

Glossary

AAFCCE	—Allied Air Forces Central Europe: the NATO air force command for the Central Region	C ² I	—command, control, communications, and intelligence
ACE	—Allied Command Europe: ACE includes the Central Region and both the northern and southern flanks, and is commanded by SACEUR	CEM	—Combined Effects Munition: Air Force cluster bomb
AG	—army group: a ground force command echelon in NATO; Army Groups in the Central Region are NORTHAG and CENTAG	CENTAG	—(NATO) Central Army Group: made up of four corps in southern Germany
AFCENT	—Allied Forces Central Region	CGSC	—Command and General Staff College of the U.S. Army
AGM	—air-to-ground missile	CHOP	—change of operational control: from national commanders to NATO commanders
AGM-130	—a short-range rocket-powered air-to-ground missile derived from the GBU-15	CINCENT	—(NATO) Commander-in-Chief, Central Region: the commander of AFCENT
ALB	—AirLand Battle: U.S. Army doctrine (endorsed by the U.S. Air Force as appropriate) for the conduct of army operations	COMAAFCCE	—(NATO) Commander, Allied Air Forces Central Europe: the commander of AAFCE
AMIS	—antimateriel incendiary submunition	DARPA	—Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
AMRAAM	—advanced medium-range air-to-air missile	DPICM	—dual-purpose improved conventional munition
A PAM	—antipersonnel/antimateriel munition: the warhead carried by the conventional version of the Lance missile and by block I of the ATACMS missile	ECM	—electronic countermeasures
Aquila	—U.S. Army-developed remotely piloted vehicle	ECCM	—electronic counter-countermeasures
ASAC	—All-Source Analysis Center	EO, or E-O	—electro-optical: TV-like, employing vacuum tubes or semiconductor devices to convert optical (visible, ultraviolet, or infrared) radiation into electrical currents
ASARS II	—Advanced Synthetic Aperture Radar System II: a U.S. Air Force high resolution ground surveillance imagery radar system, which can detect stationary objects	ERAM	—extended-range antiarmor mine
ATACMS	—Army Tactical Missile System: a ballistic missile, also called Army TACMS, or TACMS	FASCAM	—family of scatterable mines
ATAF	—Allied Tactical Air Force: an air force command echelon in NATO; ATAFs in the Central Region are 4ATAF and 2ATAF	FLIR	—forward-looking infrared: an airborne system for locating targets and controlling weapons at night
ATOC	—Allied Tactical Operations Center: a NATO C ² facility for offensive and supporting air operations in the Central Region, subordinate to the ATAF; there are four ATOCs in the Central Region	FLOT	—forward line of own troops: the approximate point at which opposing ground forces are in contact; sometimes used in the sense of a “battle line”
BE	—Belgium (NATO designator)	FRG	—Federal Republic of Germany
C ²	—command and control	front	—a Soviet command echelon above “army”
C ³	—command, control, and communications	FSCL	—fire support coordination line: a line established at approximately the range of fire of NATO artillery, or about 25 to 35 km into enemy area across the FLOT
		GATOR	—air-delivered antitank and antipersonnel mines
		GBU-15	—a Glide Bomb Unit, which is “thrown” by an attacking aircraft and guided toward the target from the aircraft, but which has no propulsion of its own

GE	—West Germany (NATO designator)	NORTHAG	—NATO Northern Army Group: four corps in northern half of Germany
GSM	—Ground Station Module: a mobile ground station being developed by Motorola for the U.S. Army for use with the Joint STARS airborne radar system	Paveway	—laser-guided bomb used by the U.S. Air Force
1-2000	—improved 2,000-lb bomb, designed to penetrate hard targets	PAVE TACK	—a forward-looking infrared pod carried by aircraft to locate targets at night and control laser-guided bombs
IFF	—identification of friend or foe: the process of attempting to determine whether vehicle or unit (etc.) belongs to friendly forces, enemy forces, or neutral parties	PLSS	—Precision Location Strike System: an airborne surveillance and control system carried on TR-1 aircraft intended to detect, identify, and accurately locate advanced (pulsed, frequency-hopping) enemy radar transmitters and some types of jammers in near real time and to guide weapons or aircraft to such targets with sufficient accuracy to destroy them; the continuation of the program is currently in question
IGB	—inner-German border: the boundary between West and East Germany. Sometimes called the inter-German border	PLSS GS	—PLSS Ground Station
IR	—infrared	RPV	—remotely piloted vehicle: usually referring to a small aircraft that communicates with and is guided by a control station
IIR	—imaging infrared	SAC	—Strategic Air Command of the U.S. Air Force
JSTARS	—see Joint STARS	SACEUR	—(NATO) Supreme Allied Commander Europe: the commander of NATO forces throughout the European theater, which is also known as ACE
JTACMS	—Joint Tactical Missile System; joint Army-Air Force development program for medium-range conventional cruise missile	SADARM	—Search and Destroy Armor; smart anti-armor submunition for surface-to-surface weapons
Joint STARS	—Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System: a developmental airborne radar system carried on C-18 aircraft intended to locate fixed or moving targets on the ground and to control attacks against such targets using tactical aircraft or guided munitions	SAM	—surface-to-air missile
LANTIRN	—Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared System for Night: a system for low altitude all-weather navigation and targeting for tactical aircraft	SAR	—synthetic aperture radar: often used for obtaining high-resolution radar images of objects on the ground
LOC	—lines of communications	SFW	—Sensor-Fuzed Weapon; see Skeet
LOCPOD	—Low Cost Powered Off-Boresight Dispenser: NATO development project for air-launched submunition dispenser	SHAPE	—Supreme Headquarters Allied Power: Europe: the headquarters for SACEUR
LRSOM	—Long Range Standoff Missile: a tri-national (U. S., U. K., FRG) feasibility study for a long-range cruise missile	Skeet	—smart puck-shaped antiarmor submunition which can sense a target and send an explosively formed penetrating fragment towards the target at high velocity
Maverick	—guided short-range air-to-ground anti-armor missile used by the U.S. Air Force	SRSOM	—Short-Range Standoff Missile: a NATO project currently in the feasibility study stage
Mk-82	—general-purpose 500-lb bomb	SSM	—surface-to-surface missile
Mk-84	—general-purpose 2,000-lb bomb	STARS	—see Joint STARS
MLRS	—multiple launch rocket system	TACAIR	—tactical aircraft
MLRS/TGW	—terminally guided warhead for the MLRS	TACMS	—Tactical Missile System; see ATACM
MMW	—millimeter wave	TERCOM	—terrain comparison
MTI	—moving target indicator: a type of radar useful for surveillance of moving objects such as aircraft or ground vehicles		
NL	—Netherlands (NATO designator)		

TGSM	—terminally guided submunition: smart antiarmor submunition under consideration for ATACMS missile	TRS	—Tactical Reconnaissance System: an airborne reconnaissance system which includes the TR-1 aircraft, TR1 GS or TREDs ground stations, and other associated equipment
TGW	—Terminally Guided Warhead, under development for MLRS rockets		
TMD	—tactical munition dispenser		

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