# Delivering the Message 



## Message from the Commander

JCU Team- it truly is an honor to again serve in the finest organization in the Department of the Defense. As a young Captain serving in the Ranger Regiment I aspired to serve with the professionals in JCU. As a "slightly older" Captain I was given the opportunity to serve in JCU where I quickly realized how special this organization is, and as I progressed through the ranks and served throughout the Special Operations Community I knew that someday I wanted to be back serving among DOD's finest. Jana (my wife whose first military experience happened to be JCU!) and I truly feel blessed to be here and we promise to do whatever it takes to ensure this unit is successful and the Families are taken care of. Thanks to John and Michelle for all you have done over the last two years.

There is no organization in DOD quite like JCU. We operate throughout the world, maintain a relentless operational tempo, demand an incredible amount from our service members and Government civilians, and are driven by a desire to be the best at anything we do. In spite of all of this, we manage to maintain a close knit
organization that truly operates as a large Family that would simply do anything for anyone else in this organization. It has been and will always be the greatest strength of this organization. For those new to the organization, feel blessed to be a part of it and get out there and take advantage of all the social activities the unit has to offer. For those "old timers", reconnect with old JCU Family members and reach out to the new ones-and don't ever forget how good it is to be associated with this unit. One way everyone can support this organization is through membership in the JCU Activities Club. For a measly \$25.00/year, the JCU activities club is able to organize the annual picnic (more on that later), the Holiday Party, cookouts, baby gifts, etc. I encourage you to participate.

Every couple of years JCU conducts a Change of Command, and with it comes what you would expectChange. I want everyone to know that I will review all the standard procedures currently in place in the unit, and when making changes, they will be discussed and implemented in conjunction with my battle buddy (and recently selected to the rank of CSM!) Steve Long,
and executed only after having a thorough understanding of how those changes effect the Families of this organization. To be honest, I don't expect too many drastic changes - just fine-tuning to the premier comms organization in the world.

We have some extremely busy times ahead of us. As of this writing we have over 250 folks signed up for the Annual JCU picnic and I'm sure it is going to be a great time and I look forward to meeting all of you. We are starting to get serious about planning for the $30^{\text {th }}$ Anniversary celebration in December of 2010, in conjunction with our holiday party, and of course the JCU 10K will be right around the corner. Somehow 1SG Spencer talked me into this JFK 50 mile thing? We also just started a new SOROC class and look forward to integrating them into the command, and we are looking forward to A Troop's return. Thanks for everything you all do every day to make this organization successful and I look forward to meeting you in the weeks/months ahead. DOD's Finest.
~ Sam Anderson

JCU Softball team wins the 2010 Pope AFB Championship

## RSVP today; events

August 1, 2010


Special points of interest:

- New Commander
- Retirements
- Promotions
- RETRO JCU
- Softball Champs
- 2 More Babies
- Quarterly Awards
- JCU Volunteers

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Troop Service Member of the Quarter, this is his first trip with us but he is

By the time this is printed, we will be a few weeks away from heading back home. I wish I could say this has been an uneventful trip, but it's been far from it. Everyone has burned the midnight oil more than a few nights, and earned a few gray hairs. Steve and his guys have been busy with one project after another, even to the point of having Dirk giving welding classes to help finish a platform build. Thanks for going the extra mile Dirk. Earlier, this month Connor O'Mahoney was selected as the A
learning quickly and proving to be a solid communicator. Congratulations Connor, take Saturday off. We've also started looking ahead at our upcoming training cycle. Once everyone has a chance to catch their breath, we will be ready to jump into getting all the training we can before the holidays sneak up on us. And finally, to the A Troop Spouses, thank you for the support and patience while we are out taking care of business. The care packages always brighten up


This July has been one of the hottest months that $\mid$ recall experiencing here in North Carolina. What a perfect time to do some PT and Training!! Giving the Army and Air Force guys a taste of the Department of the Navy Physical test, this month we did the Marine Corps CFT and the Navy PFT. Without a doubt everyone came away from the CFT impressed. I would like to think that everyone was shocked with the Navy PFT as well. While not difficult to pass, it is extremely difficult to get a perfect score. This coming month we will see
what the Army and Air Force have to offer.

The Troop also got some extensive training knocked out as well. Half the troop was training here at Ft. Bragg while the other half of the troop was in Virginia training. Then we flip flopped them to continue with the training. It was great to see the team work and camaraderie that was on display amongst the troop.

Welcome and congratulations to all the new SOROC graduates. You are the present day and future of


Looking at our calendar, there doesn't appear to be alot going on this month, but to be here in the team room, you would never have guessed it. This month we had several different iterations of training. This month we ran a Troop range, had a few members in the Advanced SHF course and conducted LNO training as a Troop. I think everyone took away a little something from everything that we accomplished this month.

While most of us we here knocking these things out, Ryan Akins finished up a very successful trip to South Africa. While there, his sequence number came up for promotion so he
left as a Staff Sergeant and returned as a Sergeant First Class. Congrats Ryan, you're getting paid now and we'll get that rank sewn on as soon as possible.

In between shooting and communicating we also had a pretty good showing for the Service Member of the Quarter board this Quarter. Congrats to Rachael (Air Force), Brian (Navy) and Ryan (Marine and overall Service Member of the Quarter) for their performances on the board.

Speaking of performances, l'd like to congratulate and thank Anthony, Ryan, Roy and Micah for their
everyone's day, especially the coffee. Thank You
~ Frank

Before I forget; I would like to dispel any rumors that I made Carlos cry during the conference call, he wasn't crying..... he had a bloody nose.


Above: Jody Elkins holds up his major award; the He-Man Sword, awarded for longest Caber Turn distance (26') at the Highland Games on 1 JUL 10

JCU. We expect great things from you and have all the confidence in you. Congratulations also for Roland "Augie" Marks on getting selected for Senior Chief. Ray Halmos once again upheld the tradition of B-Troop in getting selected as the "SOLDIER of the Quarter".

Now everyone needs to take some well deserved time off and enjoy the month of August.
~ Jay
performance during this summer's Highland Games competition. Thanks to them, C-Troop was able to win their third consecutive Highland Games and establish a dynasty. After the recount, it was determined that B-Troop only lost by one point in what I am sure is the closet competition ever. Now it's time to start preparing for the next competition... The Jingle Stick!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the summer picnic in a few weeks.

## PRO VIRO DEXTROQUE LAEVO ~ Millsy



Kyle and Michelle Roscoe on the birth of Joshua Stanley Roscoe. I'm sure Kaitlin

HOT! This past month was incredibly hot and busy. The Troop kicked off several training events that involved long hours and took us to austere places such as Norfolk Va. and Charleston S.C. (yup, that's sarcasm). Believe me, our journeys aren't the most pleasant, even though they sound like they should be vacation destinations. The crew worked on our newly assigned packages by conducting crew drills, rehearsals, and the always fun "troubleshooting." Some of the crew got to go on a three day cruise! Again, sounds good, but not so much fun -- hard work, long hours, and man overboard drills. The team keeps it up though; we are currently in our second month of training and will proceed to more genuine military training. I would like to congratulate
is great at helping mommy with her new baby brother. Sadly, we are saying farewell to Jesus Castro, we are going to miss you! You have done great things for this troop, JCU, and the United States Navy. Farewell and following seas. By the way, don't forget to do some JCU recruiting, wink, wink. In closing, I hope all the families are doing well and know that we understand the importance of the contributions that you, the spouses, fathers, and mothers do on a daily basis. And I hope the wives enjoy the new coffee mugs! As always, if you have any questions, I'm always available.
~ Jack

Right: SSG Marcus Jett is awarded a certificate for the A-Bag Toss at the Highland Games ceremony on 1 JUL 10


Above: GySgt Chris Cunningham is awarded a certificate for the Kettle Bell Toss at the Highland Games ceremony on 1 JUL 10 from LCDR

 long enough to kiss his wife and kid, and then get ready to head out on

This has been another busy month for E-troop. I am sure that all of our wonderful spouses are ready for us to slow down. Hopefully one day we will get caught up so we can do just that. We would first off like to put a warm welcome out to the Moorhead family. Welcome aboard and we look forward to Scuba Steve swimming around in the pool. Also we want to welcome Sean Collins home from his rotation. We brought him home just
another trip. We sent Gama Rodriguez up to replace Sean; they welcomed Gama in with open arms (not real sure why yet). While those two guys were getting to do fun stuff, Mr. Bachand setup the guys left in the shop to chase a creature around the network. What fun that was. Thanks McLovin.

Sergio and Patricia were nice enough to invite everyone into their house for a great party. My wife
and I are sorry that we could not make it, we were out of town. I heard we were the ones that missed out on a great time and some unbelievable Carne Asada. Book'em Danno is out in Vegas right now living the dream. He had to go out there to get a break from the Troops new PT program. Last but not least I want to make sure that everyone knows about the JCU Summer Picnic at Fantasy Lake. Everyone that is available needs to try their best to get out there. It is truly a great time.
~ Bryan


July has been an incredible month (not just talking about the temperature). Veronica and Justin Zendrosky are proud parents of beautiful baby girl. Congratulations from the entire G-Troop family. Our traveling circus of support is constant as we sent Rich to Norfolk to get a tan and help D-Troop during one of their recent exercises. Tim Tapio went down to Georgia (he's not the devil Bill) and worked acceptance testing for some of our satellite terminals.

Finally, Christian Thorsnes also supported some training and acceptance testing in Charleston. Thanks guys for all the hard work. Our AIS guys have been busy as usual this month. Casey Mues and Fabian spent a lot of time with the line troops working SAN rebuilds and Comm Vault training. MSG Travis "the Duke" Jenkins has pushed out forward to help Randy stand the wall. Keep your head down fellas. On a more
somber note the troop said goodbye to Jim Guillemette who departed the unit on $22^{\text {nd }}$ of July. Jim we thank you for your service again and good luck. As a reminder to all the families don't forget about the upcoming JCU Summer Picnic. And as a final note I hope that any time anyone in the Troop has issues or problems while their unit member is away from home you will call me or Kelly to help.
~Bryan

so far, the usual TDYs and projects have kept the $M$ Troop wheels

How much hotter can it get?? Starting out a newsletter without making mention of the weather is difficult with the types of temperatures we have encountered in the month of July. I hope it cools down soon! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the summer picnic. It is always a blast! I hope the weather is in favor of us that day.

It has been a busy summer for us
turning fast. One of the great things about working here is that you cannot help but to learn something new every day. In doing so, we continue to get better and to me that is always a step in the right direction.

I know I always thank the members of the Troop and their families and this month I really have a lot to be thankful for. I recently
found that I am to be promoted and to me that has been a long awaited accomplishment. I want to let you know how appreciative that I am of you because the things that got me promoted were done by members of this Troop with the support of their families.

I truly feel that our promotions are a reflection of hard work from the folks that work with and for us and in my case the people that make up $M$ Troop.
~Stacey

has turned into a little devil. While in the field Stan spurted out Task

I would like to welcome the new SOROC class 02-10 and their families. I am sure you will grow to love the trials and tribulations of SOROC. Speaking of the trials and tribulations, the new class has started their perspective training. The range proved to be tough for class 02-10 with no one scoring a perfect score on the qualification range. Even during a competition, when three guys shot on one qualification target, the class remained beaten by the elusive perfect score of 40, good job class 02-10.

SFC Stan Sweeney spent the entire week out in the field with the new SOROC class and boy I am sure they were wishing he was not there. After the completion of Pre-Ranger, Stan

Condition and Standards like no one's business. He made our jobs easier out there. In addition, I want to thank SFC Jay Baker for his help in the field as well. I now would like to wish Stan Sweeney a good luck while he attempts to master the MC6 parachute system. I am sure the little guy will do fine, good job Stan in advance on your graduation and thanks for your hard work. Speaking of parachutes, ensure you are staying on top of your jumps. Pay will be taken if you try to avoid the PLF.

On a lighter note, we would like to wish Scott Capan a farewell. You have proven to be force multiplier for the unit. Scott will be leaving the


Above: 1SG John Mills doing what he does best, thanks John for feeding everyone after the Highland Games

For those who read last month's entry, the EC reunion is over actually, it was over before it began! We have come to the realization that it is not operationally possible for us all to be in the same location at the same time. It was wishful thinking, at best! So, as you can tell, the past month has been another busy one for us.

Rob is back in the mix - new boss, new aide and new travels. It was good to have him here as my wing man, if only for a couple months. Between breaking and fixing new equipment, we got a lot accomplished. I don't know who I leaned on most, him or

Jimmy - who returned to the world's largest "honey do list" (as he referred to it). That's not the way I like to welcome people home, but he got it done and only complained every other day. Thanks for taking care of everything, in my absence, brothers.

Tigo, has returned... for 3 weeks and it's out the door, again. I don't understand when his body has the opportunity to adjust to the different time zones. It must be horrible to have constant jet lag. It's probably for the best, however; he needs the time away to heal. He recently
fought the epic battle of mav vs. parachute... and parachute won! He'll know, the next time, not to break at 1000 ft . AGL !!!

Mark is still at school, learning good stuff. I don't think he knew that it would require so much writing, so he left his crayons at home (apparently, he didn't read the packing list). I'm sure they won't hold it against him. Hurry back, bro - your team is awaiting your return.

Until next time, cheers!
~Marcus


## JCU Volunteers recognized

In last months edition we placed photos of the JSOC Volunteer Recognition ceremony. Other volunteers that were recognized from JCU were the following.


Lisa Avila
Ashlynne Duncan
Kelly Blum
Carla Daffara
Matt Heist
Lisa Johnson
Amy Kudel
Alicia Perez
Malissa Borden
Laura Campos
John \& Pam Beard
Bruce \& Jessica Becherini
Lisa, Amanda \& Susan Dover
Gillian, Cassidy \& Harper Long

## ANNIVERSARIES

Nate \& Jenny Hogue
Bruce \& Jessica Becherini
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Mike \& Michelle Foy Jeremy \& Hewon Pinkelman Jason \& Melonie Benavides Ken \& Sharon Willett Amador \& Lisa Avila Robert \& Jennifer Giovannetti Stacey \& Shelly Lewis Mike \& Stephanie Kontio Noe \& Janina Abad Juan \& Rochelle Vela Alfred \& Heather Eline Matthew \& Priscila Corby Eric \& Charlene Russell Chris \& Kim Leach Lauront \& Silvia Pepin Tim \& Ashlynne Duncan John \& Roberta Harding William \& Kimberly Cotten

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## JCU Annual Summer Picnic



Date: August 6, 2010 Time: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Fantasy Lake Water Park


Reminder; please have your 2010-2011 JCU Activities Club dues paid up prior to RSVP. Drive starts on July 1, 2010!


The JCU Activities Club is hosting the annual summer picnic. This event is sure to be another great occasion for the whole farnily. Please join us for a day of fun, sun, food \&c water activities. We will have a section reserved for us close to the parking lot and children's area. We will have the food out and ready to eat at 11:30 AM and it will be available throughout the afternoon. When you RSVP, you will be issued tickets that need to be brought to the entry gate at the water park.

Please RSVP to:
1SG Todd Spencer: 243-0469 or: spencert@jdi.socom.mil by Friday, July 30, 2010.



Above: SMSgt Todd Petzel presents the 2010 Pope AFB Championship trophy to SGM Steve Long after their victory on 30 JUL 10


Above: Unit members in the cheering section during the softball championship game


## WELCOME OUR NEEW JCU MESBERS

SFC Larkin Dennison \& wife Carrie, children; Cody, Brianna \& Abigal (SOROC Class 02-10)

## GOODBXE TO FRIENDS \&'FAMILX

ITC Jesus Castro \& wife Crystal, JUN 2005 - July 2011 (D-Troop) 1SG Robert "Dutch" Broussard \& wife Rhonda, children; Kristen \& Trent June 2001— November 2010 (G-Troop)


Above: The Eldred family at 1SG Jeff Eldred's retirement ceremony on 16 JUL 10


Left: JCU Alumn COL Chris Haigh retires LT John Gary at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum on 23 JUL 10

Right: LTC Anderson presents the Defense Meritorious Service Medal to ITC Jesus Castro at a departure awards ceremony on 29 JUL 10


Above: JCU Alumni LT John Gary (center) with his Side-Boys at his retirement ceremony on 23 JUL 10

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



The picture from last month is none other than CAPT Robert Giovannetti from OPS. This picture was taken around 1981 in Delevan, Wisconsin. In a recent interview he said "I was a real playboy when I was younger. By the time I was 3 , I was living the rockstar life; fast tricycles, sugar highs, and beautiful babies. Luckily I settled down and got my act together in time to join the Air Force." Kind of scary, but he said he loved that robe and had to quit wearing it when he got to the Air Force Academy. Thank you Sir for sharing a little piece of your life with us.


## Meet the SOROC'ers of Class 02-10



Name: Justin Day
Rank / Service: IT2 / USN
Enlisted: 21 Feb 2007
Birthday: 5 Mar 1985
Spouse name: Katelynd
Hobbies: Running, Mountain Biking
Previous Assignment: Chinhae, South Korea
Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC, CCNA cert

Name: Michael J. Johnson
Rank / Service: TSgt / USAF
Enlisted: 25 Sep 1995
Birthday: 15 Jul 1977
Spouse name: Kimberly
Children: Ashley
Hobbies: Swimming, Biking, Running
Previous Assignment: Chattanooga, TN
Goals/Expectations: I plan to become one of the best communicators in
 the unit. I expect nothing less than the best training.


Name: Mike S. McGrath
Rank / Service: Sgt / USMC
Enlisted: 12 Nov 2004
Birthday: 26 May 1984
Spouse name: Laura
Hobbies: Working out, sports
Previous Assignment: I\& Cincinnati
Goals/Expectations: Complete SOROC, Finish College

Name: Larkin T. Dennison
Rank / Service: SFC / USA
Enlisted: 15 Aug 1997
Birthday: 19 Aug 1979
Spouse name: Carrie
Children: Cody, Briana \& Abigail
Hobbies: Fishing, Computers
Previous Assignment: Fort Riley, KS; Germany; Ft Myer, Va.
Goals/Expectations: Retire, Finish my Bachelors


Right: Some members of the Communications Support Team stand with 1SG Jeff Eldred during his retirement
on 16 JUL 10


## August Promotions, Awards \& Special Occasions



Left: Mr. Sam Stanley keeps a watchful eye out for cheaters as a Highland Games grader for the July games

Right: ITC Jesus Castro takes the Oath of Reenlistment from CAPT Giovannetti on 23 JUL 10


Mark your calendars for these important dates

6 August 10 August 1 September 10 November 20 November 16-17 December

Annual JCU Summer Picnic
Retirement of 1SG Robert "Dutch" Broussard JCU Date Night
14th Annual JSO 10K Run-5K Walk 48th Annual JFK-50 Mile Ultra-Marathon JCU 30th Anniversary \& Reunion

1000-1800: Fantasy Lake
1400: PPF
1830: Taste of Europe (See page 5)
0700-0930: McKellar's Lodge
All day: Hagerstown, MD
Go to www.jcuonline.org for details


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E-Troop SGM
G-Troop SGM
M-Troop Chief
S\&T NCOIC
JCU FRC Social Worker Chaplain Office JSOC FRG
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1SG Spencer (Todd)
MAJ Pishock (Joe)
SGM Adcox (Mike)
MSG Perez (Frank)
ITCS PyIman (Jay)
1SG Mills (John)
SGM Nichols (Jack)
MSG Fooshee (Bryan)
1SG Hargrove (Bryan)
ETC Lewis (Stacey)
1SG Leach (Chris)
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Mrs. Windia Mitchell 243-2515
Mrs. Marie VanHeusen 396-7500

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| CSM | SGM Long (Steve) | 243-0201 | 568-6408 |
| DCO | LCDR Hill (Nick) | 243-8850 | 678-0209 |
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## The JCU Print

Commemorating 25 years of JCU professionals

## 2005

## 1980

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). Prints can also be purchased online at www.jcuonline.org in the JCU store.

