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Message from the Command Sergeant Major

Hello to all the JCU family. I hope your Christmas, New Years, and holiday season went well. I would like to wish every one of you a happy and prosperous new year. Though this is the start of the new calendar year we are well into the military fiscal year. So as far as work goes we are busting our humps as usual. As for the new calendar year we all have a new opportunity to move forward in a positive way. This year will bring challenges and triumphs, please celebrate your successes and show support to your fellow JCU family members when they have successes as well. As for the challenges we may face this year I offer the following short story.

Adversity

A daughter complained to her father about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved a new one arose. Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In one he placed carrots, in the second he placed eggs, and the last he placed ground coffee beans. He let them sit and boil, without saying a word. The daughter sucked her teeth and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. In about twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He fished the carrots out and

placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then he ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her he asked. "Darling, what do you see."

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

He brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. She smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. She humbly asked. "What does it mean Father?" "He explained that each of them had faced the same adversity, boiling water, but each reacted differently.

The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. But after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water. "Which are you," he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

How about you? Are you the carrot that seems hard, but with pain and adversity do you wilt and become soft and lose

your strength? Are you the egg, which starts off with a malleable heart? Were you a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a divorce, or a layoff have you become hardened and stiff. Your shell looks the same, but are you bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and heart? Or are you like the coffee bean? The bean changes the hot water, the thing that is bringing the pain, to its peak flavor when it reaches 212 degrees Fahrenheit. When the water gets the hottest, it just tastes better. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and make things better around you. When people talk about you, do your praises to the Lord increase? When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, does your worship elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 - We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive.

~ *Hubbard, Elbert*

~ CSM James Givens



I would like to wish Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone from A Troop. Also welcome to our new A Troop members and their families that just graduated from SOROC class 02-08. We are in the process of taking some valuable time off to spend with our families during the holiday season. The month of December seemed to just fly by as the troop prepared to change cycles and replace the guys from D Troop that are forward doing great things. The troop completed its first validation exercise

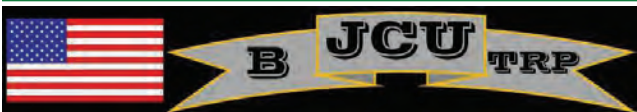
doing some valuable cross training and building confidence on the gear that we will soon see in production. We also conducted our last rifle range to get everyone qualified before deployment. Congratulations to Dan Lane and Noe Abad who both made their first jumps with the unit.

~ Steve

Right: A-Troop didn't think they had any Christmas cheer until we walked in and saw the coffee break area adorned with red and green decorations



Right: Stan Sweeney puts lead on target at a recent firing range



The holidays are officially over and I hope that you all had a great time on leave. We will be switching gears this month and moving to a new cycle. One half of the troop will be on pagers and the other half will be doing vendor/in house training. This last month we completed our Bridge Rail validation exercise and some LNO skill craft training. Also Leonard Heller represented JCU and B Troop during a unilateral training exercise in Georgia. Good luck to all of our Army E-6's going up for E-7. Congratulations to Ken Vaillancourt for being promoted to E7 (yeah

can you believe it). We will have GYSGT Santiago and SFC Lepage in professional development schools this cycle. Last but not least I would like to welcome all new members to the troop to include David Lonack and Lenin Castillo that should be showing up by the end of the month.

~ Bryan

Right: C-Troop spread the Christmas cheer throughout the unit by either an e-mail or pasting this C-Troop icon all over everyone's door or workspace



I guess time does fly while you are having fun. It seems like just last week I was sending the November newsletter inputs. As usual, C-Troop has been pretty busy this month. To kick things off we went on a no notice day trip, which I am sure all of you noticed. Like always, C-Troop raised the standard again during this trip. We made it back just in time for SOROC Graduation so we could welcome Rachel Gorman & Ed Sleuth to the troop. (I am sure they enjoyed their first day as much as we did.) After this, it was off to the Unit Holiday and Children's Christmas parties. It was nice to see everyone all cleaned up and having a good time.

Speaking of good times, We also had a good time decorating for the 1st annual "Jingle Stick" competition put on by the XO and 1SG. I am sure Todd will

include some pictures of the winning troop. I am considering doing something like the Stanley Cup where each person in the troop gets to spend a day with the jingle stick. So don't worry, everyone will get to see it when it comes to your house sometime this year.

We had a few anniversaries this month also. Happy Anniversary to Roy and Alyce Campbell (14 DEC), Bryan & Roberta Watkins (15 DEC), Ryan and Olympia Akins (17 DEC), Ed and Roberta Sleuth (25 DEC) and Chuck & Lauren Brandt (28 DEC). Congrats to Lauren for making it this long. I don't know how she does it. Speaking of the Brandt's, Chuck brought his mom in today to see the winning jingle stick office and she wanted me to send everyone in the unit a message. She

wanted to send a special thanks to all the members of the unit for all that they do and even more so to the families because of the sacrifices that they make on a daily basis.

As far as school and deployments, we are still without Jared, but he will be home soon (keep up the good work). And on the school side, congrats to Roy Campbell for passing the certification to become an Accelerated Free Fall Instructor.

In closing, I hope everyone had a great Christmas Season and hope that you all have a safe and Happy New Years.

~ Millsy

MERRY CHRISTMAS



FROM C-TROOP!!!



THANK YOU!! I want to start off by giving thanks to all the families, friends, and neighbors of D-Troop. We received several care packages over the past few weeks and believe me, they were all welcome sights. Now that the New Year has approached, D-Troop will attempt to lose some of the weight we gained from all the fudge, cookies, and cakes we received! Once again, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU! Some of the guys have started to return home and I'm sure their families are really happy to have

them around. Before long, the majority of the Troop will return home too, but let us not forget our brothers from the other Troops that have come out to assist and will be here a little longer. Thanks! The team has done great things over the past month and to just list a few of their accomplishments; they completed major upgrades to our network, moved equipment and personnel around to several sites and locations, and have undertaken the enormous task of moving our radio room to a new location! That's only scraping the surface! I'm really proud of the team, they are experts in their craft and it is apparent by the

quality of work they produce! They are our nation's heroes and they have come together to make D-Troop shine during our unit's restructuring! Please give thanks to all of them and the families that support them! D Troop, "Forged in Battle".

~ Jack



Left: D-Troop came in second place with this awesome wreath. Dave Kelly's daughter Elizabeth, made this Hershey Kiss filled extravaganza



As 2008 comes to an end it is a time to reflect on the events of the past year and a time to look forward to the next year. SFC Jason Proskovec decided that after 5 years in JCU-IO it was time to move on to try something a little different. JCU also learned that the Navy was not going to allow Navy personnel to stay longer than 6 years, which had multiple repercussions within JCU, but specifically identified that we would be losing ITC Mike Martinez no later than early 2009. Mike is really working the system though and as of this writing he still hasn't received PCS orders. We also learned that our Marines may not be able to extend past their 5 year point. E Troop submitted the first requests to extend our Marines and we are really seeing how slow some things move through the system since after multiple months we still don't have any definitive answer as to whether they will be extended. There were two new additions to E Troop this year. Dan Orrvick accepted a civilian position and SFC Mike Crain moved over to E Troop from JCU-AIS. The instructors conducted two IO courses and two

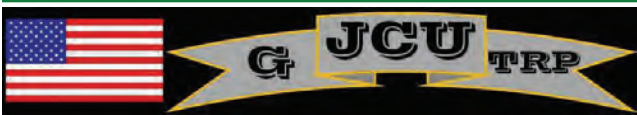
analyst courses this year and also managed to find some time to attend wireless training in Boston as well as pull a short rotation. Three of our guys successfully completed the IO course this year, Dan Orrvick, Bryan Fooshee, and Gama Rodriguez. This provided some much needed qualified help to the rest of the crew. Bryan and Gama were also able to complete their first rotations since they have completed the course. Thanks to the Marine Corps adding a new Combat Fitness Test, Chad ensured that most of E Troop had the pleasure to partake in the CFT a couple of times. If I am not mistaken, Dan Orrvick holds the current record for the best score. The services finally recognized the outstanding capabilities of three of the NCOs and promoted MSgt Chad Lewis, MSG Bryan Fooshee and TSgt Scott Bachand. Scott had a fairly active year and he kept all of us guessing whether he was going to reenlist or not and finally decided to reenlist. He was also able to successfully complete Airborne school and SERE school. He did destroy a cadre's chair though during a jump. Sergio successfully completed the Military Free Fall School and Bryan

completed the Military Free Fall Instructor course. All of us were able to attend wireless training in Kansas City, which not only taught us some wireless skills, but also allowed us to learn a little more about each other. 2009 will no doubt provide each of us with a whole new set of challenges and opportunities. Thanks for all that you have done to contribute to the success of E Troop in 2008.

~ Tony



Above: E-Troop tried to pass off this beast as Rudolph. At least he had a green ID tag



We are coming to the end of another busy year and getting ready to take on the new one. I hope everyone has had at least some time with their loved ones during the holidays and for those who are or have someone deployed "Thanks for the sacrifice". Billy Sumner got accepted for the Navy Nursing Program and will be leaving us sometime in the coming year to attend school, Congratulations! We will be welcoming back Groves, Williams, and

Mues in the early months of 2009 and sending out numerous other personnel to start our new mission. We had numerous people on leave all over the world during the holidays, so hopefully we can come up with some of the stories and pictures of their adventures (voluntary or involuntary) for upcoming newsletters. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and have an even better New Year.

~ Bill

Right: G-Troop didn't think they had any Christmas cheer until we walked into Vanessa Moak's office to find this lovely Santa Clause coffee cup. Way to carry the troop Vanessa





Happy New Year from M-Troop! During the past month I have had the opportunity to fill in as the M-Troop SGM for Court, talk about overwhelming! I have to say that I am overly impressed with their vast knowledge and the amount of hard work and dedication that everyone puts in day in and day out. M-Troop hosted a walk through and was presented a coin from the 5th Combat Communications Commander and SEA, they left speechless. I have to caveat on what Court said last month. I have officially found a new appreciation for what the guys and gals do for M-Troop. One word sums it up, amazing! Be proud as they are doing great things! As we press on through this holiday season, please take a moment to be thankful for what we have and for our fellow unit members that are currently forward taking the fight to our Nation's enemies. The Electronics Maintenance guys have had a busy holiday season. During the holiday

schedule, the guys on the shop floor attended several different training courses to brush up on some of the new equipment. The packages keep coming in, and going out superbly, all with the M-troop seal of approval. Their meticulous attention to detail and constant professionalism they display is a testament of the diverse functions of this organization. You can't touch a piece of JCU gear anywhere in the world that the shop floor hasn't helped develop/build/install/maintain. Smitty and Olshove are still currently out on extended TDYs, and are taking care of business in a fine fashion. Darren just departed, on his way forward to provide them some much needed relief. The Motor Pool is continually expanding and growing. They continue to impress all with their capabilities and their constant support. The projects and day to day maintenance of the Unit's Motor fleet provides them with new challenges day in and day out. The Motor Pool team continues to train and is preparing for one of their quarterly maintenance trips.

ERS/Supply has finally recovered from year end close out. Mike Larson continued his Christmas list shopping for the other Troops. Michael Flynn is on board and learning the ropes from Penny and the crew in ERS. Mike summed it up best by saying it was like drinking from a fire hose but the experience and the can do attitude is like a breath of fresh air. Penny and Joe are prepping for one of those "extended TDY's" to support the hand receipt inventories at the different locations. With the ever growing hand receipts, their meticulous attention to detail on equipment accountability never ceases to amaze me. Can't fly without Supply!!
 Congratulations are in order for the following:
 -MSgt Todd Petzel promoted to SMSgt (whoo hoo!!)
 - ETC Eric Russell recovering from Basic Airborne school
 Another month of amazing things from the Troop!!
 Alright...enough rambling from me.
 ~ Todd



HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Great Holiday Season. The Children's and Adult parties were a good time for those that participated, Thanks to everyone that worked to make them happen. In the event you were unable to attend the JCU Holiday party, I'm sorry you missed Jamie Slife and Jason Tolle tearing up the dance floor. The picture to the right represents just a snapshot of the more than two hours these guys spent on the dance floor. I am truly honored to work in the same office with these talented guys. Congratulations again to Class 02-08 who graduated SOROC in December. It's going to be hard for you, but... you guys can

stop calling Jamie now. I am sure your new Troop Leadership can keep you informed and take care of you. Thanks to SOROC Class 01-09 for all the support you guys have provided over the past months. Highland Games, JCU Conference room upgrade, SOROC graduation, vehicle inspections and escorting visitors to name a few. You guys took on all jobs and your efforts are appreciated. **To the spouses/ family members of SOROC Class 01-09:** Over the next 6 months, your family member attending SOROC will be working long hours. From time to time they might stressed out due to the challenges set in front on them. We appreciate the support you give them as they strive to succeed in the many tasks they are required to master. As you were briefed in the FRG

meeting you can rely on us to assist you in any way possible. Please see the contact information on the last page of this newsletter and do not hesitate to call or e-mail us if you have questions or need help. Good luck with your New Year resolutions!
 ~ Dutch



Above: Jamie Slife and Jason Tolle celebrating the Holiday Season

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**



LOOK WHO JUST DROPPED IN



Left: SSG Marcus Lewis and Tanari are the proud parents of Kamilah Na'eema Lewis. Kamilah was born on December 13, 2008 at 10:44 PM in the Womack Army Medical Center. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 19" long.



Right: SGT Jory Mathis and Jennifer are the proud parents of Dillon Scott Mathis. Dillon was born on December 7, 2008 at 7:16 AM in the Womack Army Medical Center. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 20.5" long.



JCU Families,

Thank you for your participation in the Adult Christmas Social and the Children's Christmas Party in December. These are your events, sponsored by the JCU Activities Club fund so if you have comments, ideas, or suggestions, please share them with us. Our unit is continuing to grow so we are always looking for creative ways to celebrate with the families and still stay within our financial support. I would like to welcome Angela Slife as our new SOROC key caller. She has agreed to be the welcoming voice for our unit, thank you for your time!

Our quarterly luncheon will be scheduled in the third week of January. I want to confirm the date with the Annex before we put it out. Please watch email for flyers on this. This will be an opportunity to meet other spouses from the unit and enjoy a lunch. It will be a great opportunity for the new SOROC spouses to meet the group and also the graduating class to meet the spouses in their new troops. Hope you will join us.

JCU will begin having a monthly evening social on the fourth Thursday of each month. This is an opportunity for the spouses that cannot join us for the socials that are offered during the day. It will be a relaxed atmosphere with snacks and lots of conversation. The first one will be Thursday, Jan 29, 2009 at 6:30pm at my house. Watch for a flyer on this event and consider hosting one throughout the upcoming year.

Happy New Year, may 2009 be what you expected and more!

Sincerely,
Michelle McLaughlin
(910) 717-3519 or mcljm4@aol.com

Right: Todd Petzel and the former Brandy Close were married on 31 DEC 08. Congratulations to you both as you start a new chapter in your lives.



ANNIVERSARIES	
Terrell & Vanessa Kemp	2 JAN
John & Lizette Hickey	3 JAN
Jake & Michelle Higginbotham	7 JAN
Noel & Maria Santiago	7 JAN
Josh & Lindsay Espersen	7 JAN
Sam & Michelle Stanley	10 JAN
Todd & Jamie Brown	10 JAN
David & Amy Smith	17 JAN
Randy & Melissa Amsler	18 JAN
Roger & Carol Darling	23 JAN

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JCU Holiday & Children's Christmas Party

I would like to thank all our members and their families for coming out and enjoying some good down time during the holiday season. Our annual Holiday Party was held at The DoubleTree Hotel this year. All in attendance had a great time (I hope), We started out with a social hour and the unit "Year in Pictures" was shown at this time. Dinner was served and the food this year was very good. A big thanks to my wife Marsha for the menu selection. CSM Givens gave the command speech

and we moved into the Secret Santa gift exchange. Thanks for keeping the gifts somewhat clean. We raffled off a free tandem jump courtesy of our very own Court McLain. The winner was Adam Lewis. Adam is the son of Stacey Lewis in M-Troop. Congratulations! After this, the dance floor opened up and as usual, we have some very talented dancers among us. Between Jason Tolle, Jeremy Jenkins and Jamie Slife to name a few, we could hold our own JCU Dancing with the Stars.

The Children's Christmas Party was held at Chuck E Cheese this year. We had a great turn-out and all the kids had a blast. This event as always ends up being a test of wills between energetic children and tired parents trying to keep up with them. Thanks to Michelle McLaughlin for the work that went into this event.

There were a lot of pictures taken at both parties and you can view them on our website.

~ Todd

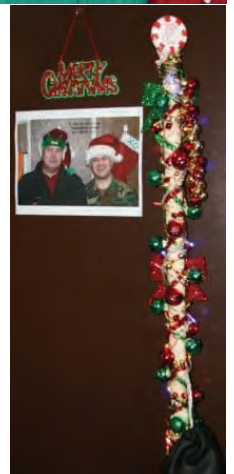


1st Annual Jingle Stick Competition

The Office of Action devised yet another morale building competition this year. The XO and ISG proudly announce the beginning of what we hope will be a long time tradition. The Jingle Stick Competition was intended to boost the morale of our service members. The prize; the illustrious JINGLE STICK. Criteria for winning the competition; show the most Christmas cheer by decorating your individual work spaces here at work. The XO and I are pleased to announce that at least one troop/section took us seriously. This year's winner was C-Troop! Even if everyone had

decorated, I think C-Troop would have walked away with the prize anyway. Pictures of Christmas cheer, and lack thereof, are spread throughout the newsletter, but pictures can't begin to describe what the naked eye actually saw and the smell and ambiance of the season that was in the air. Thanks to all that participated. We look forward to next year. Pictured to the right is the jingle stick. It is adorned with ribbons, bows, garland, lights, and of course, plenty of bells.

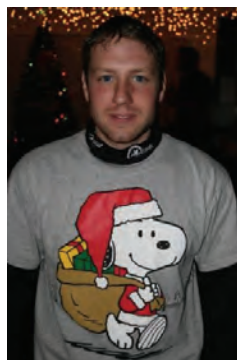
~ XO / ISG



Above: OPS tried to portray that they had no Christmas cheer and hid their tiny desktop Christmas tree under MAJ Pishock's desk as a show of disrespect for the Jingle Stick. We found it, put it in its place and proved that OPS had some cheer whether they liked it or not



Right: Matt Heist even decorated himself with this fine display of Christmas cheer



Left: C-Troop had a roaring fire that greeted us, of course there are no open flames allowed, but the plasma screen TV did put out some heat

Left: C-Troop spent a few hours decorating their Christmas Tree. The tree is decorated with all the traditional ornaments plus a few beer cans



WELCOME OUR NEW JCU MEMBERS

ET1 James Brown & wife Samantha, child: Brooklyn (Awaiting SOROC 01-09)
TSgt Oscar Campos & wife Laura, children: Wyatt, Andrew & Oscar (Awaiting SOROC 01-09)
IT1 Cary Wise (Awaiting SOROC 01-09)

GOODBYE TO FRIENDS & FAMILY

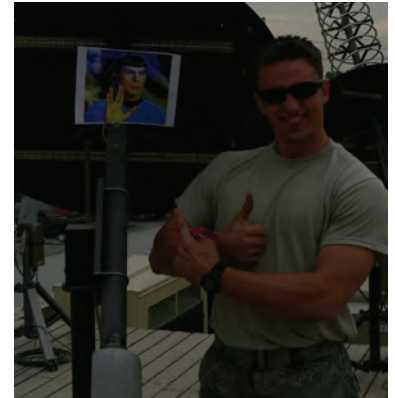
ETC Vic Kouw & wife Melissa, children; Addison & McKenzie FEB 01 - DEC 08 (OPS)



Above: The XO and ISG pose with members of C-Troop after the official jingle stick award presentation on 19 DEC 08



Above: The extent of M-Troops cheer was this Starbucks coffee cup. The only thing that saved this entry was the fantastic antlers that were on the top

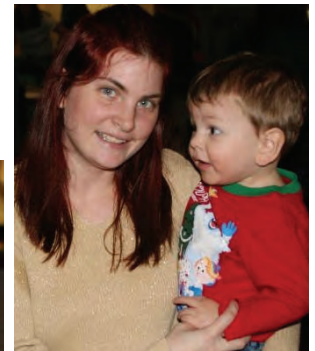


Above: When Vince Olshove was asked to vulcanize an antenna, he thought that placing a picture of Spock on it was the answer

JCU Activities Club year end roll-up

To give you an idea of how the JCUAC works for you, I will list a few of the expenditures for 2008. We gave out 24 baby baskets for those newly arrived members of the unit. A total of 13 flower arrangements were sent to the families of those that had lost a loved one or had an extended hospital stay during the year. The majority of the JCUAC funds supported all the unit and FRG lunches, annual summer picnic, and holiday parties. With the unit growing, we can only expect these numbers to grow in 2009. Thanks to all who have contributed to the JCUAC and we look forward to another great year. Remember the JCUAC works for you!

~ Todd



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



The picture from last month is none other than Mr. John "Sully" Sullivan. This picture of Sully and Una-Lee was taken at the JSOC Ball in 1992. A few years have passed and he said that he was responsible for doing all the aging in the family. This is evident because Una-Lee has not aged at all. Thank you Sully for the picture and for sharing a little piece of your life with us.

P.S. I remember when Sully said that this RETRO section was a good thing to do.

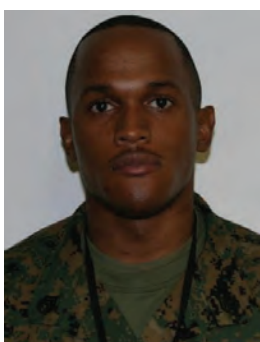


Meet the SOROC'ers of Class 01-09



Name: Luke Blum
Rank / Service: SSG / USA
Enlisted: 4 Apr 2000
Birthday: 14 Dec 1981
Spouse name: Kelly
Child: Lyla
Hobbies: Running, playing sports, hiking, reading
Previous Assignment: 53rd Signal Battalion, JCSE, 440th Signal Battalion
Goals/Expectations: Complete SOROC, learn as much as I can about assigned comm. equipment

Name: Sean A Collins
Rank / Service: TSgt / USAF
Enlisted: 13 Dec 1995
Birthday: 23 Feb 1976
Spouse name: Melissa
Children: David & Finnegan
Hobbies: Reading, Weight Training
Previous Assignment: Defense Intelligence Agency, RAF Molesworth, UK
Goals/Expectations: Complete SOROC



Name: Lloyd J. James Jr.
Rank / Service: SSgt / USMC
Enlisted: 14 Nov 1999
Birthday: 12 Oct 1981
Spouse name: Latosha
Children: Aminah & Jahilyn
Hobbies: Cooking, Shopping, Reading, Working Out, Baking
Previous Assignment: Joint Communications Support Element
Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC, Earn Navy/Marine Corps Gold Parachutist Wings, Earn Military Free Fall Badge, Attend various communications schools and courses, earn various certificates such as CCNA, etc

Name: Sean P. Mitcham
Rank / Service: SFC / USA
Enlisted: 23 Jun 1998
Birthday: 30 Mar 1980
Spouse name: Katherine Mitcham
Child: William
Hobbies: Golf, guitar, mountain biking
Previous Assignment: Drill Sergeant, Ft. Gordon, GA
Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC and get to work



SOROC Class 02-08 Graduates

Back: Jody Elkins, Kevin Angell, Marlon Vega, Joshua Espersen, Andre Tate **Middle:** Jason Gunter, Seth Hogan, Mark Krob, LaVar Paschal, Richard LePage, William Roberts, Jerome Kusy, Allen Keller **Bottom:** Travis Jenkins, Mark Garcia, Rachael Gorman, Jared Sams, Raphael Halmos, Michael Lamb, Ed Sleuth. **Not Pictured:** David Jones, Christopher Scott



January Promotions, Awards & Special Occasions



Air Force Promotion

MSgt Todd Petzel to SMSgt (M-Troop)
SrA Matthew Corby to SSgt (A-Troop)



Marine Promotion

SSgt Troy Zimmermann to GySgt (C-Troop)

Basic Airborne School Graduates

SSgt Ken Johnson (SOROC 01-09)



Accelerated Free Fall Instructor Course Graduates

1SG Jeff Eldred (CST)
TSgt Ken Klynstra (CST)
ET1 Roy Campbell (C-Troop)
MSG Bryan Fooshee (E-Troop)

BIRTHDAYS

Marlin Waldron	1 JAN
Raphael Halmos	1 JAN
Carlos Calvo	3 JAN
Fabian Robles	5 JAN
Adam Groves	8 JAN
Cary Wise	8 JAN
Michael E. Clark	10 JAN
Ryan Oswald	10 JAN
Stephen Nicholson	11 JAN
Seth Hogan	11 JAN
Joseph Munn	12 JAN
Kelvin Pontoo	12 JAN
Michael R. Clark	14 JAN
Benjamin Higginbotham	17 JAN
Scott Bachand	17 JAN
Gregory Matthews	18 JAN
Noel Santiago	18 JAN
Joseph Pishock	20 JAN
Jody Elkins	22 JAN
Adrian Williams	22 JAN
Andre Tate	22 JAN
Roger Darling	23 JAN
Howard Wright	23 JAN
Jeremy Trejo	24 JAN
Rachael Gorman	25 JAN
Kevin Angell	28 JAN
Samuel Knox	29 JAN
Jack Nichols	31 JAN
Thomas Knoll	31 JAN



Left: MSgt Todd Petzel is promoted to SMSgt by his wife Brandy and Mr. James Patterson during a ceremony on 30 DEC 08



Right: SrA Matthew Corby is promoted to SSgt by his fiancée, Priscila and SFC Chris Kudel in a ceremony held on 5 JAN 09

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES

11 January	DJ Holly Cheer-up Day	All Day- San Diego Chargers lose to the Pittsburgh Steelers
18 January	1SG Cheer-up Day	All Day- If the above is not correct
22 January	JCU Quarterly Spouse Luncheon	1130- Staff Annex (RSVP to Michelle McLaughlin)
29 January	JCU Evening Spouses Social	1830- McLaughlin home (RSVP to Michelle McLaughlin)

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XO	LCDR Hill (Nick)	243-8850	678-0209
Unit 1SG	1SG Spencer (Todd)	243-0469	423-5644
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G-Troop NCOIC	CMSgt Morris (Jim)	243-0991	717-8334
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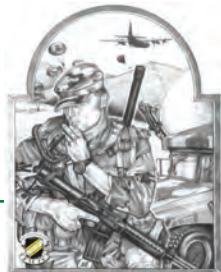
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