

89G0, Combat Aviation Advisor**89H0, Combat Aviation Advisor Team Leader****89I0, Combat Aviation Advisor Mission Commander**

Officer Combat Aviation Advisor
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1. Special Duty Summary. This classification identifier facilitates functional management, force development; planning, programming, budgeting, execution; and assignment of Combat Aviation Advisors. This special duty description covers officer Combat Aviation Advisors (CAAs) that are fully qualified team members able to serve in a Unit Type Code (UTC) as part of an Operational Aviation Detachment (OAD). An OAD is a 16-person team composed of airman from multiple occupations to include pilots, combat systems operators, intelligence personnel, and Air Liaison Officers. CAAs are special operations airmen assigned to Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC).

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

- 2.1 Performs special operations activities by/with/through foreign aviation forces in support of combatant commander's regional objectives.
- 2.2 CAAs, organized into OADs, organize, train, equip, rebuild/build, advise/assist/accompany (assess, train, advise, and assist) foreign aviation forces in tactical and operational-level airpower integration, sustainment, and operationalization.
- 2.3 CAAs can mission plan, execute, and recover in a variety of scenarios with little assistance, accomplishing this within legislative and military guidance.
- 2.4 CAA OAD teams generally deploy and operate alone in hostile, uncertain, and denied environments.

3. Special Duty Qualifications:

- 3.1 Knowledge. Knowledge is mandatory of: Foreign Internal Defense, Security Force Assistance, Unconventional Warfare; demonstrated intercultural competency.
- 3.1.1 For selection member must be an instructor or evaluator in one of the following AFSCs: 11x, 12x or fully qualified in the following AFSCs: 14N, 13L, 48G, 48R, 41A
- 3.2 Education. Not used
- 3.3 Training. Completion of the following are mandatory for award of this classification identifier:
 Combat Aviation Advisor Mission Qualification Course (CAAMQC) and associated pipeline consisting of:
 - 3.3.1. CAA Recruiting, Accession, and Selection process
 - 3.3.2. Initial Skills Training
 - 3.3.3. Initial language training and/or demonstrated language proficiency IAW USSOCOM D350-08 (ILR 1/1/1)
 - 3.3.4. AFSC-specific training to include flight training for aircrew
- 3.4 Experience. Completion of supervised CAA deployment.
- 3.5 Other. The following are mandatory as indicated:
 - 3.5.1 Must be initially assessed and screened by CAA Assessment Cell
 - 3.5.2 Must meet requirements listed in AFSOCI 16-101v1, *CAA Training*.
 - 3.5.3 Must possess skills and knowledge to complete tasks listed in USSOCOM M350-35, *SOFBIS SFA Training Standards*
 - 3.5.4 3.4.1. Specialty requires routine access to Tier 5 (T5) information, systems or similar classified environments. For award and retention of SDI, completion and favorable adjudication of a T5 Investigation IAW AFMAN 16-1405, *Air Force Personnel Security Program* or a T5R IAW current USAF and DoD policy and directives if indicated
 - 3.5.5 Must maintain language proficiency (ILR 1/1/1)
 - 3.5.6 Must maintain currency in CAA AFSC-specific MTTL
- 3.7. Upgrade to 89I0 requires completion of AFSOC CAA Team Leader qualification process.
- 3.8. Upgrade to 89H0 requires completion of AFSOC CAA Mission Commander qualification process.

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.