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## AIR FORCE GLOSSARY

### GLOSSARY - T

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#### ABBREVIATIONS

TA	tactical assessment
TACC	tanker/airlift control center tactical air control center (Navy)
TACON	tactical control
TACP	tactical air control party
TACS	theater air control system
TADC	tactical air direction center (Marine) []
TAG	The Adjutant General
TAGS	theater air-ground system
TAOC	tactical air operations center
TAT	technical assistance teams
TBMCS	theater battle management core system
TCP	theater campaign plan
TDY	temporary duty
TET	targeting effects team
TFC	task force commander
TIC	toxic industrial chemicals
TIM	toxic industrial materials
TJAG	The Judge Advocate General
TLAM	Tomahawk land-attack missile
TMD	theater missile defense
TNL	target nomination list
TPFDD	time-phased force deployment data
TSOC	theater special operations command
TST	time-sensitive target
TT&C	telemetry, tracking, and control
TTP	tactics, techniques, and procedures
TWG	threat working group

## DEFINITIONS

**tactical assessment.** The overall determination of the effectiveness of tactical operations. This consists of several elements: physical damage assessment, functional assessment, munitions effectiveness assessment, estimated damage analysis, lower-intensity conflict assessment, weather effects, and logistic status. Also called **TA**. (Annex 3-0)

**tactical control.** The authority over forces that is limited to the detailed direction and control of movements or maneuvers within the operational area necessary to accomplish missions or tasks assigned. Also called **TACON**. (JP 1)

**tactical doctrine.** Describes the proper employment of specific Air Force assets, individually or in concert with other assets, to accomplish detailed objectives. Tactical doctrine considers particular objectives and conditions and describes how Air Force assets are employed to accomplish the tactical objective. (Volume 1)

**tactical intelligence.** Intelligence required for planning and conduct of tactical operations. (JP 2-01.2)

**tactical level of war.** The level of war at which battles and engagements are planned and executed to accomplish military objectives assigned to tactical units or task forces. (JP 3-0)

**tactical warning.** 1. A warning after initiation of a threatening or hostile act based on an evaluation of information from all available sources. 2. In satellite and missile surveillance, a notification to operational command centers that a specific threat event is occurring. The component elements that describe threat events are as follows: a. country of origin--Country or countries initiating hostilities; b. event type and size--Identification of the type of event and determination of the size or number of weapons; c. country under attack--Determined by observing trajectory of an object and predicting its impact point; and d. event time--Time the hostile event occurred. (JP 1-02)

**tactics.** The employment and ordered arrangement of forces in relation to each other. See also procedures; techniques. (CJCSM 5120.01)

**target.** 1. An entity or object considered for possible engagement or other action. 2. In intelligence usage, a country, area, installation, agency, or person against which intelligence operations are directed. 3. An area designated and numbered for future firing. 4. In gunfire support usage, an impact burst that hits the target. (JP 3-60)

**target audience.** An individual or group selected for influence. (JP 3-13)

**targeteer.** An individual who has completed formal targeting training in an established Service or joint school and participates in the joint targeting cycle in their current duties. (JP 3-60).

**targeting.** The process of selecting and prioritizing targets and matching the appropriate response to them, considering operational requirements and capabilities. . (JP 3-0)

**target nomination list.** A prioritized list of targets drawn from the joint target list and nominated by component commanders, appropriate agencies, or the joint force commander's staff for inclusion on the joint integrated prioritized target list. Also called **TNL**. (JP 3-60)

**task force.** A component of a fleet organized by the commander of a task fleet or higher authority for the accomplishment of a specific task or tasks. Also called TF. (JP 3-32) [1. A temporary grouping of units, under one commander, formed for the purpose of carrying out a specific operation or mission. 2. A semi-permanent organization of units, under one commander, formed for the purpose of carrying out a continuing specific task.] (Annex 3-30) {Words in brackets apply only to the Air Force and are offered for clarity.}

**terrorism.** The unlawful use of violence or threat of violence, often motivated by religious, political, or other ideological beliefs, to instill fear and coerce governments or societies in pursuit of goals that are usually political. See also antiterrorism; combating terrorism; counterterrorism; force protection condition. (JP 3-07.2)

**theater.** The geographical area for which a commander of a combatant command has been assigned responsibility. (JP 1)

**theater of operations.** An operational area defined by the geographic combatant commander for the conduct or support of specific military operations. Also called TO. (JP 3-0)

**theater special operations command.** A subordinate unified command established by a combatant commander to plan, coordinate, conduct, and support joint special operations. Also called **TSOC**. (JP 3-05)

**time-phased force and deployment data.** The time-phased force data, non-unit cargo and personnel data, and movement data for the operation plan or operation order, or ongoing rotation of forces. Also called **TPFDD**. See also time-phased force and deployment list. (JP 5-0)

**time-sensitive target.** A joint force commander designated target requiring immediate response because it is a highly lucrative, fleeting target of opportunity or it poses (or will soon pose) a danger to friendly forces. Also called **TST**. (JP 3-60)

**total force.** The US Air Force organizations, units, and individuals that provide the capabilities to support the Department of Defense in implementing the national security strategy. Total force includes Regular Air Force, Air National Guard of the United States, Air Force Reserve military personnel, US Air Force military retired members, US Air Force civilian personnel (including foreign national direct and indirect-hire, as well as

non-appropriated fund employees), contractor staff, and host-nation support personnel. (AFI 90-1001)

**toxic industrial chemical.** A chemical developed or manufactured for use in industrial operations or research by industry, government, or academia that poses a hazard. Also called **TIC**. (JP 3-11)

**toxic industrial materials.** A generic term for toxic, chemical, biological, or radioactive substances in solid, liquid, aerosolized, or gaseous form that may be used, or stored for use, for industrial, commercial, medical, military, or domestic purposes. Also called **TIM**. (JP 3-11)

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