

GLOSSARY

Many additional terms are defined [in brackets] throughout this book.

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| A-10 | A highly maneuverable U.S. Air Force close-air support aircraft used primarily to support ground forces; nicknamed the “Warthog” |
| Abu Ghraib | A U.S.-controlled prison east of Baghdad; it was subjected to intense scrutiny after evidence of prisoner abuse surfaced |
| Aerovac | Aeromedical evacuation |
| AH-64 / Apache | U.S. attack helicopter |
| Aide-de-camp | A subordinate military officer acting as a confidential assistant, usually to a general officer or admiral |
| AK-47 | Russian automatic rifle, a Kalashnikov |
| Al Asad | An air force base in al-Anbar province, Iraq |
| Anaconda | A large combat operation in Afghanistan involving approximately 2,000 troops |
| Apache | <i>See</i> AH-64 |
| AQAM | Al-Qaeda associated militants |
| Ba’ath Party (also Ba’th) | Arab political party advocating socialism and formation of a single Arab nation |
| Balad | Iraqi city, approximately fifty miles north of Baghdad |
| Basra | Iraqi city near the union of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers |
| Berm | A fortification, often made of dirt or debris |
| Black Hawk | <i>See</i> UH-60 |
| Bradley | A U.S. mechanized infantry combat vehicle |
| Breach | To penetrate or create a gap, such as in a wall or a berm |
| C-5 | A large transport U.S. aircraft (also known as Galaxies) |
| C-17 | A U.S. Air Force military aircraft (also known as Globemasters) capable of carrying large amounts of equipment, supplies, or troops |
| C-130 | A Hercules aircraft capable of operating from rough dirt airstrips |

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