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SPECIAL **POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- JCU gets air time on AFN
- **FRG** Programs
- Remembering Tom Parent
- JCU leads the way for Air Force awards
- DET BOWL III •
- Huge section for • Birthdays and Anniversaries

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Delivering the Message

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Message from the Sergeant Major

Hello JCU family and friends. It's been a few months since the last newsletter and that blame falls directly on my shoulders. I would like to recognize that this month's newsletter is the work of ISG Todd Spencer who got tired of waiting for me to publish it. The Commander and I have recently had the opportunity to visit of few of the locations that our incredible team of communicators have been working. To say that we were truly amazed by their accomplishments would be a huge understatement. The contribution of JCU members around the battlefield is beyond noteworthy. No other communications unit can accomplish what JCU makes look easy (from an outsider's view). Although it comes at the price of some huge sacrifices by our members, families, and friends, our

contribution to the Global War on Terrorism is vitally important to our Nation's security interrecently submitted extension requests in order to remain a part of this team for another year. These many examples of selfless service are incredibly motivating to the rest of us. Shifting focus a little bit, this year's Golf Tournament is scheduled for 15 June and will be run by SOCA (Special Operations Communicators Association). The Golf Tournament is one of two annual SOCA Fundraisers; the other is the IOK Run. Flyers will be published and distributed soon. Anyone interested in volunteering to assist can contact Steve Long @ (910) 243-0203. Thank you for what you do each and every day. Your actions speak loud and clear to everyone in our special community and I'm honored to be called a "JCU Guy" because of the efforts of the entire ICU Family. May God Bless You All and Keep You Safe.

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Sully sends...

ests. Many of our currently deployed members are fresh out of SOROC. Witnessing how well and how quickly they have become integrated into the communications team is a loud and clear message to us that our efforts to recruit the best and the brightest communicators the services have to offer is working better than ever and that our SOROC Instructors are able to do what no other signal course in the Department of Defense comes close to replicating-Communicators, so well trained that they can individually do what it takes a company of communicators to do anywhere else in the service. I want to thank those of you who have

Dorito's, bigdaddy.com and JCU

Colts

Who would have ever thought that JCU would have ever gotten a commercial during the Super Bowl. Of course everybody that didn't get to watch the Armed Forces Network (AFN) version doesn't know what I am talking about, but everybody watching overseas

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got to see Frank Perez's mug right there in the middle of the Super Bowl. I quess we are in for a crap load of packets now. I still would have rather watched the real commercials but what can we do. Jim Prasse e-mail to SGM

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Bears



Message from our Social Worker Greetings JCU Families, As we continue to be pushed to the limits with family separations we all are trying to figure out ways to strengthen and sustain our families. I would like some feedback on what you think might help. Below is a short list of support groups that I think might be useful. If you see something you like, or omitted, just email your (confidential) response to me, as I gather all the feedback I will let you know what we will be offering and when. Stay focused... Yours in Social Work Wanda M. Crawford, LCSW Command Social Worker Family Behavioral Health Program Joint Special Operations Command (910) 396-7489 Fax (910) 396-7203 DSN 236-7489 Support Groups 1. Children of deployed fathers/mothers 2. Couples Communication Marriage 101 (communication, conflict resolution) 3. Men and/or Women's support groups (general issues) 4. Teen support group 5. Parenting 101 6. Anger management 7. Grief support (death, divorce, separation) Warriors helping Warriors

Members of JCU (right) participated in the charity motorcycle ride in memory of JSOC Alumni MSG (RET) Tom Parent. Tom was killed in an accident while riding his motorcycle on Reily Road. The event was put together by Jessie Casari and had more than 300 riders. Over \$5,000 was raised and donated to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation in Tom's name.





Awards and Promotions

1st Quarter Awards (CY 2007)

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USA NCO USN Sailor USAF NCO Civilian

SSG Matthew Jeffcoat IT1 John Hickey SSgt Derek Hollingshead Mr. Tim Tapio

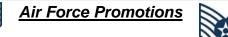
Army Promotions



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Jodi Plew- Master Sergeant Nicholas Walker-Bates- Staff Sergeant Greg Bogyo- Staff Sergeant





Jeremy Bloom- Technical Sergeant David Lonack- Staff Sergeant

<u> Air Force Annual Awards (CY 2006)</u>

2006 USSOCOM CMSgt Eddie D. Speight Supply SNCO of the Year MSgt Todd Petzel

General John P. Jumper Warfighting Integration MSgt Raymond L. Hickman

AF Communications and Information Annual Individual Awards

MSgt Travis M. Knutson TSgt Benjamin J. Higginbotham MSgt Christian L. Martin TSgt Fabian Robles SrA Justin Zendrosky

SRNCO/2EXXX NCO/2EXXX SRNCO/3CXXX NCO/3CXXX Amn/3CXXX



Travis Knutson receives the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal



Nicholas Walker-Bates promoted to SSG



Jared Schaffer is reenlisted by LTG McChrystal at a deployed location

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Jay to Todd "The least you could do is help us wire the new JOC while you're here."

Todd to himself: "That'll give me an opportunity to catch up on some sleep."



QRT star Quarterback Anthony Melby in DET BOWL-III

No matter the score we always make up at the end





The past few months have been extremely busy for the QRT. We have been pretty busy with training and equipment readiness. A lot of responsibilities have fallen on our plates because of the shortage of people unit wide. My guys have made the best of the situation and as always made it happen. The recently graduated SOROC students have been fully welcomed into the QRT. Three of them deployed right away, one went to Airborne School and the other has been incorporated into the mission team awaiting deployment soon. The detachment has been impressed with their new comrades and it was a little sigh of relief for the old timers. Speaking of old timers, I have none. To give you an example of just how young the detachment is, out of 24 people assigned, the average time in service is 9.21 years and the average time in the QRT is 1.42 years. It's actually worse than that because Chris Leach and myself have been here 8-9 years and screw up the averages. The point is that the de-

QRT Detachment News "Freedom's Communicators"

tachment is young in service and time in the ORT, but continues to amaze me and the command each and every day. Now on to the DET BOWL, QRT and AIS continued their rivalry in DET BOWL-III. It was a glorious day for the QRT. Anthony Melby's arm led us to victory and QRT won their first game. Anthony was briefed that his position within the ORT rested on his quarterback credentials; I think we will keep him around a little while. As for Mike Mcklveen and the AIS crew, I applaud your efforts in making it a great match-up. I appreciate the fact that my guy's wives are having babies in excess of 9 lbs. and thinking about the future of the detachment, "Born today, rolling AIS tomorrow". But, I'm not gloating. We look forward to our next match-up in June. Jeremy Pinkelman's mission team has been doing everything from equipment configurations, operational checks and anything else the local requirements dictate. Christian Martin and Jerry Baker's deployed teams

Detachment

News

are doing great and continue to uphold the JCU standards around the world. They replaced Chris Leach and Jared Schaffer as site leaders, good luck guys and welcome home Chris and Jared and thank you for a job well done. Rob Hopkins, Carlos Calvo, Roland Marks and Stan Sweeney have deployed over the past few months and we welcomed back Jesus Castro, James Jordahl and John Hickey. We said our sad goodbyes to Tom Marino and Stacey Lewis this month. Tom joined the ranks of the LNO Detachment and Stacey joined the Maintenance Detachment. We wish them the best of luck in their new positions. We also welcomed Adam Merlino into the ORT, he comes to us from the Maintenance Detachment. and we look forward to the contributions he will ultimately make while assigned to the QRT. Greg Bogyo and Matthew Heist graduated Airborne School on February 23rd and April 6th respectively. This is all the news for now, Thanks to my guys for all the hard work and sacrifices they make on a daily basis.

Todd Spencer

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LNO Detachment News



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First I would like to take a moment to thank our service members who are deployed, you are in our thoughts. Second I would like to welcome our newest detachment members and their families, you are now part of the LNO family. Things are busy as usual around the detachment and there is no sign of it slowing down, I encourage each of you to take time out when you have the opportunity to spend time with family, and take time off when you can. Congratulations go out to



Kenny and Lenin both for graduating Static Line Jumpmaster Course and Dave for graduating Airman Leadership School along with his recent promotion to SSgt. Good luck to Chad on his way to Basic Airborne school, we expect him to return with wings on his chest. Ulysses

Otero Graduated from the Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Academy and took the Iron Man Award for his class, great job OT.

Gary Rose is awarded the Bronze Star by BG Mulholland

Congratulations to Jesse Casari who retired after 20 years of service. We all knew he would cry at the ceremony and he did, thanks for not letting us down lesse. As always the guys are working just as hard as ever. We are not only busy with deployments but have been fortunate in that we have been able to send more guys to professional development and career enhancing schools. Congratulations to Rob Gehring, Ken Vail-

AIS Detachment News

lancourt, Adam Groves, Casey Mues, and Morgan Smario who graduated Basic Airborne recently. Good luck to Matt Jeffcoat who is in Jump Master School, Ken and Adam who will be on their way to BNCOC for a few months each, and John Iwaniec who is in Basic Airborne. Wow, some of these guys are so new



that they don't even have nicknames yet! We have been shuffling schedules and juggling manning in order to get the guys into this valuable training that they want and need. Jane and Holly are planning on a family bowling event on the 19th of May, so please mark your calendar and I hope to see you there. Please take care and remember that if you need anything or just have a question give us a call. -Mike

Steve Alexander on a running play in DET BOWL-III



MD Detachment's newest member MSgt Jerry Dover



Congratulations to MSG Ronny Watts and SSgt Ken Klynstra on their recent graduation from the Static Line Jumpmaster Course

Maintenance Detachment

Once again JCU has had an unprecedented month for service member awards and Maintenance Division was no exception. Our own Logistics NCOIC MSgt Todd Petzel won the prestigious USSOCOM Outstanding Air Force Supply Senior NCO of the Year Award. Todd competed against all of USSOCOM and earned the award hands down. Congratulations Todd! The Maintenance Division would like to welcome MSgt Jerry Dover to the **Electronics Maintenance**

Shop Floor. Jerry was the Honor Graduate for JCU's Special Operations Radio Operators Course and has jumped in with both feet. He has also been selected to attend the Army Airborne training course this month in Fort Benning, Georgia. Go Airborne! SSgt Derek Hollingshead returned from a short overseas deployment earlier this month. He served outside of his "regular" maintenance duties and was able to do some phenomenal things. Welcome back Derek and thanks to your family

members who supported you while you supported JCU! Unfortunately, we still have several other MD team members that are away from their families. TSgt Joe Kelly and Mr. Todd Brown remain on their deployments. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers and we hope to have them back soon. Once again, I send my sincere appreciation to all of the Maintenance Division families for supporting your JCU family members. None of us could do our jobs without you!

Carleen Nichols



CST is still as busy as usual, but took the time to celebrate a few events:

Max and Heather Fermin celebrated 11years of marriage on 02 March Cooper Ogden turned 1 year old 30 March (That's my pooper!!) Alexander Fermin turned 9 on 13 April (Max, get shopping) Holly Eldred (Jeff's wife) turned 23 on 18 April Heather Fermin (Max's wife) turned 22 on 23 April (You go, nurse Heather) Julia Ogden turned 6 on 23 April (I am now broke) Sam Eldred turned 12 on 26 April (Sam, can't wait to see what Jeff gets you) Vanessa Fermin *turns* 6 on 13 May (Max is broke at this point) Elias Fermin *turns* 4 on 24 May (Elias, your growing up fast.....get a haircut)

As you can see, CST has some pretty young wives. That is probably due to our strapping good looks. CST would like to welcome Kenny Klynstra to the section after a grueling endurance process, at the end of March. I'm back and I still haven't found the GWOT pause button. I think Jeff and Holly are hiding it from me. Karen wants me to hurry up and find it. Oh, and by the way, she wants to see us have another team cookout. Vanessa, Julia keeps asking when she can see you again for some play time. So, I must comply... Soon!! Another congratulations are in order for Holly and Jeff's recent marriage! Holly, give me my GWOT pause button back now!

Oggy

The IO detachment has had a couple of very large projects in the last few weeks. I would like to recog-

nize SSgt Adrian Williams, GySgt Chad Lewis, MSgt Sam Stanley, and SSgt Scott Bachand for the long days and weekends they have spent allowing us to complete our projects to task and on time. Each one of these guys brings something unique to our computer lab that allows us to stream-line how we do business.

The IO training course finished on 25 Apr 07, graduation was on 26 Apr 07. This is a very challenging 13 week course that has had almost a 40% attrition rate. The most recent course started with 9 students, 6 graduated. The course instructors did an outstanding job, they are Rob Barnard, Shannon Hook, and Jeff Bowler. The two graduates from JCU were CPO Mike Martinez and SFC Sergio Hernandez. We look forward to bringing them in now as team mates.

DET BOWL 111 QRT March 9, 2007 AIS 4 3



The quarterly Detachment Bowl was played on March 9th. It was a great event, even though we started the game on frozen ground. The game started a little slow, mainly because no one could move in the cold. The pace picked up when the video camera came out. I only played a few downs because the SGM made the leadership do a road march the day prior. Both teams put their all in the game, laying it all on the line and sacrificing their bodies. For those that are wondering what the Detachment Bowl is, it is a "FRIENDLY" game of flag football. It is a game between the AIS and QRT Detachments. Over time we have had other members of JCU pick a team to play on, but the trophy

resides with either AIS or QRT. This was the first QRT victory since its inception. AIS has been strong, but the new ARM of the QRT (Anthony Melby) was a little much for them this time. Everyone did a great job and played hard, but I want to mention a few guys that stood out during the game. Travis King for severely bruising my man Pinkelman who was only trying to keep you from the QB. Justin Hoffman for taking that great hit from Pinkelman that made an awesome video moment. Brian Hargrove for his quick thinking when Carlos Calvo wasn't and gaining a free 30 yards off a kick-off blunder. Matthew Heist for the most ridiculous

end zone dance known to man. AIS Veterans Steve Alexander and Cliff Varnadoe for trying to keep your team motivated. Jeremy Pinkelman for finally catching a pass, at least it was for a touchdown. Rick Cross for his "War Face". Of course none of this would have been possible without the OK and purchase of new flag belts, cones and footballs that LT Garv and Todd Petzel scrambled to purchase for the big event. Thanks to all who participated and for making it another memorable moment. The next game is scheduled for June 1st, 0700 at the Pope Field.

Todd Spencer







Walter Reed Army Medical Center Message

Commanders and SEAs,

Please get the message out to your forces and their families as soon as possible. There has been a lot of media attention raised about Walter Reed and building 18. Much of the story playing in the media is not complete nor is it all accurate.

It is important for all of us to let our forces and their families know our warriors get the very best medical care in the world if they are injured. Many in our ranks have unfortunately experienced this first hand. Whether on the battlefield, in transit, or while at Walter Reed, Bethesda or a myriad of other military hospitals, we have the best medics and docs working on our traumatic wartime injuries. Following recovery, we provide the best rehabilitation and follow up care possible as well.

While the Army is working hard to address shortfalls in the living conditions at Walter Reed, the SOF community has unique programs to watch out for our SOF Warriors and their families. Attached is a point paper and contact data for the SOF Care Coalition, a USSOCOM sponsored program that tracks and supports our wounded warriors and their families.

We want to ensure our families get the straight information. Our warriors get the best care possible. We operate a world class program to take care of our men and women.

JSOC CSM Jody Nacy

POINT PAPER

1. <u>SUBJECT</u>: This point paper is to inform USSOCOM and the Components about the USSOCOM Care Coalition's role and mission

2. MAJOR POINT:

a. The USSOCOM Care Coalition's was founded to be the #1 advocate for our SOF Warriors and their families. Care coalition personnel fill out all paperwork and guide our SOF families through all post-injury programs and bureaucracy. They track everyone injured in SOF and insure no one falls through the cracks. They are in simple terms and advocate for the warrior and his family, not for the system.

b. Our casualty and family advocacy is all encompassing. No issue that the SOF community encounters is too large or too small. Our successes range from minimizing medical/physical evaluation board bureaucracy, ensuring Traumatic Serviceman Group Life Insurance compensation is maximized, coordinating home repairs of a family whose father was deployed, making certain a SOF warrior's young daughter received the best TRICARE could provide, and personalized support for all families caring for their hospitalized wounded warrior.

c. Our central mission is advocating for SOF, not the system.

3. DISCUSSIONS:

a. General Brown established the Care Coalition in August 2005 to track, support, and advocate for all USSOCOM casualties and to support the Component's family programs

b. For the life of a SOF casualty, the USSOCOM Care Coalition advocates throughout the recovery/rehabilitation process and into their transition to civilian life

1) Since Aug '05, we have worked issues for 579 of our 1393 contacted casualties and families, with a staff of five personnel and three hospital liaisons

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POINT PAPER Cont.

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 Critical to our success is the work done by the SOF hospital liaisons at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany and Walter Reed/Bethesda Medical Centers. These three SOF Non-Commissioned Officers resolve 90% of all issues

3) All SOF casualties and their families, regardless of the extent of injury are provided with advocacy and information of evolving benefits and information/education related to their injury

c. The Care Coalition works closely with Service programs (ie. Military Severely Injured Center, Army Wounded Warrior Program, Navy Safe Harbor) for casualties who fit their criteria of severely disabled to ensure their Service related issues are resolved

d. Our relationship with TRICARE, and the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) has greatly improved the responsiveness and support to our casualties so much so that the VA has designated a liaison to the USSOCOM Care Coalition to address SOF related issues

e. Non-government organizations such as the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, Armed Forces Foundation, and Wounded Warrior Project are just three of more than 50 benevolent organizations which work directly with the US-SOCOM Care Coalition to resolve issues that government organizations cannot

f. 10 examples of actions taken for SOF casualties and families are:

- 1) Arranging quality family lodging during the casualties hospitalization
- 2) Quickly resolving travel voucher claims

3) Educating wounded warriors and their families on the medical/physical evacuation board process so there are no surprises

4) Securing air and ground transportation for families

5) Collaborating with the Immigration Service to expedite, per their standards, the citizenship for a deserving spouse

6) Advising on Combat Zone Tax Exclusion for casualties

7) Working with TRICARE to ensure our Traumatic Brain Injury casualties can continue their rehabilitation toward independent living

- 8) Supporting family of Ranger Killed-In-Action to ensure his wishes were fulfilled
- 9) Linking SOF casualties in need with Southeast Guide Dogs "Paws For Patriots" program
- 10) Securing career and educational opportunity for a blinded SEAL

g. SOF casualties and families turn to the USSOCOM Care Coalition to aggressively advocate on their behalf to ensure their best interests are represented. We strive to ensure SOF warriors and their families get nothing but the best

4. RECOMMENDATION: For information purposes.

Jim Lorraine, GS-14/SOCS-FC/6-8896/5 Mar 07 (www.socom.mil/care_coalition)





Welcome Aboard

We want to welcome JCU's newest members and their families

- Michelle Allen
- Harold Flynn and his wife Maki
- Kevin Stiegler
- MSgt Carl
- TSgt Garza
- TSgt Nye
- SSgt Pratt
- TSgt Richards
- SSgt Trosclair
 - **Farewell to friends and family**
 - MSG Jessie Casari
 - ITC Steve Schultz
 - TSgt Eddie Finlay
 - ETI Detrich Rey
 - Louise Trevino
 - Alex Ayers
 - Ronald Plys
 - Taylor Richardson
 - MSgt James Herd

- SSgt Abridello
- TSgt Angell
- TSgt Calero
- SSgt Cruz
- SSgt Hannon
- SSgt Hollien
- We want to say good luck and thank you for your service to this unit and our country

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ITC Steven L. Schultz (JTEP) 2000-2007

Steve was assigned to JCU in May of 2000. During his assignment he has served in the AIS Detachment and Joint Tactical Entry Point as an Automator and Communications

Technician Team Leader. Steve has done great things for the command during his numerous deployments while assigned to JCU. Steve will be sorely missed when he and his family transfer to Molesworth England in April 2007, where Steve will be the Senior Enlisted Advisor at a Navy Communications Site.



"Ding-Ding" Steve Schultz Departing

March, April and May Dates of Interest

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

02 MAR Max & Heather Fermin Seth & Mylissa Smith **03 MAR** Pete & Melissa Nunnery **04 MAR** Ryan & Samantha Oswald **05 MAR** Angel & Cindy Velasquez **05 MAR** Anthony & Kimberly Melby 16 MAR Joe & Barbara Jean Miller 18 MAR Morgan & Kathryn Smario 21 MAR Ameer & Tawana Weston 23 MAR Robert & Toni Hopkins 23 MAR Travis & Lori Knutson 24 MAR Robert & Emily Seyler **25 MAR** Mike & Sarah Williams **28 MAR** Scott & Stacey Knox 29 MAR Gary & Kali Rose 31 MAR Chris & Freida Richter 01 APR William & Ann Tingen 02 APR John & Susan Mosley **08 APR** Earle & Natalie Allen **08 APR** Robert & Kazue L'Heureux **09 APR** Jason & Kristy Bretzinger **09 APR Richard & Natalie Lewis 09 APR** Gama & Anna Rodriguez **09 APR** Todd & Kelli Petzel 10 APR Fabian & Shannon Robles 11 APR Chris & Robin Lewallen 11 APR Glenn & Ji Yun Staples 11 APR Jeff & Holly Eldred **12 APR** John & Lisa Gary 15 APR Ray & Un Yong Hickman **19 APR** John & Carla Horner 23 APR Tim & Jenny Mallett 23 APR Chris & Amanda Smith **27 APR** Nathan & Martinique Hannah 29 APR Ken & Sabina Smith **30 APR** Jeff & Debra Bowler **30 APR** Adam & Christina Groves 10 MAY Steve & Gillian Long 13 MAY James & Blendaly Guillemette 16 MAY Jason & Brenda Kalkhof 17 MAY Charles & Barbette Churchwell 20 MAY Mike & Karina Martinez 20 MAY Steve & Louise Trevino 21 MAY Justin & Holly Hoffman 23 MAY Doug & Deanna Rosario 25 MAY Jim & Deborah Prasse 25 MAY Ronny & Sarah Watts **25 MAY** John & Heather Kelly 27 MAY Christian & Katherine Thorsnes 28 MAY

BIRTHL	
Ken Vaillancourt	01 MAR
James Jones	05 MAR
Eric Russell	06 MAR
Robert Gehring	08 MAR
John Arnold	09 MAR
Cherie Trosclair	19 MAR
Angel Velasquez	21 MAR
Robert Seyler	22 MAR
Scott Gozdzialski	23 MAR
Deborah Stewart	24 MAR
Donovan Holden	24 MAR
Jeff Carlson	25 MAR
Rufus Messex	27 MAR
Steve Alexander	27 MAR
John Mosley	28 MAR
Eddie Finlay	28 MAR
Chris Richards	29 MAR
John Kelly	30 MAR
Robert Broussard	05 APR
Jeanice Wehner	06 APR
Louis DiStefano	07 APR
Vic Vinnedge	08 APR
Mike Shopp	09 APR
Sam Stanley	10 APR
Greg Smith	11 APR
Ricardo Cross	15 APR
Carl Worthington	16 APR
John Williams	17 APR
Steve Long	18 APR
Earle Allen	18 APR
Ameer Weston	18 APR
Jay Pylman	19 APR
Penny Richenberg	23 APR
John Sullivan	23 APR
Del Walker	28 APR
Matthew Jeffcoat	28 APR
Justin Hoffman	29 APR
Todd Petzel	02 MAY
Robert Barnard	04 MAY
Matthew Heist	10 MAY
Leslie Himebrook	25 MAY
Max Fermin	26 MAY
Tony Gillespie	29 MAY
Ken Klynstra	29 MAY

IMPORTANT DATES

illancourt	01 MAR	Memorial Day	28 May
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Meet the SOROCER's of Class 07-01



MSgt John Mosley, originally from Jesup Georgia, joined the Air Force in 1991 as a Munitions Maintenance Technician. He began his career at Travis AFB, CA, and from there went to Osan AB, Korea. After completing his tour in Korea in 1994, he retrained into communications as a Systems Controller. His assignments have included Lackland AFB, TX, instructor duty at Keesler AFB MS, and most recently Pope AFB. He and his wife Susan have two children, Alyssa, 15 and Andrew, 12. In his spare time John enjoys fishing, reading and spending time with his family

TSgt Kelvin L. Pontoo is a 15 year Air Force member. His assignments have included Pope AFB, NC, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, RAF Croughton Air Base, United Kingdom. TSgt Pontoo and his wife Melanie have a wonderful family of two sons and three daughters. He is a licensed N.C Real Estate broker for All American Homes Real Estate in Fayetteville, North Carolina. TSgt Pontoo is a proud resident of lovely South Carolina.





MSG Robert T. Coccaro is the SOROC 01-07 Class Leader. MSG Coccaro is originally from Memphis, Tennessee, and has been in the Army for sixteen years. Throughout his career he has been stationed in Germany, Korea, Ft. Carson Colorado, and Mac Dill Air Force Base, Florida. In his off time he enjoys playing golf and photography. MSG Coccaro is married to his wife Carly and they have one eight month old son, Matthew

Chief Eric Russell is a native of Vancleave, Mississippi. He is married to Charlene Russell and has three children Cody, Jacob, and Shelby. He started his career in Jun 1991 at Naval Recruit Training Center in San Diego California. Following boot camp, he attended Data Systems Technician (DS) "A" school and DS class "C" Integrated Tactical Amphibious Warfare Data Systems school and graduated in November 1992 and was promoted to Petty Officer Third Class. Chief Russell's first Duty station was Navy Occupational Development and Analysis Center in Washington DC, which later became Naval Manpower Analysis Center and moved to Millington TN. He was promoted to Petty Officer Second Class while at NAVMAC. In 1996, Chief Russell reported to LHA-3 USS Belleau Wood in Sasebo, Japan where he became the work center supervisor and completed his qualification of Surface and Air Warfare. He was responsible for the maintenance of the mainframe weapons computers and the motor generator converters that provided digital control and target designation for the 5 inch guns. He also took on the duty of repair and maintenance of the onboard Contingency Theater Automated Planning System. Chief Russell then transferred in 1998 to the FFG-32 USS John L Hall in Pascagoula MS as Leading Petty Officer and was promoted to Petty Officer First Class. While on the Hall, he was responsible for maintenance and repair of the ships Weapons, Navigation, and Air Control processing computers, all shipboard displays, ship to ship data links, and digital distribution switchboards and signal data converters. In 2000, He transferred to Keesler Air Force Base as an instructor. He completed the following courses: Basic Instructor, General Purpose Test Equipment Repair and Calibration, the Field Calibration Activity Maintenance Course, and Task Based Curriculum Developers Course. As an instructor He was recognized for superior instructional ability by becoming a candidate for Instructor of the year. During his tour he qualified as a Master Training Specialist. After instructor duty in 2003 he reported to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 in Kuwait. His job was to repair, operate, and plan the use of all organic communications equipment. While with the "SeaBees" he was promoted to Chief and became qualified as Seabee Combat Warfare. He also qualified as Fleet Marine Force while on tour in Iraq attached to 1 and 2 MEF. As a Seabee Chief Russell attended Electronic Key Management and Harris Ground radio communications repair courses covering HF, VHF and SINCGARS repair. He also completed Automated Information Systems administrator course, Baseband, and SHF SATCOM repair courses from SPAWAR and NAVSEA. He is currently at Ft Bragg in SOROC.





8th ANNUAL SOCA Golf Tournament



Friday, June 15th, 2007 Shotgun Start @ 0830 Carolina Lakes Golf Course

*Where: Carolina Lakes Golf Course *When: Friday June 15th, 2007 --0700 - 0815 Registration --0830 Shotgun Start --Captain's Choice Format *Entry Fee: \$40.00/In Advance \$45.00/Day of Tournament \$350.00 For a Business/Vender to sponsor a hole and enter a team in the tournament. \$5.00 Mulligan's/Red Tee's *DRESS CODE: Shirt with collar, slacks or shorts with pockets, soft spikes only. *PRIZES: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and the last place teams; closest to the Pin on all par 3's & Longest Drive will be awarded *Lunch will be served during the awards presentation. *A snack and beverage cart will provide refreshments during the tournament. Make checks payable to: Special Operations Communicators Association (SOCA) *Entry Deadline: Friday June 8th, 2007 *For more information/Entry contact: Steve Long 910-243-0203 (Day) 910-551-8424 (Night) E-Mail: longs3901@yahoo.com

 Sth Annual SOCA Golf Tournament Entry Form

 Individual/Group \$40.00/\$160.00
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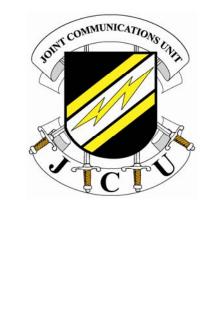
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