

# MARINE CORPS ACRONYMS

AAV	Amphibious Assault Vehicle
ACE	Aviation Combat Element
ACMC	Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps
AC	Active Component
AD	Active Duty
ADSW	Active Duty for Special Work
ALMAR	All Marine Corps Activities
APF	Appropriated Funds
AR	Active Reserve
ARC	American Red Cross
ASAP	As Soon As Possible
ATFP	Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection
BAH	Basic Allowance for Housing
BAS	Basic Allowance for Subsistence
BEQ	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters
BLT	Battalion Landing Team
BN	Battalion
BOD	Board of Directors
BOQ	Bachelor Officer Quarters
BUMED	Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
C4I	Command, Control, Communication, Computer & Intelligence
CAC	Consolidated Administration Center (ConAd)
CACO	Casualty Assistance Calls Officer
CACP	Casualty Assistance Calls Program
CCUS	Childcare in a Unit Setting
CDC	Child Development Center
CE	Command Element
CG	Commanding General
CMA	Clothing Maintenance Allowance
CMC	Commandant of the Marine Corps
CNO	Chief of Naval Operations
CO	Commanding Officer
COLA	Cost of Living Allowance
COMRATS	Commuted Rations
CONUS	Continental United States
COSC	Combat Operational Stress Continuum
CREDO	Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation
CSSE	Combat Service Support Element
CWO	Chief Warrant Officer
DECA	Defense Commissary Agency

DEERS.....Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System  
 DET .....Detachment (of a larger organization)  
 DI .....Drill Instructor  
 DIV.....Division  
 DLA .....Dislocation Allowance  
 DoD.....Department of Defense  
 DODEA.....Department of Defense Education Activity (Installation Schools)  
 DON.....Department of the Navy  
 DPAC..... Division Personnel Administrative Center  
 DSN.....Defense Switching Network (the military phone system)  
 DVA.....Department of Veterans Affairs  
 EAOS ..... End of Active Obligated Service  
 EAS .....Expiration of Active Service  
 ECC..... Expiration of Current Contract  
 EFMP .....Exceptional Family Member Program  
 EIDS.....Educational & Developmental Intervention Services  
 EML ..... Environmental and Moral Leave  
 ETA..... Estimated Time of Arrival  
 ETD.....Estimated Time of Departure  
 EWC..... Enlisted Wives' Club  
 EWS ..... Expeditionary Warfare School (formerly AWS)  
 FAP ..... Family Advocacy Program or Fleet Assistance Program  
 FCC .....Family Childcare  
 FEML..... Family Environmental and Morale Leave  
 FMEAP ..... Family Member Employment Assistance Program  
 FMF..... Fleet Marine Force (“The Fleet”)  
 FRA..... Family Readiness Assistant  
 FRC ..... Family Readiness Committee  
 FRO..... Family Readiness Officer  
 FSA .....Family Separation Allowance  
 FTE ..... Full Time Employee  
 G-1 .....Group/Regiment/Division Manpower (Admin)  
 G-2 .....Group/Regiment/Division Intelligence  
 G-3 ..... Group/Regiment/Division Operations  
 G-4 ..... Group/Regiment/Division Logistics  
 G-5 ..... Group/Regiment/Division Plans  
 G-6 ..... Group/Regiment/Division Communications Electronics  
 GCE..... Ground Combat Element  
 GPAC.....Group Personnel Administration Center  
 GSA.....General Service Administration  
 HM\*\* .....Refers to Helicopter squadron (e.g., HMM-264)  
 HMH ..... Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron  
 HMM..... Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron

HMLA..... Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron  
 HMX1..... Helicopter Squadron One  
 HQMC..... Headquarters, Marine Corps  
 IA..... Individual Augmentee  
 IADT..... Initial Active Duty for Training  
 I/IADT..... Incremental Initial Active Duty for Training  
 IATS..... Integrated Automated Travel System  
 IG..... Inspector General  
 I&I..... Inspector & Instructor (Reserve Unit Staff)  
 I&L..... Installation & Logistics  
 I&R..... Information & Referral  
 IMA..... Individual Mobilization Augmentee (or called an IA)  
 IPAC..... Installation Personnel Administration Center  
 IRR..... Individual Ready Reserve  
 ITT..... Information, Tickets & Tours  
 ITX..... Integrated Training Exercise  
 JAG..... Judge Advocate General  
 JRC..... Joint Reception Center  
 LADD..... Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion  
 L.I.N.K.S..... Lifestyle Insights, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills  
 LDO..... Limited Duty Officer  
 LES..... Leave & Earnings Statement  
 LZ..... Landing Zone  
 M&RA..... Manpower and Reserve Affairs  
 MACG..... Marine Air Control Group  
 MACS..... Marine Air Control Squadron  
 MAG..... Marine Aircraft Group  
 MAGTF..... Marine Air/Ground Task Force  
 MALS..... Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron  
 MARADMIN..... Marine Administration Message  
 MARCENT..... Marine Corps Forces Central Command  
 MARCORCOM..... Marine Corps Forces Command  
 MARFOREUR/AF..... Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa  
 MARFORPAC..... Marine Forces Pacific  
 MARFORRES..... Marine Forces Reserve  
 MARFORSOUTH..... Marine Corps Forces South  
 MARSOC..... Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command  
 MLG..... Marine Logistics Group  
 MARS..... Military Affiliated Radio Station  
 MASS..... Marine Air Support Squadron  
 MAW..... Marine Aircraft Wing  
 MCAS..... Marine Corps Air Station  
 MCB..... Marine Corps Base

MCBULL.....Marine Corps Bulletin  
 MCCDC .....Marine Corps Combat Development Command  
 MCCS .....Marine Corps Community Services  
 MCFTB ..... Marine Corps Family Team Building  
 MCICOM.....Marine Corps Installation Command  
 MCI-East.....Marine Corps Installations East  
 MCI-West .....Marine Corps Installations West  
 MCLB ..... Marine Corps Logistics Base  
 MCO ..... Marine Corps Order  
 MCR.....Marine Corps Reserve  
 MCRC.....Marine Corps Recruiting Command  
 MCRD.....Marine Corps Recruit Depot  
 MCT .....Marine Combat Training  
 MCTFS ..... Marine Corps Total Force System  
 MCU .....Marine Corps University  
 MCX .....Marine Corps Exchange  
 MEB.....Marine Expeditionary Brigade  
 MED.....Mediterranean (generally a cruise/float)  
 MEF ..... Marine Expeditionary Force  
 MEU.....Marine Expeditionary Unit  
 MEU (SOC) ..... Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable)  
 MFR ..... Marine Forces Reserve  
 MFZ ..... HQMC, MR Division, Family Readiness Branch  
 MOA .....Memorandum of Agreement  
 MOL.....Marine On Line  
 MORDT ..... Mobilization Operational Readiness Deployment Test  
 MOS ..... Military Occupational Specialty  
 MP ..... Military Police  
 MR ..... Personal and Family Readiness Division (HQMC)  
 MREs ..... Meals, Ready-to-Eat  
 MSB .....Mobilization Support Battalion  
 MSC .....Major Subordinate Command  
 MCESG.....Marine Corps Embassy Security Group  
 MTACS.....Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron  
 MWCS ..... Marine Wing Communications Squadron  
 MWSG ..... Marine Wing Support Group  
 MWSS.....Marine Wing Support Squadron  
 NAF.....Nonappropriated Funds  
 NAFI .....Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentality  
 NCIS ..... Naval Criminal Investigative Service  
 NCO ..... Noncommissioned Officer  
 NCOIC ..... Noncommissioned Officer in Charge  
 NCR.....National Capital Region

NDSP.....Non-DoD Schools Program  
 NJP ..... Non-Judicial Punishment  
 NMCRS..... Navy Marine Corps Relief Society  
 NMFA ..... National Military Family Association  
 NPSP ..... New Parent Support Program  
 OSC..... Operational Stress Continuum  
 OSD.....Office of the Secretary of Defense  
 OCONUS ..... Outside the Continental United States  
 OCS.....Officer Candidate School  
 OEF ..... Operation Enduring Freedom  
 OIC..... Officer in Charge  
 OIF .....Operation Iraqi Freedom  
 OIT .....On-Installation Trainer  
 OOD ..... Officer of the Day  
 O&M ..... Operation and Maintenance  
 OPS ..... Operations  
 OQR ..... Officer Qualification Record  
 ORB .....Officer Retention Board  
 PAO.....Public Affairs Office  
 PCS .....Permanent Change of Station  
 PDS ..... Permanent Duty Station  
 PFT.....Physical Fitness Test  
 PME ..... Professional Military Education  
 PMO.....Provost Marshal’s Office  
 POA.....Power of Attorney  
 POC..... Point of Contact  
 POM.....Program Objective Memorandum  
 POV..... Privately Owned Vehicle  
 PP&O .....Plans, Policies & Operations  
 P&PD.....Personal and Professional Development  
 P&R.....Programs and Resources  
 PREP ..... Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program  
 PSC .....Personal Services Center  
 PT ..... Physical Training  
 PTAD .....Permissive TAD  
 PTSD.....Post Traumatic Stress Disorder  
 PWST ..... Peacetime, Wartime Support Team  
 QOL .....Quality of Life  
 RC ..... Reserve Component  
 RED.....Record of Emergency Data  
 REGT ..... Regiment  
 RLT .....Regimental Landing Team  
 RON.....Remain Overnight

RPG..... Rocket Propelled Grenade  
RS..... Recruiting Station  
RSS ..... Recruiting Substation  
RTC..... Reserve Training Center  
S-1 ..... Squadron/Battalion Manpower (Administration)  
S-2..... Squadron/Battalion Intelligence  
S-3..... Squadron/Battalion Operations  
S-4..... Squadron/Battalion Logistics  
S-6 ..... Squadron/Battalion Communications Electronics  
SAC..... School Age Care  
SACC ..... Substance Abuse Counseling Center  
SACO..... Substance Abuse Control Officer  
SAR..... Search and Rescue  
SATO ..... Scheduled Airlines Traffic Office  
SBP ..... Survivor Benefit Plan  
SDO..... Staff (or Squadron) Duty Officer  
SECDEF..... Secretary of Defense  
SECNAV..... Secretary of the Navy  
SERAD ..... Selective Early Release from Active Duty  
SF ..... Standard Form  
SGLI..... Servicemembers Group Life Insurance  
SITES..... Standard Information Topic Exchange Service (Installation information)  
SJA..... Staff Judge Advocate  
SMCR ..... Selected Marine Corps Reserve  
SMMC..... Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps  
SNCO ..... Staff Noncommissioned Officer  
SQDN..... Squadron  
SRB ..... Service Record Book  
SSN ..... Social Security Number  
TAD ..... Temporary Additional Duty  
TBD..... To Be Determined  
TBS ..... The Basic School  
TECOM..... Training and Education Command  
TLA..... Temporary Lodging Allowance  
TLF ..... Temporary Lodging Facility  
TRP ..... Transition Readiness Program  
DMO ..... Traffic Management Office  
T/E..... Table of Equipment  
T/O ..... Table of Organization  
TOS ..... Time on Station  
TR ..... Transportation Request or Transfer  
UA..... Unauthorized Absence  
UCMJ..... Uniform Code of Military Justice

UFM.....Uniform Funding and Management  
UPFRP .....Unit, Personal and Family Readiness Program  
USA.....Utilization, Support, and Accountability (Practice)  
USC.....United States Code  
VA.....Veterans Affairs  
VMGR..... Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron  
VMM..... Marine Medium Tiltrotor (e.g., VMM 263)  
WestPac..... Western Pacific  
WIC..... Women, Infants, and Children (nutritional support program)  
WO.....Warrant Officer  
WTI.....Weapons and Tactics Instructor  
XO.....Executive Officer