## Delivering the Message

Message from the Commander

I hope everyone was able to have a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. It's a busy but fun time of year, almost equal to St Patrick's Day....

There are a couple of great events coming up. We have both the Kids and the Adult Holiday parties this month. A lot of effort has been put into them and I'm sure they will be a great time.

I'd like to congratulate those who ran in the 50 miler and the JCU 10 K . I understand the weather was excellent for the 10 K so you got lucky.

Our folks forward continue to do a superb job. Due to the communications and networks we provide the Task

Force continues to play the key role in taking it to the enemy. There have been some very significant kill/captures this last month and everyone has a lot to be proud of. I got to see firsthand how it wouldn't have happened without the quality of networks JCU provides. We're also doing a better job of including the contractors and augmentees supporting JCU into the fold. As Jack Nichols has found D Troop grew by 99 people on deployment. Although they aren't true JCU members that have gone through a selection board and SOROC, they are a part of us while assigned and critical to our ability to function. Can you imagine if we had to deploy an
additional 99 people year round? We couldn't do it so when you meet them, treat them well, you never know when one will become a recruit....

January will be a busy month for us between the deployment of the SYSCON and the A and D Troop Relief In Place (RIP). A Troop is bringing in several new communications capabilities and are looking forward to getting them implemented while the new D Troop will be happy to head home after an excellent job. I'm proud of all of them.
~ John McLaughlin

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Inside this issue:


Below: In true OPSO/OPS SGM fashion, MAJ Pishock \& SGM Watts found a way to cheat the clock and come in 1st place at this years 10 K . Their time was 6 minutes, 35 seconds



Hello everyone, the holidays and the cold weather are here. A Troop will be missing a few service members during the holidays with Nate Hogue, Tim Holton, James "Yeti" Jordahl, and Angelo Caraballo already deployed. As for the rest of the troop, we have completed numerous vendor training classes as we prepare to support the mission this winter. Chris Kudel graduated ANCOC and begins to make his journey back from Fort Gordon, and Rob Londers has finally joined the ranks of the paratroopers. In addition, Dan Lane and Noe Abad were able to receive some advanced medical training this
month with the medics, and the rest of the guys also used each other as pin cushions while conducting their medical refresher training. Congratulations to Carlos Calvo on once again successfully completing the painful JFK 50 mile ultra marathon up in Maryland. He is now on record as stating that he is too old and broke down to do it again! We would like to wish the entire JCU family a Happy Thanksgiving! I hope to see everyone at the Holiday party.
~ Chris


I would like to extend my warmest thanks to all JCU family members for attending the Troop FRG meeting. I was glad to hear all the suggestions on how we could improve on our future meetings and begin to plan for other fun Troop level events. Please keep the suggestions coming. Also I would like to thank Holly for making our first B-Troop FRG meeting a success. This last month has been very exciting for the Troop. Our steely eyed killers have been to a two
day advanced marksmanship range, completed three weeks of demanding equipment crew drills and some advanced satellite terminal training. As usual our guys and gals have performed outstanding. We will be conducting two training exercises next month and then take block leave from 22 Dec - 5 Jan 09. I hope all have a very happy holiday season and please stay safe.

Thanks,
Bryan


Right: Chris Lewallen receives his Senior Parachutists wings from LTC McLaughlin on 3 NOV 08


Above \& Below: A-troop heads to the range for marksmanship training 0n 28 OCT 08


Well month two is now under our belts. The new C-troop is still moving at a sprint. The last month has been very busy for us as a Troop. We have had several different iterations of training which have been both fun and challenging. At this point we have pretty much covered all of our required training so now we can actually try to enjoy some of the holiday festivities.
Since we are still tied to our pagers, we have not had the opportunity to get anyone off to any schools, but our time is coming. We did, however let two of our people go away for the
weekend to run 50 miles. Congrats to Jake and Matt on going out and doing the 50 miler. (I still think you are NUTS). We had planned ON saying good bye to Justin Zendrosky earlier this month, but due to some unforeseen circumstances, this was delayed. So Justin will have his farewell sometime in December now. And last but not least, we got Troy his $10^{\text {th }}$ jump so he finally got to put on THE highly coveted GOLD WINGS. We also still have ONE of our members out doing great things forward and look forward to getting him home in January (Stay safe Jared).

By the time you get this, you will have already made it through Thanksgiving, so I hope you had a good one!! And now it is time to prepare for Christmas. We will not be quite as busy in December as we have been, so hopefully this will allow us to get out and get some good Christmas shopping done prior to the $23^{\text {rd }}$ of December. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and hope to see you all at the unit Christmas functions. Please take a minute as you celebrate to remember the people we have forward.
~ Millsy


I would like to thank all the families and friends of D-Troop for supporting our efforts deployed. We recently had a family VTC and it was a welcome site to see all those who could attend and see their loved ones abroad. I would also like to thank CTroop for supporting D-Troop by taking care of the families and getting them on and off the compound in support of our VTC. THANKS! I
would also like to welcome Dave Kelly and Family to the troop! Dave is no stranger to JCU and he has returned to take a seat as a Detachment chief. We are glad to have Dave, Robyn, Elizabeth, and Hannah back in North Carolina and welcome them to the team. Lastly, I would like to congratulate SrA Merlino and SrA Mues on their recent promotion to SSgt! Very well deserved!
~Jack


I heard that this was an extremely active and busy month for everyone. I unfortunately took the entire month off and missed out on all of the fun. Sam is glad to have me back just so he doesn't have to answer the phone so much. Congratulations to Gama for receiving not one, but four Microsoft certifications this month. Sergio spent three weeks going to the Military Free Fall course and passed, though I do understand he had a night where he was chased by a bunch of dogs. I may have been off for most of the month but Chad was able to spend part of the month at the Atlantis Resort in Jamaica. That sounds like it was rough. Congratulations go out to Bryan for finally being promoted to MSG. Adrian evidently isn't exactly Bear Bryant on the football sidelines. I heard that the team went 0 $-3-3$. That is three games that ended in a tie score! I think he should listen to Herm Edwards when asked about
playing for a tie, " we play the game to win!" Scott has reenlisted! Let me say that yet again a little more emphatically. SCOTT HAS REENLISTED! Mike Martinez is actively searching for his next assignment. Evidently the possibilities are plentiful and he is sifting through them to determine which one he would like to accept. Mike Crain and Jory are both continuing to prepare themselves for the IO course that will start in January. The holiday season is officially upon each of us and this is definitely a time to reflect on the things that we are thankful for, that we don't always acknowledge. First I know that each of us are extremely thankful for the support and understanding that we receive from our families. We ask a lot of our wives

Right: SFC Bryan Fooshee is promoted to MSG by his wife Brandy on 26 NOV 08.
Congratulations and well deserved


November was a great month for GTroop. To start, we welcomed a newcomer William Crocket to SYSCON and Veteran Christian Thorsnes to our AIS section. Congratulations goes out to Jim Prasse who recently graduated Military Freefall School. Bob and

Carly Coccaro had a baby boy; Christopher Gilbert Coccaro who weighed in at a healthy 8 lbs 14 oz 's. Vanessa Moak completed the grueling JFK 50 miler this past weekend and promptly took some well earned leave. Finally, Jeff Ingraham, John Mosley, Darren Thornton, Chris Richter and


Above: Scott Bachand is reenlisted by MAJ Pishock in a ceremony on 26 NOV 08. We appreciate Scott’s service and commitment to stay the course and continue doing great things for this country.
and families and they may not always understand but they are always supportive. I personally would like to say that I am thankful that I have been blessed with a shop full of exceptionally talented and dedicated team members. Thanks for all of the hard work that you contribute on a daily basis. It is truly an honor to serve with each and every one of you. Have a safe and happy holiday season. Mine is going to be much better now that Scott has reenlisted.
~ Tony


Ray Hickman all earned the coveted Cisco Certified Network Associate certification and are now feverishly studying to become Microsoft Certified Systems Engineers. Happy Thanksgiving!
$\sim$ Jim


Happy Thanksgiving from M-Troop! During the past month I have officially found a new appreciation for what the guys and gals do for this organization, they are truly AMAZING! As we press on through this Holiday season please take a moment to be thankful for what we have and keep our fellow unit members that are currently on that extended TDY in your thoughts and prayers.
The Electronics Maintenance guys are busier this month than they were last
month....I never thought that would be possible. You wouldn't know it though....they just keep right on plugging along... meeting or exceeding the demands placed on them. Great Americans.
Scott and the gang in the Motor Pool are taking care of business, as usual. Mr. Miller just returned from what he said was the best course he has ever taken (SERE) and Mike Beach just returned from Military Freefall school...he says he has never felt this old.
ERS/Supply is still recovering from the


I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday and were able to spend quality time with family and friends. November came and went pretty fast. Here are a few highlights from the past month.

Jared Sams, Seth Hogan and Ken Johnson received awards from their previous assignments. Congratulations Fellas, this recognition was well deserved.

SOROC Class 02-08 completed another Communications Exercise, passed written and performance tests, and took the Unit physical fitness test/ ruck march. Good job Class! You guys continue to excel.

I'd like to welcome the following
spouses to the unit: Elizabeth Pierce, Lisa Johnson, Kelly Blum, Elisabeth StoneHartfield, Melissa Collins, Katherine Mitcham, Latosha James and Ximena Salcedo. If we can do anything to help you out during your transition into the unit please contact Jamie Slife or I.

December is going to come and go just as fast as November did. SOROC Class 02-08 will participate in an exercise that will test them on everything they have learned over the past 4 months. If everything goes well, 22 people will graduate SOROC on 12 December.

With that said, the Holiday Season is here. I urge all of the SOROC Class 01-09 Students to take time off in December. SOROC Class 01-09 begins on 5 January.

End of year close out. Todd and the gang put in a ton of hours behind the scenes this past month ensuring seamless logistics to our folks around the globe. Before I forget!! I would like to welcome Michael Flynn to MTroop ERS crew. His knowledge and dedication to the mission will be a nice addition to a section dedicated to serve.
Again, Happy Thanksgiving to all from M-Troop!
See you next month
The M-Troop Crew

Once the course begins, you will not be afforded the opportunity to take ordinary leave. Take advantage of the time you have now because this is going to be the "slowest" time in your JCU career.
1SG Spencer, have you seen my goose? Happy holidays, Dutch


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.



Left: MSG Bob Coccaro and Carly are the proud parents of Christopher Gilbert Coccaro. Christopher was born on November 8, 2008 at 6:48 AM in the Womack Army Medical Center. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 20.5 " long.



LOOK WHO JUST DROPPED IN


## JCU Families,

Hope you will join us for a few activities this holiday season. 1SG Spencer has been very busy planning the Holiday Party for Saturday, December 13th; please remember to send in your reservations. Hope to see you there. Also, reminder the Children's Christmas Party will be Wednesday, December 17th, 5-8pm, Chuck E Cheese's. This will be an open house type event, please email or call me with your reservations by December 10th. There will be pizza, drinks, and tokens available. JSOC is sponsoring their annual Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, Dec 20th, Sports USA, no charge for children. Please be safe if you are traveling for the holidays.

Sincerely,
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This year marked the 46th Annual JFK-50 Mile Ultra-marathon. As with every year, it was an outstanding event. We had 46 runners compete this year. 20 of our own and 26 friends of the community that were either here at one time or that we work with us around the globe. This year was extremely cold and windy. Water bottles and camelbacks froze, the aide stations were serving frozen water, coke slushies and banana sickles. The JCU record of $9: 17$, held by Ken Klynstra was smashed by Jay Pylman with a very impressive $8: 53$. There were more 1st time runners than any year previously, congratulations to everyone that participated this year. For the 5:00am starters it was a brisk 19 degrees that quickly dropped to 5 degrees on the trail. More runners started at 7:00am this year than in years past. The Appalachian Trail was still as brutal as always and the C\&O Canal path was still 26 miles by itself. There were no major injuries to
note as of right now, just a few twisted ankles, but the crew survived and lived to tell their stories. This year marked the first time we put together a military team. Our team, "Haigh's Heroes" placed second overall in the military team competition. The ten member team time comes from the first five members to cross the finish line, those five were Jay Pylman, Chris Lewallen, Jeff Eldred, Ken Klynstra and Matt Heist, great job guys. We look forward to next year's event already and there are a few that might even train for the next one. The following JCU folks participated in the race.
Todd Spencer
Scott Gozdzialski (1st Timer)
Mike Runk (1st Timer)
Chris Lewallen (1st Timer \& 2nd fastest JCU time) Jeremy Pinkelman
Amy Smith (1st Timer)
Vanessa Moak (1st Timer)
 cold start to a very long day



Jake Higginbotham


Jason Tolle


Above: A fine Mexican dinner prior to the race

Most of the crew after the finish

Right: Some of the 5AM starters. Standing L-R Scott Gozdzialski, Max Fermin, Chris Haigh, Jessie Montes \& John Horner. Kneeling L-R Vanessa Moak, Amy Smith \& Cathy Montes


Jamey Slife
Max Fermin (1st Timer)
Matt Heist


Jason Tolle
Ken Klynstra
Jay Pylman (New JCU record holder)
Chad Peters (1st Timer)
Jeff Eldred (1st Timer \& 3rd fastest JCU time)
Dutch Broussard
Frank Perez (1st Timer)
Cathy Montes
Jake Higginbotham
Carlos Calvo

JCU Alumni \& friends of JCU that participated:
Chris Haigh
Steve Dawson
John Horner
Jessie Montes
Jody Pinkelman
Adam Pinkelman
A special thanks to the following for their support along the course. They braved the elements and stood around at the aide stations cheering and taking/giving items to several of our runners as they passed by.
Holly Eldred, Lisa Pylman, Rhonda Broussard, Bev Perez, Kerri Calvo, Michelle Higginbotham, Angie Slife, Carla Horner and Dee Carter.

Less than $1 \%$ of the United States will ever compete in a race of this magnitude.

JFK Entry Fee- $\$ 130$
Hotel- \$69
Mexican dinner- \$12
Stick of Body Glide- \$11
Finishing the race after being frozen all day
Priceless


Matt Heist, Ken Klynstra \& Max Fermin

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SSgt Lloyd James \& wife Latosha, child: Jahilyn (Awaiting SOROC 01-09)
ITCS Dave Kelly \& wife Robyn, children: Elizabeth, Leah \& Hannah (D-Troop, welcome back to a former JCU member)
SrA Alicia Leyva (HHT)
SFC Sean Mitcham \& wife Katherine, child: William (Awaiting SOROC 01-09)
IT1 German Salcedo Montero \& wife Ximena, children: Brianna \& Giselle (Awaiting SOROC 01-09)

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ETC Dave Allen \& wife Elizabeth, children; Jordan \& Aaron NOV 97 - NOV 08 (OPS) SSgt Justin Zendrosky JUN 05 - NOV 08 (B-Troop)


Left: MAJ Les Himebrook receives the Bronze Star Medal from LTC McLaughlin in a ceremony on 3 NOV 08

Right: Nathan Hogue demonstrates the new air horn safety stance at a recent training event. If you are not up to speed on how to properly perform this, please get with Nathan and he'll get you squared away.


Left: Last year at the Holiday Party, we held a raffle for a free tandem jump courtesy of Court McLain. The winner was Betsy Glaze. Her and Court finally got together in November and she got a beautiful view of Raeford Air Park from 12,500 feet. She had a great time and is ready to go to Free Fall School. Her husband, Jim Jones, said he was more nervous than she was and was glad it was over. Court has once again offered his services and we will hold another raffle at this years party. If you would seriously like to do this, please send 1SG Spencer your name before the party.

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



The picture from last month is none other than Mr. Tony Gillespie. This picture was taken in 1976 during his freshman year at Bartlett High School in Anchorage, Alaska. Tony says "Disco, big collars, platform shoes, flowered satin shirts and puka shells were King! I know I had a puka shell necklace just not sure why I wasn't wearing it for this picture, but I bet I was wearing platform shoes". Thank you Tony for the picture and for sharing a little piece of you life with us.


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## Meet the SOROC ers of Class 02-08



Name: Jerome E. Kusy
Rank / Service: ET1 / USN
Enlisted: 26 DEC 1989
Birthday: 12 APR 1967
Hobbies: Rock-climbing, Adventure racing
Previous Assignment: NATO

Name: Travis Jenkins
Rank / Service: SFC / USA
Enlisted: 23 May 1990
Birthday: 22 May 73
Spouse name: Lakecia
Children: Tia, Nyasia \& Trevor
Hobbies: Basketball, Football, Traveling,
Previous Assignment: 1ID, 2BDE, 1-7 FA
Goals/Expectations: To retire from the Military and provide a comfortable living for my family


Name: Andre X. Tate II
Rank / Service: SSG / USA
Enlisted: 20 MAY 2000
Birthday: 22 JAN 1980


Spouse name: Citwyler
Child: Andre III
Hobbies: Boxing, video games, mixed martial arts \& running
Previous Assignment: USAREC, Raleigh Recruiting BN
Goals/Expectations: My goal is to become a more efficient communicator and excel in all that is put ahead of me. My expectations are to receive great training and to serve a greater purpose.


Left to right: John Sullivan, Dennis Patton, Raul Bocanegra, Lloyd Hill, Kevin Mosley, Matt Busch, John Callahan, Kemmer Price, Jessie Wolfe, Curt Rinehard, Dave Bennett

## December Promotions, Awards \& Special Occasions




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## 2005

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