

News from JFHQ-A1

Joint Officer Qualification

The deadline is quickly approaching for self-nominations for retroactive experiences for joint qualification. For qualifying joint assignments prior to 1 October 2013 officers may request retroactive joint credit until 30 September 2013. Beginning 1 October 2013 all experiences must be self-nominated within one year of completion. If you have completed an experience that meets the definition of joint matters now is the time to self-nominate!

In order to earn joint credit, your experience must meet the definition of joint matters. There are three distinct parts of the definition – the “who,” the “what,” and the “unified action.” In order to satisfy the definition, one element of the “who” **and** the “what” must be fulfilled in a way that a unified action is achieved. Below please find the definition of joint matters

Definition of Joint Matters

“(1) ..matters related to the achievement of unified action by integrated military forces in operations conducted across domains such as land, sea, or air, in space or in the information environment, including matters relating to – (A) national military strategy; (B) strategic planning and contingency planning; (C) command and control of operations under unified command; (D) national security planning with other departments and agencies of the United States; or (E) combined operations with military forces of allied nations.

(2) In the context of joint matters, the term “integrated military forces” refers to military forces that are involved in the planning or execution (or both) of operations involving participants from: (A) more than one military department; or (B) a military department and one or more of the following: (i) Other departments and agencies of the United States. (ii) The military forces or agencies of other countries. (iii) Non-governmental persons or entities.

Colonels and below must self-nominate through the JQS Website:

<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/jmis/JQSindex.jsp>

Upon logging into the website you have an opportunity to go the National Guard Joint Officer Management page to get more information regarding submitting your self-nomination by clicking the blue National Guard (ARNG & ANG) link. Or go to:

<https://gkportal.ngb.army.mil/sites/NGB/JM/JOM/default.aspx>

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