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# DELIVERING THE MESSAGE

### **MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER**

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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I hope Halloween and Thanksgiving went well for you all and wish each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I'd like to thank each of you who are deployed or have your Service Member deployed during this holiday season. We at JCU have a great deal to be proud of as this year comes to an end. Our contributions to the war effort have been critical to the growing stability in Irag, allowing the Iragis to take greater control of their own security so US Forces can begin our withdrawal. At the same time, we have been crucial to keeping other theaters from falling apart. With the President's announcement of a surge, the United States will begin to shift emphasis back to Afghanistan; this will impact much of the military. Fortunately, we are already prepared and will not require our Service Members and Families to surge. We will be able to continue our deployments as scheduled without requiring back to back or extended deployments by our people.

For those of you that were at the 10K run, and those that were able to attend the Social the night before I hope you enjoyed it. Todd has outdone himself yet again this year, we had the largest number of people ever show up for the run. Not only was it a great event, it also raised money for the two holiday parties. While other unit's are charging 60 and 80 dollars a plate for their events, ours will be gratis thanks to the effort put forth by Todd and a lot of other unit and Family members' hard work. We're all looking forward to both the Children's and the Adult Christmas parties; I know they will be great fun for everyone like they always are.

While we have had a lot of promotions, awards, etc this year, I want to especially highlight a milestone because it represents a major shift in thought on professional development and promotion opportunities for our Airmen. Travis was recently selected for Chief. We are of course very happy for and proud of him, but there is also a message for all of you in the Air Force. It used to be thought that if you wanted to make E9 in the Air Force you'd have to leave JCU. Over the years the senior NCOs in the Command have done an excellent job figuring out what is needed to develop within the Air Force while serving in JCU and still get promoted. When we exceeded the Air Force selection rate to E8 by

three times we were excited to think that we were close.

With Travis' selection we have proven that you don't have to leave JCU to make Chief and that we have broken the code on how to professionally develop and prepare our Air Force members for promotion. I am proud of Travis and the others, who greatly deserved these promotions, but I'm also proud that we have figured out how to take care of our Airmen who give their all to the unit, and now we can better help the Air Force give back to you.

In closing it's been quite a year for us all. We finished the reorganization, we have increased and improved upon training, have had some great social events, and with the continuing deployments we've had a lot of sacrificing. If you haven't thanked your Service Member for their commitment to the Nation please remember to do so. For the Service Members, if you haven't thanked your spouse and family for the sacrifices they make every time we deploy, please take this time as the year comes to a close to remember to express your gratitude. Each and Every one of you certainly has mine.

~ John McLaughlin

# JSO 10K 2009; A HUGE SUCCESS

This years Joint Special Operations 10K Run / 5K Walk was another great success story. With all the small problems leading up to the event, SOCA volunteers made it happen and it went very well. This year the course had to be re-routed because of the river being flooded beyond passage. We started up the road at McKellar's Lodge. This actually turned out to be a great thing because the area

was more conducive for race day activities. We have decided to make McKellar's our new home for the 10K. This year marked the highest number of registered runners/walkers to date. Out of 475 registered, we had 430 show for the race. For all that participated, thank you. For those that missed it, see you next year. This year marked the arrival of t h e SOCA website www.thesoca.org; all the times and pictures have been uploaded, please take some time to check it out. A big thank you to all that helped make this event work. From MWR coordination, sponsors, registration, water points, road guards etc... THANKS!!!!! We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces there next year.





In the true spirit of Thanksgiving I would like to thank the fellas for giving 100% everyday with no questions asked; I also want to thank their families for all of the support that they give. We truly cannot do what we do without you. The Troop spent the majority of the month of November training out in the "Commonwealth" of Fort Devens, Massachusetts. They got to show the Troop leadership all of the communications skills that they learned so far. I know the guys and the gear were ready for the Thanksgiving break. Congratulations to Travis Knutson on his selection to CMSgt on his first look, this is quite an accomplishment for the Air Force or any service. Also congratulations to Jason Gunter on his promotion to TSgt, this was a well deserved promotion. Tim Holton couldn't get enough of the Appalachian Trail, so he went back for the JFK-50 miler, good job on finishing the run. Lastly I would like to thank E Troop for giving us Adrian Williams and his family, welcome aboard.



B JCU TRP

hope all of you enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday. Most of the Troop is back from a very much deserved leave/ recovery period and we have hit the ground running. We are preparing for our training cycle starting in January. We will be taking a trip to New Mexico and then about half the troop will participate in an exercise in Washington around the first week of February. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families and B-Troop service men that moved on to bigger and better places since we have returned. Chris Lewallen has moved on to Headquarters Troop. Chris, thanks for helping stand up the Troop and our LNO section. Fabian Robles has transitioned to G-Troop AIS. Fabian was part of B-Troop before the unit reorganization and will be sorely missed. Mark Garcia and Noel Santiago both moved up HHT to the EC section. Your new job and subsequent move up the hill is a testament to your professionalism. Lenin Castillo will also be going to G-Troop. Thanks Lenin for helping Chris get the LNO section up and running. Jared Sams will be moving to M-Troop. Jared will be right back at home in the Maintenance shop fixing all of our

Above: A-Troop's Seth Hogan pays homage to his fearless leader by wearing a homemade t-shirt with Travis Knutson's image on it

problems. Last but not least Justin Hoffman will be PCS'ing back to big Navy. Justin served in B-Troop before the unit reorganization and ended his tour with the unit serving as a Detachment Chief. Justin thanks for all the long hours, expert training, and time away from the your family. You will be missed and we hope to see you back. Holly I would also like to thank you for being the Troop Key caller. I hope all of you enjoy the holiday season and have a Merry Christmas.

~ Bryan



Well, I hope you all took my advice and were careful while deep frying your turkeys last week. I will assume that you were since we received no phone calls out here. Seriously, I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving and are getting geared up for Christmas. I am sure every store and TV channel/show is full of holiday messages and starting to spread the Christmas cheer. As for us, Christmas is in full swing, the PX has replaced almost all of the "card section" with Christmas cards and set up a small ornament display. I guess they are ready. As for us personally, things are not going well, the Seabees are not going to build our manger for us, so it is back to square one.

Just like last month, everything is going great out here with the Troop. I get word daily on how great the members of C-Troop are performing out here. With November now out of the way, we are quickly working our way through the deployment and getting closer everyday to getting back home to you guys. Everyone is officially past the halfway mark, not that anyone is counting.

Well, the next two paragraph's are going to be long, I guess December is a good month for the Members of the Troop. Congratulations to the following families: The Mitcham's, Campbell's, Watkins', Akins', Sleuth's, Brandt's and the Stone's are all celebrating wedding anniversaries this month.

This month is also full of Birthdays. Happy birthday to Ramsey Brown, Ryan Dayton, Luke Blum, Ed Sleuth, me and of course Jesus.

One more quick thing before I wrap up, Due to families traveling over the holidays, we will be doing two VTCs this month. You should be contacted by your spouse in the next few days for this. The first date is for folks that will be out of town close to Christmas and will be on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The second option will be for the remainder of the families a little closer to Christmas on the 20<sup>th</sup>. If your spouse hasn't mentioned this to you by the time you get this, then bring it up via e-mail or phone. We need to make sure to have a good list of who can participate on which date so we can build the schedule. Just to make sure everyone is aware, it is an either / or on the VTC dates.

OK, so that about wraps it up from out here. Talk to you guys next month!

~ Merry Christmas from C-Troop!





November is the month of Thanksgiving, and there is a lot the men and woman of D-Troop are thankful for. First to the wives that have been very patient and understanding with your husband's; we appreciate your support during this mission cycle. This month also brought a new addition to the Troop, congratulations to Michelle and Chris Cunningham on the arrival of their baby girl Casandra Joyce. Jeremy and Osh returned from a short deployment where



they proved that JCU is

from this accomplishment. SSgt Kevin Hudson was selected as the Service Member and Marine of the Year. Now he is off to compete for the JSOC SMOY board, Good Luck Kevin. Finally, our lustrous leader survived his craniectomy, which translates to having part of his skull removed. Hopefully this will cure his bipolarness. He is doing well and recovering better than expected. We miss you Jack.

~D-Troop

JCU TRP Fooshee on completing the

I would like to welcome the Zebrowski family to E Troop and JCU. SSgt Brian Zebrowski and his wife Jennifer arrived from Holloman AFB, New Mexico and they have two children, Jayden and Johnathon. Brian moved himself so he welcomed all of us with a truck full of furniture and boxes. While this normally wouldn't be too bad, Brian actually had a full-sized server rack that we had to unload. This pretty much took all of us to unload and we were definitely happy to place it in its new location. I believe we only had minor hernia injuries to a few of



Happy Holiday Season to All.

In the event you were not able to attend; there were a few notable, Unit activities in November.

The annual 10k run was held on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Sarah Williams, Elisa Gozdzialski and the Richter family: Freida. Maximillian, Lucas, Josiah, Hana Lora and Grace for coming out on that cold, rainy morning to participate. I believe all of the Richter family received recognition for their efforts in the run. Congratulations to each of you that received an award. GREAT JOB!

OT, Chris, Abad and Casey represented G -Troop in the winter Highland games. They may not have come in first place but they gave it their all. Thanks for your efforts guys. I was unable to attend but I heard G-Troop would have won the "Hecklers Award" if one were handed out. LBG, you are the best.

I would like to give everyone a "G-Troop educational tidbit": G-Troop is a unique element in the organization which is manned by people that are the best in their jobs. All of G-Troop is charged with Top Level support in maintaining and troubleshooting networks. Two of our Detachments are required to "pull watch" 24/7/365. Yes, three of our people are

JFK 50 miler. Considering that he couldn't bend his knee or walk right for at least a week I am not sure how much he enjoyed the experience,

but what а great accomplishment. Congratulations also need to go to Shannon Hook, one of the CNO Course instructors, for completing his first Marathon in Richmond this Sam Stanley completed his first month. rotation as a civilian, I am sure that the extra pay made it seem all that much better. The biggest news from this month was the release of Call of Duty Modern Warfare 2 which a large portion of the office quickly purchased. The award for first to



Above: Members of D-Troop clowning around before the Highland Games on 24 NOV 09

us. Congratulations to Bryan own though has to go to Dan Orrvick who not only pre-ordered the game but seems to have camped out in front of the GameStop store awaiting the midnight release. Having the game first didn't allow him to perfect his skills and complete the game first though, that honor went to Mike Crain. If Chad thought I was depressed last month because of the Redskins he showed no mercy on me after the Gamecocks beat the Clemson Tigers this week. I hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

~ Tony

always at work. Every night, every weekend, and every holiday there are G-Troop

personnel working to support the Unit's efforts. The sacrifices made by personnel in G-Troop often go unnoticed and the efforts of these great Americans go unappreciated... until they are called upon. Once they are called to provide help, they always come through with flying colors. Thanks to all the members of G-Troop for working your schedules and doing what you do; and thank you very much to all the family members that endure the schedule their loved ones work.

Brooke, Heidi, Tammy, Christian, Jim, John, and Marty; I appreciate you guys putting up with me during my visit. You are doing an awesome job taking care of business. I am motivated by the way you work as a team and keep the networks going. Keep counting down the days; you will be coming home before you know it. Please enjoy the Holidays and ring in the New Year without burning down your workspace. Don't try to eat all of the goodies everyone is sending you, it ain't gonna happen. Miss you guys.

I hope everyone has a great Holiday Season and is able to celebrate in traditional fashion. As you celebrate, I ask you to remember the people we have deployed and working. Keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

> Take care, ~ Dutch



Above: Packing up, coming home from the JFK-50. Chris Lewallen comes out of the hotel carrying a lot of Disney Princess gear. He said it was his daughters, his wife Robin and daughter Annabelle would not confirm that. Until they do, we conclude it was his

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Hello from M-Troop. I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving; for any one that was brave enough to tackle the stores on black Friday, my hat goes off to you. Even though the holidays approach, the pace did not slow down at all for the troop. During this busy month we managed to have the annual troop Thanksgiving potluck lunch here at the troop. We had the best turnout we have ever had and SO MUCH FOOD! Thanks to Todd Brown for getting everything organized for this great event, and the families for coming out to support. The EMS shop has been busy as usual. They managed to build and conduct operations checks on three complex communications packages this month. Steve Powell conducted an exercise with A-Troop in the Bean Town area (Boston). Jerry Dover has turned over the mission cycle to Vince Olshove. Jerry deserves a little time off the pager! Mr. Linder and Jeff Huffman have finished our new Maintenance work order tracking software. This is a new capability that will allow us to conduct business in a more efficient manner. Our hats go off to those guys for putting in the extra work hours to make this happen. Adam Kelley and Dana Roberson are still down range



Hello everyone, hopefully everyone had a good Thanksgiving. The current SOROC Class 02-09 has been making their mark, with graduation looming in the near future the class will be heading into their final exercise. Class 02-09 has left a lasting impression on the Fayetteville VA hospital by volunteering their time on Veterans Day. While there at the hospital they met, conversed, and just listened to the patients in the hospital. Before leaving the VA hospital class 02-09 spent several hours viewing and cleaning the cemetery area. In addition to their off



As this is my first official newsletter entry as the Executive Comms Detachment Chief, I will keep it brief – I can't promise that this will become the norm.

As usual, EC is "kicking butts and taking names" (and making the unit look good in the process)! Mike and Micah are forward, preparing for turnover and eagerly awaiting their return from theater. It'll be interesting doing amazing things for the troops. Dana has been h o p p i n g a r o u n d everywhere, and Adam is

trying to keep pace with the ever changing requirements at his location. Thanks to all the families for supporting your service member. We couldn't do it without you guys by our sides! The Force Modernization section has been very busy this month. They have received multiple taskings from the commander and are doing some amazing things. They would like to welcome SGM John Harding to the section. He brinas extensive experience working in the FM arena. He will be a great asset to the unit and section. Mike Munn just returned from another TDY working with the NAVY to develop another never before used capability. Glenn Staples is working diligently to get the new vehicle ready for A Troop at the beginning of the year; it's Mike and Terrell are almost there. preparing future projects for the section to work on at the beginning of the year. The ever so busy motor pool is providing stellar service as always to the unit. Scott has taken some well deserved leave and left the detachment in the capable hands of Mike Beach. He has kept up the motor pools great reputation this last month. The Motor Pool guys are working with some power problems downrange and coming up with great ways to fix them as



well as keeping the vehicle fleet in tip top shape. Thanks for all that you guys do for the unit. The LRS section never slows down. What can I say, the customers never stop coming in! Mike Flynn sat through the Property book management course this month. He said that it took him three days to learn how to use the mouse on the computer. GO MIKE! Earle is doing a great job managing the reach back program as always. How do you get rewarded for doing great work? You get more work! Jesse Casari has returned from his full body replacement surgery. I kid, I kid! He did however have his hip replaced. He is back at work now complete with handicap sign. We are glad that he is feeling better. Carleen is coming back to work from going to D.C with Jack to get his brain worked on. Trust me; it had to be minor surgery! HAHA! Jack is at home recovering, and doing better every day. His only complaint is that there are not enough Judge shows on TV during the day. We are glad that Jack is better and that Carleen is back at work. I will end with the song of the month for M-Troop. In keeping with the season, we choose "Grandma got run over by a reindeer". Have a great holiday season everyone.

~ M-Troop

Below: The Eric Russell Jump memorial: Donations for Eric Russell can be sent to the JCU wounded Jumper's Fund . This is an M-Troop effort to help off-set the cost of all the screws, pins and plates that were installed in Eric's ankle after an outstanding PLF during a recent Airborne OP

duty hours, this class has had some of the highest pt scores with six personnel attaining a score of 300. They currently have the fastest ruck time with a 1hr 16min, and they had the highest participation in the JFK 50 mile ultrawith 7 members marathon participating. All participants scored 10hrs 26mins or faster and one member actually now owns the unit record of 8hrs 37mins. Their courses of bearing are now the troops, so ready or not here they come.

~ S&T



Jimmy has been a busy man... between trips, upgrading packages, conducting turnover and telling me how much he "hates my face", it's a wonder he has time for anything else.



EC is also welcoming its newest team members aboard; GySgt Mark Garcia, GySgt Noel "Tigo" Santiago and SFC Rob Londers. They will have some big shoes to fill but I am positive that they will be up for the task. Welcome and get to work!

~ Marcus

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LOOK WHO JUST DROPPED IN

Right; GySgt Chris Cunningham and Michelle are the proud parents of Casandra Joyce Cunningham. Casandra was born on November 20, 2009. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 19.75" long.



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Left; SSG's Ryan Akins and Olimpia Valdez are the proud parents of Layla Marie Akins. Layla was born on November 10, 2009 at 4:24 AM in the Womack Army Medical Center. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 20" long.



# **ANNIVERSARIES**

Sean & Katherine Mitcham

Happy Holidays! Hope you had some wonderful family time during the Thanksgiving holiday. We have several opportunities to share in the JCU Family this month. Hope to see you at the Adult Christmas party, December 11<sup>th</sup>, the Children's Christmas party, December 16<sup>th</sup> or both. We are so fortunate to have the JCU Activities Fund and SOCA to help fund our family functions. We need your help in making these functions a success by letting us know if you will be attending. Please RSVP to 1SG Spencer, <u>abn4life@aol.com</u> if you will be attending the Adult Party and myself, Michelle, <u>mclim4@aol.com</u> if you will be attending the Children's Party. We want to make sure we have enough food and crafts for all so please RSVP early.

There will be an area off to the side of the skating rink for those that are not interested in trying their hat at skating but would like to attend. We will also have additional adults available to help at the skating rink. Santa will be arriving for pictures and goodies for all. We will have pizza, drinks and desserts available. Hope you will be able to join in the fun.

Due to the holiday activities, we will not be having a spouse night this month. Watch the next newsletter for information on the next spouses social. Also, watch for information regarding Date Night sponsored by E Troop in January.

Michelle McLaughlin mcljm4@aol.com

Crafts



Raeford Rd at Skateway Drive (910)860-8900.

Great Family Fun!!

Sponsored by the JCU Activities Club RSVP by 11 DEC 09 to Michelle McLaughlin 717-3519 or mclim4@aol.com



#### Scott & Emily Hamilton 7 DEC Frank & Beverly Perez 9 DEC Jody & Nalezca Elkins 10 DEC Daren & Lori Pallugna 11 DEC Roy & Alyce Campbell 14 DEC Bryan & Roberta Watkins 15 DEC Ryan Akins & Olimpia Valdez 17 DEC Chris & Jessica Farr **17 DEC** Rob & Keri Londers 21 DEC Shawn & Nancy Luna 21 DEC Mike & Susan Clark 22 DEC Jerry & Lisa Dover 23 DEC Mike & Kim Adcox 23 DEC Ed & Roberta Sleuth **25 DEC** Kevin & Karina Hudson 26 DEC Ira & Jennifer Hamilton 28 DEC Chuck & Lauren Brandt **28 DEC** Mark & Elisabeth Stone 29 DEC Burke & Karen Brooks 29 DEC **Derrick & Michaela White** 31 DEC Todd & Brandy Petzel 31 DEC

# **UPCOMING VTC DATES**

**December 20th** 

Left: Little Sydney Jordahl models the latest in cool baby fashion. Pictured here in her JCU onesie, thanks Michelle and James for sharing the picture

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# JFK-50 Mile Hagerstown, Maryland (America's Ultra-marathon)

This year marked the 47th Annual JFK-50 Mile Ultra-marathon. As with every year, it was an outstanding event. We had 27 runners compete this year. 21 of our own and 6 friends of the community that were either here at one time or that we work with us around the globe. This year was considerably better than last as far as weather is concerned. The JCU record of 8:53, held by Jay Pylman was smashed by Josh Smith with a very impressive 8:37. There were more 1st time runners than any year previously, congratulations to everyone that participated this year. 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

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and lost toe nails, but the crew survived and lived to tell their stories. Our team, "Haigh's Heroes" placed third overall in the military team competition behind what may be considered collegiate athletes, the Navy Annapolis cadets and West Point cadets. The ten member team time comes from the first five members to cross the finish line, those five were Josh Smith, Jay Pylman, Mike Adams, Ken Klynstra and Jamey Slife, 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

Jeremy Pinkelman Jay Pylman



At the 5 am start, it was a perfect temperature to start

a very long day. There were

actually shorts and t-shirts being worn

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Chris Lewallen Josh Smith (1st Timer, new JCU record holder) Vanessa Moak Jamey Slife Paul Murphy (1st Timer) Jean Valdez (1st Timer) Jason Tolle Ken Klynstra Dave Kelly (1st Timer) Bert Giovannetti (1st Timer) John Woosley (1st Timer) Frank Perez Juan Vela (1st Timer) Hernan Daffara (1st Timer) Mike Adams (1st Timer) Alex Ortiz (1st Timer) Tim Holton (1st Timer) Bryan Fooshee (1st Timer) JCU Alumni & friends of JCU that participated: Chris Haigh

Cathy Montes

Kyle Gillam

Melissa Judkins

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.

Bev Perez, Angie Slife, Rochelle Vela, Robin Lewallen, Jessie Montes, Brandy Fooshee & Comalitha Holton.

Less than 1% of the United States will ever compete in a race of this magnitude. I appreciate the competitive spirit we share in JCU, see you next year.

Below: The Pinkelman brothers have made the past few years a family affair. Jeremy's brother Adam (US Air Force) came from Colorado and brother Jody (US Army) came from here on Fort Bragg. They all shared the JCU traditional Mexican dinner the night prior and then the pain of another JFK-50



# WELCOME OUR NEW JCU MEMBERS

SFC Shawn Luna & wife Nancy, children; Amber & Anthony (Awaiting SOROC Class 1-10) Shawn is a returning JCU Alumni ITCM William Bolin & wife Beth, children; Savannah& Shallen (Awaiting SOROC Class 1-10/OPS) SSgt Brian Zebrowski & wife Jennifer, children; Jayden & Johnathon (E-Troop)

# **GOODBYE TO FRIENDS & FAMILY**

MSgt Ken Willett & wife Sharon, children; Caleb & Joshua JUN 01 - APR 10 (HHT) ITC Justin Hoffman & wife Holly, child Emma JAN 05 - DEC 09 (B-Troop) IT1 Michael Fowler & wife Rebecca, child Annabelle JUL 03 - DEC 09 (G-Troop)



Right: Members of M-Troop enjoy the huge feast that was prepared by all the families of the troop



Above: Members of B-Troop took the Highland Games very serious, except for Ken "Vickie" Vaillancourt





The 2009 Jingle Stick competition will commence on Wednesday 23 DEC 09. LCDR Hill and 1SG Spencer will start making their way around to every troop/section to determine who has the most Christmas Spirit. Without detracting from your daily business, each troop/section is challenged to come up with a good layout of decorations, have Christmas ambiance and maybe snacks for the two judges. The Jingle Stick will be awarded the following day since we will be on the half day schedule at that time. The criteria to win is to have the most decorated area in JCU. Good luck to all.

Left: Somebody made a Logistics Stress Kit for Mike Larson complete with a pacifier and box of tissues

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. RETRO JCU ?





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Above: Because of the outstanding, superior leadership of GySgt Slife, SOROC Class 02-09 was able to steal the Highland Games Streamer away from the troops. Millsy said C-Troop will be back for the next iteration this summer



Above: Jay Pylman was still shivering from the chill of Hagerstown, MD after the JFK-50



Above: You tell me???????

Below: Plans and Architecture; all brains, no brawn









Above: Members of G-Troop were very proud they were not in last place this go around

# ANSWER TO LAST MONTHS RETRO JCU ?



Last month's RETRO picture is none other than MSgt Ken Willett, JCU Recruiter. During a sit down interview, he said that this picture was taken in 1976 as an eighth grader at Spring Lake Junior High. He said he was a speed demon back then on the school track team. Personally anyone who grew up back then knows that BIG STRIPED TUBE SOCKS and basketball soled Converse all-star shoes made you fast. He said his nickname then was "Tarzan" ask him about it next time you see him roaming around. Thank you Ken for sharing a little piece of your life with us.



# **DECEMBER PROMOTIONS, AWARDS & SPECIAL OCCASIONS**



**Marine Promotion** 

SSgt Dan Knouse to GySgt (A-Troop)

# **Army Promotion**

CW2 Heather Boisvert to CW3 (OPS)

#### JCU MEM ABOVE **AND** GOES BEYOND

JCU's Service Member of the Year SSgt Kevin Hudson from D-Troop will compete for JSOC Service Member of the Year and WHEN he wins there he will then compete at the USSOCOM Yearly board. This is huge, and to my knowledge the first time a JCU member has had the opportunity to compete at this level in person. We want to wish Kevin good luck and let him know we are proud of him as he ventures forward carrying JCU's name on his shoulders. Kevin is doing the hard work, but JCU as a whole benefits from his success.





Left: SSgt Jeff Huffman takes the Oath of Reenlistment from MAJ Pishock in a ceremony on 23 NOV 09





# Left: Stone Cold SSgt Matt Heist in a picture after his Oath of Reenlistment in the Air Force in DEC 09



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Amy Sm	hith	1 0	DEC
Ryan Da	yton	4 C	DEC
Ross Ca	rkeet	6 C	DEC
Heidi Ev	vans	10	DEC
Joseph	Worley	10	DEC
John Mo	Laughlin	11	DEC
Dennis S	Smith	11	DEC
Lenin Ca	astillo	13	DEC
Luke Blu	um	14	DEC
Vincent	Olshove	17	DEC
Jeremy	Bloom	21	DEC
David Lo	onack	21	DEC
Edwin S	leuth	25	DEC
Terrell <b>K</b>	Kemp	26	DEC
John Mi	lls	28	DEC
Nathan	Hogue	28	DEC
Daren P	allugna	29	DEC



Above: IT1 Mike Fowler takes the Oath of Reenlistment from LCDR Hill in a ceremony on 3 DEC

Left: CW2 Burke Brooks is promoted to CW3 by his children Logan & Sophia as MAJ Pishock looks on in a ceremony on 13 NOV 09

# Mark your calendars for these important dates

11 December 16 December

29th Annual JCU Holiday Party Annual JCU Children's Christmas Party 21-31 December Half-day schedules

1800-2400: Holiday Inn Bordeaux (RSVP to 1SG Spencer) 1730-1930: Round-A-Bout Skating Rink, Raeford Road (See flyer on page 5) POC: Troop Sergeant Majors

BIRTHDAVS

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Commander	COL McLaughlin (John)	243-0200	717-3519	
CSM	SGM Long (Steve)	243-0201	568-6408	
XO	LCDR Hill (Nick)	243-8850	678-0209	
Unit 1SG	1SG Spencer (Todd)	243-0469	423-5644	
OPS Officer	MAJ Pishock (Joe)	243-0524	273-3879	
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A-Troop SGM	SMSgt Knutson (Travis)	243-1321	273-5668	
B-Troop SGM	1SG Hargrove (Bryan)	243-4079	483-0231	
C-Troop SGM	1SG Mills (John)	243-0115	717-2224	
D-Troop SGM	SGM Nichols (Jack)	243-4147	424-1805	
E-Troop OIC	Mr. Gillespie (Tony)	243-1217	875-1045	
E-Troop SGM	MSgt Lewis (Chad)	243-1465	864-1670	
G-Troop SGM	1SG Broussard (Dutch)	243-0991	436-1113	
M-Troop Chief	ETC Lewis (Stacey)	243-0439	893-4015	
S&T NCOIC	1SG Leach (Chris)	243-0577	480-1118	
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