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Background

The Joint Warfare Centre (JWC) was established on 23 October 2003 at Jättå, Stavanger, Norway, subordinate to Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation in Norfolk, Virginia, the United States. The JWC is the premier training establishment of the NATO Alliance at the operational level. The Centre achieved its Full Operational Capability in 2006.

Organization

The JWC is a multi-national and multi-service NATO organization with more than 250 military and civilian personnel from 15 NATO Nations: Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Mission

The JWC provides NATO's training focal point for full spectrum joint operational level warfare.

The Centre's primary mission is joint, collective training at the operational level for the NATO Command Structure (NCS) and NATO Force Structure (NFS) headquarters in support of warfare development and warfighting readiness. The JWC is the main enabler of NATO's computer-assisted command post exercises (CPX/CAX) and is the only NATO establishment that creates, maintains and develops synthetic scenarios used for many National and NATO Joint Force Command certification exercises.

The JWC also supports concept and doctrine development, the lessons learned process, and integration of concepts, doctrine and experimentation into exercises to improve NATO's interoperability, capabilities and operational effectiveness. Since October 2003, the JWC has trained nearly 72,000¹ personnel from NATO Member and Partner Nations.

Commander's Vision

"To sustain and enhance JWC's role and reputation as the premier provider of exercises and innovation at the joint operational level of warfare, the JWC will maintain its focus of continuous improvement of its internal structure and processes in order to optimize our resources to support the headquarters we train; we will adapt. The JWC must continue to be at the heart of evolving NATO Joint Warfare Development, delivering Transformation through exercises to meet NATO's future warfare requirements. This is, and will continue to be, delivered by the JWC whole force 'One Team' who are the only thing that makes us who we are,"
Major General Andrzej Reudowicz, Commander JWC.

Mission Areas

1. Provides joint operational level collective training in support of NATO's ongoing operations and for the joint/combined staffs of the NCS/NFS headquarters,
2. Provides and conducts NATO Response Force certification exercises,
3. Provides collective training support to SACEUR, at all stages of the planning, execution and analysis, in accordance with the Bi-Strategic Military Training and Exercise Programme,
4. Supports concept integration and doctrine development and coordinates integration of experimentation and capability development,
5. Contributes to NATO's lessons learned process and ensures Transformational outputs are integrated into collective training events,
6. Supports adherence to Joint Operational Warfare doctrine and standards,
7. Creates, maintains and develops NATO's synthetic training scenarios,
8. Provides state-of-the-art CAX and media simulation capabilities.

¹ The number involves only the execution phase of the exercises as of June 2019.

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