

Update on Joint Operational Fires and Effects Course

JOFEC funded for 2017 - Classes starting in Feb. 2017

The Joint Operational Fires and Effects Course (JOFEC) is designed to educate leaders from all services on Joint capabilities and targeting methodology to create both lethal and non-lethal effects. JOFEC is an excellent opportunity for Joint and Army personnel to receive training on the joint and service targeting processes. It also facilitates the rebuilding of the Total Army Force for Decisive Action by ensuring Fires are properly integrated into Combined Arms Maneuver as part of the overall push to improve readiness.

The operational impact of JOFEC is significant and tangible. JOFEC helps fill a gap in leader education on Fires at the Operational level in support of Joint Force Commander Mission and priorities. This course was created because Combatant Commands repeatedly requested that action be taken to fill a leader education gap. JOFEC accomplishes this by providing students the baseline knowledge of Joint Service Fires capabilities, platforms, doctrine and the Joint Target-

ing Process allowing them to function at an Operational level and execute the Targeting process.

JOFEC is also the only educational opportunity for Soldiers and leaders to receive training working in Division and higher Fires cells or Battlefield Coordination Detachments (BCDs). This is significant with the return of the Division Artilleries (DIVARTYs) and the need to reestablish core Fires capability and competencies.

Additionally, the need for these competencies has been most evident during rotations at the Combat Training Centers (CTC) and in the Mission Command Training Program (MCTP) in which units were lacking these core competencies. The course will soon be available for registration in the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS) with available dates. Contact your S3 Training NCO for more information. 

Social Media Best Practices

If a Soldier or leader uses a social networking site where he or she is or may be identified or associated with the U.S. Army, they must remember how they appear to represent their organization and the United States of America. UCMJ and other guidelines and regulations still apply.

