

Delivering the Message

Message from the Commander

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It's hard to believe it is summer already. JCU Parents—my guess is of all the dates on the calendar this summer the one most circled on everyone's calendar is when the next school year starts. Let the countdown begin. For those who don't have kids, there is a reason the JCU Newsletter has a baby goal—so everyone can "adequately" enjoy the summer months.

Having just returned from watching JCU in action it is amazing how much this unit has going on every day. SOROC Class 1-11 will graduate in mid June and officially join the ranks of DOD's Finest. They are an outstanding class in every way and are ready to uphold the traditions and standards that make this organization special. To those about to graduate—congratulations on getting to the "end of the beginning"; SOROC was challenging for a reason and you will have an opportunity to put those lessons to good use in the coming months and years. You will never

have an assignment as challenging, or as rewarding, as the assignment you are about to begin in earnest. We will bring in a new batch of SOROC Students for class 2-11 in July, and as of this writing we will have 26 students start the course. Please make the effort to welcome the new members and integrate their Families to the area and the JCU Team.

There are several events on the calendar in the coming months that I encourage everyone to participate in. First, we have the SOCA sponsored Golf Tournament on 17 June, with a social on 16 June. Even if it is just to see what pants the CSM will wear to distract other golfers, it is worth attending. He says he's the only man alive that can pull that look off, but I encourage you to judge that for yourself. The prestigious Highland Games will take place on 1 July and we will hold the JCU Picnic at Rockfish park in August. There is no organization

that works harder than JCU and their Families, so I encourage all of you to take the opportunities we have this summer to bond as an organization and make 1SG Prasse earn his pay.

JCU's reputation is beyond reproach. Everywhere you turn JCU Members are doing the impossible and the Families are steadfast in their support. D Troop and the unit members supporting D Troops' mission are making the impossible happen on a nightly basis. We are the commands' problem solvers. I am especially fortunate because all the accolades for everything you do normally get forwarded to me and it makes me especially proud to be a small part of it. Don't ever underestimate your significance to the command or the Nation. Thanks for everything you do. DOD's Finest!

~Sam Anderson



Special points of interest:

- Pictures
- Promotions
- Southern 500
- Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- New NOSC Key Caller
- Much More





There were plenty of things going on within the Troop this month, we passed the torch to Jay and the rest of B Troop, then immediately headed off to Fort Pickett for some training. Overall, the exercise went very well thanks to Nate's planning and attention to detail. Whether it was a long day on the range or watching Jello fall into the water again and again, everyone stayed positive and had a great time. Thanks to Mike Beach for providing some practical application to his vehicle recovery

class and for celebrating his birthday in true A Troop fashion. I'm sure we have plenty of pictures to give the unit 1SG for this year's "Christmas-Holiday-Anniversary" party.

It seems as though every month folks are moving around the unit, and May was no different. This month both Ceven and Joe left the Troop and moved on to the unit's automation troop, good luck guys and enjoy the break.

While the rest of the Troop was peeling ticks off at Fort Pickett,

Marlon and Ceven ventured down to Fort Gordon for additional automation training on SANs and Servers; now that they are back, maybe they can sit down and explain some of this stuff to me.

Now that we've shifted gears and folks can get away on the weekends, if you are about to do anything that starts with the saying "hey y'all watch this" or "look ma no hands" DON'T DO IT, stay safe and enjoy the summer

~ Frank



Hello everyone! By now most of C-Troop has returned from another excellent trip downrange! Congratulations and welcome back to all. This trip, like all around, was very busy. I know many of you hardly had time to breath, but we accomplished many good things and the mission prospered under your care. The pace never slows down, but you all performed brilliantly, the accolades

continue to roll in as a testament to the work and dedication you put forth every day in every job you tackle. We still have 2 more C-Troopers remaining, Dan Lane and Oscar Campos finishing their Air Force Short Tours; they will be joining us here at home soon. I would also like to say thank you to all of the family members that held down the fort while our Troop members were

gone. I continue to believe that the hardest job in the military is to keep the home front running smoothly while our troops are deployed. Enjoy your leaves and breaks, soon our training cycle will start up and as always, we will be busy again. Be safe and enjoy your summer break.

~Christian



Hello everyone. The shop has quieted down a bit this month, albeit, not because we are any less busy than normal but because many of the guys have decided to chip away at their use or lose leave days for some well-deserved time off while others are away at technical schools. We've had some really great training opportunities pop up within the last few weeks and we're taking advantage of them before we head into the summer break period. This month we have another newcomer to welcome into M-Troop. David Jones,

who comes to us from B-Troop is the 3rd person we've received from B-Troop the past 4 months so it seems as if we have a pretty good thing going with them, thanks Jay. David is going through the initial M-Troop train up period and we expect to see the same great results from him as we have from Gabe Ramirez and Chris Scott. Unfortunately there is a down side to getting new people. It usually means that there is a vacancy that needs to be filled or one that will be opening up shortly. This month I have the displeasure to

say Farewell to two of M-Troop's seasoned technicians, Vince Olshove and Adam Kelley. Both have been with the troop since SOROC and have made huge contributions to the maintenance shop and to the teams that they have supported. Thanks Vince and Adam for everything you've done and good luck to you in your follow-on assignments. That's all I have for this month. Take care and stay safe.

~Mike



How about that Royal Wedding....did you see me on the Tele? No you didn't, why you ask, because apparently my hand gilded invitation was lost in the mail. Bugger! Either that or the Heraldry Department concluded that the ancient noble blood line from which I am a descendant thereof, looked more like the family tree of Jed Clampet or that kid off of deliverance. Turns out I should be lounging beside the ce-ment pond playing a banjo with my feet. Which in this economy would land me a spot on the Letterman show, or at the very least the front runner in the GOP primary. Maybe I'll give it a whirl.

Upcoming elections aside, I want to take the time to say thanks for all the long days and restless nights the troop has put in to get everyone set and in place for the deployment. I think we are all starting to settle in and get on the standard forward routine of work, eat, work, eat, work, work-out, eat again, work, with just a little bit of sleep thrown in there for good measure. Some of the guys have a different routine of work, work, work, fall asleep at the keyboard, work, work, oh hey can one of you go get me a sandwich from the chow hall... sssnnnnnnzzzzzzz..... While others have adopted a yet all different approach,

with the work, eat, eat, go to the Gym and get Huge, eat, eat rest so I can recover so I can work out again method. There is probably some benefit to them all; but rest assured which ever routine they are on they are nevertheless Getting it Done.

Normally this is where I would throw some funny insights into the lives of the troop forward and call someone out, or insert an embarrassing moment, or perhaps an inside joke or two that only we would understand, but I figured that has been done already. And since I haven't had an original idea since I invented the internet, I figured I might as well do it to.

I haven't had a chance to get around to visiting everyone yet, so my point of view is slightly narrower than I would like, however, I will share one example. Take for instance, "TEAM AWESOME" as they humbly refer to themselves. These guys are straight stone cold killers, when they aren't bowin up to and staring down the local Sergeant Majors they are busy pecking away at their keyboards as if they were getting paid by the word. I think they even have their own theme music; it's kind of a combination of mission impossible and the music that is played

when the ice cream man drives down your street. You just have to hear it, trust me. "LOOK there is TEAM AWESOME" is often heard in line at the chow hall or in the GYM (the aerobic side... but hey at least they found it). Well you just can't say enough about them. They're....you guessed it, Awesome!

On a serious note, I'd like to thank all of C Troop for all their work and preparations prior to and during the handover, as well as LRS for the team then sent forward. Class Act all the way. We sure do appreciate it ya'll.

I'll try and throw in a little something for everyone over the next few episodes, to include a few words or phrases that has grabbed out attention for one reason or another. This month the words that come to mind are..... SkinaMassive and Drawdown. Make sure you read next month when we talk about manscaping, who's doing it and why you should too.

I think I'll stop here and go grab some chow with Team Awesome, kind of makes me awesome just by association. Ok, you got me; I just want to get to the head of the line for the pumpkin pie. And....cue the theme music.....

~Del

CHUCK NORRIS FACTS:

- **CHUCK NORRIS CAN SPEAK SPANISH IN THREE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES**
- **CHUCK NORRIS CAN WIN CONNECT FOUR IN 3 MOVES**
- **CHUCK NORRIS CAN DELETE THE RECYCLE BIN**



First and foremost, I would like to say farewell to 1SG Chris Leach and welcome our newest member of the team, MSG Steve Trevino as the S&T NCOIC. Chris was the right person selected to take over the newly formed NOSC, and will continue to do outstanding things for this unit...Congrats! You are not too far away, so don't forget us! Steve is returning to us after a successful tour with the 112th Signal Battalion. Welcome back Steve! He is a great

asset to the unit, so don't be afraid to utilize him. I would also like to recognize TSgt Sam Prichard from SOROC Class 1-11 on a well deserved promotion to MSgt. With promotion comes more money and more responsibility, but I have full faith and confidence that the ethos and core principles instilled in him from the SOROC team will ensure his future success. Danny Knouse and the SOROC instructors continue to provide the necessary guidance,



mentorship and training to produce competent and qualified JCU communicators. SOROC Class 1-11 has wrapped up testing for MODULE 3, smoothly rolled right through MODULE 4, the COMEX, and equipment testing in preparation for their June final culmination exercise to test the communicator and team work skills that they have learned during this 6 month training period. Gread job Team!

~Mary



With the weather we've had lately it is hard to believe it isn't summer. But the weather isn't the only thing we have to celebrate as Vic Vinnedge entertained us all with his lovely speech as he was promoted from Staff Sergeant to Technical Sergeant earlier this month. Most people say congratulations during reenlistments however, I would like to say thank you, to Randy Amsler for his continued service to the Air Force and

JCU. Let the celebrations continue as we welcome Jeremy Jenkins, Ryan Akins, Rachael Gorman, German Salcedo, and James Lewis to the NOSC. We would like to also thank Ulysses Otero for his years of dedication and hard work as the RF Detachment Chief and we wish him the best in his future endeavors with our B-Troop brothers. You have left big shoes to fill and you will always be family. Speaking of Family, we

can never forget or omit our families who often perform thankless duties behind the scenes enabling the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines at home and deployed to work without worry. Thank you for the support, you are truly the hero's hero. To our deployed members, keep up the good work and remember to call if you need anything. Be Safe and Beat the Heat!!



Left: MSgt Randy Amsler recites the Oath of Enlistment while being reenlisted by Maj Medgyessy.

Below: MSG Dennis Smith presents Maj Giovannetti with a going away gift from the Operations section. Maj Giovannetti is heading to Washington DC after spending 5 years at JCU.



Dynamic is an understatement! It's hard for me to describe the amount of work the team does throughout the month. We can comment on accomplishment, but we truly can't detail how much the organization actually accomplishes. Service members participate in exercises, attend schools, try-out for this, test out on that and ultimately deploy. But if you truly think about the amount of work it takes in planning, coordinating, and employment it will give you a headache. In just the past month, EC has continued to support the staff; day trips, short trips, long trips. It doesn't matter; they do it with the utmost professionalism! Five I/O guys are going through a course that will leave you

confused. Smart as can be, they continue to study and prepare themselves for the next hurdle. This doesn't even equate for what the rest of the I/O team is doing! CST is constantly looking for the next best communications equipment. Focused on making things lighter, faster, and more effective they work countless hours to achieve those goals. EST is a constant struggle with travel, equipment upgrades and maintenance. Things don't slow down, yet they continue to ensure they are ahead of the game. Over the month, we've had members complete Airborne school, Pre-Ranger, attend selection, participate in exercises and training, and then deploy. We also have phenomenal

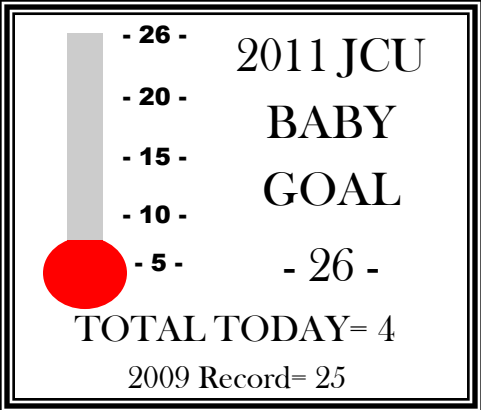
communicators like Scott Bachand that rotate out. A tremendous asset, he is taking a wealth of knowledge back to the service. We'll truly miss him, but we expect to see him again. I can list all the names, but my newsletter input would look like a phone book. As I mentioned, to detail what SMT members, JCU members truly do monthly is impossible. The team does it with pride, they do it for each other, they do it for their families, and they do it for the United States, no accolade needed. Are you proud of the JCU team? We are.... Thanks for your continued support.

~Jack



Above: Jay Pylman is promoted to Master Chief by his wife Lisa during a ceremony on 6 May 11.

Below: After a lengthy wait on the promotion list, Ryan Oswald is promoted to MSG by his wife Samantha while his children Trace, Berkley, and Molly look on.



ANNIVERSARIES

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| Georgette & Charles Gill | 1 JUN |
| Greg & Elizabeth Durr | 1 JUN |
| Bryan & Brandy Fooshee | 3 JUN |
| Chuck & Kris To | 5 JUN |
| Rufus & Pamela Messex | 5 JUN |
| Ulysses & Demarys Matias Otero | 6 JUN |
| Harold & Rachel Shamblin | 6 JUN |
| Luke & Kelly Blum | 8 JUN |
| Alton & Chadra Seglund | 9 JUN |
| Mark & Katie Krob | 11 JUN |
| Jared & Brooke Schaffer | 13 JUN |
| Ed & Megan Schlade | 15 JUN |
| Paul & Suiatlona Trowbridge | 15 JUN |
| Sam & Jennifer Prichard | 15 JUN |
| Stan & Marlena Sweeney | 16 JUN |
| Tom and Barb Rascon | 17 JUN |
| Jeff & Sondra Carlson | 18 JUN |
| Joe & Jessica Cade | 19 JUN |
| Philip & Mallory Mistretta | 22 JUN |
| Jesse & Esther Casari | 23 JUN |
| Ken & Julie Garrison | 26 JUN |
| Pablo & Griselda Guerra | 26 JUN |
| Tim & Commalitha Holton | 27 JUN |
| Jim & Jenn Wagner | 28 JUN |
| Vic & Meyvi Guerra | 29 JUN |
| Bryant & Emily Locke | 29 JUN |
| Clyde & Cheria Anderson | 30 JUN |

Below: Doug Rosario is promoted to SMSgt by his wife Deanna and sons Donovan and Connor during a ceremony on 6 May 11.



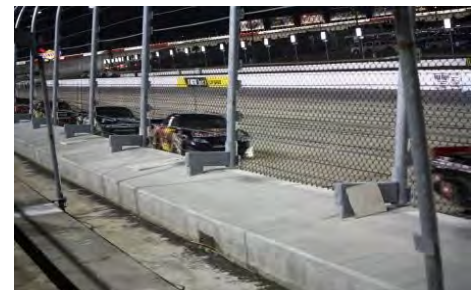
Right: Vic Vinnedge waits patiently as Fabian Robles and Joe Cade prepare to 'pin' Vic to TSgt. After this picture Vic has his new rank applied with slight pressure, but he didn't cringe too much.





Above Left and Right: Obviously, NASCAR Nation is still alive and well. Whether it be mullets or cutoffs, the Nation was at out Darlington Raceway for the Showtime Southern 500 race.

SFC Mark Stone and Darlington Raceway wanted to show the Armed Services their appreciation, by offering reduced ticket prices for this race. The Raceway provided free entry for 5 of JCU's finest who spent time handing out American flags to over 65,000 race fans.



WELCOME OUR NEW JCU MEMBERS

Capt Stephen Maddox and wife Leslie (Ops)

SSG Derek Howard, wife Keli, son Ian, and daughters Madison and Kierstin (SOROC Class 11-02)

MSG Steve Trevino (S&T)

GOODBYE TO FRIENDS & FAMILY

SSgt Vince Olshove, wife Katherine, and daughters Taylor and Libby JUN 07-JUN 11 (M-Troop)

SSgt Ryan Dayton, wife Shannon, and sons Aaron and Tanner, JUN 07-MAY 11 (C-Troop)

Maj Bert Giovannetti and wife Jennifer, MAY 07-MAY 11 (Ops)

GySgt Ricky Cross, JUN 05-MAY 11 (C-Troop)

MAJ Joe Pishock, wife Kris, and daughter Sarah, JUL 07-APR 11 (Ops)

SFC Nate Hannah, wife Martinique, daughters Dayzi, Danielle and Rylee, and son Kameron, DEC 06-MAY 11 (C-Troop)

ENS Anthony Melby, wife Kim,



Left: We were finally able to catch up with SFC Jeff Carlson and present him with the Bronze Star Medal and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal during a ceremony on 6 May 11



Above: SSgt Seth Hogan is presented with the Bronze Star Medal by MAJ Rascon



Above: CSM Long present GySgt Cross with the coveted JCU plaque during a ceremony on 6 May 11.

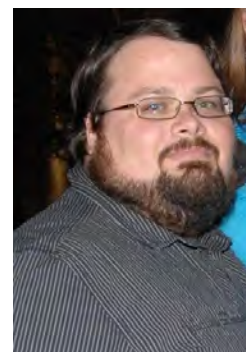
Right: SSgt Dayton is present with the coveted JCU plaque by CSM Long. Ryan is heading to Embassy duty for his next assignment.



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



Last months JCU retro photo is of M-Troop's Andy Miller. Obviously Andy became a fan of anything motorized at a young age. I am figuring that Andy had no problem driving this bad boy, but stopping might have been a slight issue. Andy's wife Susan was very generous in sneaking this picture to me. Andy has dedicated 4 years to JCU wrenching and fabricating whatever our minds could come up with to support comms. Thanks for the picture Susan.



Meet the SOROC'ers of Class 01-11



Name: Craig Wilson
Rank / Service: SSG
Enlisted: 10 August 2004
Birthday: 4 January 1986
Hobbies: Playing guitar, riding motorcycles
Previous Assignment: A Company 112th Signal Battalion (SO)(A)
Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC, pass CCNA exam

Name: Christopher Quayle
Rank / Service: SFC
Enlisted: 10 January 2001
Birthday: 23 October 1982
Hobbies: Mountain biking, sports, cars
Previous Assignment: 327th SIG BN, 1BSTB (82nd ABN), 307th BSB
Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC, Graduate Advanced Airborne School



Above: TSgt Samuels Prichard is promoted to MSgt by his wife Jennifer and daughter Hannah.



Reminder!!!! Red ripcord handle is not the carrying handle.



June Promotions, Awards & Special Occasions



Army Promotion

CPL Jared Cunningham to SGT (HHT)



Navy Promotions

ETC Greg Williams to ETCS (SMT-Troop)

ETC Dave Allen to ETCS (B-Troop)



The preferred technique for landing.....what happens when it is for real is another story. A proper PLF is one that you can walk away from.



“You sure that you know what your doing back there?”

BIRTHDAYS

Michael Foy	2 JUN
Steven Mahon	5 JUN
Lauront Pepin	6 JUN
Charles Churchwell	7 JUN
Dirk Shelton	10 JUN
Joshua Espersen	11 JUN
Jory Mathis	11 JUN
Randy Amsler	12 JUN
James Drennan	12 JUN
Calvin Delaware	12 JUN
William Cotten	13 JUN
Christopher Steinhauser	13 JUN
William Tucker	14 JUN
Jason Gunter	14 JUN
Jason Benavides	14 JUN
Roberto Lopez	15 JUN
Jeremy Pinkelman	17 JUN
Glenn Staples	18 JUN
Linda Haymans	18 JUN
James Slife	19 JUN
Edwin Robles	19 JUN
Michael Flynn	20 JUN
Victor Guerra	20 JUN
Todd Brown	22 JUN
Bernard Byer	25 JUN
Christopher Farr	25 JUN
Bryan Hargrove	29 JUN
Joseph Miller	30 JUN
Steven Powell	30 JUN

Mark your calendars for these important dates

16 June	SOROC Class 01-11 Graduation	1400: PPF
16 June	SOCA Golf Tournament Social	1800-UTC (Mash House)
17 June	12th Annual SOCA Golf Tournament	0645-UTC (Carolina Lakes Golf Course)
1 July	Summer Highland Games	0700-0930: Pope AFB Softball field area
12 August	Annual JCU Summer Picnic	1000-1800: Fantasy Lake
10 November	15th Annual JSO 10K Run-5K Walk	0700-0930: McKellar's Lodge
20 November	49th Annual JFK-50 Mile Ultra-Marathon	All day: Hagerstown, MD (Registration opens on 1 July 09)

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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	257-8623
D-Troop SGM	SMSgt Del Walker	243-4147	
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