

PMC VSR Core Course

Common VA Terms

Job Aid

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This job aid serves as a quick reference for common VA terms. Please note that this job aid is not all-inclusive and is only meant to serve as a guide.

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| **Acronym** | **Term/Definition** |
| A&A or A/A | Aid and Attendance |
| A/R | Accounts Receivable |
| ACDUTRA | Active Duty for Training |
| ADM | Administrative Decision Made (BIRLS Screen) |
| AIDS | Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome |
| AL | American Legion (POA) |
| AMA | Appeals Modernization Act |
| AMIE | Automated Medical Information Exchange |
| ANG | Air Force National Guard |
| AO | Agent Orange |
| AO73 | AO73 Law Change (effective 10-18-2018) |
| APMCM | Assistant Pension Management Center Manager |
| ARNG | Army National Guard |
| ASB | Asbestosis |
| ASPEN | Automated Standardized Performance Elements Nationwide |
| AWOL | Absent Without Official Leave |
| BDD | Benefits Delivery at Discharge |
| BINQ | BIRLS Inquiry (SHARE Command) |
| BIRLS | Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem |
| BUPD | BIRLS Update (SHARE Command) |

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| BVA | Board of Veterans Appeals, or Blind Veterans Association (POA) |
| BWN | Blue Water Navy |
| C&C | Confirmed and Continued (Rating) |
| C&P | Compensation and Pension |
| CA | Claims Assistant |
| CADD | Change of Address (SHARE Command) |
| CAPRI | Compensation and Pension Records Interchange |
| CAVC | Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims |
| CBCM | Centralized Benefits Communications Management |
| CEST | Claims Establishment |
| C-FILE | Physical Claims File |
| CFID | Change of Fiduciary |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| CH31 | Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation Education Program) |
| CH32 | Chapter 32 (Veterans Educational Assistance Program) |
| CH34 | Chapter 34 (Vietnam Era GI Bill no longer paid) |
| CH35 | Chapter 35 (Dependents Educational Assistance) |
| CHAMPUS | Civilian Health & Medical Program of Uniformed Services (Active  Duty & Retired) |
| CHAMPVA | Civilian Health & Medical Program of (Department of) Veterans  Affairs |
| CME | Continuing Medical Expense |
| COD | Character of Discharge, or Cause of Death |
| **Acronym** | **Term/Definition** |
| COLA | Cost-of-Living Adjustment |
| COVERS | Consolidated Veterans Records System |
| COWC | Committee on Waivers and Compromises |
| CP&E | Compensation, Pension & Education |
| CPKM | Compensation and Pension Knowledge Management |
| CPL | Compensation & Pension Disability Benefits For (Live) Veterans |
| CSA/CSR | Civil Service Annuity or Retirement |
| CUE | Clear and Unmistakable Error |
| DAV | Disabled American Veterans (POA) |
| DC | Diagnostic Code |
| DD 214 | Certificate of Release |  |
| DEA | Dependents’ Educational Assistance (Chapter 35) |  |
| DEV | Development |  |
| DIC | Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (SC Death) |  |
| DIS | Dishonorable (BIRLS Code) |  |
| DISP | Disposition of PIF |  |
| DLP | Date Last Paid |  |
| DOB | Date of Birth |  |
| DOC | Date of Claim |  |
| DOD | Department of Defense, or  Date of Death, or Date of Divorce |  |
| DRO | Decision Review Officer |  |
| DROC | Decision Review Operations Center |  |
| DTA | Duty to Assist |  |
| **Acronym** | **Term/Definition** |  |
| DTRA | Defense Threat Reduction Agency |  |
| DUPC | Duplicate Record Consolidation (BIRLS Command) |  |
| DVA | Dishonorable for VA Purposes (BIRLS Code) |  |
| EFolder | Electronic Folder |
| EMS | Exam Management System |
| ENT | Entitlement Code |
| EOD | Enter On Duty |
| EOM | End of Month |
| EOY | End of Year |
| EP | End Product (Code) |
| EPSS | Electronic Performance Support System |
| FARC | Federal Archives Records Center |
| FDC | Fully Developed Claim |
| FECA | Federal Employees Compensation Act |
| FERS | Federal Employees Retirement System |
| FL | Fast Letter |
| FOIA | Freedom of Information Act |
| FRC | Federal Records Center (See FARC) |
| FTI | Federal Tax Information |
| GAF | Global Assessment of Functioning (Scale) |
| GC | General Counsel |
| GDN | Guardian |
| **Acronym** | **Term/Definition** |
| GS | General Schedule |
| GSW | Gunshot Wound |
| HB or HBD | Housebound |
| HC | Helpless Child |
| HLRs | Higher-Level Reviews |
| HON | Honorable Military Service |
| HVA | Honorable for VA Purposes (BIRLS Code) ICP |
| ICP | Inactive Comp and Pen Data (BIRLS screen) |
| ILER | Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record |
| INS | Insurance Data (BIRLS Screen) |
| IRIS | Inquiry Routing and Information System |
| IT | Information Technology |
| IU | Individual Unemployability |
| IVAP | Income for VA Purposes |
| IVM | Income Verification Match |
| KIA | Killed In Action |
| KC | Korean Conflict |
| KSA | Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities |
| LGY | Loan Guaranty |
| LOD | Line of Duty |
| MA | Management Analyst |
| MAP-D | Modern Award Processing Development |
| MAPR | Maximum Annual Pension Rate |
| MBP | Mexican Border Period |
| **Acronym** | **Term/Definition** |
| MOD | Month of Death |
| MOPH | Military Order of the Purple Heart (POA) |
| MRS | Military Record Specialist |
| NAN | No Action Necessary |
| NARA | National Archives and Records Administration |
| NOAA | National Oceanic & Atmosphere Administration |
| NOD | Notice of Death, or  Notice of Disagreement |
| NOE | Notice of Exception |
| NOK | Next of Kin |

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| NPRC | National Personnel Records Center |
| NSC | Non-Service-Connected |
| NW | Net Worth |
| OBRA | Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of (Year) (AKA Omnibus) |
| OGC | Opinions of the General Counsel |
| OIF/OEF | Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom |
| OPM | Office of Personnel Management |
| OTH | Discharge Under Other Than Honorable Conditions |
| P&T or PT | Permanent and Total |
| PCAN | Pending Issue File Cancel (BDN Command) |
| PCHG | Pending Issue File Change (BDN Command |
| PCGL | Personal Computer Generated Letters |
| PCT | Percentage |
| PEB | Physical Evaluation Board (Military) |
| PFOP | Personal Funds of Patient |
| PGW | Persian Gulf War |
| PHS | Public Health Service |
| PIES | Personnel Information Exchange System |
| PIF | Pending Issue File |

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| **Acronym** | **Term/Definition** |
| PL | Public Law |
| PMC | Pension Management Center |
| PMCM | Pension Management Center Manager |
| PMR | Private Medical Records |
| POA | Power of Attorney (Usually Service Organizations) |
| POW | Prisoner of War |
| PTE | Peacetime Enlistment |
| PTI | Permanently Transferred In |
| PTO | Permanently Transferred Out |
| PTSD | Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder |
| PVA | Paralyzed Veterans Of America (POA) |
| RAD | Release from Active Duty |
| RADL | Redesigned Automated Decision Letter |
| REPS | Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors |
| RMC | Records Management Center |
| RO | Regional Office |
| RR | Railroad Retirement |
| RTR | Ready to Rate |
| RVN | Republic of Vietnam |
| RVSR | Rating Veterans Service Representative |
| SAT | Satisfactory Service (BIRLS Code) |
| **Acronym** | **Term/Definition** |
| SAW | Spanish American War |
| SBP | Survivors Benefit Plan (Retired Military) |
| SC or S/C | Service Connected |
| SLC or SL | Special Law Code |
| SMC | Special Monthly Compensation |
| SME | Subject Matter Expert |
| SMIB | Supplemental Medical Insurance Benefit |
| SOA | Statement of Account (of Funeral Goods and Services) |
| SOC | Statement of the Case |
| SPR | Service Personnel Records |
| SSDI | Social Security Disability Insurance |
| SSI | Supplemental Security Income |
| SSN | Social Security Number |
| SSOC | Supplemental Statement of the Case |
| STR | Service Treatment Records |
| SVSR | Senior Veterans Service Representative |
| TDRL | Temporary Disability Retired List |
| TERA | Toxic Exposure Risk Activity |
| TPSS | Training Performance and Support Systems |

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| TTI | Temporarily Transfer In |
| TTO | Temporarily Transfer Out |
| UHC | Discharge Under Honorable Conditions |
| UME | Unreimbursed Medical Expenses |
| USC | United States Code (U.S.C.) |
| VA | Department of Veterans Affairs |
| VACO | VA Central Office |
| VACOLS | Veterans Appeals Control and Locator System |
| VADS | Veterans Assistance Discharge System  following the VADS Field on the VID  Screen in BIRLS indicates VADS Data Input.) |
| VAF | Veterans Administration Form |
| VAMC | Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center |
| VARO | Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office |
| VARO&IC | Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office & Insurance  Center |
| VBA | Veterans Benefits Administration |
| VBMS | Veteran Benefits Management System (replaced VETSNET) |
| VCE | Veterans Claims Examiner |
| VE | Vietnam Era |
| VFW | Veterans of Foreign Wars (POA) |
| VHA | Veterans Health Administration |
| VID | Veteran Identification Data (BIRLS Screen) |
| **Acronym** | **Term/Definition** |
| VISN | Veterans Integrated Service Network |
| VR&C | Vocational Rehabilitation & Counseling |
| VR&E | Vocational Rehabilitation and Education |
| VRMOD | Veterans Rate Month of Death |
| VSC | Veterans Service Center |
| VSCM | Veterans Service Center Manager |
| VSO | Veterans Service Organization, or Veterans Service Officer |
| VSR | Veterans Service Representative |
| VVA | Vietnam Veterans of America (POA), or Virtual VA |
| WAC | Women’s Army Corp |
| WARMS | Web Automated Reference Materials System |
| WIA | Wounded in Action |
| WWI | World War I |
| WWII | World War II |
| XC | Deceased Veteran's claims folder |