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JECC Commander's Message



Welcome to the last and final issue of the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command newsletter.

We have begun posting our articles on various DOD websites to provide our readers with more timely and relevant information on the JECC. We will begin using this forum exclusively to share the JECC's latest news. Be on the lookout for links to important articles focused on the JECC's many achievements and noteworthy events.

As the JECC prepared for a new fiscal year, the command welcomed new commanders to each of the JECC's subordinate commands, the Joint Communications Support Element, the Joint Planning Support Element and the Joint Public Affairs Support Element (included in articles on pages 3, 4 and 5, respectively). The JECC looks forward to continuing to meet joint warfighter requirements following the guidance of these new leaders, U.S. Army Col. Kirby Watson (JCSE), U.S. Air Force Col. Timothy Sundvall (JPSE) and U.S. Navy Capt. Jeffrey Breslau (JPASE).

Despite the turnover of senior leadership, the JECC remained focused on increasing the awareness of its capabilities through engagements, real-world deployments and participation in geographic combatant command exercises.

Featured on the cover page, please see the article on the visit of U.S. Transportation Command Commander and component command leadership. This engagement offered an opportunity to inform the higher headquarters of recent changes in the JECC and also provided an in-depth understanding of the latest capabilities we provide to the joint warfighter.

Correspondingly, a team of seven JCSE members recently completed a four-month deployment in support of Pacific Partnership 2012, a humanitarian assistance mission in the Asia-Pacific region (featured on page 8). By setting up and operating scalable communication packages, JCSE provided essential ship-to-shore communications to over 20 Medical Civil Action Project sites and returned home following mission completion.

The JECC also maintained its employability and relevance to the joint force commander by participating in geographic combatant commands, such as the U.S. Southern Command-led exercise PANAMAX 2012. Read more on page 7 about how the JECC was instrumental to the success of the exercise.

I hope you enjoy this last issue of the JECC newsletter and thank you for your continued support and interest in the command.

Respectfully,

S. A. Stearney
Rear Adm., U.S. Navy
Commander, Joint Enabling Capabilities Command



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JECC hosts USTRANSCOM and component command leadership

Julianne Sympson
USTRANSCOM JECC



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During the U.S. Transportation Command visit to the JECC in Norfolk, Va., U.S. Air Force Gen. William M. Fraser, III, the USTRANSCOM Commander (left), and U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Martin Klukas, the USTRANSCOM Senior Enlisted Leader, take an in-depth look at the Joint Communications Support Element's Early Entry Package. JCSE's rapidly deployable communications packages can be scaled up to support a full joint task force headquarters.

On Aug. 22 the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, headquartered in Norfolk, Va., welcomed U.S. Air Force Gen. William M. Fraser, III, the U.S. Transportation Command Commander, U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Kathleen Gainey, USTRANSCOM Deputy Commander, and leaders from Air Mobility Command, Military Sealift Command and Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command - USTRANSCOM's three Service component commands. In addition to US-

TRANSCOM's Component Commanders' meeting, this visit also provided an opportunity to increase the staff's awareness of JECC capabilities and allowed Fraser to discuss future command-wide priorities with JECC personnel.

Upon his arrival, Fraser addressed the JECC during an All-Hands meeting and recognized the significant efforts of the command's members, including
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the former JECC Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Col. Mark Dewhurst, as he moves on to another position.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be at the JECC and thank you for your remarkable service," said Fraser. "We saw this as a great opportunity to show how much we appreciate your hard work, share information on recent travels and honor Colonel Dewhurst, a JECC member that has made a significant difference."

Fraser continued by sharing feedback he received during his most recent trips to U.S. Africa Command and U.S. European Command, which illustrated the great reputation the JECC has earned at the geographic combatant commands.

"We are keeping the lines of communication open through these engagements, and I only received positive remarks about JECC members downrange supporting the combatant commands," said Fraser. "It is great to see that the combatant commanders recognize the JECC and the capabilities you bring to the joint force."

Fraser also mentioned USTRANSCOM's recent efforts to develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan, a collaborative effort across the command which will further prepare USTRANSCOM for future requirements. USTRANSCOM is taking a closer look at efficiencies in daily operations and processes to synchronize efforts and maintain an increased level of readiness.

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*- U.S. Air Force Gen. William M. Fraser, III
U.S. Transportation Command Commander*

job in meeting requirements, but we have to find the right balance so we will be postured to respond to future operational requirements," he said.

A team from one of the JECC's three subordinate commands, the Joint Communications Support Element, also executed a large demonstration of their latest communications capabilities at the Pennsylvania House, a 1907 replica of Independence Hall at Naval Station Norfolk, located near the JECC headquarters. The senior leaders convened at this historical site, which provided an exceptional venue to show off some of the latest technologies JCSE uses in the field.

Displays of live and static communications equipment demonstrated the scalable, tactical-level support JCSE regularly

provides to joint force commanders. In addition to presenting JCSE's standard communication packages, JCSE also showcased the ground-based Communications-on-the-Move vehicle and the newest version of the Joint Airborne Communications Center / Command Post. An in-depth presentation allowed the visiting senior leaders to observe

how these highly trained joint communicators provide uninterrupted connectivity in the earliest stages of emergent operations.

U.S. Air Force Capt. John French, the JCSE team lead during the visit, was in charge of coordinating the setup and execution of the demonstration. He spoke of how this was a mutually beneficial event for the distinguished leaders and the JCSE team.

"General officers may be familiar with the support we provide from personal experience, however, this gave them an opportunity for a deep-dive into all that we have to offer in the field," said French. "Similar to how JCSE members interface with senior leaders downrange, the JCSE non-commissioned officers demonstrated expert knowledge in their equipment."

Hosting senior leaders from across USTRANSCOM at JECC headquarters provided an opportunity to exchange information, discuss future initiatives and highlight JECC capabilities. In addition to demonstrating the communications capabilities the JECC provides to the joint warfighter, this face-to-face engagement also helped to strengthen ties between USTRANSCOM and its subordinates. ■



U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Scott Stearney, the Commander, Joint Enabling Capabilities Command (pictured center), describes to U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Kathleen Gainey, the U.S. Transportation Command Deputy Commander (center left) and U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Darren McDew, Commander, 18th Air Force (right), how the Joint Communications Support Element is currently providing uninterrupted connectivity to joint operations around the world.

Photo by USTRANSCOM JECC



Joint Communications Support Element members, U.S. Army Sgt. Nicholas Schofield (far left) and U.S. Air Force Capt. John French (center left) explain the capabilities of one of JCSE's newest communications equipment sets to U.S. Air Force Gen. William M. Fraser, III, the U.S. Transportation Command Commander (center), U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Darren McDew, Commander, 18th Air Force (center right) and U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Scott Stearney, Commander, Joint Enabling Capabilities Command (far right).

Photo by USTRANSCOM JECC



Watson takes command of the Joint Communications Support Element

Whitney Williams
USTRANSCOM JECC

On July 27, U.S. Marine Corps Col. Stephen Corcoran relinquished command of the Joint Communications Support Element to U.S. Army Col. Kirby Watson in a ceremony at JCSE headquarters. Corcoran was the first U.S. Marine Corps commander in JCSE's 50-year history.

As one of the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command's three subordinate joint commands, JCSE provides rapidly deployable, en-route, early entry and scalable command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities across the full spectrum of operations in order to facilitate rapid establishment of joint force headquarters. JCSE can deploy globally within hours of notification to provide communications packages tailored to the specific needs of a full joint task force headquarters and to a joint special operations task force.

U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Scott A. Stearney, the commander of the JECC and the presiding officer at the ceremony, spoke of JCSE's many accomplishments the past three years under Corcoran's superb leadership.

"By all measures the last three years have been as successful as any period in the last 50 years," Stearney stated. "The reason for this success is the culture that's reinforced by all echelons of leadership within [JCSE]."

Stearney went on to explain some of JCSE's most notable achievements including a large role supporting the drawdown of forces from Iraq following the completion of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. JCSE members were some of the first boots on the ground following the initial flow of U.S. forces to Iraq in 2003 and maintained a constant



Pictured above, the incoming commander, U.S. Army Col. Kirby E. Watson (right), accepts the Joint Communications Support Element colors from the outgoing commander, U.S. Marine Corps Col. Stephen P. Corcoran (center), and assumes command of JCSE at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fla.

presence in the country for the next eight years.

More than 2,000 JCSE members have rotated through Iraq in support of OIF/OND and as U.S. troops withdrew from Iraq in December 2011, JCSE supported the extensive withdrawal and redistribution of the many communication systems and equipment at various U.S. bases. JCSE members were some of the last U.S. personnel to leave the country, ensuring communication assets were disconnected, secured and safely arrived at their follow-on locations.

Stearney also mentioned JCSE's support during various real-world operations such as Joint Task Force – Haiti and Operation Tomodachi. JCSE has provided extensive joint communications expertise to each of the nine different combatant commands around the world, whether in the form of operational mission assistance or exercise support.

Corcoran, who will retire following his tour at JCSE, took a few moments to thank his fellow team members for the generous support he received while leading JCSE.

"To the [Joint Communications Support Element], I have nothing but sincere gratitude for your focus and professionalism," Corcoran said. "You have given me every muscle fiber and every brain cell in the task that never ends – the preparation for the chaotic and the unknown."

Watson joins JCSE from the U.S. Army Signal Center of Excellence where he served as the director of Concepts, Requirements and Doctrine Division.

Watson graduated from Lycoming College in 1988 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He has commanded the White House Communication Agency's Special Missions Command, the 56th Signal Battalion, which operates in South and Central America in support of U.S. Army South and was also assigned as the deputy brigade commander of the 21st Signal Brigade.

The colonel holds master's degrees in organizational management and strategic studies from the University of Phoenix and has attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College as well as the U.S. Army War College.

His personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Joint Commendation Medal and the Army Commendation Medal, among others. ■

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Commander, Joint Enabling Capabilities Command*



Joint Planning Support Element holds change of command

Whitney Williams
USTRANSCOM JECC

On Aug. 15, the Joint Planning Support Element held a change of command ceremony during which U.S. Army Col. Michael Corson relinquished command to U.S. Air Force Col. Timothy Sundvall. Corson served as the first commander of JPSE, officially established as a subordinate joint command of the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command in July 2011.

The commander of the JECC, U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Scott A. Stearney, who also presided over the change of command, mentioned the unique capabilities JPSE provides to the joint force commander and how Corson has helped to hone the skill sets of the command over the past year.

“Colonel Corson has taken the Joint Planning Support Element on a new path of excellence,” he stated. “He has helped to create a capability that is quickly becoming the gold standard of planning in the Department of Defense.”

JPSE is one of the JECC’s three subordinate joint commands that can respond to an emerging crisis or contingency mission within hours of notification to bridge joint operational requirements. JPSE provides rapidly deployable, tailored, ready, joint planners, operators, logisticians, knowledge managers and intelligence specialists in order to accelerate the formation and increase the effectiveness of newly formed joint force headquarters.



U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Scott Stearney, Commander of the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, (left) presents outgoing Joint Planning Support Element Commander, U.S. Army Col. Michael Corson, with a Legion of Merit. The change of command also served as Corson's retirement ceremony as he leaves the U.S. Army after 24 years of service.



Pictured above, leadership from the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command and the Joint Planning Support Element stand at attention as the national anthem plays during the JPSE change of command ceremony on Aug. 15. U.S. Army Col. Michael Corson (center) relinquished command to the incoming JPSE Commander, U.S. Air Force Col. Timothy Sundvall (second from the right) during the combined retirement and change of command ceremony in Norfolk, Va.

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Under Corson’s leadership the last 12 months, JPSE has participated in numerous real world operations and exercises for each of the geographic combatant commands, including notable deployments in support of U.S. Africa Command during Operation Odyssey Guard.

For over six months, two teams of JPSE planners deployed to both USAFRICOM headquarters and U.S. Army Africa, a component command of USAFRICOM, to support parallel planning efforts during the U.S.-only operations in response to the civil unrest in Libya. The first team, which integrated with USAFRICOM’s Future Plans directorate, developed key

concepts of operations and other planning efforts to safeguard materials of concern and continue support to the incumbent Libyan government.

A second team of planners deployed to USARAF, shortly after it was designated as Joint Task Force – Odyssey Guard to fill key roles on the JTF staff. JPSE members assisted in JTF-OG’s main efforts, such as the re-establishment of the U.S. Embassy in Libya, by leading operational planning teams and providing joint operational planning expertise.

During the change of command which also served as his retirement ceremony, Corson expressed his gratitude for those who have supported and encouraged him throughout his military career, especially those members of the JECC and JPSE.

“I am grateful to so many who have guided, led and supported me throughout my journey,” he said. “The friendships and camaraderie of those at the JECC have made my time here all the more memorable.”

Sundvall takes command of JPSE following completion of a master’s degree

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at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

A native of Sisters, Ore., Sundvall is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy where he earned his commission. A command pilot with over 2,300 hours in F-16s and T-37s, Sundvall has served overseas tours at Misawa Air Base, Japan and Kunsan Air Base, Korea. He has completed two staff tours; two years at the Pentagon on the Headquarters Air Force Staff in the Concepts, Strategy and Wargaming Division and two years at U.S. Pacific Command as the Chief of Northeast Asia Plans. Sundvall commanded the 8th Operations Support Squadron on his second tour at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, from July 2008 to July 2009.

Sundvall has received additional master's degrees from the Air Force Institute of Technology and the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies. His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious



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Pictured above, the Commander of the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Scott Stearney (right), passes the Joint Planning Support Element colors to the incoming JPSE Commander, U.S. Air Force Col. Timothy Sundvall, signifying his assumption of command. Sundvall will be the second commander of the JPSE since its establishment as a command under the JECC in July 2011.

Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, the Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Joint

Service Commendation Medal. Joining Sundvall in the Norfolk area are his wife, Laura and their four children, Kyle, Kade, Skyler and Quinn. ■

Joint Public Affairs Support Element welcomes new commander

Whitney Williams
USTRANSCOM JECC

On Aug. 17, U.S. Navy Capt. Jeffrey Breslau formally assumed command of the Joint Public Affairs Support Element in a ceremony at the Joint and Coalition Warfighting complex in Suffolk, Va. Following three years of leadership, U.S. Navy Capt. David Wray handed over command of JPASE and also celebrated his retirement from the Navy after 29 years of service.

JPASE, one of three subordinate commands of the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, is the Department of Defense's only joint public affairs unit that can deploy within hours to assist in crisis or contingency operations. Since its initial establishment in 2005, JPASE has provided ready, rapidly deployable JPA capability to combatant commanders in order to facilitate the rapid establishment of joint force headquarters, bridge JPA requirements and conduct public



Photo by Mr. Marc Benshetler, Joint and Coalition Warfighting Graphics

In a ceremony at the Joint and Coalition Warfighting complex in Suffolk, Va., on Aug. 17, U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Scott Stearney, Commander of the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command (right), passes the Joint Public Affairs Support Element colors to the incoming JPASE Commander, U.S. Navy Capt. Jeffrey Breslau.

affairs training to meet evolving theater information challenges.

U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Scott Stearney, the commander of the JECC and the presiding officer at the change of command, spoke

in detail about Wray's leadership during the numerous operations and exercises JPASE supported the past three years.

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“Captain Wray has done a brilliant job of leading JPASE,” he stated. “His leadership was key to the successful deployment of almost 500 personnel to 10 operations and 60 exercises.”

As Wray retires from the U.S. Navy, his guidance and direction as the JPASE commander leaves a lasting impact on DOD’s ability to respond in crisis events. A few months after assuming command, JPASE was among the first capabilities requested to support Joint Task Force – Haiti following the devastating 2010 earthquake in Port au Prince. The JPASE team arrived within hours to provide the initial PA support for senior leader interviews and transmission of electronic media to news outlets. In fact, JPASE team members were the only U.S. spokespeople for the first week of the operation and conducted interviews with all major U.S. news networks and the three largest Spanish-language news networks in the world.

Under Wray’s leadership, JPASE also provided critical JPA expertise during the Pakistan flood relief efforts in 2010, PA planning and contingency support to U.S. Africa Command during Operation Odyssey Dawn in 2011 and essential media relations and PA assistance during Operation Pacific Passage, the military-assisted departure mission in Japan following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Wray spoke of the diverse experiences he gained as the JPASE Commander and the quality people who made his final tour so memorable.

“I am humbled to have led such a unique organization. JPASE is a small group, but they are the best,” he said. “Commanding here has been the best job I’ve ever had, and it has been my honor to serve with you.”

Breslau assumes command of JPASE following a tour at U.S. Pacific Fleet as the director of public affairs.

A graduate of Memphis State University, Breslau received his Navy commission in 1988. Following an initial sea tour on board the USS Forrestal (CV 59), he subsequently transferred into the public affairs officer community and

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was assigned to the former U.S. Atlantic Command in Norfolk, Va. Breslau has since completed various PAO assignments including director billets on board USS Constellation (CV 64) and special assistant to PA at U.S. Central Command. Additionally, he has deployed in support of Operation Restore Democracy, Haiti, Operation Iraqi Freedom and most recently, Operation Tomodachi, Japan.

Breslau is a graduate of the Naval War College where he received a master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies. He is also a recipient of the Public Relations Society of America’s Silver Anvil award for excellence in crisis communications. ■



Pictured above, the Commander, Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Scott Stearney (left), presents the former Joint Public Affairs Support Element Commander, U.S. Navy Capt. David Wray, with the Defense Superior Service Medal for his exceptional dedication to service to the JECC and his contributions to the joint public affairs profession.

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JECC provides joint expertise during PANAMAX 2012

Julianne Sympson
USTRANSCOM JECC

The Joint Enabling Capabilities Command rapidly deploys mission-tailored, joint capability packages to combatant commanders in order to facilitate rapid establishment of joint force headquarters. By participating in combatant command-led exercises, the JECC fosters relationships with potential mission partners and builds awareness of the expertise the command brings to the joint force commanders.

From Aug. 6 – 16, the JECC deployed personnel from each of its three subordinate commands – the Joint Planning Support Element, the Joint Public Affairs Support Element and the Joint Communications Support Element – to provide joint operational expertise to the U.S. Southern Command-led exercise, PANAMAX 2012. The JECC personnel illustrated their joint knowledge and capabilities to further inform counterparts at USSOUTHCOM of the support the command could bring to a real-world operation.

A team of 25 highly-trained joint operational planners and public affairs experts from JPSE and JPASE deployed to U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command in Mayport, Fla., and assumed key leadership positions within the designated Combined Joint Task Force headquarters for the exercise – Multi-National Force-South. While working alongside coalition counterparts from over 16 different nations, JPSE and JPASE personnel ensured the successful planning and execution of mission-critical efforts to effectively complete operations based on the training scenario.

JPSE member and JECC team lead, U.S. Air Force Col. Rick Watson, served as the Director of Current Operations during the exercise and spoke of how the JECC supported each CJTF directorate.

“The JECC members provided significant plans input as we provided cross-directorate interaction in order to make the mission operate more effectively,” said Watson.

Additionally, nine JPASE members also supported PANAMAX with public affairs expertise to bring a realistic environment to the exercise.

JPASE member, Mr. John Callahan, shared his experience from the PANAMAX white cell, located in Suffolk, Va., and also emphasized the mutual benefit of training exercises for both JPASE and the hosting command.

“We created the overall media environment by writing news articles, media queries, press releases and simulating press conferences with senior leaders,” said Callahan. “Working directly with the public affairs teams that JPASE could potentially be requested to support for future operations is always good.”

In addition to providing support within the CJTF, a team of communication experts from JCSE set up and operated USSOUTHCOM’s Deployable Joint Command and Control system to provide exercise participants with a full range of communication services in a tactical field environment.

A real-world weather event supplied additional training for the JCSE team during PANAMAX 12. Following substantial flooding in the Mayport area on Aug. 5, JCSE rapidly responded to requests to relocate the DJC2 system and quickly recover all operational systems. JCSE’s immediate response ensured uninterrupted connectivity and full functionality of the DJC2 system during the exercise.

JCSE team lead, U.S. Army Cpt. Candace Wilson, commented on how the team adapted to the situation.

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During the U.S. Southern Command-led exercise PANAMAX 2012, from Aug. 6 - 16, members from the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command’s Joint Planning Support Element served in key leadership roles within the Combined Joint Task Force Headquarters, located in Mayport, Fla. Pictured above, JPSE members U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Michael Moss (bottom left) and U.S. Air Force Col. Rick Watson (far right) build relationships with members of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command as the team fully integrated within the CJTF headquarters staff.



U.S. Navy courtesy photo

Joint Public Affairs Support Element member, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Michael Indovina (far right), works diligently alongside coalition partners as the Director, Joint Information Bureau during PANAMAX 2012. In this role, Indovina provided top-level public affairs guidance to the Commander, Combined Joint Task Force Headquarters to help craft the commander’s message and communication strategy during the exercise.



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Pictured above, U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Sinclair Harris, the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (left), shakes hands with Joint Communication Support Element member, U.S. Army Cpt. Candace Wilson (right) to show his gratitude for the communications support the JCSE team provided during PANAMAX 2012. Wilson led a team of 31 JCSE members who employed the U.S. Southern Command Deployable Joint Command and Control system to ensure uninterrupted connectivity throughout the duration of the training event.



JECC provides joint expertise during PANAMAX 2012

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“JCSE ensured the PANAMAX participants were successful by remaining flexible to mission requirements and this event provided a great training experience that showcased our team’s technical capability and proficiency,” she said.

The Commander, JECC, U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Scott Stearney, made a corresponding visit to PANAMAX 12 to observe the command’s participation. Following an engagement with the Commander, USNAVSO, U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris, who was serving as the Multi-National Force-South Commander during the exercise, Stearney spoke of how the USNAVSO leadership recognized the importance of the JECC’s communications, public affairs and operational planning expertise.

“The leadership was mentioning JECC members by name which demonstrated the significant impact our personnel made during the exercise,” added Stearney. “My hat is off to all the PANAMAX participants



Pictured above, Joint Planning Support Element member, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Buddy Brook (left), coordinates efforts with other exercise participants within the Combined Joint Task Force Headquarters in Mayport, Fla., during PANAMAX 2012. JPSE members and the coalition partners from 16 different nations worked together to successfully perform joint operations to further enhance interoperability and execute mission requirements.

for their exceptional work and dedication.”

The noteworthy efforts of the JECC members participating in PANAMAX 12 strengthened the command’s reputation

with USSOUTHCOM and further demonstrated the JECC’s ability to provide a tailored response capability to emergent operational requirements across the full range of military operations. ■

JCSE team successfully completes mission during Pacific Partnership 2012

Julianne Sympson
USTRANSCOM JECC

On Sept. 14, seven members from the Joint Communications Support Element, a subordinate command of the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, returned home following completion of a four-month deployment in support of Pacific Partnership 2012, a humanitarian assistance mission in the Asia-Pacific region. The JCSE team was requested to join this unique mission, which focused on building stronger relationships and response capabilities between partner nations, non-government organizations and international agencies to provide critical ship-to-shore communications.

Communication is essential for any complex undertaking and PP12 was no different. JCSE’s ability to rapidly deploy to any location and effectively set up and operate their advanced communications packages made the JCSE team from the 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron, a Georgia National Guard

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JCSE’s 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron*

unit aligned with JCSE, a good fit for this mission.

While travelling onboard USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), the joint communicators provided essential communications expertise to the medical, surgical, dental, veterinarian and engineering teams from PP12 at each destination along the way. The team deployed with three Initial Entry Packages, which can provide communication services for up to eight users, and supported numerous sites during scheduled port visits to four countries – Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam. The PP12 teams, completed community projects to improve facilities and also performed

numerous procedures for residents of the local community.

The joint communicators moved with the PP12 teams from one site to the next in teams of two, while simultaneously meeting the communication needs at each port call. The JCSE personnel worked closely with the Officer-in-Charge and Assistant-Officer-in-Charge at each site and served as the main points of contact for each PP12 team reporting back to the Mercy.

JCSE member, U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Christopher McNair, explained how the team’s level of experience

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provided flexibility as they adapted to different challenges.

“We used the Initial Entry Packages to quickly provide expeditious communication to and from the Medical Civil Action Project teams to pass information on accountability, patient conditions, types of patients as well as patient confidentiality,” said McNair. “With only two week intervals [at each site], we understood the limited time frame and we adjusted our techniques accordingly.”

JCSE’s critical communications capabilities ensured the MEDCAP teams on site could contact additional teams onboard the Mercy in a timely manner for emergency situations and for critical care patients. This immediate response capability was crucial in effectively selecting and coordinating which patients needed additional care that the local medical facilities may not have been equipped to provide.

“The support we provided aided in the promptness of information about patient well-being, especially if a patient needed to travel to the ship for further evaluation or immediate medical attention,” said McNair.

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*- U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Sheldon High
JCSE’s 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron*

Another JCSE team member, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Charles Grant, concurred with McNair and elaborated on one such experience during the deployment.

“I witnessed one incident where a child was in serious need of medical attention. We worked with the medical team on the ship and pier to provide assistance to get the child immediately on the ship for surgery,” said Grant, “Following the successful surgery, the mother’s joy brought tears to everyone’s eyes. I’ll never forget that moment.”

Another JCSE team member, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Sheldon High, explained how this unique deployment further validated JCSE’s expedient ability to provide the necessary communications support to remote locations and was a reassuring test of his skills.

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mission was for a different customer, at a different location and had different communication needs,” said High. “This [deployment] gave me even more confidence in my ability to provide top-notch communication services to a variety of customers anytime, anywhere.”

This seven-man JCSE team served a vital role in relaying information to and from the ship and their experience assisted the PP12 teams in exceeding mission expectations. Their unprecedented level of professionalism and communications expertise ensured operations ran smoothly and effectively assisted the combined efforts of the PP12 teams they supported. PP12 was a remarkable experience for these highly trained joint communication experts, whose support greatly contributed to the success of the overall mission. ■



Pictured above, Joint Communications Support Element members, U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Jay Vining (right) and U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Donnie Johns (center), test their early entry communications equipment set while onboard the USNS Mercy (T-AH 19). Seven JCSE members provided mission-critical ship-to-shore communications support during Pacific Partnership 2012.

Photo by U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Jeff Adams, JECC JCSE



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