

## JCCoE Annual Partnership Day Event

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On 27 August 2012, Joint Culinary Center of Excellence (JCCoE) Quality Assurance Division hosted their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Partnership Day. The gathering met at the Army Women's Museum on Fort Lee, VA. During this one and a half day event, 35 representatives of food manufacturers, prime vendors, assemblers, government acquisition personnel, and academia were given an opportunity to experience how Soldiers are fed and trained in garrison and field environments. The JCCoE Partnership Day fosters team building between Government and Industry by allowing participants to examine the interrelationships of their products and services at the customer level (Army food service operations).



Scheduled activities included: Briefings from JCCoE and Defense Commissary Agency staff highlighting, mission, and special functions; tours across the Installation including a visit to a dining facility to review information on the Soldier Fueling Initiative and Go for Green™ programs. The group also visited the Joint Culinary Training Directorate's - Techniques of Cooking, and Baking labs and Army and Marine Corps Field feeding sites with displays of a variety of field equipment. A view of the installation's advancements and progress was noted with a visual of completed and continual construction.



Attendees were served a lunch meal prepared by 92G AIT students during their visit at the Army field feeding training site. They witnessed hands-on operations and received detailed briefs and questions answered by our subject matter expert trainers. On day two, One-on-One consultation visits with selected JCCoE personnel were available to those who requested a meeting.



This Partnership Day event was a complete success in meeting its goal of fostering team building between government and industry in hopes to improve on the goods and services they provide to our Warfighter.



Many of the participants provided feedback to JCCoE touting the success and benefit of the program. JCCoE plans to continue the Partnership Day next year to continue to foster this critical team building event.