

**Functional Area Position Paper
(FA48)**

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Purpose. Please limit response to 3 pages. Subsequent use of the term “functional area” includes all functional areas, non-accessing branches, or specialized branches under review.

- 1. Summary. 2-3 sentences with the strongest elevator pitch for the functional area.**
- 2. What (if any) legal, statutory, or policy requirement does your FA fulfill?**
- 3. Who are your FA’s primary clients?**
- 4. Risk. What risk is incurred if the FA was reduced, merged or eliminated? Clearly define the risk incurred by Army Senior Leaders regarding Joint Duty Assignment List (JDAL) billets, contribution to ATI, TiC, the Army Warfighting Concept, or War Plan requirements following any potential reduction or elimination of the functional area.**
- 5. Is there an opportunity to either dual track or merge with another basic branch or functional area? If not, what are the knowledge, skills and abilities that require career specialization?**
- 6. Could your functional area transfer capabilities to the warrant officer corps, enlisted, or civilians?**
- 7. Sunset. If your functional area was eliminated, what should happen to SMs currently in your branch?**
- 8. Other Comments. Any other pertinent information relevant for a review of the functional area.**