



## APSU Green Zone: Military Terminology

**Service Member:** generic term, which encompasses Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve component personnel of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard (currently serving).

**Veteran:** any individual who served in the U.S. military regardless of length, time, and/or location of service.

**Dependents (family members):** a child or spouse of a veteran or service member.

**OIF:** Operation Iraqi Freedom; war engagement in Iraq.

**OEF:** Operation Enduring Freedom; war engagement in Afghanistan.

**MOS/AFSC:** Military Occupational Specialty; a service member's job while in the military.

**Hooah/Hoorah/Oorah:** a phrase used for many different reasons; it can be used to show excitement and/or to identify that you understand an order or command and will comply.

**DFAC/Chow Hall/Mess Hall:** Military term for the Dining Facility/Cafeteria.

**PCS:** it stands for Permanent Change of Station and is used when a service member is relocating to a new duty station.

**ETS:** it stands for Expiration Term of Service and is used when a service member has completed their contracted time with the military.

**Police Call:** term used in the military to get service members to pick up trash from the ground in a determined area, this includes gum, cigarette butts, etc.

**Ate-up:** used to negatively describe a situation in which a person feels like things are not going well or to describe someone with no military bearing (social graces).

**Roger:** denotes understanding or compliance; military version of "okay".

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