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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

AF	Air Force
AFB	Air Force Base
AFSTRIKE	Air Force Strike
AIG	Adjutant or Assistant Inspector General
AIRDIV	Air Division
ALP	Australian Labor Party
Amb.	Ambassador
AP	Associated Press
ARVN	Army, Republic of Vietnam
BLT	battalion landing team
ChiComs	Chinese Communists
CHJUSMAG	Chairman, Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CINCAL	Commander-in-Chief, Alaska Command
CINCMEAFSA	Commander-in-Chief, Middle East/Africa South of the Sahara/Southern Asia
CINCPAC	Commander-in-Chief, Pacific
CINCPACFLT	Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet
CINCAFSTRIKE	Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Air Force Strike
CINCUSARPAC	Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army, Pacific
CJCS	Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
CNO	Chief of Naval Operations
COFRAM	controlled fragmentation munitions
COMDESDIV	Commander, DeSoto Division
COMPACFLT	See CINCPACFLT
COM7THFLT	Commander, 7th Fleet
COMUSMACV	Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
COSVN	Central Office of South Vietnam (North Vietnamese High Command in South Vietnam)

CSAF	Chief of Staff, Air Force
CTF	Commander, Task Force
CTG	Commander, Task Group
CTZ	corps tactical zone
CVA	attack aircraft carrier
DEFCON	defense readiness condition
DIW	dead in the water
DMZ	demilitarized zone
DOD	Department of Defense
DRV	Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam)
ENDC	Eighteen Nation Disarmament Committee
FWF	fleet weapons
FY	fiscal year
GNZ	Government of New Zealand
GSA	Government Services Administration
GVN	Government of (South) Vietnam
ICC	International Control Commission
INR	Bureau of Intelligence and Research (State Dept.)
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
JCSM	Joint Chiefs of Staff memorandum
LBJ	President Lyndon Baines Johnson
MACV	Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
MAP	Military Assistance Program
MAROPS	Maritime Operations
MEB	Marine Expeditionary Brigade
Msg.	message
NAB	Naval Air Base
NAC	North Atlantic Council
NAVCOMMSTA	Naval Communication Station
NMCC	National Military Command Center
NR	number
NSAM	National Security Action Memorandum
NSC	National Security Council
NVN	North Vietnam (also DRV)
OPLAN	operations plan
Op. sum	operations summary
OSD	Office of Secretary of Defense
PACAF	Pacific Air Forces
PACOM	Pacific Command

PAVN	People's Army of Vietnam
PGN/P-4	aircraft
PHIL	Philippines
POW	prisoner of war
PT	patrol torpedo boat
PTF	patrol torpedo boat, fast
RLT	regimental landing team
ROKG	Republic of Korea Government
RTG	Royal Thai Government
RVNAF	Republic of Vietnam Air Force
SAM	surface-to-air missile
SAR	sea/air rescue
SC	United Nations Security Council ( <i>also</i> UNSC)
SEA	Southeast Asia
SEATO	South/East Asia Treaty Organization
Sec. Def.	U.S. Secretary of Defense
Sec. State	U.S. Secretary of State
Sit. rep.	situation representation
Sit. sum.	situation summary
SLF	Special Landing Force
SVN	South Vietnam ( <i>also</i> GVN, RVN)
TET	NVN offensive during lunar new year
THAI	Thailand
UN	United Nations
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
UPI	United Press International
USIA	United States Information Agency
USMC	United States Marine Corps
VC	Vietcong
VNCC	Vietnam Command Center
WESTPAC	Western Pacific

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