

JCCoE Annual Partnership Day Event



Joint Culinary Center of Excellence (JCCoE) Quality Assurance Division hosted their 14th annual Partnership Day at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum, Fort Lee, VA, 19-20 August 2015. During this one and a half day event, 45 representatives of food manufacturers, prime vendors, assemblers, government acquisition personnel, and academia were given an opportunity to experience how Soldiers, Airman, Sailors and Marines are fed and trained in garrison and field environments. The JCCoE Partnership Day strives to foster team building between Government and Industry by allowing participants to examine the interrelationships of their products and services at the customer level (Department of Defense food service operations).

Scheduled activities included: Briefings from various JCCoE staff and Defense Commissary Agency highlighting mission, special functions, Operational Rations, Department of Defense Nutrition Standards, and DoD Approved Sources for Armed Forces procurement. A special presentation was provided by our Concepts, Systems and Policy Division on the Army's Transformation concept for garrison feeding. Participants were provided visits with the Joint Culinary Training Division Techniques of Cooking, & Baking labs and Advance Culinary; the Army Field training site with hands on displays consisting of the Field Sanitation Center, Assault Kitchen Enhanced, Containerized Kitchen, Mobile Kitchen Trailer, Multi-temperature Refrigerated Containerized System and various group and individual rations that are being used in the field today. The Fort Lee Commissary facilitated a tour of their facility providing information on the "Go Green" initiative and their newly implemented "Click 2 Go" concept. This was a great opportunity for those individuals that had never been inside a Defense Agency commissary.

A tour of the installation viewing our advancements and progress with construction and opportunities for our surrounding communities and gaining organizations was conducted also. Attendees were served a lunch meal at the Ordnance Dining Facility receiving information on the Soldier Fueling Initiative and Go for Green® programs; one-on-one consultation visits with selected JCCoE personnel were available on the morning of Day 2. This Partnership Day event was a complete success in meeting its goal of developing team building between government and industry. These relationships provide continuous improvement to the goods and services for the Army Food Program and contributes to exceptional quality of life for the individual Warfighter. Presentations for this event is provided on this website.