

DELIVERING THE MESSAGE

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR



As I sat here today thinking of what to write to you in my first article as the new CSM, I realized that the best way to express how I feel about the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, civilians and family members of JCU was to let you know what the American public thinks about you. I hear quit regularly how great and wonderful you all are, family members included, I want to insure you hear it too. Please read the following and check out the web link listed at the end of the article.

Dear United States Troops, Each and every one of you, no matter the age, race or gender, has given me hope, security, and confidence. You are admired, respected, and loved. No words can express the gratitude I feel as an American citizen. You are all my heroes and you are all in my prayers. God bless you and your families. Thank You!

Heather

Hi, you obviously don't know me; in fact you may

be thinking that only the dyed in the wool staunch conservative, flag waving Republicans support your efforts. I'm a regular guy with regular problems. Today was my daughter's birthday, well actually yesterday. As I'm writing this it is 2:12am EST August 31st, 2007. My daughter's first full day at the age of two. Birthdays offer great opportunity for reflection, I imagine many things you encounter may cause you to reflect. As I reflected on the time I spent with my daughter today, I considered how precious that time is, Time with any loved one. And then how desperately hopeless we can feel when we must sacrifice that time for extended periods. Which brings me to you. You have made a tremendous sacrifice on my behalf and for my family. What you are doing every day effects humanity on a global scale. The world is a better place because you are where you are doing what you are doing. Because if not for you who would stand in the gap? Maybe no one? Thank you for your service, your patriotism, your compassion, your bravery, your commitment. My heart goes out to you and your family. Please know that you are not forgotten. Millions of Americans are praying for you, thinking of

you and thankful for you. Be encouraged! Be proud! Godspeed,

Eric.

Hi, My name is Barbara and I just want to let you know that I have not forgotten all that you are doing for us here, over there. Sometimes we get so busy in our lives that it is easy to forget that you are putting your lives at risk, for ours, every day. We need to remember, reflect and pray for you all on a regular basis. We, the American people, your mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, wives, husbands, boyfriends, girlfriends, neighbors, etc., miss you and pray for your safety and safe return home to us. Hopefully it will be soon. Thank you for everything you do every day, not just for us, but also for the Iraqi people and other Arab people who wish to better their country. May you have strength, courage, and peace from God above in every endeavor that you do and may He help you kick the asses of all the sick and nasty terrorists that cause havoc and panic in the lives of innocent people everywhere. Thinking of all of you.

Barbara.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Summer Picnic*
- *SGM Sullivan retires*
- *Answer to last month's RETRO JCU*
- *Pathfinder School MTT*

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A-Troop proudly unveils the new "YETI FORCE" patch in honor of SSgt James "YETI"



Recently we have welcomed some new faces A-Troop this month. Our new SOROC graduates are Larry Deardorff, Daniel Lane, Roy Campbell, Nathan Hannah

and Noe Abad. Congratulations to Larry Deardorff, Matt Heist, and Daniel Lane were selected for promotion the Staff Sergeant. A-Troop had

a 100% graduation for the following attendees Jerry Baker, Michael Schaffer and Stan Sweeney for the US Army Pathfinder Course.

—Chris



I had the opportunity to take an unscheduled trip out to see the fellas and had a blast. They are doing great out there, even though they would rather be home, they continue to dedicate themselves to the tasks at hand and have a little fun when they can. In the picture to the right, Chris Richter and I are swapping out a Network Core Switch. The back story to the picture is that Chris almost chickened out and called off the swap until, he says, I said something to "Challenge his Manhood". I wish I could remember what I said in the

"heat of swapping" that could have challenged the manhood of a guy that has helped his wife deliver 4, or so, of his 6 kids at home because those must have been some powerful words. With 15 minutes left in our window of opportunity, he took a deep breath, as I cut off the power and we began the mad dash to cut everything over. He did meet the challenge because the swap-over went so smooth that nobody really noticed we did it; it was pretty cool. After that Dookie made us go with him to get an Ice Cream; he was on

the template for the September 08 news letter and thought that he needed to slow down a little. We would like to congratulate and welcome the new members of B-Troop and their families, MSgt Mosley and wife Susan, SSG Messex and wife Pamela, and TSgt Williams and wife Sarah. Congratulations to Matt Jeffcoat for being the first guy from B-Troop to graduate the Path Finder course. Also we would like to congratulate Sully on his retirement, thanks for your support over the years. We wish you Fair Winds and Following Seas as you limp off into retirement. As always, please do not hesitate to call if you need help or have a question. -Mike



Mike McKlveen and Chris Richter working hard, just another day at the office



Recently C Troop has done very well in the area of promotions, Mike Adcox was selected for promotion to Sergeant Major, Greg Matthews and Jacob Carlsen were selected for promotion to Chief Petty Officer, both will be frocked on 14

September. Also we had three personnel pass the US Army Pathfinder Course, Jacob Carlsen, Greg Matthews and Mikey Fowler.

— Mike Adcox



This picture gives new meaning to "Packed like sardines"; Airborne OP with combat equipment



Hello CST family. Not much is new since the last letter. I finally let Ryan take some well earned leave. Sarah is not mad at me anymore. I would like to welcome Kenny Klynstra to the

section. Sounds like it's time for another get together to welcome Kenny and his fiancée Katherine. I better get busy. Heather and Max better show up this time. Happy

birthday to Sam Eldred, who turns 14 on 7 September. Have fun everyone and I'll talk to you next month....Oggy



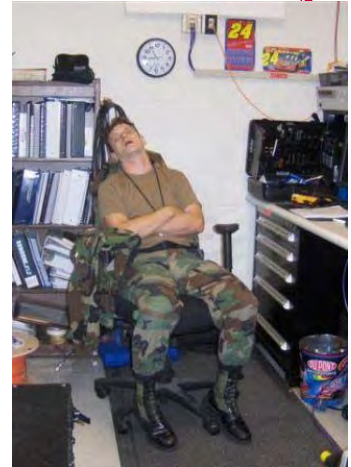
Hello from D Troop! I hope everyone's summer has been fun-filled. I know it's been blazing hot! First off we would like to welcome D Troop's newest members; SSgt Ameer Weston and ETC Eric Russell. Like we tell all of new SOROC graduates, now it's time to get to work! Just kidding, welcome aboard and welcome to their families. Well, not that its news to any of the D Troop families, but this past month has been a doozy. We've had tons of

new projects, new package builds, and lots of new requirements and without the phenomenal levels of technical expertise, there is absolutely no way that we would have accomplished any of them. You can be extremely proud of what your spouses do on a daily basis, because it is truly amazing!

We are very proud of our very own graduate of the US Army Pathfinder

Course TSgt Joe Kelly. He says he's Air Force but he is definitely Army at heart. Hooah! And lastly but *certainly* not least, please keep Derek Hollingshead and Stacey Lewis in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their deployments overseas. I can't say it enough, they are doing some amazing things! Thanks Stacey and Derek! And thanks to all of our D Troop families for all of your support!

--Carleen Nichols



Chris Smith dreams of all the things he could be doing if only he wasn't so darn busy



We would like to welcome Bryan Fooshee as a new member to E-Troop. Bryan previously spent 3 years in JCU working in both A-Troop and C-Troop. Bryan has been happily married to his wife Brandy for 15 months. Rob Barnard recently moved to a house located off of Hay Street; his son was looking forward to

the move because he doesn't have to mow the yard anymore. Adrian Williams has been influential in helping Troop members dress by providing an extensive section wardrobe. We can't wait to see what the next month will hold.

— Jason Proskovec



United States Air Force

60th Birthday

September 18, 1947 - 2007

"Go Big Blue"



It has been another busy month for the men and women of JTEP. In addition to all the well deserved and hard earned leaves that have been taken, we have managed to have two people graduate from the unit's Special Operations Radio Operators Course (Bob Cocco, Kelvin Pontoo). We have also had two people graduate from an advanced

shooting course (Heidi Evans, Kelvin Pontoo) and three people attend a software administrators/operators course (Jim Guillemette, Vanessa Moak, Tim Tapio) and one person continuously deployed. All of this while covering a twenty four hour/seven day a week work schedule with 14 people. They continue to do amazing things and

help out their deployed brethren by coming up with quick solutions when they get the calls for help and staying on a problem until it is fixed. To this I say THANKS!!!

Bill Tingen



First off, S&T would like to say farewell to Class 01-07 who finally completed their training and reported to their teams on the 7th of August. We look forward to hearing about the great things you do in your respective troops! I'm sure your troop members are excited to see your faces and what you bring to the team! Good luck to you and your families!

Class 02-07 has completed the entire S&T portion of training and has started on the academic phase. The instructors have anxiously awaited the arrival of the new batch of SOROC students and look forward to getting them to the teams in early December. 02-07 currently has 22 students in the class! We would also like to welcome SPC Miller to the class, he's the only guest student this cycle and will

be participating in training until the beginning of December. Welcome aboard! We have members from every service in this particular class with the largest Marine turnout ever. There are five hard charging Marines coming at you JCU! SFC Clark is the class leader this go around and is doing an outstanding job getting the class in top physical conditioning as well as keeping them motivated. SOROC days can get long and with that, we would like to say thanks to all the spouses, families and friends of 02-07 for supporting these Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen on those long days.

We would like to send congratulations to the following

individuals and let others know we're still thinking about them!

Mr. McKnight received the 25 years worth of government service award! Thanks for your service to the nation and JCU!

SFC Hogue pinned on E-7 the 1st of September! Congratulations!

SRA Olshove was selected for promotion to E-5 with only 2.5 yrs in service! Wow!

Let us not forget about the members of JCU-S&T that are finishing up ANCOC down in Ft. Gordon, Georgia. SFC Runk is a graduate of 01-07 and will be assigned to C-TRP upon his return. The other two are SFC Hogue and SSG Chapman who will be in SOROC class 01-08! Do JCU proud!

—Jack



COL Arnold hoping that everything comes back on and works properly. He not once doubted his guys

It is estimated that SGM Sullivan was asleep for 60% of his 15 year career here in JCU. He says times like the one to the right were when he got his best ideas



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, haircuts and discipline. Stay tuned for the answer posted in next months edition.



MEET THE UNIT LEADERSHIP



Hello I am ETC Carleen Nichols; I have served in the US Navy for 13 years. I am originally from New Mexico. I currently work in D Troop (formerly known as the Maintenance Division) and have been in JCU for 7 years. I have been married to 1SG Jack Nichols for 4 years, and he also works at JCU. We have one daughter, Katie who is 2. We currently reside in Hope Mills, NC. JCU is a great place to be because of the extremely talented folks who can overcome any challenge that is put in front of them.

Hello I am 1SG Jack Nichols; I have served in the US Army for 17 years and am originally from Panama ROP. I am currently assigned to JCU as the Selection and Training (S&T) NCOIC and have been doing this particular job for 2 ½ years. I've been assigned to JCU for 7 years and have loved every minute of it. I have been married to ETC Carleen Nichols for 4 years, and she also works at JCU. We have one daughter, Katie who is 2. We currently reside in Hope Mills, NC. JCU is an extremely challenging and rewarding place to be assigned. Everyone I've met in JCU, past and present, have brought some skill or know how that I would have never gotten elsewhere. The people of this command make me look forward to coming to work each and everyday!



COL Arnold, CSM Givens and SGM Sullivan at the Change of Responsibility / Retirement Ceremony on August 30, 2007. CSM Givens became the first Command Sergeant Major for the Joint Communications Unit. SGM Sullivan retired after serving this great Nation for 22 years, 15 of those in JCU.

JCU MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Hello, I am SSgt Thomas Marino. I have served in the Air Force for 10 years. I am originally from Philadelphia, PA. I currently work in C-Troop and have been in JCU for almost four years. I am currently engaged to my amazing fiancée, Sonja. My immediate family resides in Philly and Delaware; this includes my son Nicholas, who is nine years old. Sonja and I have a one year old red smooth dachshund named Lilly. When I get the chance, I enjoy a good movie and Cold Stone, a pick-up game of soccer, and spending time with my family and loved ones. My previous duty stations have consisted of Malmstrom AFB, MT where I was Security Forces, and Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, where I started out my communications career. I currently reside in Fayetteville where Sonja and I have just purchased our first home. JCU is a great place to be because it's part of a community that really knows how to take care of each other, has a welcoming atmosphere, and you feel as if you're definitely part of the big picture. We truly live up to our motto: JCU is "DOD's Finest Communicators"!



I am SrA Matthew Heist. I have been in the Air Force for four years and two months. I am from Hollidaysburg PA, which is still not on a map. Currently my parents still reside in Hollidaysburg. I work for A-Troop, and have been selected to work for the past seven months. I am a weapons enthusiast and an avid outdoorsman. My only duty station prior to Fort Bragg was Wright Patterson AFB, OH working numerous jobs not only as a Tactical Communications journeymen but as a liaison to a civilian company working Air to Ground communications for all of the central United States . In April I purchased my first home in Spring Lake's Anderson Creek area. JCU is a great place to be because I work for A-TROOP!



JCU ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Another day of fun in the sun has come & gone. Friday, 10 Aug, was the annual unit picnic at Fantasy Lake in Hope Mills. The park opened at 1000 and by 1030 there were quite a few folks enjoying the day. Around 1130 lunch was served. The event was catered by Smithfield's

and included fried chicken, pulled pork, cole slaw, potato salad, beans, and hush puppies. It was delicious – as usual. Though this year we didn't have rain or storm clouds, we did have plenty of heat. The heat index peaked at about 110; the sun was blazing, the sand was scorching,

and the water felt like a bath. But it didn't deter people from enjoying the tarzan swings, water slides, or just frolicking in the water. We had 139 people come which is the biggest turn-out yet. Thanks to everyone who made it out and endured the heat.

Deb Stewart



*Please logon to the
JCU web site to cast
your vote for the 2007
Holiday Party dress
code*

If you would like to see your family featured in the newsletter, please contact Marsha Spencer at 423-5644 or e-mail marshypooh@aol.com

WELCOME OUR NEW JCU MEMBERS

SFC Bryan Fooshee & wife Brandy (2nd tour in JCU and assigned to E-Troop)

GOODBYE TO FRIENDS & FAMILY

SGM John Sullivan & wife Una-Lee, children - Kevin, Katie, Kaci, Johnnie and Mary-Lee

SGM John P. Sullivan June 1992 - August 2007 (CMD)

JCU,

Una-Lee, Kevin, Katie, Kaci, Johnnie, Mary-Lee, and I want to thank you for allowing us to be a part of the JCU family. In the summer of 92, none of us could have imagined (especially Johnnie and Mary-Lee) how rewarding an assignment to JCU could be. We have been blessed to be a part of something so special and we are very grateful. As I've said before, I'm in awe of what you are able to do everyday and for your quiet and complete professionalism. This nation is safer thanks to the contributions and sacrifices made by DoD's Finest Communicators and their families so for what you've done yesterday and will do tomorrow, WE THANK YOU!

Thank all of you for your part in what was the most perfect retirement ceremony ever held. You would not believe how many folks have come up to me since the ceremony and used the

phrase "best ever". The day was truly special for me and my family and a true reflection of the caliber of the JCU. For my Brothers, Sister, and their families who have never attended a Military Retirement before, they were in total shock and admiration of the world class event you put on in honor of my family and me. I was humbled by the kind words and the incredible gifts. I will display the gifts in a place of honor in my home.

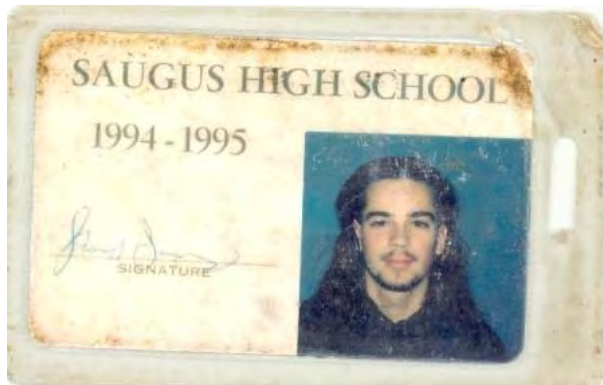
We hope to remain close to JCU in the future (translated - I'm hoping to get a civilian position working for JCU). Whether or not that works out, you can count on seeing Una-Lee and I at any and all functions you allow alumni to attend so please keep us in mind. I'm missing JCU already.

May God bless you all and keep you safe.

...Sully sends



ANSWER TO LAST MONTHS RETRO JCU ? (DID YOU GUESS CORRECTLY?)



Last months RETRO JCU picture is none other than SSG Stan Sweeney. Stan got a haircut and enlisted in the Army and now serves our great Nation as a communicator assigned to A-Troop. Thanks for the picture Stan.



Meet the SOROC'ers of Class 02-07



Name: Michael E. Clark

Service / Rank: USA / SFC

Enlisted: 18 AUG 86

Birthday: 10 JAN 68

Spouse name: Susan L. Clark

Child: Micalynn

Hobbies: Computers, Adventure Racing, Fly-Fishing, Triathlon, Camping, Water Sports

Previous Assignment: United States Army Special Forces Command, G6

Goals/Expectations: Bring knowledge and experience to help better the unit while learning as much as possible to better myself.

Name: Danny D. Knouse

Service / Rank: USMC / SSGT

Enlisted: 13 JUL 99

Birthday: 15 SEP 79

Hobbies: Ride my Harley, Golf, Lift weights, Hunting, and Fishing

Previous Assignment: 1st Force Reconnaissance Company / 1st MSOB (Marine Special Operations Battalion)

Goals/Expectations: Give 110% on a daily basis. Receive as much training as I possibly can while assigned at JCU. To have successful deployments.



Name: Veronica Zamora

Service / Rank: USMC / SSGT

Enlisted: 17 MAY 99

Birthday: 7 MAR 76

Hobbies: Cycling, Aerobics, Scuba dive, Wine collecting

Previous Assignment: 9th Communication Battalion

Goals/Expectations: To be successful at everything I attempt. To gain as much knowledge as possible while here at JCU.

Name: Randy L Amsler Jr

Service / Rank: USAF / TSgt

Enlisted: 2 DEC 98

Birthday: 12 JUN 80

Spouse name: Melissa C Amsler

Children: Alicia & Joshua

Hobbies: Spending time with family, Computers, Target Shooting, Mt Biking, Video Games

Previous Assignment: 95 Communications Squadron

Goals/Expectations: Contribute all I have to the team, learn from my peers.



SEPTEMBER PROMOTIONS, AWARDS & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

U.S. Navy 2008 Chief Petty Officer Selects

ET1 Jacob A. Carlsen (C-Troop)

ET1 Gregory D. Matthews (C-Troop)



Army Promotions



MSG Ronny Watts– SGM (OPS SGM)
SSG Chris Kudel– SFC (C-Troop)
SSG Nathan Hogue– SFC (SOROC 1-08)



JSOC Top-3 Air Force Airman

SrA Matthew P. Heist (A-Troop)

PATHFINDER SCHOOL GRADUATES

A-Troop

SFC Jerry Baker
SFC Michael Schaffer
SSG Stan Sweeney

C-Troop

ET1 Mike Fowler
ET1 Jacob Carlsen
ET1 Gregory Matthews

B-Troop

SSG Matthew Jeffcoat

D-Troop

TSgt Joe Kelly

J6 COMSEC

SSG Timothy Mallett

BIRTHDAYS

Michael Fowler	1 SEP
Richard Linder	5 SEP
Roland Marks	5 SEP
Jason Bretzinger	5 SEP
Michael Crain	8 SEP
Kenneth Garrison	10 SEP
Dave Allen	13 SEP
James Prasse	13 SEP
Thomas Marino	14 SEP
William Winkler	15 SEP
Danny Knouse	15 SEP
Daniel Lane	18 SEP
Michael Parsons	21 SEP
Mario Curtis	24 SEP
Shannon Hook	25 SEP
Steven Page	29 SEP

ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Elisa Gozdziwski	1 SEP
Jeff & Andrea Ingraham	10 SEP
James & Anita McKnight	10 SEP
Jack & Haemi Arnold	12 SEP
Christian & Natalie Martin	14 SEP
Michael & Sara Ann Beach	18 SEP
Christopher & Marlene Choyce	21 SEP
Paul & Renee Hays	22 SEP
Jesus & Chrystal Castro	23 SEP
Robert & Carly Cocco	24 SEP
Roland & Rebecca Marks	26 SEP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES

7 September	DET BOWL V (A-TRP vs. B-TRP)	Pike Field 7:00 AM
13 September	JSOC Sponsored Spouse Orientation	PPF 6:30 PM
12 October	JSOC Sponsored Silent Auction	PPF 6-8 PM
26 October	JSOC Sponsored Halloween Party	PPF 5-7 PM
2 November	11th Annual SOCA 10K Run / 5K Walk	Pike Field 7:00 AM
17 November	45th Annual JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon	Hagerstown, MD
15 December	JCU Annual Adult Holiday Party	Holiday Inn Bordeaux
17 December	JCU Annual Children's Christmas Party	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	630-0076
XO	LT Hill (Nick)	243-8851	678-0209
Unit ISG	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
A-Troop SGM	SFC Leach (Chris)	243-1321	480-1118
B-Troop Chief	ETC McKlveen (Mike)	243-4079	487-5004
C-Troop SGM	ISG 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
JTEP OIC	Mr. Tingen (Bill)	243-0291	437-5970
CST NCOIC	MSG Ogden (Oggy)	243-1147	875-6258
SOROC NCOIC	ISG Nichols (Jack)	243-0577	424-1805
JCU FRC	Mrs. Marsha Spencer		423-5644
Social Worker	Mrs. Wanda Crawford	396-7489	
Chaplain	CH Tom Solhjem	243-1224	
JSOC FRG	Mrs. Agnes Adamczyk	243-2626	

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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 edi-



tion (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).