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# **Message from the Commander**

October 1, 2007





I would like to thank evervone who attended the orientation brief on the compound earlier last The knowledge month. gained should have made you more familiar with the unit and will make you more at ease with activities in JCU. If you have any additional questions, please bring them up as soon as you can. I'll ensure your concerns are answered. For those who may not have attended а Spouse's Orientation previously or would like to refresh your memory, please sign up for the next iteration to be held in six months or so. The time and date will be passed through the Newsletter.

command's resources were explained. Please take advantage of everything available to members of JCU. JCU is a great assignment for both the service member and the family. The command will work to keep it that way wherever and whenever possible.

Add all of the upcoming unit events to your calendar. Many activities, beginning with Halloween through the several end-ofyear holiday events, are planned for the whole family. I'm not sure if Haemi would agree with me, but I highly recommend the Joint Special Operations Run (2 November) for the whole family. Haemi and the three kids joined me last year and had a great time in the rain.



The end of the year is busy as any other time, perhaps more so. Combined with the many events we may lose focus of the reason JCU exists. Many unit members are still away from home, so keep them in your prayers and thoughts. They'll all be home soon only to be replaced by others we know well.

Thank you,

Jack

During the orientation, many of the

# 11th Annual Joint Special Operations 10k run / 5k walk

The 11th Annual Joint Special Operations (JSO) 10k run / 5k walk sponsored by the Special Operations Communicators Association (SOCA) will take place on November 2, 2007 at 7:00 AM. This is a great event every year and produces most of the money used throughout the year for other functions such as the Holiday Party, Children's Christmas Party and the Unit's Summer Picnic. We are already planning the event and will ask for volunteers to help out with signing people up for the race. Marsha Spencer will be setting up a table in front of the Fort Bragg Mini-Mall from 11301330 during the weeks of 15-19 and 22-25 October. If you are interested in helping her out, give her a call at 423-5644 or e-mail marshypooh@aol.com to make arrangements.

Todd Spencer

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### **Special points of interest:**

- B-Troop beats A-Troop in DET BOWL V
- New baby arrives into the JCU family
- Promotions, Awards and Re-enlistments
- Answer to last months RETRO JCU
- Lots of pictures



United States Navy 232nd Birthday October 13, 1775 - 2007 "Accelerate your Life"



A-Troop has been busy as usual with everything from deployments to JCU capabilities briefs to distinguished visitors. We currently have several guys attending professional development and career enhancing schools; Roland Marks attending Basic Airborne training, Greg Bogyo attending BNCOC, Noe Abad attending 7-level, Angello Caraballo-Schweitzer and Matthew Heist attending ALS. Jeremy Pinkelman attending ANCOC and Ricardo Cross attending 0629 Radio Chief Course. Other detachment highlights over the past month are; Pablo Guerra was promoted to Sergeant



First Class on 1 October. Greg Bogyo has returned from deployment and Larry Deardorff has departed on his first deployment with A-Troop. Our Mission Team

continues to do extremely well with training and testing equipment. I am proud of each and every one of my guys as they continue to be the finest communicators in the Department of Defense.

-Chris



A-Troop gets set During DET BOWL V

B-Troop DET BOWL V football team and their "cheesy" T-shirts



C-TROOP

The flashing eyes on the Rat dangling below the skull wearing a helmet and flanked by two copper wings are distracting me as I write this entry. The Det Bowl trophy, the coolest trophy I have ever seen, now sits in B-Troop's Team Room. A-Troop came to the game confident of an easy win because the number of guys that they had and amount of time they spent practicing. However, even with just enough people to fill out a team and no time for practice we were just too good for them. The final score was 49-35; we scored the first goal and never fell behind. Thanks to A-Troop for putting up a decent attempt at playing a good game and holding the cheating down to a minimum. Congratulations to Jeremy "Lunch-Box" Bloom for graduating the Air Force Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, Cliff "Napoleon" Varnadoe for Graduating the Navy Leading Petty Officer Leadership Continuum, and Justin "BallChinian" Zendrosky for graduating the Air Force Airman Leadership School. Good luck to Vic "Cups" Vinnedge who is currently in Basic Airborne. We would also like to welcome the newest member of the



Troop Alexander Paul Smario who was born on the  $22^{nd}$  of September at 5:34am. Even at 4lbs 13oz and 18 inches long he can already play football better then most of the guys in A-Troop. -Mike



"New blood in C Troop, Ramsey, Chuck and Jeff"

Once again the quality of the folks within the troop is apparent and we have been very fortunate in regards to promotions. As of 1 September, Chris Kudel was promoted to Sergeant First Class and on 14 September Greg Matthews and Jacob Carlsen were both frocked to Chief Petty Officers. Every one of these promotions is well deserved. Also, you will begin to notice that we are focusing more time and energy on training than we have been able to do in the past few months. Although this may cost a night away from home, no time will be wasted, and every bit of it is intended to ensure that each person in the troop returns home safe and sound. This month C-Troop conducted field training and land navigation to ensure that we remain sharp on those skills that we use less often. Upcoming training includes a marksmanship range and more navigating. And finally, congrats to Chief Matthews for receiving a coin from the NETCOM Commander for his outstanding brief and technical knowledge, a great example of Navy Pride !

-Frank



Hello from D Troop. Just when I thought things couldn't get any busier, I've been proven wrong. Trouble-shooting new packages, building more packages, leveling concrete, pulling fiber, you name it, and I think we've done some of it this month. Then we've gotten to add all the annual end of year purchasing for the unit, it's been busy. I want to thank all the members of D Troop and their families for the amazing work and long hours

Chris Smith receives his Tech Sergeant stripes from LT Hill and MSgt Petzel on 28 SEP 07

that each one of you has been putting in. Your expertise, hard work and most of all, your attitude has helped us pull through. Congratulations to Chris Smith for being promoted to TSgt. It's a big step for Air Force folks, and well deserved. Please keep Jerry Dover, Derek Hollingshead, and Darren Pallugna in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their overseas deployments and Stacey Lewis as he had to quickly return due to a family



emergency. Again, thanks for all that you do!

Les Himebrook



This month Sam Stanley returned from rotation and is currently attending a wireless computer course offered by Global knowledge. Scott Bachand is in the process of completing an MCSE boot camp and will hopefully return with the certification. Bryan Fooshee has begun his RedHat Linux training and is attending his second course. Tony has one more week to go before his school ends, then the break is over and we can put him back to work. Richard Lewis and Mike Martinez have both been invaluable to the computer lab by providing rear detachment support to personnel on rotation. Chad and Mike have been working long hours and weekends while testing software; their scrupulous attention to detail has ensured that only products ready for deployment are delivered.

—Jason



Hello to all the families of class 02-07! I would like to start off by saying thanks to all of the families for their continued support. The class has been really focused on PT and most of all, on academics. SRA Olshove is leading the way with a GPA of 97.67. But, I can't leave out SSG Lewis who is a very close second with a GPA of 97.34! Crossing into the Blue and Army Strong! The class also had the very first class A/Dress uniform inspection in JCU history. They continue to set new standards in appearance and discipline. SSG Knouse leads the class in Physical Training with 295 pts in a 300 scale. PO1 Pepin is a close second with 294, and states that JR didn't give him two push-ups which would have made him number one. Lastly the class is doing

their community service this month. It should be a pretty good time and spouses, girlfriends, boyfriends are welcome to come out and assist. Only request is that you inform the class leader SFC Clark that you desire to attend. Again thanks for your continued support!

ANCOC Graduation dates:

SSG Chapman	26 OCT
SFC Hogue	16 NOV
SFC Runk	15 NOV

—Jack



"Army Strong" rough and tough Ranger; 1SG Jack Nichols at the FRG Spouse's meeting carrying his daughter Katie's Teddy and Carleen's purse. Never under estimate the power of the Commanders camera phone.



Another month has come and gone. Time continues to fly by, well maybe not for those of you who are deployed or have a family member deployed. Thanks for the sacrifice. Brian Schmidt will be departing in October. Brian will remain on the compound, but is transferring to another unit after he attends Advanced Non-commissioned Officers Course (ANCOC) to broaden his communications skills and knowledge even further. Donovan Holden will be starting to make preparations to attend Warrant Officer Candidate school, he is looking forward to it and will do well. I am sure

ET1 Roy Campbell of A-troop receives his coveted Gold Wings from CSM Givens. Gold Wings are awarded when a Sailor or Marine has completed 10 jumps

ETC Jacob Carlsen with his family after the Navy Chief Petty Officer Frocking Ceremony on September 14, 2007.



he is looking forward to all the saluting he will have to do once he graduates and all the "Yes Sir, No Sir".

## Bill Tingen



MSgt Christian Martin of A-Troop takes the Oath of Enlistment from LT Hill on September 10, 2007

"It is both a privilege and an honor to be asked to re-enlist Soldiers, Sailors, Airman and Marines. In this day and age, it is important that we keep our ranks full of quality individuals and we appreciate the sacrifices made by them and their spouses."

-LT Nick Hill

# **RETRO JCU (can you guess who it is?)**

This section features a current Unit member. It is a look back before all of those military regulations and silly rules. Stay tuned for the answer posted in next months edition.



Members of A-Troop and B-Troop football teams battled it out for yet another great game on September 7, 2007.

ETC Greg Matthews with his family after the Navy Chief Petty Officer Frocking Ceremony on September 14, 2007.



# **JCU Member Spotlight**



Hello I am SSgt James Jordahl, I have served in the Air Force for 7 years. I am originally from Roseville, Minnesota. I currently work in A-Troop and have been in JCU for 3 years. I am currently engaged, my immediate family resides in, well my parents live in Little Canada, Minnesota and my sister lives in Hope Mills, NC. My soon to be wife Michelle Stilson, lives with me in Spring Lake and we do not have any children but we do have a small wiener dog named Toby. I like to spend my time outside hiking and fishing. My previous duty stations have consisted of Andrews Air Force Base and Aviano Air Base. I currently reside in Spring Lake. JCU is a great place to be because of all things exciting opportunities that the job offers you. A couple of things that turned me to JCU was travel, job experience, people, and risk to try and excel at something different. This is not a normal unit and hopefully never will be. We are a tight knit family that looks out for each other, not because we have to, but because we want to.



Tim Mallett of COMSEC is promoted to Sergeant First Class by his wife Jenny on September 28, 2007.



A-Troop (red) tries to anticipate which cheating style B-Troop (yellow) will use on this play; Mike McKlveen and Matt Jeffcoat seen here are using mental telepathy to pass cheat codes

DJ Holly gives birth to a Smario during the DET BOWL. Morgan said something that triggered DJ to grab him, wrap him up under his shirt and then finally, Morgan came out from the top of the shirt for air.







Please visit the web site's FRG section to cast your vote on the dress code for this years Holiday Party www.jcuonline.org

# Look who just dropped in!

JCU FRG

NEWS



IT2 Morgan Smario and Katy are the proud parents of Alexander Paul Smario. Alex was born on September 22, 2007 at 5:34 AM in Womack Army Medical Center. He weighed in at 4 lbs. 13 ozs. and was 18" long.



# **JCU Family Spotlight**



SFC Dutch Broussard and his wife, Rhonda, are both from Warner Robins, Georgia. They met in high school and married shortly afterward. They have been married for 22 years. They have three children, Kristen, 21, Trent, 19, and a Labrador mix named Sadie. Kristen is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke where she is studying to be a Physical Education Teacher and Trent is a sophomore at Fayetteville Technical Community College where he is studying Criminal Justice. Dutch and Rhonda are both attending FTCC where Dutch is finishing his Business degree and Rhonda is working on her teaching degree. They have been stationed at Fort Bragg for eight years. Dutch has been working with JCU for six years. Rhonda works at Butner Elementary School on Fort Bragg. In their spare time the family enjoys boating, fishing, skiing, tennis, going to the beach, and traveling. They love the Fort Bragg area because it is close to Warner Robins where most of their family members live and admire how close knit the JCU organization is.

Hello I am Deb Stewart. I have been a Civil Service employee for about 4 ½ years. I am originally from Sunrise, FL, a suburb of Fort Lauderdale. I currently work in the Command Section and have been in JCU for just over 4 years. I am a single mom with a 12 year old son, Benjamin. We have a dog (Phoebe) and a cat (Simon). My son & I love to ride my motorcycle, rollerskate, go to the beach, visit family, etc. He stays busy with Scouts, Hebrew school, guitar lessons and regular "boy" stuff! We've been at Fort Bragg since Aug 2001. My immediate family resides in Atlanta, GA (mom & sister) and Blufton, SC (dad & his wife). I am a former Soldier and my previous duty stations include Camp Humphrey's, Korea; Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Fort Drum, NY; and Fort Bragg. As a Soldier I worked in Finance, Admin, and Law Enforcement. I currently reside in Fayetteville near Methodist College. I love my job and consider myself very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with everyone here. In my 16 years affiliated with the military, I've never met a better bunch of people.





A perfect example of what happens when an Officer starts trash-talking about a football challenge between the Officers and Enlisted. CPT Kaloostian will never make that mistake again, welcome home Sir. The Sign reads: O's Joe's

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\*\*\*Blacked out to protect the innocent; yeah right!

The annual Combined Federal Campaign has kicked off. Please give what you can to your favorite charity. CFC drive ends on November 30, 2007



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SrA Matthew M. Corby (Awaiting SOROC 1-08)

# GOODBYQ TO FRIGNDS & FAMILY

# ET1 James "Kevin" Jones (SW/PJ) September 2000 - October 2007 (COMSEC)



I began SOROC in October 2000. I graduated in March 2001 with the largest class ever to that date (14). There were no drop outs in an era which they were very common and expected. The highest of standards were maintained. From SOROC I worked in JTEP for 3 years. At that time the biggest circuit bandwidth coming out of JSOC was a T1. 24/7 Ops began a month or two before 9/11 due to a JRX and has never let up since. I did a short stint in the QRT for one rotation, just long enough to have the record (to my knowledge) of the most hours flown on the pallet in a single three month deployment (280+). That's more time than I've spent on a boat in almost 12 years. I've been in COMSEC maintenance for the rest of the time I've been here. In my current job I assist the staff with maintaining the ability to keep this command's reputation of the quiet professionals intact by keeping them off the SIGSEC reports. If any of you have ever dealt with the staff, you know it's a minimum two man full time job " 'cause that's how we roll". I'll be going to Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Atlantic or EWTGLANT for short. I've enjoyed my tour in the Army but it's time to move on. I wish fair winds and following seas to the best group of professionals I've ever known. I'll close with charging you all to keep the units integrity intact in all that you do no matter what the circumstances or location you are in.

# Answer to last months RETRO JCU ? (did you guess correctly?)



Last months RETRO JCU picture is none other than SSgt Vic Vinnedge. Vic toughened up and got that ice cream that he wanted and then joined the Air Force and serves proudly in B-Troop as a Automation Systems Specialist. Thanks for sharing this picture with us Vic.



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# **Meet the SOROC'ers of Class 02-07**



Name: Micah A. Modest Service / Rank: USA / SGT Enlisted: 13 NOV 02 Birthday: 11 NOV 82 Spouse name: Monica Modest Children: Hailey & Matthew Hobbies: Motocross, Baseball, Mechanic Work, Fishing. Previous Assignment: Special Warfare Training Group (SWTG). Goals/Expectations: Give the team all I have. Short Term: Complete SOROC and become a better communicator. Long Term: Attain a Degree in communications

Service / Rank: USAF / SrA Enlisted: 4 JAN 05 Birthday: 17 DEC 81 Spouse name: Katherine **Children:** Taylor & Libby Hobbies: Building and fixing computers, long-boarding, surfing Previous Assignment: Ground Radio Maintenance shop, 2Comm. Sq. Barksdale AFB, La **Goals/Expectations:** Short Term: Successfully complete SOROC, find a nice place for my family to

Long Term: Earn my CCAF degree and begin work on a Masters degree,



Name: Ryan T Dayton Service / Rank: USMC / SGT Enlisted: 10 JUN 02 Birthday: 4 DEC 83 Spouse name: Shannon Dayton Child: Aaron Dayton Hobbies: Outdoor sports, hiking Previous Assignment: 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Air Wing, Information Systems Management Office Goals/Expectations: To keep an open mind, and complete every task at the top Short Term: Pass all SOROC academics

Name: Jeremy M. Jenkins Service / Rank: USA / SGT Enlisted: 23 JAN 01 Birthday: 10 NOV 83 Hobbies: Hunt, Fish, Collect and shoot guns, Throwing darts, Mixed Martial Arts Previous Assignment: HHT 7-17 CAV Ft. Campbell KY Goals/Expectations: Give 110% on a daily basis. Receive as much training as I possibly can while assigned at JCU. Short Term: Pass/survive SOROC Long Term: Stay Army, Get married and start a family, Earn a Ranger tab, Further my career in the SOF community as a communicator.



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open a small computer business and enjoy my time in the military.

# **October Promotions, Awards & Special Occasions**

## **October Promotions**

## Army

SSG Timothy Mallett to SFC (COMSEC)

SSG Pablo Guerra to SFC (A-Troop)

## Air Force

SSgt Christopher Smith to TSgt (D-Troop)

## **Recent Basic Airborne School Graduate**

Earle Allen (D-Troop)



# **3rd Quarter, CY 2007 Award Winners**

## Service Member & Civilian of the Quarter

Army-SSG Mario Curtis (C-TRP) Navy- ET1 Darren Pallugna (D-TRP) Marine-SSgt Adrian Williams (E-TRP) Air Force-SSgt Johnathan Vasquez (B-TRP) USAF Airman- SrA Casey Mues (B-TRP) USAF SNCO- MSgt Sam Stanley (E-TRP) Civilian– Ms. Tammy Sprague (SOROC) **Troop Awards** A-TRP-IT1 John Hickey

B-TRP-IT1 Paul Hays C-TRP-IT1 Mike Fowler D-TRP-SSgt Christopher Smith E-TRP-SSgt Scott Bachand

#### **Richard McAlister** 5 OCT Jason Kalkhof 6 OCT Michael Martinez 9 OCT Derek Hollingshead 10 OCT Frank Perez 11 OCT James McKnight 15 OCT 16 OCT

BIRTHDAYS

3 OCT

3 OCT

4 OCT

Nick Hill

Jeff Eldred

Michelle Allen

16 OCT
16 OCT
18 OCT
20 OCT
20 OCT
22 OCT
24 OCT
25 OCT
26 OCT
26 OCT
30 OCT
31 OCT

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Derek & Amanda Hollingshead	1 OCT
Todd & Jamie Brown	1 OCT
John & Molly Mills	5 OCT
Lenin & Lauren Castillo	7 OCT
Jay & Lisa Pylman	9 OCT
Victor & Melissa Kouw	15 OCT
Ramsey & Karen Brown	17 OCT
Adam & Beth L'Herault	17 OCT
Vanessa & Tom Moak	20 OCT
Jacob & Monica Carlsen	21 OCT
Donald & Graziella Holly	24 OCT
James & Betsy Jones	28 OCT

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES

12 October JSOC Sponsored Silent Auction 26 October JSOC Sponsored Halloween Party 2 November 11th Annual SOCA 10K Run / 5K Walk 4 November Daylight Savings Time ends 2:00 AM 17 November 45th Annual JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon 15 December JCU Annual Adult Holiday Party 17 December JCU Annual Children's Christmas Party

**PPF 6-8 PM PPF 5-7 PM** Pike Field 7:00 AM Set clocks back 1 hour Hagerstown, MD Holiday Inn Bordeaux Fun Fun Fun

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<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Home</u>
Commander	COL Arnold (Jack)	243-0200	485-4529
CSM	CSM Givens (James)	243-0201	977-3441
20	LT Hill (Nick)	243-8851	678-0209
Init 1SG	ETCM McLain (Court)	243-0469	717-7696
OPS Officer	MAJ Worthington (Jeff)	243-0524	221-0985
Ops SGM	SGM Watts (Ronny)	243-2439	230-8073
-Troop SGM	SFC Leach (Chris)	243-1321	480-1118
B-Troop Chief	ETC McKlveen (Mike)	243-4079	487-5004
C-Troop SGM	1SG Adcox (Mike)	243-0115	499-2541
D-Troop OIC	MAJ Himebrook (Les)	243-2302	498-9108
D-Troop Chief	ETC Nichols (Carleen)	243-0439	424-1805
E-Troop OIC	Mr. Gillespie (Tony)	243-1217	875-1045
E-Troop SGM	SFC Proskovec (Jason)	243-1465	868-7761
TEP OIC	Mr. Tingen (Bill)	243-0291	437-5970
CST NCOIC	MSG Ogden (Oggy)	243-1147	875-6258
OROC NCOIC	1SG Nichols (Jack)	243-0577	424-1805
CU FRC	Mrs. Marsha Spencer		423-5644
ocial Worker	Mrs. Wanda Crawford	396-7489	
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SOC FRG	Mrs. Agnes Adamczyk	243-2626	

# 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 1SG 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).