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ADSW - Active Duty, Special Work. A tour of full-time training duty (up to 179 days).

ADT - Active Duty for Training. Any full-time duty for training purposes.

AFSC - Air Force Specialty Code. A combination of numbers and letters that identify an Air Force, Air Guard, or Air Reserve member's specific military skill.

AG - Adjutant General. Also known as TAG (The Adjutant General). An individual normally appointed by the governor of the state, who administers the military affairs of the state.

AGR - Active Guard/Reserve. These Guard members and Reservists are on full-time active duty solely to provide full-time support to the Reserve components.

Alert - Any form of communications used by a competent authority to notify National Guard or Reserve unit commanders that orders to active duty are pending.

ANG - Air National Guard.

ARNG - Army National Guard.

AT - Annual Training. The minimum period of Active Duty Training or Annual Field Training that a National Guard member must perform every year to satisfy the annual Training requirements.

BDU - Battle Dress Uniform. The camouflage working uniform.

Battalion. A military unit organized with a head quarters and two or more companies.

Battery - A company-sized unit in Artillery units.

BX - Base Exchange. Department store on base where service members and families can purchase household items. Also know as MCX, NEX, and PX.

Chain of Command - The organization within the unit that lists who works for whom.

Chain of Concern - The family equivalent of the chain of command. There is no formal authority, but if properly used, issues affecting the family can be brought to the chain of command's attention for appropriate action.

CO - Commanding Officer. The CO is responsible for everything that happens or does not happen within the unit.

Commissary - Grocery store on an active duty installation where service members and families can purchase food, beverages, etc., at prices usually lower than in civilian stores.

Company - The basic administrative and tactical unit in the Army. On a command level, a company is below a battalion and above a platoon.

DEERS - Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System. DEERS maintains a list of all people who are authorized military benefits including medical care (TRICARE). DEERS enrollment does not authorize medical care or the use of TRICARE. Enrollment will speed up the authorization for these benefits during mobilization or periods of active duty of more than 30 days.

Dependent - A legal term used for a person receiving financial support from a service member. Family members who are eligible dependents may be authorized an identification card and certain benefits and/or entitlements.

ESGR - Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. A Department of Defense chartered National Committee created to educate employers about the importance and role of the Guard and Reserve.

ETS - Expiration of Term of Service. The date that marks the end of a service member's military enlistment or commitment.

Family Support Group - An officially sanctioned volunteer organization formed by a unit that provides information to and a support network for families and service members, especially during periods of separation.

Home Station - The assigned permanent location or assembly point in peacetime of National Guard and United States Army Reserve units.

IADT - Initial Active Duty Training. The period when new service members complete their Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training.

IDT - Inactive duty Training. Authorized training performed by a member of a Reserve Component not on active or Active Duty for Training.

IG - Inspector General. A person who may be able to help service members and families confidentially resolve problems if the chain of command cannot resolve the problem.

IRR - Individual Ready Reserve. Members of the Ready Reserve that are not assigned to be Selected Reserve and are not on active duty.

JAG - Judge Advocate General. A military lawyer.

LES - Leave and Earnings Statement. A monthly report of pay received for military duty.

MOS - Military Occupational Specialty. A combination of numbers and letters that identify an Army, Army Guard, or Army Reserve member's specific military skill.

NCO - Non-Commissioned Officer. An enlisted person with a minimum rank of Corporal or Sergeant.

NCOIC - Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge. The NCO is responsible for a group of enlisted personnel.

NGB - National Guard Bureau. The National Guard Bureau is a joint bureau of the Departments of the Army and Air Force.

Presidential Call. - Procedures by which the President brings all or a part of the National Guard or Reserve into the active Federal service of the United States.

Ready Reserve - Units and unit members of the Reserve Components as well as individuals liable for involuntary active duty in time of war, a national emergency as declared by Congress or the President, or when otherwise authorized by law.

RMA - Regular Scheduled Training. Training placed on the unit-training schedule of subsections of the Reserve Component unit or for individuals at a time, date, and location other than the regular scheduled unit training assembly.

SGLI - Servicemember's Group Life Insurance. Up to \$250,000 worth of insurance coverage that can be elected by the service member.

Sponsor - The husband, wife, parent, or guardian who is in the military.

Sponsorship Program - A service member is assigned to welcome and help a new unit member and his or her family get adjusted and acquainted with other unit members. The two service members are usually of the same ranks and marital status.

STARC - State Area Command. The STARC is ordered to active duty when National Guard units in that State are alerted for mobilization. The STARC provides for command and control of mobilized National Guard units from home station until arrival at mobilization stations.

TDY - Temporary Duty. Duty performed at a location other than the home station.

UA - Unit Administrator. These are civilian or military employees assigned to support Reserve Component units at the company or detachment level.

UTA - Unit Training Assembly. An authorized and scheduled training assembly of not less than four hour's duration, including roll call and rest periods. One retirement point and one day's pay are authorized for each assigned and attached individual who satisfactorily completes the entire assembly.

XO - Executive Officer. The next senior officer under the unit commander (like a vice president is to a president).

Websites with more acronyms

Acronyms by Defense Supply Center Columbus

<http://www.dscc.dla.mil/search/acronym/>

DOD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms

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