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JPEO JTRS CONDUCTS NIE 12.1 TRAINING

SAN DIEGO – The Joint Program Executive Office for the Joint Tactical Radio System (JPEO JTRS) recently completed another round of Network Integration Evaluation (NIE) 12.1 New Equipment Training (NET) for members of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division at Ft Bliss, TX.

The training centered on JTRS equipment and systems that will be a part of the Army's upcoming NIE 12.1 to include: Handheld, Manpack, Small Form Fit (HMS) Rifleman Radio and Manpack Radio, Ground Mobile Radio (GMR), and JTRS Enterprise Network Manager (JENM) and Soldier Radio Waveform Network Manager (SRWNM).

Taking place from October 31-November 19 2011, NIE 12.1 will assess network and non-network capabilities. Priorities of NIE 12.1 are to extend the network to the individual Soldier, advance mission command on the move and continue to establish an Integration Network Baseline.

Commenting on the training they received, participants noted that the JTRS instructors were flexible, enthusiastic and knowledgeable, and that JTRS software course instructional material was taught in clear steps that would be easy to remember in the upcoming field exercise.

Delivery of JTRS products to the armed services will bring new transformational capabilities. "It is important to train new operators on the best ways to utilize this technology, so that they understand the paradigm shift that these new technologies represent, and the part that they play in it," states CDR Mark Kempf, JPEO JTRS NIE Task Force Commander.

Future training opportunities in preparation of NIE 12.1 activities and events courses will expand the "hands on" time for the students with the equipment.

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