

## JCCoE Annual Partnership Day Event

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On 16 July 2013, Joint Culinary Center of Excellence (JCCoE) Quality Assurance Division hosting their 12<sup>th</sup> annual Partnership Day at the Army Women's Museum, Fort Lee, VA. During this one and a half day event, 54 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, Defense Commissary Agency and Association of Quartermasters staff highlighting mission, special functions, Department of Defense Nutrition Standards, and updates on Operational Rations and Doing Business with the Army; visits with the Joint Culinary Training Division Techniques of Cooking, & Baking labs; the Army, Air Force and Marine Field feeding sites with hands on displays consisting of the Field Sanitation Center, Assault Kitchen Enhanced, Containerized Kitchen, Mobile Kitchen Trailer, Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources, and the new Expeditionary Field Kitchen that is currently being fielded by the Marine Corps.



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 Petroleum and Water 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 fostering team building between government and industry in hopes to improve on the goods and services they provide to our Warfighter.

