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Message from the Sergeant Major

We've made it through the Holiday Season and in most military assignments, this would now be a time when an organization would restart their momentum, determine goals and expectations for the new year after a relatively relaxed month of December. For the members of JCU and their families, the truth is, we've never wound down. Although a few of our families were able to take some well deserved leave, it came during a period of intense forward momentum in support of the Global War On Terrorism. JCU members continue to be deployed at a record pace supporting the best, most lethal customers on earth. The United States and its allies are winning the war

thanks in large part to contributions and sacrifices of DoD's Finest Communicators and their families. My family and I thank you for doing what you do and for being so damn good at it. It appears as though 2007 will be another year full of challenges for JCU. A special thanks is due to recognize the incredible efforts of the JCU Recruiting Section, the Selection and Training Section, and the SOROC Cadre; in December, SOROC Class 2-06 completed the academic portion of the SOROC course and after the completion of the Combat Skills training, the largest SOROC class to date will be ready to assist those who've been carrying the deployment burden. Class



1-07 is ready to begin and the Recruiting Section is already filling openings for the next two courses. I am proud to be associated with you all and I am constantly amazed by your accomplishments.

Stay the course.

Sully sends

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QRT Quieted by AIS in Det-Bowl II

AIS stomped the QRT in our Flag (because the QRT didn't want to play tackle) Football game this Month by a score of 6 to 1.

Thanks to Brian Hargrove in OPS for coming out and helping us beat the once

mighty QRT. I think that we all agree that Dookie should stick to cheerleading.

When the guys in AIS aren't busy schooling the QRT in football they are working really hard at pro-

viding the best AIS support in the DOD. It is an honor to serve with them.

As always please feel free to call or contact myself or Jane if you need anything or just have a question. - Mike (Mac-11)

QRT—Freedom’s Communicators



December has brought some much needed relief from the opstempo of recent months. The QRT Detachment has kept themselves busy with equipment training and crew drills. We took the time to be with family and enjoy what little time there was. The Holiday half day schedule was great, some guys took leave and headed out of town, others took some local leave due to pagers on their belts. Jesus Castro, James Jordahl, Jared Schaffer and John Hickey all departed this month to start their deployments. Pablo Guerra, Greg Bogyo and Chuck Brandt all returned from deployment this month. We wish the guys just departing the best and to have a safe deployment. For the guys returning, thank you for a job well done and have an enjoyable and safe time while on

leave. December brought a very deserving Christmas present to Jerry (Jay) Baker in the form of E-7 stripes, congratulations on your promotion to Sergeant First Class. December has been good for the QRT, but the pace will pick up following the New Year. With the New Year, more challenges along with great opportunities for our guys will be forged and the QRT stands ready to meet those challenges head-on and take advantage of the opportunities that will carry JCU into 2007. The Unit was recently awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for actions taken during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. The award was for a certain time frame that many of our guys arriving after December 2004 will not be able to wear. I hope everyone takes pride in the

fact that they today, are the ones that will

Chief Stacey Lewis goes Hollywood for the JCU Recruiting Poster



be responsible for future awards bestowed on the unit.

The award was received for past actions, but nothing more than what the guys are currently doing day after day while deployed worldwide now. I as well as the rest of the chain of command can not express in words the heartfelt thanks for their selfless service to our nation.

Todd Spencer

Donations for JCU

A special thanks to the JSOC Chaplain’s Office for their very generous donation of twelve, \$50 commissary gift certificates which were given to members of JCU. This was a similar program to the one the Chaplain’s Office sponsored in November for Thanksgiving.



In an another expression of generosity focused towards JCU families, nine Christmas trees were donated by the Christmas Spirit Foundation for young service members and their families.

JCU Holiday Party

This year’s holiday party proved to be one of the best yet. Some folks felt that the evening began a little stiff due to the decision to wear uniforms but it didn’t take long for the JCU family to show their true colors. Once the formal portion of the evening was complete, LT John Gary made sure everyone knew that it was time to party! Five-Star did a fantastic job of keeping folks on the dance floor and fun was had by all who



were able to attend. A special thanks to Jodi Plew and Louise Trevino for all of their efforts to make the evening so special for so many.



All aboard... Choo...Choo!

Children's Christmas Party

This year's Children's Christmas Party held at Fun-Fun-Fun was a huge success. We had more attendees than at any previous one. I want to extend a very special thanks to Santa Claus for attending the party. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank some of Santa's helpers that made the event so special. Thank you to Jodi Plew and Louise Trevino for putting it all together and handling all of the behind the scene coordination. Thank you to Altovise Alexander for serving as Santa's personnel representative for gift selection and acquisitions. And lastly to Santa's part-time elves for all of the great gift wrapping— Altovise Alexander, Mar-

sha Spencer, Stephanie Spencer, Todd Spencer, Jane McKlveen, Louise Trevino, DJ Holly, John Sullivan and Jack Arnold.



Welcome Aboard

We want to welcome JCU's newest family members:

Wesley Crawford, his wife Wanda, daughter Amber (16) and son Wesley (3).

Nathan Hannah, his wife Martinique, daughter Dayzi-May (9), son Kameron (4), and daughter Rylee (10 mos).

Christopher Lewallen and his wife Robin.

Eric Russell, his wife Charlene, son Cody (6), son Jacob (5), and daughter Shelby (3).

Maintenance News

Maintenance division welcomes Mr. Roger Darling into the Mechanical Maintenance section, Mr. Ronald Plys into the Electronic Maintenance section and Mr. Rob Seyler (former Unit member) into the Configurations Management section. Congratulations to Tom Moak on his promotion to SFC. We will miss Mike Addaman who moves to Italy this month and Brian Wanke as he leaves in February for San Antonio, TX.

Les Himebrook



SFC Tom Moak receives his promotion certificate from LT John Gary

Ride In Memory of Tom Parent

The Tom Parent Memorial Poker Run (motorcycle ride) will be held January 27th. Registration begins @ 12:00pm at Charlie Mike's Pub on Reilly Rd. First bike out at 1:00pm and last bike in at 6:00pm. Registration fee is \$20 with T-shirt; \$10 without T-shirt. Other stops on the ride include Speed Demons Bar & Grill, Chrome, Aviator's Grill & Bar, and O'Larry's Irish Pub. Ride will occur rain or shine. Proceeds from the ride will be donated to the SOF Warrior Foundation in Tom's name. Tom worked for JSOC for many years and was killed in a vehicle accident by the Reilly Rd Gate of Ft Bragg. For more information, contact Jesse Casari @ (910) 797-3783.

January Promotions

Attention to Orders:

Effective 1 Jan 2007

John Mills (Ops) was promoted to Master Sergeant (MSG)

Mike Crain (AIS) and Tom Moak (MD) were promoted to Sergeant First Class (SFC)

Mike Maice (AIS) and Adam Groves (SOROC 2-06) were promoted to Staff Sergeant (SSG)

Mario Curtis (LNO) was retroactively promoted to Staff Sergeant (SSG) effective 1 Sep 2006.

Under the provisions of the Command Advancement Program (CAP), Jesus Castro (QRT) was promoted to Petty Officer First Class effective 1 Jan 2007

Graduations

Mr. Jeff Ingraham (JTEP) earned a Bachelors Degree in Computer Information Systems from Campbell University.

IT1 Cliff Varnadoe graduated from the US Army Static Line Jumpmaster Course.

Meet a few of JCU's Newest Members from SOROC Class 2-06

GySgt Jamie Slife

My name is James R. Slife III DOB 6/19/1974, I grew up in a little town in Ohio called Piqua. I joined the Marine Corps 11/02/93 and graduated boot camp Parris Island Jan 22 2004. I went to communications school at 29 palms California; upon graduation I received orders to 7th motor transport battalion, Camp Pendleton California. While stationed at 7th Motor Transport Battalion I married my high school sweetheart Angela K. Slife on July 9, 1994. After serving one year and six months at 7th Motor Transport, I was selected for orders to 1st Force Recon Company.

I reported to this unit in Oct of 95 and left the same unit in Jan of 2001. Upon leaving 1st Force Recon Company, I was assigned to 1st Special Operations Training Group, Reconnaissance and Surveillance section. I was assigned as the Urban Sniper and R&S instructor. I reported to this assignment on Jan of 2001 and was selected for a new assignment to Marine Corps Special Operations Command Detachment 1 (MCSOCOM Det1) on May of 2003. While at 1st Special Operations Training Group, I deployed to Iraq for 3

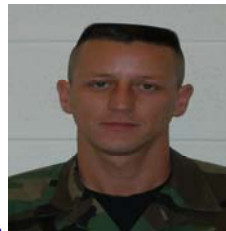


months and was assigned back to 1st Force Recon Company. While being assigned to Marine Corps Special Operations Command Detachment 1, I deployed to Iraq for a 6 month tour upon returning I had a handsome son named Colton James Slife DOB 11/02/2005 who is currently 14 months old. After the deactivation of MCSOCOM DET 1, I was accepted for orders to JCU March 2006 where I currently am stationed. Currently I am happily married to Angela Kay Slife, and we live in the Carolina Lakes area, near Sanford North Carolina.

MSgt Jerry Dover

Master Sergeant Jerry W. Dover was born and raised in York, SC. He graduated from York Comprehensive High School, York, South Carolina in 1984. He spent the next two years attending York Technical College where he attained an Associate degree in Computer Engineering Technology. Following York Tech, he spent a semester in the ROTC program while attending Clemson University as an engineering student. He then joined the Air Force in 1988 and attended Technical training

at Keesler AFB, MS as an Air Traffic Control Radar Specialist. In 1998 he was accepted to retrain into the electronic and computer switching systems career field. He married his high school sweetheart Lisa M. Wright immediately following radar maintenance training in 1988. Jerry and Lisa have two daughters, Susan and Amanda. Lisa is a full-time wife/mom who has always supported the girls' soccer, volleyball, and cheerleading



endeavours and Jerry's work schedules and TDYs. The Dovers' first assignment was to Kelly AFB in San Antonio Texas. Then they were off to Aviano AB, Italy where everyone picked up down-hill skiing, even 4 year old Amanda! After two more stateside assignments to Idaho and Georgia, they headed back to Europe for three exciting years at NATO HQ in Mons, Belgium. Their return to the states brought them to Pope AFB for a year before they joined the JCU family.

SSG Lenin Castillo

I was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. I enlisted in the Army in May of 1998. My first duty assignment was Ft. Bragg where I met my wife Lauren. Lauren and I got married in October of 2002 and we have two kids,

Andrew (5) and Elizabeth (3). I also have a child from a previous relationship named Anisah



(7). After five years at Ft. Bragg, I was assigned to Korea. I spent one year in Korea and came right back to Ft. Bragg. I have been deployed twice, once to Afghanistan and once to Iraq.

JCU Print

Damon Haigh was commissioned to create an original JCU Print designed to celebrate the outstanding contributions that JCU members have made since its inception. Everyone who has seen the print agrees that Damon did an incredible job. This print makes a great gift for current and past unit members. In order to get your limited edition (500 signed/numbered) JCU Print,



bring cash or check (payable to the JCU Activities Club) to the SGM while supplies last. The print costs \$50 and if you want a shipping tube please include an additional \$3. If you need the print to be mailed, include shipping costs of \$10 (includes shipping tube).

Master Sergeant Rich McAlister to Retire 12 January

MSgt Rich McAlister having served more than 21 years in the Air Force will be retiring at a ceremony in his honor January 12, 2006 at the Parachute Packing Facility (PPF) at 3:00pm. Rich has been in JCU since February of 1995 and served with distinction in almost every section in the unit. He's been assigned and conducted real world and training missions with the FODs, QRT, LNO, SHF Det, Maintenance and JTEP. This is a day that

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his wife Denise, and daughters Jamila and Cierra (C.C.) have long awaited for.

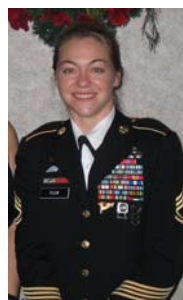


If anyone would like to attend the ceremony, please contact Gene Chance at 243-0291 to work out the details and get you on the RSVP list.

JCU PCSs—SFC(P) Jodi Plew and ETC Mike Addaman

This month represents a significant loss for JCU. In addition to losing Rich McAlister to retirement, two other long standing JCU members will be PCSing in January.

SFC Jodi Plew is moving to an organization up in the DC area. Jodi has been with JCU for more than 11^{1/2} years and will be significantly missed for all she has done both for the members of JCU



and their families. We will be holding a going away luncheon in her honor at Los Comales in Spring Lake at 1100 am on 25 January. RSVP to Louise Trevino @ 243-0206.



Mike Addaman, his wife Nariko, and son Chris are moving overseas for a NATO assignment. Mike leaves us after 5 years in both the QRT and MD sections. A farewell dinner was held for the Addamans on the 5th of January.

January's Dates of Interest

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

John & Lizette Hickey 3 Jan
 Jake & Michelle Higginbotham 7 Jan
 Sam & Michelle Stanley 10 Jan
 Jeff & Judy Worthington 20 Jan

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marlin Waldron 1 Jan
 Tom Moak 2 Jan
 Jose Castellanos 4 Jan
 Fabian Robles 5 Jan
 Adam Groves 8 Jan
 Ryan Oswald 10 Jan
 Steve (Nick) Nicholson 11 Jan
 Mike Munn 12 Jan
 Kelvin Pontoo 12 Jan
 Craig Genereux 16 Jan
 Jake Higginbotham 17 Jan
 Scott Bachand 17 Jan
 Kevin Jones 22 Jan
 Adrian Williams 22 Jan

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS (cont.)

Steve Trevino 24 Jan
 Scott Knox 29 Jan
 Jack Nichols 31 Jan
 Tom Knoll 31 Jan

IMPORTANT DATES

Retirement Ceremony Jan 12
 (for Rich McAlister)
 JSOC Ball Jan 19
 Luncheon for Jodi Plew Jan 25
 Poker Run IHO Tom Parent Jan 27

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<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Work</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>Cdr</i>	<i>LTC Arnold (Jack)</i>	<i>243-0200</i>	<i>485-4529</i>
<i>CSM</i>	<i>SGM Sullivan (Sully)</i>	<i>243-0201</i>	<i>630-0076</i>
<i>XO</i>	<i>LT Gary (John)</i>	<i>243-8851</i>	<i>498-6371</i>
<i>Unit 1SG</i>	<i>ETCM McLain (Court)</i>	<i>243-0469</i>	<i>717-7696</i>
<i>QRT Chief</i>	<i>1SG Spencer (Todd)</i>	<i>243-1321</i>	<i>423-5644</i>
<i>LNO Chief</i>	<i>1SG Adcox (Mike)</i>	<i>243-0115</i>	<i>499-2541</i>
<i>AIS Chief</i>	<i>ETC McKlveen (Mike)</i>	<i>243-4079</i>	<i>487-5004</i>
<i>MD Chief</i>	<i>SMSGt Wanke (Brian)</i>	<i>243-2301</i>	<i>960-8171</i>
<i>JTEP Chief</i>	<i>1SG Chance (Gene)</i>	<i>243-0291</i>	<i>848-8314</i>
<i>IO Chief</i>	<i>SFC Proskovec (Jason)</i>	<i>243-1465</i>	<i>868-7761</i>
<i>CST Chief</i>	<i>MSG Ogden (Oggy)</i>	<i>243-1147</i>	<i>875-6258</i>
<i>OPS Officer</i>	<i>MAJ Worthington (Jeff)</i>	<i>243-0524</i>	<i>221-0985</i>
<i>Ops SGM</i>	<i>SGM Givens (James)</i>	<i>243-2439</i>	<i>868-4412</i>
<i>SOROC Chief</i>	<i>1SG Nichols (Jack)</i>	<i>243-0577</i>	<i>424-1805</i>
<i>Social Worker</i>	<i>Mrs. Wanda Crawford</i>	<i>396-7489</i>	
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>CH Tom Solhjem</i>	<i>243-1224</i>	
<i>JSOC FRG</i>	<i>Mrs. Agnes Adamczyk</i>	<i>243-2626</i>	
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