(VSR VIP Pre-D) VA Terminology

Trainee Handout

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Objectives

* Identify and define common VA abbreviations, acronyms and initialisms
* Review the VA Acronym Lookup tool, Medical Electronic Performance Support System (Medical EPSS), resources found on the Job Aids page and the Military abbreviations handout to use in practical application
* Discuss the appropriate use of abbreviations, acronyms and initialisms in correspondence

**References**

VA Acronym Lookup Tool

* + <http://vaww.va.gov/acronyms/>

[Medical EPSS](http://cptraining.vba.va.gov/C&P_Training/Job_Aids/Medical_EPSS.htm)

* + Acronyms & Abbreviation tool
  + Symbols tool

[Job Aids](http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/21/rating/rat00.htm)

* + [Medical References](http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/21/rating/rat01.htm) *(Located in the left hand column of Job Aids Page)*
  + [Medical Abbreviations](http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/21/rating/Medical/MED_ABBS/A-d.htm) *(Located within the Medical References section)*

All M21-1 references are found in the [Live Manual Website](https://vaww.compensation.pension.km.va.gov/system/templates/selfservice/va_ka/portal.html?encodedHash=%23!agent%2Fportal%2F554400000001034%3FLANGUAGE%3Den%26COUNTRY%3DUS)

Topic 1: Abbreviations, Acronyms, & Initialisms

**Definitions**

An **abbreviation** is a shortened or contracted form of a word or phrase used in place of the whole and chiefly used in writing to represent the complete form. Often, an abbreviation is a shortened form of an expression, usually followed by a period. Dr. is a standard abbreviation for Doctor, MAis a standard abbreviation for Massachusetts.

* Examples of VA-related abbreviations are:
  + eFolder, for electronic folder
  + HON, for honorable service

An **acronym** is a word formed from the initial letters or groups of letters of words in a set phrase or series of words, such as OPEC from Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. An acroynym is a pronounceable name made up of a series of initial letters or parts of words, and are often less clumsy than the complete expressions they represent.

* Examples of VA-related acronyms are:
  + VIS, which stands for Veterans Information System
  + CAPRI, which stands for Compensation and Pension Record Interchange.

An **initialism** is an abbreviation consisting of initial letters pronounced separately. For example, the National Football Leagues, is referred to as the “NFL,” where the N, F, and L are pronounced separately. FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) is another example of an initialism.

* Examples of VA-specific initialisms are:
  + VBMS, which stands for Veterans Benefts Management System,

pronounced “V-B-M-S”

* + EPSS, which stands for Electronic Performance Support System,

pronounced “E-P-S-S”

**Group Exercise**

Identify the following as either an abbreviation, acronym, or initialism:VAMC - CEST - Cbt -

Topic 2: VA Acronym Lookup Tool and Other Resources

**Navigation to Acronym Lookup Tool**

To access the VA Acronym Lookup tool, use the following steps:

1. Open the Compensation Services Intranet Home Page
2. Click “Employee Resources” in the upper right hand corner
3. Under “Reference” section, click “VA Acronym Lookup”

Direct link to the acronym tool is: <http://vaww.va.gov/acronyms/>

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**Group Exercise**

Following your instructor’s guidance, use the VA Acronym Lookup Tool on the VA Intranet site to define these acronyms.

SC:

NSC:

CEST:

COD:

VSCM:

CAPRI:

PCGL:

VETSNET:

VBMS:

VBMS-A:

VBMS-R:

FDC

**Medical Terminology**

As part of the claims process, the VSR is responsible for reviewing medical records. These records will often contain common medical abbreviations and symbols. There are several tools available to help you understand the meaning of these medical abbreviations and symbols.

**Medical EPSS tools**

Within Medical EPSS, navigate to the Tools screen from the top menu bar. A new window will open. The applicable tools for this lesson are the *Acronyms & Abbreviations* tab and the *Symbols* tab.

**Job Aids – Medical References and Links**

From the Job Aids page, click the *Medical References* link in the left hand column. From there, click the *Medical Abbreviations* link.

**Group Exercise**

Following your instructor’s guidance, use Medical EPSS and on the Medical reference link on the Job Aids page too define these acronyms.

GERD:CA:HT:TBI:DM:SOAP:PTSD:HBP:CAD:CHF:MI:

**Military Abbreviations**

Military Abbreviations can be overwhelming at times but enclosed in your course documents is a Military Abbreviations Handout.

**Group Exercise**

Following your instructor’s guidance, use Military Abbreviations handout to define these terms.

pchst: ACDUTRA: RAD: VSM: USARV: TO: Sq: RVN: INACDUTRA:

Topic 3: Proper Application

**Proper Application**

Jargon consists of words or expressions that are used by a particular profession or group, which may be difficult for others to understand. Avoid VA jargon in letters to Veterans and claimants. Never assume that those who receive or read VA information are familiar with VA terminology, or have heard of organizations known by their initials. If you use an abbreviation or acronym in correspondence, write it out completely the first time, followed by the abbreviation/acronym in parenthesis.

Example: INCORRECT: Please send us any copies of your STRs

CORRECT: Please send us any copies of your Service Treatment Records (STRs)

**Group Exercise**

Following your instructor’s guidance to correct the below listed statements to avoiding VA jargon.

Based on your claim for PTSD, it is important you send us a copy of your DD214s, any PMRs and complete the enclosed form 21-0781. Please send us a copy of your LOD for the injury that occurred during INACDUTRA indicated on the FDC received July 13, 2020.

What Have We Learned?

* How to identify and define common VA acronyms, abbreviations and initialisms by exploring VA Acronym Lookup tool, Medical Electronic Performance Support System (Medical EPSS), the Compensation Pension Knowledge Management portal, resources found on the Job Aids page and the military abbreviations handout.
* We also learned how to use the VA Acronym tool, Medical Electronic Performance Support System (Medical EPSS), the Compensation Pension Knowledge Management portal, resources found on the Job Aids page and the military abbreviations handout to identify and define acronyms, abbreviations, and initialisms.
* The appropriate use of acronyms, abbreviations, and initialisms in correspondence

Practical Exercise 1

1VA Terminology Practice Example

2VAMC San Francisco

General Medical Exam

#### Name: Boyles, Lance 3SSN: 123-45-6789

Address: 22 Baker Street 4C-File: 123-45-6789

City: Chico, California 98765 5DOB: June 26, 1964

Entered Active Service: July 9, 1986 Residence Phone: 555-555-5555

6RAD: July 1, 2005 Business Phone: 555-555-5555

Priority of exam: Original 7SC

Examiner: Churchill

Examined on: September 20, 2006

Examination Results:

Medical History:

38 year old, 8WM, served in 9U.S. Army and worked as 10Cbt engineer.

In 1986, in basic training, Veteran dislocated his 11lt. shoulder. He has noted pain in the shoulder ever since with overexertion or cold weather. In 1991 he received surgical treatment for a torn rotator cuff. He takes aspirin 12prn. Also, reports having 13LBP after lifting injury in 2000.

No respiratory complaints.

Examination Data:

14Ht: 67 in. 15Wt: 156 lb. 16Temp: 98 17BP: 122/76

Well-developed, well-nourished male. 18Rt. handed.

Skin: Two operative scars over the anterior aspect of the left shoulder. Nontender and measure approximately 14 19cm. long and 3 20mm wide.

21Lt. Shoulder: 22ROM 45 degrees elevation, 80 degrees internal and external rotation. Crepitus and slight tendency to subluxation with external rotation. Muscle strength in 23LUE is slightly diminished. 5-degree loss of elevation with repetitive use.

24L-S spine 25ROM: flexion 80 degrees, extension 30 degrees, bilateral flexion 15 degrees each, bilateral rotation 30 degrees each. 26MRI degenerative disc disease 27L1-L3.

28DX: Chronic 29lt. shoulder strain

30DDD, L1-L3

Note: 31C-file/32STRs were not available for review.

**Instructions:** Using the sample letter shown above, find the corresponding item number in the letter on the previous page. Place the acronym or abbreviation in the blank along with a definition for it.

The first item has been provided as an example.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Patient Information** | | | |
| 1.VA | Veterans Affairs | 4. |  |
| 2. |  | 5. |  |
| 3. |  | 6. |  |
| **Examination Information** | | | |
| 7. |  | 20. |  |
| 8. |  | 21. |  |
| 9. |  | 22. |  |
| 10. |  | 23. |  |
| 11. |  | 24. |  |
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| 19. |  | 32. |  |

**Military Abbreviations Handout**

AA Anti-Aircraft

AAA Anti-Aircraft Artillery

AAB Army Air Base

AAF Army Air Force

AAFBU Army Air Forces Base Unit

AAFES Army and Air Force Exchange System

AASLT Air Assault

Abn Airborne

Abs Absence, Absent, Absentee

AC Air Corps, Air Crew

ACDUTRA Active Duty Training

ACR Armored Cavalry Regiment

AD Active Duty

ADA Air Defense Artillery

ADAPCP Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program

ADSW Active Duty Special Work (form of ADT)

ADT Active Duty for Training

ADTNG Active Duty for Training

AE Ammunition Ship (ship type)

AEO Ammunition and Tanker Vessel (ship type)

AF Air Force

AFA Armored Field Artillery

AFB Air Force Base

AFBU Air Force Base Unit

AFC Air Force Cross

AFEES Armed Forces Examining and Entrance Station

AFES Armed Forces Examining Station

AFM Air Force Manual

AFQT Armed Forces Qualifications Test

AFWESPAC Armed Forces Western Pacific

AG Adjutant General

AGC (Army) Adjutant General Corps

AGC (Navy) Armed Guard Center

AGCT Army General Classification Test

AGF Army Ground Forces

AGR Active Guard/ Reserve (Active duty Army Reserve/ Guardsmen)

AGRD Adjutant General Records Depository

AI Accidently incurred, Assistant Instructor

AIT Advanced Individual Training

AK Attack Cargo Ship (ship type)

AKA Also known as

Amp Amputation

Amph Amphibious

AMTRAC Amphibious Tractor

AM Air Medal

AMS Aggravated in Military Service

ANG Air National Guard

AO Area of Operations, Tanker (ship type)

AOR Area or Responsibility

AorN Alcoholism or Narcotics

AP, APA Attack Transport (ship type)

APC Armored Personnel Carrier

APFT Army Physical Fitness Test

APT Asiatic Pacific Theater

AQT Applicant Qualification Test

AR Armor, Army Regulation

ARCOM Army Commendation Medal

ARMD Armored

ARMD CAV Armored Calvary

ARNG Army National Guard

ART, ARTY Artillery

ARVN  Army of the Republic of Vietnam

ASF Army Supply Forces

asg assign, assigned

Aslt Assault

ASR Air Sea Rescue

AT Annual Training (form of ADT), Anti-Tank

Atch Attached

ATK Attack

ATO American Theater of Operations

AUS Army of the United States

Auth authorized, authority

Avn Aviation

Awd Award

AWOL Absent Without Leave

A-wpns Automatic weapons

BAQ Basic allowance for quarters

BAR Browning Automatic Rifle

BAS Battalion Aid Station, Basic allowance for subsistence

BB Battleship

BC Battle Casualty, Bureau of Constabulary (Philippines)

BCD Bad Conduct Discharge

BCMR Board for Correction of Military Records

BCNR Board for Correction of Naval Records

BCT Basic Combat Training

Bde Brigade

BG Brigadier General

BLT Battalion Landing Team

bmbdr Bombardier

Bn Battalion

Bn Aid Sta Battalion Aid Station

Bomb Bombardment

BS, BSM Bronze Star Medal

BT Basic Training

Bty, Btry Battery

CA Coast Artillery, Heavy Cruiser (ship type)

CAC Coast Artillery Corps

Cal Caliber

CamLej Camp Lejeune, NC

CampPen Camp Pendleton, CA

CAPT, Capt Captain

Carib Caribbean

Cas Casual

CASH Combat Support Hospital

CAV Cavalry

CAV DIV Cavalry Division

CBI China Burma India Theater

Cbt, Cmbt Combat

CDD Certificate of Disability Discharge

CDR, Cdr Commander

C&E Character and efficiency rating

CE Corps of Engineers

CG Commanding General

CG, CGN Cruiser, Guided Missile (ship type), Cruiser, Guided Missile (Nuclear)

CH Chapter

CHAMPUS Civilian Heath and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services

Chapter 10 Discharge in lieu of Court Martial (from AR 635-200)

Chapter 13 Discharge for unsuitability

Chapter 14 Discharge for misconduct

“Charlie” Viet Cong (Slang from phonetic spelling of VC- Victor Charlie)

CHL Confinement at hard labor

CIB Combat Infantryman Badge

CIC Counter-Intelligence Corps

CID Criminal Investigation Division

civ Civilian

CL Light Cruiser (ship type)

ClkTyp Clerk Typist

CM Court-martial

CMB Combat Medical Badge

CMP Corps of Military Police

CMSgt Chief Master Sergeant

CNO Chief of Naval Operations

CO Commanding Officer, Conscientious Objector

Co Company

Col Colonel

Coll Collecting

Coll Sta Collecting Station

cfn, conf Confined, confinement

CONUS Continental United States

Cpl Corporal

CR Commendation Ribbon

Ctr Center

CU Cause undetermined

CV Aircraft Carrier (ship type)

CVA Aircraft Carrier Attack (ship type)

CVA(N) Aircraft Carrier Attack (Nuclear) (ship type)

CVE Escort Carrier (ship type)

CVL Light Carrier (ship type)

CWO  Chief Warrant Officer

CWO 2 Chief Warrant Officer W-2

CWO 3 Chief Warrant Officer W-3

CWO 4 Chief Warrant Officer W-4

CXO Command Executive Officer

DB Disciplinary Barracks (Prison/ Brig), Daily Bulletin

DCPO Damage Control Petty Officer

DCSINT Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence (Army)

DCSLOG Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (Army)

DCSOPS Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations

DCSPER Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel

DD Destroyer (ship type), Dishonorable Discharge

DDE, DE Destroyer Escort (ship type)

DDG Destroyer, Guided Missile (ship type)

DEROS Date of Estimated Return from Overseas Service

DFC Distinguished Flying Cross

Div Division

DL Destroyer Leader (ship type) or Frigate

DLAB Defense Language Aptitude Battery

DLPT Defense Language Proficiency Test

DNEPTE Did Not Exist Prior to Enlistment

DNEPTS Did Not Exist Prior to Service

DNIF Duty Not Involving Flying

DOW Died of Wounds

DRB Discharge Review Board

DS Detached Service

DSC Distinguished Service Cross

DU Diagnosis Undetermined

DUC Distinguished Unit Citation

“Dust off” Helicopter medical evacuation (slang)

DyNIF Duty Not Involving Flying

DZ Drop Zone

EAME European African Middle Eastern Theater

EIB Expert Infantryman Badge

EM Enlisted Man

EMB Expert Medical Badge

Eng, Engr Engineer

Enl Enlisted

Ens Ensign

EPTE Existed Prior to Enlistment

EPTI Existed Prior to Induction

EPTS Existed Prior to Service

ETO European Theater of Operations

ETPH Entitled to Purple Heart

EUSA Eighth United States Army (Korean Command since 1950)

Evac Evacuation

FA Field Artillery

FAC Forward Air Controller

FAS First Aid Station

FBG Fighter Bomber Group

FBS Fighter Bomber Squadron

FBW Fighter Bomber Wing

FEBA Forward Edge Battle Area

FFG Frigate (ship type)

FG Fighter Group (WWII)

FH Field Hospital, Family History

F Hosp Field Hospital

1LT, 1st Lt First Lieutenant

1SG, 1st Sgt First Sargent

FLW Fort Leonard Wood, MO

FM Field Manual

FMF Fleet Marine Force

FOUO For official use only

FRAG AT Fragmentary Annual Training (ADT done on a day by day basis)

FragWd Fragment Wound

FS Fighter Squadron

FSB Forward Support Battalion

Ftr Fighter

FUO Fever of unknown or undetermined origin

Fur Furlough

Fwd Forward

G1 General Staff Adjutant or Personnel Section

G2 General Staff Intelligence Officer or Section

G3 General Staff Plans, Operations and Training Office or Section

G4 General Staff Supply Officer or Section

GAD Guerrilla Affairs Division

Gc Gonococcic infection

GCM General Court-Martial

Gen General

Gen Disp General Dispensary

Gen Hosp General Hospital

GO General Officer

Gp Group

GS General Staff

GSW Gunshot wound

GySgt Gunnery Sergeant

H&H Sqdn Headquarters and Headquarter Squadron

H&S Btry, H&S Batt Headquarters and Service Battery

Hcptr, heli Helicopter

HE High explosive

HFZ Hostile Fire Zone

HHC Headquarters and Headquarters Company

HHT Headquarters and Headquarters Troop

HI Hawaiian Islands

HMC Hospital man Chief, E-7

HM 1 Hospital man First (E-6)

HM2 Hospital man Second (E-5)

H3M Hospital man Third (E-4)

HMR Marine Corps Transport Squadron

HNDF Headquarters, NATIONAL Defense Forces of the Philippines

Hon Honorable

Hosp Hospital

How Howitzer

HPI History of Present Illness

HQ, Hq Headquarters

Hv Heavy

HvWpnCo Heavy Weapons Company

IADT, IDT Inactive Duty for Training, Inactive Duty Training

IAI Injury Accidently Incurred

IG Inspector General

IMS In Military Service

INACDUTRA Inactive Duty Training

Inact Res Inactive Reserves

INF, Inf Infantry

Inf Brig Infantry Brigade

Inf Div Infantry Division

JA Judge Advocate

JAG Judge Advocate General

JAGC Judge Advocate General Corps

JSCM Joint Service Commendation Medal

KATUSA Korean Augmentees to the United States Army

KIA Killed in Action

KILD Killed in Line of Duty

KP Kitchen Police (mess hall duty)

LANT Atlantic

LBJ Long Binh Jail (Vietnam)

LCDR Lieutenant Commander (NAVY)

LCdr Lieutenant Commander

LCI Landing Craft Infantry (ship type)

LCol Lieutenant Colonel

LCpl Lieutenant Corporal

LCT Landing Craft Tank (ship type)

LD, LOD Line of Duty

LGH Letterman General Hospital

LI Light Infantry

lieut. Lieutenant

LPH Landing Ship Helicopter (ship type)

LRRP Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol

LSD Landing Ship Dock (ship type)

LST Landing Ship Tank (ship type)

LT Lieutenant (Navy)

Lt. Lieutenant

LTC Lieutenant Colonel

Lt.Comdr Lieutenant Commander

Ltd serv Limited service

LtGen Lieutenant General

LTJG, Lt.(jg) Lieutenant, junior grade (Navy)

“LURP” Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol

Lv Leave

Lw, lw Lacerating Wound

LZ Landing Zone

M Master, Medium, Model, Morphine

M-1 Type of Rifle, also type of tank

M-16 Type of rifle

M-60 Type of machine gun, also type of tank

MAAG Military Assistance Advisory Group (refers to United Nations)

MABS Marine Air Base Squadron

MAC Military Airlift Command

MAC-V Military Assistance Command Vietnam

MAG Marine Air Group

Maint Maintenance

MAJ, Maj Major

MajGen, MajorGen Major General

Mal Malaria

MarDiv Marine Division

MARS Marine Aircraft Repair Squadron

“Marvin” South Vietnamese Soldier (member of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam)

MASH Mobile Army Surgical Hospital

MAU Marine Amphibious Unit

MAW Marine Aircraft Wing

MB Marine Barracks

MC Marine Corps, Medical Corps

MCAS Marine Corps Air Station

MCB Marine Corps Base

MD Medical Department, Military District

Me Messerschmidt (German aircraft)

Mec Mechanic, Mechanized

Mech Mechanic

Med Medical, Medium

MEDAL, Med of H, MOH Medal of Honor

Med evac, Med ivac Medical Evacuation (for Korea or Vietnam mostly by helicopter)

MG Machine gun, Major General

M Gun Machine Gunner

MGySgt Master Gunnery Sergeant

MH Medal of Honor

MI Military Intelligence

MIA Missing in Action

Misc Miscellaneous

Mk Mark

Mkm Marksman

MLR Main Line of Resistance

MLRS Multiple Launch Rocket System

MM Marksman (associated with a particular weapon)

MMPI Minnesota Multiphastic Personality Inventory

mod Modified

mort Mortar

MOS Military Occupational Specialty

MP Military Police

M/R Morning Report

MSARPW Medical Survey after Release of Prisoner of War

MSB Main Support Battalion

Msg Message

MSgt Master Sergeant

MSR Main Supply Route

MSU Mobile Surgical Units

MTB Motor Torpedo Boat (ship type)

M (tk) Medium Tank

MTO Mediterranean Unit Citation

MUST Medical Unit, Self-Transportable

MUTA Multiple Unit Training Assemblies (IADT)

MW Multiple Wounds

NAF No Abnormality Found

NAN No Abnormality Noted

NAS Naval Air Station

Nav Navigator

NB Naval Base

NBC Non-Battle Casualty, Nuclear, Biological, Chemical

NC Navy Cross

NCB Naval Construction Battalion

NCD Not Considered Disqualifying

NCO Non-Commissioned Officer

NCS No Casualty Status, Non-Combat Service

ND Not Disabling, Non-disqualifying

NM Not Misconduct

NMI No Middle Initial

No Number

NOB Naval Operating Base

Not LD Not in line of duty

NPD No psychiatric disease

NTC Naval Training Center

NUC Navy Unit Commendation (Citation)

NVA North Vietnamese Army

OB Order of Battle

Ord Ordnance

O/S Bar(s) Overseas Bar(s) (one awarded for each six months overseas)

OSD Overseas Duty

OSI Office of Special Investigation (Air Force)

OS RTN Overseas Return (usually associated with an early discharge)

OTH Other than honorable

OTU Operational Training Unit

PA Philippine Army (Commonwealth Army of the Philippines), Posterior-anterior

PAC Pacific

Pan CZ Panama Canal Zone

PC Patrol Craft (ship type), Philippine Constabulary

pchst, prcht Parachutist, parachute

PCS Permanent Change of Station

PDAB Physical Disability Appeals Board (Air Force)

PDRL Physical Disability Retired List

PEB Physical Evaluation Board

Pen W Penetrating Wound

Perf W Perforated Wound

PETS Prior to Expiration of Term of Service

PFC Private First Class

PG Gunboat (ship type), Proving Ground

PH, PHM Purple Heart, Purple Heart Medal

Ph Past History

PHIB Amphibian, Amphibious

PHIBCORPS Amphibious Corps

Phm M Pharmacist’s Mate

PI, P.I. Philippine Islands, Present Illness

pris Prisoner

PS Philippine Scout

PSG Platoon Sargent

PT Patrol Torpedo Boat (ship type), Physical Training

PTO Pacific Theater of Operations

PUC Presidential Unit Citation

pun w Puncture Wound

PW Prisoner of War

QM Quartermaster

QMC Quartermaster Corps

R & R Rest and Relations (leave from a combat zone)

R-1 Regimental Adjutant or Personnel Section

R-2 Regimental Intelligence Officer or Section

R-3 Regimental Plans, Operations and Training Officer or Section

R-4 Regimental Supply Officer or Section

RA Regular Army (enlistee)

RAD Release from Active Duty

R Co Rifle Company

RCT Regimental Combat Team

RecSta Receiving Station

Reenl Reenlist

Reg Regiment

Reg A Regular Army

Reg AF Regular Air Force

REP Reserve Enlisted Program

rep repair

repl replacement

Res Reserve

ret Retired

rfl Rifle, Rifleman

rkt Rocket

RID Release to Inactive Duty

ROTC Reserve Officer Training Corps

RPG Rifle-propelled grenade

RS Receiving ship (Navy), Receiving Station

RVN Republic of Vietnam

2d Lt, 2nd Lt Second lieutenant

S-1 Adjutant or Personnel Staff Brigade and Battalion level

S-2 Intelligence Staff Brigade and Battalion level

S-3 Plans, Operations, Training staff Brigade and Battalion level

S-4 Supply Staff Brigade and Battalion level

SAC Strategic Air Command

SADT Special Period of Active Duty for Training

salv salvage

SBI Special Background Investigation

SCI Special Compartmentalized Intelligence

SCIF Special Compartmentalized Intelligence Facility

SCM Summary court-martial

SEA Southeast Asia

SEAL Sea, Air, and Land (Navy Special Forces)

SeaDu Sea duty

sent, sentd Sentence, Sentenced

sep Separate, Separation

Sep C Separation Center

serv Service

serv bn Service Battalion

Sev Co Service Company

SF Shell Fragment, Special Forces

SFC Sergeant First Class

SFG Special Forces Group

SFW Shell Fragment Wound

Sgt Sergeant

1st Sgt First Sergeant (Army, Marine Corps)

Sgt Maj Sergeant Major (Army, Marine Corps)

SH Station Hospital

SIW Self-Inflicted Wound

SMG Submachine Gun

SMSGT Senior Master Sergeant (AF)

SN Service Number

SND Symptomatic not disqualifying

SP Security Police (Air Force), Shore Patrol (Navy)

SPARS Female Coast Guard Personnel (WWII)

SPC, Spec Specialist (Army)

SPCM Special court-martial

Spec 4 Specialist 4th Class (Army)

SPN Separation Program Number (pronounced and sometimes written as SPIN number)

Sq, Sqn Squadron

Sqd Squad

SR&D Status, Review and Determination

SS Sharpshooter badge, Silver Star Medal, Special Service, Submarine (ship type)

SSBN Submarine Ballistic Missile, Nuclear (ship type)

SSG Staff Sergeant (Army)

SSN Submarine, Nuclear (ship type)

SU Salvage Unit, Service Unit

Sum Cm Summary Court-Martial

Sup Co Supply Company

surg Surgeon, surgical

sv Service, Severe

SVC Service Command

sw shell wound

T3 Technician, Third Grade (WW II Army)

T4 Technician, Fourth Grade

T5 Technician, Fifth Grade

T6 Technician, Sixth Grade

T and A Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy

TAC Tactical Air Command

tac tactical

TAG The Adjutant General

Tank Bn Tank Battalion

Tank Co Tank Company

TAOR Tactical Area of Responsibility

TAS Tactical Air Squadron

TAW Tactical Air Wing

TC Transportation Corps

TD Tank Destroyer

TD Bn Tank Destroyer Battalion

TDRL Temporary Disability Retired List

TDY, tdy Temporary Duty

TF Task Force

TFG Tactical Fighter Group

TFS Tactical Fighter Squadron

TFW Tactical Fighter Wing

TH Territory of Hawaii

TL Time Lost

TO Theater of Operations

tor, torp Torpedo

TOW Tube launched, optically tracked, wire guided missile

trans Transport, Transportation

Tr Carr Troop Carrier

trf Transfer

trng Training

trk Truck

TS Top Secret

TSgt Technical Sergeant

TTAD Temporary Tour of Active Duty (ADT)

TTW Through-and-through wound

UA Unauthorized absence- absent without leave

UA (AOL) Unauthorized absence- absent over leave

UA (AWOL) Unauthorized absence- absent without leave

UCD Usual Childhood diseases

UCMJ Uniform Code of Military Justice

UNDIS Undesirable Discharge

USAF United States Air Force

USAFA United States Air Force Academy

USAFFE United States Army Forces in the Far East

USAFR United States Air Force Reserve

USAH United States Army Hospital

USAHS United States Army Hospital Ship

USAR United States Army Reserve

USARV United States Army Vietnam

USCG United States Coast Guard

USMA United States Military Academy (West Point)

USMCR United States Marine Corps Depot

USN United States Navy

USNA United States Naval Academy

USNH United States Naval Hospital

USUHS United States University of the Health Sciences

UTA Unit Training Assembly (IADT)

VB Bombing Squadron (Navy)

VC Composite Squadron (Navy), Viet Cong

VD Venereal Disease

“V” Device for Valor

VF Fighter Squadron (Navy)

veh vehicle

VH Very Heavy

VHB Very Heavy bombardment

VLR Very Long Range

VMA Marine Attack Squadron

VMF Marine Fighter Squadron

VMO Marine Corps Observation Squadron

VMTB Marine Torpedo Bomber Squadron

VNAF Vietnamese Air Force

VSLA Vaccine Scar Left Arm

VSM Vietnam Service Medal

VSULA Vaccination scar upper left arm

VUA Valorous Unit Award

WAAC Woman Army Auxiliary Corps

WAC Women’s Army Corps

WASP Women’s Air Forces Service Pilot

WAVE Women Accepted for Volunteer Enlistment (WW II Naval Women)

w/atchd with attached

WESTPAC Western Pacific

WHS Well-healed scar

WM Women Marines

WO Warrant Officer

WP West Point. White Phosphorous

wpn, wpns Weapon, weapons

wpn carr Weapons Carrier

wpn plat Weapons Platoon

WRS Weather Reconnaissance Squadron

WWII VM World War II Victory Medal

XO Executive Officer

YP Small Minesweeper (ship type)

Z of I, ZOI Zone of Interior