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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Golf Tournament
- Pictures
- Wings everywhere
- Farewells
- Sweet RETRO
 PIC
- New Babies
- Birthdays & Anniversaries
- New B-Troop Logo



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Delivering the Message

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Message from the Commander

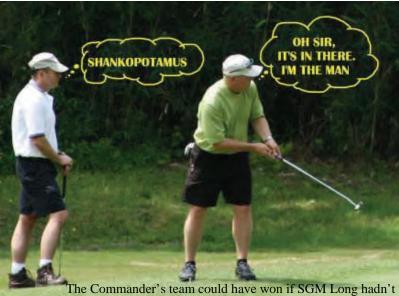
With summer arriving and school about to end I hope you are able to take advantage of it and share some leave as a family. I'd like to welcome A Troop home, many of them are currently on leave or are waiting for school to end. They did great and certainly deserve some quality time together. B Troop has stepped right in and is already getting BZs (Navy term for great job) about their support. Specifically mentioned by several Commanders and CSM Farris was M Troop's Jason Huffman for some great work he and some others did at one site. With the incredible effort our service members and civilians are constantly doing I am so proud to be a part of JCU.

We had a couple of excellent events last week and I'd like to thank Todd Spencer, Steve Long, Deb Stewart, Todd Petzel and our vendor support for such successful events. Thursday night was the

2009 SOCA Golf Tournament

This year marked the 10th Annual Special Operations Communicator's Association's Golf Tournament. This year's event was held at Carolina Lakes Golf Course. Under the threat of rain and the overwhelming showing of people, the tournament was pulled off with extreme precision as always. We busted the record team entries this year, shattering the 23 teams of last year with an unprecedented total of 34 teams. The day started at pre golf tournament social at the Mash House. Lots of folks from across the unit were there as well as at least 20 spouses/girl friends, and most of the vendor sponsors. The whole back patio was packed and they had a tough time keeping the beer tubes full. Lots of free chow, beer, and great company. I'd say you can't beat that but they turned around the next day with the Golf Tournament. There were lots of teams, beer, chow, and give-aways to coordinate and not only was it smooth but a great social event as well. Again, thanks to those who put these events together and to our sponsors for all their support.

~ LTC McLaughlin



The Commander's team could have won if SGM Long hadn been so serious the whole day

0830 under an overcast sky, this did not last long. The clouds quickly gave way to the big red heat lamp in the sky and we played in blistering heat and soaking humidity. All in all, the day went real well. There were plenty of drinks throughout the day and an awesome Fat Backs Barbeque buffet at the end. Over 50 prizes were raffled off to some lucky winners. The grand prize was an eight gig I-POD, I-Touch. The Winning team was from a sister unit, but special

mention goes out to the last place finishers who were from E -Troop; Adrian Williams, Sergio Hernandez, Greg Nicoson & Mike Crain. They were all awarded a JCU coffee mug and a pack of plastic practice balls, better luck next year. Thanks to all that helped out and made this a very successful event. See you all the same time next year.





Hello everyone,

A-Troop is coming to the end of one chapter and starting another. We took our long term project from January to nearly June as our inaugural outing and everyone can be proud of the results. Automations projects went forward at the kind of breakneck speed that would not have been possible under our While tentatively still old organization. divided into the old RF and IT sections the reorganization went forward and the lines started to blend. The troop members we'd once called RTOs really stepped up and took on a good portion of the automation piece and that allowed the service members previously known as automators to tackle complicated and involved projects. Not that there weren't RF projects as well. Pat Ballard did a great job of working with the new SYSCON RF section to define the SOP for a major new communications system that will really make a difference in the quality of comms we can provide to our subscribers. Marlon Vega has officially earned his black mask for the nearly month and a half that he played the Lone



I hope all the families are doing well. The entire troop is doing great things out here. The late nights at home are certainly paying off as everyone is getting settled in to their respective jobs. We really appreciate all the boxes and mail we are already getting (keep them coming). I would like to congratulate Lenin Castillo for his promotion to Sergeant First Class. We were going to see if MAJ Pishock would fly out and promote him but Dookie asked for someone important. Still looking! Also not to steal A-Troops thunder but Ceven Epps is doing a short tour out here and was also promoted, good job and congratulations. I would also like to say Happy Birthday to Travis Jenkins who celebrated his birthday on the 22^{nd} of this month. We will be sending Nate Hannah home soon to witness the birth of his child. God speed Nate and hope you and the



Not a lot has gone on with the troop this month. We are now monitoring the pagers and waiting for that late night call. The last month was a good month full of inventories and operations checks to ensure all of our equipment is ready. Now, with that out of the way, we can lock ourselves in classroom environments and get ready for our next cycle. In addition to all of this we are extremely excited to know that our numbers will be almost doubling before the next news letter comes out. With this, I will be soliciting names for an additional key caller, one from each Detachment. More information will be coming out on this soon. As you can tell, not much exciting this month from C-Troop. We did have two birthdays, Happy Birthday to Troy and Mat. We also had two anniversaries,

here would much more difficult.

Ranger for an unexpected requirement. He

did a great job under difficult

circumstances. Joe Cade has finally filled us

all in on the fact that the newest Cade will

hold onto the name as the new baby will be a

boy. We'd also like to make an announcement

to Steve Alexander's family. If Steve falls

into a deep comatose state that you are unable

to wake him from, he's fine. He just owes his

body about 40 days of sleep or more and we're

sure he probably won't take all of it. As we

close out and turn over our current projects to

B-Troop everyone is looking to the

future. Some of us are headed to long awaited

and well earned slots at schools and

professional development courses. Others will

be moving from A-Troop to tackle new

responsibilities in G-troop or operations. But

everyone is, first and foremost, looking to

spend some quality time with family and

To B-Troop, we had big plans to turn over the

best sites that we could for you. We hope that

we achieved that goal. We wish you the best

as you take over the reins and we wish you as

baby are doing well Martinique. On a more somber

note I would like to say farewell to Joe Kelly and his

family. Joe arrived to the unit in May 2001 and has

served in almost every section in the unit. He is a

wealth of knowledge and will be sorely missed.

Heather, thank you for putting up with all the long

days and deployments. Good luck to you and your

family Joe in your next assignment. Wish we could

have been there for the going away. The troop has

officially unveiled it's new motto. We will be

getting coins and shirts made as soon as we get

home. Last but certainly not least I would like to

thank the families for the support you are showing

for us out here. Without your support from home life

~ Bryan

friends.

Congrats to The Trejo's and Dayton's. Last but not least, we need to say goodbye to two more of our original 21. Doug Rosario and Jared Schaffer are moving on to different positions in the unit at the end of this month. It has been a pleasure serving with both of you.

much success as we feel we achieved. Good luck.

Dan And Kathi Knouse are the proud parents of Katelyn Grace Knouse. Katelyn came into the world on 9 May 2009 at 1003 in the Central Carolina Hospital. She weighed in at 8lbs. 2ozs. and was 19.25" long. James and Michelle Jordahl are the proud parents of Sydney Grace Jordahl. Sydney came into the world on 13 May 2009 at 1313 in the Cape Fear Hospital. She weighed in at 8lbs. and was 20.25" long. Ladies, we thank you all for your support while we have been at it. No one can complain about the love and concern sent this way, especially Stan Sweeney, who got more care packages than most of us got Christmas presents last year. It is incredibly hard to deal with all you have over the nearly half year your husbands and boyfriends have been trying to make a difference in the world. And we know that the sacrifices that we make are no greater than the ones you make that allow us to do what we do. Again, thank you.

~ A-Troop





The past month has rolled us into the cycle we all have a passion for...to communicate. It's not the type of communications some of our spouses would like us to learn, but we're good at what we do. We have signed for various COMM packages from B-Troop and will be training on them over the next six months. This is the first time most of the guys have had a chance to work on these packages and have been going through each system with diligence, ensuring they learn every aspect of each package. Kyle and Howie returned after successfully completing HALO school and Morgan completed the Navy's Network Security Vulnerability School to enhance his professional development. Also in May we lost Travis Knutson shortly after we got him back. He took the reins of A-Troop as the new Troop SGM, GOOD LUCK Travis; we know you will do well in your new position. The next few months are going to be pretty busy for us in D-Troop, and thank the spouses and families in advance for their patience and understanding. Ensure your husband's take you out on a date once a month to try and make up for the time away.

~ D-Troop



Above: Adam Groves receives one of three different certificates for being selected as the Soldier of the Quarter's and of the year.



I would like to welcome a new civilian, Greg Nicoson, to E-Troop. Greg is coming from Columbia, SC and he is married to Diana. They have three children, Jonathon, Christopher and Elizabeth. He will be providing systems support to E-Troop. Sean Collins finally started the CNO course and has already passed the first test, only 8 more to go. This is the largest class so far with 10 people starting and they are expected to graduate in August. Dan Orrvick returned from his rotation and was replaced by Bryan Fooshee. Sam Stanley is starting to prepare for his upcoming retirement and has stepped down as the NCOIC of the section. Sam has done a great job of helping keep me straight as well as looking out for the best interests of the section. Though he is retiring, we don't think he will be going far. Chad Lewis has taken over the NCOIC position. Adrian Williams is coaching a couple of youth arena football teams. They haven't played a lot of games yet, but each of the teams has some wins. Scott Bachand seems to be spending a lot of time out of the office lately. We have been sending him all over the place doing some training and also trying to help recruit some military members to JCU. Sergio Hernandez decided to participate in the farewell to Jake canoe trip from Fayetteville to Wilmington. He came back a little sunburned and I believe a lot humbled by the experience. Two things to remember if you ever decide to canoe to Wilmington are to first make sure you have some extra help in your canoe to paddle and secondly don't forget about the incoming tide. I think it took them over 13 hours to complete the trip. Finally, I would like to wish a happy 24th anniversary to my wife, Kathy. Thanks for putting up with me all this time.

~ Tony



Above: Tony, we have not forgot about your little incident.

Below: Casey Mues Receives a certificate for being selected as the JSOC Airman of



Hi. Everyone

I trust everyone had a good Memorial Day weekend. Just a short entry this month. Everyone was busy doing the normal things like going to school, deployed, taking leave or pulling shifts, however we did have CMSgt Morris depart to take the Senior Enlisted position of a Group on Pope AFB and Billy Sumner has finally began his course work for his Navy Commissioning Program. We have made it a requirement for your spouse's to take Summer Safety Training in preparation for the upcoming warm weather, we hope that you too are taking the appropriate precautions while participating in warm weather activities. Every service member and each of their family members is an important part of the JCU family and we don't want anything to happen to any of you. So have fun, but be safe.

~ Bill



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DELIVERING THE MESSAGE





May has been a great month for us here... lots of moving parts.

Darren and Steve returned home from extended trips...their families are glad to have them home and taking some much needed leave. Jeff and Ameer have already left to take their places and are doing great things working with Bryan Hargrove's crew. Jerry graduated Military Freefall...said it was a piece of cake. Glenn and his band of merry men are ensuring that everything keeps operating the way it needs to. Todd, Ryan and Vince have spent a whole lot of time with the US Navy lately...Ryan has asked for a prescription for valium.

The Motor Pool....Wow. Everything this month from fixing lasers to new teeth... seriously. Scott has worked with the vendor to get the laser back online. Everything is working well right now and Scott is getting things lined up for training the fellas. Ft Bragg and Pope fire departments are standing by. Andy made some modifications to the DZSO ATV. It performs flawlessly now. Great job. Scott and Mike got the transmission put back in one of the new Hummers. It should be ready to roll soon. Scott is running a good show up there...this place couldn't function without them.

Todd and the Logistics folks are working hard. Earle and Jeanice are on a trip right now to help the fellas with turnover. They are trying to streamline some of the accountability processes that can really be a nightmare. They are working closely with Penny and Mike Flynn here at home to ensure that things flow as smoothly as possible. Mike L and Olimpia are working hard to ensure the reachback process stays up to date and the troops that are out and about are getting what they need in a timely manner.

We want to welcome Mike Clark and the Force Mod gang to M-Troop. We have realigned a bit and Mike works with us more closely now. Mike and Terrell bring a phenomenal capability to the organization and I see great things in the future for all of us.

Carleen is now working with Jesse in Configuration Management. They are making sure EVERYONE is on the same sheet of music both at home and abroad. A ton of work for two people to do but they are taking care of business. Rob is back in Illinois with his family and we wish them all the best.

That is pretty much it for the month of May. This place continues to amaze me. I hope everyone gets to take advantage of some nice weather. See you next month.

~ The M-Troop Crew



Above: Eric Russell is presented the Bronze Star Medal by LTC McLaughlin during a ceremony held on 1 MAY 09.



During the month of May the SOROC students took their final PT test, final ruck march and their fourth practical and written exams. Right now they are completing the culmination Exercise to be followed by a few days of inventory and clean up. They all <u>should</u> be graduating SOROC on <u>12 June at 1400 in the PPF.</u>

As a reminder to all guests planning on attending the SOROC graduation: guests

are not authorized to take pictures while on the compound. This rule includes cell phones, cameras and video cameras. We will have a photographer capturing the event on film and will distribute the pictures accordingly. Thank you for your understanding of this rule.

In addition to doing all of the technical/ military training the SOROC students completed the Summer Safety Training. Being the caring folks they are... I am sure they have shared their knowledge of Summer Safety will all of their loved ones. If you are related to one of the SOROC students and you have NOT learned about fire safety, water safety, safe driving and boating... ask and I am sure they will educate you.

Have a safe summer,

~ Dutch



As usual the EC Detachment has been very fast paced this month. Jimmy just got back and wait... nope... Jimmy is gone again. Sorry Jimmy. Marcus has returned from a short deployment and is now on the TDY tour. Micah has finally gone out for a full deployment but history shows it never works out. Let's not forget the Runkster, who has just finished a whirlwind excursion into the unknown. He did manage to get some self portraits from the cock pit of a C-17. Yes he is wearing his I'm-the-coolest -guy-ever-in-my-own-mind glasses.

~ Fish



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Above: SSgt Dan Knouse and Kathi are the proud parents of Katelyn Grace Knouse. Katelyn was born on May 9, 2009 at 10:03 AM in the Central Carolina Hospital. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 19.25" long.



DROPPED IN LOOK WHO



Above: SSgt James Jordahl and Michelle are the proud parents of Sydney Grace Jordahl. Sydney was born on May 13, 2009 at 1:13 PM in the Cape Fear Hospital. She weighed in at 8 lbs. and was 20.25" long.

JCU Families,

Thank you to Gini Walker for volunteering to host our next social at the Annex. It will Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 6:30pm. The purpose of these socials is to get to know each other and share information. Hope you will consider joining us next time. We host it at the Annex so it will be child friendly.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Michelle McLaughlin

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Future Dates:

8 June, 4pm, JSOC Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, PPF (RSVP to Agnes) 23 June, 6:30pm, JCU Spouses Social, JSOC Annex

Reminder: The 2009 SOCA College Scholarship entries are due on July 15, 2009. Get your essays in early or on time for judging this year's winners. Please see last months edition for details.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Georgette & Charles Gill	1 JUN
Dutch & Rhonda Broussard	1 JUN
Mike & Kelly Runk	2 JUN
Bryan & Brandy Fooshee	3 JUN
Chuck & Kris To	5 JUN
Rufus & Pamela Messex	5 JUN
Ulysses & Demarys Matias Otero	6 JUN
Luke & Kelly Blum	8 JUN
Tony & Kathy Gillespie	9 JUN
Mark & Katie Krob	11 JUN
Scott & Yvonne Capan	14 JUN
Ed & Megan Schlade	15 JUN
Stan & Marlena Sweeney	16 JUN
Jeff & Sondra Carlson	18 JUN
Vince & Katherine Olshove	18 JUN
Jesse & Esther Casari	23 JUN
Ken & Julie Garrison	26 JUN
Pablo & Griselda Guerra	26 JUN
Tim & Commalitha Holton	27 JUN
Jim & Jenn Wagner	28 JUN
Vic & Meyvi Guerra	29 JUN

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Above & Below: Deb Stewart and friend Jeanette kept the drinks flowing this year again. They volunteered yet again to drive the drink cart. This year they decorated their cart which I'm sure made the drinks more tasty



Right: The D-Troop team, guess they wanted to make sure they made it into the newsletter. Very gay guys, but funny.

Below: Alicia Leyva took care of the pavilion area, ensuring all went smooth







Below: The S&T +1 team. Left to right; Jim McKnight,

Dutch Broussard, Tim Gibson & Ken Garrison



Left: Amy Smith and Cathy Montes volunteered as the official photographers for the day. All photos will be loaded up on the website soon





Above: Adrian Williams accepts his teams last place prize from CSM Givens, and he was happy about it

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.





DELIVERING THE MESSAGE

WELCOME OUR NEW JCU MEMBERS

CW2 Burke Brooks & wife Karen, children; Logan & Sophia (HHT_OPS)) SFC Joshua Smith (Awaiting SOROC Class 02-09) Mr. Greg Nicoson & wife Diana, children; Jonathan, Christopher & Elizabeth (E-troop)



Above: Jim Morris is presented a troop departure gift from Bill Tingen on 20 MAY 09



Above: CSM Givens presents Billy Sumner with the coveted JCU Plaque for his departure 8 MAY 09

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Above: Rob Seyler is presented a M-Troop departure gift from Jesse Casari on 5 MAY 09



Above: Joe Kelly is presented the Unit Colors for his departure by CSM Givens on 26 MAY 09

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



The picture from last month is none other than MSG Max Fermin. In a recent interview he said "The picture was taken by my dad when I was about 3 or 4 years old (1973-74) in our apartment in New York City. It's obvious what I am doing. I don't know what else to say about it". Pictures are usually given to me by the victims spouse, but this one was special because Max gave it to me with no shame in his game and was proud to do it. Max has come a long way since this day and we are proud to have him in our presence. Thank you Max for sharing a little piece of your life with us. A special thanks to Heather for putting up with him.





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May 1st was a great day for JCU

- **3** Promotions
- 1 Gold Wing
- 4 way overdue civilian awards

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It was only a matter of time until the Commander cracked under the pressure. It is a test of stamina to see how long he can hold the same facial expression during a 45 minute ceremony. We dedicate this newsletter to him since he's on almost every page.



Above: Scott Hamilton promotion



Above: Joe & Heather Kelly promotion



Above: Luke Blum promotion



Above: Todd Brown Joint Civilian Service Award



Above: Roger Darling Joint Civilian Service Award



Above: Penny Richenberg Joint Civilian Service Award

Above: Kelly Pond Navy and Marine Corps parachutists badge (Gold Wings)





Above: Linda Haymans Joint Civilian Service Award

June Promotions, Awards & Special Occasions



Army Promotion

SSG Lenin Castillo to SFC (B-Troop)



Air Force Promotions

SSgt Tom Knoll to TSgt (HHT_CST) SrA Ceven Epps to SSgt (A-Troop)



Basic Airborne School Graduate

ET1 Josh Morgan (Awaiting SOROC 02-02)



CAPT Robert Giovannetti (HHT_S&T) SSgt Howard Wright (D-Troop) SFC Kyle Roscoe (D-Troop) MSgt Jerry Dover (M-Troop)



Static Line Jumpmaster Graduates

MSG Chad Peters (HHT_CST) SSG Jeff Carlson (HHT_OPS) SSgt Tom Knoll (HHT_CST)



Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Graduate

GySgt Jamey Slife (HHT_S&T)

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"GOT WINGS?"

BIRTHDAYS

	BIRTHDAYS		
	Lawrence Burguess	1 JUN	
	Michael Foy	2 JUN	
	Lauront Pepin	6 JUN	
	Charles Churchwell	7 JUN	
	Dana Roberson	9 JUN	
	Todd Spencer	10 JUN	
	Joshua Espersen	11 JUN	
	Jory Mathis	11 JUN	
	Abey Torrez	12 JUN	
	James Drennan	12 JUN	
	Randy Amsler	12 JUN	
	Calvin Delaware	12 JUN	
	Jason Gunter	14 JUN	
	Michael Kontio	15 JUN	
	Jeremy Pinkelman	17 JUN	
	Glenn Staples	18 JUN	
	Linda Haymans	18 JUN	
	James Slife	19 JUN	
	Edwin Robles	19 JUN	
	Michael Flynn	20 JUN	
	Victor Guerra	20 JUN	
	Todd Brown	22 JUN	
	Morgan Smario	26 JUN	
	Travis Knutson	28 JUN	
	Bryan Hargrove	29 JUN	
	Joseph Miller	30 JUN	
	Jason Tolle	30 JUN	
	Steven Powell	30 JUN	
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Mark your calendars for these important dates

12 JuneSOROC Class 02-01 Graduation23 JuneJCU Spouses Social1 JulySummer Highland Games7 AugustAnnual JCU Summer Picnic13 November13th Annual JSO 10K Run-5K Walk18 NovemberWinter Highland Games21 November47th Annual JFK-50 Mile Ultra-Marathon

1400: PPF 1830: JSOC Annex 0700-0930: Pope AFB Softball field area 1000-1800: Fantasy Lake 0700-0930: Pike Field 0700-0930: Pope AFB Softball field area All day: Hagerstown, MD (Registration opens on 1 July 09)



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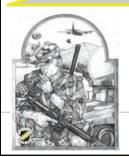
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Commemorating 25 years of JCU professionals

JCU FRG Key Callers



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).