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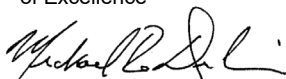
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### 1. Purpose

This publication will improve coordination and understanding during multi-Service operations. A brevity code is a code that provides no security but which has as its sole purpose the shortening of messages rather than the concealment of content.

### 2. Scope

This publication standardizes air-to-air, air-to-surface, surface-to-air, surface-to-surface, maritime air, and maritime-to-maritime brevity codes regardless of communication medium (voice/chat), and brevity codes (abbreviations) specific for use in tactical chat. The scope is limited to brevity codes used in multi-Service operations. All Services agree to these brevity code meanings. These brevity codes have been forwarded to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) for inclusion or modification of the NATO Allied Procedural Publication (APP)-7, *Joint Brevity Words* and other allied communications publications.

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### Added Brevity Terms:

- DRIVE-BY
- DUSTOFF
- FUMBLE
- GENEVA
- IMPACT [time]
- KOBE
- KRAKEN
- \*medevac, medevac, medevac
- SMELL

### Removed Brevity Terms:

- DOLLY
- INDIA
- T-BIRD(S)
- TIGER
- TIMBER CHANNEL

### Modified or Clarified Brevity Terms:

- AUTHENTICATE
- CEASE ENGAGEMENT
- CHARLIE
- CHERRY
- DARK STAR
- DECLARE
- DECLUTTER
- FLASH
- FOX MIKE
- HIT(S)
- ICE
- INSPECT
- LOWDOWN
- OUT
- PEDRO
- SCRUB
- SHOOT POINT (not a separate listing; now listed only under POINT)
- SPLASH(ED)
- SWITCHED [item]
- TRACKING
- VAMPIRE

\*Added to Chapter II STANDARD TACTICAL CHAT ABBREVIATIONS

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### BREVITY

*Multi-Service Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (MTTP) for Multi-Service Brevity Codes* establishes tactics, techniques, and procedures for the use of multi-Service brevity codes. A brevity code is a code with the sole purpose of shortening messages rather than concealment of content. Brevity codes provide no security.

#### **Chapter I Multi-Service Brevity Codes**

Chapter I lists and defines the multi-Service brevity codes.

#### **Chapter II Standard Tactical Chat Abbreviations**

Chapter II lists and defines the multi-Service tactical chat abbreviations.

#### **Chapter III Category Synopsis**

Chapter III lists each category of operation and respective multi-Service brevity codes.



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**Chapter I**  
**MULTI-SERVICE BREVITY CODES**

<b>Table 1. Key to Chapter I</b>	
*	Meaning differs from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) brevity word.
**	Not a NATO brevity word.
No Caveat	Denotes a general brevity code.
[A/A]	Brevity code meaning applies to air-to-air (A/A) operations or communications.
[AIR-MAR]	Brevity code meaning applies to maritime air (AIR-MAR) operations or communications.
[A/S]	Brevity code meaning applies to air-to-surface (A/S) operations or communications.
[EW]	Brevity code meaning applies to electromagnetic warfare (EW) operations or communications.
[MAR]	Brevity code meaning applies to maritime-to-maritime (MAR) operations or communications.
[S/A]	Brevity code meaning applies to surface-to-air (S/A) operations or communications.
[SO]	Brevity code meaning applies to space operations (SO) or communications.
[S/S]	Brevity code meaning applies to surface-to-surface (S/S) operations or communications.

**NOTE:** All brevity codes pertain to general air operations unless indicated otherwise. NATO meanings are derived from NATO Allied Procedural Publication (APP)-7(F) (Version 3), *Joint Brevity Words*, 16 April 2020.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes</b>	
<b>ABORT</b>	Cease action or terminate the attack prior to weapons release or event or mission.
<b>[High or Low] ACCURACY</b>	** Prebriefed criteria is met during geolocation; must be briefed by package commander (or outlined in the special instructions (SPINS)/standards).
<b>ACTION</b>	[A/A] [A/S] [S/A] [AIR-MAR] Initiate a briefed attack sequence or maneuver.
<b>[system] ACTIVE [location, direction]</b>	* [A/A] [EW] Referenced emitter is radiating at the stated location or along the stated bearing. Electronic intelligence derived.
<b>ADD [system or category]</b>	** [EW] Add a specific (system) or (electromagnetic order of battle (EOB) category) to search responsibilities.
<b>[weapon] AFFIRM</b>	* [S/A] FRIENDLY surface-to-air weapons platform are prepared to engage specified target(s) (e.g., BIRD(S) AFFIRM). Opposite of NEGATE.
<b>ALARM</b>	[A/A] [EW] [MAR] [SO] Terminate or terminating emissions control procedures. Opposite of SNOOZE.
<b>ALLIGATOR</b>	Link-11A or tactical data link Alpha.
<b>ALPHA CHECK</b>	* Request for confirmation of bearing and range from aircraft to described point.
<b>ANCHOR [location]</b>	1. Orbit about a specific point. 2. Refueling track flown by tanker.
<b>ANCHORED [location]</b>	* [A/A] Turning engagement at the specified location.
<b>ANGELS</b>	Height of FRIENDLY aircraft in thousands of feet from mean sea level (MSL).
<b>ANYFACE</b>	FRIENDLY command and control (C2) agency when call sign is not known.

Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)	
<b>ARIZONA</b>	[A/S] [EW] No antiradiation missile ordnance remaining.
<b>[direction] ARM</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] CONTACT(S) within a single GROUP that maneuvers outside of the GROUP criteria.
<b>AS FRAGGED</b>	* Unit or element will be performing exactly as briefed or scheduled.
<b>ASLEEP</b>	** [EW] No longer detecting land or surface emitter activity via communications intelligence. Opposite of AWAKE.
<b>ATTACK</b>	* [A/S] An informative call indicating aircraft are committed to air-to-surface delivery on a specific ground target. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTE:</b> Not to be used in a close air support (CAS) engagement.</p> </div>
<b>AUTHENTICATE</b>	To request or provide a response for a coded challenge.
<b>AUTOCAT</b>	Any communications relay using automatic retransmissions.
<b>AVALANCHE</b>	** Informatory call indicating friendly forces require reinforcement in a specific location.
<b>AWAKE</b>	** [EW] Land or surface emitter activity detected via communications intelligence. Opposite of ASLEEP.
<b>[number, weapon type] AWAY</b>	[A/S] [AIR-MAR] [S/A] Release or launch of specified weapon (e.g., 1 AWAY, 2 PIGS AWAY, BIRDS AWAY, etc.). At minimum number or weapon type required. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTE</b> Include launch location in BULLSEYE format and weapons track direction when appropriate</p> </div>

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>AZIMUTH</b>	<p>1. [A/A] [AIR-MAR] A picture label describing two GROUP(S) separated laterally. GROUP names will be referenced by cardinal directions (e.g., NORTH GROUP, SOUTH GROUP, or EAST GROUP, WEST GROUP).</p> <p>2. ** [A/A] [S/A] Direction to the threat.</p>
<b>BAD MAP</b>	<p>** [A/S] Call that the displayed map is unusable due to the following:  Terrain - call that shadows obstruct the target area and a map must be taken from a different axis or graze angle.  Image - call that the displayed image quality prevents target identification (ID).</p>
<b>BANDIT</b>	<p>1. [A/A] [AIR-MAR] Positively identified as an enemy in accordance with (IAW) theater ID criteria. The term does not imply direction or authority to engage.  2. * [SO] A SUSPECT whose orbital parameters are such that it may become a collection and/or counterspace concern to a spacecraft in the relative near-term, therefore limiting decision space.</p>
<b>BANZAI</b>	<p>* [A/A] Execute(ing) launch and decide tactics with the intent to maneuver into the visual arena.</p>
<b>BASE [+/- number]</b>	<p>Reference number used to indicate such information as headings, altitude, fuels, etc.</p>
<b>BAY</b>	<p>* [EW] Carry out deception plan indicated or IAW previous orders.</p>
<b>BEAD WINDOW</b>	<p>* Last transmission potentially disclosed unauthorized information.</p>
<b>BEAM [direction]</b>	<p>[A/A] CONTACT stabilized within 70 to 110 degrees of aspect.</p>
<b>BEAM RIDER [direction]</b>	<p>** [A/A] [A/S] Potential JAMMER along the stated azimuth from a ground unit or aircraft stated from the unit or aircraft's location. Usually followed by a request to search using an alternate radar source.</p>

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>[system] BENT</b>	System indicated is inoperative. Cancelled by SWEET.
<b>BIG STICK</b>	** [S/A] FRIENDLY long-range surface-to-air missile(s) (SAM(s)). Modifiers include: AWAY, NEGATE, AFFIRM.
<b>BINGO</b>	* Prebriefed fuel state needed for recovery.
<b>BIRD(S)</b>	[S/A] FRIENDLY SAM(s). Modifiers include: AWAY, NEGATE, AFFIRM.
<b>BIRDDOG</b>	Call to configure sensors IAW mission planning/brief.
<b>BITTERSWEET</b>	** Notification of potential for blue-on-blue (friendly fire) or blue-on-neutral situation.
<b>BLANK</b>	** [SO] Signal is on the air with zero content.
<b>BLIND</b>	No visual contact with FRIENDLY aircraft, ship, or ground position. Opposite of VISUAL.
<b>BLOCK</b>	** [MAR] An inherently defensive tactic used to force a vessel to alter course away from the defended asset or stop its closure. It is accomplished by maneuvering a unit directly in front of the closing vessel and maintaining position. The possibility of collision exists, depending on the intent of the closing vessel.
<b>BLOTTER</b>	* [EW] electromagnetic countermeasure receiver.
<b>BLOW THROUGH</b>	[A/A] Continue straight ahead at the MERGE and do not become ANCHORED with target(s).
<b>BLOWING THROUGH</b>	[A/A] Intercepting aircraft is dropping targeting responsibility and commencing a BLOW THROUGH.
<b>BLUR</b>	** Radar being jammed.
<b>BOGEY</b>	[A/A] [S/A] [SO] A CONTACT whose identity is unknown.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>BOGEY DOPE</b>	[A/A] [S/A] Request for information on indicated or closest GROUP in bearing, range, altitude, and aspect (BRAA) format (with appropriate fill-ins).
<b>BOOSTER</b>	** [S/A] Track identified as a separated booster phase component of a ballistic missile.
<b>BOX</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] Picture label with GROUP(S) in a square or offset square.
<b>BRAA</b>	[A/A] [S/A] 1. Provides target BRAA relative to the specified FRIENDLY aircraft (tactical control format). 2. Switch to BRAA format to a specific GROUP or CONTACT.
<b>BRACKET [direction]</b>	[A/A] [A/S] Maneuver to a position on opposite sides, either laterally or vertically from the target.
<b>BREAK [direction]</b>	[A/A] Perform an immediate maximum performance turn in the indicated direction (default is a 180-degree turn).
<b>BREAK AWAY</b>	Tanker or receiver call indicating immediate vertical and nose-to-tail separation between tanker and receiver is required.
<b>BROKEN SPUR</b>	** [A/S] Helicopter buddy or self-extraction is not possible.
<b>BROWNING</b>	** [S/A] SAM platform has reached low missile state.
<b>BRUISER</b>	* [AIR-MAR] [A/S] FRIENDLY air-launched, antiship missile.
<b>BUCKET</b>	[EW] C2 is experiencing radar electromagnetic deceptive jamming in a specified geographic area.
<b>BUDDY [LASE or GUIDE]</b>	* [A/S] Have weapon guidance from a source other than delivering aircraft.
<b>BUDDY LOCK [position, heading, altitude]</b>	[A/A] Radar locked to a known FRIENDLY aircraft. Normally, a response to a SPIKED or BUDDY SPIKE calls.



Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)	
<b>BUDDY SPIKE</b> [position or heading or altitude]	[A/A] FRIENDLY system radar lock-on indication on radar warning receiver.
<b>BUGOUT</b> [direction]	[A/A] [A/S] [AIR-MAR] Separation from a particular engagement, attack, or operation with no intent to reengage or return.
<b>BULLDOG</b>	* [MAR] [S/S] FRIENDLY surface- or submarine-launched antiship missile.
<b>BULLRING</b>	[AIR-MAR] Maritime aircraft patrol zone.
<b>BULLSEYE</b>	An established reference point from which the position of an object can be referenced by bearing (magnetic) and range (nautical miles) from this point.
<b>BUMP</b>	* [SO] Change power, plus or minus, from current power.
<b>BUSTER</b>	Fly at maximum continuous speed.
<b>BUTTON</b>	Radio channel setting.
<b>BUZZER</b>	** [EW] Electromagnetic communications jamming. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"><b>NOTE</b> Same as NATO term, CHATTER.</div>
<b>BUZZSAW</b>	** [A/S] A chemical light-stick tied to a string and swung overhead; used to mark a FRIENDLY position.
<b>CANDYGRAM</b>	[EW] Informative call that EW targeting information is available on a briefed secure net.
<b>CANYON</b>	[EW] Use electromagnetic jamming on radar frequency indicated or IAW previous orders or informative call for execution electromagnetic attack (EA) list or EA against designated group.
<b>CAP(ING)</b> [location]	1. [A/A] Establish a combat air patrol at a specified point, used prior to committing forces in support of a defensive operation. 2. [A/A] Aircraft is established in an orbit.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>[target or object] CAPTURED</b>	* [A/S] Object has been acquired and is being tracked.
<b>CATALOG</b>	** [A/A] [A/S] [AIR-MAR] A directive call to record a potential target's description, location, and elevation information on a potential target.
<b>CEASE [activity]</b>	* Discontinue stated activity; e.g., CEASE BUZZER, LASER, SPARKLE, TORCH, etc.
<b>CEASE ENGAGEMENT</b>	* A fire control order used to direct air defense units to stop tactical action against a specified target. [A/A] Break the engagement on the target specified and prepare to engage another target. Missiles in flight will continue to intercept.
<b>CEASE FIRE</b>	Stop firing, do not open fire. Missiles in flight will continue to intercept; continue to track.
<b>CHAMELEON</b>	** [SO] An EW target identified as operating on a known frequency with changes to external parameters. The term does not imply direction or authority to engage.
<b>CHAMPAGNE</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] A picture label of three distinct GROUPS with two in front and one behind. GROUP names should be NORTH LEAD GROUP and SOUTH LEAD GROUP or WEST LEAD GROUP and EAST LEAD GROUP and TRAIL GROUP.
<b>CHARLIE</b>	1. [AIR-MAR] A signal to land aboard the ship. A number suffix indicates a time delay in minutes before the landing is anticipated (e.g., CHARLIE ten).
<b>CHATTERMARK [comm type]</b>	Begin using briefed communication procedures to counter communications jamming. If no modifier specified, "radio" is understood.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>CHEAPSHOT</b>	* [A/A] Active missile data link terminated between high and medium pulse repetition frequency (MPRF) active.
<b>CHECK [number, left or right]</b>	* [A/A] Turn (number) degrees left or right and maintain new heading.
<b>CHECK CAPTURE</b>	Target appears to be no longer tracked by sensor.
<b>CHECK DATA [source]</b>	Reference specified medium for message traffic (Internet relay chat, J28.2 [Link-16 free text message], etc.).
<b>CHECK FIRE(ING)</b>	** [A/S] [MAR] [S/S] Immediate pause of direct or indirect fires. May require coordination to continue.
<b>CHECK FOCUS</b>	Sensor image appears to be out of focus.
<b>CHECKPRINT [track number]</b>	1. [AIR-MAR] Request from the air defense commander for unit(s) to provide amplifying information on a specified track. 2. [AIR-MAR] Reply to the air defense commander followed by positive track information using format specified in applicable operation task document.
<b>CHECK SOLUTION</b>	** [S/S] Order sent by the spotter for the ship to check the fire control solution when an excessive initial or salvo-to-salvo error is observed.
<b>CHECK TIDS</b>	** Directive or descriptive call to reference data link display and may be followed by amplifying information.
<b>CHERRY</b>	** [A/A] [A/S] [S/A] Call to inbound aircraft the landing zone (LZ), helicopter landing zone, or drop zone (DZ) has enemy activity above the prebriefed risk tolerance. Opposite of and cancels ICE.
<b>CHERUBS</b>	Height of a FRIENDLY aircraft in hundreds of feet above ground level.
<b>CHICK(S)</b>	* Term used to denote FRIENDLY aircraft on the safe flight or mission.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>CLAM</b>	1. [EW] Cease emissions on specified equipment. 2. * [EW] Directive or informative call that jamming has stopped on current assignment. Assumed when COLD.
<b>CLEAN</b>	1. [A/A] No sensor information on a GROUP of interest. 2. No visible battle damage. 3. Aircraft not carrying external stores.
<b>CLEARED</b>	Requested action is authorized. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"><b>NOTE</b> Engaged support roles not established or transferred.</div>
<b>CLEARED HOT</b>	1. [A/S] Term used by a joint terminal attack controller (JTAC) / forward air controller (airborne) (FAC(A)) during Type 1 and 2 CAS terminal attack control when granting weapons release clearance to an aircraft attacking a specific target.
<b>CLEARED TO ENGAGE</b>	1. ** [A/S] Term used by a JTAC/(FAC(A)) during Type 3 control, granting a weapons release clearance to an aircraft or flight to attack a target or targets within the parameters prescribed by the JTAC/FAC(A). 2. ** [A/A] [A/S] Clearance to fire on designated GROUP or target.
<b>CLIFF</b>	* [EW] Jamming signal.
<b>CLOAK(ING)</b>	** Switch(ing) from normal or overt external lighting to covert night-vision device only compatible lighting.
<b>CLOSING</b>	[A/A] Decreasing separation.
<b>CLOVER [left or right]</b>	** [A/S] Rotary-wing directive call to establish clover patterns in stated direction (e.g., "Taz 31, CLOVER left").

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>CLUSTER</b>	** [S/A] Multiple ballistic missile objects within a small volume of space.
<b>COLD</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. [A/A] Initiate(ing) a turn in the combat air patrol away from the anticipated threats.</li> <li>2. * [A/S] Defined area is not expected to receive fire (enemy or FRIENDLY).</li> <li>3. [A/A] Intercept geometry will result in a pass or roll out behind the target.</li> <li>4. * [A/A] [AIR-MAR] Contact aspect stabilized 0–20 degrees from the tail or 160–180 degrees from the nose (or from the stern or bow for a ship respectively).</li> <li>5. * [A/S] Contact aspect stabilized 0-20 degrees or 160-180 degrees from referenced position (friendly forward operating base, named area of interest, target area, etc.).</li> </ol>
<b>COLOR [system, position]</b>	[EW] Request for information on a type (system) at stated location; implies a request for ambiguity resolution. May be used with data link data message (e.g., color, data).
<b>COMEBACK [direction]</b>	Directive call to reverse course.
<b>COME OFF [direction]</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. [A/A] Maneuver as indicated to either regain mutual support or to deconflict flight paths. Implies both VISUAL and TALLY.</li> <li>2. [A/S] Maneuver or execute a specific instruction.</li> </ol>
<b>COMMIT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. * [A/A] Intercept the GROUP(S) of interest.</li> <li>2. * [A/A] Set briefed intercept geometry.</li> </ol>
<b>CONFIDENCE [level]</b>	* Confidence indication IAW operational directives.
<b>CONS/CONNING</b>	* [A/A] Aircraft producing contrails.
<b>CONTACT(S)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sensor information at the stated position.</li> <li>2. [A/S] Acknowledges sighting of a specified reference point (either visually or via sensor).</li> <li>3. [A/A] Individual radar return within a GROUP or ARM.</li> </ol>

Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)	
<b>CONTAINER</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] Inner GROUP formation with four CONTACTs oriented in a square or offset square.
<b>CONTINUE</b>	Continue present maneuver, does not imply a change in clearance to engage or expend ordnance.
<b>CONTINUE DRY</b>	[A/S] Continue present maneuver, ordnance release not authorized. Used to provide approval to aircraft to continue the pass without expending ordnance during Type 1, 2, or 3 control. (JTAC must use "Type 3, CONTINUE DRY" for dry Type 3 control). <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Simulated weapons deliveries may be performed.</p> </div>
<b>COVER</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. [A/A] [S/A] Assign surface-to-air weapons or establish an air-to-air posture that will allow engagement of a specified track or threat if required.</li> <li>2. [A/S] [AIR-MAR] Directive call to be ready for reattack/re-engage if weapons effects not achieved.</li> <li>3. [SO] Assign weapons or establish posture that allows engagement of a specified track or threat.</li> </ol>
<b>COVEY</b>	** [A/S] [S/S] Two or more QUAIL.
<b>CRANK [direction]</b>	[A/A] Maneuver in the direction indicated. Implies illuminating target at or near radar GIMBAL limits.
<b>CRATER [location]</b>	** [S/A] [S/S] Expected threat ballistic missile impact point.
<b>CREEP</b>	** [SO] [EW] Characterize signal.
<b>CRISS CROSS</b>	[EW] A position or track derived from the plotting of direction finding bearings.
<b>CROSSING</b>	[A/A] Two GROUPs initially separated in azimuth decreasing azimuth separation to pass each other.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>CROW(S)</b>	** Detainees or prisoners.
<b>CRUISE</b>	Return to cruise speed (after BUSTER or GATE).
<b>CURVE</b>	[EW] Deception signal.
<b>CUTOFF [direction]</b>	[A/A] Request(s) for, or directive(s) to, intercept using cutoff geometry.
<b>DAISY</b>	** [SO] [EW] Notification that signal characteristics are within validated parameters.
<b>DARK STAR</b>	** [S/S] An illumination round that fails to properly ignite.
<b>DASH [number]</b>	Aircraft position within a flight. Use if specific call sign is unknown.
<b>DATA [object, position]</b>	Data link message concerning object at stated location.
<b>(weapon) DAZZLE (ON/OFF)</b>	** Suppressive nonlethal fire on a target to degrade sensor performance below the level needed to fulfill its mission objectives.
<b>DEADEYE</b>	Laser designator system inoperative.
<b>DECLARE</b>	* [A/A] [S/A] [AIR-MAR] Inquiry as to the ID of a specified track(s), target(s), or correlated GROUP. Responses include: FRIENDLY, BOGEY, BANDIT, HOSTILE, NEUTRAL, UNABLE, CLEAN, or FURBALL. Full positional data (BULLSEYE) or TRACK NUMBER must accompany responses.
<b>DECLUTTER</b>	1. [A/S] Request for the pilot or operator to remove targeting symbology to allow the user to see a better picture of the target area. 2. [A/A] Minimize on-screen graphics to prevent an object of interest from being obscured.
<b>DEEP</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] Indicates separation between the nearest and farthest GROUPs in range in a relative formation of three or more GROUPs, used to describe a LADDER, VIC, CHAMPAGNE, or BOX.

Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)	
<b>DEFENDING [direction]</b>	[A/A] [A/S] Aircraft is in a defensive position and maneuvering with reference to a SAM threat.
<b>DEFENSIVE</b>	[A/A] [A/S] Aircraft is under attack, maneuvering defensively, and unable to ensure deconfliction or mutual support.
<b>DELOUSE</b>	[A/A] [S/A] [SO] Detect, identify, and engage (if required) unknown platform trailing FRIENDLY platform.
<b>DELTA [altitude] [position]</b>	[AIR-MAR] Hold and conserve fuel at altitude and position indicated during shipboard operations.
<b>DEPLOY</b>	[A/A] [SO] Maneuver to brief positioning.
<b>DETAILS</b>	Request for brief.
<b>DIAMONDS [with position]</b>	A surface infrared (IR) event location.
<b>DIRT</b>	** [S/A] Radar warning receiver indication of surface threat in search mode. See MUD and SINGER.
<b>DIRTY</b>	1. Link is not encrypted. 2. * [A/A] Aircraft in landing configuration. 3. * [A/A] Aircraft equipped with external stores (i.e., "DIRTY wings").
<b>DIVERT</b>	Proceed to alternate base.
<b>DOG [status]</b>	[A/A] [S/A] Air towed decoy. ** (COLLARED): Decoy is retracted. ** (LEASHED): Decoy is extended. ** (SNIPPED): Decoy is severed from aircraft.
<b>DONORIZE(D)</b>	** Aircraft data has been input into the host aircraft as a flight, team, or donor to enable target and/or data sharing among tactical data link participants.
<b>[system] DOWN [location, direction]</b>	[EW] Referenced emitter has stopped radiating at the stated location or along the stated bearing. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>NOTE</b> DOWN does not mean system destroyed.</p> </div>



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<b>DRAG [cardinal direction]</b>	* [A/A] Contact aspect stabilized at 0–60 degrees angle from tail or 120–180 degrees angle from nose.
<b>DRIVE-BY</b>	[A/A] [A/S] Threat aircraft sensors or systems observed or in use.
<b>DROP(PING)</b>	1. [A/A] [A/S] Stop or stopping monitoring of specified emitter or target or GROUP and resume(ing) search responsibilities. 2. [S/A] (TRACK number) Remove the emitter or target from tactical picture or track stores. 3. [EW] Remove a specific system or EOB category from search responsibilities.
<b>DUFFER</b>	[EW] Direction finding equipped unit.
<b>DUST</b>	** [S/A] Launch or post intercept debris from a ballistic missile. Location given in digital BULLSEYE format.
<b>DUSTOFF</b>	Military medical aircraft.
<b>EAGLE</b>	* [S/A] United States Navy ballistic defense missile.
<b>ECHELON [subcardinal direction]</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] Fill-in to a picture label describing GROUPS aligned behind and to the side of the closest GROUP.
<b>ECHO</b>	[A/A] [S/A] Positive System M or Mode X (or comparable systems) reply.
<b>ELEVATOR [altitude]</b>	** [A/A] Call to change altitude to the requested altitude in thousands of feet MSL.
<b>EMPTY</b>	[EW] No emitters of interest detected.
<b>ENGAGE</b>	A fire control order used to direct or authorize units to fire on a designated target. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>NOTE</b> Not to be utilized in a CAS engagement.</div>
<b>ENGAGED</b>	[A/A] Call from an aircraft maneuvering in the visual arena to relinquish deconfliction responsibilities.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>ENGAGEMENT COMPLETE</b>	** [A/S] Mandatory call from the attack aircraft to the JTAC or FAC(A) during Type 3 CAS terminal control indicating completion of ordnance release. See also CLEARED TO ENGAGE.
<b>EXPECT HOLLOW [time]</b>	** [A/S] A condition will likely exist that limits video data link reception (e.g., maneuvers, terrain, etc.). Pass expected time of hollow in minutes.
<b>EXTEND(ING) [direction]</b>	[A/A] [A/S] Short-term maneuver to gain energy, distance, or separation with the intent of reengaging.
<b>EYEBALL</b>	1. [A/A] Fighter with primary visual ID responsibility. 2. [A/A] Electro-optical (EO), IR, or night vision device acquisition of an aircraft. Normally followed by number of aircraft observed (if more than one).
<b>EYEBALL NARROW</b>	** [A/A] EO or IR contacts are viewed in narrow field of view (FOV) and are too close for resolution via radar.
<b>FADED</b>	* [A/A] [S/A] [AIR-MAR] Sensor data is lost on GROUP or CONTACT. Requires information of last known position to include number of CONTACTS and TRACK direction.
<b>FAKER</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] A FRIENDLY track acting as a HOSTILE for exercise purposes.
<b>FALCON(S)</b>	* Partner nation forces.
<b>FAN __ TACK __</b>	* [EW] Left and right hand edges of jammed sector are __ and __.
<b>FARM</b>	** [A/S] Helicopter status of fuel (expressed in PLAYTIME), ammunition, rocket, and missile (e.g., "Taz 31, FARM 2+00, 300, 14, 4"). See WHAT STATE.
<b>FAST</b>	[A/A] [S/A] Target speed of 600–900 knots ground speed or Mach 1.0 to 1.5.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>FATHER</b>	* [AIR-MAR] Surface tactical air navigation station.
<b>FEELER</b>	[EW] Shipborne fire control radar.
<b>FEET WET/DRY</b>	Flying over water or land.
<b>FENCE [IN/OUT]</b>	Set cockpit switches as appropriate before entering or exiting the combat area.
<b>FERRET</b>	[EW] Airborne electromagnetic reconnaissance activity or aircraft.
<b>FIREBALL</b>	** [S/S] Threat ballistic missile.
<b>FLANK [direction]</b>	* [A/A] CONTACT aspect stabilized at 120–150 degrees angle from tail or 30–60 degrees angle from nose.
<b>FLASH</b>	1. [A/A] [state system] Temporarily activate specified system for ID purposes (identification, friend or foe (IFF)), or afterburner, flare or chaff, etc.). 2. * Clear the net immediately, critical information to follow (e.g., "FLASH, FLASH, FLASH this is Frontier 6, immediate MEDEVAC, grid to follow.").
<b>FLASHLIGHT</b>	[A/S] [AIR-MAR] Helicopter turn on IR floodlight (pointed at ground to aid visual acquisition by escort aircraft).
<b>FLAVOR</b>	Visually identified nationality of a CONTACT.
<b>FLOAT(ING)</b>	[A/A] Expand(ing) the formation laterally within visual limits to maintain radar contact or prepare for a defensive response.
<b>FLOW [direction or heading]</b>	[A/A] Maneuver in stated direction or heading. Can be used to begin cold operations.
<b>FLY-BY</b>	** [A/S] [AIR-MAR] Aircraft conduct low altitude pass abeam or overhead the vessel or location. See THUMP, PEPPER.
<b>FOREST</b>	** Variable message format network.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>FOX [number]</b>	[A/A] Simulated or actual launch of air-to-air weapons. (ONE): Semi-active radar-guided missile. (TWO): IR-guided missile. (THREE): Active radar-guided missile.
<b>FOX MIKE</b>	Frequency modulation radio.
<b>[2nd] FOX THREE/TWO/ONE [number] SHIP</b>	[A/A] Simulated or actual missile launch against separate targets (assumes one missile per target) (e.g., "SWORD 12, FOX THREE 2 SHIP"). When 2nd prefix is used indicates simulated or actual launch of multiple missiles on the same target.
<b>FRIENDLY</b>	** A positively identified FRIENDLY aircraft, ship, spacecraft, or ground position.
<b>FUEL STATE [time or pounds]</b>	* Aircraft fuel quantity, expressed in time or pounds, remaining until BINGO. FUEL STATE can be used as request for information. "FUEL STATE [time or pounds]" represents current status of platform.
<b>FULL</b>	** [S/A] Weapons system cannot support additional engagements due to reaching maximum allowable missiles away limit.
<b>FUMBLE</b>	[A/A] [A/S] Observed weapons missing target or impacting without desired weapons effects (DWE).
<b>FURBALL</b>	1. [A/A] Non-FRIENDLY aircraft and FRIENDLY aircraft are inside of 5 nautical miles of each other. Can be response to a DECLARE request. 2. * [SO] Spacecraft are so close together that off-board sensors cannot distinguish relative positions.
<b>FUZZY</b>	** [SO] [EW] Degradation of signal is occurring.
<b>GADABOUT [number]</b>	Upper limit of height sanctuary for fighters in the missile engagement zone. ("GADABOUT 25" means the upper limit of the height sanctuary is 25,000 feet (ft); "GADABOUT 16-24" means the height sanctuary is between 16,000 and 24,000 ft.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>GATE</b>	Fly as quickly as possible, using after-burner or maximum power.
<b>GENESIS [location]</b>	** [S/A] [S/S] Threat ballistic missile launch point.
<b>GENEVA</b>	A positively identified aircraft, ship, or ground position whose markings or signals indicate it is protected under the Geneva Conventions.
<b>GENIE</b>	[EW] Emitter is employing electromagnetic protection measures.
<b>GIMBAL</b>	* [A/A] Sensor target is approaching azimuth or elevation tracking limits.
<b>GINGERBREAD</b>	Voice imitative deception is suspected on this net.
<b>GOALIE</b>	** [A/S] A back-up guidance capable platform appointed to guide a weapon to the target if the primary platform's guidance system fails after weapons release.
<b>GOALIE, GOALIE, GOALIE [CALL SIGN]</b>	** [A/S] Directive call from the primary weapon guidance platform for the appointed GOALIE to assume weapon guidance responsibilities. Only add CALL SIGN modifier if required.
<b>GOGGLE/DE-GOGGLE</b>	** [A/A] [A/S] Directive call for aircrew to put on or take off night vision-goggles.
<b>GOGGLES [on/off]</b>	** [A/A] [A/S] An informative call that night-vision goggles are on/off.
<b>GOODWILL</b>	* Boundary of an active FRIENDLY missile engagement zone.
<b>GOPHER</b>	* [A/A] [S/A] A BOGEY that has not conformed to safe passage routing, airspeed, or altitude procedures. Will only be used when safe passage or minimum risk routing procedures are part of an ID matrix.
<b>GORILLA</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] [S/A] Large force of indeterminate numbers and formation of unknown or non-friendly aircraft.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>GRANDSLAM</b>	All HOSTILE CONTACT(S) of a designated track (or against which a mission was tasked) are destroyed.
<b>GREEN</b>	<p>1. [A/A] [A/S] [AIR-MAR] Direction of no known enemy threats requires [direction] modifier.</p> <p>2. * [A/A] [A/S] [AIR-MAR] Aircraft is at a weapon and/or fuel state that allows continued execution of the mission.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A specific loadout or fuel state should be determined during mission planning.</p> </div>
<b>GREYHOUND</b>	FRIENDLY surface-launched cruise missile (e.g., TLAM [Tomahawk land-attack missile]).
<b>GRIDIRON</b>	[EW] Jamming signal appears on my precise position indicator scope or jamming signal prevents determination of range and bearing _____ % of time.
<b>GROUP</b>	<p>1. [A/A] Any number of air CONTACT(S) within 3 nautical miles in azimuth and range of each other.</p> <p>2. * [AIR-MAR] Any number of surface CONTACTS within 1 nautical mile of each other.</p>
<b>GUIDE [cardinal direction, location]</b>	** [A/A] Directive term to intercept and move track of interest (TOI) as directed using International Civil Aviation Organization procedures.
<b>GUNS</b>	[A/A] [A/S] Aircraft gun is being employed.
<b>HANDSHAKE</b>	<p>1. Link 16 Air Control network participation group (NPG) initiation between air control unit and controlled aircraft.</p> <p>2. [A/S] Video data link established.</p>
<b>HARD [left, right, direction]</b>	High-G-force, energy sustaining turn in the indicated direction (default is a 180-degree turn).
<b>HEADBUTT [direction]</b>	** [A/A] Directive term to immediately divert a TOI clear of a restricted or prohibited area.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>HEADS UP</b>	Alert of an activity of interest.
<b>HEAVY</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] A GROUP known to contain three or more CONTACTS.
<b>HIGH</b>	[A/A] [S/A] CONTACT is greater than 40,000 ft MSL.
<b>HIT(S)</b>	1. Radar return(s). 2. [A/A] (altitude) Indicates approximate altitude (e.g., GROUP BULLSEYE 360/10, HITS 15 thousand). 3. * Weapons had desired effects on the intended target.
<b>HOLD DOWN</b>	Key transmitter for direction-finding steer.
<b>HOLD FIRE</b>	* An emergency fire control order to stop firing on a designated target and destroy missiles in flight.  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>Note: CEASE FIRE does not destroy missiles in flight</p> </div>
<b>HOLDING HANDS</b>	* [A/A] Aircraft in visual formation.
<b>HOLLOW</b>	1. Any data link message not received. 2. * [A/S] Lost video data link.
<b>HOLSTER</b>	** [A/A] Directive call to cancel shoot communications or shoot priorities.
<b>HOME PLATE</b>	Home airfield or ship.
<b>HOMING</b>	* Friends returning for recovery.
<b>HOOK</b>	1. [A/A] (direction) Perform an in-place, 180-degree turn. 2. (track # or descriptor) Data link directive call to cue sensors to described point (e.g., point of interest, SAM, MARKPOINT, track number, etc.).
<b>HOOTER</b>	[EW] FRIENDLY jammer.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>HOSTILE</b>	<p>** A contact identified as enemy upon which clearance to fire is authorized IAW theater rules of engagement (ROE).</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>WARNING</b></p> <p>This use of HOSTILE is as a brevity term for air engagements and should not be confused with the same term in tactical data link identification.</p> </div>
<b>HOT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. [A/A] Initiate or initiating a turn in the combat air patrol toward the anticipated threats.</li> <li>2. [A/A] Intercept geometry will result in passing in front of the target.</li> <li>3. * CONTACT aspect stabilized at 160–180 degrees angle from tail or 0–20 degrees angle from nose.</li> <li>4. Defined area is expected to receive fire (enemy or FRIENDLY).</li> <li>5. Ordnance employment intended or completed.</li> </ol>
<b>HOTDOG [color]</b>	** FRIENDLY aircraft is approaching or is at a specified standoff distance. (Color may indicate additional standoff distance). Follow briefed procedures.
<b>HOTEL FOX</b>	High frequency radio.
<b>HOUNDDOG</b>	** [A/A] [A/S] [AIR-MAR] Call made by an aircraft indicating aircraft is in a position to employ weapons. Used in response to COVER.
<b>HUSH</b>	[EW] [SO] Execute emission control IAW emission control policy.
<b>HUSKY</b>	[A/A] Active radar missile is at high pulse repetition frequency active range.
<b>ICE</b>	** [A/A] [A/S] [S/A] Call that the LZ or DZ has enemy activity below the prebriefed risk. Opposite of and cancels CHERRY.



<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>ID</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. [A/A] [AIR-MAR] Directive call to identify the target or track.</li> <li>2. [A/A] (type) ID is accomplished, followed by type.</li> </ol>
<b>IDLE</b>	Surface vehicles and/or vessels are stationary.
<b>IMPACT [time]</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. [A/S] Weapons observed impacting with unknown effects.</li> <li>2. Preemptive call with estimated time of impact.</li> </ol>
<b>IN [direction]</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. [A/A] Turning toward a known threat. Opposite of OUT.</li> <li>2. [A/S] Entering terminal phase of an air-to-ground attack. Opposite of OFF.</li> </ol>
<b>INDEX</b>	** Unique number assigned to a tactical data link J12.6 message to differentiate between more than one POINT or MARKPOINT (e.g., "SCREWTOP 23, POINT INDEX 2 is disabled vehicle").
<b>IN PLACE [direction]</b>	[A/A] Perform indicated maneuver simultaneously.
<b>INSPECT</b>	<p>** [A/A] Establish visual contact with cockpit of TOI (implies closure inside 500 feet). Attempt communications and report all observations of activity.</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTE</b></p> <p>Multiple passes may be required depending on TOI airspeed. Observed activities may include airspeed and altitude changes, structural damage, external lights, and aircraft configuration (gear or flaps).</p> </div>
<b>INTERROGATE</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] [MAR] [S/A] [S/S] Interrogate the designated contact of the IFF mode indicated.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>IN THE BLIND</b>	** A radio term indicating an agency/aircraft/unit is transmitting without having established two way communications with desired participants. May be utilized if experiencing radio jamming.
<b>IN THE DARK</b>	CONTACT is in known radar blind zone.
<b>INTRUDER</b>	An individual, unit, or weapon system in or near an operational or exercise area, which represents the threat of intelligence gathering or disruptive activity.
<b>INVESTIGATE</b>	1. [A/S] Verify specified element(s) of rules of engagement (ROE), positive identification (PID), collateral damage estimation (CDE), and/or coordination of forces on the referenced target or track. 2. ** [AIR-MAR] Verify specified element(s) of ROE, PID, clear field of fire, and/or coordination of forces on the referenced target or track.
<b>JACKAL</b>	Surveillance Network Participating Group 7 (NPG 7) of Link 16 TADIL [tactical digital information link].
<b>JAM</b>	** [EW] Directive call to initiate jamming.
<b>JAMMER</b>	[EW] Non-friendly jammer.
<b>JELLO</b>	Inverse synthetic aperture radar (SAR).
<b>JINK</b>	[A/A] [A/S] Perform an unpredictable maneuver to negate a tracking solution.
<b>JOINED</b>	**[A/A] Two or more radar returns have come together.
<b>JOKER</b>	*Fuel state above BINGO at which separation, BUGOUT, or event termination should begin.
<b>JONESING</b>	**[A/S] Informative call requiring additional time to analyze current SAR map.
<b>JUDY</b>	[A/A] Aircrew has taken control of the intercept and only requires situation awareness information; controller will minimize radio transmissions.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>KICK [appropriate frequency]</b>	* Change radio or data link to a specified net or frequency, typically used for an unplanned change in frequency (e.g., CHATTERMARK). Also see PUSH.
<b>KILL</b>	* [A/A] [S/A] In training, shooters are TALLY at assessed missile timeout.
<b>KNOCK-IT-OFF</b>	[A/A] [A/S] Cease all air combat maneuvers, attacks, activities, or exercises (training use only).
<b>KOBE</b>	[A/S] [S/S] Friendly air-launched or surface-launched hypersonic weapon.
<b>KOMODO</b>	** [SO] A known EW target operating at a migrated frequency. The term does not imply direction or authority to engage.
<b>KRAKEN</b>	Release of long-range antiship missile (also referred to as LRASM).
<b>LADDER</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] Picture label with three or more GROUPS on the same azimuth but separated by range. GROUP names should be LEAD GROUP, SECOND GROUP, THIRD GROUP, and TRAIL GROUP or LEAD GROUP, MIDDLE GROUP, and TRAIL GROUP.
<b>LAME DUCK</b>	An aircraft in a minor state of emergency.
<b>LASER ON</b>	[A/S] [S/S] Directive call to start lasing.
<b>LASING</b>	[A/S] [S/S] The speaker is firing the laser in response to LASER ON.
<b>LAST</b>	[A/A] C2 term that provides the last contact altitude from a high fidelity source (e.g., fighter radar, etc.).
<b>LEAD-TRAIL</b>	[A/A] [A/S] [AIR-MAR] Inner GROUP formation of two CONTACTS separated in range.
<b>LEAKER(S)</b>	[A/A] [S/A] [AIR-MAR] Airborne threat has passed through a defensive layer. Call should include amplifying information.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>LEAN [direction]</b>	[A/A] [A/S] Offset package or element in specified direction maintaining briefed altitude, airspeed, and formation.
<b>LEANING ON</b>	** [A/A] A GROUP shows bias to one element over another.
<b>LEVEL</b>	1. Contact is co-altitude (inter-flight call). 2. ** Briefed altitude has been reached.
<b>[status] LIGHT</b>	** [S/A] Mission status. ** (RED): Prebriefed threats have not been mitigated for further mission execution. Aircraft should evaluate their position relative to the threat and take appropriate actions. ** (YELLOW): Designated assets can continue to operate relative to the prebriefed threat while other assets should continue to hold. ** (GREEN): All aircraft are cleared to execute prebriefed missions.
<b>LIGHTBULB</b>	Turn all position lights to bright.
<b>LINE ABREAST</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] Inner GROUP formation of two or more contacts separated in azimuth.
<b>LINER</b>	Fly at speed giving maximum cruising range.
<b>LOCKED</b>	1. [A/A] (with GROUP label) Radar lock-on; SORT is not assumed. 2. [A/A] (with position) Radar lock-on; correct targeting is not assumed.
<b>LOOKING</b>	[A/S] [AIR-MAR] Aircrew does not have the ground or surface object, reference point, or target in sight (opposite of CONTACT).
<b>LOOK-THROUGH</b>	** [SO] To disengage to ensure parameters are still current.
<b>LOST LOCK</b>	* [A/A] Loss of host radar or IR lock-on.
<b>LOW</b>	* [A/A] A CONTACT less than 5,000 ft above ground level.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>LOWDOWN</b>	** [EW] A request for the tactical electromagnetic support (ES) picture (e.g. from RC-135, E-3, EP-3) or ground picture (e.g., from E-8, RQ-4 [Block 40]) in an area of interest.
<b>MAGNUM [system, location]</b>	[A/S] [EW] Launch of FRIENDLY antiradiation missile.
<b>MANEUVER [azimuth, range, altitude]</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] Specified GROUP is maneuvering in azimuth, range, and/or altitude.
<b>MAP</b>	** [A/S] Directive call to initiate SAR mapping event on a specified point of interest.
<b>MAP COMPLETE</b>	** [A/S] Informative call that A/S radar completed mapping and waiting for the map to process / display. JONESING assumed.
<b>MAPPING</b>	[A/S] Multifunction radar in an air-to-ground mode.
<b>MARK</b>	1. Record the location of a point or object of interest. 2. ** [A/S] [S/S] Spotting round, normally white phosphorus or illumination on the deck to indicate targets to aircraft, ground troops, or fire support. 3. ** [A/A] Challenge and response term for requested aircraft to report contrails.
<b>MARKPOINT</b>	Data link non-designated geographic point of interest (J12.6 SID 9 message).
<b>MARSHAL(LING)</b>	Establish(ing) at a specific point, typically used to posture forces in preparation for an offensive operation.
<b>MATCH [type]</b>	* [A/S] [S/S] [AIR-MAR] Overlay requested target designator type (e.g., MATCH SPARKLE, MATCH LASER).

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>MELD</b>	1. * [A/A] Bias radar coverage IAW briefed parameters. 2. * [A/A] Shift radar responsibilities from sanitizing to gaining situational awareness on the assigned GROUP. 3. [A/S] [AIR-MAR] Directive call to another aircraft to match sensor location.
<b>MERGE</b>	[A/A] FRIENDLIES and targets have arrived in the visual arena.
<b>METALLICA</b>	1. ** [A/A] Informative call that contact cannot be targeted due to EA. 2. ** Radar indication of jamming of A/A beyond visual range (BVR) employment.
<b>MICKEY</b>	HAVE QUICK II ultrahigh frequency (UHF) radio time-of-day signal.
<b>MIDNIGHT</b>	[A/A] [S/A] C2 sensors are unavailable due to degradation. Opposite of SUNRISE.
<b>MILLER TIME</b>	[A/S] Completion of A/S ordnance delivery. Generally used by the last striker in conjunction with a precoordinated egress plan.
<b>MINIMIZE</b>	The radio frequency is becoming saturated, degraded, or jammed and briefer transmissions must follow.
<b>MIRROR BEAM</b>	** [A/A] [AIR-MAR] GROUPs in azimuth that maneuver to a beam opposite each other.
<b>MONITOR(ING) [GROUP or object]</b>	1. [A/A] [A/S] Maintain(ing) sensor awareness on specified GROUP or object. Implies that tactically significant changes will be communicated. 2. * [AIR-MAR] Maintain contact or targeting information on a maritime surface contact.
<b>MOON BEAM</b>	** After-the-fact advisory report to indicate a spillover or reflection of laser energy that occurred on a specific target.
<b>MOSQUITO</b>	** [A/A] [S/A] Slow speed and low radar cross section target.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>MOTHER</b>	[AIR-MAR] Parent ship.
<b>MOVER(S)</b>	Unidentified surface vehicle(s) in motion.
<b>MUD [type with direction, range if able]</b>	1. [A/S] [EW] Radar warning receiver ground threat displayed with no launch indication. 2. * [A/S] [EW] Radar warning receiver indication of surface threat in track mode. See DIRT and SINGER.
<b>MUDDY</b>	** [SO] Denial on all channels of multiplexed signal.
<b>MUSIC</b>	* [A/A] Radar electromagnetic deceptive jamming.
<b>NAILS [direction]</b>	1. [A/A] Radar warning receiver indication of airborne interceptor radar in search. 2. * [A/S] 2.75-inch flechette rockets.
<b>NAKED</b>	[A/A] No radar warning receiver indications.
<b>[weapon] NEGATE</b>	** [S/A] FRIENDLY surface-to-air weapons platform is unable to engage specified target (e.g., EAGLES NEGATE). Opposite of AFFIRM.
<b>NEGATIVE LASER</b>	[A/S] Laser energy has not been acquired.
<b>NEGLECT</b>	** [S/S] Used by ship to indicate the last salvo was fired on incorrect data.
<b>NEUTRAL</b>	** A positively identified aircraft, ship, or ground position whose characteristics, behavior, origin, or nationality indicate it is neither supporting nor opposing FRIENDLY forces.
<b>NEW PICTURE</b>	[A/A] [A/S] [AIR-MAR] Used by controller or aircrew when tactical PICTURE has changed. Supersedes all previous calls and reestablishes PICTURE for all players.
<b>[object] NO FACTOR</b>	[A/A] [A/S] [S/A] Stated [object] is not a threat.
<b>NO JOY</b>	1.* [A/A] [A/S] [S/A] [SO] Aircrew does not have visual contact with the TARGET or BANDIT. Opposite of TALLY. 2.* Indicates that radio communications could not be established with the distant end on a specified radio net.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>NOTCH(ING) [direction]</b>	* [A/A] [A/S] [S/A] Aircraft is in a defensive position. Maneuver(ing) with reference to a threat.
<b>OCCUPIED</b>	[A/S] Ground equipment present at tasked target location. Opposite of VACANT.
<b>OFF [direction]</b>	[A/A] [A/S] Attack is terminated, and maneuvering to the indicated direction.
<b>OFFSET [direction]</b>	Maneuver in a specified direction with reference to the target.
<b>OPENING</b>	[A/A] Increasing separation.
<b>OUT [direction]</b>	[A/A] Directive call indicating a turn to a cold aspect relative to the known threat. Used in launch-and-leave tactics and for all flight members to execute.
<b>OUTLAW</b>	[A/A] CONTACT has met point of origin criteria for ROE.
<b>PACKAGE</b>	[A/A] Geographically isolated collection of GROUPs outside of briefed range.
<b>PACMAN</b>	Fighters have found the end of the threat formation and are converting; given in bearing and range from the BULLSEYE (e.g., "BLUE 44 is PACMAN 290/5").
<b>PADLOCKED</b>	Aircrew cannot take eyes off an aircraft, ground target, or surface position without risk of losing TALLY or VISUAL.
<b>PAINT(S)</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] [MAR] An interrogated GROUP(s) or radar contact that is responding with any of the specified IFF, or selective ID feature modes and correct codes established for the ID criteria.
<b>PANCAKE</b>	Land or request to land (reason may be specified; e.g., PANCAKE AMMO, PANCAKE FUEL).
<b>PARROT</b>	* IFF selective ID feature transponder.



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<b>PASSING</b>	[A/A] Two GROUPs initially separated in range, decrease range separation and are passing each other.
<b>PEDRO</b>	* Combat search and rescue helicopter.
<b>PEPPER</b>	* [AIR-MAR] Directive call for an aircraft to strafe 1,000 ft ahead of the bow of a vessel.
<b>PHANTOM</b>	[EW] A position track derived from the triangulation of SPIKES originating from HOSTILE jamming.
<b>PICTURE</b>	* [A/A] [A/S] [AIR-MAR] A request to provide information pertinent to the mission in a digital bullseye format unless briefed otherwise.
<b>PIG(S)</b>	[A/S] FRIENDLY glide weapon(s) (e.g., standoff weapon, guided bomb unit, small diameter bomb). See (weapon) AWAY.
<b>PIGEONS [bearing, range]</b>	Bearing in magnetic and range in nautical miles to HOME PLATE.
<b>PILLOW</b>	[EW] Pulse repetition interval.
<b>PINBALL</b>	[A/A] [A/S] Laser guided munition has separated from its launching vehicle and captured laser designator.
<b>PINCE</b>	[A/A] Threat maneuvering for a bracket attack.
<b>PING</b>	[A/S] Precision-guided munition has established communication link with supporting vehicle.
<b>PINNACLE</b>	[EW] An emission believed to originate from a platform assumed to be FRIENDLY.
<b>PINPOINT</b>	** [AIR-MAR] Request that the maritime air controller provide target coordinates via latitude and longitude.
<b>PITBULL</b>	[A/A] Active radar guided missile (e.g., air intercept missile [AIM]-120) is at MPRF active range.
<b>PITCH / PITCHBACK [left/right]</b>	[A/A] Execute a nose-high heading reversal.

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<b>PLAYMATE</b>	* [A/A] Cooperating aircraft.
<b>PLAYTIME</b>	Amount of time aircraft can remain on station, given in hours plus minutes (e.g., ONE PLUS THIRTY equals 1 hour and 30 minutes).
<b>[freq] POGO [freq]</b>	[A/A] Switch to communication channel number preceding POGO. If unable to establish communications, switch to channel number following POGO. If no channel number follows POGO, return to this channel.
<b>[type] POINT</b>	Data link sensor point or TOI, such as the J12.6 SID 10 data link message. ** CONTACT POINT: Indicates the aircraft has acquired the TOI TRACK NUMBER on their data link. ** DROP POINT: Data link target sorting message is no longer needed or desired. ** HOLD POINT: Maintain weapons quality track data. ** SHOOT POINT: Directive call to shoot data link targeting message; does not imply targeting responsibility. ** TARGET POINT: Target the referenced data link TARGET sorting message. (Example: "IRON FOUR, TARGET IRON ONE'S POINT").
<b>POND</b>	[EW] Carry out jamming plan indicated or IAW previous orders.
<b>POP</b>	1. [A/S] Starting climb for A/S attack. 2. [A/A] Maximum performance climb out of low-altitude structure.
<b>POPCORN</b>	Combat search and rescue aircraft departing the LZ. Usually followed by a number of recovered personnel, (e.g., "STING 1, POPCORN PLUS 2").
<b>POPEYE</b>	1. Flying in clouds or an area of reduced visibility. 2. * Reduced EO/IR visibility due to atmospheric.

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<b>POP-UP</b>	1. * [A/A] GROUP that has suddenly appeared between the MELD and threat range. 2. ** [S/A] Criteria used as a self-defense method, within the ROE, to protect FRIENDLY air defense elements from HOSTILE aircraft.
<b>POSIT</b>	Request for FRIENDLY position; response in terms of a geographic landmark or from a common reference point.
<b>POST ATTACK [direction, directive]</b>	Desired direction or directives after completion of intercept or engagement.
<b>POST HOLE</b>	[A/A] Rapid descending spiral.
<b>[type] POSTURE</b>	** [A/S] Communicates sensor posture type (offensive, defensive, or neutral) by the JTAC to assets. Does not imply the FRIENDLY ground forces' tactical situation.
<b>PRESS</b>	1. [A/A] Requested action is approved and mutual support will be maintained, assumes VISUAL. 2. [A/S] Requested action is approved and mutual support will be maintained.
<b>PRINT [type]</b>	[A/A] [S/A] Valid non-cooperative target recognition reply.
<b>PULSE</b>	* Illuminate(ing) a position with flashing IR energy.
<b>PUMP</b>	* [A/A] A briefed maneuver to minimize closure on the threat or geographical boundary with the intent to reengage.
<b>PUPPIES</b>	[EW] Emission control plan is modified as follows.
<b>PURE</b>	[A/A] Pure pursuit is being used or a directive to go pure pursuit.
<b>PUSH [channel]</b>	Switch to designated frequency; no acknowledgment required.
<b>PUSHING</b>	[A/A] Departing designated point.

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QUAIL	[A/S] [S/S] HOSTILE air- or surface-launched cruise missile.
RACKET	[EW] Intercepted electromagnetic emission which has been assigned to a number of the track block.
RANGE	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] A PICTURE label describing two GROUPs separated in distance along the same line of bearing. GROUP names will be LEAD GROUP or TRAIL GROUP.
RAYGUN [position, heading, altitude]	1. [A/A] Radar lock-on to unknown aircraft. 2. [A/A] A request for a BUDDY SPIKE reply from FRIENDLY aircraft meeting these parameters.
RE-CYCLE [system]	** Directive call for aircrew to turn IFF or selective ID feature or specified system off and on.
RED	** [A/A] [A/S] [AIR-MAR] Aircraft is at weapon and/or fuel state that is insufficient to continue execution of the mission. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"><b>NOTE</b> A specific loadout or fuel state should be determined during mission planning.</div>
REDWOOD	** [S/A] An informative or directive call to initiate (HOT) or cease (COLD) the integration of FRIENDLY surface-to-air fires into a fighter or joint engagement zone without further coordination. Must include modifier HOT or COLD. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"><b>NOTE</b> Friendly aircraft are expected to maintain an appropriate standoff following a REDWOOD HOT call, unless the acceptable level of risk permits otherwise.</div>
REFERENCE [direction or heading]	Assume stated direction or heading.

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<b>REFINE</b>	** [EW] Request for better location accuracy on an emitter of interest.
<b>REMINGTON</b>	** [A/A] [A/S] No ordnance remaining except gun or self-protection ammo.
<b>RENEGADE</b>	A civil platform that is assessed as operating in such a manner as to raise suspicion that it might be used as a weapon.
<b>RENT</b>	[EW] Report of characteristics of an intercepted signal.
<b>REPEAT</b>	1. ** [S/S] (during adjustment) Fire again using the same method and volume of fire. 2. ** [S/S] (during fire for effect) Fire the same number of rounds using the same method and volume of fire.
<b>REPORTED [information]</b>	Information provided is derived from an off-board source.
<b>RESET</b>	[A/A] [S/A] [SO] Proceed to a prebriefed position or area of operations.
<b>RE-STAKE</b>	[A/S] Drive a new STAKE at the target centroid reported with direction of travel and elevation. Initiated by aircrew.
<b>RESUME</b>	[A/A] Resume last formation, route, or mission ordered.
<b>RETROGRADE (ING)</b>	* Withdraw(ing) while executing defensive procedures in response to a threat.
<b>RIDER</b>	[A/A] [S/A] A BOGEY that is complying with airspace control order or safe passage procedures.
<b>RIFLE [number, time]</b>	* [A/S] [AIR-MAR] FRIENDLY A/S missile launch. Option to add follow-on modifiers for number of munitions and/or time of flight. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTE</b></p> <p>Include launch location in BULLSEYE format and weapons track direction when appropriate.</p> </div>

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<b>RIPPED CHUTE</b>	** [S/S] Sent by spotter to indicate that the illumination round parachute was ripped or separated on deployment.
<b>RIPPLE</b>	[A/S] [S/A] [AIR-MAR] Two or more munitions will be released or fired in close succession. Typically associated with number and type of weapon with release interval. (Normally discussed during the prestrike game plan between aircraft and/or between aircraft and ground tactical controller).
<b>ROBBER</b>	** [AIR-MAR] A surface vessel that is identified as an enemy IAW theater ID criteria. The term does not necessarily imply clearance to engage.
<b>ROGER</b>	Radio transmission received; does not indicate compliance or reaction.
<b>ROLEX [+/- time]</b>	Timeline adjustment in minutes for entire mission; always referenced from original preplanned mission execution time. "Plus" means later; "minus" means earlier.
<b>ROPE</b>	[S/A] Circling an IR pointer around an aircraft to help the aircraft identify the FRIENDLY ground position. <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>CAUTION</b></p> <p>This technique may damage night-vision devices.</p> </div>
<b>ROTATOR</b>	[EW] Moving target indicator returns that signifies a high probability of a rotating antenna.
<b>ROVER</b>	Platform is ROVER video downlink capable.
<b>RUMBA</b>	1. * [A/A] Radar has detected jamming or mutual interference but has not resolved the type. 2. Own-ship maneuvering for ranging.
<b>SADDLED</b>	[A/A] Wingman or element has returned to briefed formation position.
<b>SAM [direction]</b>	Visual acquisition of a SAM in flight or a SAM launch; should include position.

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<b>SAME</b>	Aircrew has the identical information as was just stated.
<b>SANDWICHED</b>	[A/A] Aircraft or element is between opposing aircraft or elements.
<b>SATURATED</b>	** [S/A] Weapons system radar has exhausted all resources. Ability to detect new tracks is minimal.
<b>SAUNTER</b>	Fly at best endurance.
<b>SCAN</b>	[A/S] Search sector indicated and report any CONTACTS.
<b>SCRAM [direction]</b>	1. FRIENDLY asset is in immediate danger. Withdraw clear in the direction indicated for survival. No further mission support from the FRIENDLY asset is expected. 2. ** [A/A] [S/A] [EW] Cease the intercept and take immediate evasive action. Implies that the target aircraft is being engaged by SAMs or other air defense fighters. 3. ** [A/A] Directive term to instruct air traffic control to clear all civilian or nonengagement aircraft outside a specific area. TERMINATE SCRAM will resume normal operations.
<b>SCRAMBLE</b>	[A/A] [S/A] [S/S] Takeoff as quickly as possible.
<b>SCRUB</b>	[A/A] [S/A] Moving target indicator return that signifies a low, slow (100-250 kts ground speed) or very slow (<100 kts ground speed) airborne target.
<b>SEAD</b>	** [A/S] Execute the contracts of prebriefed suppression of enemy air defenses (SEAD).
<b>SEPARATE (ING)</b>	[A/A] Leave(ing) a specific engagement; may or may not reenter.

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<b>SEPARATION</b>	<p>1. [A/A] Request for separation between two GROUPS. Response will include the follow-on GROUPS separation, altitude, and fill-ins.</p> <p>2. ** [A/A] (Range/Azimuth) SEPARATION: Indicates relationship between GROUPS and separation if GROUPS and relationships in a label were not defined previously or if relationship between GROUPS has changed.</p>
<b>SET</b>	<p>1. Set (or have set) a particular speed. May be indicated in knots or Mach.</p> <p>2. No longer slewing sensor and awaiting further updates.</p> <p>3. ** Overwatch aircraft is in position.</p>
<b>SHACKLE</b>	[A/A] One weave; a single crossing of flight paths; maneuver to adjust or regain formation parameters.
<b>SHADOW</b>	Follow indicated TARGET.
<b>SHIFT [direction, track number]</b>	<p>[A/S] [AIR-MAR] Shift laser, IR, radar, device energy, or aim point.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTE</b></p> <p>Can be used to shift from the offset position onto the target. Also used during multi-aircraft attack to shift laser energy or target assignments.</p> </div>
<b>SHOOT</b>	** [A/A] Directive communication to employ weapons on a contact, does not invoke targeting.
<b>SHOOTER</b>	Aircraft or unit designated to employ ordnance.
<b>SHOPPING</b>	[A/S] An aircraft request to forward air controller, JTAC, or C2 platform for a target or task.
<b>SHOT</b>	** [S/S] Round(s) has/have been fired.
<b>SHOTGUN</b>	[A/A] [A/S] [S/A] Prebriefed weapons state.



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<b>SHOULDER</b>	** [MAR] An inherently offensive tactic used to physically force a vessel to alter course or stop. The goal of shouldering is to gently nudge an uncooperative vessel in a new direction to prevent it from traveling on its intended course, and to comply with orders to stop or change course. Skin-to-skin contact is anticipated.
<b>SHREW</b>	** Persistent interference from an undetermined source that is degrading situational awareness on the current radio channel.
<b>[system] SICK</b>	** System indicated is degraded or partially operative. Canceled by SWEET.
<b>SIDE KICK</b>	** [A/A] A directive call to initiate manned-unmanned teaming if the air-to-air relationship and communications link has not been established. Modifiers include 1 to 4 to describe the level of interoperability.
<b>[system] SILENT</b>	1. [A/A] (time) System will be unavailable for time indicated. 2. Data link is, or should be placed, in receive only. 3. [EW] Broadcast station is not transmitting. May also be used as an order and must be followed by a frequency or station designator. If possible, it should be followed by an estimated time of return to the air.
<b>SINGER [type, direction]</b>	[EW] Radar warning receiver indication of SAM launch. See MUD and DIRT.
<b>SINGLE</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] One GROUP, CONTACT, etc.
<b>SKATE [LONG/SHORT]</b>	[A/A] Call to execute launch and leave tactics at a prebriefed range. Modifiers can include LONG and SHORT.
<b>SKINNY</b>	Current survivor coordinates.
<b>SKIP IT</b>	Directive call for a specific platform to not engage the indicated track. Usually followed with further directions.
<b>SKOSH</b>	[A/A] Aircraft is out of or unable to employ active radar guided missiles.

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<b>SKUNK</b>	* [A/S] [AIR-MAR] A maritime or ground CONTACT that has not yet been identified.
<b>SLANT</b>	** References number of people or objects noted at specified location (men/women/children). For example, in response to a request for SLANT on a target building: "SLANT 4/6/4."
<b>SLAPSHOT [type, bearing]</b>	[A/S] [EW] Immediately employ a best available antiradiation missile against a specified threat at the specified bearing.
<b>SLEDGEHAMMER</b>	** [AIR-MAR] Request from a surface vessel for immediate air support. Once SLEDGEHAMMER is called by the defended surface vessel, air assets will be re-rolled from other missions to identify threat intentions and employ if necessary in an armed reconnaissance/air interdiction/strike coordination and reconnaissance role.
<b>SLEW</b>	** Move sensor in direction indicated (usually accompanied with a unit of measure). For example, "SLEW left one half screen."
<b>SLICE / SLICEBACK [left/right]</b>	[A/A] Perform a high-G descending turn in the stated direction, usually 180-degree turn.
<b>SLIDE</b>	1. [A/A] [EW] [SO] Continue(ing) present mission while flowing from station in response to perceived threat, implies intent to RESET. 2. * [A/S] Directive or descriptive term to laterally reposition helicopter.
<b>SLIP(PING)</b>	[A/A] [A/S] Time delay to individual flight or element event.
<b>SLOPE</b>	[EW] Pulse repetition frequency.
<b>SLOW</b>	* [A/A] [S/A] Target with ground speed of 100–250 knots.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>SMACK</b>	[A/S] [S/S] [AIR-MAR] Clearance to employ ordnance or fires on surface target coordinates. Link-16 track, ROE, PID, CDE, clear field of fire, coordination of forces, and commander's guidance requirements on the referenced target or track have been satisfied. Not to be utilized in a CAS engagement.
<b>SMASH [ON/OFF]</b>	Turn on/off anti-collision lights.
<b>SMELL</b>	** Low confidence identification.
<b>SMOKE</b>	[A/S] Smoke marker used to mark a position.
<b>SNAKE</b>	[A/S] Oscillate an IR pointer in a figure eight about a target.
<b>SNAP</b>	1. [A/A] Fighter request for immediate BRAA call (with appropriate fill-ins) to the GROUP described. Indicates fighter intent to intercept or join. 2. (heading) Urgent directive call to turn to a heading.
<b>SNAPLOCK [BRAA]</b>	* [A/A] Informative call indicating fighter has obtained a radar contact inside briefed threat range with BEAM, FLANK, or HOT aspect and is unable to complete sanitization responsibilities implying ownership. A SNAPLOCK call should be responded to with BRAA.
<b>SNEAKER</b>	[EW] An intelligence-gathering vessel.
<b>SNIFF [type]</b>	[A/A] [EW] Passive sensor indication of a radar emitter.
<b>SNIPER [type, location (range, bearing)]</b>	[A/S] [EW] Aircraft to employ a range known antiradiation missile against a specified threat at the specified location.
<b>SNOOZE</b>	[A/A] [EW] [SO] Initiate(ing) emission control procedures. Opposite of ALARM.
<b>SORT</b>	1. [A/A] Assignment of responsibility within a GROUP; criteria can be met visually, electromagnetically (i.e., radar), or both. 2. * [A/S] Assignment of specific targeting responsibilities.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>SORTED</b>	[A/A] [A/S] [AIR-MAR] Sort responsibility within a GROUP has been met.
<b>SOUR</b>	1. (mode/type) [A/A] [S/A] Invalid or no response to an administrative IFF or selective ID feature check. 2. (link name) (e.g., "TIMBER SOUR") Potential problems with net entry; initiates pre-mission link troubleshooting. (Opposite of SWEET)
<b>SPADES</b>	[A/A] [S/A] [AIR-MAR] An interrogated GROUP or radar contact that lacks all of the air tasking order (or equivalent) IFF or selective ID feature modes and codes required for the ID criteria.
<b>SPARKLE</b>	1. [A/S] [S/S] Mark or marking target by IR pointer. 2. Platform is IR pointer capable.
<b>SPIDER</b>	** Cooperative engagement capability network.
<b>SPIKE [direction]</b>	* [A/A] [S/A] Radar warning receiver indication of an air or SAM threat in track or launch.
<b>SPIN</b>	[A/A] Execute(ing) a timing or spacing maneuver.
<b>SPITTER [direction]</b>	[A/A] An aircraft that has departed from the engagement or is departing the engaged fighter's targeting responsibility.
<b>SPLASH(ED)</b>	1. [A/A] [A/S] [S/A] Hit observed with valid DWE against a target. 2. * [S/A] [S/S] Informative call to observer or spotter 5 seconds prior to estimated time of impact.
<b>SPLIT</b>	* Flight member is leaving formation to pursue a separate attack; VISUAL may not be maintained.
<b>SPOOFER</b>	[A/A] [EW] An entity employing electromagnetic or tactical deception measures.
<b>SPOOFING</b>	[S/A] Voice deception is being employed.
<b>SPOT</b>	1. [A/S] Acquisition of the reflected laser energy. 2. Platform is laser spot tracker capable.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>SPUR RIDE</b>	** [A/S] Attempt helicopter buddy or self-extraction by having downed crew attach themselves to the outside of the helicopter.
<b>SQUAWK [mode, code]</b>	[A/A] Operate IFF/selective ID feature as indicated or IFF or selective ID feature is operating as indicated.
<b>SQUAWKING [mode number]</b>	* [A/A] [S/A] BOGEY is responding with an IFF or selective ID feature mode or code other than that prescribed by the air tasking order or ID criteria.
<b>SQUIRTER</b>	** [A/S] [S/S] A ground-borne object of interest departing the objective area.
<b>STACK</b>	1. [A/A] Two or more CONTACTS within a GROUP criteria with an altitude separation in relation to each other (typically $\geq 10,000$ foot separation). 2. * Request all airborne players and their assigned altitude block in the specified area.
<b>STAKE</b>	1. * [A/S] Reference point for A/S targeting operations. 2. * A full-motion video system mark has been set and is used as a frame of reference.
<b>STALKER</b>	** [SO] A BANDIT with counterspace capability that has significantly refined orbital parameters required to engage a high value asset.
<b>STANDOFF [role]</b>	[A/A] [A/S] [EW] Call to execute stated role (SEAD/SUPPORT/TARGET) and remain outside of a prebriefed coordination range from known SAM locations.
<b>STARE [laser code, reference point]</b>	** Cue the laser spot search or tracker function on the specified laser code in relation to the specified reference point. Reference point may include the following: steerpoint, geographic reference, bearing and range, or data link point.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>STATUS [phase]</b>	1. [A/A] Request for an individual's tactical situation. 2. * [A/A] [A/S] Request for amplifying information on current task or aircraft state (e.g., respond with WORKING, JONESING, CONTACT, CAPTURE, TARGETED, LOCKED, CLEAN, ENGAGED, FUEL (RED/YELLOW/GREEN), WEAPON (RED/YELLOW/GREEN) ready or plain English).
<b>STEADY</b>	[A/S] Stop oscillation of IR pointer.
<b>STERN</b>	[A/A] Requests for, or directive to, intercept using STERN geometry.
<b>STIFF ARM</b>	** [A/A] Fighter adjusts intercept flow to avoid package or threat group.
<b>STINGER</b>	1. [A/A] [AIR-MAR] Three-ship inner GROUP formation with two lead CONTACTs line abreast and the SINGLE in trail. 2. * [S/A] A U.S. IR man-portable air defense system (MANPADS).
<b>STRADDLE</b>	** [S/S] A spotting of STRADDLE is made for a multi-gun salvo when some rounds fall short and some fall beyond the target. The spotter announces STRADDLE followed by a correction to place the mean point of impact on the target. The term is normally used during a ship adjust or a massed fire mission.
<b>STRANGER</b>	[A/A] Unidentified traffic that is not a participant in the action in progress.
<b>STRANGLE [system]</b>	[A/A] [S/A] Turn off system indicated (e.g., STRANGLE PARROT).
<b>STRENGTH</b>	[A/A] [A/S] [S/A] [AIR-MAR] Numerical strength of a TRACK or GROUP.
<b>STRIPPED</b>	* [A/A] Aircraft is out of prebriefed formation.
<b>STROBE(S) [bearing]</b>	[A/A] Radar indication(s) of noise jamming.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>STROKE</b>	** [A/S] [AIR-MAR] Directive call for third party track production source to provide best possible continuous track data for weapon targeting purposes.
<b>SUMMIT</b>	** [S/S] The highest point of a shell's trajectory (also known as maximum ordnance (MAX ORD)). Sent as standard during an air observed mission and if requested by a ground spotter. Units of measurement are specified. A new SUMMIT is sent if it changes by more than 300 ft for an air observer or 100 meters for a ground observer.
<b>SUNRISE</b>	[A/A] [S/A] C2 sensors are available. Opposite of MIDNIGHT.
<b>SUNSHINE</b>	[A/S] Illuminating target with artificial illumination.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	** Execute prebriefed support contracts.
<b>SUPPORTING</b>	[A/A] Speaking unit or element is assuming a supporting role, is in a position to influence the outcome, and assumes deconfliction responsibility.
<b>SUSPECT</b>	An identity applied to a track that is potentially hostile because of its characteristics, behavior, origin, or nationality.
<b>SWEET</b>	1. [A/A] [S/A] (mode, type) Valid response to an administrative IFF or selective ID feature check request. 2. (link name) (e.g., TIMBER SWEET) Confirms receipt of data link information. 3. Equipment indicated is operating efficiently. (Opposite of SOUR; cancels SICK, BENT).
<b>SWEPT [subcardinal direction]</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] Inner GROUP formation with the trailer displaced approximately 45 degrees behind the leader.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>SWITCH [item]</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. * Switch the setting on the referenced item.</li> <li>2. * (CAMERA) Switch full-motion video to EO or IR.</li> <li>3. (POLARITY) Switch IR polarity to black hot or white hot.</li> <li>4. * [S/A] Formation or element change to preplanned frequency.</li> </ol>
<b>SWITCHED</b>	[A/A] Attacker is changing from one aircraft to another.
<b>TAG [system, location]</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. [EW] Response to an emitter ambiguity resolution request (COLOR).</li> <li>2. * Call to a helicopter flight lead that the last aircraft of a flight is airborne.</li> </ol>
<b>TALLY</b>	Sighting of a target, non-friendly aircraft, or enemy position. Opposite of NO JOY.
<b>TALON(S)</b>	** [S/A] US Army THAAD [Terminal High Altitude Area Defense] missile.
<b>TARGET</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. [A/A] [A/S] [S/A] [AIR-MAR] Assignment of targeting responsibilities.</li> <li>2. [A/S] [S/S] [AIR-MAR] ROE, PID, coordination of forces, and commander's guidance requirements on the referenced target or track have been satisfied. Target or track correlation, CDE, and clear field of fire must be accomplished prior to employing ordnance or fires.</li> </ol>
<b>TARGETABLE</b>	** [A/S] Advisory call to inform package that the ability to TARGET has been met IAW prebriefed contracts; must be briefed by package commander (or outlined in SPINS/standards).
<b>TARGETED</b>	* [A/A] Fighter has acquired assigned GROUP and has assumed responsibility for it.
<b>TECHNICAL</b>	** Improvised fighting vehicle (usually civilian vehicles modified with mounted weapons).
<b>TEN SECONDS</b>	[A/S] Standby for (weapon) ON call in approximately 10 seconds.(e.g., LASER ON, TORCH ON, etc.)



<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>TERMINATE</b>	[A/A] In training, cease local engagement without affecting the overall exercise.
<b>TESLA</b>	Mode 5 IFF.
<b>THREAT [direction]</b>	[A/A] Untargeted HOSTILE, BANDIT, or BOGEY is within a briefed range of a FRIENDLY aircraft.
<b>THROTTLES</b>	[A/A] Reminder to set throttles appropriately considering the IR threat and desired energy state.
<b>THUMP</b>	** [AIR-MAR] Aircraft conducts low-altitude, high-speed pass over or abeam a designated vessel and does not cross the bow. Supersonic airspeed is authorized as long as damage is not anticipated.
<b>TIED</b>	[A/A] Positive radar contact with element or aircraft.
<b>TIMBER</b>	[EW] Link 16 Network.
<b>TIMECHECK</b>	Check or change IFF code.
<b>TIMEOUT</b>	1. ** [A/A] [S/A] Shooter assesses valid BVR shot parameters have been met and missile has reached termination. 2. ** [A/S] Munition impact is obscured and impact cannot be confirmed and time of flight has elapsed.
<b>TOGGLE [system]</b>	Execute the briefed setting change on specified system.
<b>TORCH</b>	1. ** Friendly high-energy laser (HEL) weapon fire. 2. ** Platform is HEL weapon capable. 3. ** Request for HEL fires on a specified target (e.g., JTAC Alpha request TORCH). TORCH ON/OFF: Friendly HEL weapon has started/ceased firing.
<b>TOY</b>	[EW] High-speed antiradiation missile targeting system (also referred to as HTS) pod.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>TRACK [direction]</b>	1. ** [A/A] GROUP or CONTACTS direction of flight or movement. 2. ** [A/S] [S/S] Directive call assigning responsibility to an asset for maintaining sensor or visual observation of a defined object or area. 3. ** [A/S] Rotary-wing directive call to establish race track (e.g., "Taz 31, TRACK left). 4. ** [A/S] [AIR-MAR] Information call stating direction of vehicle or CONTACT in motion (e.g., TALLY TECHNICAL TRACK Northwest).
<b>TRACKING or [system] TRACKING</b>	1. * [EW] [S/A] IR lock-on. 2. * Enemy air defense system is maintaining situational awareness on FRIENDLY.
<b>TRACK NUMBER [number]</b>	Data link information file.
<b>TRASHED</b>	* [A/A] [S/A] FRIENDLY missile has been defeated.
<b>TRAVEL</b>	[EW] Change radar frequency.
<b>TRESPASS [system, position]</b>	[EW] The addressed flight is entering the threat SAM ring of a specific (system) at the stated location. [SO] A specified FRIENDLY spacecraft is entering into a collection area and/or weapons engagement zone of a known or suspected threat object.
<b>TROJAN</b>	** Deployment of air launch decoy.
<b>TUMBLEWEED</b>	Situational awareness, (i.e., NO JOY, BLIND) and request information.
<b>UNABLE</b>	Cannot comply as requested or directed.
<b>UNIFORM</b>	UHF radio.
<b>VACANT</b>	[A/S] Ground equipment not present at specific or tasked target location. Opposite of OCCUPIED.
<b>VAMPIRE</b>	[A/S] [AIR-MAR] [MAR] [S/S] Hostile air- or surface-launched antiship missile.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>VANISHED</b>	** [A/A] [S/A] Special case of FADED defined as a GROUP or ARM or CONTACT with no available sensor data and is: (1) Not in a known sensor blind zone (terrain masking or Doppler blind zone) AND (2) Correlated to a shot by FRIENDLY forces.
<b>VECTOR [heading]</b>	Alter heading to indicated.
<b>VERY FAST</b>	[A/A] [S/A] Target speed greater than 900 knots ground speed or Mach 1.5.
<b>VERY SLOW</b>	** [A/A] [S/A] Target speed less than 100 knots.
<b>VIC</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] Picture label with three GROUPS with the single closest in range and two GROUPS, AZIMUTH split, in trail. GROUP names should be LEAD GROUP and NORTH TRAIL GROUP and SOUTH TRAIL GROUP or EAST TRAIL GROUP and WEST TRAIL GROUP.
<b>VICTOR</b>	Very high-frequency (VHF) / AM [amplitude modulation] radio.
<b>VISUAL</b>	Sighting of a FRIENDLY aircraft or ground position or ship. Opposite of BLIND.
<b>WAGON [left/right]</b>	** [A/S] Rotary-wing directive call to orbit around the target (e.g., "Taz 31, WAGON left").
<b>WALL</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] Picture label with three or more GROUPS primarily split in azimuth. GROUP names should be NORTH GROUP, MIDDLE GROUP, SOUTH GROUP or WEST GROUP, MIDDLE GROUP, EAST GROUP.
<b>WARNING [color]</b>	Air defense warning. Hostile attack is: (RED): Imminent or in progress. (YELLOW): Probable. (WHITE): Improbable.

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>WEAPONS [status]</b>	<p>* Weapons control status. Fire only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. * FREE: at targets not identified as FRIENDLY IAW current ROE.</li> <li>2. * TIGHT: at targets positively identified as HOSTILE IAW current ROE.</li> <li>3. * HOLD/SAFE: in self-defense or in response to a formal order.</li> </ol> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>NOTE</b></p> <p>NATO uses WEAPONS to determine munitions available or remaining similar to WHAT STATE.</p> </div>
<b>WEDGE</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] Three-ship inner GROUP formation with a single CONTACT closest in range and two trail CONTACTs line abreast.
<b>WEIGHTED [cardinal direction]</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] Fill-in for a CHAMPAGNE, VIC, WALL, or LADDER when one or more GROUPS are out of position or offset from the standard picture label.
<b>WHAT LUCK</b>	Request for results of missions or tasks.
<b>WHAT STATE</b>	<p>[A/A] Request for amount of fuel and missiles remaining. Response to WHAT STATE is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (1st number) number of active radar missiles remaining. (2nd number) number of semi-active radar missiles remaining. (3rd number) number of IR missiles remaining. (MINUS) No gun or not sufficient ammunition for gun attack. BY (4th number) thousands of pounds of fuel (given to one decimal point), or time remaining. Example response to WHAT STATE: "Blue 44 is 3-1-2 by 7 POINT 5" is equivalent to 3 AIM-120s, 1 AIM-7, 2 AIM-9s, gun with ammunition, and 7,500 lbs. of fuel remaining.</li> <li>2. (item) Ammunition and oxygen are reported only when specifically requested or critical.</li> </ol>

<b>Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>WIDE</b>	[A/A] [AIR-MAR] Separation between the farthest GROUPS in azimuth in a relative formation of three or more GROUPS, used to describe a WALL, VIC, CHAMPAGNE, or BOX.
<b>WILCO</b>	Will comply with received instructions.
<b>WINCHESTER</b>	No ordnance remaining.
<b>WOOD</b>	** Situation awareness data link network.
<b>WOOFER</b>	[EW] Off board active radar decoy.
<b>WORDS</b>	Directive calls or interrogative requests regarding further information or directives pertinent to the mission. Generated by the tactical command and control agencies and outlined in the theater specific SPINS.
<b>WORK</b>	1. ** [A/A] Maneuver in the stated cardinal direction. 2. ** [EW] Directive call to command geolocation.
<b>WORKING</b>	1. [EW] (system with location) Platform gathering EOB on a designated emitter. 2. [A/A] Platform executing electronic ID on a specific aircraft or GROUP to obtain ID necessary for BVR employment.
<b>YARDSTICK</b>	[A/A] Use air tactical air navigation for ranging.
<b>YELLOW</b>	** [A/A] [A/S] [AIR-MAR] Aircraft is at a weapon and/or fuel status that is approaching a level insufficient to continue execution of the mission. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>NOTE</b> A specific loadout or fuel state should be determined during mission planning.</div>
<b>ZAP</b>	Request for data link information.
<b>ZIPLIP</b>	Limit transmissions to critical information only.

Table 2. Multi-Service Brevity Codes (Cont'd)	
ZOOM [in/out]	<p>[EW] Increase or decrease the sensor's focal length.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTE</b></p> <p>ZOOM IN/OUT is normally followed by "ONE, TWO, THREE, or FOUR" to indicate the number of FOVs to change.</p> </div>

**Chapter II**  
**STANDARD TACTICAL CHAT (TC) ABBREVIATIONS**

**Background**

Due to the significant proliferation of TC systems, a list of common acronyms, abbreviations, and terms has been incorporated into this publication. TC has expanded to multiple platforms, users, and locations and is commonly used as a C2 tool. A broader audience than the end user often monitors and acts upon the information. Therefore, it is necessary to make TC abbreviations available and widely distributed to educate all users. Like a brevity code, a TC abbreviation, provides no security and is only meant to shorten messages, not conceal their content.

TC does not replace formal communications. Its use must be consistent with existing doctrine and established procedures. TC, like brevity codes, requires discipline to minimize ambiguity and facilitate the understanding of messages sent and received. Users may be joint or multinational personnel and plain language may be the most effective means of passing information, especially with new users or when giving commands. Therefore, users should avoid generating new terminology and abbreviations.

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**Note:**

This is a list of recommended acronyms, abbreviations, and terms used to expedite information flow but not at the expense of clarity and accuracy of the information being sent. The list was developed by subject matter experts and operators of TC to streamline communications, mitigate miscommunications, and minimize traffic populating a chat room. Every effort should be made to use approved terms detailed in Service, multi-Service, and joint publications.

<b>Table 3. Standard Tactical Chat Abbreviations</b>	
<b>* (single asterisk)</b>	Used to make an immediate correction to a previous posting.
<b>*** (three asterisks)</b>	Used to denote a very important person is onboard a specific aircraft.
<b>. (period)</b>	Used to check server or user connectivity; if received, reply with two periods, no space.
<b>.. (double period)</b>	Response to a single period.
<b>A/C</b>	aircraft
<b>A/F</b>	as fragged or airfield depending on context
<b>A/S</b>	airspace

<b>Table 3. Standard Tactical Chat Abbreviations (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>AAR</b>	1. after action review 2. air-to-air refueling
<b>ABN</b>	airborne
<b>AFFIRM</b>	affirmative
<b>AFK</b>	away from keyboard
<b>APPR</b>	approved
<b>ARR</b>	arrived
<b>ATA</b>	actual time of arrival
<b>ATD</b>	actual time of departure
<b>ATT</b>	at this time (use now)
<b>BOLO</b>	be on the lookout for
<b>C</b>	copy (acknowledgment of receipt)
<b>C/S</b>	call sign
<b>CANX, CNX</b>	cancel
<b>CDR</b>	commander
<b>CHAT</b>	The process of communicating via text in a specific TC room.
<b>Chat room/Channel</b>	A single TC forum with participants communicating.
<b>CIP</b>	come in please (generally used when initiating whispers)
<b>CK</b>	check
<b>CLR</b>	clear
<b>COMM</b>	communications
<b>CONSOL</b>	consolidate
<b>D/O</b>	drop off
<b>DC</b>	disconnected
<b>DE</b>	from
<b>decon</b>	deconflict or decontaminate depending on context



<b>Table 3. Standard Tactical Chat Abbreviations (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>DEP</b>	departed
<b>DZ</b>	drop zone
<b>elev</b>	ELEVATOR
<b>enrt</b>	en route
<b>EOM</b>	end of mission
<b>ETA</b>	estimated time of arrival
<b>ETD</b>	estimated time of departure
<b>fc</b>	frequency change
<b>ff</b>	flight following
<b>fl</b>	flight level (altitude in hundreds of feet)
<b>g2w</b>	good two-way communication
<b>gt</b>	good test (reply to a "t" (test) connectivity check request)
<b>hc</b>	how copy
<b>HVT</b>	high-value target
<b>i+</b>	(air refueling) instantaneous fuel available
<b>ib</b>	inbound
<b>IFE</b>	in-flight emergency
<b>IFR</b>	instrument flight rules or in-flight report depending on context
<b>imm</b>	immediate
<b>iso</b>	in support of
<b>ivo</b>	in the vicinity of
<b>k</b>	request to acknowledge transmission
<b>LKP</b>	last known position
<b>lnd</b>	landed
<b>LZ</b>	landing zone
<b>MAXORD</b>	maximum ordinate
<b>mc</b>	mission complete

<b>Table 3. Standard Tactical Chat Abbreviations (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>medevac, medevac, medevac</b>	preparatory command to clear the TC channel; followed by a 9-line MEDEVAC request.
<b>message</b>	single entry of text communication via TC
<b>msn</b>	mission
<b>mx or maint</b>	maintenance
<b>neg</b>	negative
<b>net</b>	a communication network defined by an operation order or unit standard operating procedure
<b>nm</b>	never mind
<b>nstr</b>	nothing significant to report
<b>o/c</b>	on channel
<b>o/n</b>	operations normal
<b>o/s</b>	on station
<b>o/t</b>	on tank (air refueling)
<b>ob</b>	outbound
<b>osr</b>	operating outside the restricted operations zone (ROZ)
<b>pls</b>	please
<b>poi</b>	point of injury/impact
<b>poo</b>	point of origin
<b>pos</b>	position
<b>post</b>	single entry of text communication via TC
<b>PRI</b>	priority
<b>r/r</b>	radar/IFF contact and radio communication established
<b>rar</b>	received and read
<b>RCVR</b>	aircraft receiving air refueling
<b>rgr</b>	roger
<b>rhr</b>	ROZ hot request

<b>Table 3. Standard Tactical Chat Abbreviations (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>rip</b>	relief in place
<b>mnds</b>	rounds
<b>RON</b>	remain overnight
<b>ROZ</b>	restricted operations zone
<b>RP</b>	release point
<b>rqst</b>	request
<b>RTB</b>	return to base
<b>RTD</b>	return to duty
<b>rtn</b>	routine
<b>RX, rcv</b>	Receive (rcv is used in reference to goods)
<b>s/f</b>	show of force
<b>sfc</b>	surface
<b>SIPR</b>	SECRET Internet Protocol Router (secure network)
<b>sod</b>	safe on deck
<b>SOF</b>	special operations forces
<b>sp</b>	start point
<b>stby</b>	standby
<b>t</b>	test (request for a connectivity check)
<b>t/o</b>	takeoff
<b>thx, tks</b>	thank you
<b>tic</b>	troops in contact
<b>tn</b>	datalink track number
<b>TOT</b>	time on target
<b>TST</b>	time-sensitive target
<b>TX</b>	transmit
<b>UI</b>	unique identifier
<b>unk</b>	unknown
<b>urg</b>	urgent

<b>Table 3. Standard Tactical Chat Abbreviations (Cont'd)</b>	
<b>urgurg</b>	urgent surgical
<b>VFR</b>	visual flight rules
<b>w/d</b>	wheels down
<b>w/u</b>	wheels up
<b>wkg</b>	working
<b>wrt</b>	with regard to
<b>wspr</b>	whisper
<b>WX</b>	weather
<b>yw</b>	you're welcome

**Chapter III  
CATEGORY SYNOPSIS**

**1. General Operations**

All brevity codes pertain to general air operations. Words listed here have definitions which apply to all categories and may be listed under another category.

ABORT	CHERUBS	GATE
[High or Low]	CHICK(S)	GENEVA
ACCURACY	CLEAN	GINGERBREAD
ALLIGATOR	CLEARED	GOODWILL
ALPHA CHECK	CLOAK(ING)	GRANDSLAM
ANCHOR	COMEBACK	GREYHOUND
[location]	[direction]	HANDSHAKE
ANGELS	CONFIDENCE	HARD
ANYFACE	[level]	[left,right,direction]
AS FRAGGED	CONTACT	HEADS UP
AUTHENTICATE	CONTINUE	HIT(S)
AUTOCAT	CROW(S)	HOLD DOWN
AVALANCHE	CRUISE	HOLD FIRE
BASE	DASH [number]	HOLLOW
[+/- number]	DATA	HOME PLATE
BEAD WINDOW	[object, position]	HOMING
[system] BENT	DEADEYE	HOOK
BINGO	DETAILS	HOSTILE
BIRDDOG	DIAMONDS	HOT
BITTERSWEET	[with position]	HOTDOG [color]
BLIND	DIRTY	HOTEL FOX
BLUR	DIVERT	IDLE
BREAK AWAY	DONORIZE(D)	INDEX
BULLSEYE	DUSTOFF	IN THE DARK
BUSTER	ENGAGE	INTRUDER
BUTTON	FALCON(S)	JACKAL
CEASE [activity]	FLASH	JELLO
CEASE	FEET WET/DRY	JOKER
ENGAGEMENT	FENCE IN/OUT	KICK [appropriate frequency]
CEASE FIRE	FLAVOR	KRAKEN
CHATTERMARK	FOREST	LAME DUCK
[comm type]	FOX MIKE	LEVEL
CHECK CAPTURE	FRIENDLY	LIGHTBULB
CHECK DATA	FUEL STATE	LINER
[source]	[time or pounds]	MARK
CHECK FOCUS	GADABOUT	MARKPOINT
CHECK TIDS	[number]	

MARSHAL(LING)	RETROGRADE	SUSPECT
METALLICA	(ING)	SWEET
MICKEY	ROGER	SWITCH [ITEM]
MINIMIZE	ROLEX [+/-]	TAG
MOON BEAM	ROVER	[system, location]
MOVER(S)	SAM [direction]	TALLY
NEUTRAL	SAME	TECHNICAL
OFFSET [direction]	SAUNTER	TESLA
PACMAN	SCRAM [direction]	TIMECHECK
PADLOCKED	SET	TOGGLE
PANCAKE	SHADOW	[system]
PARROT	SHOOTER	TORCH
PEDRO	SHREW	TRACKING or
PIGEONS	[system] SICK	[system]
[bearing, range]	[system] SILENT	TRACKING
PLAYTIME	SKINNY	TRACK NUMBER
[type] POINT	SKIP IT	[number]
POPCORN	SLANT	TROJAN
POPEYE	SLEW	TUMBLEWEED
POSIT	SMASH [ON/OFF]	UNABLE
POST ATTACK	SMELL	UNIFORM
[direction, directive]	SNAP	VECTOR [heading]
PULSE	SOUR	VICTOR
PUSH [channel]	SPARKLE	VISUAL
RE-CYCLE	SPIDER	WEAPONS [status]
[system]	SPLIT	WHAT LUCK
REFERENCE	SPOT	WILCO
[direction or	STACK	WINCHESTER
heading]	STAKE	WOOD
RENEGADE	STARE [laser code,	WORDS
REPORTED	reference point]	ZAP
[information]	SUPPORT	ZIPLIP

## 2. Air-to-air (A/A)

ACTION	BEAM [direction]	BRACKET
[system] ACTIVE	BEAM RIDER	[direction]
[location, direction]	[direction]	BREAK [direction]
ALARM	BLOW THROUGH	BUDDY LOCK
ANCHORED	BLOWING	[position, heading,
[location]	THROUGH	altitude]
[direction] ARM	BOGEY	BUDDY SPIKE
AZIMUTH	BOGEY DOPE	[position, heading,
BANDIT	BOX	altitude]
BANZAI	BRAA	BUGOUT [direction]

CAP(ING) [location]	EXTEND(ING)	IN PLACE
CATALOG	[direction]	[direction]
CEASE	EYEBALL	INSPECT
ENGAGEMENT	EYEBALL	INTERROGATE
CHAMPAGNE	NARROW	JINK
CHEAPSHOT	FADED	JOINED
CHECK [number, left or right]	FAKER	JUDY
CHERRY	FAST	KILL
CLEAN	FLANK [direction]	KNOCK-IT-OFF
CLEARED TO	FLASH [system]	LADDER
ENGAGE	FLOAT(ING)	LAST
CLOSING	FLOW [direction or heading]	LEAD-TRAIL
COLD	FOX [NUMBER]	LEAKER(S)
COME OFF	[2nd] FOX THREE/ TWO/ONE	LEAN [direction]
[direction]	[number] SHIP	LEANING ON
COMMIT	FUMBLE	LINE ABREAST
CONS/CONNING	FURBALL	LOCKED
CONTACT	GIMBAL	LOST LOCK
CONTAINER	GOGGLE/ DEGOGGLE	LOW
COVER	GOGGLES [on/off]	MANEUVER
CRANK [direction]	GOPHER	[azimuth, range, altitude]
CROSSING	GORILLA	MARK
CUTOFF [direction]	GREEN	MELD
DECLARE	GROUP(S)	MERGE(D)
DECLUTTER	GUIDE [cardinal direction, location]	METALLICA
DEEP	GUNS	MIDNIGHT
DEFENDING	HEADBUTT	MIRROR BEAM
[direction]	[direction]	MONITOR(ING)
DEFENSIVE	HEAVY	[GROUP or object]
DELOUSE	HIGH	MOSQUITO
DEPLOY	HIT(S)	MUSIC
DIRTY	HOLDING HANDS	NAILS [direction]
DOG [status]	HOLSTER	NAKED
DRAG [cardinal direction]	HOOK	NEW PICTURE
DRIVE-BY	HOT	[object] NO
DROP(PING)	HOUND	FACTOR
ECHELON	HOUND	NO JOY
[subcardinal direction]	HUSKY	NOTCH(ING)
ECHO	ICE	[direction]
ELEVATOR	ID	OFF [direction]
[altitude]	IN [direction]	OPENING
ENGAGED		OUT [direction]
		OUTLAW

PACKAGE	SHOOT	STRANGER
PAINT(S)	SHOTGUN	STRANGLE
PASSING	SIDE KICK	[system]
PICTURE	[system] SILENT	STRENGTH
PINBALL	SINGLE	STRIPPED
PINCE	SKATE	STROBE(S)
PITBULL	[LONG/SHORT]	[bearing]
PITCH/	SKOSH	SUNRISE
PITCHBACK	SLICE/SLICEBACK	SUPPORTING
[left or right]	[left or right]	SWEET
PLAYMATE	SLIDE	SWEPT
[freq] POGO [freq]	SLIP(PING)	[subcordinal
POP	SLOW	direction]
POP-UP	SNAP	SWITCHED
POST HOLE	SNAPLOCK	TARGET
PRESS	[BRAA]	TARGETED
PRINT [type]	SNIFF [type]	TERMINATE
PUMP	SNOOZE	THREAT [direction]
PURE	SORT	THROTTLES
PUSHING	SORTED	TIED
RANGE	SOUR	TIMEOUT
RAYGUN [position,	SPADES	TRACK [direction]
heading, altitude]	SPIKE [direction]	TRASHED
RED	SPIN	VANISHED
REMINGTON	SPITTER [direction]	VERY FAST
RESET	SPLASH(ED)	VERY SLOW
RESUME	SPOOFER	VIC
RIDER	SQUAWK [mode,	WALL
RUMBA	code]	WEDGE
SADDLED	SQUAWKING	WEIGHTED
SANDWICHED	[mode number]	[cardinal direction]
SCRAM [direction]	STACK	WHAT STATE
SCRAMBLE	STANDOFF [role]	WIDE
SCRUB	STATUS [phase]	WORK
SEPARATE(ING)	STERN	WORKING
SEPARATION	STIFF ARM	YARDSTICK
SHACKLE	STINGER	YELLOW

### 3. Air-to-surface (A/S)

ACTION	BAD MAP	BROKEN SPUR
ARIZONA	BEAM RIDER	BRUISER
ATTACK	[direction]	BUDDY
[number, weapon	BRACKET	(LASE or
type] AWAY	[direction]	GUIDE)



BUGOUT [direction]	HANDSHAKE	[type] POSTURE
BUZZSAW	HOLLOW	PRESS
[target or object]	HOUNDDOG	QUAIL
CAPTURED	ICE	RED
CATALOG	IMPACT [time]	REMINGTON
CHECK FIRE(ING)	IN [direction]	RE-STAKE
CHERRY	INVESTIGATE	RIFLE [number,
CLEARED HOT	JINK	time]
CLEARED TO	JONESING	RIPPLE
ENGAGE	KNOCK-IT-OFF	SCAN
CLOVER [left or	KOBE	SEAD
right]	LASER ON	SHIFT [direction,
COLD	LASING	track number]
COME OFF	LEAD-TRAIL	SHOPPING
[direction]	LEAN [direction]	SHOTGUN
CONTACT(S)	LOOKING	SKUNK
CONTINUE DRY	MAGNUM [system,	SLAPSHOT [type,
COVER	location]	bearing]
COVEY	MAP	SLIDE
DECLUTTER	MAP COMPLETE	SLIP(PING)
DEFENDING	MAPPING	SMACK
[direction]	MARK	SMOKE
DEFENSIVE	MATCH [type]	SNAKE
DRIVE-BY	MELD	SNIPER [type,
DROP(PING)	MILLER TIME	location (range,
ENGAGEMENT	MONITOR(ING)	bearing)]
COMPLETE	[GROUP or object]	SORT
EXPECT HOLLOW	MUD [type with	SORTED
[time]	direction, range	SPARKLE
EXTEND(ING)	if able]	SPLASH(ED)
[direction]	NAILS [direction]	SPOT
FARM	NEGATIVE LASER	SPUR RIDE
FLASHLIGHT	NEW PICTURE	SQUIRTER
FLY-BY	[object] NO	STAKE
FUMBLE	FACTOR	STANDOFF [role]
GOALIE	NO JOY	STATUS [phase]
GOALIE, GOALIE,	NOTCH(ING)	STEADY
GOALIE [CALL	[direction]	STRENGTH
SIGN]	OCCUPIED	STROKE
GOGGLE/	OFF [direction]	SUNSHINE
DEGOGGLE	PICTURE	TARGET
GOGGLES [on/	PIG(S)	TARGETABLE
off]	PINBALL	TEN SECONDS
GREEN	PING	TIMEOUT
GUNS	POP	TRACK [direction]

VACANT  
VAMPIRE

WAGON [left/right]  
YELLOW

#### 4. Surface-to-air (S/A)

ACTION  
[weapon] AFFIRM  
[number, weapon  
type] AWAY  
AZIMUTH  
BIG STICK  
BIRD(S)  
BOGEY  
BOGEY DOPE  
BOOSTER  
BRAA  
BROWNING  
CHERRY  
CLUSTER  
COVER  
DECLARE  
DELOUSE  
DIRT  
DOG [status]  
DROP(PING)  
DUST  
EAGLE(S)  
ECHO  
FAST  
FULL  
GENESIS [location]  
GOPHER

GORILLA  
HIGH  
ICE  
INTERROGATE  
KILL  
LEAKER(S)  
[status] LIGHT  
MIDNIGHT  
MOSQUITO  
[weapon] NEGATE  
[object] NO  
FACTOR  
NO JOY  
NOTCH(ING)  
[direction]  
PRINT [type]  
POP-UP  
REDWOOD  
RESET  
RIDER  
RIPPLE  
ROPE  
SATURATED  
SCRAM [direction]  
SCRAMBLE  
SCRUB  
SHOTGUN

SLOW  
SOUR  
SPADES  
SPIKE [direction]  
SPLASH(ED)  
SPOOFING  
SQUAWKING  
[mode number]  
SUNRISE  
STINGER  
STRANGLE  
[system]  
STRENGTH  
SWEET  
SWITCH [item]  
TALON(S)  
TARGET  
TIMEOUT  
TRACKING or  
[system]  
TRACKING  
TRASHED  
VANISHED  
VERY FAST  
VERY SLOW

#### 5. Surface-to-surface (S/S)

BULLDOG  
CHECK FIRE(ING)  
CHECK SOLUTION  
COVEY  
CRATER [location]  
DARK STAR  
FIREBALL  
GENESIS [location]  
INTERROGATE

KOBE  
LASER ON  
LASING  
MARK  
MATCH [type]  
NEGLECT  
QUAIL  
REPEAT  
RIPPED CHUTE

SCRAMBLE  
SHOT  
SMACK  
SPARKLE  
SPLASH(ED)  
SQUIRTER  
STRADDLE  
SUMMIT  
TARGET

TRACK [direction]                      VAMPIRE

## 6. Electromagnetic Warfare (EW) Integration

[system] ACTIVE [location, direction]	FEELER	SLAPSHOT [type, bearing]
ADD [system, category]	FERRET	SLIDE
ALARM	FUZZY	SLOPE
ARIZONA	GENIE	SNEAKER
ASLEEP	GRIDIRON	SNIFF [type]
AWAKE	HOOTER	SNIPER [type, location (range, bearing)]
BAY	HUSH	SNOOZE
BLOTTER	JAM	SPOOFER
BUCKET	JAMMER	STANDOFF [role]
BUZZER	LOWDOWN	TAG [system, location]
CANDYGRAM	MAGNUM [system, location]	TIMBER
CANYON	MUD [type with direction, range if able]	TOY
CLAM	PHANTOM	TRACKING or [system]
CLIFF	PILLOW	TRACKING
COLOR [system, direction]	PINNACLE	TRAVEL
CREEP	POND	TRESPASS [system, position]
CRISS CROSS	PUPPIES	WOOFER
CURVE	RACKET	WORK
DAISY	REFINE	WORKING
[system] DOWN [location, direction]	RENT	ZOOM [in/out]
DROP(PING)	ROTATOR	
DUFFER	SCRAM [direction]	
EMPTY	[system] SILENT	
FAN ___ TACK ___	SINGER [type, direction]	

## 7. Maritime Air Operations (AIR-MAR)

ACTION	CATALOG	DELTA [altitude] [position]
[direction] ARM	CHAMPAGNE	ECHELON
[number, weapon type] AWAY	CHARLIE	[subcardinal direction]
AZIMUTH	CHECKPRINT [track number]	FADED
BANDIT	COLD	FAKER
BOX	CONTAINER	FATHER
BRUISER	COVER	FLASHLIGHT
BUGOUT [direction]	DECLARE	FLY-BY
BULLRING	DEEP	

GORILLA	MONITOR(ING)	SORTED
GREEN	[group or object]	SPADES
GROUP	MOTHER	STINGER
HEAVY	NEW PICTURE	STRENGTH
HOUNDDOG	PAINT(S)	STROKE
ID	PEPPER	SWEPT
INTERROGATE	PICTURE	[subcardinal
INVESTIGATE	PINPOINT	direction]
LADDER	RANGE	TARGET
LEAD-TRAIL	RED	THUMP
LEAKER(S)	RIFLE [number,	TRACK [direction]
LINE ABREAST	time]	VAMPIRE
LOOKING	RIPPLE	VIC
MANEUVER	ROBBER	WALL
[azimuth, range,	SHIFT [direction,	WEDGE
altitude]	track number]	WEIGHTED
MATCH [type]	SINGLE	[cardinal
MELD	SKUNK	direction]
MIRROR BEAM	SLEDGEHAMMER	WIDE
	SMACK	YELLOW

#### 8. Maritime-to-Maritime (MAR) Operations

ALARM	CHECK FIRE(ING)	SHOULDER
BLOCK	INTERROGATE	VAMPIRE
BULLDOG	PAINT(S)	

#### 9. Space Operations (SO)

ALARM	DAISY	MUDDY
BANDIT	DELOUSE	NO JOY
BLANK	DEPLOY	RESET
BOGEY	FURBALL	SLIDE
BUMP	FUZZY	SNOOZE
CHAMELEON	HUSH	STALKER
COVER	KOMODO	TRESPASS
CREEP	LOOK-THROUGH	[system, position]

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**GLOSSARY**

<b>PART I – ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS</b>	
<b>A</b>	
<b>A/A</b>	air-to-air
<b>AFTTP</b>	Air Force tactics, techniques, and procedures
<b>AIM</b>	air intercept missile
<b>AIR-MAR</b>	maritime air
<b>ALSSA</b>	Air Land Sea Space Application [Center]
<b>APP</b>	Allied procedural publication
<b>A/S</b>	air-to-surface
<b>ATP</b>	Army techniques publication
<b>B</b>	
<b>BRAA</b>	bearing, range, altitude, and aspect
<b>BVR</b>	beyond visual range
<b>C</b>	
<b>C2</b>	command and control
<b>CAS</b>	close air support
<b>CDE</b>	collateral damage estimation
<b>D</b>	
<b>DWE</b>	desired weapons effects
<b>DZ</b>	drop zone
<b>E</b>	
<b>EA</b>	electromagnetic attack
<b>EO</b>	electro-optical
<b>EOB</b>	electromagnetic order of battle
<b>EW</b>	electromagnetic warfare
<b>F, G</b>	
<b>FAC(A)</b>	forward air controller (airborne)
<b>FOV</b>	field of view
<b>ft</b>	feet
<b>H</b>	

<b>HEL</b>	high-energy laser
<b>I</b>	
<b>IAW</b>	in accordance with
<b>ID</b>	identification
<b>IFF</b>	identification, friend or foe
<b>IR</b>	infrared
<b>J, K</b>	
<b>JTAC</b>	joint terminal attack controller
<b>L</b>	
<b>LeMay Center</b>	Curtis E. LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education
<b>LZ</b>	landing zone
<b>M</b>	
<b>MCRP</b>	Marine Corps reference publication
<b>MILSTRAP</b>	military standard transaction reporting and accounting procedure
<b>MILSTRIP</b>	military standard requisitioning and issue procedure
<b>MPRF</b>	medium pulse repetition frequency
<b>MSL</b>	mean sea level
<b>MTTP</b>	multi-Service tactics, techniques, and procedures
<b>N, O</b>	
<b>NATO</b>	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
<b>NPG</b>	network participation group
<b>NTTP</b>	Navy tactics, techniques, and procedures
<b>NWDC</b>	Navy Warfare Development Center
<b>P, Q</b>	
<b>PID</b>	positive identification
<b>R</b>	
<b>ROE</b>	rules of engagement
<b>ROZ</b>	restricted operations zone
<b>S</b>	



<b>S/A</b>	surface-to-air
<b>SAM</b>	surface-to-air missile
<b>SAR</b>	synthetic aperture radar
<b>SEAD</b>	suppression of enemy air defenses
<b>SO</b>	space operations
<b>SPINS</b>	special instructions
<b>S/S</b>	surface-to-surface
<b>T</b>	
<b>TADIL</b>	tactical digital information link
<b>TC</b>	tactical chat
<b>TECOM</b>	Training and Education Command (USMC)
<b>THAAD</b>	terminal high altitude area defense
<b>TOI</b>	track of interest
<b>U</b>	
<b>UHF</b>	ultra-high frequency
<b>US</b>	United States
<b>USA</b>	United States Army
<b>USAF</b>	United States Air Force
<b>USMC</b>	United States Marine Corps
<b>USN</b>	United States Navy
<b>V, W, X, Y, Z</b>	
<b>VHF</b>	very-high frequency

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