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DELIVERING THE MESSAGE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Golf Tournament Mixer
- JCU web page under construction
- Name re-designation;
 Detachment to Troop
- SOROC Class 1-07 on the move
- Wings of all categories

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Memorial Day means much more to us as military families than it may mean to others we know. With so much of Fort Bragg deployed currently, the meaning of the day is personal for most of us. I thank the leadership in this unit for the constant effort in preparing JCU for what they may encounter while away from home for any amount of time. We haven't been lucky; we have outstanding Troop leadership that has prepared the best communicators to come home safely.

The unit is saying good-bye to John and Lisa Gary in June. Few people have had the impact on this organization that John has over the past three years. Whether technically troubleshooting a prospective candidate during the recruiting board or ensuring everyone is well-resourced while away from home, John has been there for all of us. He leaves with specific orders to return to JCU in June of 2010 when their time up north is complete.

Thanks to all of you for your patience and support as the unit continues to send folks away from home or works them for long hours. No matter if your spouse is home or deployed, if you need assistance of any kind, please contact me or other leaders in the unit. JCU is a great organization. The military recognizes that and has invested resources that other military organizations do not have. Take advantage of everything the command has to offer you.

Thank you,

Jack Arnold



GOLF TOURNAMENT MIXER AT THE MASH HOUSE

The 8th Annual SOCA Golf Tournament will be held on June 15, 2007 at Carolina lakes Golf Course. This will no doubt, be another great event as with previous years. We will have our annual Mixer 0n June 14th the night prior to the tournament. The Mixer is nothing more than a social gathering for all members of JCU and the golf tournament sponsors. These sponsors are the companies that donate money to the Special Operations Communicators Association (SOCA). These generous donations are used to help offset unit functions such as the annual children's and adult Christmas parties. Donations are made to the JCU Activities Club from this money as well. These donations are used primarily for sending flowers to those members who have had babies and to those who have lost a loved one. The sponsors like to see who they are giving their money to and love to sit around and talk to our members. During the event hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served and the best part is "TT'S FREE" so please join us, it promises to be a great night. It is also not too late to register for the golf tournament the following day. POC for golf registration or Mixer is Steve Long at (910) 243-0203 or Todd Petzel at (910) 243-0220.

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Mike Fowler receives the Bronze Star Medal from LTC Arnold 24 May 07



Ken Klynstra is promoted to Technical Sergeant by the ever so gentle 1SG's

DETACHMENT NEWS

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It's hard to believe that another month has gone by since the last

newsletter. I want to thank those service members that are serving our nation's call overseas and their families for the sacrifices they have made. Congratulations to Kenny Klynstra for his pro-

motion to TSgt, his promotion is long overdue. Also the detachment's newest paratrooper Chad Peters,



tion Medal. It's great to see these guys being recognized for all their hard work and accomplishments. This summer is shaping up to be a busy one, I encourage everyone to take advantage of any opportunities to spend time with their families and some well deserved R & R.

Mike Adcox



Ray Hickman receives the Bronze Star Medal from LTC Arnold 24 May 07

Things are still as busy as ever and the guys are doing some really amazing things. However, they couldn't do those things without their families supporting them. Thank You for every sacrifice that you make, large and small, to help support these guys. We ask them to put in long hours and not only do they do that but they focus intently at every task we give them. The support that you give is what allows them SPECIAL OPERATIONS RADIO OPERATORS COURSE (SOROC)

The S&T shop would like to welcome the following individuals:

CPT Robert Giovannetti Mr. Kenneth Garrison Welcome aboard Mr. Garrison! S&T OIC S&T Training Technician

Mr. Ken Garrison joined the Army in 1981 and served 16 years here at a Ft. Bragg and 4 years at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He retired at the rank of 1SG USA in 2001. He is originally from Kokomo, IN and has been married to Mrs. Julie Garrison for 25 years. They have two sons named Mathew and Casey. Mr. Garrison has been working as a GS employee for nearly two years and is looking forward to a wonderful career with JCU!



to do be DOD's Finest Communicators..

Congratulations to the unit's newest Jump Master, Matt Jeffcoat. We recently had "Old" John Iwaniec and Casey "Gatorade" Mues graduate from Basic Airborne. "Vicky" Vaillancourt graduated BNCOC and Morgan "the mouth" Smario graduated the Navy's Work center Supervisor course. Congratulations to Jeremy "one arm" Bloom who just got promoted to Technical Sergeant.

Please come out and Join us for the Det Bowl on Saturday 9 June to cheer us on as we stomp all over the QRT in the next Det Bowl. -Mike

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Lunch time in the team room having some of the best burrito's ever made courtesy of Pablo Guerra





Jared Schaffer is promoted to Sergeant First Class by his Mother Lisa

Hello everyone. Not much exciting news from CST. We are just chugging along as usual. The guys and I sat down and collectively decided, we would like to send a special "Thank you", to our wives and family members. We thank you for putting up with us, our schedules & deployments, and for always being



Hello all, May has proven to be yet another outstanding month in the QRT. This month we finally got to do an exercise aboard a US Navy vessel (USS Truman). The mission team did an outstanding job and the command has received nothing but good comments from the supported command and staff elements. This is a big deal for us because we have not conducted a shipboard install since August 2005. Between QRT, AIS and MD, there was a total of 4 out of 17 that had worked this communications platform before. Our deployed teams are doing great things and continue to do the impossible. I am

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"Freedom's Communicators"

very proud of the job that all of them are doing and ask that you keep them in your thoughts as they keep supporting the greatest Task Force ever assembled with superior communications assets that allow us to maintain our edge in the GWOT. We welcome home Rob Hopkins and Billy Sumner who have re-deployed and are back home safely after great tours of duty. Greg Bogyo and Rick Cross have deployed yet again, we wish them complete success and a safe tour as well. A huge congratulations go out to James Jordahl who graduated Air-



borne School on 18 May. We said goodbye to Tim Mallett and his wife Jenny, and their daughters Samantha and Mia. Tim has been with QRT since January 2004. He has moved to the J6 COMSEC Repair section, best of luck to you and the family, and thank you for everything you did for this detachment. This is it for this edition, my heartfelt thank go out to all my men and their families for putting up with me and for the guys providing stellar communications without fail.

Todd Spencer



Con-

gratulations to Harold Flynn III for passing the Red Hat Certified Technicians (RHCT) exam. This exam is a performance based test that measures actual competency on Red Hat Linux systems. RHCT is the first step in establishing Linux credentials and historically

only has about a 60% first time pass rate. This was Hal's first attempt at taking the exam and he passed with an 81%. Jeff Bowler. Shannon Hook and Rob Barnard completed teaching a two week Computer Network Operations Course that is designed to

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provide Ex-

ecutive Level leadership and Analysts with a basic understanding of Computer Network Operation tasks. Congratulations to MSgt Sam Stanley for achieving Tech Lead status and starting his first rotation as a Tech Lead. Welcome back to SSgt Scott Bachand after just returning from his



there to support us. Thank you!

CST also sends a big Happy Birthday to Molly Oswald who recently turned 7 on 29 Mav. As for the cook-out I keep promising.....soon. I'm just trying to find the right day, when as many as possible, will be home. Does this buy me some time Heather?

Again, we thank the wives and family members from CST and the rest of the unit, for all the support!

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JTEP

JTEP has been quite busy working 24/7 as usual, supporting the communicators spread all around the world. We had the following significant events: 1SG Gene Chance is leaving the command and taking a job in the Washington D.C. area. SFC Donovan Holden was selected to attend the Warrant Officers Course, he will more than likely attend the course in the October time frame. Congratulations to SSG Heidi

Evans, she was selected for promotion to E-7. I am very proud of the folks who work in JTEP, their dedication to JCU and its mission is immeasurable.

Bill Tingen



Next month, what we know now as Detachments will be re-designated to Troops. Nothing changes except the name and a few positions will be added. We will have A, B, C, D, E Troop and JTEP, all of the detachment 1SG's and Chiefs tried our best to make an F-Troop, but nobody wanted to take that name, I wonder why?

Www.jcuonline.org



The unit website will be getting a facelift soon. The page is currently outdated and we are currently in discussions with the web page designer to try to make it a more functional page that everyone will want to visit. The recruiting section has been the ones to really benefit from this and that portion will not change. We want to get it updated and fill it with correct and

relevant information. Some of the ideas being discussed are:

- New web based recruiting packet
- Updating the Alumni and FRG sections
- JCU Activities Club store
- Virtual Alumni board

We will maintain current and upcoming events on

the main page. Bottom line is that we have an awesome tool to display information for Past, Current and future members that are granted access to the site, and anyone can see the main page for recruiting purposes. If anyone has any ideas that they feel will help us make the site better, please feel free to contact SGM Sullivan, 1SG Spencer or Linda Haymans.

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JCU FRG NEWS



The JCU Family Readiness Group Key Callers are volunteers from each detachment or section that distribute any unit information that the JCU Command wishes to be put out. Most information will be communicated by e-mail. Many of you also receive e-mails from Agnes Adamczyk. Agnes coordinates all family functions for JSOC, to include subordinate unit's. She also supplies information pertaining to Fort Bragg community activities as well as DOD Family Readiness Programs. If you are currently not receiving any of these e-mails, please contact one of the key callers listed below. Please supply your home phone number also, as you may occasionally be contacted by phone. Be assured that your information will never be used for any social activity outside of the command (i.e. Avon, Tupperware, etc.). If for any reason you do not wish to receive information from the FRG, your name will be removed from our lists upon your request.

Key Callers

Coordinator: Marsha Spencer (423-5644) <u>marshypooh@aol.com</u> <u>LNO:</u> Melissa Kouw (848-7366) <u>mrs_kouw@yahoo.com</u> <u>AIS:</u> Jane McKlveen (487-5004) <u>mcklveen@nc.rr.com</u> <u>QRT:</u> Elisa Gozdzialski (860-1335) <u>elisagoz@yahoo.com</u> <u>IO:</u> Patricia Hernandez (764-1140) jedirangerw@nc.rr.com <u>MD:</u> <u>CMD/OPS:</u>

If anyone from Maintenance, Command, or Operations would like to volunteer to be a Key Caller, please contact Marsha by phone or e-mail. In the meantime, you may contact any of the ladies listed above if you have any questions or concerns.

JSOC Family Readiness Group News

Greetings, I hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather. I am Agnes Adamczyk, your JSOC Family Readiness Group (FRG) Coordinator. My duty is to support you and all of the members of the JSOC FRG. Some of the activities for which I am responsible include coordinating:

- The semi annual Spouses' Orientation, the next one scheduled for 13 September.

- Monthly evening socials and daytime luncheons for ALL our spouses. This is a great opportunity to meet new ladies in the command.

- Family events to include our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Pool Party; Halloween Party, and Breakfast with Santa.

I also keep our spouses informed through daily emails regarding community activities, JSOC functions and family readiness issues. If you would like to receive this information, please email me and I'll add you to our distribution list. In the 4 years I've been the FRG coordinator, I have had the privilege of meeting and working with many of the exceptional JCU spouses. I look forward to meeting many more. JCU spouses have provided unmatched volunteer support on our party committees, newsletters, and many other family projects and events. These are possible only because of the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. If you are interested in doing some volunteer work, please call or e-mail me. Our next social will be Tuesday, June 12 at the Nijmegen Community Center. Please plan to join us. It promises to be a fun evening and an opportunity to see old

friends and meet new ones. Please call or email me if you would like to attend or have any questions. Your FRG office is located in the JSOC Special Staff Annex on Knox Street (next to the Watters Religious Activity Center). I am available to you for any assistance you may need. If I don't know the answer, I will find it for you. Please feel free to drop by for a visit any time you are in the area. You can reach me at 910-396-7500 (office) 910-303-3179 (cell) or email at Adamczyk@jdi.army.mil



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JCU IS THE PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS UNIT IN DOD BECAUSE OF THE DEDICATION AND DAILY SACRIFICES OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY ON A DAILY BASIS TO ENSURE COMPLETE MISSION SUCCESS

WELCOME OUR NEW JOU MEMBERS

TSgt Randy Amsler & wife Melissa, child- Alicia (Awaiting SOROC) SSG Candace Chapman & children- DeWayne and Michael (Awaiting SOROC) GS9 Kenneth Garrison & wife Julie, children- Matthew & Casey Capt Robert Giovannetti & wife Jennifer SSG Nathan Hogue & wife Jenny (Awaiting SOROC) SGT Micah Modest & wife Yadira, children- Matthew & Hailey (Awaiting SOROC) MAJ Michael Parsons & wife Shannon, children- Mariah, Bradley, Cambrie & Samuel SSG Derrick White & wife Michaela, children- Derrick & Tyrell (Awaiting SOROC)

GOODBYE TO FRIENDS & FAMILY

LT John Gary & wife Lisa (CMD)

TSgt Rob Hopkins & Wife Toni, children- Vanessa & Emilio (QRT)

We want to say good luck and thank you for your service to this unit and our country

TSgt Robert L. Hopkins (QRT) June 2004 - June 2007

As I reflect upon the past three years I am amazed that I have gained so much; knowledge and family to name a few. This unit has been the highlight of my career thus far so you can imagine why I leave with such a heavy heart. Because I am going across the parking lot to the 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Toni, the kids

and I will not be far. Time has not been wasted. friends will not be lost and I hope that our paths will cross again.

Rob





LT John F. Gary (CMD) June 2004 - June 2007

3 years flew by in the great- that I do not take lightly. I est unit in the military. Lisa am honored to have comand I are returning to the pleted two tours with the Navy to fix it and recruit men new JCU members. ability to spend time with COMSUBGRU TWO in area. the professional members Groton, CT, the home of of the JCU is a privilege Submarines. It will be a

and women of The JCU. We are heading to

three year tour in lovely New England. We are both looking forward to Please let us know it. when you travel to the Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmates.

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Meet the SOROCER's of Class 1-07

SOROC class 01-07 has been extremely busy with studies, physical training, and adapting to their new training environment. The class has accepted the many exhausting hours and demanding challenges that they have been presented with and have done extremely well! The class average after the fourth examination is 93%! Way to go! Each student has brought a special ingredient to the JCU team that is composed of maintainers, single/multi channel radio operators, and automators just to mention a few. Coming from three of the four different services, no Marines this time (sorry Gunny Slife) the class has built an excellent camaraderie. In addition to the many mental challenges the students have faced over the past four months they have also displayed tremendous physical capabilities by bringing their class PT average from a 248 to 278! Outstanding job! In some cases students have brought portions of their screening PT scores up by 45%! We told you we would make you strong! Smart too! The class has also completed their second of three road marches with all 19 students completing it in less than 2 hours! JCU's own celebrity fit club.



TSgt Chuck To joined the Air Force in 1993 after he graduated from Gardiner Area High School, Gardiner Maine. His assignments include RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom, Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, Colorado, The United States Air Force Academy, Colorado, Osan Air Base, South Korea, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His hobbies include bowling and online gaming. He has been married for 11 years to Kristina and has two

SSG Nate Hannah joined the Army in November of 2000 in Phoenix, Arizona after graduating from Maryvale High School. His duty assignments include Camp Red Cloud, South Korea; Fort Riley, Kansas; and Fort Huachuca, Arizona. His hobbies include weight training and outdoor activities of all sorts. SSG Hannah brings with him his wife, Martinique, and three children: Dayzi (10), Kameron(5), and Rylee(1).





SSgt Ameer R. Weston joined the Air Force in 1998. He is originally from the great southern jewel...Savannah, Georgia. While in Savannah, he attended and graduated from Groves High school. His assignments include Whiteman AFB, Mo; Robins AFB, Ga; Keesler AFB, MS. His hobbies are basketball and reading an assortment of books. He is married to Tawana Weston (USAF) and has two children, David (2 yrs) and Alexander (1 yrs).

On May 5th, the class once again rose to the occasion this time in support of the community by assisting Habitat for Humanities in building homes for the less fortunate. Class 01-07 donated more than 48 man-hours toward Habitats Home building operations off of Cedar Point Rd. They volunteered their time that cloudy Saturday morning assisting Habitat with yard leveling and seeding. The class was able to accomplish the landscaping and all around finishing efforts that will enable Habitat to present these homes to new owners on the 1st of June!

SOROC mean machine!

Get ready for this one! This ravishing 93' Sun faded Red Mitsughini Eclipse is one truly exceptional car. Proud owner SSG Hannah has invested little time to keep this immaculate monster in top beefed condition! The solid original engine runs...not good....but it gets Ned back and fourth. Packed with nearly 110 HP this little Mitsughini is fast and definitely a head turner. Engine growls like a lion on 87-octane gas. (Some Pinging) Check out these bolt on goodies! Flat black door from a 94' Eclipse, full sized spare front wheel, sun-baked dashboard and many more extras. Very original, numbers matching, this is truly an American import classic! This car will smoke, not necessarily the tires, but will cruise like a champ below 45 MPH! Take a good look, but this monster machine is NOT for sale!

Stay tuned for next months SOROC mean Machine!

Thanks SOROC!



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June Awards & Promotions



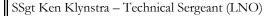
ARMY PROMOTIONS



LTC Arnold - Colonel

SSG Schaffer - Sergeant First Class (QRT)

AIR FORCE PROMOTIONS





Recent Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Graduates

1SG Jack Nichols (S&T) 1SG Gene Chance (JTEP)



ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Rhonda Broussard
Michael & Kelly Runk
Cecil & Karen Ogden
Rufus & Pamela Messex
Charles & Kris To
Tony & Kathy Gillespie
Ulysses & Damarys Matias Otero
Edwin & Megan Schlade
Jeffrey & Sondra Carlson
Michael & Jane McKlveen
Samuel & Luzuiminda Nye
Wilford & Sarah Reed
Pablo & Griselda Guerra

01 JUN Lawrence Burguess 02 JUN Jacob Carlsen 03 JUN Michael Foy 05 JUN Jeremy Bloom 05 JUN Charles Churchwell 09 JUN Wilford Reed 09 JUN Adam L'Herault 15 JUN Todd Spencer 18 JUN Clifford Varnadoe 19 JUN Abey Torrez 22 JUN Randy Amsler 23 JUN Michael Kontio 26 JUN Greg Bogyo

Recent Basic Airborne School Graduates

IT1 Jesus Castro (QRT) SSG Ken Valaincourt (AIS) SSgt Derek Hollingshead (MD) SGT Rob Gerhing (AIS) SrA Matthew Heist (QRT) MSgt Jerry Dover (MD) IT1 John Iwaniec (AIS) SSgt James Jordahl (QRT) SFC Chad Peters (LNO) IT1 Lauront Pepin (Awaiting SOROC)



Recent Static Line Jumpmaster Graduates

SSG Matthew Jeffcoat (AIS)

BIRTHDAYS

01 JUN	Samuel Nye	16 JUN
01 JUN	Robert Hopkins	16 JUN
02 JUN	Jeremy Pinkelman	17 JUN
06 JUN	Glenn Staples	18 JUN
07 JUN	Linda Haymans	18 JUN
07 JUN	James Slife	19 JUN
07 JUN	Todd Brown	22 JUN
10 JUN	Morgan Smario	26 JUN
11 JUN	Travis Knutson	28 JUN
12 JUN	Bryan Hargrove	29 JUN
12 JUN	Joseph Miller	30 JUN
15 JUN	Jason Tolle	30 JUN
15 JUN		



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES

9 June	DET BOWL IV (0900 Pike Field, Grueber Road)
14 June	Golf Tournament pre-game mixer (Mash House 1800 - 2200)
15 June	Golf Tournament pre-game mixer (Mash House 1800 - 2200) SOCA Golf Tournament (Carolina Lakes) Charlein Lunghage (Beride the ISOC HO PLDC)
15 June	Chaplain Luncheon (Beside the JSOC HQ BLDG.)
17 June	Fathers Day
22-24 June	Single Service Member spiritual fitness training at New River , WV. (White water rafting)

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XO	LT Gary (John)	243-8851	498-6371		
Unit 1SG	ETCM McLain (Court)	243-0469	717-7696		
OPS Officer	MAJ Worthington (Jeff)	243-0524	221-0985		
Ops SGM	SGM Givens (James)	243-2439	868-4412		
QRT Chief	1SG Spencer (Todd)	243-1321	423-5644		
LNO Chief	1SG Adcox (Mike)	243-0115	499-2541		
AIS Chief	ETC McKlveen (Mike)	243-4079	487-5004		
Maint Officer	MAJ Himebrook (Les)	243-2302	498-9108		
Maint Chief	ETC Nichols (Carleen)	243-0439	424-1805		
JTEP OIC	Mr. Tingen (Bill)	243-0291	437-5970		
JTEP NCOIC	1SG Chance (Gene)	243-0291	848-8314		
ΙΟ ΟΙΟ	Mr. Gillespie (Tony)	243-1217	875-1045		
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CST Chief	MSG Ogden (Oggy)	243-1147	875-6258		
SOROC Chief	1SG Nichols (Jack)	243-0577	424-1805		
Social Worker	Mrs. Wanda Crawford	396-7489			
Chaplain	CH Tom Solhjem	243-1224			
JSOC FRG	Mrs. Agnes Adamczyk	243-2626			
JCU FRC	Mrs. Marsha Spencer		423-5644		

LEADERSHIP THAT CARES

The JCU Print

Commemorating 25 years of JCU professionals

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).