

JOINT TASK FORCE EXERCISE (JTFEX)

The Inter-Deployment Training Cycle (IDTC) process is dedicated to the certification of the U.S. Navy Carrier Battle Group's (CVBG) demonstrated competence in all warfare areas. Exercises of increasing complexity lead to the final exercise, or the Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX), which is usually conducted six to eight weeks prior to deployment.

The exercise is designed to meet the requirement for quality training that fully prepares U.S. and Allied forces for joint and combined operations. It also provides the Joint Task Force Commander, in his training fleet commander role, the opportunity to certify the CVBG and Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) for deployment.

During JTFEX the CVBG and ARG, with its Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked, integrate all assets as a single cohesive force. The multi-dimensional, multi-threat environment stresses every aspect of naval warfare and incorporates surveillance, rescue, and other operations such as maritime interdiction, embassy support and non-combatant evacuation.

JTFEX forces the Battle Group Commander to evaluate and prioritize every potential threat, balance the competing demands of all warfare commanders, and apportion limited assets to counter threats and decisively prevail in combat.

In addition to the combat prowess of his forces, the Battle Group Commander and the warfare commanders are evaluated on their ability to accurately analyze and assess the tactical situation, assimilate new information and effectively allocate resources that are ready to fight. They are tested on overall mission accomplishment, interoperability, response to emergent tasking and force protection.

JTFEX participating forces train with equipment and systems that incorporate the latest advances in technology, and which support the full range of capabilities that may be needed in various geographic areas where joint and combined forces serve during deployment.