



Joint Civilian Orientation Conference 60 will begin May 4 at 12:00 noon in Washington, D.C., and end May 11 at 1:00 p.m. in Norfolk, Virginia. The conference will visit the Pentagon and military bases of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps. This year, for the first time, JCOC will also visit the U.S. Coast Guard, in light of its wartime mission with the Department of Defense.

Each day you will have the opportunity to talk to, eat with and observe military personnel. Each evening, a social function will provide additional time for informal conversations with senior members of the host commands. JCOC 60 will be fast-paced and rigorous. Each day's schedule will be very full. There's not much time to sleep!

Sunday, May 4 -- Washington, D.C.

Conference registration is between noon and 4 p.m. at The Willard Hotel, 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. There will be a hospitality suite available during this time. After brief organizational meetings, JCOC 60 will begin with an evening reception and dinner hosted by the Secretary of Defense.

Monday, May 5 -- The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

You will meet with Service Secretaries, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other senior Department officials and also visit the National Military Command Center and learn how military activities are monitored around the world. The purpose of this day is to provide you an overview of defense and national security issues, and the issues affecting each of the Services. In the afternoon you will depart Washington, D.C., for Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, where you will board an Air Force C-17, aircraft, the most flexible airlift aircraft to enter the Air Force inventory, for travel to Norfolk, Virginia, and a visit to the Coast Guard in Portsmouth. The Coast Guard portion of JCOC will begin with a reception and dinner. You will stay overnight in a local area hotel.

Tuesday, May 6 -- U.S. Coast Guard Facilities in Portsmouth, Virginia

On this day, you will spend the morning viewing the Atlantic Area Coast Guard operations in action. Later that afternoon, you will fly onboard an Air Force KC-10 Extender, a military version of the McDonnell Douglas DC-10, for a refueling flight to Fort Hood, Texas, the Army's largest active duty armored post, covering nearly 350 square miles. Fort Hood serves as the Army's testbed of cutting edge combat and training technology. While en route, you will have an opportunity to observe an inflight refueling operation from the vantage point of the "boom box" as the operator refuels the receiving aircraft. Once at Ford Hood, you will proceed directly to a cocktail reception and welcome dinner, where the base's senior officers will join you for cocktails and dinner. You'll spend the night in Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQ).

Wednesday, May 7 -- Fort Hood, Texas

The next morning, you'll eat breakfast in an Army dining facility along with junior enlisted soldiers. After a full day at Fort Hood, the JCOC participants will depart on a KC-10 for Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field, Florida. Eglin is headquarters for the Air Force's Development Test Center and the Air Combat Command's 33rd Fighter Wing. Hurlburt Field is

headquarters for the Air Force's Special Operations Command and the 16th Special Operations Wing. You will proceed directly to a cocktail reception and dinner hosted by the commanding officers of both installations. There is some operational activity planned for this evening, with details to be provided at a later date. You will spend the night in a local area hotel.

Thursday, May 8 -- Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field

Today you will have an opportunity to view not only conventional Air Force operations, but also Air Force Special Operations as you visit both Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field. Later in the afternoon, you will depart via KC-10 en route to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Upon arrival, you will go directly to a local restaurant in Jacksonville, North Carolina. The base's senior officers will join you for cocktails and dinner. The evening's lodgings will be on base at the Marine BOQ.

Friday, May 9 -- Camp Lejeune

Your day with the Marines will include breakfast at a dining facility where you will be joined by junior enlisted personnel. You will then proceed to the first staging of the Marine Capabilities Exercise (CAPEX) where you will have an opportunity to view an all day demonstration of Marine Corps wartime capabilities, both on land and at sea, as well as a full representation of Marine Corps aircraft, including the Harrier, the Marine Corps' Vertical-Short-Take-Off-and-Landing (VSTOL) fighter aircraft. Lunch in the field will be military rations called "MRE's" (Meals Ready to Eat). The JCOC participants will then depart in mid-afternoon for Norfolk, Virginia. Upon arrival in Norfolk, you will be flown out to one of the Navy's newest nuclear powered aircraft carriers, the USS Stennis, operating off the Virginia coast. You will fly via a Navy C-2 Greyhound, Carrier On-board Delivery (COD), fixed wing, propeller driven aircraft and experience the exhilaration of being "trapped" by huge arresting cables on the carrier's flight deck. After dinner, you will have the unique experience of observing nighttime flight operations. You will remain overnight onboard the USS Stennis.

Saturday, May 10 -- Onboard USS Stennis

After an early morning wake-up and breakfast, you will have an opportunity to tour the carrier (including the Bridge), meet with some of the 6,000 sailors who live and work on this floating city, have an opportunity to discuss flight operations, and learn about the role of the carrier battle group. Later in the morning you will experience the thrill of being "shot" off the ship's bow by a steam-powered catapult for the return trip ashore for port tours of nuclear-powered attack submarines and a surface combatant ship. You will also have an opportunity to view Navy Special Operations. That evening, a joint (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard) farewell dinner will be held at a local area hotel, where you will spend the night.

Sunday, May 11 -- Local Area Hotel, Norfolk, Virginia

JCOC 60 concludes with a mid-morning farewell brunch. You will assemble in teams and have an opportunity to ask questions about your experiences and to provide feedback about your impressions.

Transportation to the airport will be provided immediately following the conference. For planning purposes, please do not book your return flight earlier than 2:00 p.m. local time.