

AFSC 13B4*, Staff
 AFSC 13B3*, Qualified
 AFSC 13B1*, Entry

AIR BATTLE MANAGER

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1. Specialty Summary. Performs battle management and command and control (BMC2) on C2 aircraft and ground platforms and commands mission crews to accomplish combat, combat support, training, and other missions. Related DoD Occupational Group: 220700.

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

2.1. Plans and prepares for mission. Reviews mission tasking, intelligence, and weather information. Supervises mission planning, preparation of flight plan, and crew briefing. Ensures aircraft and BMC2 systems are preflight, inspected, loaded, equipped and manned for mission.

2.2. Operates available sensors/BMC2 systems and commands crew. Provide tactical fluid control of assigned joint weapons systems (kinetic/non-kinetic, air/space/ground/cyber), forces, functions, and effects. Executes, supervises, coordinates, or directs dynamic battle management of joint fires, force accountability, package development, real-time targeting and airspace control. Conducts theater air, ground, and surface surveillance and detects and validates emerging targets, accomplishes, combat identification, applies rules of engagement, and integrates joint/coalition C2 and ISR capabilities. Performs dynamic information management of multiple tactical BMC2 sensors, data links and communications systems in order to prioritize tactical and operational tasks, information and communication flow for battle space situational awareness. Integrates air, space and cyber domains at the operational level for direct planning, coordination, allocation, tasking, execution, monitoring and assessment in a designated area of responsibility.

2.3. Conducts or supervises training of crewmembers. Ensures operational readiness of crew by conducting or supervising mission specific training.

2.4. Develops plans and policies, monitors operations, and advises commanders. Assists commanders and performs staff functions related to this specialty.

3. Specialty Qualifications:

3.1. Knowledge. Knowledge is mandatory of theory of flight, BMC2/weapons control fundamentals, meteorology, flying directives, aircraft/BMC2 system operating procedures, and joint mission tactics.

3.2. Education. For entry into this specialty, an undergraduate degree specializing in physical sciences, mathematics, administration or management is desirable.

3.3. Training. The following training is mandatory as indicated:

3.3.1. Prior to entry into suffix specialized training courses, completion of Air Force Undergraduate ABM Training (UABMT).

3.3.2. For award of AFSC 13B3X, completion of transition and/or operational training in the suffix specific weapon system.

3.4. Experience. For upgrade to AFSCs 13B3X, unit commander determines proficiency based on performance, experience, and completion of minimum training requirements.

3.5. Other. The following are mandatory as indicated:

3.5.1. For entry into this specialty, physical qualification for a Flying Class III physical according to AFI 48-123, *Medical Examinations and Standards*.

3.5.2. For award and retention of these AFSCs, current aeronautical rating and qualification for aviation service as air battle manager are mandatory.

3.5.3. Specialty requires routine access to Tier 5 (T5) information, systems or similar classified environments. For award and retention of AFSCs 13BXX, completion of a current T5 Investigation IAW DoDM 5200.02_AFMAN 16-1405, *Air Force Personnel Security Program*.

NOTE: Award of the entry level without a completed T5 Investigation is authorized provided an interim Top Secret security clearance has been granted according to DoDM 5200.02_AFMAN 16 -1405.

4. *Specialty Shredouts:

Suffix Portion of AFS to Which Related

B	AWACS
C	Air Defense
D	Mobile Air Control
K	JSTARS
M	Trainer (UABMT)
S	E-7
U	Air Liaison Officer
Y	General
Z	Other