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From the Basing Office

Summer marks transition of many key positions at all levels of leadership impacting joint bases: from base-level commanders and deputies, to Intermediate Command Summit-level changes, and even the HQ and OSD. We were not exempt here in the Pentagon as our small Joint Basing team at the OSD Basing Office bid a fond farewell to Col Mickey Addison, who is assuming command of the Mission Support Group at the United States Air Force Academy.

With new leaders, fresh ideas get added to the successes of the past. I urge each of you to reach out to the new team members and get to know them *before* that first challenging issue forces you to deal with a stranger. Getting to know the right folks up and down the chain *before* you have to deal with them on an official issue will increase the likelihood of success as we collectively advance the execution of joint bases.

The CPVF tool transitioned to a web-based application this quarter, and we are excited about this improvement. Thank you to all who attended training. I ask for your patience as we work through the challenges with this new application.

In addition to the web-based rollout of CPVF data collection, proposed MOA changes are in the works and the JBWG is working to resolve differences and set new agreements in

(Cover Photo) Staff Sgt. Zachary French wipes down his jet's canopy during post-flight maintenance Nov. 7, 2010, following the Thunderbirds aerial demonstration at the AirFest 2010 at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas. Sergeant French is a Thunderbird crew chief. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Larry E. Reid Jr.)



Policy Update

From the Basing Office, Continued

place. This round of MOA changes marks the final opportunity for Phase II joint bases to make technical corrections to their CPVF resource requirements for the FY13 Program and Budget Review. (Recall each joint base had two cycles after initial TOA transfer to affect these types of changes). Going forward, TOA topline adjustments will only be driven by: new or revised OSD guidance or JB-COLS changes; Facilities Sustainment Model changes due to new construction by the supported Component; and significant changes in joint base population due to mission change.

Proposed changes to JB-COLS are in the works as well, with proposals due to OSD in mid-August. I look forward to the creative ideas from the joint bases with respect to measurement of the services provided. Recall that the SJBWG decided to target the review this year on Facility Investment, Facility Operations, Family Housing, and Information Technology Services Management JB-COLS changes.

From my vantage point, Joint Basing is ready to emerge from the walking phase and enter into the running phase. I am eager to visit some joint bases for a practical education about Joint Basing, and look forward to working with leaders at every level to improve the service provided at these installations.

- Lt Col Charlie Perham, USAF, Deputy Director, Basing (charles.perham@osd.mil)

Proposed Joint Base Common Output Level Standards (JB-COLS) Changes

On July 5, 2011, the Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment) (Acting DUSD(I&E)) signed a memo requesting Service Headquarters (HQ) submit proposed JB-COLS changes to us by August 15, 2011. We will have a targeted review of four JB-COLS functional categories, which are Facility Investment, Facility Operations, Family Housing, and Information Technology Services Management (ITSM). In addition, we will accept administrative corrections to all JB-COLS. We will review all substantive changes at the next Program Management Review (PMR), which will be in late January/early February 2012.

Open Policy Issues

Financial Services Guidance Update

We have received coordination from all of the Services on the financial services supplemental guidance. The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) is preparing a memo to release the final guidance.

Approved JB-COLS Changes Memo

We are preparing a memo summarizing the administrative and substantive JB-COLS changes approved at the February 2011 PMR and subsequently by the Senior Joint Base Working Group (SJBWG) this year. These changes were included in the Cost and Performance Visibility Framework (CPVF) Handbook and in the Joint Basing Newsletters. We expect the Acting DUSD(I&E) to sign this memo in August. The JB-COLS changes will be effective on October 1, 2011.

Missing Something?

If you are working through an issue that requires resolution from the JBO and it is not addressed in this newsletter, please bring it to our attention.

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Soldiers from the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade uncase the brigade flag during the restationing Monday of the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade from Alaska to Joint Base Lewis-McChord. (Lui Kit Wong, Staff photographer)

Talking Points

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CPVF Update

Thanks for all your patience as we continue to work the issues with the web-based CPVF. Because of the issues with the reports, we extended the deadline for the 3rd quarter CPVF submission to OSD to August 24th. This extension is only for this reporting period, and we'll return to the 6-week timeline for future reporting periods.

Most of the issues with the reports have been fixed, except for the Subject Assessments Unacceptable and Subjective Evaluation Summary reports, which do not work. We will work directly with the CPVF administrators to provide them the necessary information for this reporting period, and then they can forward the reports to the Intermediate Command Summits.

As mentioned previously, CPVF is a spiral development and the plan is to fix most of the serious issues and release an updated version for 4th quarter reporting. Again, thanks for all your efforts in getting the system up and running at your bases. We have asked your CPVF administrators to continue to keep us posted on their issues and problems.

Fiscal Year 2012 (FY12) MOA Changes Update

On July 22, 2011, the Joint Base Working Group (JBWG) met to discuss any MOA changes where the supporting and supported Intermediate Command Summits and Service HQ could not come to agreement. Following that meeting, several issues still remained, so the JBWG met again on July 28. If remaining issues cannot be resolved by the August 4th JBWG meeting, then a SJBWG meeting will be scheduled at the end of August to adjudicate all remaining issues.

Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) Consolidations Aim to Create Efficiency, Cost Saving

by Mike Joseph

In order to generate cost savings and create efficiencies, JBSA recently consolidated two First Term Airmen Centers (FTACs) and has begun the process of merging two Airmen Leadership Schools (ALSs). The Lackland and Randolph Air Force Base FTACs combined resources in May with Lackland hosting the orientation classes for both bases. Lackland also became host for the combined ALS in early June.

"(The consolidations) follow why JBSA was created in the first place: to create cost savings and efficiencies," said Chief Master Sgt. Juan Lewis, 502nd Air Base Wing command chief. "The Department of Defense budget can't grow any more. We have to start consolidating." The JBSA senior enlisted leader said it was cost efficient to combine the Lackland and Randolph FTACs. Lackland averages 60 students and two classes a month; Randolph averages six students every two months. "Lackland is like a big restaurant that has all these empty seats just waiting on other folks to come inside," Lewis said. "When I started looking at the Randolph FTAC classes, (I saw) it could easily be integrated into Lackland."

Staff Sgt. Joshua Biggs, Lackland FTAC NCO in charge, said the two entities overcame several challenges to create an efficient product for those Airmen in transition from technical training to their first duty assignment. The FTACs merged two separate registration websites on the Air Force network into one, and have integrated general and specific base information to meet the students' transition needs. In doing so, a networking benefit emerged from the consolidation. "The main challenge was transportation, getting the Randolph students over here, but we worked that out," Biggs said. "I think (the consolidation) was a good move because of the whole joint basing (concept).



Col. Richard McComb accepts the 628th Air Base Wing guidon from Brig. Gen. William Bender as Col. Martha Meeker and Chief Master Sgt. Jose LugoSantiago stand at attention during the 628th ABW change of commander ceremony July 14, 2011, at Joint Base Charleston, S.C. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Nicole Mickle)

Talking Points, Continued

When I was stationed at Lackland before, the four years I was here, I never went to Randolph and never met anyone from there. Now that we've merged (the FTACs), I see the Airmen interacting with each other."

Lewis said JBSA has begun combining the Lackland and Randolph ALS programs, which will come in phases. The first move in that direction came by holding one ALS graduation ceremony instead of two.

From the Basing Directorate

Newsletter Topics for Lessons Learned Spotlight

Each month, the Joint Basing Newsletter will spotlight lessons learned in joint base execution. The following list includes suggested topics for future newsletters. If you have any other suggestions or comments, please contact us at jointbasing@osd.mil.

- August – Anti-terrorism and Force Protection Planning
- September – Base Vehicle Management
- October – Protocol

Call for Articles

If you would like to prepare an article for the Joint Basing Newsletter, please contact us at jointbasing@osd.mil. Some suggestions for articles include reporting a success story at your joint base, detailing a functional issue or concern and how your joint base overcame it, or discussing the impact of Joint Basing on your military community. Articles should be no longer than 600 words.

Joint Basing in the News

- Col. McComb assumes command of Joint Base Charleston; Joint Base Charleston, July 15, 2011
- New Jersey Base Realizes Joint Benefits; www.defense.gov, July 15, 2011
- JBSA consolidations aim to create efficiency, cost saving; mySA, July 7, 2011

Joint Basing Website

We update the Joint Basing website on a daily basis, and email weekly updates to the website to all members of the group. We made the following updates during the month of July:

- ICS and SIMG CPVF Web-Based Tool Training Slides
- JB-COLS Changes Suspense Memo
- Joint Basing June 2011 Newsletter