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ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS, AND DEFINITIONS

A2C2 Army airspace command and control

AAR after-action report

ABLS Advanced Burn Life Support

ACLS Advanced Cardiac Life Support

AFMIC Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center

AIT Aeromedical Isolation Team

AMEDD Army Medical Department

AMEDDC&S Army Medical Department Center and School

AML area medical laboratory

antiterrorism Defensive measures used to reduce the vulnerability of individuals and property to terrorist acts to include limited response and containment by local military forces.

AO area of operations

AOR area of responsibility

AR Army Regulation

ARC American Red Cross

ARSOF Army special operations forces

ASMB area support medical battalion

ASMC area support medical company

ATM advanced trauma management

attn attention

AXP ambulance exchange point

BAS battalion aid station

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BF battle fatigue

bio biological

BW biological warfare

C2 command and control

C3IC coalition coordination, communications, and integration center

C4I command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence

CA civil affairs

CBQRF Chemical Biological Quick Response Force

CH cargo helicopter

chem chemical

CHL combat health logistics

CHS combat health support

CINC Commander in Chief

civil affairs—(DOD) Those phases of the activities of a commander which embrace the relationship between the military forces and civil authorities and people in a friendly country or area or occupied country or area when military forces are present. Also called CA.

civil war A war between factions of the same country; there are five criteria for international recognition of this status: the contestants must control territory, have a functioning government, enjoy some foreign recognition, have identifiable regular armed forces, and engage in major military operations.

CMO civil-military operations

COA course of action

COM Chief of Mission

combatting terrorism—(DOD) Actions, including antiterrorism (defensive measures taken to reduce vulnerability to terrorist acts) and counterterrorism (offensive measures taken to prevent, deter, and respond to terrorism) taken to oppose terrorism throughout the entire threat spectrum.

CONUS continental United States

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counterinsurgency—(DOD) Those military, paramilitary, political, economical, psychological, and civic actions taken by a government to defeat insurgency.

counterterrorism Offensive measures taken to prevent, deter, and respond to terrorism.

country team The executive committee of an embassy, headed by the Chief of Mission, and consisting of principal representatives of the government departments and agencies present (for example, the Departments of State, Defense, Treasury, Commerce, and the US Information Agency, US Agency for International Development, Drug Enforcement Agency, and Central Intelligence Agency).

crisis An incident or situation involving a threat to the United States, its territories, citizens, military forces, and possessions or vital interests that develop rapidly and create a condition of such diplomatic, economic, political, or military importance that commitment of US military forces and resources is contemplated to achieve national objectives.

CS combat support

CSC combat stress control

CSH combat support hospital

CSOP clinical standing operating procedure

CSS combat service support

CW chemical warfare

DA Department of the Army

DD/DOD Department of Defense

DE directed energy

DEA Drug Enforcement Agency

DHHS Department of Health and Human Services

DIA Defense Intelligence Agency

DNBI disease and nonbattle injuries

DOC Department of Commerce

DOD/DD Department of Defense

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DOE Department of Energy

DOEd Department of Education

DOI Department of the Interior

DOJ Department of Justice

DOL Department of Labor

DOS Department of State

DOT Department of Transportation

DVA Department of Veteran Affairs

EAC echelons above corps

EMT emergency medical treatment

EPA Environmental Protection Agency

EPW enemy prisoners of war

ER emergency room

ESF emergency support function

evac evacuation

FDA Food and Drug Administration

FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency

FH field hospital

FID foreign internal defense

FLOT forward line of own troops

FM field manual (when used with a number)/frequency modulated

FOB forward operating base

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foreign internal defense—(DOD) Participation by civilian and military agencies of a government in any of the action programs taken by another government to free and protect its society from subversion, lawlessness, and insurgency. Also called FID.

foreign military sales—(DOD) That portion of United States security assistance authorized by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and the Arms Export Control Act of 1976, as amended. This assistance differs from the Military Assistance Program and the International Military Education and Training Program in that the recipient provides reimbursement for defense articles and services transferred.

FRAGO fragmentary order

FRERP Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan

FRP Federal Response Plan

FSMC forward support medical company

FST forward surgical team

GH general hospital

GP general purpose

GPMRC Global Patient Movement Requirements Center

GSA General Services Administration

guerrilla warfare—(DOD, NATO) military and paramilitary operations conducted in enemy held or hostile territory by irregular, predominantly indigenous forces. See also **unconventional warfare**.

HN host nation

host nation—(DOD, NATO) A nation which receives the forces and/or supplies of allied nations and/or NATO to be located on, or to operate in, or to transit through its territory.

humanitarian assistance Assistance provided by DOD forces, as directed by appropriate authority, in the aftermath of natural or man-made disasters to help reduce conditions that present a serious threat to life and property. Assistance provided by US forces is limited in scope and duration and is designed to supplement efforts of civilian authorities that have primary responsibility for providing such assistance.

ICU intensive care unit

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IDAD internal defense and development

informational actions Communication with a foreign government, its supporters, its opponents, and others to explain one's own policies and actions.

infrastructure In an insurgency, the leadership organization and its system for command and control. In a broader sense, the systems of communications and the institutions which support the political and economic functions of a society.

insurgency—(DOD, NATO) An organized movement aimed at the overthrow of a constituted government through use of subversion and armed conflict.

interagency operations Any action that combines the human and material resources of two or more independent organizations, whether they are governmental, international, or private, in the prosecution of a common objective.

internal defense and development The full range of measures taken by a nation to promote its growth and protect itself from subversion, lawlessness, and insurgency. Also called the IDAD strategy.

interoperability—(DOD, NATO) The ability of systems, units, or forces to provide services to and accept services from other systems, units, or forces and to use the services so exchanged to enable them to operate effectively together.

ISB intermediate staging base

IV intravenous

J3 Operations Directorate

J5 Plans and Policy Directorate

JSOA joint special operations areas

JTF joint task force

LAB laboratory

LOC lines of communications

MASF mobile aeromedical staging facility

MAST military assistance to safety and traffic

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MCBAT Medical Chem-Bio Advisory Team

MED medium

MEDCEN medical center

MEDCOM medical command

MEDDAC medical department activity

MES medical equipment set

METT-T mission, enemy, terrain, troops and time available

MH mental health

military assistance programs—(DOD) That portion of the US security assistance authorized by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, which provides defense articles and services to recipients on a nonreimbursable (grant) basis.

military civic action—(DOD) The use of preponderantly indigenous military forces on projects useful to the local population at all levels in such fields as education, training, public works, agriculture, transportation, communications, health, sanitation, and others contributing to economic and social development, which would also serve to improve the standing of the military forces with the population. (US forces may at times advise or engage in military civic actions in overseas areas.)

ml milliliter

MOPP mission-oriented protective posture

MOS military occupational specialty

MOUT military operations on urbanized terrain

MRE meals, ready to eat

MRI medical reengineering initiative

MRO medical regulating office

MSMC main support medical company

MTF medical treatment facility

MTT mobile training team

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MWD military working dog

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NBC nuclear, biological, or chemical

NCA National Command Authorities

NCO noncommissioned officer

NCOIC noncommissioned officer-in-charge

NCS National Communications System

NDMS National Disaster Medical System

NEO noncombatant evacuation operations

NGO nongovernmental organization

no number

NP neuropsychiatric

NRC Nuclear Regulatory Commission

NWS National Weather Service

OCONUS outside the continental United States

ODA operational detachment "A"

OIC officer in charge

OMF originating medical facility

OPLAN operation plan

OPORD operation order

OPSEC operations security

OR operating room

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OT occupational therapy

PA physician assistant

peacekeeping operations Military operations, conducted with the consent of the belligerent parties to a conflict, to maintain a negotiated truce and to facilitate diplomatic resolution of a conflict between the belligerents.

peacetime contingency operations Politically sensitive military operations normally characterized by the short-term, rapid projection or employment of forces in conditions short of war.

PL public law

PMM preventive medicine measures

POLAD political advisor

POM preparation for oversea movement

POR preparation of replacements for oversea movement

PREOP preoperative

psychological operations—(DOD) Planned operations to convey selected information and indicators to foreign audiences to influence their emotions, motives, objective reasoning, and ultimately the behavior of foreign governments, organizations, groups, and individuals. The purpose of psychological operations is to induce or reinforce attitudes and behavior favorable to the originator's objective. Also called PSYOP.

PSYOP psychological operations

PT physical therapy

pub publication

PVNTMED preventive medicine

PVO private volunteer organization

rationalization—(DOD) Any action that increases the effectiveness of allied forces through more efficient or effective use of defense resources committed to the alliance. Rationalization includes consolidation, reassignment of nation priorities to higher alliance needs, standardization, specialization, mutual support or improved interoperability, and greater cooperation. Rationalization applies to both weapons/materiel resources and nonweapons military matters.

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RMC regional medical command

ROE rules of engagement

RTD return to duty

S2 Intelligence Officer (US Army)

SAO Security Assistance Organization

security assistance—(DOD) Groups of programs authorized by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and the Arms Export Control Act of 1976, as amended, or other related statutes by which the US provides defense articles, military training, and other defense-related services, by grant, loan, credit, or cash sales in furtherance of national policies and objectives.

security assistance organization All DOD elements located in a foreign country with the responsibility for carrying out security assistance management functions. For example, military assistance advisory groups, military missions and groups, liaison groups, defense attache personnel, and other groups which perform security assistance functions. Also called SAO.

SF Special Forces

SFOB Special Forces operating base

SIMLM single integrated medical logistics manager

SO special operations

SOA special operations aviation

SOC special operations command

SOF special operations forces

SOP standing operating procedure

SOSB special operations support battalion

SOSCOM special operations support command

SR special reconnaissance

SRT specialty response team

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standardization—(NATO) The process of developing concepts, doctrines, procedures, and designs to achieve and maintain the most effective levels of compatibility, interoperability, interchangeability, and commonality in the fields of operations, administration, and materiel.

TAML theater area medical laboratory

TAMMIS Theater Army Medical Management Information System

TBSA total body surface area

TC training circular

TDA table(s) of distribution and allowances

terrorism—(DOD) The unlawful use or threatened use of force or violence against individuals or property to coerce or intimidate governments or societies, often to achieve political, religious, or ideological objectives.

TF task force

TM technical manual

TO theater of operations

TOE table(s) of organization and equipment

TPMRC Theater Patient Movement Requirements Center

TSOP tactical standing operating procedure

UH utility helicopter

UN United Nations

unconventional warfare—(DOD) A broad spectrum of military and paramilitary operations conducted in an enemy-held, enemy-controlled, or politically sensitive territory. Unconventional warfare includes, but is not limited to, the interrelated fields of guerrilla warfare, evasion and escape, subversion, sabotage, and other operations of a low visibility, covert, or clandestine nature. These interrelated aspects of unconventional warfare may be prosecuted singly or collectively by predominantly indigenous personnel, usually supported and directed in varying degrees by (an) external sources during all conditions of war or peace. Also called UW.

US United States

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USACHPPM United States Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine

USAF United States Air Force

USAID United States Agency for International Development

USAISR United States Army Institute of Surgical Research

USAMEDCOM United States Army Medical Command

USAMRIID United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases

USAMRMC United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command

USAR United States Army Reserve

USAVETCOM United States Army Veterinary Command

USCS United States Customs Service

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

USFS United States Forest Service

USN United States Navy

USPHS United States Public Health Service

USSOCOM United States Special Operations Command

UW unconventional warfare

UWOA unconventional warfare operations area

WHO World Health Organization

WIA wounded in action