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<i>Word or Phrase</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
100 hr	100 hours of operation inspection required by FAA/CAP
101	CAP Form 101 - Mission Qualification Specialty Card
101CN	Counterdrug Specialty Qualification Card
101T	CAPF 101T - Mission Qualification Specialty Training Card
1AF	1st Air Force - Serves as the CAP mission approval authority for most Air Force Assigned Missions.
1st Lt	First Lieutenant (1Lt is Army style)
201	Personnel File
2d Lt	Second Lieutenant (2Lt is Army style)
501(c)(3)	IRS code dealing with non-profits
A gallon of propwash	A spurious errand for new recruits
A/C or AC	Aircraft or Aircrew
AAFES	Army and Air Force Exchange Service
Abenaki	New Hampshire Wing Tactical Call Sign
Above My Pay grade	another way of saying. "Don't ask me."
ACC	Air Combat Command
Accouterments	Items authorized for wear on or with any uniform
Ace	A mission aircrew member with five or more finds
ACSC	Air Command and Staff College
ACUT	Advanced Communications User Training
ADA	Airborne Damage Assessment
ADF	Automatic Direction Finder
AE	Aerospace Education
AEM	Aerospace Education Member
AEO	Aerospace Education Officer
AEPSM	Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members
AETCFC	Air Education & Training Command Familiarization Course

<i>Word or Phrase</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
AEWs	Aerospace Education Workshops
AEX	Aerospace Education Excellence Award
AFAM	Air Force Assigned Missions to CAP
AFCB	Air Force Chaplains' Board
AFI	Air Force Instruction
AFIADL	Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning (formerly ECI)
AFMAN	Air Force Manual
AFNSEP	Air Force National Security Emergency Preparedness Office
AFPD	Air Force Policy Directive
AFR	Air Force Regulation
AFRCC or RCC	Air Force Rescue Coordination Center
AFRES	Air Force Reserve
AFSCFC	Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course
AFUB	Air Force Uniform Board
Aircraft Accident	An event during a CAP activity that results in death, serious injury or substantial damage
ALCOM	Alaska Command - Alaska Search Area
ALNOT	Alert Notice
Alpha	Phonetic Alphabet for "A"
ALT	Altitude
ALT	Altitude
AME	Amplitude Modulation Equivalent
ANG	Air National Guard
Annual	Yearly inspection of aircraft required by FAA/CAP
AOPA	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
AP Stylebook	The AP Stylebook is written for journalists working in print media, and is, the universal style guide in America.
APCO	Association of Public Safety Communications Officers
APJOC	Advance Pararescue Orientation Course
Apron	Area used for parking aircraft
ARCHER	Airborne Real-time Cueing Hyperspectral Enhanced Recon
ARM	Aerial Radiological Monitoring

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

ARRS	Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service
ASNP	Aircrew Style Name Patch
Aspen Gold	Rocky Mountain Region Tactical Call Sign
At zero	Something or someone on your trail
ATA	Actual Time of Arrival
ATC	Air Traffic Control
ATD	Actual Time of Departure
ATE	Actual Time Enroute
ATIS	Automated Terminal Information System
ATP	Airline Transport Pilot
Auger in	Euphemism for crashing an airplane
Avenging Spirit	National Headquarters Special Use Tactical Call Sign
AWC	Air War College
AWOL	Absent Without Leave
AWOS	Automated Weather Observation System
Bag(s)	Flight Suit
Bandit	An unauthorized aircraft in your search grid
Basic	A new cadet to the program
BBP	Bloodborne Pathogens
BBS	Bulletin Board Service
BCUT	Basic Communications User Training
BDU(s)	Battle Dress Uniform
Beaver Fox	Oregon Wing Tactical Call Sign
BG or Brig Gen	Brigadier General
Billet	Room(s) where you stay the night on a military base
Black Granite	Montana Wing Tactical Call Sign
Blouse	Old term for a Blue Service Coat. Female light blue shirt or a BDU jacket.
Blue Beret	National Blue Beret Encampment - Oshkosh, WI
Blue Lakes	Great Lakes Region Tactical Call Sign
Blue Mesa	Colorado Wing Tactical Call Sign

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

Blue Mound	Wisconsin Wing Tactical Call Sign
Blues	Blue Service Dress Uniform
Bluesuiter	Air Force or CAP member
Bogey	An Unidentified aircraft
Bookstore	Old name for store located at National Headquarters where you can order various items.
Bottlecaps	Silver Oak Leaves
Brat	Child of a military member
Bravo	Phonetic Alphabet for "B"
Brewer or Brewer Awards	Yearly recognition of contributions to the advancement of youth in AE activities.
Brig Gen	Brigadier General (1 star)
Brushing the bushes	Flying an aircraft low
Buck slip	Routing slip attached to memos that requires signatures. Comes from "passing the buck."
Bucket Hat	Female Service Hat (Slang)
Butter bar	2d Lieutenant
Buy the Farm	Killed in action
BX	Base Exchange
C&B	Constitution and Bylaws
C/1st Lt	Cadet First Lieutenant (C/1Lt is Army style)
C/2d Lt	Cadet Second Lieutenant (C/2Lt is Army style)
C/A1C	Cadet Airman First Class
C/Amn	Cadet Airman
C/Bsc	Cadet Basic
C/Capt	Cadet Captain (C/CPT is Army style)
C/CMSgt	Cadet Chief Master Sergeant (after 1 Jan 99)
C/Col	Cadet Colonel
C/FO	Cadet Flight Officer
C/Lt Col	Cadet Lieutenant Colonel (C/LTC is Army style)
C/Maj	Cadet Major
C/MSgt	Cadet Master Sergeant
C/Sgt	Cadet Sergeant

<i>Word or Phrase</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
C/SMSgt	Cadet Senior Master Sergeant (after 1 Jan 99)
C/SrA	Cadet Senior Airman (after 1 Jan 99)
C/SSgt	Cadet Staff Sergeant
C/TSgt	Cadet Technical Sergeant
CA	Cooperative Agreement that defines the relationship between CAP and the Air Force
CAC	Cadet Advisory Council
CAD	Langley AFB Community Appreciation Day (Virginia Wing)
Cadet Comp	Cadet Competition (Drill Competition)
Cajun CAP	Louisiana Wing Tactical Call Sign
Cammies	Camouflage uniform - see BDU (Slang)
CAP	Civil Air Patrol
CAP	Come and Pay (Slang)
CAP	Come and Participate (Slang)
CAP	Come and Play (Slang)
CAP Kitty Hawk	North Carolina Wing Radio Tactical Call Sign
CAP Stone	Northeast Region Tactical Call Sign
CAP West	Southwest Region Tactical Call Sign
CAPF	Civil Air Patrol Form
CAPF 11	Documents all professional development training
CAPF 18	CAP tracks all hours flown in corporate and member-owned or furnished aircraft on this form
CAPID	6-digit number assigned to you when you join CAP.
CAPM	Civil Air Patrol Manual
CAPMart	National Headquarters store where you can buy uniform pin-ons, patches and other items
CAPOC	Civil Air Patrol Senior Member's Officer Course
CAPP	Civil Air Patrol Pamphlet
CAPR	Civil Air Patrol Regulation
CAPSN	Old term for Social Security number
Capt	Captain (CPT is Army style)
CAP-USAF	Civil Air Patrol-United Station Air Force
CARDA	CONUS Airborne Reconnaissance for Damage Assessment

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

CATS	CAP Accountability and Tracking System
CC	Commander (Office Symbol)
CCC	CAP Consultation Committee
CCF	First Sergeant (Office Symbol)
CD	Counterdrug Missions
CD	Civil Defense
CD	Deputy Commander (Office Symbol)
Cdt	Cadet
CE	Course Examination
CFI	Certified Flight Instructor
CFIG	Certified Flight Instructor - Glider
CFII	Certified Flight Instrument Instructor
CGDRCC	Coast Guard District Rescue Coordination Center - Puerto Rico
Chairborne rangers	Members that do not fly
Charlie	Phonetic Alphabet for "C"
Charlie Foxtrot	A major fouled up mess/plans and no alternatives have been arranged
Charter Oak	Connecticut Wing Tactical Call Sign
Check your six	Watch your tail!
Checkride Trend Analysis	CAP wings and regions track and report the results of checks rides to CAP's National Headquarters.
CI	Compliance Inspection
Circular File	Trash can
CISM	Critical Incident Stress Management
Civvies	Civilian clothes
Class A	Army (and old AF) term to indicate Dress Blue Uniform (AF/CAP now Service Dress Uniform)
Class AA	Army term to indicate Dress Uniform (Blues or Whites, as appropriate to the season). Not used in AF/CAP.
Class B	Army (and old AF) term to indicate Dress Uniform without Jacket (AF/CAP now Blue shirt with or without tie/tab)
Class C	Army (and old AF) term to indicate fatigues (AF/CAP now BDU)
Class D	Army term to indicate BDU with load bearing equipment (field gear) Not used in AF/CAP.
CLC	Corporate Learning Course
CLC	Corporate Legal Council

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

Close the hanger doors	Don't talk CAP business at social functions
CLS	Cadet Leadership School
CMSgt	Chief Master Sergeant
CN	Counter Narcotics
COF	Cadet Orientation Flights
Col	Colonel (COL is Army style)
Comm(s)	Communications
Comp	Composite or Competition
Company Grade	Major through Colonel
Congressional	Congressional Squadron
Contour Chasing	Flying an aircraft low
CONUS	Continental United States
CONUSA/RDC	Continental United States Army/Regional Defense Command
Cookie	Cadet Hat Device (Slang)
COP	Certificate of Proficiency (Level 2 Senior Member Award)
COP or Cadet COP	Certificate of Proficiency (Cadet Award) (Pre 1964)
COS	Cadet Officer School
Cover	A cap or hat worn with different USAF or CAP style uniforms
COY	Cadet of the Year
CP	Check Pilot
CP	Cadet Programs or Cadet Training (Office Symbol)
CPFT	Cadet Physical Fitness Training
CPPT	Cadet Protection Policy Training
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CQ	Charge of Quarters
CRM	Crew Resource Management
Crossfield Award	Annual award established by A. Scott Crossfield to recognize outstanding AE teachers
Crown Circle	National Congress award for AE leadership
CRSC	Chaplain Service Region Staff College
CS	Constant Speed Propeller

<i>Word or Phrase</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
CS	Chief of Staff (Office Symbol)
CSAC	Chaplain Service Advisory Council
CSM	Cadet Sponsor Membership
CSR	Chaplain Service Roster
CTAF	Combined Terminal Airport Frequency (see Unicom)
CTCSS	Continuous Tone-Coded Squelch System
Cumulo granite	A cloud enshrouded mountain
CV	Vice Commander (Office Symbol)
CVR	Cockpit Voice Recorder
DA	Administration Officer or Director (Office Symbol)
DAE	Wing Director of Aerospace Education
DCC	Deputy Commander of Cadets - Assigned by Squadron Commander
DCP	Wing Director of Cadet Programs
DCS	Deputy Chief of Staff
DCS/AE	Deputy Chief of Staff/Aerospace Education - Region Director of AE
DD-124	Official document given to members of the Armed Forces on their separation from duty
Deadhead crew	Second Crew - a crew resting
Deep Kimchi	Big Trouble
Delta	Phonetic Alphabet for "D"
DEMA	Delaware Emergency Management Agency (Delaware Wing)
Desk Jockeys	Members that do not fly
DEWG	Delaware Wing
DF	Direction Finding
Diamond Flight	Delaware Wing Radio Tactical Call Sign
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Dining In	A social dinner for the commander and his officers only
Dining Out	A social dinner for officers that includes their spouses or dates
Disneyland East	The Pentagon
DME	Distance Measuring Equipment
DO	Operations Officer or Director (Office Symbol)

<i>Word or Phrase</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
DOC	Counterdrug Officer or Director (Office Symbol)
DoD or DOD	Department of Defense
DoDD	Department of Defense Directive
DOK	Communications Officer or Director (Office Symbol)
DOMS	Army Director of Military Support
Doolie	First year cadet
DOS	Emergency Services Officer or Director (Office Symbol)
Double dipper	A retired service member working in civil service
Double-digit midget	Less than 100 days left on station
DOV	Standardization/Evaluation Officer (Office Symbol)
Down East	Maine Wing Tactical Call Sign
DP	Personnel Officer or Director (Office Symbol)
DR	Disaster Relief under Emergency Services Program
DRMO	Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office
DRU(s)	Direct Reporting Unit(s)
DSM	Distinguished Service Medal
E-1 thru E-9	Pay grades for Airman Basic through Chief Master Sergeant
Eagle Fly's	Cadet Orientation Flights (SC Wing)
Eaker	Ira A. Eaker Award (Phase 4 Cadet Award)
Earhart	Amelia Earhart Award (Phase 3 Cadet Award)
Echo	Phonetic Alphabet for "E"
ECI	USAF Extension Course Institute
ECLS	Enhanced Cadet Leadership School (VA Wing)
EDCSA	Effective Date of Change of Strength Accountability (old military term)
e-forms	CAP forms that are completed on the computer and e-mailed with appropriate approvals.
EIN	Employer Identification Number (CAP EIN is 75-6037853)
EI Tee	2d Lieutenant
ELT	Emergency Locator Transmitter
EMC	Emergency Management Coordinator
EMP	Engine Management Program

<i>Word or Phrase</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
EMP	Electromagnetic Pulse
EMS	Emergency Medical Service
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
Encampment	A Summer training environment for cadets. May be longer. May be on a military or state facility,
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPIRB	Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon
EPLO	Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (USAF)
ES	Emergency Services
ESCAP	Emergency Security Control of Air Traffic
ET	Education and Training Officer or Director (Office Symbol)
ETA	Aerospace Education Officer or Director (Office Symbol)
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival
ETD	Estimated Time of Departure
ETE	Estimated Time Enroute
ETS	Senior Program Officer or Senior Training (Office Symbol)
EXPLAN	Exercise Plan
FAA	Federal Aviation Agency
Face time	Getting in to see the boss
Fangs out	A gung-ho pilot itching for a mission
FAR	Federal Aviation Regulations
Farts and Darts	Clouds and lightning on service hats
FBO	Fixed Base Operator
FC	Flight Crew
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FECA	Federal Employee Compensation Act
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
Field Grade	2d Lt through Captain
FIGMO	Forget It, Got My Orders
File 13	Trash can

<i>Word or Phrase</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
Firebrand	Hawaii Wing Tactical Call Sign
First shirt	A unit's first sergeant
First Termer	A member in the first year
Florida CAP	Florida Wing Tactical Call Sign
Fly boy	Pilot
Flying a desk	Staff members
Flying in the Weeds	Flying an aircraft low
FM	Finance Officer or Director (Office Symbol)
FM or VHF-FM	Frequency Modulation 2 Meter Radio
FO	Flight Officer
FOA(s)	Field Operating Agency(ies)
FOD	Foreign Object Damage
FORSCOM	Commander, Forces Command
Fort Fumble	The Pentagon
FOUO	For Official Use Only
Foxtrot	Phonetic Alphabet for "F"
FP	Fixed Pitch Propeller
FPC	Finger Print Card
Free State	Maryland Wing Radio Tactical Call Sign
FRO	Flight Release Officer
Frog	Clutch back (Slang)
Fruit salad	A chest full of ribbons
FSDO	Flight Standards District Office
FSFO	Flight Standards Field Office
FSS	Flight Service Station
FTCA	Federal Tort Claims Act
FTX	Field Training Exercise
FUBAR	Fouled Up Beyond All Repair
Fudge Factory	The Pentagon
Full-bird	Colonel, silver eagles

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

GADO	General Aviation District Office
Garber	Paul E. Garber Award (Level 4 Senior Member Award)
GC	Ground Crew
Gen	General (4 stars)
General of the Air Force	5-star General; used only during wartime
Georgia	Georgia Wing Tactical Call Sign
Getting mopped up	Donning chemical warfare gear
GI	Government Issue - American service member
GI Party	Massive cleaning of an office or dormitory
Giant voice	Public address system
GIB	Guy in Back
Gig Line	Button front edge of the shirt, the outside of the belt buckle and the edge of the fly will align.
GLR	Great Lakes Region
GMD-6D	Desk Jockey answer to "What do you fly?" - Gray metal desk, 6 drawers!
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time
Go get a yard of flightline	A spurious errand for new recruits
Go-fors	Wild Goose Chase
Goldenrod	Alabama Wing Tactical Call Sign
Golf	Phonetic Alphabet for "G"
Gooney Bird	C-47
Gopher	Wild Goose Chase (Slang)
GPS	Global Positioning System
Grade	Grade is a major step in the promotion structure or program; several individuals can have the same grade.
Grasslands	South Dakota Wing Tactical Call Sign
Gray and Whites	White Aviator Shirt with Gray Slacks/Skirt with Gray Epaulets (Slang)
Grid	Standardized Sectional Aeronautical Chart Grid and Identification System
Ground hogs	Ground team or members that do not fly
Ground Pounder(s)	Ground Team member(s) (Slang)
GT	Ground Team
GTL	Ground Team Leader

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

GUMP	Gas, undercarriage, mixture, prop (Slang)
HAG	Headquarters Advisory Group
Hawk Mountain	Hawk Mountain Ranger School - PA Wing
HC	Chaplain (Office Symbol)
Headaches	A journalist
HeadCAP	National Headquarters Tactical Call Sign
Heavy Aircraft	Weigh 12,500 pounds or more
Hedgehop	Flying an aircraft low
HHC	Hall of Honor Committee
High Plains	Wyoming Wing Tactical Call Sign
Hill CAP	West Virginia Wing Radio Tactical Call Sign
Hill Thunder	Congressional Squadron Tactical Call Sign
HIRL	High Intensity Runway Lights
Hitch	Years in service
Hitting the Silk	WWII slang for parachuting from an aircraft
HLS	Homeland Security Missions
Hooch	Room(s) where you stay the night on a military base
Hot turn	A quick turn around for an aircraft - to service an aircraft quickly and get it airborne again
Hotel	Phonetic Alphabet for "H"
HQ	Headquarters
HQ CAP	Headquarters Civil Air Patrol
HUD	Heads-up display
Hurry up and wait	The pace of military operations
Hz	Hertz
IACE	International Air Cadet Exchange
IAS	Indicated Airspeed
IC	Incident Commander
ICC	Instrument Competency Check
IFR	Instrument Flight Rules
IG	Inspector (Office Symbol)

<i>Word or Phrase</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
ILS	Instrument Landing System
IMA	Individual Mobilization Augmentee
IMC	Instrument Metrological Condition
Incident	An event or series of events during a CAP activity that meets Reportable Mishap criteria, not aircraft Accident
India	Phonetic Alphabet for "I"
Iowa CAP	Iowa Wing Tactical Call Sign
IP	Instructor Pilot
IPC	Instrument Proficiency Check
IS	Information Systems
ISAR	Inland Search and Rescue School
IT	Information Technology
ITU	International Telecommunications Union
JA	Legal Officer (Office Symbol)
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
Jefferson	Virginia Wing Radio Tactical Call Sign
JIB	Joint Information Bureau
JKAP	Joint Key Assets Protection
JRCC	Joint Rescue Coordination Center
JROTC	Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps
JSAC	Joint State Area Command
Juliet	Phonetic Alphabet for "J"
Kentucky CAP	Kentucky Wing Tactical Call Sign
kHz	Kilohertz
Kidney Patch	Bullion or heavy metal CAP Seal worn on the Mess Dress Uniform (Slang)
Kilo	Phonetic Alphabet for "K"
Land of the Big BX	Stateside
Langley or Scott	AFRCC
LANTCOM	Atlantic Command - Puerto Rico Search Area
LCD	Liquid-crystal Display
LDC	Land Defense of CONUS

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

LED	Light-emitting Diode
Level I	Introduction - First level of Senior Member Training
Level II	Technical Training - 2nd level of Senior Member Training
Level III	Management - 3rd level of Senior Member Training
Level IV	Command and Staff - 4th level of Senior Member Training
Level V	Executive - 5th level of Senior Member Training
LG	Logistics Officer or Director (Office Symbol)
LGM	Maintenance Officer (Office Symbol)
LGS	Supply Officer (Office Symbol)
LGT	Transportation Officer (Office Symbol)
Light Aircraft	Weigh less than 12,500 pounds
Light Bird	Lieutenant Colonel
Lima	Phonetic Alphabet for "L"
LIRL	Low Intensity Runway Lights
LLAG	Legislative Liaison Advisory group
LNCO	Liaison Non-Commissioned Officer (Office Symbol)
LO	Liaison Officer (Office Symbol)
Loening	Grover Loening Award (Level 3 Senior Member Award)
loran	Long-range Navigation
Louie	2d Lieutenant
Louie	2d Lieutenant
L'Per	Brand name of equipment used to locate an ELT
LR	Liaison Region used with region abbreviation- MELR (Office Symbol)
LRT	Land Rescue Team "Be a LRT, the world needs more LRTs" - No longer valid
LSB	Lower Side Band
Lt Col	Lieutenant Colonel (LTC is Army style)
Lt Gen	Lieutenant General (3 stars)
MAC	Military Airlift Command
MACA	Military Assistance to Civil Authorities
Mag	Magnetic

<i>Word or Phrase</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
mag	Magnetic
Maj	Major (MAJ is Army style)
Maj Gen	Major General (2 stars)
MAJCOM(s)	Major Command(s)
MC	Mission Coordinator
MCP	Mission Check Pilot
MCSS	Military Clothing Sales Store
MDWG	Maryland Wing
Media puke	A journalist
MEMA	Maryland Emergency Management Agency (Maryland Wing)
MER	Middle East Region
MER SAR	Middle East Region Search and Rescue College
MERCC	Middle East Region Cadet Competition
MHz	Megahertz
MIA	Missing in Action
Middle East	Middle East Region Radio Tactical Call Sign
mike	Microphone
Mike	Phonetic Alphabet for "M"
Milk run	Uneventful flight
MIMS	Member Information Management System
MIRL	Medium Intensity of Runway Lights
Missing Link	2d Lieutenant
Missouri CAP	Missouri Wing Tactical Call Sign
Mitchell	General Billy Mitchell Award (Phase 2 Cadet Award)
MKB	Marker Beacon
MLO	Moral Leadership Officer
MML	Monthly Membership Listing
Mockingbird	Mississippi Wing Tactical Call Sign
MOGAS	Automotive Fuel
Monkey suit	Uniform

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MP	Mission Pilot
MSA	Military Support Authorization
MSCD	Military Support to Civil Defense
MSgt	Master Sergeant
MSL	Mean Sea Level
NABER	National Association of Business Emergency Radio
NAC	National Advisory Council
NAF	Numbered Air Force
Narragansett	Rhode Island Wing Tactical Call Sign
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NatCap	National Capital Wing Radio Tactical Call Sign
NatCap or DC	National Capital Wing
National Congress	National Congress on Aviation and Space Education
NCAC	National Chaplain Administrative Committee
NCAC	National Cadet Advisory Council
NCASE	National Congress on Aviation and Space Education
NCC	National Cadet Competition
NCMAF	National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces
NCO	Noncommissioned Officer
NCO Club	Non-commissioned Officers' Club
NCPC	National Cadet Program Committee
NCPSC	National Check Pilot Standardization Course
NCR	North Central Region
NCS	Net Control Station
NCS	National Communications System
NCSA	National Cadet Special Activities
NCWG	North Carolina Wing
NDRN	National Digital Radio Network
NEC	National Executive Committee

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

NECN	National Emergency Communications Network
NER	Northeast Region
Net	CAP Communications Network
NFA	National Flight Academy (98 and after)
NFC	National Finance Committee
NFE	National Flight encampment (pre-98)
NGB	National Guard Bureau
NGE	National Glider Encampment
NGSAR	National Ground Search and Rescue School
NINQ	National Inquiry for members' membership information
NLOG	National Legal Officers' College
NLT	Not Later Than
NOC	The CAP National Operations Center
North Central	North Central Region Tactical Call Sign
NOTAM	Notice to Airmen
November	Phonetic Alphabet for "N"
NSAR	National Search and Rescue School
NSC	National Staff College
NTIA	National Telecommunications Information Agency
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
NTSB	The National Transportation Safety Board
NUDET	Nuclear Detonation
Number One	Very Good
Number Ten	Very Bad
Nylon letdown	parachuting from an aircraft
O Club	Officers' Club
O Flight(s)	Cadet Orientation Flight(s)
O-1 thru O-10	Pay grades for 2d Lt through Gen
OBS	Observer
OD	Officer of the Day

<i>Word or Phrase</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
O-dark-30	Early in the morning - before sunrise
OG	Olive Green
OI	Operating Instructions
Oil Well	Oklahoma Wing Tactical Call Sign
On the carpet	Called to the Commander's office (the only one that had carpet)
OP	Orientation Pilot
OPLAN	Operational Plan
OPR	Office of Primary Responsibility
Ops	Operations
ORM	Operational Risk Management
Oscar	Phonetic Alphabet for "O"
OTS	Officers Training School
P.L.	Public Law
PA	Personnel Authorization
PACOM	Pacific Command - Hawaii Search Area
PacR	Pacific Region
PAO or PA	Public Affairs Officer (Office Symbol)
Papa	Phonetic Alphabet for "P"
Patriot	Massachusetts Wing Tactical Call Sign
PCA	Permanent Change of Assignment
PCL	Pilot Controlled Lights
PCS	Permanent move
PDA	Public display of affection
PDO	Professional Development Officer
PDR	Professional Development Report
Peace Garden	North Dakota Wing Tactical Call Sign
Pencil pushers	Members that do not fly
Pencils	A journalist
Penguins	Ground team or members that do not fly
Penn CAP	Pennsylvania Wing Tactical Call Sign

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

Phase I	The Learning Phase - 1st phase of Cadet Training
Phase II	The Leadership Phase - 2nd phase of Cadet Training
Phase III	The Command Phase - 3rd phase of Cadet Training
Phase IV	The Executive Phase - 4th phase of Cadet Training
PIC	Pilot in Command
Pickle Suit(s)	Solid Green Fatigues (Slang)
PJOC	Pararescue Orientation Course
PL	Participation Letter
PLB	Personal Locator Beacon
PME	Professional Military Education
POA	Plan of Action
POAC	Privately Owned Aircraft
POM	Program Objective Memorandum
Poopie Suit	The blue coveralls for officers & crew in a US nuclear-powered submarine; the water survival suit worn by pilots
POV	Privately Owned Vehicle
POW	Prisoner of War
POW/MIA	Prisoner of War/Missing in Action
PP	Present Position
PPP	Pilot Proficiency Program
PSA	Public Service Announcement
PT	Physical Training
PTT	Push to Talk
Pucker factor	Level of anxiety
Puerto Rico CAP	Puerto Rico Wing Tactical Call Sign
Puke	Somebody in a different assignment of yours
Punch out	Bail out or leaving for the day
Puzzle Place	The Pentagon
QAFA(s)	Quality Air Force Assessment(s)
QAFAs	Quality Air Force Assessments
Quebec	Phonetic Alphabet for "Q"

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

RAC	Reserve Assistance Coordinator
RAC	Reserve Assistance Coordinator
RADEF	Radiological Defense
RADEF	Radiological Defense
Railroad Tracks	Captain's insignia
Ramp	Area used for parking aircraft
Rank	Show seniority; no two persons in a grade have the same rank - one is always senior to the other.
RCLS	Region Cadet Leadership School
RCS	Reports Control System
RDAE	Liaison Region Director of Aerospace Education
Red Cloud	Nebraska Wing Tactical Call Sign
Red Dragon	New Jersey Wing Tactical Call Sign
Red Fire	Indiana Wing Tactical Call Sign
Red Fox	Illinois Wing Tactical Call Sign
Red Robin	Michigan Wing Tactical Call Sign
Red Rock	Arizona Wing Tactical Call Sign
Red Thunder	Ohio Wing Tactical Call Sign
REDCAP	Actual (Real) Mission
RHIP	Rank Has Its Privileges
RMR	Rocky Mountain Region
ROA	Radio Operator's Authorization
Romeo	Phonetic Alphabet for "R"
ROP	Radio Operator's Permit
RoS	Report of Survey
ROTC	Reserve Officer Training Corps
RSC	Region Staff College
RST	Required Staff Training
Runarounds	Wild Goose Chase
SAC	Strategic Air Command
SAF	Secretary of the Air Force

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

Sandlapper	South Carolina Wing Radio Tactical Call Sign
SAR	Search and Rescue
SARCAP	Practice Mission
SARDA	State and Regional Disaster Airlift
SAREVAL	Search and Rescue Evaluation (once a year by Region Air Force Liaison Officers)
SAREX	Search and Rescue Exercise
SARSAT	Search & Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking
SAV	Staff Assistance Visit
SB	Side Band
SBE	Society of Broadcast Engineers
SCAC	Space Camp/Aviation Challenge
SCATANA	Security Control of Air Traffic and Air Navigation Aids
SCN	Scanner
SCWG	South Carolina Wing
SDIS	Satellite-transmitted Digital Imaging System
SE	Safety Officer or Director (Office Symbol)
Sectional	Aeronautical Chart(s)
SER	Southeast Region
SFO	Senior Flight Officer
Sgt or SGT	Sergeant (SGT is Army Style - USAF uses Sgt)
SHARES	Shared Resources
Shavetail	Second Lieutenant
Ship Rock	New Mexico Wing Tactical Call Sign
Short	ready to leave unit
SIC	Second in Command
Sierra	Phonetic Alphabet for "S"
Sierra Hotel	Super Hot
SII	Special Interest Item
Silver State	Nevada Wing Tactical Call Sign
SITREP	Situation Reports provided from wings to NOC and Air Force agencies when requested

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

Skate	Not working hard on job
Skid Lid	Male Service Hat (Slang)
Skyhooks	A spurious errand for new recruits
Slick sleeve	A member without grade
Sling Shots	Shirt Garters (Slang)
SLS	Squadron Leadership School
SM	Senior Member
SMSgt	Senior Master Sergeant
SMTR	Senior Member Training Report
Smurf Suit	CAP Blue Jumpsuit (Slang)
SNAFU	Situation Normal, All Fouled Up
SNCO	Senior Noncommissioned Officer
SO	Medical Officer (Office Symbol)
SOAP	Spectrometric Oil Analysis Program
SOM	Squadron of Merit
SOS	Squadron Officer School
Sourdough	Alaska Wing Tactical Call Sign
Southeast CAP	Southeast Region Tactical Call Sign
SOW	Statement of Work
SP	Security Police
Spaatz	General Carl A. Spaatz Award (Highest Training Cadet Award)
Spaatz Cadet	A cadet that has received his Spaatz Award
Special Acts	Cadet Special Activities
Sqn or SQ	Squadron
SSB or HF-SSB	Single Side Band Radio
SSgt	Staff Sergeant
STAR	Standard Terminal Arrival Route
Star Garnet	Idaho Wing Tactical Call Sign
STARC	State Area Command
Starfish	Minnesota Wing Tactical Call Sign

<i>Word or Phrase</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
State Director	Federal employee who is a liaison between Region Liaison Officer and Wing (formerly LO)
STR	Senior Training Report
SWR	Southwest Region
TA	Transportation Authorization
TAC	Tactical Air Command
Tango	Phonetic Alphabet for "T"
Target-rich environment	More than one target in an area
Tarmac	A word used only by TV newsmen instead of ramp or apron
TAS	True Airspeed
TCO	Test Control Officer
TDY	Temporary Duty
TEMPEST RAPID I	Natural Disaster Resource Employment Report
TEMPEST RAPID III	Natural Disaster Relief Final Report
Tennessee CAP	Tennessee Wing Tactical Call Sign
Texas CAP	Texas Wing Tactical Call Sign
TFO	Technical Flight Officer
The World	The United States
TLC	Training Leaders of Cadets
Tracker	Brand name of Finnish hand-held DF equipment
Trained Bears	Guy in Back - backseaters
Tramac	A word used only by TV newsmen instead of ramp or apron
TSgt	Technical Sergeant
Turn and burn	A quick turn around for an aircraft - to service an aircraft quickly and get it airborne again
Turtle	Clutch back (Slang)
U.S.C.	United States Code
UCC	Unit Commanders Course
UHF	Ultrahigh Frequency
Uncle Mike	Utah Wing Tactical Call Sign
Unicom	Radio Frequency used at uncontrolled airports
Uniform	Phonetic Alphabet for "U"

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

Unit	The term for the organizational component - squadron, group, wing, region, etc.
USA	Unit Self-Assessment
USAF	United States Air Force
USAF (Ret)	United States Air Force (Retired)
USAFA	United States Air Force Academy
USAFR	United States Air Force Reserves
USB	Upper Side Band
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USMC	United States Marine Corps
USN	United States Navy
VAWG	Virginia Wing
Vermont CAP	Vermont Wing Tactical Call Sign
VFR	Visual Flight Rules
VHF	Very High Frequency
Victor	Phonetic Alphabet for "V"
VNR	VFR not recommended
VOQ	Visiting Officers' Quarters
VOR	VHF Omidirectional Range Station
VOX	Voice
Vr	Rotate speed
Vx	Best angle of climb
Vy	Best rate of climb
WAG	Wing Assessment Guide
Washington CAP	Washington Wing Tactical Call Sign
Web Gear	Web Belt including all items on it - Used by Ground Teams
Western	Pacific Region Tactical Call Sign
WFA	Wing Financial Analyst
WG	Wing - used in conjunction with the two letter abbreviation of that wing/state
WGHQ	Wing Headquarters
White Peak	New York Wing Tactical Call Sign

Word or Phrase***Meaning***

Whitewalls	A hair cut high about the ears
Wild Wood	Arkansas Wing Tactical Call Sign
Wilson	Gill Robb Wilson Award (Level 5 Senior Member Award)
Wing Nuts	Pilot
Wing weenies	Ground team or members that do not fly
Whiskey	Phonetic Alphabet for "W"
Wizzo	Backseaters
WMIRS	Web Mission Information Reporting System
WRC	Wing Reserve Coordinator
WSA	Web Security Administrator
WVWG	West Virginia Wing
Xceiver	Transceiver
XP	Plans and Programs (Office Symbol)
X-Ray	Phonetic Alphabet for "X"
Yankee	Phonetic Alphabet for "Y"
Yankin' and bankin'	Aggressive aerial maneuvers
Yeager	Brig Gen Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Award (Senior Member Award)
Yellow Brick	Kansas Wing Tactical Call Sign
Yosemite	California Wing Tactical Call Sign
Zoomies	Pilot
ZULU	Coordinated Universal Time/time Zone for GMT
Zulu	Phonetic Alphabet for "Z"