NATO Joint Electronic Warfare Core Staff (JEWCS)

JEWCS is a military organisation founded by nine NATO Nations and whose operation is based on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). NATO JEWCS' basic task is to provide NATO alliance and the Individual NATO member Nations with a wide variety of capabilities related to the domain of Electronic Warfare (EW) centre of excellence for Electronic Warfare (EW).

NATO JEWCS is NATO’s capability centre for Electronic Warfare (EW) providing Supreme Allied Command Europe (SACEUR), as well as Allied Command Operations (ACO) and Allied Command Transformation (ACT) plus their subordinate commands with EW expertise and training in support both of the planning and execution of NATO operations and exercises. In addition to the EW support given to NATO, NATO JEWCS provides the same level of exercise support to its eleven MOU Nations the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, United Kingdom and the United States of America and other potential customers for national exercises and EW related activities.

Moreover, NATO JEWCS as part of Supreme Headquarters Allies Powers Europe's (SHAPE) Military Chain of Command, supports all NATO Headquarters (HQ) and Commands in the development of NATO EW Policy, doctrine, concepts and experimentations. NATO JEWCS based at Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton in the UK was officially activated as an MOU organisation on 01 October 2013, the unit ensures that NATO forces have the significantly enhanced capability to be able to operate in today's hostile EW environment.

The unit provides EW expertise and hardware in support of current operations, including support to NATO Response Force operations and specialized expertise in the increasingly complex area of countering radio controlled Improvised Electronic Devices (IEDs). In addition to its operational role, NATO JEWCS also provides support and expertise for contingency planning, force integration and exercises by providing a realistic hostile electro-magnetic environment in which NATO or National military forces can conduct training and exercise land, air and sea forces in all aspects of warfare.

MISSION NATO JEWCS is to provide SACEUR, ACO subordinate commands and the MOU supporting Nations with Electronic Warfare expertise and training in support of the planning and execution of exercises and NATO operations. In addition, NATO JEWCS, under the direction of SHAPE, is to support NATO HQ, SACEUR and SACT in the development of NATO EW policy, doctrine, concepts and experimentation.

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