

GLOSSARY

ACRONYMS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS

- ADA** American Dental Association
- AFB** Air Force Base
- AFMIC** Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center
- AFPMB** Armed Forces Pest Management Board
- AMEDD** Army Medical Department
- Antiterrorism** *see combatting terrorism*
- AO** area of operations
- APO** Air Post Office
- attn** attention
- AUTOVON** automatic voice network
- CA** civil affairs
- CAG** Contingency Advisory Group
- CH** cargo helicopter
- CHN** community health nurse
- 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.
- CLIC** Army and Air Force Center for Low Intensity Conflict
- CLO** Contingency Liaison Officer
- 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.
- COMMZ** communications zone
- CONUS** continental United States
- Counterinsurgency**—(DOD) those military, paramilitary, political, economic, psychological, and civic actions taken by a government to defeat insurgency.
- Counterterrorism** *see combatting 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, USAID, 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
- CSS** combat service support
- DA** direct action
- DNBI** disease and nonbattle injury
- DOD** Department of Defense

DOWW Disease Occurrence Worldwide

DPMIAC Defense Pest Management Information Analysis Center

DVEP Disease Vector Ecology Profiles

EMT emergency medical treatment

EOC emergency operations center

EPW enemy prisoners of war

FID Foreign Internal Defense

FLOT forward line of own troops

FM field manual

FMF Foreign Military Financing

FOB forward operating base

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.

FTS Federal Telecommunications System

GMI general medical intelligence

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

HCA humanitarian and civic assistance

HIV human immunodeficiency virus

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.

HSS health service support

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.

Humanitarian and Civic Assistance such assistance shall include: medical, dental, and veterinary care provided in rural areas of a country, construction of rudimentary surface transportation systems, well drilling or refurbishing, and construction of basic sanitation facilities; rudimentary construction and repair of public facilities. Also called HCA.

ID identification

IDAD internal defense and development

IMET International Military Education and Training

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.

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.

IV intravenous

JCS Joint Chiefs of Staff

JSOA joint special operations area

JTF joint task force

LIC low intensity conflict

LOC lines of communications

Low intensity conflict political-military confrontation between contending states or groups below conventional war and above the routine, peaceful competition among states. It frequently involves protracted struggles of competing principles and ideologies. Low intensity conflict ranges from subversion to the use of armed force. It is waged by a combination of means, employing political, economic, informational, and military instruments. Low intensity conflicts are often localized, generally in the Third World, but contain regional and global security implications. Also called LIC.

Low intensity conflict imperatives prerequisites for the successful planning and conducting of low intensity conflict operations. These include: political dominance, unity of effort, adaptability, legitimacy, and perseverance.

MAP Military Assistance Program

MASF mobile aeromedical staging facility

MD Maryland

MEDCAP Medical Capabilities Study

Medical operations in low intensity conflict those activities which encompass all military medical actions taken or programs established to further US national goals, objectives, and missions in a low intensity conflict environment. Also called MEDOLIC.

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. Also called MAP.

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.)

MOPP mission-oriented protection posture

MOS military occupational specialty

MOUT military operations on urbanized terrain

MRE meals, ready-to-eat

MRRAT Medical Rapid Response Assessment Team

msg message

MTF medical treatment facility

MTT mobile training team

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NBC nuclear, biological, and chemical

NCA national command authority

NCO noncommissioned officer

- NCOIC** noncommissioned officer in charge
- NEO** noncombatant evacuation operations
- no** number
- NY** New York
- OCONUS** outside of the continental United States
- ODA** operational detachment “A”
- OIC** officer in charge
- OJCS** Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- OPLAN** operations plan
- OT** occupational therapy
- PAHO** Pan American Health Organization
- 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.
- PMO** preventive medicine officer
- POM** preparation for oversea movement (units)
- POR** preparation of replacements for oversea movement
- ppm** parts per million
- 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
- PVNTMED** preventive medicine
- QR** quick response
- Routine, peaceful competition** the condition of relations among states in which each seeks to protect and advance its interests by political, economic, and informational means without employing violence.
- S&TI** scientific and technical intelligence
- S2/G2** Intelligence Officer (US Army)/Assistant Chief of Staff, G2 (Intelligence)
- SAO** Security Assistance Organization
- SDI** Selective Disseminations of Information
- 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 United States 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 responsibilities 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
- SO** special operations

SOA special operations aviation

SOC special operations command

SOF special operations forces

SOP standing operating procedures

SOSAR special operations search and rescue

SR special reconnaissance

TB MED technical bulletin, medical

TDA table(s) of distribution and allowance

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.

TOE table(s) of organization and equipment

TV television

UH utility helicopter

Unconventional warfare—(DOD) abroad spectrum of military and paramilitary operations conducted in 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 source(s) during all conditions of war or peace. Also called UW.

US United States

USAF United States Air Force

USAID United States Agency for International Development

UW unconventional warfare

UWOA Unconventional Warfare Operations Areas

WHO World Health Organization