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Glossary

Source: Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

**Canteen** (noun): an establishment that serves as an informal social club (for soldiers or a community's teenagers)

**Citizenship** (noun): the status of being a native or naturalized person who owes allegiance to a government and is entitled to protection from it

**Communism** (noun) a: a doctrine based on revolutionary Marxian socialism and Marxism-Leninism that was the official ideology of the U.S.S.R. b: a totalitarian system of government in which a single authoritarian party controls state-owned means of production

**Congress** (noun): the supreme legislative body of a nation and especially of a republic

**Democracy** (noun): a government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them directly or indirectly through a system of representation usually involving periodically held free elections

**Depot** (noun): a building for railroad or bus passengers or freight

**Discharge** (verb): to release from service or duty <discharge a soldier>

**Draft** (noun): a system for or act of selecting individuals from a group (as for compulsory military service)

**Enlist** (verb): to enroll oneself in the armed forces

**Homesick** (adjective): longing for home and family while absent from them

**Honorable** (adjective): attesting to creditable conduct

**Reservation** (noun): a tract of land set apart by the federal government for a special purpose, especially one for the use of a Native American people

**Treaty** (noun): a contract in writing between two or more political authorities (as states or sovereigns) formally signed by representatives duly authorized and usually ratified by the lawmaking authority of the state
**Veteran** (noun): a former member of the armed forces

**Volunteer** (noun): one who enters into military service proceeding from the will or from one's own choice or consent

**War** (noun): a state of usually open and declared armed hostile conflict between states or nations