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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. I heard that both the Adult and the Children's Christmas parties were a great success. The New Year has started well for JCU, with a successful RIP of A for D Troop and deployment of G Troop. Everyone forward is doing fantastic and I'm sure D Troop is happy to get home. I'd like to thank them for their sacrifice during the holidays away from their families. The good thing is with the Command we support the sacrifice is of great value. This month we got some extra time at home with the snow days, I hope everyone got the opportunity to take advantage of it.

I'd like to congratulate the newest SOROC graduates, some of whom are already deployed.

Welcome to your new Troops and good luck. To our current SOROC class have fun and learn a lot. I expect you to graduate as experts. I encourage the spouses to take advantage of the socials we're having to meet people in the unit and get to know the area. Fayetteville NC can be a better place with the right friends and there are plenty of good people in the unit. We've had several lunch and evening gatherings this month and I'd like to remind you of the JSOC Ball on the 27th of Feb. I hope to see you there.

Congratulations to SOCOM AF 2E NCO of the Year SSgt Vince Olshove and 3C AF NCO of the Year Tsgt Gary Rose and JSOC TOP3 Airmen of the 4th Quarter SrA Ceven Epps! All three of you continue to set the example

from JCU for the greater command that we are truly DOD's Finest. You are very deserving and continue to make us proud. Michelle and I are constantly impressed with the awesome Service Members, Civilians, and Families here in JCU. It's a great, fast paced unit and we continue to be proud to be a part of it.

~ LTC McLaughlin



Special points of interest:

- Troops on the move
- New babies
- Photos galore
- JCU RETRO
- SOROC 01-09 starts
- OPS antics
- Outstanding JCU members
- Upcoming events

THE PARABLE OF GUNNY AND THE CHICKEN LEG



KFC

Chicken leg

Happy Jamey

IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE STORY, ASK HIM



Hello everyone,

A-troop has really been extremely impressive and making things happen. It's been a lot of coordination and moving parts, but we've managed to get placed and get things rolling. Special Thanks to D-troop for all the help and advice in moving things along and preparing the way for us. We have the baton now and are running with it. Last of all I would like to thank the families and B-Troop members for conducting the VTC for everyone. Congratulations to Matthew Corby on his recent promotion to Staff Sergeant.

~ Chris



Left: SSG Marcus Lewis is presented the Bronze Star Medal by LCDR Hill in a ceremony held on 21 JAN 09

Right: SSgt Troy Zimmermann is promoted to GySgt by MSG John Mills in a ceremony held on 21 JAN 09



To the men and women of B-Troop and your families I would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication this month. The Troop has done outstanding things this month. We have been doing crew drills on our numerous different packages, attending vendor class room based training, and working in our network training lab. Nate Hannah, Ken Vaillancourt,

Fabian Robles, and Lauront Pepin have worked tirelessly with the Det Chiefs to train the entire troop on all aspects of our mission this cycle. Justin, Augie and Chris have been extremely busy putting together training plans and ensuring the Troop is working smoothly, kind of a controlled chaos. Drennan and Zamora have been augmenting G-Troop this month working in the base

station. Please congratulate Chuck To on being selected as the JCU Air Force NCO of the year. Outstanding job Chuck as always. We will be having a Super Bowl party on 1 February; your spouse or family member should have all the information. Thanks.

~ Bryan



C-Troop finally got to put down the pagers for a few months. On the 15th we conducted turnover with B-Troop and now are enjoying some much deserved leave. Most of our guys have been on mission for several months so this short break is a nice time to sit and exhale. Everyone will be back soon and by the first week of February we will be back up to a sprint. Long days and a few out of state trips will keep us pretty busy for the next few months.

Now that we are off mission, we put together a small party for the troop which was quite a success. I'll just say that we had the entire cast from "The Breakfast Club", Magnum PI, Either Bill or Ted, the girl from "Flash Dance", Madonna, a few mullets, some leg warmers, side pony tails and friendship

bracelets. I am pretty sure that everyone enjoyed themselves. Except for Jake; he was so disturbed with the thought of wearing a wig or messing up his hair that he decided to flee to Canada for the week of the party. He considered a career in curling but learned that is was actually easier to just continue to do Cross-fit, so he came home. On a serious note, Jake did go and represent the Unit at a conference in Canada that week. Don't worry about missing this party; just start preparing for the next party... Rumor is 70's.

As far as significant accomplishments and dates, we have had several this month. Troy attended SERE and was promoted to E-7 when he returned. Jeremy Trejo is in airborne school and should make his last jump

today so by the time this is off the press, he will be back with us. Congrats to both of you! A few of our members were selected as Service Member of the Quarter for the fourth Quarter and we also have the JCU Service Member of the Year. Congrats to Anthony the Sailor of the Quarter, Christian for Air Force Senior NCO of the Year, Ricky for Marine NCO of the year & for Paul Hays for the JCU Service member of the Year (I'll make sure you get your parking sign soon).

And finally, Jared returned last night. Welcome home buddy, we are glad to have you back. Probably not as excited as Brooke, but we are still excited. Great job over there and welcome home.

~ Millsy



Four months ago JCU experienced a change in its organizational structure. Four month cycles with time to rest, train, hone skills, and deploy. The men of D-Troop were faced with the challenges of being reorganized while being deployed, working with new leadership/teams, and ultimately learning on the fly. The majority of the troop was new, never worked with one another, and never got an opportunity to train as a team! Another factor was to bring in all the JCU deployed civilians and let them know that they were also part of a larger

team. Now that the first four month phase has come to an end and the majority of the troop is home, I would like to say thanks for all the troop has accomplished! Military and civilians alike, thanks! If your loved one is still currently deployed, make sure you tell them thanks! The troop performed, bonded, and excelled! Ultimately, we are part of something bigger; we are DOD's Finest Communicators. Forged in Battle!

~ Jack



Above: LCDR Hill Presents certificates to service members L-R Jerry Dover, Casey Mues & Anthony Melby in a ceremony held on 21 JAN 09



It seems like most of the E-Troop personnel were gone this month. I hope everyone enjoyed playing in the snow this month. It was definitely a fun snow day. Chad Lewis made it back from SERE training alive and just in time to go to some additional training in Vegas. Dan Orrvick left to start his first rotation. Mike Martinez started out processing in preparation for his PCS to SOUTHCOM in Miami. Bryan went back out to Arizona for some additional skydiving training. Scott Bachand spent two weeks in training. Mike Crain is

now fully immersed in the IO Class. Gama is getting ready to leave for a six month detail. Sam and I went to Northern Virginia to pick up a truck full of equipment just in time to have it snow on our drive back. Sergio has pretty much been stuck here holding down the fort.

~ Tony

Right: SSgt Casey Mues is presented the Joint Service Commendation Medal by LCDR Hill in a ceremony held on 21 JAN 09



Hopefully everyone has settled back into their routines and don't have huge credit card bills as a result of holiday spending. G-Troop welcomes TSgt Michael Williams, SSG Adam Groves and SSgt Casey Mues to the troop. With Adam being the Army Service Member of the Year and Casey being the Air Force Airman of the Year, these two are incredible additions to our already excellent troop. Welcome home to Mr. Leon Hamilton, SSG Adam

Groves and SSgt Casey Mues who all have just returned from very successful tours of duty. Adam hasn't gotten to enjoy his return much yet as he quickly left again to attend the Basic NCO Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia. Good luck with your studies! Congratulations to ET1 Cliff Varnadoe for completion of his CCNA certification. Also, congratulations are in store for SSgt Christian Thorsnes on completing his MSCE, BCMSN and BSCI (the latter

two are pre-requisites for the CCNP certification) certifications. Collectively these certifications prove the high caliber of folks we have in G-Troop and go a long way to ensure we continue to provide outstanding strategic support to the SYSCON. ETC Chris Richter attended the initial MFF courses and is doing well and finally, we anxiously await the CPO test results for IT1 Mike Fowler and ET1 Cliff Varnadoe.

~ Jim



Hello from M-Troop!

If January is any indication, things are going to be pretty much par-for-the-course for M-Troop. We are looking at a ton of commitments for the first quarter and have folks actively engaged in making JCU a better place.

The Electronics Maintenance folks have a lot of moving pieces right now. We have guys that have gone out the door and expect Smitty and Olshove back any time now. Project commitments are growing and the work being done has a far reaching affect for DoD in general. In addition to the normal load, M-Troop will be giving our sister organizations a hand training up some augmentees before they head out the door. Pretty versatile

bunch of fellas... if you ask me.

Scott and his crew in the Motor Pool are busy getting ready for an annual EPA inspection. Historically they have done exceptionally well and we are expecting the same from them this year. Scott (Mr. Gadget) is chomping at the bit to get some of his new kit installed in his space...should be interesting. Mike Beach is getting ready to go on a trip to wonderful Ft. Benning... he will be taking Eric Russell along and fully intends to indoctrinate Eric into the Army way of life. Todd will make sure to buy them some Play-doh.

ERS/Supply is staying gainfully employed. Penny just got back from a busy trip (Joe Miller was her counterpart

and is back in the groove. Mike just got back from leave and right now Earle is on leave somewhere on the other side of the planet...Todd said he has heard from him and plans to return one day. Todd is anxiously awaiting the addition of his new troop, Olympia Valdez. She is coming here from the SF world and should be an asset to Todd's shop.

All in all, things seem to be going well. I don't foresee the workload diminishing but we will be up to any challenge with the folks we have doing the work down here.

Stay warm!

~ The M-Troop Crew



January 2009 has come and gone. As normal, this year will bring new challenges to everyone. In January, SOROC Class 01-09 was challenged. They were instructed on land navigation, patrolling, shooting and driving. All students were tested on the skills they were taught. Believe me; some of the students were challenged way more than the others. In the end, all of the students performed well. Good job Fellas.

Speaking of challenges; the SOROC instructors tasked with teaching every communicator that comes in to the

unit. The instructors are charged with keeping up with the latest technology and are challenged to make sure all students are brought up to a common baseline in regards to communications. Every communicator in JCU remembers their time in SOROC and the impact the instructors had on them. Some of the memories might be good some might not be so good. Regardless of what everyone remembers, all of us owe Nick some coffee.

A few years ago SOROC students received instructions in a course

affectionately known as the Chip, Nick and Bob show. Now there are eight instructors teaching SOROC. Chip, Nick, Bob, Scott, Tammy, Tom, Paul and Wes work hard in making sure everyone gets trained. **Thanks to all of the instructors for everything you do for the unit.**

~ 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.

RETRO JCU



F.Y.I. **JCU FRG NEWS**



Below: SSgt Kevin Hudson and Karina are the proud parents of Jordan Lee Hudson. Jordan was born on January 15, 2009 at 2:34 PM in the Womack Army Medical Center. He weighed in at 6 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 18.9" long.



LOOK WHO JUST DROPPED IN



Above: SSgt Lloyd James and Latosha are the proud parents of Aminah Simone James. Aminah was born on January 31, 2009 at 5:58 PM in the Womack Army Medical Center. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 20.9" long.

Below: For more information on the Walt Disney World Armed Forces Salute visit www.wdwinfo.com/discounts/discounts-military.htm

JCU Families,

Thank you for your participation in the quarterly luncheon sponsored by the JCU Activities Club. It was an opportunity to meet other spouses from the unit and enjoy a lunch. Our next luncheon will be scheduled for April. Hope you will join us.

JCU will continue having a monthly evening social on the fourth Thursday of each month. Our next one is scheduled for February 26th, 6:30pm. Watch for an e-mail stating the location. This is an opportunity for the spouses that cannot join us for the socials that are offered during the day.

I would like to say thank you to Elisa Gozdziwski for all her contributions as the G-Troop key caller. She is leaving the position in the capable hands of Sheri Thornton, thank you for your willingness to help the troop and the unit.

Sincerely,

Michelle McLaughlin

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ANNIVERSARIES

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| Andre & Citwyler Tate | 3 FEB |
| James & Becky Givens | 3 FEB |
| James & Samantha Brown | 11 FEB |
| Troy & Shani Zimmermann | 12 FEB |
| German & Ximena Salcedo | 17 FEB |
| Travis & Lakecia Jenkins | 19 FEB |
| Sergio & Patricia Hernandez | 22 FEB |
| Raphael & Anjenette Halmos | 27 FEB |



Annual Unit Holiday Party

Last months newsletter was full. I decided to share a few of the photos that were taken during the Holiday Party. As you can see, everyone had a great time. You can view all the pictures on our website.

~ Todd

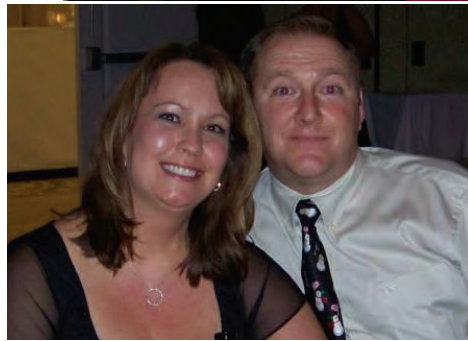
Right: Group shot



Above: Vanilla Ice was reborn that night in the form of Jason Tolle



Above: CSM Givens let his hair down, so to speak. His now famous dance can be seen on the JCU website on a computer near you. Sorry Becky



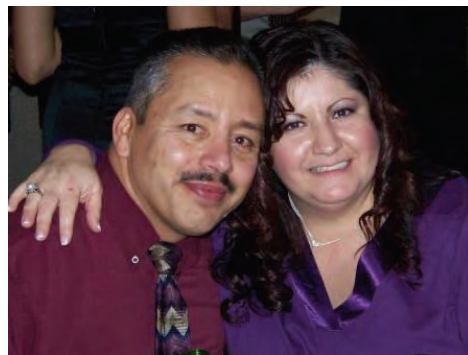
Above: Rhonda keeps asking Dutch "can you just be serious for one minute?"



Above: As with all holiday parties, John Mills has to get his picture taken with everyone



Above: Girls night out; Jodi Plew, Becky Givens and Alyce Campbell



Above: Abey and Marci Torrez

Below: The "Office of Action" took time out of their extremely busy schedule to enjoy the evening



Right: No Sir, he's not drunk, Jamey always looks like that



WELCOME OUR NEW JCU MEMBERS

ET1 Jonathan Beard (SOROC Class 01-09)
 IT1 Brent Borden & wife Malissa, child; Huck (SOROC Class 01-09)
 SSG Marcus Jett & wife Alisha, children; Anthony, Gabriella & Eliana (SOROC Class 01-09)
 SSG Edwin Robles & wife Monica, children; Edwin, Elias & Matheas (SOROC Class 01-09)

GOODBYE TO FRIENDS & FAMILY

There were no departures for the month of January



Above: All Jake Higginbotham knew was that one minute it was his birthday and the next, he was taped to a chicken. Not really sure what happened here, but Happy Birthday Jake



Above: Jamey Slife displays his Major Award, the Spirit Award



Above: IT1 Paul Hays is presented a certificate of Achievement for being selected as the 2008 JCU Service Member of the Year. In a ceremony held on 21 JAN 09



Left: On 3 FEB 09 The Operations shop, in an effort to increase the morale and personal well-being of its members conducted the OPS Endurathon. Not surprisingly, SGM Watts and MAJ Pishock were victorious and named Grand Champions. They also received the event's Leadership Award. For the minions, the Spirit Award was established. This award will be presented quarterly to the most deserving OPS Minion. This quarters Spirit Award was presented to GySgt Jamey Slife.



Above: This was the response from the minions to the Endurathon / Leadership Award

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



The picture from last month is none other than Ms. Deb Stewart. "The adorable little girl with the Holly Hobby lunch box and trendy knee socks notwithstanding, this picture was taken around 1976 in South Florida. We had just moved into that house & I was off to school. Though I'm not quite the snazzy dresser I was back then". Thank you Deb for the picture and for sharing a little piece of your life with us.



Meet the SOROC'ers of Class 01-09



Name: Anthony Pierce
Rank / Service: ET1 / USN
Enlisted: 22 Oct 1990
Birthday: 20 Oct 1972
Spouse name: Elizabeth Pierce
Hobbies: Reading and Writing
Previous Assignment: COMEXSTIGRU Seven "CTF.76" White Beach, Okinawa
Goals/Expectations: Personal Goal– a dauphin education CBS in information
 Professional Goals- Chief, increased job knowledge and operational

Name: Kenneth D. Johnson
Rank / Service: SSgt / USAF
Enlisted: 24 Dec 2004
Birthday: 10 Aug 1985
Spouse name: Lisa Johnson
Child: Tyler

Hobbies: Woodworking, and fishing
Previous Assignment: Elmendorf AFB

Goals/Expectations: Earn a BS in Electronics Engineering Get selected for OTS upon completion of this assignment. This assignment will be challenging and give me a good idea of where I want to work in my communications/electronics career.



Name: Jonathan Beard
Rank / Service: ET1 / USN
Enlisted: 19 Nov 1997
Birthday: 30 Oct 1977
Hobbies: Computer programs, Internet, Video Games, Golfing
Previous Assignment: APSPAC OSD
Goals/Expectations: Associates Degree, Bachelors

Name: Oscar A. Campos
Rank / Service: E-6/USAF
Enlisted: 10 Oct 1991
Birthday: 30 Aug 1964
Spouse name: Laura L. Campos
Children: Wyatt L. Campos, Andrew A. Campos, Oscar E. Campos
Hobbies: Fishing, Hiking, Football, Baseball, Volleyball
Previous Assignment: Yokota Japan
Goals/Expectations: Become the best communicator possible and become an asset to the team.



February Promotions, Awards & Special Occasions



Air Force Promotion

SrA Alicia Leyva to SSgt (HHT)

Basic Airborne School Graduate

ET1 Jeremy Trejo (C-Troop)



USSOCOM Air Force Annual Award Winners (CY 2007)

2008 USSOCOM Communications and Information Award

2E NCO of the Year: SSgt Vince Olshove (M-Troop)

3C NCO of the Year: TSgt Gary Rose (D-Troop)

Service and Civilian Member of the 4th Quarter, CY 2008

- Army: SSG Adam Groves (G-Troop)
- Navy: IT1 Anthony Melby (C-Troop)
- Marine: SSgt Kevin Hudson (D-Troop)
- Air Force: TSgt Christopher Smith (M-Troop)
- Civilian: Penny Richenberg (M-Troop)
- AF Airman: SrA Ceven Epps (A-Troop)
- AF SNCO: MSgt Jerry Dover (M-Troop)

JCU 2008 Service and Civilian Member of the Year

- Army: SSG Adam Groves (G-Troop)
- Navy: IT1 Paul Hays (C-Troop)
- Marine: SSgt Rick Cross (C-Troop)
- Air Force: TSgt Charles To (B-Troop)
- Civilian: Ms. Penny Richenberg (M-Troop)
- AF Airman: SrA Casey Mues (G-Troop)
- AF SNCO: MSgt Christian Martin (C-Troop)

JCU Service Member of the Year for 2008

IT1 Paul M. Hays (C-Troop)

BIRTHDAYS

James Wagner	1 FEB
Christopher Lewallen	1 FEB
Jeffrey Ingraham	6 FEB
Robert Giovannetti	7 FEB
Bryan Watkins	9 FEB
Casey Mues	10 FEB
Courtney McLain	11 FEB
Noe Abad	12 FEB
Michael Schaffer	13 FEB
German Salcedo	13 FEB
Kenneth Smith	18 FEB
Mark Krob	19 FEB
Sean Collins	23 FEB
Jeffrey Huffman	23 FEB
Jeffrey Drew	24 FEB



Above: SrA Alicia Leyva is promoted to SSgt by Ms. Deb Stewart and TSgt Alicia Salazar in a ceremony held on 2 FEB 09

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES

26 February	JCU Spouses Social	Location TBD
27 February	JSOC Ball	Holiday Inn Bordeaux
26 March	JCU Spouses Social	Location TBD
4 April	JSOC Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt	TBD???????
May	10th Annual SOCA Golf Tournament	TBD
August	Annual JCU Summer Picnic	TBD

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CSM	CSM Givens (James)	243-0201	977-3441
XO	LCDR Hill (Nick)	243-8850	678-0209
Unit ISG	ISG Spencer (Todd)	243-0469	423-5644
OPS Officer	MAJ Pishock (Joe)	243-0524	273-3879
Ops SGM	SGM Watts (Ronny)	243-2439	230-8073
A-Troop SGM	ISG Leach (Chris)	243-1321	480-1118
B-Troop SGM	MSG Hargrove (Bryan)	243-4079	483-0231
C-Troop SGM	MSG Mills (John)	243-0115	717-2224
D-Troop SGM	MSG Nichols (Jack)	243-0439	424-1805
E-Troop OIC	Mr. Gillespie (Tony)	243-1217	875-1045
E-Troop SGM	MSgt Stanley (Sam)	243-1465	426-1465
G-Troop OIC	Mr. Tingen (Bill)	243-0989	437-5970
G-Troop NCOIC	CMSgt Morris (Jim)	243-0991	717-8334
M-Troop Chief	ETCM McLain (Court)	243-0439	875-4540
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Chaplain	CH Glen Bloomstrom	243-1224	
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The JCU Print

Commemorating 25 years of JCU professionals

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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 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 a shipping cost of \$10 (includes shipping tube).