# Delivering the Message 

# Joint Communications Unit 

## Message from the Sergeant Major

Well the winter months have finally given way to the warmer days of Spring and that means the children are out of school for Spring Break and hopefully everyone will be able to take a few days to enjoy the warmer weather. But as always please take a little extra time to make sure you are taking the necessary step to ensure that whatever you are doing that you are being safe. Each and every member of the JCU family is as important to the success of this command as anyone else and we need each of you to "Deliver the Message". I'd like to thank the leadership of the command for their constant effort in preparing JCU's men and women for what they may
encounter while away from home-station completing the unit's mission. We haven't been lucky; we are very fortunate to have outstanding Troop leadership that ensure our unit members return safely from whatever they have been tasked to do. That said I would like to welcome our newest two Troop Sergeants Major; SCPO Jay Pylman has assumed command of B-Troop and MSG Frank Perez has assumed command of A-Troop. Of course the Troop Sergeants Major succeed because of the extremely hard work that each of our unit members puts forth each and every day. Regardless of what is asked of you, you always exceed the expectation of the Commander

## Exercise tests JCU Leaders

We now have trained our leaders on the Mongaday way. The endurathon allowed for little sleep, little food, and much uncertainty for the participants involved in the event, and with that being said, the endurathon was a
well organized and thought out plan. I would like to take the time to thank the S\&T shop and all the backside support in their efforts. I would like to give a special thanks to 1SG Chris Leach for his unwavering dedication to the
and the Battle Staff. Thank You! As for the family members who remain behind; Thanks to all of you for your patience and support as the unit continues to send folks away from home or works them for long hours while they are here on Fort Bragg. And please keep in mind; no matter if your spouse is home or deployed, if you need assistance of any kind, please contact me or the other leaders within the unit and we will get you the assistance you require. JCU is a great organization but it is only as good as you all make it. Take Care \& Be Safe,
~ Steve
task. Because of his efforts, the event and all backside support knew where and when to be at each event which allowed for a seamless transition from execution to execution.

> ~ Jamey Slife

Right: JCU leaders at the end of a long week



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Thanks for the hard work Joe.
Matt and Dan have spent the last several weeks working with

March has been a busy time for us in ATROOP! Seven of our members spent two weeks having level-3 ones and zeros shoved in their heads. They all did well and have positioned themselves to greatly enhance our troop's ability to affect the battlefield. Josh and Seth have spent the last several weeks with the docs supporting their pre-deployment training; I continue to hear nothing but great things from the entire medical community, so you must be doing good work. Steve, Carlos, and Tim had lots of fun on the Endurathon; Steve and Carlos looked like zombies and the CDR returned Tim busted, but not broken.

Joe Cade has stepped up and done yeoman's work on getting JTF-99 up to speed. This new and improved facility will allow the entire unit to really hone their advanced skills.

J6 Dev on a new shipboard satcom terminal. This terminal has been in the works since 1998, and they have finally cracked the code. Great work folks, as VP Biden would say, 'This is a Big ....Deal!"

Nate, Chris, Jason, Scott, and Rob have completed the upgrades they were doing in DC. This has been an itch our unit couldn't scratch for a long time and we all appreciate you guys wrestling the beast to the ground.

Danny has taken the task of getting all our morale/going away efforts moving. We sat stagnant for a long time with our eyes on other issues. In reality, this has been a disservice to our members. It is the members we have here in A-TROOP! that make it all happen, and they must be taken care of and recognized. Thanks for taking this on Danny, it is appreciated by all.

the office. While myself, Dave Allen and Nate Hannah were partaking in the Endurathon, the

With my first input to the fabled "Newsletter" I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has welcomed me in as the new B-Troop SGM. The turnover with Brian was outstanding and he did a fabulous job with the Troop over the past two years. He will surely be missed by the folks in B-Troop and I will give it my best to continue with the outstanding leadership and guidance that he provided. The folks were extremely busy in the month of March, as usual though they handled it like it was another day at
rest of the Troop was providing support to this amazing event. Veronica Zamora returned from the Marine Corps Radio Chief Course where she was able to not just get her learning on, but got her fill of the Corps. Dave Jones and Kevin Angell were out getting some additional medical training. This might come in handy as some of our folks have forgotten that a proper PLF does not include landing on your butt. I won't mention any names but Kelly and Ray have a little giddy up in there step. This could have


Robles is now an Airborne paratrooper, Roy Campbell just completed Military Freefall
So, with the new cycle change going into effect we have had to make some planning changes and as you may have noticed, we have been getting busy securing gear and conducting inventories over the last few weeks. We have begun our training and classes to get ready to get back on those wonderful pagers in a few weeks. All of our preparation will be conducted here at home, so we will still be home every night (some nights later than others) and we will use some time a little later down the road to conduct our off post training. But either way, as always we will be ready. The guys have really been pulling together considering that several folks are still on leave and/or going to schools.

Even though several people have been making it back home from leave, people are also returning from school. This month we had the following graduates: Jon Beard and Cary Wise received their HAZMAT certification, Eddie

Jumpmaster, and most important of all Brian Allen and Eddie Salcedo have both secured a fall back skill should the military not work out for them by completing the training and obtaining their Commercial Drivers License. Good job fellas.

Along with schools and leave, when we return from deployment, we also say goodbye to folks as they move to on to different sections in the unit. I would like to take a moment to thank Jef Drew and his family for everything they have done in the troop since the Re-Org and to tell M-Troop that they definitely have one of our best. I'd also like to send the same message to OPS as they received Mat Heist when he returned from leave. You guys are always welcome in the team rooms when you have a few spare minutes. (Like that ever happens)

Still more news!! Dave Miller and Rick

And finally, it is April $1^{\text {st }}$ and the biggest joke is on me; I am no longer the A-TROOP! SGM. This has been a great year for me personally getting to come back to where I started and work with all of you. I thought I would get another year and retire from this seat, but that is not to be. The Air Force in all its wisdom is telling me I have to leave-stupid Air Force! Frank Perez assumed responsibility today, and I am sure he will do a great job leading the men and women of A-TROOP!

Thanks to Steve, Carlos, Danny, and Nate for keeping me straight and making it happen. Joe Cade told me not to worry about anything when I got here, that you always got it done; he was right and I have been impressed every day. You are the finest group of people I have ever worked with. Thank you, it has been a privilege.
~Travis
been part of their plans though so they could get out of doing sit-ups for the PT test. Speaking of which, everyone did an outstanding job in the PT test and ruck-march. We were able to get Dre into airborne school, in which Krob, LePage, and Halmos went down and got a couple of jumps with him. Pepin, Lamb, Heller and Drennan were able to get there taste of the fleet again as they went out and did some training on the USS Kearsarge. Once again thanks for the warm welcome that I received and I look forward to our future together.
~ Jay

Cross both celebrate their birthdays in April. But before we let March completely slip away there are two more things to celebrate. TWINS!!! Congratulations to Luke and Kelly Blum on the birth of their twins, Chase and Evan born just before midnight on the $22^{\text {nd }}$ of March.

No Promotions or awards this month, but there was a significant selection. Anthony Melby has grown tired of being an enlisted sailor and applied for selection into the LDO program. He was notified this month that he was selected and will leave our ranks to become an officer. Don't worry though, he will still be around for awhile before they take him away and conduct the brain removal procedure and commission him. Seriously though, typically the selection rate into this program is less than five percent. So congratulate Anthony when you see him as well.

Hope you all have a wonderful Easter and we will see you all soon.
~ Millsy

being really good at what we do, haha. On a more serious note, I don't have to remind you that being

Top this! D-Troop recently supported the White House Communications Agency (WHCA) with our newest communications platform known as the Panther. What made this particular requirement special for JCU was that this was the Panther's first mission and we were tasked to support the President of the United States! Excellent job by the D Troop men and women who enabled JCU and WHCA to accomplish several communications firsts! It wasn't easy, but the team pulled it together and parked the Panther 10 feet from the nose of Air Force One in support of the President's visit. Additionally, several members were presented coins and received recognition from several members of the White House staff. You can't top that! Ahhhhh the benefits of
deployed is tough on our families, but it's great knowing and seeing how well this team has bonded over the past three months. I can't tell you how pleased everyone is when packages arrive from
family members! The best part is that everyone gets to/is forced to share the goodies we receive! Thanks to all the families and friends who keep us in their hearts and prayers. We look forward to getting back to the warm spring weather and enjoying the much needed time off. Lastly, I would like to thank everyone in JCU for supporting the forward deployed troop!
~ Jack

Left: Members of D-Troop pose behind the podium of the President of the United States. Vince Olshove looks like a Secret Service guy and Randy Simpson Looks as if he may run for office, he has the hand gesture down pat. They were all detained later for impersonating government officials. OK, JUST JOKING.

Jack knows everyone!!!!


I would like to apologize to the family members for keeping your spouse at work for extended hours;

First I would like to start off by introducing myself; I am Bryan Fooshee the new E Troop SGM. I hope to fill the shoes of two great people; one has left us and the other will be leaving us in a couple of months. The people that I am referring to are Tony Gillespie and Chad Lewis. They have done a great job and hopefully I can build on what they have molded E Troop into. We wish them the best on their future endeavors. It has been another busy month in good ole E Troop.
however you should be very proud of them for the great work that they have accomplished. They are truly the best at what they do. We have sent Sam Stanley on rotation to replace Mike Crain. I am sure that Mike would have liked to have stayed longer but it was time for him to come home. We will be welcoming Scott Bachand back from his Air Force school which I hear is so much fun he was begging them to stay for a couple more months. I think Dave and Brian are
getting cabin fever waiting on their class to start, but when it actually starts they will be begging for it to end. Be aware of what you ask for. They are being a huge help to the shops overall performance even though they haven't been through the class. Everyone else in the shop is working their fingers off; maybe one day we can get caught up and have some free time. One last thing before I go, to all the individuals that completed the endurathonhats off to you. Bring it on Sir, if the wimp from E-trp can do it anyone can!
~ Bryan
contact page in this newsletter, find my number and give me or Rhonda a call. We will be happy to assist in any way we can. Additionally, if you are in G-Troop and are reading this but, do not receive the FRG emails from the G-Troop key caller, let me know so we can add you to the distribution list. Thank You.

I believe the snow we saw in March will be the last time we see it for a while. It is springtime! It is time to get back to playing outside and doing yard work.

Have fun and take care,
~ Dutch

April is upon us, and spring seems to be in full effect. The weather is beautiful outside, and if the forecasters are correct, we should be in for a terrific Easter weekend. I sincerely hope that is the case! Thanks everyone once again for doing such a stellar job this month! All of the men and women of M troop have been doing a tremendous job, working extremely hard to get the mission accomplished. Normally we rattle on and on about this until we consume more space in the newsletter that can we can publish. However, on the flip side of all the hard work, I want to emphasize the importance of treating yourself to some "me" time. That is time doing something you enjoy, spending quality time as a family or
taking some time to relax, and as Adam Kelley would put it, making sure you stop and smell the roses. Being the caliber of people we are, it can be easy to forget to do this. At times there never seems to be an end to what we are asked to do and we find ourselves overwhelmed. Nevertheless, we must realize that this is an important necessary balance that we must manage in our lives, whether here at JCU or in whatever life has in store for us in the future. Thanks again for all the hard work and sacrifice and remember to enjoy what looks to be a great spring season. Go do something fun!!
~Stacey


Hello everyone, S\&T collectively has had a very busy month. Congratulations to Elizabeth \& Chad Bruner on the birth of their new addition to the family. Theiler Skye Bruner was born on 4 March and was 8 lbs $110 z$ and 21 inches long. SOROC Class 1-10 has started module 2 diving right into networking fundamentals. Shawn Luna continues to lead the class to the ultimate goal; Graduation! I would like to thank Ken Garrison and Jim McKnight on all the support for the unit's first Endurathon event. The event would not
have been as smooth without your wisdom. It was a very long week for both the planners and the participants with all the different scenarios. I would like to express a special thanks to Dan Knouse and the rest of the group from $B \& C$ Troop on all the help that they provided to S\&T during the Endurathon week on the support side. SOROC Class 1-10 was able to have a lot of fun role playing in the evening city scenario. Speaking of the Endurathon, Jamey Slife was the "Endurathon Medal Champion" with an

award presented by John Mills made of engineer tape and a card board medal. Congratulations Jamey. Stan Sweeney is still attending the Senior Leader Course at Fort Gordon; developing his leadership skills at the NCOES academy and projected to graduate on 19 April. Good Luck Stan!
~S\&T
(I'll let them decide which one is Robin) are eagerly anticipating another "high five". As usual, I am certain it will be a smooth transition; one sarcastic communicator replaced by another; consistency is the key. Hurry home, Rob - we must maintain our playful : serious ratio in the office.

Overall, the past month has proved to be a busy one for EC and we look forward to more challenges in the months ahead. Until then, cheers!
~ Marcus


Right: SFC Luke Blum and Kelly are the proud parents of twins born on March 22, 2010 in the Womack Army Medical Center. Left side: Chase Stephen Blum came in at 11:56 PM and weighed 5 lbs. 8 ozs. and 19" long. Right side: Evan Luke Blum came in at 11:59 PM and weighed 6 lbs .4 ozs. and $20^{\prime \prime}$ long.


Left; Mr. Ryan Miller and Angie are the proud parents of Elijah Emery Miller. Elijah was born on March 22, 2010 at 7:46 AM in the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. He weighed in at 6 lbs .4 ozs. and was 20 " long.

Right; ITC Chad Bruner and Beth are the proud parents of Theiler Skye Bruner. Theiler was born on March 4, 2010 at 1:49 PM in the Womack Army Medical Center She weighed in at 8 lbs. 11 ozs. and was


ANNIVERSARIES

## Chris \& Freida Richter <br> 1 APR

Bill \& Ann Tingen
Kyle \& Michelle Roscoe
John \& Susan Mosley 2 APR 3 APR 8 APR
Earle \& Natalie Allen 8 APR
Gama \& Anna Rodriguez 9 APR
Chad \& Natalie Lewis
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Aaron \& Elizabeth Samora
Roberto \& Natasha Lopez
Adam \& Nichole Thompson
Joe \& Kristine Pishock
Tim \& Jenny Mallett
Chris \& Amanda Smith
John \& Michelle McLaughlin
Nate \& Martinique Hannah
Mark \& Camelia Garcia


JCU Spouses Social Tuesday, April 27th 6:30-8:30pm Pope Bowling Center Pope AFB 394-2891 Cost: \$2/game \& \$1/shoes

There is a league that night so I need to get accurate count of those Attending, please RSVP to Michelle by Sunday, Apr 25th, (910) 717-3519 or mcljm4@aol.com


Left / Right: When you need good COMMs on the ground very fast and reliable, who gets the call? DTroop, that's who! A very memorable event for sure, great job "DoD's Finest"


Left: The maiden voyage for JCU's newest communications vehicle, the PANTHER. You need COMMs? This vehicle has everything you could ask for in the most austere of places

Below: COL McLaughlin accepts the A-Troop guidon from SMSgt Knutson and then passed the A-Troop reigns to MSG Frank Perez in a Change of Responsibility ceremony held on 1 APR 10


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 $?$


## WRIMOMR OUR MRU JEU MEMBRRS

MSG Jodi Plew (M-Troop) Returning JCU Alumni member

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Mr. Jason Bretzinger \& wife Kristy, children; Austin \& Lilly SEP 05 - APR 10 (G-Troop)
SFC Ken Vaillancourt DEC 05 - APR 10 (B-Troop)
GySgt Adrian Williams \& wife Ivana, children; Samone, Donovan \& Vanessa JUN 04 - APR 10 (A-Troop) SSG Rob Gehring AUG 06 - APR 10 (A-Troop)


Left: Jason Bretzinger while addressing the unit after receiving departure awards in a ceremony held on 1 APR 10

Below: Julian Walle after a 36 hour install while deployed. It just don't get better than this, welcome to JCU


Left: 1SG Spencer presents Rob Gehring with the coveted JCU departure plaque in a ceremony held on 1 APR 10


Above/Left: COL McLaughlin presents John Sullivan \& Jeff Ingraham with civilian awards for superior service in a ceremony held on 1 APR 10

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



Last month's RETRO picture is none other than Mr. Jason Bretzinger from G-Troop. Jason said this picture was taken in Lowell, Indiana at age 12 in 6th grade. He said he was rather proud of his awesome rat-tail mullet. Jason has been a part of JCU since October 2001. Leaving active duty as an Air Force SSgt and then coming back to serve as a civilian. Jason will be leaving us this month as he heads out to take a job with the FBI. Nice to see he just now submitted a photo, when he was on his way out to avoid hearing the laughter from the guys. Thank you Jason for sharing a little piece of your life with us and we wish you good luck in your future endeavors.


## Meet the SOROC'ers of Class 01-10



Name: Shawn W. Luna
Rank / Service: SFC / USA
Enlisted: 19 Oct 1992
Birthday: 13 Oct 1974
Spouse name: Nancy
Children: Amber \& Anthony
Hobbies: Baseball, Riding motorcycles
Previous Assignment: $3^{\text {rd }}$ Special Forces Group
Goals/Expectations: Become Master Sergeant and Team Leader and contribute to the leadership of this unit.

Name: Brandon Moorhead
Rank / Service: ETC / USN
Enlisted: 27 Oct 1997
Birthday: 27 Dec 1975
Spouse name: Eva
Hobbies: Motorcycle riding, shooting, traveling
Previous Assignment: Special Boat Team 22
Goals/Expectations: Complete SOROC and get assigned to my first troop.


Above: Command members receive the Navy Expeditionary Warfare Pin. These sailors are the first to receive this award from this command on 1 APR 10. Pictured left to right are SCPO Bob Bingham, SCPO Kevin Miller, SCPO Blake Schimmel, SCPO Jay Pylman,
 MCPO William Bolin \& awarded by COL McLaughlin

## April Promotions, Awards \& Special Occasions




Above: SFC Mike Runk is promoted to MSG by SGM Fernandez in a ceremony held on 1 APR 10

Left: John Mosley receives the Joint Service Commendation Medal from the CDR in a ceremony held on 1 APR 10

## BIRTHDAYS

| Ceven Epps | 1 APR |
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| Robert Broussard | 5 APR |
| David Miller | 5 APR |
| Jeanice Wehner | 6 APR |
| Victor Vinnedge | 8 APR |
| Samuel Stanley | 10 APR |
| Gregory Smith | 11 APR |
| Jerome Kusy | 12 APR |
| Joseph Thomas | 12 APR |
| Ricardo Cross | 15 APR |
| Steven Long | 18 APR |
| Earle Allen | 18 APR |
| Ameer Weston | 18 APR |
| Jay Pylman | 19 APR |
| Penny Richenberg | 23 APR |
| John Sullivan | 23 APR |
| Amador Avila | 24 APR |
| Michael Runk | 24 APR |
| Morgan Smario | 26 APR |
| Patrick Ballard | 28 APR |
| Delmar Walker | 28 APR |
| Kevin Hudson | 28 APR |

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Get your teams together, the Highland Games are coming soon

Mark your calendars for these important dates

| 1 April | A-Troop Change of Responsibility (SMSgt Knutson to MSG Perez) |
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| 20 May | Pre-Golf Tournament Social with sponsors |
| 21 May | 11th Annual SOCA Golf Tournament |
| 1 July | Summer 2010 Highland Games |
| 6 July | JCU Change of Command (COL McLaughlin to LTC Anderson) |
| 6 August | Annual JCU Summer Picnic |

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