



JOINT FORCE TRAINING CENTRE (JFTC)

Transformation Through Training

The Joint Force Training Centre, located in Bydgoszcz, Poland is an integral part of the NATO Command Structure, and directly supports the mission of the Supreme Allied Commander Transformation. JFTC focuses on static and distributed joint and combined training. Furthermore, the Centre supports concept development, capability development, tests and experimentation in training to maximize transformational efforts to improve NATO's interoperability and operational effectiveness.

The JFTC's priority is to provide training to future operations, focusing on joint and combined competences. The Centre also provides training to ongoing operational forces. JFTC is a critical element in the transformation of Alliance and Partner forces through exercises and training.

Within its three areas of focus – support to current operations, support to future operations and support to NATO warfare development - JFTC is:

- **Key venue for NATO Command Structure/ NATO Force Structure Exercises.** JFTC actively supports NATO Command Structure and NATO Force Structure. It facilitates various exercises for NATO and National Headquarters, including operational level headquarters. The Centre also provides capable Training Teams to augment Exercise Control elements in other training events and exercises.
- **The focal point of NATO pre-deployment training.** Building on its vast experience from previous NATO missions, JFTC continues the mission-focused training for both headquarters and advisors deploying to the NATO Mission in Iraq. JFTC ensures that trainees gain the knowledge, flexibility, and capacity to advise, and assist their counterparts while laying the groundwork for their long-term sustainment.
- **State-of-the-art location for experimentation and innovation.** JFTC with its modern IT platform provides an ideal environment for future training-related transformational technical activities. The centre hosts and conducts sophisticated tests and experiments of capabilities that can be used in support of allied training and operations. JFTC is also the home of NATO's annual Coalition Warrior Interoperability eXploration, eXperimentation, eXamination Exercise (CWIX), the NATO's premier interoperability event. CWIX attracts around 2500 participants from over 40 NATO and Partner Nations and multiple NATO commands, agencies, and organizations.

Simultaneously, JFTC is working intensively on emerging endeavours. Starting from 2016, for example, the Centre has been in lead of developing the NATO-Georgia exercises and of conducting the NATO-Georgia mentoring programme that evolved into a partnership programme based on a Partnership Agreement signed in 2020.

Whether through training or capability building, JFTC is at the very heart of the NATO's aspirations and transformation. The importance of both training and innovation will undoubtedly grow, and JFTC remains on the cutting edge of developing Alliance capability and interoperability from the brigade to Joint Force Command level.

In Brief

Mission:

The Joint Force Training Centre plans, prepares and executes static and distributed combined and joint training in support of warfighting readiness. The Joint Force Training Centre is committed to warfare development through concept development and maintenance of joint doctrine and standards while coordinating the integration of experimentation, capability development, and interoperability to improve NATO's interoperability, capabilities, and operational effectiveness.

The Joint Force Training Centre contributes to the development and strengthening of relationships and the integration of national training and command organisations, regional security organisations and partners.

Commander:

Major General Bogdan Rycerski, Polish Army

Parent Command:

Allied Command Transformation (Norfolk, VA, USA)

Location:

Bydgoszcz, Poland

Personnel:

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Website:

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