirement
RQT	rapid query tool
RR	reattack recommendation
RRC	regional reporting center
RRCC	regional response coordination center
RRDF	roll-on/roll-off (RO/RO) discharge facility
RRF	rapid reaction force; rapid response force; Ready Reserve Fleet; Ready Reserve Force
RRPP	rapid response planning process
RS	rate synthesizer; religious support; requirement submission
RSA	retrograde storage area
RSC	red station clock; regional service center; rescue sub-center
RSD	reporting of supply discrepancy
RSE	retrograde support element
RSG	reference signal generator
RSI	rationalization, standardization, and interoperability
RSL	received signal level
RSN	role specialist nation
RSO	regional security officer
RSOC	regional signals intelligence (SIGINT) operations center
RSOI	reception, staging, onward movement, and integration
RSP	recognized surface picture; Red Switch Project (DOD); religious support plan; religious support policy
RSPA	Research and Special Programs Administration
RSS	radio subsystem; remote sensors subsystem; root-sum-squared
RSSC	regional satellite communications (SATCOM) support center; regional satellite support cell; regional signals intelligence (SIGINT) support center (NSA); regional space support center
RSSC-LO	regional satellite communications support center liaison officer; regional space support center liaison officer
RST	religious support team
RSTA	reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisition
RSTV	real-time synthetic video

RSU	rapid support unit; rear support unit; remote switching unit
R/T	receiver/transmitter
RT	recovery team; remote terminal; rough terrain
RTA	residual threat assessment
RTB	return to base
RTCC	rough terrain container crane
RTCH	rough terrain container handler
RTD	returned to duty
RTF	regional task force; return to force
RTFL	rough terrain forklift
RTG	radar target graphic
RTL	restricted target list
RTLP	receiver test level point
RTM	real-time mode
RTOC	rear tactical operations center
RTS	remote transfer switch
RTTY	radio teletype
RU	release unit; rescue unit
RUF	rules for the use of force
RUIC	Reserve unit identification number
RUSCOM	rapid ultrahigh frequency (UHF) satellite communications
RV	long-range seagoing rescue vessel; reentry vehicle; rekeying variable; rendezvous
RVR	runway visibility recorder
RVT	remote video terminal
RW	rotary-wing
RWCM	regional wartime construction manager
RWR	radar warning receiver
RWS	rawinsonde subsystem
RX	receive; receiver
RZ	recovery zone; return-to-zero

S

618th TACC	618th Tanker Airlift Control Center
S&F	store-and-forward
S&M	scheduling and movement
S&R	search and recovery
S&T	science and technology; scientific and technical
S&TI	scientific and technical intelligence
S-2	battalion or brigade intelligence staff officer (Army; Marine Corps battalion or regiment)
S-3	battalion or brigade operations staff officer (Army; Marine Corps battalion or regiment)

S-4	battalion or brigade logistics staff officer (Army; Marine Corps battalion or regiment)
SA	security assistance; selective availability (GPS); senior adviser; situational awareness; staging area; stand-alone switch
SAA	senior airfield authority
SAAFR	standard use Army aircraft flight route
SAAM	special assignment airlift mission
SAB	scientific advisory board (USAF)
SABER	situational awareness beacon with reply
SAC	special actions cell; special agent in charge; supporting arms coordinator
SACC	supporting arms coordination center
SACEUR	Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (NATO)
SACLANT	Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic
SACS	secure telephone unit (STU) access control system
SACT	Supreme Allied Commander Transformation
SADC	sector air defense commander
SADL	situation awareness data link
SAF	Secretary of the Air Force
SAFE	secure analyst file environment; selected area for evasion
SAFE-CP	selected area for evasion-contact point
SAFER	evasion and recovery selected area for evasion (SAFE) area activation request
SAFWIN	secure Air Force weather information network
SAG	surface action group
SAI	sea-to-air interface; single agency item
SAL	small arms locker
SAL-GP	semiactive laser-guided projectile (USN)
SALM	single-anchor leg mooring
SALT	supporting arms liaison team
SALTS	streamlined automated logistics transfer system; streamlined automated logistics transmission system
SALUTE	size, activity, location, unit, time, and equipment
SAM	space available mail; special airlift mission; surface-to-air missile
SAMM	security assistance management manual
SAMS	School of Advanced Military Studies
SAO	security assistance office/officer; selected attack option
SAOC	sector air operations center
SAP	special access program
SAPI	special access program for intelligence
SAPO	subarea petroleum office
SAPR	sexual assault prevention and response

SAR	satellite access request; search and rescue; site access request; special access requirement; suspicious activity report; synthetic aperture radar
SARC	sexual assault response coordinator; surveillance and reconnaissance center
SARDOT	search and rescue point
SARIR	search and rescue incident report
SARMIS	search and rescue management information system
SARNEG	search and rescue numerical encryption group
SARREQ	search and rescue request
SARSAT	search and rescue satellite-aided tracking
SARSIT	search and rescue situation summary report
SARTEL	search and rescue (SAR) telephone (private hotline)
SARTF	search and rescue task force
SAS	sealed authenticator system; special ammunition storage
SASP	special ammunition supply point
SASS	supporting arms special staff
SASSY	supported activities supply systems
SAT	satellite; security alert team
SATCOM	satellite communications
SAW	surface acoustic wave
SB	standby base
SBCT	Stryker brigade combat team
SBIRS	space-based infrared system
SBL	space-based laser
SBPO	Service blood program officer
SBR	special boat squadron
SBRPT	subordinate reporting organization
SBS	senior battle staff; support battle staff
SBSS	science-based stockpile stewardship
SBT	special boat team
SBSO	sustainment brigade special operations
SBU	special boat unit
SC	sea current; search and rescue coordinator; security cooperation; station clock; strategic communication
SCA	space coordinating authority; support to civil administration
SCAR	strike coordination and reconnaissance
SCAS	stability control augment system
SCATANA	security control of air traffic and navigation aids
SC ATLANTIC	Strategic Command, Atlantic (NATO)
SCATMINE	scatterable mine
SCATMINEWARN	scatterable minefield warning
SCC	security classification code; shipping coordination center; Standards Coordinating Committee

SCC-WMD	United States Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction
SCDL	surveillance control data link
SCE	Service cryptologic element
SC EUROPE	Strategic Command, Europe (NATO)
SCF(UK)	Save the Children Fund (United Kingdom)
SCF(US)	Save the Children Federation (United States)
SCG	Security Cooperation Guidance; switching controller group
SCI	sensitive compartmented information
SCIF	sensitive compartmented information facility
SCL	standard conventional load
SCM	security countermeasure; Service container manager
SCMP	strategic command, control, and communications (C3) master plan
SCNE	self-contained navigation equipment
SCO	secondary control officer; security cooperation organization; senior contracting official; state coordinating officer
SCOC	systems control and operations concept
SCONUM	ship control number
SCP	secure conferencing project; security cooperation plan; system change proposal
SCPT	strategic connectivity performance test
SCRB	software configuration review board
SCT	shipping coordination team; single channel transponder
SCTIS	single channel transponder injection system
SCTS	single channel transponder system
SCT-UR	single channel transponder ultrahigh frequency (UHF) receiver
SCUD	surface-to-surface missile system
SD	strategy division
SDA	Seventh-Day Adventist (ADRA)
S-day	day the President authorizes selective reserve call-up
SDB	Satellite Communications Database
SDDC	Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
SDDCTEA	Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Transportation Engineering Agency
SDF	self defense force
SDIO	Strategic Defense Initiative Organization
SDLS	satellite data link standards
SDMX	space division matrix
SDN	system development notification
SDNRIU	secure digital net radio interface unit
SDO	senior defense official; ship's debarkation officer
SDP	strategic distribution platform
SDR	system design review

SDSG	space division switching group
SDSM	space division switching matrix
SDV	sea-air-land team (SEAL) delivery vehicle; submerged delivery vehicle
SE	site exploitation; spherical error
SEA	Southeast Asia
SEABEE	Navy construction engineer; sea barge
SEAD	suppression of enemy air defenses
SEAL	sea-air-land team
SEC	submarine element coordinator
SECAF	Secretary of the Air Force
SECARMY	Secretary of the Army
SecDef	Secretary of Defense
SECDHS	Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security
SECHS	Secretary of Homeland Security
SECNAV	Secretary of the Navy
SECNAVINST	Secretary of the Navy instruction
SECOMP	secure en route communications package
SECORD	secure cord switchboard
SECRA	secondary radar data only
SECSTATE	Secretary of State
SECTRANS	Secretary of Transportation
SED	signals external data
SEDAS	spurious emission detection acquisition system
SEF	sealift enhancement feature
SEHS	special events for homeland security
SEI	specific emitter identification
SEL	senior enlisted leader
SEL REL	selective release
SELRES	Selected Reserve
SEMA	special electronic mission aircraft
SEMS	standard embarkation management system
SEO/SEP	special enforcement operation/special enforcement program
SEP	signal entrance panel; spherical error probable
SEPLO	state emergency preparedness liaison officer
SERE	survival, evasion, resistance, and escape
SERER	survival, evasion, resistance, escape, recovery
SES	senior executive service
SETA	system engineering and technical assistance
SEW	shared early warning
S/EWCC	signals intelligence/electronic warfare coordination center
SEWG	Special Events Working Group
S/EWOC	signals intelligence/electronic warfare operations center
SEWS	satellite early warning system

SF	security force; security forces (Air Force or Navy); single frequency; special forces; standard form
SFA	security force assistance
SFAF	standard frequency action format
SFCP	shore fire control party
SFG	security forces group; special forces group
SFI	spectral composition
SFLEO	senior federal law enforcement official
SFMS	special forces medical sergeant
SFOB	special forces operations base
SFOD-A/B/C	special forces operational detachment-A/B/C
SFOR	Stabilization Force
SFS	security forces squadron
SG	strike group; supergroup; Surgeon General
SGEMP	system-generated electromagnetic pulse
SGSA	squadron group systems advisor
SHAPE	Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe
SHD	special handling designator
SHF	super-high frequency
SHORAD	short-range air defense
SHORADEZ	short-range air defense engagement zone
SI	special intelligence; United States Strategic Command strategic instruction
SIA	station of initial assignment
SIAGL	survey instrument azimuth gyroscope lightweight
SIC	subject identification code
SICO	sector interface control officer
SICR	specific intelligence collection requirement
SID	secondary imagery dissemination; standard instrument departure
SIDAC	single integrated damage analysis capability
SIDL	standard intelligence documents list
SIDO	senior intelligence duty officer
SIDS	secondary imagery dissemination system
SIF	selective identification feature; strategic internment facility
SIG	signal
SIGINT	signals intelligence
SIGSEC	signal security
SII	seriously ill or injured; statement of intelligence interest
SIM	system impact message
SIMLM	single integrated medical logistics management; single integrated medical logistics manager
SINCGARS	single-channel ground and airborne radio system
SINS	ship's inertial navigation system
SIO	senior intelligence officer; special information operations
SIOP	Single Integrated Operational Plan

SIOP-ESI	Single Integrated Operational Plan-Extremely Sensitive Information
SIPRNET	SECRET Internet Protocol Router Network
SIR	serious incident report; specific information requirement
SIRADS	stored imagery repository and dissemination system
SIRMO	senior information resources management official
SIS	special information systems
SITLM	single integrated theater logistic manager
SITREP	situation report
SIV	special interest vessel
SJA	staff judge advocate
SJFHQ	standing joint force headquarters
SJFHQ(CE)	standing joint force headquarters (core element)
SJFHQ-N	Standing Joint Force Headquarters - North
SJS	Secretary, Joint Staff
SKE	station-keeping equipment
SL	sea level; switch locator
SLA	service level agreement
SLAM	stand-off land attack missile
SLAR	side-looking airborne radar
SLBM	submarine-launched ballistic missile
SLC	satellite laser communications; single line concept
SLCM	sea-launched cruise missile
SLCP	ship lighterage control point; ship's loading characteristics pamphlet
SLD	system link designator
SLEP	service life extension program
SLGR	small, lightweight ground receiver (GPS)
SLIT	serial-lot item tracking
SLO	space liaison officer
SLOC	sea line of communications
SLP	seaward launch point
SLWT	side loadable warping tug
SM	Secretary, Joint Staff, memorandum; Service manager; staff memorandum; system manager
SMART	special medical augmentation response team
SMART-AIT	special medical augmentation response - aeromedical isolation team
SMC	midpoint compromise track spacing; search and rescue mission coordinator; system master catalog
SMCA	single manager for conventional ammunition
SMCC	strategic mobile command center
SMCM	surface mine countermeasures
SMCOO	spectrum management concept of operations
SMCR	Selected Marine Corps Reserve
SMD	strategic missile defense

SMDC	Space & Missile Defense Command (Army)
SMDC/ARSTRAT	United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command/United States Army Forces Strategic Command
SME	subject matter expert
SMEB	significant military exercise brief
SMEO	small end office
SMFT	semi-trailer mounted fabric tank
SMI	security management infrastructure
SMIO	search and rescue (SAR) mission information officer
SMO	senior meteorological and oceanographic officer; strategic mobility office(r); support to military operations
SMP	sub-motor pool
SMPT	School of Military Packaging Technology
SMRI	service message routing indicator
SMS	single mobility system
SMTP	simple message transfer protocol
SMU	special mission unit; supported activities supply system (SASSY) management unit
S/N	signal to noise
SN	serial number
SNCO	staff noncommissioned officer
SNF	strategic nuclear forces
SNIE	special national intelligence estimates
SNLC	Senior North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Logisticians Conference
SNM	system notification message
SNOI	signal not of interest
SO	safety observer; special operations
SOA	separate operating agency; special operations aviation; speed of advance; status of action; sustained operations ashore
SOAF	status of action file
SOAGS	special operations air-ground system
SOC	security operations center; special operations commander
SOCA	special operations communications assembly
SOCC	Sector Operations Control Center (NORAD)
SOCCE	special operations command and control element
SOCCENT	Special Operations Component, United States Central Command
SOCCET	special operations critical care evacuation team
SOCCT	special operations combat control team
SOCEUR	Special Operations Component, United States European Command
SOCEX	special operations capable exercise

SOCJFCOM	Special Operations Command, Joint Forces Command
SOCOORD	special operations coordination element
SOCP	special operations communication package
SOCPAC	Special Operations Component, United States Pacific Command
SOCRATES	Special Operations Command, Research, Analysis, and Threat Evaluation System
SOCSOUTH	Special Operations Component, United States Southern Command
SOD	special operations division; strategy and options decision (Planning, Programming, and Budgeting System)
SODARS	special operations debrief and retrieval system
SOE	special operations executive
SOF	special operations forces; supervisor of flying
SOFA	status-of-forces agreement
SOFAR	sound fixing and ranging
SOFLAM	special operations laser marker
SOFME	special operations forces medical element
SOFSA	special operations forces support activity
SOG	special operations group
SOI	signal of interest; signal operating instructions; space object identification
SOIC	senior officer of the Intelligence Community
SOLAS	safety of life at sea
SOLE	special operations liaison element
SOLIS	signals intelligence (SIGINT) On-line Information System
SOLL	special operations low-level
SOM	satellite communications (SATCOM) operational manager; start of message; system operational manager
SOMA	status of mission agreement
SOMARDS	Standard Operation and Maintenance Army Research and Development System
SOMARDS NT	Standard Operation and Maintenance Army Research and Development System Non-Technical
SOMPF	special operations mission planning folder
SONMET	special operations naval mobile environment team
SoO	ship of opportunity
SOOP	Center for Operations, Plans, and Policy
SOP	standard operating procedure; standing operating procedure
SO-peculiar	special operations-peculiar
SOR	statement of requirement
SORTIEALOT	sortie allotment message
SORTS	Status of Resources and Training System
SOS	special operations squadron
SOSB	special operations support battalion

SOSC	special opertions support command (theater army)
SOSCOM	special operations support command
SOSE	special operations staff element
SOSG	station operations support group
SOSR	suppress, obscure, secure, and reduce
SOTA	signals intelligence (SIGINT) operational tasking authority
SOTF	special operations task force
SOTSE	special operations theater support element
SOUTHAF	Southern Command Air Forces
SOUTHROC	Southern Region Operational Center (USSOUTHCOM)
SOW	special operations wing; standoff weapon; statement of work
SOWT	special operations weather team
SOWT/TE	special operations weather team/tactical element
SP	security police
SPA	special psychological operations (PSYOP) assessment; submarine patrol area
SPACEAF	Space Air Forces
SPACECON	control of space information
SPCC	ships parts control center (USN)
SPEAR	strike protection evaluation and antiair research
SPEC	specified
SPECAT	special category
SPECWAR	special warfare
SPG	Strategic Planning Guidance
SPI	special investigative (USAF)
SPINS	special instructions
SPINTCOMM	special intelligence communications handling system
SPIREP	spot intelligence report
SPLX	simplex
SPM	single point mooring; single port manager
SPMAGTF	special purpose Marine air-ground task force
SPO	system program office
SPOC	search and rescue (SAR) points of contact; space command operations center
SPOD	seaport of debarkation
SPOE	seaport of embarkation
SPOTREP	spot report
SPP	Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America; shared production program; state partnership program
SPR	software problem report
SPRINT	special psychiatric rapid intervention team
SPS	special psychological operations (PSYOP) study; standard positioning service
SPSC	system planning and system control
SPTCONF	support confirmation

SPTD CMD	supported command
SPTG CMD	supporting command
SPTREQ	support request
sqft	square feet
SR	special reconnaissance
SRA	specialized-repair activity
SRAM	short-range air-to-surface attack missile; system replacement and modernization
SRB	software release bulletin; system review board (JOPES)
SRC	security risk category; service reception center; Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP) response cell; standard requirements code; survival recovery center
SRCC	service reserve coordination center
SRF	secure Reserve force
SRG	Seabee readiness group; short-range aircraft
SRI	surveillance, reconnaissance, and intelligence (Marine Corps)
SRIG	surveillance, reconnaissance, and intelligence group (USMC)
SROC	Senior Readiness Oversight Council; Southern Region Operational Center, United States Southern Command
SROE	standing rules of engagement
SRP	Sealift Readiness Program; sealift reserve program; seaward recovery point; Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP) reconnaissance plan
SRP/PDS	stabilization reference package/position determining system
SRR	search and rescue region
SRS	search and rescue sector
SRSG	special representative of the Secretary-General
SRT	scheduled return time; special reaction team; standard remote terminal; strategic relocatable target
SRTD	signals research and target development
S/RTF	search and recovery task force
SRU	search and rescue unit
SR-UAV	short-range unmanned aerial vehicle
SRUF	standing rules for the use of force
SRWBR	short range wide band radio
S/S	steamship
SS	submarine
SSA	software support activity; space situational awareness; special support activity (NSA); strapdown sensor assembly; supply support activity; supply support area
SSB	single side band; support services branch; surveillance support branch
SSBN	fleet ballistic missile submarine

SSB-SC	single sideband-suppressed carrier
SSC	small scale contingency; surveillance support center
SSCO	shipper's service control office
SSCRA	Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act
SSD	strategic studies detachment
SSE	satellite communications (SATCOM) systems expert; space support element
SSF	software support facility
SSI	standing signal instruction
SSM	surface-to-surface missile
SSMI	special sensor microwave imager
SSMS	single shelter message switch
SSN	attack submarine, nuclear; Social Security number; space surveillance network
SS (number)	sea state (number)
SSO	special security office(r); spot security office
SSP	signals intelligence (SIGINT) support plan
SSPM	single service postal manager
SSPO	strategic systems program office
SSR	security sector reform
SSS	Selective Service System; shelter subsystem
SSSC	surface, subsurface search surveillance coordination
SST	special support team (National Security Agency)
SSTR	stability, security, transition, and reconstruction
ST	short ton; small tug; special tactics; strike team
S/T	short ton
ST&E	security test and evaluation
STA	system tape A
STAB	space tactical awareness brief
STA clk	station clock
STAMMIS	standard Army multi-command management information system
STAMP	standard air munitions package (USAF)
STANAG	standardization agreement (NATO)
STANAVFORLANT	Standing Naval Forces, Atlantic (NATO)
STAR	scheduled theater airlift route; sensitive target approval and review; standard attribute reference; standard terminal arrival route; surface-to-air recovery; system threat assessment report
STARC	state area coordinators
STARS	Standard Accounting and Reporting System
START	Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
STARTEX	start of exercise
STB	super tropical bleach
STC	secondary traffic channel
STD	sexually transmitted disease

STDM	synchronous time division multiplexer
STE	secure telephone equipment
STEL STU III	Standford telecommunications (secure telephone)
STEP	software test and evaluation program; standardized tactical entry point; standard tool for employment planning
STG	seasonal target graphic
STICS	scalable transportable intelligence communications system
STO	special technical operations
STOC	special technical operations coordinator
STOD	special technical operations division
STOL	short takeoff and landing
STOMPS	stand-alone tactical operational message processing system
STON	short ton
STOVL	short takeoff and vertical landing aircraft
STP	security technical procedure
STR	strength
STRAPP	standard tanks, racks and pylons packages (USAF)
STRATOPS	strategic operations division
STREAM	standard tensioned replenishment alongside method
STS	special tactics squadron
STT	small tactical terminal; special tactics team
STU	secure telephone unit
STU-III	secure telephone unit III
STW	strike warfare
STWC	strike warfare commander
STX	start of text
SU	search unit
SUBJ	subject
sub-JIB	subordinate-joint information bureau
SUBOPAUTH	submarine operating authority
sub-PIC	subordinate-press information center
SUBROC	submarine rocket
SUC	surf current
SUIC	service unit identification code
SUMMITS	scenario unrestricted mobility model of intratheater simulation
SUPE	supervisory commands program
SUPPO	supply officer
SURG	surgeon
SUROBS	surf observation
SURPIC	surface picture
SUST BDE	sustainment brigade
SUW	surface warfare
SUWC	surface warfare commander
S/V	sailboat
SVC	Service

SVIP	secure voice improvement program
SVLTU	service line termination unit
SVR	surface vessel radar
SVS	secure voice system
Sw	switch
SWA	Southwest Asia
SWAT	special weapons and tactics
SWBD	switchboard
SWC	strike warfare commander; swell/wave current
SWI	special weather intelligence
SWO	staff weather officer
SWORD	submarine warfare operations research division
SWPC	Space Weather Prediction Center
SWSOCC	Southwest Sector Operation Control Center North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD)
SWXS	Space Weather Squadron
SYDP	six year defense plan
SYG	Secretary General (UN)
SYNC	synchronization
SYS	system
SYSCOM	systems command
SYSCON	systems control
SZ	surf zone

T

2-D	two-dimensional
2E	Role 2 enhanced
2LM	Role 2 light maneuver
3-D	three-dimensional
T	search time available; short ton; trackline pattern
T&DE	test and diagnostic equipment
T&E	test and evaluation
T2	technology transfer
TA	target acquisition; target audience; technical arrangement; theater Army; threat assessment
TAA	tactical assembly area; target audience analysis
TAACOM	theater Army area command
TAADS	The Army Authorization Document System
TAAMDCOORD	theater Army air and missile defense coordinator
TAB	tactical air base
TAC	tactical advanced computer; terminal access controller; terminal attack control; terminal attack controller
TAC(A)	tactical air coordinator (airborne)
TACAIR	tactical air
TACAMO	take charge and move out (E-6A/B aircraft)

TACAN	tactical air navigation
TACC	tactical air command center (USMC); tactical air control center (USN)
TAC-D	tactical deception
TACDAR	tactical detection and reporting
TACINTEL	tactical intelligence
TACLAN	tactical local area network
TACLOG	tactical-logistical
TACM	tactical air command manual
TACO	theater allied contracting office
TACON	tactical control
TACOPDAT	tactical operational data
TA/CP	technology assessment/control plan
TACP	tactical air control party
TACRON	tactical air control squadron
T-ACS	auxiliary crane ship
TACS	tactical air control system; theater air control system
TACSAT	tactical satellite
TACSIM	tactical simulation
TACSTANS	tactical standards
TACT	tactical aviation control team
TACTRAGRULANT	Tactical Training Group, Atlantic
TAD	tactical air direction; temporary additional duty (non-unit-related personnel); theater air defense; time available for delivery
TADC	tactical air direction center
TADCS	tactical airborne digital camera system
TADS	Tactical Air Defense System; target acquisition system and designation sight
TAES	theater aeromedical evacuation system
TAF	tactical air force
TAFDS	tactical airfield fuel dispensing system
TAFIM	technical architecture framework for information management
TAFS	tactical aerodrome forecasts
TAFT	technical assistance field team
TAG	technical assessment group; the adjutant general; Tomahawk land-attack missile aimpoint graphic
T-AGOS	tactical auxiliary general ocean surveillance
TAGS	theater air-ground system
T-AH	hospital ship
TAI	target area of interest; total active inventory
TAIS	transportation automated information systems
TAK	cargo ship
T-AKR	fast logistics ship
TALD	tactical air-launched decoy

TALON	Threat and Local Observation Notice
TAMCA	theater Army movement control agency
TAMCO	theater Army movement control center
TAMD	theater air and missile defense
TAMMC	theater army material management command
TAMMIS	theater Army medical management information system
TAMS	transportation analysis, modeling, and simulation
tanalt	tangent altitude
TAO	tactical action officer
TAOC	tactical air operations center (USMC)
TAP	troopship
TAR	tactical air request; Training and Administration of the Reserve
TARBS	transportable amplitude modulation and frequency modulation radio broadcast system
TARBUL	target bulletin
TARE	tactical record evaluation
TAREX	target exploitation; target plans and operations
TARS	tethered aerostat radar system
TARWI	target weather and intelligence
TAS	tactical atmospheric summary; true air speed
T-ASA	Television Audio Support Agency
TASCID	tactical Automatic Digital Network (AUTODIN) satellite compensation interface device
TASCO	tactical automatic switch control officer
TASIP	tailored analytic intelligence support to individual electronic warfare and command and control warfare projects
TASKORD	tasking order
TASMO	tactical air support for maritime operations
TASOSC	theater Army special operations support command
TASS	tactical automated security system; tactical automated switch system
TASWC	theater antisubmarine warfare commander
TAT	tactical analysis team; technical assistance team
TATC	tactical air traffic control
T-AVB	aviation logistics support ship
TAW	tactical airlift wing
TBD	to be determined
TBM	tactical ballistic missile; theater ballistic missile
TBMCS	theater battle management core system
TBMD	theater ballistic missile defense
TBP	to be published
TBSL	to be supplied later
TBTC	transportable blood transshipment center

TC	tidal current; transmit clock and/or telemetry combiner; training circular; Transportation Corps (Army)
TCA	terminal control area; time of closest approach; traditional combatant commander activity
TC-ACCIS	Transportation Coordinator's Automated Command and Control Information System
TC-AIMS	Transportation Coordinator's Automated Information for Movement System
TC-AIMS II	Transportation Coordinator's Automated Information for Movement System II
TCAM	theater Army medical management information system (TAMMIS) customer assistance module
TCC	transmission control code; transportation component command
TCCF	tactical communications control facility
TCEM	theater contingency engineering management
TCF	tactical combat force; technical control facility
TCM	theater construction manager; theater container manager
TCMD	transportation control and movement document
TCN	third country national; transportation control number
TCP	theater campaign plan
TCS	theater communications system
TCSEC	trusted computer system evaluation criteria
TCSP	theater consolidation and shipping point
TD	temporary duty; theater distribution; tie down; timing distributor; total drift; transmit data
TDA	Table of Distribution and Allowance
TDAD	Table of Distribution and Allowance (TDA) designation
T-day	effective day coincident with Presidential declaration of a National Emergency and authorization of partial mobilization
TDBM	technical database management
TDBSS	Theater Defense Blood Standard System
TDD	target desired ground zero (DGZ) designator; time-definite delivery
TDF	tactical digital facsimile
TDIC	time division interface controller
TDIG	time division interface group
TDIM	time division interface module
TDL	tactical data link
TDM	time division multiplexed
TDMA	time division multiple access
TDMC	theater distribution management cell
TDMF	time division matrix function
TDMM	time division memory module
TDMX	time division matrix

TDN	target development nomination
TDP	theater distribution plan
TDR	transportation discrepancy report
TDRC	theater detainee reporting center
TDSG	time division switching group
TDSGM	time division switching group modified
TDT	theater display terminal
TDY	temporary duty
TE	transaction editor
TEA	Transportation Engineering Agency
TEC	theater engineer command
tech	technical
TECHCON	technical control
TECHDOC	technical documentation
TECHELINT	technical electronic intelligence
TECHEVAL	technical evaluation
TECHINT	technical intelligence
TECHOPDAT	technical operational data
TECS II	Treasury Enforcement Communications System
TED	trunk encryption device
TEK	TeleEngineering Kit
TEL	transporter-erector-launcher (missile platform)
TELEX	teletype
TELINT	telemetry intelligence
TELNET	telecommunication network
TEMPER	tent extendible modular personnel
TENCAP	tactical exploitation of national capabilities program
TEOB	tactical electronic order of battle
TEP	test and evaluation plan; theater engagement plan
TERCOM	terrain contour matching
TERF	terrain flight
TERPES	tactical electronic reconnaissance processing and evaluation system
TERPROM	terrain profile matching
TERS	tactical event reporting system
TES	theater event system
TESS	Tactical Environmental Support System
TET	targeting effects team
TEU	technical escort unit; twenty-foot equivalent unit
TEWLS	Theater Enterprise Wide Logistics System
TF	task force
TFA	toxic free area
TFADS	Table Formatted Aeronautic Data Set
TFCICA	task force counterintelligence coordinating authority
TFE	tactical field exchange; transportation feasibility estimator

TFLIR	targeting forward-looking infrared
TFMS-M	Transportation Financial Management System-Military
TFR	temporary flight restriction
TFS	tactical fighter squadron; Tactical Forecast System
TG	task group
TGC	trunk group cluster
TGEN	table generate
TGM	trunk group multiplexer
TGMOW	transmission group module and/or orderwire
TGO	terminal guidance operations
TGT	target
TGTINFOREP	target information report
TGU	trunk compatibility unit
TI	threat identification; training instructor
TIAP	theater intelligence architecture program
TIARA	tactical intelligence and related activities
TIB	toxic industrial biological
TIBS	tactical information broadcast service
TIC	target information center; toxic industrial chemical
TIDP	technical interface design plan
TIDS	tactical imagery dissemination system
TIF	theater internment facility
TIFF	tagged image file format
TII	total inactive inventory
TIM	theater information management; toxic industrial material
TIO	target intelligence officer
TIP	target intelligence package; trafficking in persons
TIPG	telephone interface planning guide
TIPI	tactical information processing interpretation
TIPS	tactical optical surveillance system (TOSS) imagery processing system
TIR	toxic industrial radiological
TIROS	television infrared observation satellite
TIS	technical interface specification; thermal imaging system
TISG	technical interoperability standards group
TISS	thermal imaging sensor system
TJAG	the judge advocate general
T-JMC	theater-joint movement center
T-JTB	theater-joint transportation board
TJTN	theater joint tactical network
TL	team leader
TLAM	Tomahawk land attack missile
TLAMM	theater lead agent for medical materiel
TLAM/N	Tomahawk land attack missile/nuclear
TLC	traffic load control
TLE	target location error

TLM	topographic line map
TLP	transmission level point
TLR	trailer
TLX	teletype
TM	tactical missile; target materials; team member; technical manual; theater missile; TROPO modem
TMAO	theater mortuary affairs officer
TMD	tactical munitions dispenser; theater missile defense
TMEP	theater mortuary evacuation point
TMG	timing
TMIP	theater medical information program
TMIS	theater medical information system
TML	terminal
TMLMC	theater medical logistic management center
TMMMC	theater medical materiel management center
TMN	trackline multiunit non-return
TMO	traffic management office; transportation management office
TMP	target materials program; telecommunications management program; theater manpower forces
TMR	trackline multiunit return
T/M/S	type, model, and/or series (also as TMS)
TNAPS	tactical network analysis and planning system
TNAPS+	tactical network analysis and planning system plus
TNC	theater network operations (NETOPS) center
TNCC	theater network operations (NETOPS) control center
TNCO	transnational criminal organization
T-net	training net
TNF	theater nuclear force
TNL	target nomination list
T/O	table of organization
TO	technical order; theater of operations
TO&E	table of organization and equipment
TOA	table of allowance
TOAI	total overall aircraft inventory
TOC	tactical operations center; tanker airlift control center (TALCE) operations center
TOCU	tropospheric scatter (TROPO) orderwire control unit
TOD	tactical ocean data; time of day
TOE	table of organization and equipment
TOF	time of flight
TOFC	trailer on flatcar
TOH	top of hill
TOI	track of interest
TOPINT	technical operational intelligence
TOR	term of reference; time of receipt

TOS	time on station
TOSS	tactical optical surveillance system
TOT	time on target
TOW	tube launched, optically tracked, wire guided
TP	technical publication; transportation priority; turn point
TPB	tactical psychological operations battalion
TPC	tactical pilotage chart
TPC/PC	tactical pilotage chart and/or pilotage chart
TPED	tasking, processing, exploitation, and dissemination
TPERS	type personnel element
TPFDD	time-phased force and deployment data
TPFDL	time-phased force and deployment list
TPL	technical publications list; telephone private line
TPME	task, purpose, method, and effects
TPMRC	theater patient movement requirements center
TPO	task performance observation
TPRC	theater planning response cell
TPT	tactical petroleum terminal
TPTRL	time-phased transportation requirements list
TPU	tank pump unit
TQ	tactical questioning
TRA	technical review authority
TRAC2ES	transportation command regulating and command and control evacuation system
TRACON	terminal radar approach control facility
TRADOC	United States Army Training and Doctrine Command
TRAM	target recognition attack multisensor
TRANSEC	transmission security
TRAP	tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel (Marine Corps); tactical related applications; tanks, racks, adapters, and pylons; terrorism research and analysis program
TRC	tactical radio communication; threat reduction cooperation; transmission release code
TRCC	tactical record communications center
TRE	tactical receive equipment
TREAS	Department of the Treasury
TREE	transient radiation effects on electronics
TRIADS	Tri-Wall Aerial Distribution System
TRICON	triple container
TRI-TAC	Tri-Service Tactical Communications Program
TRK	truck; trunk
TRNG	training
TRO	training and readiness oversight
TROPO	troposphere; tropospheric scatter
TRP	target reference point
TRS	tactical reconnaissance squadron

TS	terminal service; top secret
TSA	target system analysis; theater storage area; Transportation Security Administration; travel security advisory
TSB	technical support branch; trunk signaling buffer
TSBn	transportation support battalion (USMC)
TSC	theater security cooperation; theater support command; theater sustainment command (Army)
TSCIF	tactical sensitive compartmented information facility
TSCM	technical surveillance countermeasures
TSCO	target selection confusion of the operator; top secret control officer
TSCP	theater security cooperation plan
TSCR	time sensitive collection requirement
TSE	tactical support element
TSEC	transmission security
TSG	targeting support group; test signal generator
TSGCE	tri-Service group on communications and electronics
TSGCEE	tri-Service group on communications and electronic equipment (NATO)
TSM	trunk signaling message
TSN	trackline single-unit non-return; track supervision net
TSO	technical standard order; telecommunications service order
TSOC	theater special operations command
TSP	telecommunications service priority
TSR	telecommunications service request; theater source registry; theater support representative; trackline single-unit return
TSS	tactical shelter system; target sensing system; timesharing system; time signal set; traffic service station
TSSP	tactical satellite signal processor
TSSR	tropospheric scatter (TROPO)-satellite support radio
TST	tactical support team; theater support team; time-sensitive target
TSWA	temporary secure working area
TT	terminal transfer
TT&C	telemetry, tracking, and commanding
TTB	transportation terminal battalion
TTD	tactical terrain data; technical task directive
TTFACOR	targets, threats, friendlies, artillery, clearance, ordnance, restrictions
TTG	thermally tempered glass
TTL	transistor-transistor logic
TTM	threat training manual; training target material
TTP	tactics, techniques, and procedures; trailer transfer point
TTR	tactical training range
TTT	time to target
TTU	transportation terminal unit

TTY	teletype
TUBA	transition unit box assembly
TUCHA	type unit characteristics file
TUCHAREP	type unit characteristics report
TUDET	type unit equipment detail file
TV	television
TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority
TW/AA	tactical warning and attack assessment
TWC	Office for Counterterrorism Analysis (DIA); total water current
TWCF	Transportation Working Capital Fund
TWCM	theater wartime construction manager
TWD	transnational warfare counterdrug analysis
TWDS	tactical water distribution system
TWI	Office for Information Warfare Support (DIA)
TWPL	teletypewriter private line
TWX	teletypewriter exchange
TX	transmitter; transmit
TYCOM	type commander

U

U	wind speed
UA	unmanned aircraft
UAOBS	upper air observation
UAR	unconventional assisted recovery
UARCC	unconventional assisted recovery coordination cell
UARM	unconventional assisted recovery mechanism
UART	unconventional assisted recovery team
UAS	unmanned aircraft system
U/C	unit cost; upconverter
UCFF	Unit Type Code Consumption Factors File
UCMJ	Uniform Code of Military Justice
UCP	Unified Command Plan
UCT	underwater construction team
UDAC	unauthorized disclosure analysis center
UDC	unit descriptor code
UDESC	unit description
UDL	unit designation list
UDP	unit deployment program
UDT	underwater demolition team
UE	unit equipment
UFC	Unified Facilities Criteria
UFO	ultrahigh frequency follow-on
UFR	unfunded requirement
UGA	ungoverned area

UGIRH	Urban Generic Information Requirements Handbook
UGM-84A	Harpoon
UGM-96A	Trident I
UHF	ultrahigh frequency
UHV	Upper Huallaga Valley
UIC	unit identification code
UICIO	unit identification code information officer
UIRV	unique interswitch rekeying variable
UIS	unit identification system
UJTL	Universal Joint Task List
UK	United Kingdom
UK(I)	United Kingdom and Ireland
ULC	unit level code
ULF	ultra low frequency
ULLS	unit level logistics system
ULN	unit line number
UMCC	unit movement control center
UMCM	underwater mine countermeasures
UMD	unit manning document; unit movement data
UMIB	urgent marine information broadcast
UMMIPS	uniform material movement and issue priority system
UMO	unit movement officer
UMPR	unit manpower personnel record
UMT	unit ministry team
UN	United Nations
UNAMIR	United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda
UNC	United Nations Command
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UND	urgency of need designator
UNDAC	United Nations disaster assessment and coordination
UNDHA	United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs
UN-DMT	United Nations disaster management team
UNDP	United Nations development programme
UNDPKO	United Nations Department for Peacekeeping Operations
UNEF	United Nations emergency force
UNEP	United Nations environment program
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
UNHCHR	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
UNHCR	United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIFIL	United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon
UNIL	unclassified national information library
UNITAF	unified task force

UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNITREP	unit status and identity report
UNJLC	United Nations Joint Logistic Centre
UNLOC	United Nations logistic course
UNMIH	United Nations Mission in Haiti
UNMILPOC	United Nations military police course
UNMOC	United Nations military observers course
UNMOVCC	United Nations movement control course
UNO	unit number
UNOCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNODIR	unless otherwise directed
UNOSOM	United Nations Operations in Somalia
UNPA	United Nations Participation Act
UNPROFOR	United Nations protection force
UNREP	underway replenishment
UNREP CONSOL	underway replenishment consolidation
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
UNSCR	United Nations Security Council resolution
UNSG	United Nations Secretary-General
UNSOC	United Nations staff officers course
UNTAC	United Nations Transition Authority in Cambodia
UNTSO	United Nations Truce and Supervision Organization
UNV	United Nations volunteer
UOF	use of force
UP&TT	unit personnel and tonnage table
UPU	Universal Postal Union
URDB	user requirements database
USA	United States Army
USAB	United States Army barracks
USACCSA	United States Army Command and Control Support Agency
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USACFSC	United States Army Community and Family Support Center
USACHPPM	US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine
USACIDC	United States Army Criminal Investigation Command
USAF	United States Air Force
USAFE	United States Air Forces in Europe
USAFEP	United States Air Force, Europe pamphlet
USAFLANT	United States Air Force, Atlantic Command
USAFR	United States Air Force Reserve

USAFRICOM	United States Africa Command
USAFSOC	United States Air Force, Special Operations Command
USAFSOF	United States Air Force, Special Operations Forces
USAFSOS	USAF Special Operations School
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USAITAC	United States Army Intelligence Threat Analysis Center
USAJFKSWC	United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center
USAMC	United States Army Materiel Command
USAMMA	United States Army Medical Materiel Agency
USAMPS	United States Army Military Police School
USAMRICD	US Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense
USAMRIID	US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases
USAMRMC	US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command
USANCA	United States Army Nuclear and Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction Agency
USAO	United States Attorney Office
USAR	United States Army Reserve
USARCENT	United States Army, Central Command
USAREUR	United States Army, European Command
USARIEM	United States Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine
USARJ	United States Army, Japan
USARNORTH	US Army Forces North
USARPAC	United States Army, Pacific Command
USARSO	United States Army, Southern Command
USASOC	United States Army Special Operations Command
USB	upper side band
USBP	United States Border Patrol
USC	United States Code; universal service contract
USCENTAF	United States Central Command Air Forces
USCENTCOM	United States Central Command
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USCGR	United States Coast Guard Reserve
USCIS	US Citizenship and Immigration Services
USCS	United States Cryptologic System; United States Customs Service
USCYBERCOM	United States Cyber Command
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USD(A&T)	Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology
USDAO	United States defense attaché office
USD(AT&L)	Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics
USD(C)	Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)
USDELMC	United States Delegation to the NATO Military Committee

USD(I)	Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence
USD(P)	Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
USD(P&R)	Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
USDR	United States defense representative
USD(R&E)	Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering
USELEMCMOC	United States Element Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center
USELEMNORAD	United States Element, North American Aerospace Defense Command
USERID	user identification
USERRA	Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act
USEUCOM	United States European Command
USFJ	United States Forces, Japan
USFK	United States Forces, Korea
USFORAZORES	United States Forces, Azores
USFS	United States Forest Service
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USG	United States Government
USGS	United States Geological Survey
USIA	United States Information Agency
USIC	United States interdiction coordinator
USIS	United States Information Service
USJFCOM	United States Joint Forces Command
USLANTFLT	United States Atlantic Fleet
USLO	United States liaison officer
USMARFORCENT	United States Marine Component, Central Command
USMARFORLANT	United States Marine Component, Atlantic Command
USMARFORPAC	United States Marine Component, Pacific Command
USMARFORSOUTH	United States Marine Component, Southern Command
USMC	United States Marine Corps
USMCEB	United States Military Communications-Electronics Board
USMCR	United States Marine Corps Reserve
USMER	United States merchant ship vessel locator reporting system
USMILGP	United States military group
USMILREP	United States military representative
USMOG-W	United States Military Observer Group - Washington
USMS	United States Marshals Service
USMTF	United States message text format
USMTM	United States military training mission
USN	United States Navy
USNAVCENT	United States Naval Forces, Central Command
USNAVEUR	United States Naval Forces, Europe
USNAVSO	US Naval Forces Southern Command

USNCB	United States National Central Bureau (INTERPOL)
USNMR	United States National Military representative
USNMTG	United States North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Military Terminology Group
USNO	United States Naval Observatory
USNORTHCOM	United States Northern Command
USNR	United States Navy Reserve
USNS	United States Naval Ship
USPACAF	United States Air Forces, Pacific Command
USPACFLT	United States Pacific Fleet
USPACOM	United States Pacific Command
USPFO(P&C)	United States Property and Fiscal Office (Purchasing and Contracting)
USPHS	United States Public Health Service
USPS	United States Postal Service
USREPMC	United States representative to the military committee (NATO)
USSOCOM	United States Special Operations Command
USSOUTHAF	United States Air Force, Southern Command
USSOUTHCOM	United States Southern Command
USSS	United States Secret Service (TREAS); United States Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) System
USSTRATCOM	United States Strategic Command
USTRANSCOM	United States Transportation Command
USUN	United States Mission to the United Nations
USW	undersea warfare
USW/USWC	undersea warfare and/or undersea warfare commander
USYG	Under Secretary General
UT1	unit trainer; Universal Time
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time; unit type code
UTM	universal transverse mercator
UTO	unit table of organization
UTR	underwater tracking range
UUV	unmanned underwater vehicle
UVEPROM	ultraviolet erasable programmable read-only memory
UW	unconventional warfare
UWOA	unconventional warfare operating area
UXO	unexploded explosive ordnance; unexploded ordnance

V

V	search and rescue unit ground speed; sector pattern; volt
v	velocity of target drift
VA	Veterans Administration; victim advocate; vulnerability assessment
V&A	valuation and availability

VAAP	vulnerability assessment and assistance program
VAC	volts, alternating current
VARVAL	vessel arrival data, list of vessels available to marine safety offices and captains of the port
VAT B	(weather) visibility (in miles), amount (of clouds, in eighths), (height of cloud) top (in thousands of feet), (height of cloud) base (in thousands of feet)
VBIED	vehicle-borne improvised explosive device
VBS	visit, board, search
VBSS	visit, board, search, and seizure
VCC	voice communications circuit
VCG	virtual coordination group
VCJCS	Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
VCNOG	Vice Chairman, Nuclear Operations Group
VCO	voltage controlled oscillator
VCOPG	Vice Chairman, Operations Planners Group
VCR	violent crime report
VCXO	voltage controlled crystal oscillator; voltage controlled oscillator
VDC	volts, direct current
VDJS	Vice Director, Joint Staff
VDL	video downlink
VDR	voice digitization rate
VDS	video subsystem
VDSD	visual distress signaling device
VDU	visual display unit
VDUC	visual display unit controller
VE	vertical error
VEE	Venezuelan equine encephalitis
VEH	vehicle; vehicular cargo
VEO	violent extremist organization
VERTREP	vertical replenishment
VF	voice frequency
VFR	visual flight rules
VFS	validating flight surgeon
VFTG	voice frequency telegraph
VHF	very high frequency
VI	visual information
VICE	advice
VID	visual identification information display
VINSON	encrypted ultrahigh frequency communications system
VIP	very important person; visual information processor
VIRS	verbally initiated release system
VIS	visual imaging system
VISA	Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement
VISOBS	visual observer

VIXS	video information exchange system
VLA	vertical line array; visual landing aid
VLF	very low frequency
VLR	very-long-range aircraft
VLZ	vertical landing zone
VMap	vector map
VMAQ	Marine tactical electronic warfare squadron
VMC	visual meteorological conditions
VMF	variable message format
VMGR	Marine aerial refueler and transport squadron
VMI	vendor managed inventory
VNTK	target vulnerability indicator designating degree of hardness; susceptibility of blast; and K-factor
VO	validation office
VOCODER	voice encoder
VOCU	voice orderwire control unit
VOD	vertical onboard delivery
VOL	volunteer
vol	volume
VOLS	vertical optical landing system
VOR	very high frequency omnidirectional range station
VORTAC	very high frequency omnidirectional range station and/or tactical air navigation
VOX	voice actuation (keying)
VP	video processor
VPB	version planning board
VPD	version planning document
VPV	virtual prime vendor
VS	sector single-unit
VS&PT	vehicle summary and priority table
VSAT	very small aperture terminal
VSG	virtual support group
VSII	very seriously ill or injured
VSP	voice selection panel
VSR	sector single-unit radar
V/STOL	vertical and/or short takeoff and landing aircraft
VSW	very shallow water
VTA	voluntary tanker agreement
VTC	video teleconferencing
VTOL	vertical takeoff and landing
VTOL-UAV	vertical takeoff and landing unmanned aerial vehicle
VTS	vessel traffic service
VTT	video teletraining
VU	volume unit
VV&A	verification, validation, and accreditation
VV&C	verification, validation, and certification

VX	nerve agent (O-Ethyl S-Diisopropylaminomethyl Methylphosphonothiolate)

W

W	sweep width
w	search subarea width
WAAR	Wartime Aircraft Activity Report
WACBE	World Area Code Basic Encyclopedia
WADS	Western Air Defense Sector
WAGB	icebreaker (USCG)
WAI	weather area of interest
WAN	wide-area network
WARM	wartime reserve mode
WARMAPS	wartime manpower planning system
WARNORD	warning order
WARP	web-based access and retrieval portal
WAS	wide area surveillance
WASP	war air service program
WATCHCON	watch condition
WB	wideband
WBGTI	wet bulb globe temperature index
WC	wind current
WCA	water clearance authority
WCCS	Wing Command and Control System
WCDO	War Consumables Distribution Objective
WCO	World Customs Organization
WCS	weapons control status
W-day	declared by the President, W-day is associated with an adversary decision to prepare for war
WDT	warning and display terminal
WEAX	weather facsimile
WES	weapon engagement status
WETM	weather team
WEU	Western European Union
WEZ	weapon engagement zone
WFE	warfighting environment
WFP	World Food Programme (UN)
WG	working group
WGS	Wideband Global Satellite Communications (SATCOM); World Geodetic System
WGS-84	World Geodetic System 1984
WH	wounded due to hostilities
WHEC	high-endurance cutter (USCG)
WHNRS	wartime host-nation religious support
WHNS	wartime host-nation support

WHNSIMS	Wartime Host Nation Support Information Management System
WHO	World Health Organization (UN)
WIA	wounded in action
WISDIM	Warfighting and Intelligence Systems Dictionary for Information Management
WISP	Wartime Information Security Program
WIT	weapons intelligence team
WLG	Washington Liaison Group
WMD	weapons of mass destruction
WMD CM	weapons of mass destruction consequence management
WMD-CST	weapons of mass destruction-civil support team
WMEC	Coast Guard medium-endurance cutter
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WMP	Air Force War and Mobilization Plan; War and Mobilization Plan
WOC	wing operations center (USAF)
WOD	wind-over deck; word-of-day
WORM	write once read many
WOT	war on terrorism
WP	white phosphorous; Working Party (NATO)
WPA	water jet propulsion assembly
WPAL	wartime personnel allowance list
WPARR	War Plans Additive Requirements Roster
WPB	Coast Guard patrol boat
WPC	Washington Planning Center
WPM	words per minute
WPN	weapon
WPR	War Powers Resolution
WPS	Worldwide Port System
WR	war reserve; weapon radius
WRA	Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (DOS)
WRAIR	Walter Reed Army Institute of Research
WRC	World Radiocommunication Conference
WRL	weapons release line
WRM	war reserve materiel
WRMS	war reserve materiel stock
WRR	weapons response range (as well as wpns release rg)
WRS	war reserve stock
WRSA	war reserve stocks for allies
WRSK	war readiness spares kit; war reserve spares kit
WSE	weapon support equipment
WSES	surface effect ship (USCG)
WSESRB	Weapon System Explosive Safety Review Board
WSM	waterspace management
WSR	weapon system reliability

WT	gross weight; warping tug; weight
WTCA	water terminal clearance authority
WTCT	weapons of mass destruction technical collection team
WTLO	water terminal logistic office
Wu	uncorrected sweep width
WVRD	World Vision Relief and Development, Inc.
WWABNCP	worldwide airborne command post
WWII	World War II
WWSVCS	Worldwide Secure Voice Conferencing System
WWX	worldwide express
WX	weather

X

X	initial position error
XCVR	transceiver
XMPP	presence protocol
XO	executive officer
XSB	barrier single unit

Y

Y	search and rescue unit (SRU) error
YR	year

Z

Z	zulu
z	effort
ZF	zone of fire
Zt	total available effort
ZULU	time zone indicator for Universal Time

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APPENDIX B
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TERMINOLOGY COMMUNITY POINTS OF CONTACT

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1. The following changes are recommended for JP 1-02:

a. Change: **grazing fire** – Fire ~~which is~~ approximately parallel to the ground ~~and~~ where the center of the cone of fire does not rise above ~~the height of a man standing~~ one meter from the ground. See also fire.

Reason: (State the reason for the recommended change, and include appropriate reference to source material, if applicable.)

NOTE: For proposed changes, added words are underlined, deleted words are line through.

b. Add: **lines of communications** – All the routes, land, water, and air, which connect an operating military force with a base of operations and along which supplies and military forces move.

Reason: (State the reason for the recommended addition and include appropriate reference to source material, if applicable.)

c. Delete: **frustrated cargo**.

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