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# Delivering the Message

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## Message from the Commander

Well another busy year and holiday season has come to a close and JCU is back to business as usual, busy as ever. I want to reiterate some comments made last month by CSM Long and thank everyone involved in making the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events and holiday events so successful. It truly was a tremendous turnout and shows the great pride the service members and their Families have in JCU.

We graduated the latest SOROC class and promptly deployed most of them overseas with C-Troop. We know they are well prepared for anything that comes their way due to the tremendous training they received over the last six months from their SOROC instructors, and because of the outstanding leadership and experience in C-Troop. If they are half as good at their "day job" as they are at the Jingle Stick competition they will be OK. To the Families of C-Troop and the M-Troopers supporting them, don't

hesitate to call the unit if you need anything. We also welcomed home B Troop from another great deployment. I hope B Troop is able to spend some time reintegrating with their Families and enjoy a belated Christmas as I'm sure that once they get back Jay will have his folks working as hard as ever. We also started our next SOROC class. I'd like to personally welcome all SOROCers and their Families to the finest military organization you will ever serve in. The next six months will present challenges to both the Service members and their Families but you will establish bonds that will remain your entire time in JCU, and beyond.

Since I last wrote, we have executed a slight reorganization within the unit and have formally established the Special Mission Troop under the leadership of SGM Jack Nichols. SMSgt Del Walker has taken the reins of D-Troop and already has a lot to live up to now that D-Troop finally wrestled the coveted Highland Games streamer from C-Troop. D-Troop

will be well served by Del's experience and leadership. We also conducted a change of responsibility of the unit 1SG with 1SG Todd Spencer handing the reins of HHT over to 1SG Jim Prasse. I want to thank Todd for everything he has done over the years to build esprit de corps within the command. You will be sorely missed but you have left a legacy for Jim to carry forward. Finally, we just had 9 Army E7's in JCU selected for E8. With the Army selection rate somewhere around 15%, the fact that over 40% of eligible JCU members were selected is just another example of the caliber of NCOs in this command across all services. It is an honor to serve among you.

DODs Finest.

Sam Anderson



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## Special points of interest:

- *Promotions*
- *Awards*
- *RETRO*
- *JCU Old School*
- *New Baby*
- *Upcoming Events*



Last month I mentioned that we were looking forward to the pace slowing down a bit. Well, we are still waiting for that to happen. Vic and Dirk have spent the past two weeks in Georgia realizing that they should have joined the Army. I am sure that they will be submitting paperwork to transfer services once they get back. Meanwhile Connor spent three glamorous weeks in the Warrior Leaders Course wishing he could be anywhere

else. Scott and Joe took a vacation to sunny Ohio, and both Josh and Seth have been bouncing around making sure their customers have the best comms possible.

Congratulations to Nate for being selected for promotion to Master Sergeant and Scott Beadell who will finally pin on another rocker (it's about time). Both are well deserved promotions and long overdue. I would also like to welcome Angelo back to the troop. He took a few months off but he's back and ready to get to work; also Jeff will be joining the troop once he returns from the

Senior Leaders Academy. Don't worry Jeff, we will save plenty of work for you.

~Frank



Take me with you!!



Well everyone has made it home safe and sound from another successful deployment. It is amazing the amount of work that everyone has accomplished over the past four months. With us getting home, it is some time for some well deserved rest. Before we start our next training cycle though, we will say goodbye to some wonderful guys and welcome in a couple more new ones to the Troop. Rick LePage and Mike Lamb will be leaving us to go to the Executive Comms section. Lauront "Pep" Pepin will be moving on and attempting to do great things in the E-

Troop. While Christopher "Topher" Scott will be going to M-Troop, he won't be completely gone as he will continue to support B-Troop. Last but not least, Augie Marks will be going to Master Guns for a well deserved change of scenery. Augie has been in the command now 5 years and has just completed his 5th deployment and 4th as a site lead. We will sorely miss every one of you guys, but fortunately you will still be in the command. You will always have a place to hang your hat in B-Troop.

For some of the guys, coming home was just the beginning to a great month. Calvin "Debo" Delaware was selected for the Army's Warrant Officer Program. It won't be long until he is departing us to attend school. Upon completion of the

school, goodbye "Debo" and hello Mr. Delaware. This was not enough for Debo however. He had to go and get selected for MSG as well. He was not the only member in B-Troop to earn this wonderful accomplishment. Rick LePage, Jody Elkins and Bryant Locke were also selected for MSG. This is a truly great accomplishment for all the guys. It is great to see them get recognized for all of their hard work. It also means more delegation and less work on my part, which is something I strive for on a daily basis.

~Jay



John Mills accepts the "End of a Dynasty" award

during our time away, we had a new key caller step up to relieve her. Kim, Thanks for everything you have done and I wish you and Anthony the best.

The new key caller for the Troop is my wife, Mollee. I know she has contacted everyone in the troop already since we left. If you have not received an e-mail from her, please send her a quick note so you can be added to her roster. Her e-mail is [molmil1@nc.rr.com](mailto:molmil1@nc.rr.com).

This has definitely shorter and much more vague that most of my inputs, but unfortunately saying that we are busy and miss everyone is about all that I can put down in the news letter.

Talk to you guys next month.

~Millsy



Hello everyone (from an undisclosed location). I'd like to start off by thanking B-Troop for an outstanding turnover. We arrived to several very squared away locations and got through the turn over very quickly and efficiently. Thanks to all the B-Troop guys for your hard work ensuring the transition was as painless as possible.

As you all know January has been an extremely busy month, with tear down from the Jingle stick, the highland games and some work related stuff... (packing, flying for hours, inventories and turnover) we have all been on the move since day one.

Since we are away, there is very little information to put out in this forum to families and what not. Just know that everyone is doing well, or as well as expected. Depending on where they are, some are doing better than others. Everyone is extremely busy out here, but there are definitely benefits to being at

certain sites. For example, if Sean and Morgan properly manage their time, they will be able to come home with wonderful tans. On the flip side, if Jay or Ryan spend much time outside, they could definitely end up with frost bite or some other cold weather injuries.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate a few people. Petty Officer Day and Sergeant First Class Mitcham both received notification this month that they would be getting promoted. Both of them are definitely ahead of their peers in the promotion category. Also, Micah Modest was selected into the Army Warrant Flight Program. Great Job Guys!

I would also like to thank our Troop Key caller. Kim Melby has been the key caller since the units re-organization in OCT 08. I would like to thank her for everything she has done for the troop during her tenure. As you all know, Anthony decided to ditch the enlisted ranks and head out to greener pastures. Since they would be departing



How ya'll doing? As most of you who have been around a while can attest, putting together more than a couple constructive sentences, much less a couple paragraphs, is a challenge for me to say the least. Product of a "Western" Virginia education system I guess. But with that said, I'll give it a whirl. I would like to take this opportunity to say how honored and humbled Gini and I are for the chance to serve alongside the Men, Women, and Families of D Troop. We just couldn't be happier. I'd also like to formally thank Jack and Carleen for everything they have done for the Troop and especially Jack for his patience with me as we conducted turnover. Thanks JACK!

As has been the custom in D Troop we have lots of congratulations in order as well as a few farewells to extend. First, congrats to all of D Troop, especially our power house team of Cunningham, Woosley, Luna, and Byrd, (AKA the FAB 4) for their herculean effort put forth to win the

Highland Games. A first of many to come I hope. Special congratulations go out to Julian Walle and his new bride Chi. We would like to thank Jon Woosley for representing the Unit at the lighting of the Eternal Flame ceremony on Ft Bragg. The event was filled with patriotism and will serve as a symbol of the sacrifices that each make in defense of our country. Jon, you did us proud, Thanks! We would like to welcome all of the new SOROCers, as well as Stan Sweeney, and Christian Martin along with their families to the troop. We continue to fill our ranks with the best and brightest that the services have to offer. Welcome! We are glad to have Marcus back from his little trip, and as always another job well done. Additionally, we would like to recognize Josh Smith for his selection to MSG, well deserved Josh. And although he will be greatly missed, I'm sure Kyle Roscoe will do amazing things in S&T over the next year or so. Thanks for all you have done for the troop Kyle.

To D Troop, I look forward to getting to know each of you and your families better as we go along and say,

in advance, "Thank You" for all your hard work and dedication to each other, the Troop, and the Unit as well as the long hours we will put in as we train to do our Nation's business down range. I'd like to sum it all up by saying how excited Gini and I are to be a part of D Troop. As you can see D Troop along with the rest of JCU continues to uphold the legacy of DOD's Finest Communicators.

~Del

[SSgt Derek Hollingshead is promoted to TSgt by his wife Amanda and their children Inessa, Alex, Ellana, and Zachary in a ceremony held on 7 Jan 11](#)



The Guardians of G-Troop have been red hot during this ice cold North Carolina Winter month. While most got some sham time at home due to the ice the Guardians were hard at work and it was business as usual. Leon Hamilton and Max endured a gruesome trip to Europe and were able to complete the task and stay out of trouble. Good job Guys. Rich McAlister and Chuck Churchwell shipped out to PACOM and completed ops checks in the midst of the best distraction ever, "The NFL Pro Bowl." John Mosley has joined the team forward and is already making an impact. Thanks John! As usual we would like to recognize all of the guys and gal who are hard at work in the Systems Control Center for their expertise and durability. We would like

to welcome home both Fabian Robles and Pistol Pete Nunnery after a stellar performance in very challenging positions. We would like to welcome Carl Eby to the team and say farewell to Angelo Caraballo, who is already performing well with our A-Troop brothers. Again every hero forward has a hero at home, the sacrifices and patience of our families is indeed a contribution that is not taken for granted. Thank you for you for being there with us, not behind us. You are Guardians of the Guardians.

~Bryan

[TSgt Mike Williams is promoted to MSgt by his wife and family in a ceremony held on 7 Jan 11](#)







Happy New Year everyone! With the holidays over we are finally able to get back to our NORMAL daily routines. As usual we have quite a few projects going on and I have been very impressed with M- Troop's ability to get right back into the mix of project

builds and maintenance related tasks. I'd like to welcome back ETC Eric Russell and SSgt Jeff Huffman who have been deployed for the last few months. As expected, I received good reports from the personnel they supported. Also, I'd like to welcome Major Mike Medgyssey(3M) and ET1 Chris Scott to the M-Troop team. 3M

will be relieving Major Ross Carkeet as the Maintenance officer and Chris will be joining us in February. We're looking forward to the experience he brings from B troop. Take Care and Stay safe.

~Mike



As this is the first letter from the newly created Special Missions Troop (SMT), I would like to welcome and say hello to all of our families and friends. The troop isn't necessarily "new" but rather a combination of several sections with somewhat similar but highly specialized skillsets. SMT includes the Communications Support Team (CST), Information and Operations (IO), Executive Communications (EC), and the Emergency Support Team (EST). The consolidation of these sections allows us to maximize training and enables us to combine some of our training efforts. The majority of the

communicators in SMT have been in the organization for more than three years and are very experienced in their specialties. With that said, we currently have several members working forward, participating in training exercises, attending service schools, and traveling in support of executive communications yet we have begun to work on our future plans and goals. A lot of work lies ahead but with the seasoned communicators in the troop we can accomplish any task. To the families, I greatly appreciate the support you give your loved ones and look forward to seeing many of you again.

~Jack



SFC Sergio Hernandez is promoted to MSG by his daughter Olivia as his daughter Sophia and wife Patricia look on during a ceremony on 7 Jan 11.



This past month for S&T has been quite busy but very productive. First we would like to say good-bye to a great American, Stephen "Nick" Nicholson who retired after a long 20 years of service to JCU as a SOROC instructor. Stephen (Nick) served a total of 40 years and we would like to thank him for touching each heart in JCU. We also said good-bye to Stan Sweeney who moved to D Troop, and welcomed Kyle Roscoe who will be filling Stan's chair. Stan your hard work and awesome spirit-award winning attitude will be missed. DJ Holly has assumed the role as the Master Trainer for the Unit. Danny Knouse has taken the role of SOROC TAC from Jamey Slife, who will be attending multiple PME's until his tentative

departure. Danny would like to thank Jamey for an awesome turnover and for his great notes located in the turnover book! The SOROC class 1-11 has been fine tuning their tactical military skill wandering through the woods of Fort Bragg conducting land navigation and discovering "Woody Wood Pecker" signs. The SOROC cadre has been hard at work preparing curriculum which will put the new

SOROC'ers to the test in the academic phase.

~Kyle

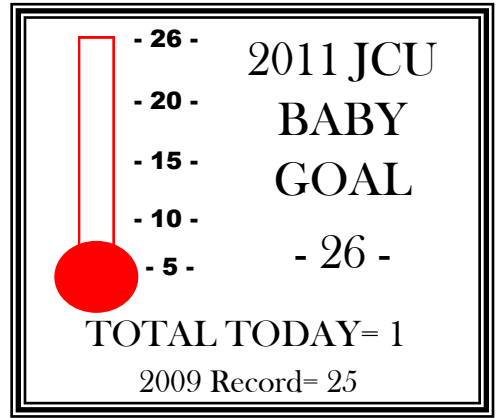




Left: IT2 Tyler and Tracy Nichols are the proud parents of Troxel Jaxon Nichols. Troxel was born on January 16, 2011 at 9:03 AM at Womack Army Medical Center. He weighed in at 9 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 21" long.



LOOK WHO JUST DROPPED IN



**ANNIVERSARIES**

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| Andre & Citwyler Tate       | 3 FEB  |
| Jeremy & Claudia Holcomb    | 5 FEB  |
| James & Samantha Brown      | 11 FEB |
| Troy & Shani Zimmermann     | 12 FEB |
| Veronica & Justin Zendrosky | 14 FEB |
| German & Ximena Salcedo     | 17 FEB |
| Travis & Lakecia Jenkins    | 19 FEB |
| Kathryn & Daniel Little     | 22 FEB |
| Sergio & Patricia Hernandez | 22 FEB |
| Raphael & Anjenette Halmos  | 27 FEB |



Please Join Us For Our  
**March Spouse's Social**  
 At Twisted Jewelry  
 311 Hay St., Fayetteville  
 Wednesday, March 2, 2011  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Please RSVP to Susan Miller  
[snmiller05@gmail.com](mailto:snmiller05@gmail.com)  
 By February 25, 2011



# WELCOME OUR NEW JCU MEMBERS

MAJ Ken Rutka, incoming Ops Officer

MAJ Tom Rascon & wife Barb, children; Rebecca and Jessica (NSE)

CPT Scott MacDonald and wife Michelle, children; Samantha, Spencer, Case, and Cavin (Ops)

# GOODBYE TO FRIENDS & FAMILY

ET1 Jeremy Trejo & wife Shannon, daughter Isabel November 2007– February 2011 (C-Troop)



D-Troop decided that they need a little extra help in beating C-Troop in this year's Highland Games, so they decided to bring a ninja to the games. Too bad DJ Holly decided to kill the ninja.

Right: Jamey Slife attempts to throw a kettle bell in the kettle bell toss while the new SOROC students look on.



Below: The Commander and OPSO watch D-Troop and their attempt at the Tire Flip, and try to figure out who is going to fill out the accident report.



Yeah, I killed the ninja, so what?



It's a technique, just not the preferred one.

It is the Tire Flip, not Tire Roll.

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



Last month's RETRO picture is none other than ITCS Jay Pylman from B Troop. This picture was taken when Jay was 13 years old and at a soccer tournament at Penn State University in 1985. As you can see, Jay is as flashy of a dresser now as he was back when he was 13. Thank you Jay for sharing a piece of your life with us.





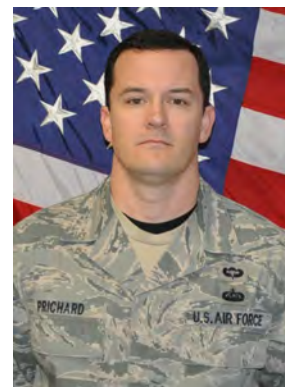


# Meet the SOROC'ers of Class 01-11



**Name:** Gilberto Serna  
**Rank / Service:** SFC / Army  
**Enlisted:** 15 Mar 1999  
**Birthday:** 05 May 1978  
**Spouse name:** Crystal Serna  
**Children:** Gabriella, Isabella  
**Hobbies:** Playing guitar, working on classic cars  
**Previous Assignment:** Houston Recruiting Battalion  
**Goals/Expectations:** Graduate SOROC, attend Airborne

**Name:** Samuels Prichard  
**Rank / Service:** TSgt / USAF  
**Enlisted:** 03 Feb 1999  
**Birthday:** 15 Feb 1976  
**Spouse name:** Jennifer Prichard  
**Children:** Hannah  
**Hobbies:** Mountain biking, road biking, Cross Fit, shooting  
**Previous Assignment:** Joint Communications Support Element, J5 Research and Development



**Name:** Brandon Works  
**Rank / Service:** IT2 / USN  
**Enlisted:** 03 Mar 2003  
**Birthday:** 10 Nov 1982  
**Hobbies:** Computers, fitness, movies  
**Previous Assignment:** Office of Naval Intelligence/Spintcomm (Special Intelligence Community)  
**Goals/Expectations:** Make rank, learn as much information as possible, become a superb military communicator

**Name:** Scott Staniszewski  
**Rank / Service:** IT2 / USN  
**Enlisted:** 11 Nov 2006  
**Birthday:** 29 Apr 1988  
**Hobbies:** Working on my Jeep, off roading, anything outdoors, working out, video games  
**Previous Assignment:** USS Mason (DDG-87)  
**Goals/Expectations:** Learn as much as I can from my time at JCU, make IT1 first time up, make ITC within 12 years of enlistment





# February Promotions, Awards & Special Occasions

## Army Promotion



SFC Chris Kudel to MSG (SMT-TRP)  
 SFC Scott A. Beadell to MSG (A-TRP)  
 SFC Dennis Smith to MSG (OPS)  
 SSG Raphael Halmos to SFC (B-TRP)



## Air Force Promotion



Capt Robert Giovannetti to Maj (OPS)



## BIRTHDAYS

James Wagner	1 FEB
Christopher Lewallen	1 FEB
Jonathan Byrd	2 FEB
Michael Williams	2 FEB
Michael Addaman	6 FEB
Jeffrey Ingraham	6 FEB
Heather Boisvert	6 FEB
Robert Giovannetti	7 FEB
Ryan Johnson	7 FEB
Bryan Watkins	9 FEB
Michael Medgyessy	12 FEB
Noe Abad	12 FEB
Michael Schaffer	13 FEB
German Salcedo	13 FEB
Samuels Prichard	15 FEB
Adam Thompson	17 FEB
Kenneth Smith	18 FEB
Mark Krob	19 FEB
Sean Collins	23 FEB
Jeffrey Huffman	23 FEB
Jeffrey Drew	24 FEB
Timothy Duncan	26 FEB

Right: Mr. Rich McAlister is presented with the Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award during a ceremony held on 7 Jan 11.



Left: TSgt Oscar Campos is promoted to the rank of MSgt by his wife, Laura and son Wyatt during a ceremony held on 7 Jan 11.

Below: ITCS Dave Kelly and IT1 Josh Espersen are awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal by LTC Anderson in a ceremony held on 7 JAN 11.



Below: MSG Steve Alexander is presented with a Bronze Star during a ceremony held on 7 Jan 11.



## Mark your calendars for these important dates

1 April  
 6 May

Retirement of 1SG Todd A. Spencer  
 Commissioning of IT1 Melby

1400-1500: Parachute Packing Facility  
 1300-1400: Parachute Packing Facility

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# LEADERSHIP THAT CARES



<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Home</u>
Commander	LTC Anderson (Sam)	243-0200	339-0108
CSM	CSM Long (Steve)	243-0201	568-6408
DCO	LCDR Hill (Nick)	243-8850	678-0209
Unit 1SG	1SG Prasse (Jim)	243-0469	426-9305
OPS Officer	MAJ Pishock (Joe)	243-0524	273-3879
Ops SGM	SGM Adcox (Mike)	243-2439	919-499-2541
A-Troop SGM	1SG Perez (Frank)	243-1321	494-2992
B-Troop Chief	ITCS Pylman (Jay)	243-4079	728-5551
C-Troop SGM	MSG Mills (John)	243-0115	717-2224
D-Troop SGM	SMSgt Walker (Del)	243-4147	
SMT Troop SGM	SGM Nichols (Jack)	243-	424-1805
G-Troop SGM	1SG Hargrove (Bryan)	243-0991	433-4331
M-Troop Chief	ETCM Addaman (Mike)	243-0439	487-0293
S&T NCOIC	1SG Leach (Chris)	243-0577	480-1118
JCU FRC	Mrs. Gillian Long		624-7611
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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