

The following are slang terms you may hear during counselling sessions. They are commonly used by members and veterans of the ADF and some terms may be considered offensive in civilian life.

Term	Definition	Term	Definition
A.J.	Army Jerk	Compass Issues	Compassionate issues – when a member is cleared to leave duty for personal issues
Action stations	Navy term for when ship is in danger or going into action, sailors report to designated “action station”	Decompression	Unwind period after duty (completed while still overseas) incl. medical/psych screening
Adgie	Airfield Defence Guard	DRN	Defence Restricted Network
Adrift	A sailor is said to be adrift when he is absent, or late for muster	Durrie or darb	Cigarette
Air Crew	Personnel that crew aircraft e.g. Pilots, Flight Engineers, Navigators and Load masters.	FOB	Forward Operating Base
AMAB	Al Minhad Airbase (located in the UAE)	Going Postal	Shooting spree
AMTG	Al Muthanna Task Group— Australia’s main ground force contribution to the Multinational force in Iraq between 2005-2006	Grunt	‘Government Reject Unfit for Normal Training’ – term coined by other corps about infantry soldiers
ANA	Afghanistan National Army	Guardian Angel duty	Soldiers tasked to watch over Australian Army mentors working with the ANA to keep them safe
ASLAV/PMV	Australian light armoured vehicle/Protected military vehicle	Herc	Short for Hercules aircraft
Base pass	Pass required for Open Arms staff (or military partners etc) to access the base	HQ	Headquarters
Beagle	Navy steward	IED	Improvised Explosive Device
Birdie	Fleet Air Arm sailor/officer	ISAF	International Security Assistance Force (NATO led mission in Afghanistan)

Black handers	Air Force aviation technicians that work on engines and airframes
Blunts	RAAF non-technical personnel e.g. admin. Refers to not being at the sharp end of operations
Bou	Short for Caribou aircraft also known as a Gravel truck due to its noise
Bushmaster/ BM	A vehicle used to carry infantry
Charges	A member is 'charged' under the DFDA (Defence Force Disciplinary Act) similar to civilian law breaking
Chit	A sick note from a Doctor. Medical Advice Card out-lining any treatment or limitations to service
Choco	An Army Reserve soldier (a chocolate soldier – likely to melt)
Chook	Signals (Army)
Chopper	Generic term for helicopter
Civvy	Civilian
Civvy Street	Civilian life
CO	Commanding Officer

Jack	To be selfish or to go it alone, for example <i>Don't jack on your mates! Stop being jack!</i>
JOC	Joint Operations Command
JTF	Joint Task Force
KIA	Killed In Action
Linger	Short for a 'malingerer'. Refers to soldiers faking an injury to get out of certain activities
LZ	Landing Zone
MEAO	Middle East Area of Operation
MHPS	Mental Health and Psychology Section
MIA	Missing In Action
Middy	Navy term for lowest rank officer - midshipman
MO	Medical Officer (a uniformed Doctor)
MRE	Mission Readiness Exercise