Military Lingo, Jargon, and Slang Dictionary.

**FRAGO** – (Fragmented Order) A partial operation order or an order issued in sections. Issued on a need to know bases. This procedure is used to enhance security.

**AK** (Avtomat Kalashnikova) An automatic rifle created by Soviet Mikhail Kalashnikov.

**AQI** – Al-Qaeda Intelligence

**BOLO** – acronym for “be on the lookout.”

**cache** – a collection of items of the same type stored in a hidden or inaccessible place.

**CASEVAC** – (Casualty Evacuation) The emergency patient evacuation of casualties from a combat zone done by both ground and air.

**CCP** – (Casualty Collection Point) A location used for triage (sorting), medical stabilization, and subsequent evacuation of casualties.

**CH-46** – The Boeing CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter is used by the US Marine Corps to transports combat troops and supplies, as well as do search and rescue missions, and casualty evacuations.

**CO** – Commanding Officer.

**COP** – (Common Operational Picture) A single identical display of relevant information shared by more than one command that facilitates collaborative planning and assists all echelons to achieve situational awareness. (Continuity of Operation)

**cordon** – a line or circle of soldiers preventing access to or from an area or building.

**DFAC** – (Dining Facility)

**EOD** – (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Personnel with special training and equipment who render explosive ordnance safe, and supervise the safe removal of explosives.
EPW – Enemy Prisoner of War

flak – A flak jacket or flak vest is a form of body armor. A flak jacket is designed to provide protection form case fragments from high explosive weaponry. Flak is a German contraction for fliegerabwehrkanone.

Flashbang – the M84 or stun grenade. An explosive device, non-lethal, used to temporarily disorient an enemy’s senses. The device is designed to produce a blinding flash of light and an intensely loud “bang.” First used by the British Army in the late 1970s.

Flex-cuff – a plastic strip that can be fastened as a restrain around a person's wrists or ankles.

FOB – (Forward Operating Base) An airfield used to support tactical operations without establishing full support facilities.

Dragunov – a Soviet designed semi-automatic sniper/designated marksman rifle

hajji – Military term for person of Arab/Middle Eastern descent.

HSR – (High-availability Seamless Redundancy) An Ethernet communication devise and router solution. Redundancy in this case means duplication of components in electronic or mechanical equipment so that operations can continue following failure of a part.
HUMINT (Human Intelligence) Intelligence gathered by means of interpersonal contact.

IED (Improvised Explosive Device) a simple bomb made and used by unofficial or unauthorized forces.

Insurgent – A person who rises in forcible opposition to lawful authority, especially a person who engages in armed resistance to a government or to the execution of its laws; rebel

IFAK – (Individual First Aid Kit or Improved First Aid Kit) “The IFAK increases individual soldier capabilities to provide Self-Aid / Buddy-Aid and provides interventions for two leading causes of death on the battlefield, severe hemorrhage and inadequate airway. These capabilities increase soldier survivability during dispersed operations.

IP – Iraq Police

Jundi – The Iraqi soldiers. Known to the Marines as jundis, an Arabic term for low-level soldier.

KBR – Kellog, Brown and Root. An engineering and construction subsidiary of Haliburton awarded military contracts

Kevlar – Interceptor vest designed to stop projectiles.

KIA- Killed in Action

klik – Slang for kilometer.

kuffar – means infidel. A highly derogatory Arabic term used to refer to a non-believer of the divinity of Allah or Muhammad as a prophet.

LT – (Lieutenant.) A junior commissioned officer in the armed forces.

M4 – assault rifle

M870 – The Military version of the Remington 870. The M870 is a 12-gauge shotgun used primarily by Special Operations Forces (SOF) and are ideal for close quarters battle (CQB)

mikes – meters

motard – Slang in the United States Marine Corps for one who expresses his/her motivation for the Marine Corps to the point of obnoxiousness.
MRE – (Meal, Ready-to-Eat) A self-contained, individual field ration in lightweight packaging for service members use in combat or other field conditions where organized food facilities are not available.

NCO (non-commissioned officer) A military officer who has not earned a commission but obtained their position of authority by promotion through the enlisted ranks. Often referred to as “the backbone” of the armed services, as they are the primary and most visible leaders for most military personnel. They are primarily responsible for executing a military mission and for training military personnel.

Ops – (Operations) The headquarters or center from which a military action, flights into and out of an airfield, other activities are controlled.

PFC – (Private First Class) A Private First Class is the 2nd rank in the United States marine Corps, ranking above a Private and directly below Lance Corporal.

PPE – (Personal Protective Equipment) Mission-specific protective clothing and equipment provided to shield or isolate selected personnel from a particular chemical, biological, radiological, and some nuclear hazards.

RPK - A light machine gun designed by Soviet Mikhail Kalashnikov

RPG (Russian for Ruchnoi Protivotankovye Granatamyot, but in English the RPG stands for Rocket-Propelled Grenade) – A hand-held anti tank grenade launcher.

SALUTE report – an acronym that stands for Size, Activity, Location, Unit identification, Time, and Equipment. The report is to be brief, accurate and clear.
sand-table diagram – Uses constrained sand to make terrain models for military planning.

SAPI plate – (Small Arms Protective Insert) A ceramic trauma plate used by the United States Armed Forces for protection against higher-velocity rifle rounds.

SITREP – (Situation Report) A report giving the situation in the area or a reporting unit or formation.

SAW gunner (Squad Automatic Weapon) – An individually portable, gas operated, light machine gun. Used by the fire team and squad.

TQ - (Tactical Questioning) The initial questioning for information of immediate tactical value of a captured or detained person at or near the point of capture and before the individual is placed in a detention facility.

TQ BOS – (Tactical Questioning Base Operating Support) Directly assisting, maintaining, supplying and distributing support of forces at the operating location.

UXO – (Unexploded Explosive Ordnance)

WIA – Wounded in Action

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DOD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms
Ranks in the Marine Corps
E-1, Private
E-2, Private First Class
E-3, Lance Corporal
E-4, Corporal
E-5, Sergeant
E-6 Staff Sergeant
E-7, Gunnery Sergeant
E-8, Master Sergeant