

# Delivering the Message

## Message from the Commander

Well the last time I wrote for the newsletter, I started it with "I can't believe it is Summer already". I guess now I'm supposed to say that Summer is almost over, but it was 103 degrees today, so if Summer IS almost over I think Maintenance Troop may have to do some work on their "weather adjuster" Mr. Linder is building down in the shop. The Summer really has flown by and while I hope everyone that was able to be home this Summer has had an opportunity to spend time with the Family and friends—we as a unit have remained extremely busy.

I'd like to personally congratulate the members of SOROC 1-11 for graduation from the most demanding communications course in DoD and also thank the Family members of the class for their support of their spouses during the course—reminder, it won't get any easier but it is going to be the assignment of a lifetime for all of you. We also welcomed SOROC 2-11 in July and as of this writing, S&T is hard at work running the class through the tactical portion of the course.

D Troop (and all the other elements of the unit alongside D Troop) have been extremely busy over the last 3 months and we look forward to their return soon. They

continue to show everyone around them why we are called "DoD's Finest" through some extremely challenging events. B Troop, SMT, and the NOSC have really embraced their new/expanded roles in the organization and have exceeded anything I could have anticipated—but I should know by now never to be surprised by the talent, ingenuity, and determination of a JCU Communicator. A Troop has been under the constant thumb of "Angry Frank" and I'm pretty sure everyone in A Troop is just ready to get on with business, and M Troop continues to be the glue that holds this unit together—the true unsung heroes of this organization. Follow up on the CSM's notes last month, I want to talk a little bit about safety, specifically motorcycle safety. We obviously have a lot of "riders" in JCU, and I would like to ask everyone in the unit who rides to take the extra step in maintaining your bike, to ride within your skill level, ensure you have the proper (and regulatory) safety equipment, and in general, just take every precaution to be safe. Our "community" has a disproportionate amount of motorcycle accidents relative to the rest of DoD and I don't want anyone in this unit to become a statistic.

Thanks to all the Leaders and their Families that came out to the Swamp Dogs game, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the JCU Family picnic. It will probably be the last "summertime" event for most before all of the kids go back to school. It is also time to start thinking about plans for the JCU Holiday party. Any good ideas need to be forwarded to 1SG Prasse. Congratulations to all of our recently promoted/selected NCO's and Honor Grads from various professional schools (too many to write here). To directly quote my boss: "Awesome performance by the JCU Team—no wonder it is the best signal unit in the world. Congratulations to all".

Finally, I want to personally congratulate someone I consider the DEFINITION of a professional NCO, and someone I consider a personal friend, on his retirement. SGM Adcox; thanks for everything you and your Family have sacrificed over the past 12+ years to make this organization what it is today. You will be missed.

It is an honor to serve with all of you.

DoD's Finest!

~Sam Anderson

## Delivering the August 1, 2011



### Special points of interest:

- Promotions
- RETRO JCU
- 1 More Baby
- Quarterly Awards
- JCU Volunteers

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Seems like I just finished writing the newsletter input for last month. Well, let's see, we are definitely in the final stages of ramping up. Everyone has been pulling some long nights fixing the training lab so that it is ready for the unit to test us before everyone gets some well deserved time off. JJ, Ceven and Joe, thanks, you guys rock! We also took the opportunity to get everyone together and played a game of Frisbee football in honor of Pat's retirement. As you can see from the pictures, Pat has taken on a whole

new outlook on life since his retirement. Good Luck Pat.

Congratulations is also in order for Marlon, Joe and Chris. All three finally earned their EXW pin, now maybe I can get some work out of them. Just kidding guys, congratulations, I know you guys put a lot of time into preparing for this.

And lastly, Rob Lopez is finally legal. Let me clarify on that one. Rob completed the 82nd Advanced Airborne School's T-11 Jumpmaster training, so he can now perform Jumpmaster duties. Well that's all for now hope to see everyone at the Camp Rockfish.

~Frank



A Troop is rolling deep.



Looking Pattastic!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Nobody else could wear this outfit better.



Hello again! Another month has quickly passed by. As always, it was a busy time in C-Troop. The team has recently returned from a "training exercise" down at Fort Fisher, Wilmington NC. On the Beach. The troop managed to complete some excellent training while finding the time to frolic in the sun and surf; we even found some time for a kayak ride. Thanks to Jimmy Wagner and Micah Modest; the team has been in excellent shape and able to handle such arduous training.

Some of our brothers in arms have returned safely from another adventure downrange; we welcome back Dan Lane and Oscar Campos. They both have done an excellent job and maintained the reputation of C-Troop and JCU. They are both now assisting the Unit again as spokesman for the Unit in the Recruiting section. Enjoy your travels across the globe.

Sadly, as is the way of life in the military, we say goodbye to our friends. Micah Modest is on his way to Ft Rucker for Warrant Officer Training, and eventually as a helo

pilot. It is with mixed emotions we all say goodbye as he is responsible for the majority of the aches and pains that have been plaguing the troop over the last few months. We also lost Jory Mathis and Al Seglund to the SMT; gone, but in close proximity. Thanks fellas for all you've done for us.

Lastly, my family and I sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, well wishes and the beautiful flowers for our family during my Father's funeral.

~Christian



How ya'll been. Well looks like D Troop is coming out of the turn and into the home stretch, won't be long and we will be headed home. No time to relax just yet, lots of work still to be done but rest assured we will finish strong. Again it simply is amazing the talent we have and the things our folks can do. Last go around I asked for some feedback on my unique antics in the newsletter. I received none and take your silence to mean you are completely in awe of my obvious literary genius. What's that you say, I didn't give you any contact information or avenue to address your concerns? Now you're just quibbling.

Last edition we were handing out congrats to the Avila family on the birth of their daughter and looks like they will get another this edition. Congratulations to JR, Lisa, and the whole Avila family on JR's selection to Chief Petty Officer, good timing JR your gonna need that extra money with the new baby. Not only did JR get selected, but so did ET1 Mike Larson. Now Mike isn't technically D

Troop but we have kind of adopted him and accepted him as one of our own. I for one am so looking forward to hearing Popeye the Sailor Man and Barnacle Bill the Sailor sung in perfect harmony from two of DoD's finest. Also seeing a bit more in his paycheck this month (despite Washington's latest larking about) is Marcus Jett who was promoted to SFC. I think Marcus mentioned he wanted to wait and conduct the official ceremony when we get back, something about buying us all beer. Obviously he is thinking like a SNCO already. Well deserved.

A Special Shout Out is in order; we are talking history making stuff here folks. For those of you who don't know, Big Jon's "much cooler" wife Dannielle is a Golden Knight. She and a few other high speed Golden Knights won the Gold Medal in Women's Formation Skydiving and the Silver in Team Accuracy during the 5th Counsel International du Sport Milltaire (CISM) Military World Games, the first medal ever for the women's team. Overall the Knights won four medals. Probably see her on

Letterman of Leno this fall, maybe even catch a glimpse of Big Jon eating the freebies watching from the Green Room. I know whose name I'm going to be dropping on the red carpet, CISM Gold Medal Winner Dannielle Woosley. AWESOME!

This installments Outstanding Words and Phrases that Grabbed our Attention (still no ideas on a better title... seriously a little help here) section, will start with "Capital T site", for when your t-site just ain't big enough you can go with the Capital T site. And just a few more for your reading pleasure, "Multi-cams = Street Cred.", "Debt Ceiling", "OPCON", "OPCON my A\$\$", "if only we had a video game named after us", and finally "inbred sister lover".

Well that's all for now. I would appreciate your feedback and I have set up a website and e-mail address for your convenience. You can send your correspondence to [www.asiflwouldreallydothat.com](http://www.asiflwouldreallydothat.com) or e-mail [del@seriously?.net](mailto:del@seriously?.net)

~ Del



Hello. It's getting harder and harder to think of creative ways to tell everyone how busy we've been in M-Troop without repeating myself. Since my return from leave, I've noticed that the Electronics Maintenance section has been running very smoothly and it seems to be uncharacteristically quiet on the shop floor. Did I mention that Shane has been on leave? In his absence, Clyde has stepped in to run the shop and has been doing an amazing job of keeping up with a multitude of projects, critical requirements, and admin stuff which

required tracking. I've received numerous reports from Jack and Greg in SMT about the excellent support that Petty officer Topher has given to SMT on their last few site visits. I just hope he didn't promise them too much on future visits.... Great Job Toph! Smitty and the VideoWalls have remained busy with what seems to be an endless request for Video Wall systems. The popularity of these systems has far outgrown what I imagined it would when we starting producing them 8 months ago. The FY12 CPO list has come out and I'm happy to say that one of our own, ET1 Mike

Larson, has been selected for advancement to E-7. The next 6 weeks of CPO induction will determine whether or not he has what it takes to be a Chief. Congratulations Mike, Amador, Angela, Pasquale and Daniel and to the rest of the Navy's newest Selectees. I'd like to finish off this month with a special mention to the M-Troop civilians, Dick, Carleen, Mike, Todd, Mike, Roger, Jesse, Andy, Jeanice, Penny and Joe, who make-up the backbone of the Troop and provide institutional knowledge and continuity to their shops and the entire troop. Take care.

~Mike



Once again another month has blown by; it is hard to believe the kids are headed back to school already. A lot of members were able to enjoy some well deserved leave and soak up some sun; there was plenty of it that's for sure. With temperatures soaring above 100° the NOSC conducted a range and placing a weapon in the hands of a bunch of nerds was not as scary as I imagined it would be. We have to be the most lethal group of nerds on the planet. We all enjoyed being out of the office in and watching a female marine out

shoot Rambo Ramsler. Although he lacks in marksmanship, Randy Amsler completed his

Associates degree in Electronic Systems Technologies, congratulations Randy maybe you can build a scope to help you zero!!! James "Sponge Bob" Lewis recently completed the T11 Jump Master course. Good job!!!

We can never forget the job our deployed members are doing out forward. Thanks for all you do and we will see you soon!! In all that we accomplish it is our love ones at home that often perform the thankless task of supporting us. On this day be reminded that your

sacrifices have not gone unnoticed and we want you to know that it is appreciated.

One more thing the lockout is over so get ready for some football!!

~TJ



Rambo Randy Amsler watches over the range with pity upon his peers who don't have the same killer instinct or abilities that he possesses.



Is it hot or what? Bring it on! As always another month that brought on training, deployments, and new personnel. We would like to welcome the families of Eddie Robles, Chuck Brandt, William Cotten, Jory Mathis, Alton Seglund and Lenin Castillo. They bring invaluable amounts knowledge and experience to the SMT team. Speaking of knowledge and experience we have several teammates getting immeasurable

amounts of training in Ranger School, Jumpmaster school, medical, vendor, military professional development and most of all through deployments. The sections within SMT are unique in themselves, but the team continuously seek means to ensure that we remain "DOD's finest"! Divided by sections, but collectively we represent one large family of outstanding communicators. It is difficult to address the successes of

the Troop from month to month but believe me, they are numerous. From the amount of awards, promotions, and graduations you should be proud of the accomplishments of your loved ones. To the families, and to all our deployed brethren keep up the good work and thanks for the countless sacrifices you've made for the unit and our nation! SMT and JCU will continue to man the watch.

~Jack

## SOCA SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY ANNOUNCEMENT

2011 SOCA SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY ANNOUNCEMENT It is with great pleasure that I can announce the 4th Annual SOCA Scholarship Essay Winners. Mrs. Sara Morgan, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen and Mr. Jordan Diaz.

This contest was established to achieve SOCA's goal to show their appreciation to those who contribute and sacrifice so much in support of our Countries National Objectives. SOCA thanks the members of JCU and your families for all that you do.

Each of the winners will receive a \$500 deposit in their name to the college they are attending.

For the panel of judges, it was very difficult to choose the winners based on format, grammar, length etc...

We do thank you for your time in determining the winners this year. Now for the winners of this year's contest:

Mrs. Sarah Morgan, wife of ET1 Josh Morgan, submitted her essay using the "Most Influential Person in your Life " topic.

Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, wife of B-Troops ETCS Dave Allen, submitted her essay using the "President for a Day" Topic.

Mr. Jordan Diaz Son of B-Troops ETCS Dave Allen, submitted his essay using the "Should the United States be Concerned with the uprisings in the Middle East" topic.

The SOCA Board Members would like to thank all those who participated in the 4th Annual SOCA Scholarship Essay Contest and we're already looking forward to next year's contest

May God Bless "DoD's Finest Communicators" and keep them and their families safe!

John P. Sullivan, SGM (Retired)  
President, Special Operations Communicators Association



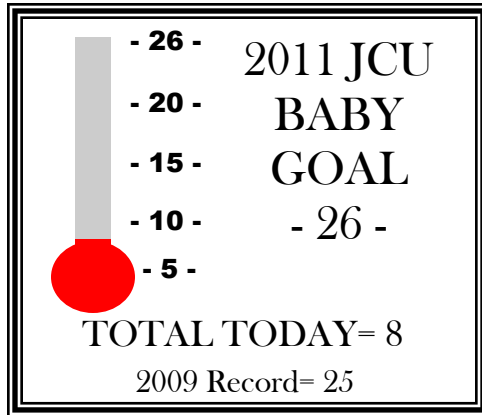
**F.Y.I.** **JCU FRG NEWS**



Left: Kyle and Andrea Kramer are the proud parents of Owen James Kramer. Owen was born on 1 July 2011 at Womack Army Medical Center. Owen was 7 lbs 7 oz. and 20 inches long when he was born.



LOOK WHO JUST DROPPED IN



**ANNIVERSARIES**

Scott & Michele MacDonald	1 AUG
Bruce & Jessica Becherini	6 AUG
Mike & Michelle Foy	7 AUG
Jeremy & Hewon Pinkelman	8 AUG
Jason & Melonie Benavides	8 AUG
Ryan & Samantha Reese	10 AUG
Ken & Sharon Willett	10 AUG
Amador & Lisa Avila	13 AUG
Darren and Sheri Thornton	13 AUG
Stacey & Shelly Lewis	14 AUG
Mike & Stephanie Kontio	17 AUG
Juan & Rochelle Vela	22 AUG
Alfred & Heather Eline	22 AUG
Matthew & Priscila Corby	22 AUG
Chris & Kim Leach	24 AUG
Lauront & Silvia Pepin	25 AUG
Tim & Ashlynn Duncan	25 AUG
John & Roberta Harding	25 AUG
William & Kimberly Cotten	28 AUG



Amador and Lisa Avila welcomed Leilani Violet Avila into the world on 22 Jun 11. Leilani weighed 8 lbs and 2 oz and was 21 inches long.



It's back to school time and that means time to say Goodbye to Summer and Hello to Fall with our September Social.

Please join us on  
 Wednesday, 7 September, 2011  
 6:30 p.m. at the Annex

Please bring a favorite snack to share!

Please RSVP by Monday, 5 September  
 To Susan Miller [snmiller05@gmail.com](mailto:snmiller05@gmail.com)



SOCA has provided many great things for SOF Communicators. Two of these programs is the SOCA Scholarship Fund and providing trophies to the winners of the Quarterly and Yearly Service Member boards. Here are a few of the winners of past boards and this year's scholarship winners.



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.

# WELCOME OUR NEW ICU MEMBERS

Mr. Todd Spencer, wife Marsha, daughters Stacie and Stephanie (HHT)

# GOODBYE TO FRIENDS & FAMILY

IT1 Roy Campbell and wife Alyce, Dec '06 — Aug '11 (C-Troop)

MAJ Ross Carkeet, daughters Diana and Madeline, Jun '08 — Aug 11 (HHT)

TSgt Scott Gozdziwski, wife Elisa, daughter Sabrina, and son Bruce, Jul '04 — Aug '11 (NOSC)



Above: Scott Eveler is presented the Combat Action Ribbon and Meritorious Service Medal.

Left: Chuck To is presented the Bronze Star Medal from LTC Anderson.

Right: Leonard Heller is presented with his ETS award, the DMSM, by LTC Anderson.



Left: Jamey Slife is presented his PCS award

Above: Micah Modest receives his PCS award prior to attending Warrant Office Candidate School.

Right: LTC Anderson presents Noe Abad with his PCS Award.



Left and Right: Roy Campbell and Scott Gozdziwski are presented the Defense Meritorious Service Medal by LTC Anderson. Both are PCS'ing to new units. Roy is heading to the Naval Post Graduate School, and Scott is starting a new job with another unit on Pope AFB.

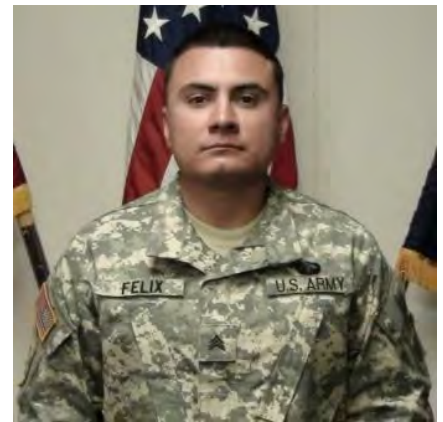


# Meet the SOROC'ers of Class 02-11



**Name:** Dean, David  
**Rank/Service:** Sgt/USMC  
**Enlisted:** 06 SEP 2005  
**Birthday:** 16 DEC 1986  
**Spouse Name:** Billie Dean  
**Children:** Lillian Dean, Makayla Dean, Lyndsey Terry.  
**Hobbies:** Fishing, Hunting, Automobiles.  
**Previous Assignment:** Communications Company, HQBN, 4th MARDIV, Inspector-Instructor Staff Cincinnati, Ohio  
**Goals/Expectations:** Graduate SOROC course, earn a college degree.

**Name:** Felix, Luis  
**Rank/Service:** Sgt/Army  
**Enlisted:** 19 June 2007  
**Birthday:** 05 June 1983  
**Spouse Name:** Maria Felix  
**Children:** Dazany A. Felix  
**Hobbies:** Working on cars, Video Games  
**Previous Assignment:** 82BSB, 3BCT, 82<sup>nd</sup> ABN DIV/5-73<sup>rd</sup> CAV  
**Goals/Expectations:** Graduate SOROC course, earn Senior Parachutist Badge, Finish Associates Degree



**Name:** Geter, Reggie  
**Rank/Service:** ET2/Navy  
**Enlisted:** 21 JUL 1998  
**Birthday:** 04 April 1980  
**Spouse Name:** N/A  
**Children:** Jayden-7, Jordan-5, Justin-4  
**Hobbies:** Basketball, Football, Cars  
**Previous Assignment:** USS Dwight D. Eisenhower(CVN-69), USS Theodore Roosevelt(CVN-71), Naval Station Mayport, Sharana, Afghanistan, ECRC Norfolk FWD Iraq.  
**Goals/Expectations:** Graduate SOROC course, Airborne School,


**Name:** Gonzalez, Luis A.  
**Rank/Service:** SGT/Army  
**Enlisted:** 13 April 2003  
**Birthday:** 02 October 1984  
**Spouse Name:** Vanessa Gonzalez  
**Children:** Jaysen  
**Hobbies:** spending time with family  
**Previous Assignment:** 28<sup>th</sup> EOD  
**Goals/Expectations:** Graduate SOROC






# August Promotions, Awards & Special Occasions


**Army Promotions**



**SFC Sean P. Mitcham to MSG (C-Trp)**  
**SSG Marcus A. Jett to SFC (D-Trp)**




**Navy Promotions**



**ITC Dave Allen to ITCS (B-Trp)**

**Marine Promotions**



**GySgt Mark Garcia to MSgt (SMT-Trp)**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Angelo Caraballo-Schweitzer	2 AUG
Steven Overton	3 AUG
Stanley Sweeney	3 AUG
William Tingen	8 AUG
Kenneth Johnson	8 AUG
James Brown	9 AUG
Ira Hamilton	10 AUG
William Speck	10 AUG
Ryan Reese	11 AUG
Stacey Lewis	12 AUG
Jesse Casari	13 AUG
Edwin Schlade	17 AUG
Chad Peters	18 AUG
Larkin Dennison	19 AUG
Tammy Sprague	22 AUG
Ulysses Otero	22 AUG
Lawrence Jones	22 AUG
Sergio Hernandez	23 AUG
Jessie Trejo	23 AUG
Donald Holly	25 AUG
Timothy Mallett	25 AUG
Oscar Campos	30 AUG
Joshua Smith	30 AUG
Christopher Scott	30 AUG
Christopher Cole	31 AUG



IT2 Hayse is pinned to IT1 by ETCS Blake Schimmel



GySgt Mark Garcia is pinned to MSgt by his wife, Camelia

GySgt Troy Zimmerman being presented the Defense Meritorious Service Medal by LTC Anderson during a



**Mark your calendars for these important dates**

11 November	14th Annual JSO 10K Run-5K Walk	0700-0930: McKellar's Lodge
19 November	48th Annual JFK-50 Mile Ultra-Marathon	All day: Hagerstown, MD
17 December	JCU Anniversary Party	Hotel Bordeaux



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## LEADERSHIP THAT CARES



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Commander	LTC Sam Anderson	243-0200	339-0108
CSM	CSM Steve Long	243-0201	568-6408
DCO	LCDR Nick Hill	243-8850	678-0209
Unit 1SG	1SG Jim Prasse	243-0469	426-9305
OPS Officer	MAJ Ken Rutka	243-0524	706-587-8884
Ops SGM	SGM Mike Adcox	243-2439	919-499-2541
A-Troop SGM	1SG Frank Perez	243-1321	494-2992
B-Troop SGM	ITCS Jay Pylman	243-4079	728-5551
C-Troop SGM	SMSgt Christian Martin	243-0115	919-498-1192
D-Troop SGM	SMSgt Del Walker	243-4147	
SMT Troop SGM	SGM Jack Nichols	243-1589	424-1805
NOSC SGM	1SG Chris Leach	243-0991	480-1118
NOSC Director	MAJ Tom Rascon		973-2489
M-Troop SGM	ETCM Mike Addaman	243-0439	487-0293
S&T NCOIC	MSG Steve Trevino	243-0577	988-4721
XO	Maj Mike Medgyessy	243-2301	919-352-9599
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Social Worker	Mrs. Wanda Crawford	396-7489	
Chaplain Office	Mrs. Windia Mitchell	243-2515	
JSOC FRG	Mrs. Marie VanHeusen	396-7500	

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