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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
CINCMEAFA  Commander-in-Chief, Middle East/Africa South of the Sahara/Southern Asia
CINC PAC  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)
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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 (also 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 (also 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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