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Welcome to the updated Joint Basing Newsletter! October has been a busy month in the “joint basing world” as the Phase II joint bases reached Full Operational Capability. In addition, our quarterly Senior Joint Base Working Group met to assess progress and resolve the definition of “Financial Services,” and the OSD staff began working through the proposed COLS changes submitted by the joint bases.

Lastly, the Services are readying the MOA change packages for OSD legal and policy review. The joint bases submitted 311 proposed COLS revisions and 226 MOA changes. Plenty to keep the staff busy! As always, we’re open to your questions and good ideas – keep those cards and letters coming!

– Col. Mickey Addison



(Top) Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska - 3rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Soldiers load onto a 517th Airlift Squadron Globemaster III, here, before an airborne jump operation. (U.S. Air Force photo/Keith Brown)

(Bottom) Pentagon. (DoD photo/Master Sgt. Ken Hammond)



(Left) From left, Dr. Cem Maxwell, Deputy Director, San Antonio Joint Program Office at Randolph Air Force Base; Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick, 502nd Air Base Wing commander; and Frank Simas, Deputy of the Joint Project Management Office, Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers turn dirt during the groundbreaking ceremony. (U.S. Army photo/Steve Elliott)

Policy Update

Joint Basing Government Purchase Card (GPC) Policy

On October 12, 2010, the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations & Environment) [DUSD(I&E)] signed the GPC policy memo. In response to questions from Joint Base Commanders (JBCs), the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics / Defense Procurement & Acquisition Policy) prepared additional guidance on GPC program management. The memo provides guidance to accompany and clarify the Procurement Operations Supplemental Guidance on the use and management of GPCs at joint bases. It also provides definitive interpretation of the existing guidance on the “for and in direct support of installations” language in the Procurement Operations Supplemental Guidance and includes additional resources on the Department of Defense (DoD) GPC Program.

Army Request for Variance from Supply, Storage, and Distribution of Munitions (SSD-Munitions) at Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA)

On March 16, 2009, DUSD(I&E) granted the Army’s request for a variance from transferring the SSD-Munitions functions at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), and Joint Base Langley-Eustis (JBLE). As the necessary restructuring of the function had not yet occurred at JBSA, the Installations Capabilities Council denied the variance at that location. However, the ICC encouraged the Army to submit a variance for JBSA once it completed the planned restructuring. On October 12, 2010, DUSD(I&E) signed a memo granting the Army a variance at JBSA.

Open Policy Issues

Financial Services Transfer

On October 21, 2010, the Senior Joint Base Working Group (SJBWG) made a final decision on the definition of “financial services” at joint bases and a course of action to transfer the function to the supporting Service Component. For joint bases, “financial services” refers to customer service for military pay, civilian pay, and travel pay for all personnel assigned to the Military Departments. The JBC will be responsible for providing financial services, as defined above, to the population supported by the JBC (i.e., the Military Departments).

The Financial Services Working Group, with the Air Force as lead, is developing the business rules and supplemental guidance to support the JBC in providing financial services to the joint base. The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (USD(C)) will issue the supplemental guidance not later than March 1, 2011. The supplemental guidance will include a “freeze” on organizational changes through March 1, 2012, which is 12 months after the USD(C) expects to release the supplemental guidance. The “freeze” will allow issues that come up in that 12-month period to be resolved. To record the SJBWG decision, the USD(C) is currently preparing a memo, which should be released in November 2010.



(Above) Joint base logos



Spotlight – Phase II Joint Bases Reach Full Operational Capability (FOC)

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Congratulations to the Phase II joint bases! On October 1, 2010, the Phase II joint bases reached FOC – the culmination of a lot of hard work. "Full Operational Capability formalizes the process begun by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission to consolidate and streamline base support . . .," said Col. Donald Kirkland, JBC at JBLE, at the JBLE FOC ceremony. The joint bases reached FOC ready to begin the new fiscal year as a fully operational joint base.

Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB), Joint Base Charleston (JBC HS), JBLE, Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) conducted FOC ceremonies. JBSA and JBER elected to keep FOC more low key, and did not hold a ceremony. Attendees at the FOC ceremonies consisted of Members of Congress, local and community officials, military leaders, and rank and file from the newly-formed bases. At the ceremonies, Members of Congress, the JBC, Deputy JBC, and other military leaders gave speeches describing the history of the bases and noting the historic nature of the day. Capt Sears, JBC at JBAB, stated that "We're in the business of facilitating the missions of others. We were two Services performing two great roles, wearing different uniforms. We basically did the same things, but sometimes we called them different names. We'll provide the same service – but now in a joint fashion." The ceremonies also included performances by the Service bands and/or color guards, and presentations of the joint base names, logos, and flags, if applicable.

With both Phase I and Phase II joint bases at FOC, we have begun to realize the vision of joint basing. We say

"begun" because there's still more work to be done as we develop new operations and new procedures. Col Evans, JBC at JBER, stated that their fire department became joint in 2004 and was recently recognized as the best in the Air Force. This example illustrates the high quality services that joint operations can provide. At the joint bases, we can capitalize on the best practices of both Services, and in turn identify efficiencies, enhance warfighting readiness, and maximize the delivery of installation support services (Staff Sgt. Daniel Bowles; *Air Force, Navy reach full operational capability on Joint Base Charleston Oct. 1; October 1, 2010*).



(Top) The Navy and Air Force color guard march during the JBAB FOC ceremony on October 1, 2010. (Photo/Renelle Sagana)

(Middle) Attendees leaving after the end of the JBAB FOC ceremony. (Photo/Renelle Sagana)

(Bottom) Commander Air Force District of Columbia, Maj. Gen. Darrell Jones, left, passes a guidon to Col. Roy Agustin, right, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Vice Commander, signifying the activation of the Air Force element at JBAB during the JBAB FOC ceremony. (Photo/Renelle Sagana)



(Left) The official party of the Full Operational Capability Commemoration Ceremony observe the proceedings during the Oct. 1 ceremony at the Missing Man Formation Memorial at Aloha Aina Park. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen)

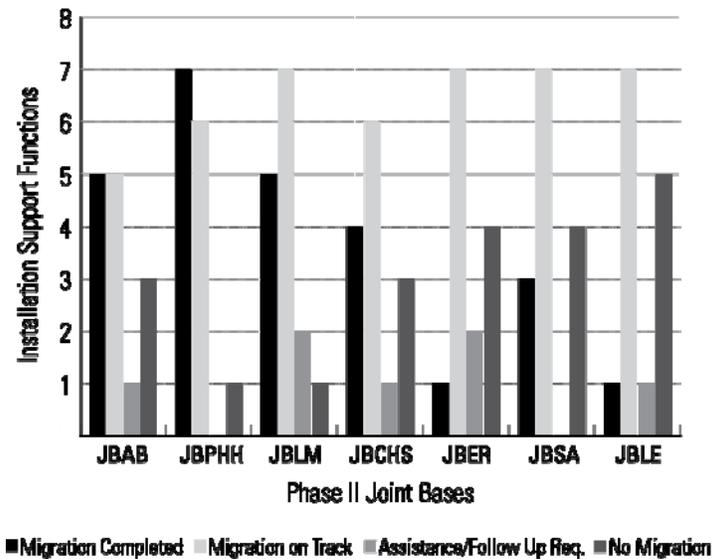
(Below) Keiki from Halau Hula Olana perform a traditional hula dance as part of the introductory celebrations of the Full Operational Capability Commemoration Ceremony Oct. 1 at the Missing Man Formation Memorial at Aloha Aina Park. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen)

Talking Points

Contracts, Common Output Level Standards (COLS), and the Cost and Performance Visibility Framework (CPVF) Tool

If the supporting or supported Service Component has a contract that does not meet the COLS (e.g., COLS states to clean bathrooms three times per week and contract states two times per week), then the supporting Service Component should modify the contract so that it meets COLS. In most cases, at FOC the supporting Service Components received additional funding to modify existing contracts to meet COLS. For the CPVF quarterly reporting, the joint base should rate the COLS “Not Met,” but state in the comments section that the supporting Service Component is in the process of modifying the contract. JBCs should always report a “get well date” in the comments section for any COLS metric “Not Met.”

Figure 1



Data Migration (DM) at Phase II Joint Bases

The DM Team, with the support of Component-level headquarters and installation points of contact, was able to migrate data for Phase II joint bases so that many of the functions are operating in a joint environment. This process was achieved through the use of the supporting Component system by both or all three Components or through the integration of the Components’ business processes.

Figure 1 shows the current status reported for the DM effort across the Phase II joint bases. With end of year reporting still happening in many of the functional areas, migrations are still occurring with an estimated completion date of November 15, 2010.



Missing Something?

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

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(Left) From left, Mr. Russell Hall, Installation Command-Northeast Director, Col Donald Kirkland, JBC of JBLE, Col Reggie Austin, DJBC of JBLE, and BG Dave Howe, Air Combat Command/Installation and Mission Support at the JBLE FOC ceremony on Oct. 1, 2010. (U.S. Air Force Photo/ Staff Sgt. Christina Styer)

(Middle) South Carolina Congressman Henry E. Brown Jr., gives opening remarks during the Joint Base Charleston inaugural ceremony on Oct. 1, 2010, on Joint Base Charleston-Weapons Station, S.C. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Timothy Taylor)

(Bottom) Lt. Gen. Robert Allardice gives his opening remarks at the Joint Base Charleston inaugural ceremony. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Lauren Main)

From the Basing Directorate

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Newsletter Topics for Lessons Learned Spotlight

Each month, the Joint Basing Newsletter will spotlight lessons learned in both implementation and 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.

- November - Installation Safety Programs
- December - Financial Management
- January - CPVF Tool Issues and Answers
- February - Joint Base "Culture" (or tips on how to be "joint" without losing Service identity)
- March - Military Personnel
- April - Airfield Operations

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

- Airmen, Sailors train together for future relief efforts; U.S. Air Force, October 26, 2010
- Historic military bases combine to form all-service joint base in D.C.; DVIDS, October 1, 2010
- JBER: One team, one fight, ready for anything; Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, October 1, 2010
- Historic Oahu military bases now a joint base; Associated Press, October 1, 2010
- Air Force, Navy reach full operational capability on Joint Base Charleston Oct. 1; Joint Base Charleston, October 1, 2010
- Joint Base San Antonio video in the local news; www.woai.com, October 1, 2010
- JBLE at 'Full Operational Capability'; wavy.com, October 1, 2010

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 October:

- JBSA SSD-Munitions Variance
- GPC Memo
- Joint Basing September 2010 Newsletter

