



# DELIVERING THE MESSAGE

## Joint Communications Unit

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### Message from the Command Sergeant Major

As I am writing the, Command is conducting its largest exercise of the year and all of the Troops are doing extremely well at their respective task. The members of SOROC class 2-11 are putting all of the recently gained communication skills to use in a variety of different scenarios. Along with the SOROCers, the members of B-Troop, C-Troop, D-Troop, SMT, NOSC and M-Troop are honing their skills in preparation for what I'm sure will be another busy year for the unit. It has been a very productive exercise so far and I'm sure that the lessons learned here will help

the Troops provide the kind of communications support that has earned JCU the title of "DoD's Finest Communicators".

As all of you know, an assignment to JCU includes the entire family. The unit expects an awful lot from our members during the year and compound that over the length of a multiyear tour, the demands on time and the impact of family events missed due to training, schools and deployments. From time to time we all get a chance to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. In a few weeks the unit's FRG will sponsor its annual "Children's Christmas

Party and the "Holiday Party" for the adults. I hope to see every one of you at both of these events. The FRG is the Commander's program but it belongs to each and every one of the member of the JCU family. Please ask your Troop's FRG coordinator if you have any questions or need assistance. If for some reason you are unable to attend the upcoming FRG events, please have a safe holiday season.

Happy Holidays.

~Steve



### Special points of interest:

- 15th Annual JSO 10K
- Babies
- Promotions
- JCU Leadership Offsite
- M-Troop Thanksgiving Potluck luncheon



**Congratulations to SOCA for putting on another great run, and setting another record with 970 registered runners this year, making it the second largest run on Fort Bragg.**

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As of 2 December Senior Chief Dave Allen will take on the reins as the A Troop SGM . He has been around this unit for quite awhile and will be a tremendous addition to the troop.

Some would even say this is an upgrade. I must say thanks to each and every member of the Troop. Your dedication, drive and commitment are truly inspiring. Each and every day I was amazed by what you were able to accomplish no

matter what was thrown at you. Continue to enforce the standards. It has been an honor to have been a part of this Troop and work with a group of true professionals.

NEVER FAIL!  
~Frank



Happy Holidays from B-Troop. We started off the month with tons of fun. 'Double D' (Dave Kelly and Dave Allen) fought off hypothermia during the Leader's Offsite while the rest of B-Troop decide to perform a night time combat equipment jump after a monsoon. Steve Comeau was awarded his Naval Gold Wings for that jump. We also became the face of JCU during SOFEX 2011. The Panther was a big hit during the show especially for RedStorm Electronics, the makers of the Rainbow Six game series. The Troop had a great showing for the

JSO 10K. There was a lot of support for the younger generation with Team Kelly (Elizabeth), Team Mallett (Samantha), and Team To (Megan) leading the way for the under 15 category.

Dave Allen will be leaving B-Troop to become the Troop SEL for A -Troop. That's right, Frank the Tank's reign is over and there is no person more qualified to take over than Dave. You will be missed! We would like officially welcome Jesse 'Manhands' McMahan from D-Troop. Del didn't have a chance...Dave K fights dirty when it comes to people he wants. We also received Jesse Harmon, another Marine SSgt, which

made us give both of them new nicknames...AJ and LJ. Finally, Jody decided to come back to work after 30 days off. It's just good timing he scheduled his surgery around the same time Modern Warfare 3 got released. Don't worry; Jody did stay tactically proficient during his time off.

Last, I would like to thank the families of B-Troop. As always, we could not do all the great things we do without your support. I hope everyone enjoyed the extra time off during the Thanksgiving Holiday and will enjoy the upcoming holiday time.

~Chuck



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving Day with your families. This time of year is when we focus on our families both home and abroad, to remember them and give thanks for all of the blessings that we as Americans enjoy. For the C-Troop families, enjoy your time and don't forget those of the JCU team that are gone. As we are beginning the holiday schedule we are also preparing for another adventure. Soon the JCU Unit Anniversary party will be here and the Children's party too. These are great traditions in the unit and are a great reminder of how close the JCU family is and why we here are unique to the military.

In the last month we've had many of our personnel in advanced Computer Automation School. They have completed 6 weeks of rigorous training that was more like drinking from a fire hose than anything else. All of the C-Troop personnel had a great time during the annual SOCA 10K run, both helping in the booths and during the run. We started as a team and helped run in all of teammates. Congratulations are also due to Becky Marks for her participation as well, it was a tough run, but she made it! Stay warm and I hope to see everyone at the Party!

~Christian





How about that, another fine Thanksgiving under our belts. Well for some of us over our belt; as in our belly dun lapped over our belts after over indulging in Turkey, stuffing, and all the fixings. Well the in between Holidays stint finds us busy as ever. Lots of moving parts on the job front as well as the social front. Hope everyone is tracking the upcoming Children's and Adult Holiday parties, these events are sure to live up to the time honored tradition of family fun and excitement so please don't forget to RSVP. Come on out, rumor has it that the command section has been practicing the latest hip hop

dance steps utilizing the Justin Beiber how to dance video series, with the latest sound track from LMFAU, with Rockin Jams hits like Party Rock Anthem. I know I can't wait to see those guys break out the shuffle. Talk about a Christmas wish come true..... Don't miss out.

Hope you liked the top ten lists from last issue; it got great reviews in all the top supermarket tabloids. The National Enquirer has openly pledged thousands of dollars for pictures of the Commander's Happy Face. Hey not a bad way to make some extra cash for those extravagant Holiday gifts, just an idea. Let the paparazzi frenzy begin! Also making the tabloids and going viral is the Men of Maintenance Pin Up calendar, which has

enjoyed sort of an underground cult following, think Trekkies here folks. That's right; our very own men of M troop are celebrities, especially in Eastern Europe, and particularly the Slavic countries, who knew! That makes Mike Master Chief "Maddaman" the new David Hasselhoff of Slovenia.....no slow motion running tribute shots please.... Yikes! I know Mike, we are all just jealous.... Don't worry; I'll be name dropping big time next year during the annual MoM (Men of Maintenance) convention (date and location TBD). Until then....

OK, well back to work.....looking forward to the Holiday half days and spending time with the fam. as I'm sure you are too.

~ Del



Is it me or has November flown by? I trust that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and didn't let the ignorant people on Black Friday spoil your holiday weekend. As some of us took time out to enjoy the awesome weather and celebrate Thanksgiving, we must not forget those who are away from their loved ones at these sacred times and take time out to thank our deployed brothers and sisters for their sacrifice. We are all recruiters in this command and most recently some members from the NOSC conducted a recruiting trip in Europe where we found three former unit members carrying the torch elsewhere. We truly are DOD's Finest which is evident in these guys' performance. There

is no better recruiting tool than the professionalism that the JCU Alumni displays. Max Fermin and Nasty Nate Hannah carry the torch well.

With all the movement of personnel and new hires it is hard to keep up with who is who within the NOSC therefore, we are having a hail and farewell at Carolina Ale house on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. We want to welcome everyone to the team and thank some former or soon to be former members to team

for their service. It will be a good time as we prepare for the annual JCU Anniversary Celebration. Last but not least, we would like to thank the families for being the hero's hero. Your sacrifices and patience has not gone unnoticed.

~TJ



Right: On a recent maintenance trip, some NOSC personnel were able to meet up with JCU Alumni, 1SG Max Fermin, and SFC Nate Hannah.



Hello everyone. Fall is almost over and Winter is here! The Holidays are in full swing. M-Troop's 4th annual Thanksgiving Pot Luck was a huge success, however "adult beverages" would have provided the "icing on the cake", but the proper documentation was not submitted to SECDEF prior to engagement. It was great to see all of the families together. Hopefully no one overdosed on Turkey!

First and foremost, I'd like to thank the guys who are forward for their efforts. Russ and Blake's deployments are well underway and they are making great things happen. Surprisingly (not), we have another video wall in the maintenance bay well into the

final stages of production. The guys in EMS are driving ahead with usual fervor making sure it's a quality product. I'd like to welcome a new member of the EMS team, JR Avila who came over from the line troops. He's already getting settled in and has become a valued member of the team.

In LRS, the warehouse move is done! They have triumphed over a mountain of hardware and come out victorious. Olympia was awarded the Army Achievement Medal today for her logistics efforts forward. Mike is taking care of business downrange supporting our logistics needs. Great job and you'll be home soon.

Over in the Motor Pool, Mikey Beach is still looking "sexy as ever" (according to him). I did have to look twice the other day, I thought

maybe George Clooney was working up there, but then I realized it was just Mikey Beach. Keep up the good work guys.

On a special note, looks like M-Troop made a clean sweep with the Air Force Information Dominance Awards! Please congratulate Jeff Huffman, Tim Renfro, and Mike Medgyessy for winning their respective categories. Last but certainly not least, Carleen Nichols was awarded Civilian of the Year! Well done!

Please mark your calendars for the M-Troop Holiday Dinner at the Mash House this year on 9 Dec. at 1800. That pretty much wraps it up. We're on the back side of 2011 and the Holidays are here. Take every opportunity available to spend that precious time with your families.

Thanks and take care.

~Mike



2012 is just over the next hill and I am stoked about what the new year will bring for the Special Missions Troop. You see, I'm the new guy in the troop and have seen these "cool guys" operate from a pretty good vantage point, and I tell you what...there's always something pretty neat going on. From one detachment, we've got two new SkyGods, newly graduated from Military Free Fall. We promoted one of our Devil Dogs to GySgt, and he wears it like a hammer! We said farewell to one of our high-speed Navy types as he went on to attend the Senior Enlisted Academy - Fair winds and following seas Shipmate! From

another detachment, we welcomed back Brandon "Scuba" Moorehead and Adam Groves from the DC area. Thanks to Scuba's training, Adam's first trip was a success, and we'll be upgrading his crayons shortly. Brian Zebrowski and Rudy Messex have replaced them. Good luck fellas. In another detachment, our guys continue SMT's reputation of being the best-of-the-best by completing Master Jumpmaster course. Marcus Jett, Jory Mathis, Al Seglund, and Josh Smith, congrats! And in another detachment, we said farewell to one of our rockstars, Marcus Lewis, as he goes onto a whole different level of omnipotence - by being part of the elite core that is Current Ops! We

welcomed back, at least for a little bit before he takes off again, Ameer Weston. Noel Santiago is doing computer training and will be back a Lvl 3. And holding up the fort in another detachment, Mark Garcia and Chuckie Brandt continue to do their awesomeness, because that's what they do! And that rounds out SMT for the year - so...bring it on! We're ready for the next one! Yep, I know Deanna is just as excited about the new year as I am! With that said, thanks again to our families and significant others...we are able to do so much, and be as awesome as we are, because of their strength and support.

~Doug



LTC Anderson, MAJ Rutka, CSM Long, MSG Steve Trevino, and Mr. Jeff Eldred give it there all during the 15th Annual JSO 10K held on 11 November 2011 on Fort Bragg.



Below: Ben Holmes keeps chugging along up Cooly Konch Mountain. Unfortunately, the trail was in good condition as we didn't have rain.





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**JCU FRG NEWS**

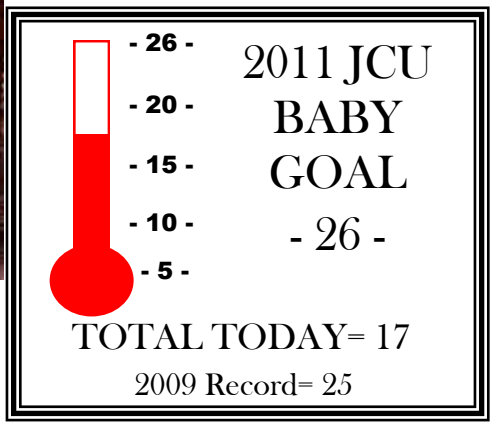


Above: Bryan and Brandi Foosee are the proud parents of Ella Foosee. Ella was born on 28 September 2011 at Womack.



LOOK WHO JUST DROPPED IN

Right: Josh Smith sent us this picture of Baby Josh sporting the latest in baby warrior attire. Obviously his father has high aspirations for him.



**ANNIVERSARIES**

Sean & Katherine Mitcham	1 DEC
Clifford & Cassie Marcy	1 DEC
Jeremy @ Millisa Bradford	3 DEC
Bryan & Kelly Hargrove	5 DEC
Steve & Jennifer Powell	7 DEC
Scott & Emily Hamilton	7 DEC
Frank & Beverly Perez	9 DEC
Jody & Nalezca Elkins	10 DEC
Bryan & Roberta Watkins	15 DEC
Mike & Kelly Larson	16 DEC
Dave & Elizabeth Allen	16 DEC
Ryan Akins & Olympia Valdez	17 DEC
Chris & Jessica Farr	17 DEC
Rob & Keri Londers	21 DEC
Shawn & Nancy Luna	21 DEC
Mike & Susan Clark	22 DEC
Alicia & Jason Perez	22 DEC
Kevin & Karina Hudson	26 DEC
Allen & Dede Keller	26 DEC
Ira & Jennifer Hamilton	28 DEC
Burke & Karen Brooks	29 DEC
Justin & Meredith Yoakum	29 DEC
Todd & Brandy Petzel	31 DEC

**WHERE** Hotel Bordeaux  
1707 Owen Drive Fayetteville, NC 28304

**Joint Communications Unit's 31st Anniversary Party**

**DRESS** Military Dress Uniform with Ribbons  
Civilian Coat and Tie

**TIME** 1800

**DATE** 17 December 2011

**RSVP** 1SG Prasse NLT 9 Dec 2011

**GIFT EXCHANGE** Optional White Elephant Gift Exchange  
Gift value of \$25.00



below: Team NOSC. Getting ready for a long night of walking through the swamps and breaking brush. Bonus points for taking the toughest route around Camp Lejuene.



Above: Nothing wrong with sharing your wooby with a Ranger Buddy.

Below: Note to self. Do not stand on the bow when there are 6 foot seas, or you will get wet.

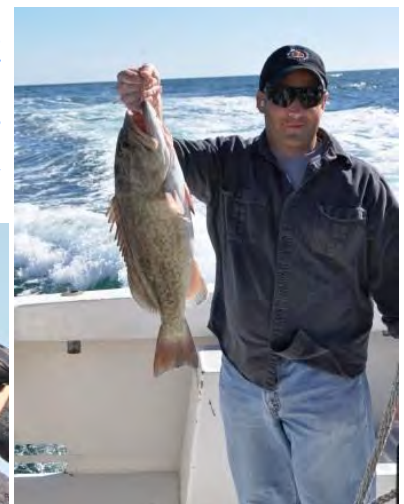
## JCU Leadership Offsite



Below: At first, we thought that Dennis had dropped something important overboard.....then we found out that it was his lunch. Everybody was thinking that the 1SG would be the first to chum the waters. MAJ Rutka obviously approves of this picture.



Below: Del Walker was unfortunately the winner of the smallest fish contest. This picture is bigger than the actual fish. We don't know how he hooked it.



Above: Mike Addaman was the lucky one on this day pulling in the biggest fish. An 8 pound Gag Grouper.



Above: Once again, M-Troop brought the entire Troop and their families in for their Annual Thanksgiving Feast. As you can tell, there was plenty to eat, and plenty of family members to eat it.



The many children that attended the event enjoyed the good eats and all of the activities that were planned for them.



Select the music for the 2011 Anniversary Party



[www.fivestar-entertainment.com](http://www.fivestar-entertainment.com)

Click on "Song Requests" button on top banner

Date of event: 17 December 2011

Password: jcu2010

Search all of the songs and select those that you would like to hear or dance to at the Party.



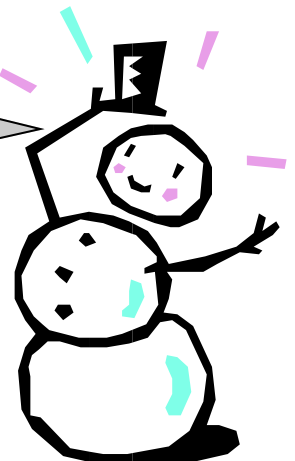


Poinsettias are poisonous to your cat if chewed on.  
Fact or fiction?

Right: Nothing shows somebody you are their friend like pulling their reserve Rip Cord handle like Big Jon is doing for his buddy Josh Smith. (No reserve parachutes were deployed during the taking of this picture)



Above: Josh Smith is getting ready to exit Jory Mathis and Jeremy Cosner during a recent Airborne Operation.



Might be a rough winter, get prepared now. Don't get caught without your shovels and salt



Left: The Air Force were well represented by Chief Kat Little and Chief Todd Petzel.

Below: The NOSC crew was represented well, and here Jeremy Jenkins, Chris Leach, and Bryce Hixson stayed close together for most of the run.



Left: Delmar Walker is mentally walking himself through the JMPI procedure. Right now, he is inspecting the do-hicky on the thing-a-ma-bobber.







# December Promotions, Awards & Special Occasions



### Marine Promotion

SSgt Howie Wright to GySgt (SMT-Troop)



### Army Promotion

CPT Scott MacDonald to MAJ (OPS)  
SSG Julian Walle to SFC (D-Troop)



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### BIRTHDAYS

Ramsey Brown	1 DEC
Amy Smith	1 DEC
Gregory Durr	5 DEC
Heidi Evans	10 DEC
Joseph Worley	10 DEC
Dennis Smith	11 DEC
John Mast	11 DEC
Gabriel Ramirez	12 DEC
Lenin Castillo	13 DEC
Luke Blum	14 DEC
Dave Dean	16 DEC
Jeremy Bloom	21 DEC
David Lonack	21 DEC
Rob Flaker	22 DEC
Scott Eveler	25 DEC
Terrell Kemp	26 DEC
Brandon Moorhead	27 DEC
Nathan Hogue	28 DEC
James Stokes	30 DEC



Above: The 15th Annual JSO 10K was such a huge draw for runners that it even brought out high ranking individuals like LTG Votel.

Below: Rob Flaker is giving the trail the mean mug look while fighting through to the finish.



Above: Jeramy Cosner is laughing because he was hoping it would rain just to make this course challenging for him. Next year SOCA will call out the fire trucks to wet the course if it doesn't rain to add a bit of difficulty and fun.



## Mark your calendars for these important dates

14 December	JCU Children's Christmas Party	1600-1900: Camp Rockfish, Parkton, NC
14 December	SOROC Class 02-11 Graduation	1300: JFK Auditorium, Fort Bragg, NC
17 December	JCU 31th Anniversary Party	1800-UTC: Hotel Bordeaux
20 December	Jingle Stick Competition	0900-1200: All JCU spaces
7 January	JCU Winter Highland Games	0700-0930: Pope Softball Field area



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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 Rob Flaker	243-2439	919-499-5570
A-Troop SGM	1SG Frank Perez	243-1321	494-2992
B-Troop SGM	ITCS Dave Kelly	243-4079	339-9547
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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Chaplain Office	Mrs. Windia Mitchell	243-2515	
JSOC FRG	Mrs. Marie VanHeusen	396-7500	

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