

## Significant Military Medical Terms

**aeromedical evacuation:** the movement of patients under medical supervision to and between medical treatment facilities by air transportation.

**casualty category:** used to specifically classify a casualty for reporting purposes based on the casualty type and the casualty status. Casualty categories include killed in action, died of wounds received in action, and wounded in action.

**casualty evacuation:** the unregulated movement of casualties that can include movement both to and between medical treatment facilities. Also known as CASEVAC.

**died of wounds received in action:** a casualty category applicable to a hostile casualty, other than the victim of a terrorist activity, who dies of wounds or other injuries received in action after having reached a medical treatment facility. Also known as DOW.

**killed in action:** a casualty category applicable to a hostile casualty, other than the victim of a terrorist activity, who is killed outright or who dies as a result of wounds or other injuries before reaching a medical treatment facility. Also known as KIA.

**MEDEVAC:** medical evacuation.

**medical evacuees:** personnel who are wounded, injured, or ill and must be moved to or between medical facilities.

**medical treatment facility:** a facility established for the purpose of furnishing medical and/or dental care to eligible individuals. Also known as MTF.

**wounded in action:** a casualty category applicable to a hostile casualty, other than the victim of a terrorist activity, who has incurred an injury due to an external agent or cause. The term encompasses all kinds of wounds and other injuries incurred in action, whether there is a piercing of the body, as in a penetration or perforated wound, or none, as in a contused wound. These include fractures, burns, and blast concussions (all effects of biological and chemical warfare agents), and the effects of an

exposure to ionizing radiation or any other destructive weapon or agent. The hostile casualty's status may be categorized as "very seriously ill or injured," "seriously ill or injured," "incapacitating illness or injury," or "not seriously injured." Also known as WIA.