

89A0, Air Advisor (Basic)
89B0, Air Advisor (Basic) Team Leader
89C0, Air Advisor (Basic) Mission Commander

Officer Air Advisor Basic
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1. Special Duty Summary. This classification identifier facilitates functional management, force development; planning, programming, budgeting, execution; and assignment of Air Advisors. Air Advisors develop plans and policies, assess, monitor, evaluate; and conduct security cooperation, Air Advisor, Combat Aviation Advisor, Security Force Assistance (SFA) operations, coordinates staff activities, and advises commanders. Fully qualified Air Advisors serve in a unit manning document (UMD) Air Advisor position of a standing unit assigned Air Advisor mission roles in their Designed Operational Capability (DOC) statements, i.e., Mobility Support Advisory Squadron (MSAS), a provisional unit serving in a deployed TDY status, or as part of stand-by forces trained and tasked through other processes to perform the Air Advisor mission in support of CCDR/AFFOR plans and objectives. These specially trained Airmen also conduct what are referred to in joint force concepts as Security Force Assistance (SFA) operations. Specialty requirements include knowledge of Security Cooperation authorities, planning, foreign disclosure requirements, assessment, monitoring, and evaluation of security cooperation plans and operations, cross-cultural expertise, and individual and team force protection TTP.

2. Duties and Responsibilities.

- 2.1 Performs Air Advising and SFA activities by working with and through foreign aviation forces in support of combatant commander's regional objectives.
- 2.2 Air Advisors tailor their team compositions to mission need and may involve any AFSC in the USAF. Air Advisors, assess, train, advise, and assist foreign aviation forces in tactical and operational-level airpower integration and operationalization. In SFA context this mission set involves activities to organize, train, equip, rebuild/build, and assist/advise (OTERA) foreign security forces in support of CCDR objectives.
- 2.3 Air Advisors can mission plan, execute, and recover in a variety of scenarios with combat service support assistance, accomplishing this within legislative and military guidance.
- 2.4 Air Advisor teams generally deploy and operate in permissive or uncertain environments but with proper preparation can operate in hostile environments.
- 2.5 Through AFFOR, TSOC, SCO, and MAJCOM staff, Air Advisors coordinate plans and synchronize activities to provide CCDRs a resource optimized approach to achieve objectives by working with and through partner aviation security forces.

3. Special Duty Qualifications. For entry into this specialty, prior qualification in any AFSC is mandatory, as well as qualification in Air Advisor training and experience, and/or AFSOC Combat Aviation Advisor Mission Qualification Course. *Note: For Combat Aviation Advisor specific specialty qualifications see 89G0 – 89I0 specialty description.*

- 3.1. Knowledge. Must have knowledge of Security Cooperation, Foreign Internal Defense, Security Force Assistance (SFA) authorities, and planning and programming processes. Must have knowledge of AF Air Advising/SFA operations, training, and execution processes, and demonstrated intercultural competency.
- 3.2. Education. Not used.
- 3.3. Training. Requires completion of the Air Advisor Initial Qualification Course (PDS code 1LA) or AFSOC Combat Aviation Advisor Initial Qualification Course (PDS code 2MW). Note: For functional communities with skills taught to Air Advisor qualification level for Fieldcraft, Air Advisor A course (AA A, PDS Code 1LA)
- 3.4. Experience. 89A0: No experience required and is to be awarded upon completion of required training.
- 3.5. **SDI 89B0 and 89C0 requires certification and approval by a qualified Air Advisor commander and is a specialty qualification that has additional training.**
- 3.6. Must meet requirements listed in AFI 10-4301V1, Air Advisor Training

Utilization note: Award of this SDI is only authorized when an airman has completed award requirements. When the member is qualified as an 89X, the SDI is awarded and will remain in the secondary or third position IAW AFMAN 36- 2100, unless the member is disqualified from the SDI then it will not remain as an awarded SDI. Do not alter primary or core AFSCs with this SDI. When the member is filling a valid 89X unit manpower document (UMD) authorization, 89X is authorized as the awarded (secondary or third) and Duty AFSC.