

eXportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC)

What is it?

Developed in 2005, the eXportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) program was initially created to provide a “CTC-like” training event for ARNG BCTs. Today, XCTC enables Battalion Battle Staff proficiency and company level collective training certification on mission-specific tasks for all unit types.

XCTC is an innovative training program that reduces training overhead without sacrificing training quality, standards, or outcomes. Building on fundamental Doctrine XCTC integrates tough, realistic training across the live, virtual, and constructive training environments.

Mission. The ARNG XCTC program provides Battalion Battle Staff training to the level organized, coupled with a realistic, mission focused, and theater immersed training event to certify company level proficiency prior to entering the Army Force Generation Available Force Pool or entering into a CTC rotation.

The XCTC program consists of two components, a Leader Training Program (LTP) and a theater immersed training exercise executed during annual training. The LTP is a two phased component for Battalion Commanders and their Staffs which consists of an Staff Exercise followed by a Simulation Exercise. The theater immersed training exercise is a flexible, scalable, and tailorable commander driven event that can certify platoon, company level collective training proficiency, and includes a platoon live fire.

What has the ARNG done?

Recent XCTC accomplishments and activities include:

- Trained 13 ARNG BCT's and over 22,000 Soldiers in support of OIF, OND, and OEF.
- In January 2010, the XCTC program was approved as a program of record and has since expanded to train Functional/Multi-Functional (F/MF) units.

What continued efforts does the ARNG have planned for the future?

The National Guard continues to increase the number of XCTC sets and increase the capability to train more Brigade Combat Team (BCT)s and F/MF Brigades. The continuing goal is increase the number of BCT and F/MF Brigades each year. In FY 12 there are three BCT's, and two multi functional brigades scheduled. In FY 13 there are seven BCT's scheduled for an XCTC rotation. Work is underway to improve the visualization capabilities to provide not only location but body positioning (prone, standing, and kneeling). The visualization of weapon orientation (raised, slung, or not present) is fully operational.

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Why is this important to the Army National Guard?

Participating units involved in a rotation focus on Contemporary Operating Environment (COE) or theater specific tasks which provide for theater immersion. The XCTC provides a cost-effective and readily available alternative to the National Training Center (NTC) in Fort Irwin, California or the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) in Fort Polk, Louisiana for F/MF units. XCTC is conducted during Annual Training which lowers the unit cost. XCTC enables a BCT to reach the required aim points in Train/Ready Year 2 and a F/MF Brigade to reach the required aim points in Train/Ready Year 3. The XCTC provides a culminating event for units in the Army Force Generation Model (ARFORGEN) which involves a multi-year rotation cycle that prepares units for deployment.

The Army's Combat Training Centers do not have the capacity to accommodate the requirement to train six Army National Guard brigade combat teams per year. The XCTC program is the Army National Guard solution for ensuring that ARNG BCT and Multi Functional BDE reach their required ARFORGEN aim points.