



Joint Communications Support Element

The Joint Communications Support Element (JCSE), a subordinate joint command of the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, provides rapidly deployable, scalable, en-route and early entry communications capabilities across the full spectrum of operations in order to enable rapid action of the joint force in support of the geographic combatant commands (GCC) or other agencies as directed by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. JCSE operational support can be received through Global Response Force requests, the Request for Forces process or requests by General Officers/Flag Officers. JCSE exercise support can be requested through the Joint Training Information Management System.

JCSE, headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., is comprised of a headquarters squadron and three active-duty line squadrons. It also includes the Florida Air National Guard's 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron (JCSS) and the U.S. Army Reserve's 4th Joint Communications Squadron, based with JCSE at MacDill Air Force Base, and the Georgia Air National Guard's 224th JCSS headquartered in Brunswick, Ga. These joint active-duty, Guard and reserve personnel can deploy globally within hours of notification to provide communications packages tailored to the specific needs of a full joint task force headquarters and to a joint special operations task force.

As a joint airborne / deployable communications organization, the capabilities of JCSE include:

- A modernization program which leverages emerging commercial-off-the-shelf technologies to enhance capability and capacity to meet joint operating requirements
- A robust 24 / 7 reach-back capability
- Access to a full range of DOD and commercial networks
- Bridging complex command, control, communications and computer technical hurdles
- Commercially air transportable
- Early entry for a 40-seat joint command and control node
- Expeditionary – can deploy in hours
- Seamlessly scales support from an early-entry package to a full joint force headquarters

JCSE's rapid deployment capability and lightweight equipment footprint enables timely, secure and reliable communications service delivery during all phases of joint force headquarters operations.

JCSE consistently deploys rotating forces in support of ongoing operations in the U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) and U.S. Africa Command areas of operation. In addition, JCSE's global mission has employment of capabilities in support of every GCC area of responsibility.

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