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Message from the Commander

I hope this finds everyone well after the events of the last few weeks. As you all are very aware, Cumberland County and the surrounding area experienced severe weather that affected some of our families. I would like to thank all that came together to help those in need. It shows just how much JCU, unlike any other command in the DoD, is truly a family and like all families we come together when times are tough for those around us.

Well it has been another very fast paced month in the Joint Communications Unit and all of the Troops have been very busy to say the least. I'd like to be able to tell everyone that the tempo will decrease with the coming summer months but unfortunately that is not

the case. Del and the members of D-Troop are in the process of replacing C-Troop and we hope to see them home safely soon. The CDR and I have received several E-mails and phone calls in reference to the great job that C-Troop has been doing and I'm sure that D-Troop will continue to carry the mail. Of course the other Troops are equally as busy, Frank and the A-Troopers are rolling into their training and will be conducting several training events over the next month or so. Like I said earlier, everyone is busy but I'd like to give a little extra recognition to the efforts of M-Troop, because without them the other Troops could not do their jobs. Aside from their daily duties they are constantly being asked to support new and daunting tasks.

As we draw closer to the summer/vacation

months, I'd like to remind everyone to be safe and take care of each other...every member of the JCU is as important and as vital to the success of this command as anyone else. The CDR and I need each and every one of you to complete the mission and ensure the command's future success. Thanks again for all you do and Take Care.

~Steve

**12th Annual Golf
Tournament
June 17, 2011**





It's hard to believe that April is already gone, seems like yesterday was April fool's day. I guess time flies when you're..no not really. Anyways, here is what is going on in the troop.

First let's start by saying Congratulations to Rob and Natasha Lopez on the birth of their daughter Liana. I'm sure she is making sure both of you are getting plenty of rest. Next, Chris Choyce, Jason Gunter and Connor O'Mahoney each did an awesome job representing the troop and winning Service Member of the Quarter for their prospective services. The competition was tough, but the

time and effort that each put in was evident. Great Job guys for a clean sweep. Congrats

also goes out to Nathan for graduating US Army Static Line Jumpmaster school. A few days after graduating, Nate got right to work pulling duties during the unit jump at Raeford. (Even though Jason and Nate both moved to D Troop, we still claim them as A Troopers). And Connor attended the promotion board and although he knows nothing about baseball he was still recommended for promotion, so as of 1 May, SGT O'Mahoney will be promoted to SSG O'Mahoney, congrats Connor.

On the 28th Pat celebrated his birthday, he received a special gift from the Troop, unfortunately we can't show any pictures of it, Happy Birthday Pat.

Lastly, Scott and Angello have been doing their best "where's Waldo" impersonation. They have been sending in reports from all over the world on their recruiting trip, but with stops like Florida, Alaska and Hawaii, I'm sure they are glad to be back in Fayetteville. Good job guys, and welcome back.

Don't forget that mother's day is May 8th

~Frank



B-Troop had another outstanding month. The Troop accomplished some great training down at Camp Blanding, FL. The days were long and hard, but the morale of the Troop never wavered and it was impressive to watch the guys come together as a team. There was no rest for the Troop, upon completing our training in Florida, we started to get ready for some shipboard training on the USS Oak Hill. While the original intent was to get everyone onboard a Naval Ship for some training, it was not to be. We had to split the troop in half and send this other half out in support of another training event. This was still

too simple of a challenge for the Troop and while these two other training events were going on, we got tasked with a third training exercise. So at one time we had three different groups of personnel out supporting three separate exercises. The fellas did not let up and completed every training event with flying colors. Once again, B-Troop is out leading from the front. I am constantly amazed over and over at the hard work and dedication that the guys put in to succeed.

It was also a sad month though as we say goodbye to three more personnel. Bryce Hixson and Ben Holmes left B-Troop to move onto G-Troop. While they will do great things for G-Troop, they will

surely be missed by us here in B-Troop. The sexy Davey Jones also says goodbye to B-Troop as he moves over to M-Troop. We won't miss Dave's communication skills, but we will definitely miss his awesome personality. The upcoming month will then see Army Nate and his family checking out of the command. Nate is going to take his family on a whirlwind tour of the States before they depart for Germany. Enjoy your time Hannah family in Germany!! I hope the Army is ready for ya Nate.

Tara Comeau had surgery this past month. She is still pretty sore but healing well. Wishing you a speedy recovery Tara.

~Jay



Hello to everyone. First off Natalie and I are humbled and honored for the opportunity to be a part of C-Troop. This was my troop when we left and it is a great honor to be a part of it upon our return. Thank you to the Unit Leadership for this opportunity. I'd also like to thank Millsy for all of the hard work he has done for this troop and for me during our transition. He has made the transition a lot easier for us.

Now on to the important things, the members of C-Troop. They have had a long and challenging tour, but have had one great success after another and are nearly ready to come back home. Now we are just waiting on Del and his troop to take cover down, and we will be homeward bound! We have some award winners this month; Ken Johnson was our Air Force NCO of the 1st Quarter, Ray Hickman was the our SNCO of the Quarter, and Al Segland was our C-Troop Service Member of

the Quarter. Congratulations to all and a job well done.

We also have some teammates leaving us soon. Ricky Cross, Ryan Dayton, and John "Millsy" Mills are moving on. Thanks for all you have done for the troop and the Unit. Good luck in your future.

Finally, we have a new Troop Key Caller for D-Troop, my wife Natalie Martin. She will be contacting every spouse shortly regarding the troop's return.

~Christian



Ok so the book deal with Charlie didn't quite work out, apparently I am not a direct descendant from a Warlock bloodline (like Mr. Sheen...); according to Ancestry.com anyway. However, it turns out that I am descended from an ancient noble bloodline, so I will be attending the Royal Wedding no doubt. I'll probably get a front row seat next to the Queen or perhaps even Sir Paul McCartney (he was a Beatle, for some of you younger folks), look for me on TV. You know you're gonna watch it. Guess now I gotta learn which dang fork to eat with and start drinking Tea. Wonder if I can get by with Sweet Ice Tea? It could start a revolution.

But anyway, I will put away my

quest for royal acceptance and get on to the business at hand. I hope all of D Troop had a good time on leave and had the chance to rest up a little. I know most everyone had their Honey Do list to work through (still working mine) so maybe you wish you could've had a little more time to relax. I know I do.

The past month was busy with all the last minute preparations for our upcoming deployment. So I'd like to thank the Troop and their families for the hard work, perseverance, and dedication over the past few months, I believe we will see the results of all that hard work as we head down range to do our nation's business.

To the families of D Troop, please don't hesitate to contact me, my

wife Gini, or our key caller Lisa Avila, should you need to. We will try our best to ensure you guys are taken care of while we are gone and you keep the home fires burning bright to light the way for our return. Thanks Again for all you do.

I'll close for now and retire to my estate in the country (Harnett County.... It's country); I must prepare for the eventuality of the recognition of my nobility, and as such will humbly accept the invitation to the upcoming Royal Wedding. I'm sure my invite is being hand gilded as I compose this correspondence. Now..... What to wear, my current wardrobe of jeans and flannel just won't do; guess I'll stop by Walmart to pick something up, look for me on the Tele.

~ Del

SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMUNICATORS ASSOCIATION

12th Annual SOCA Golf Tournament

Carolina Lakes Golf Course

Friday, June 17, 2011

Shotgun Start 8:30a.m

- Prizes
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Last Place Teams
 - Closest to the Pin on all Par 3s
 - Longest Drive
 - Raffle Prize Giveaways
- Snack & Beverage cart provides refreshments while you enjoy your game
- Lunch will be served during the awards presentation ceremony

Dress Code

- Shirt with collar
- Slacks or Shorts w/pockets
- Soft Spike Golf Shoes or Sneakers

Registration Fees:

- \$45/Individual Advanced Registration
- \$180/Team Advanced Registration
- \$50 indiv/\$200 Tm After June 10, 2011
- Mulligan's/Red Tees \$5 each

Captain's Choice Format



Hello everyone. This month I'd like to use the newsletter to discuss emergency recall procedures and the importance of keeping your contact information up to date. As we all know, the recent tornado took Fayetteville and the surrounding areas by surprise and many of us quickly realized how unprepared we were to deal with such an event. Typically, the active duty service member has been trained on recall procedures and knows exactly what to do and who to call to ensure that the chain of

This is not always the case with spouses and the dependents of those active duty service members who do not have a chain of command to report to and may not know who to call or even that they should let someone know of their well-being. While spouses and dependents have no obligation to the command as far as reporting, I have an inherent responsibility to make sure that those personnel in my section AND their families are 100% accounted for and have no emergent needs. I ask that each of you ensure that

the FRG key caller and I have your current contact information and address so in the event of another emergency we can contact everyone quickly. This is particularly important for the spouses of those service members who may be away from home station. Also, please make certain that you have our contact information readily available so that you can call us as well if needed. Thanks for your assistance with this matter and if anyone has any questions, please give Kelly or me a call. Take care.

~Mike

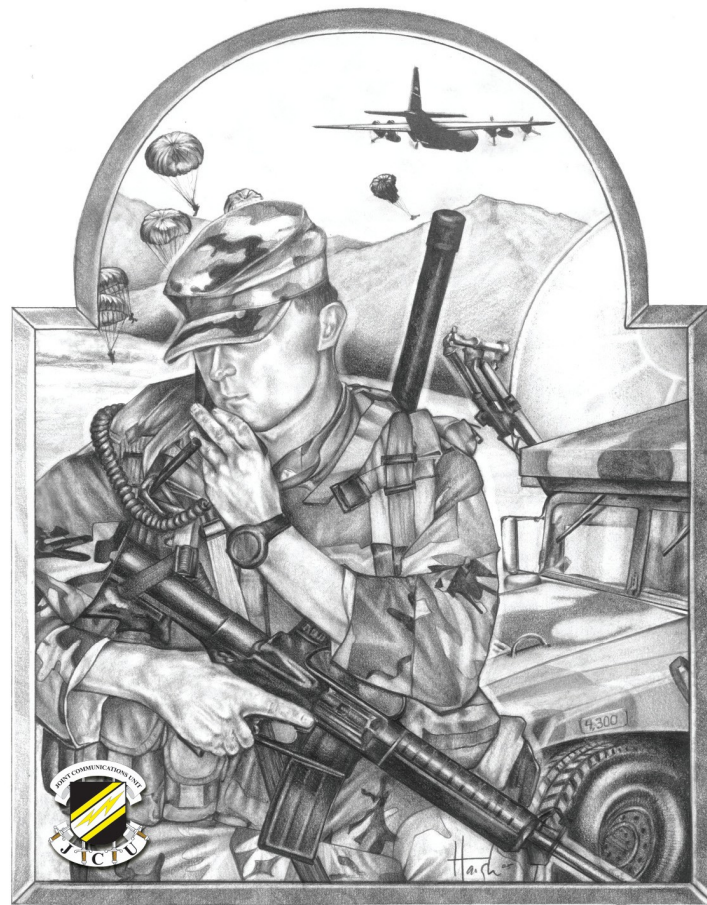


The last month has been a very busy and active in the NOSC with the amount of personnel movements and changing from entity formerly known as G-Troop to the Network Operations Support Center, where we play hard and work harder. Our AIS guys have been attending training across the country in an attempt to remain at tip of spear of technology while our deployed

members continue to perform above and beyond the norm. Good job crew, keep up the good work and try not to focus on "donut of misery" too much. With all the movements and activities some of us actually had time to play hard and enjoy spring break with the family. As always we would like to mention the most important members of the NOSC, our families, our hearts, souls, and enablers of us all. Natural disasters

were mentioned in the last month's newsletter and now we all have survived one of our own in the past month. It is times like these where being a cohesive family is most important. With that said the new key caller for the NOSC is Barb Rascon and she will be contacting the families in future. Again we'd like to welcome the new additions to the NOSC and I look forward to meeting you all.

~Travis



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The JCU

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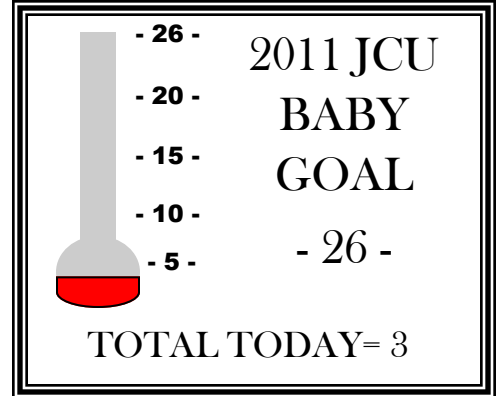
Commemorating 25 years of JCU professionals

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 1SG 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).



Left: SSG Roberto Lopez and his wife Natasha invited Liana Alivia Lopez into the world on 11 April 2011. Liana weighed in at 6 lbs 12 oz and was 20" long.

01/05/2008



ANNIVERSARIES

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| Jason & Renee Gunter | 5 MAY |
| Marcus & Alisha Jett | 6 MAY |
| Will & Beth Bolin | 7 MAY |
| Sean & Melissa Collins | 7 MAY |
| Michael & Laura McGrath | 7 MAY |
| Ed & Monica Robles | 8 MAY |
| Jared & Christina Sams | 10 MAY |
| Gilberto & Crystal Serna | 12 MAY |
| Steve & Gillian Long | 13 MAY |
| Chris & Julie Scott | 17 MAY |
| Steve & Tara Comeau | 19 MAY |
| Charles & Barbette Churchwell | 20 MAY |
| Greg & Karen Matthews | 20 MAY |
| Marcus & Kimberly Lewis | 20 MAY |
| Andy & Susan Miller | 21 MAY |
| David & Robyn Kelly | 24 MAY |
| Jim & Deborah Prasse | 25 MAY |
| Tom & Sonja Marino | 26 MAY |
| Marlon & Rosa Vega | 30 MAY |
| Daniel & Renee Lane | 30 MAY |

Please join us for the June Spouses' Social
 Wednesday, June 1, 2011 6:30 p.m.
 At the Special Staff Annex
 Please bring your favorite summer snack to share!
 Please RSVP by May 30, 2011 to Susan Miller
 smiller05@gmail.com

2011 Annual SOCA Scholarship Announcement

To the members and families of JCU, I am pleased to announce one of the many initiatives that the Special Operations Communicators Association (SOCA) started three years ago, The Annual Special Operations Communicator's Association Scholarship. SOCA will offer three college scholarships for full time college students, valued at \$500 each, to deserving spouses and college-aged child dependents of a current JCU Military or Civil Service Civilian Unit Member. Applicants are asked to submit an essay from one of the topics that are posted below, to SOCA's Board of Officers. SOCA's Board of officers will select from all of the qualified entries to award the three \$500 scholarships. It is SOCA's goal to show their appreciation to those who contribute and sacrifice so much in support of our Country's National Objectives. SOCA thanks the members of JCU and your families for all that you do.



Criteria for award:

Spouse must be a full-time college student (sporadic continuing education classes will not suffice).

Child must be a full-time college student. If a graduating High School Senior, student must have declared enrollment into a selected college.

If scholarship is awarded and either the spouse or child drops out of said college, the entire amount of the award is to be turned back into SOCA for re-issuance to another applicant.

When available, the winners for this year's awards will be required to take a presentation photo with the SOCA President and authorize the posting of their essay to the JCU website for publicity purposes.

Scholarship check will be directly mailed to the college registrar's office in your name.

Applicants must submit a 1-2 page essay from one of the below listed topics to SOCA's Board of Officers at on our website at www.thesoca.org. Once on the site, select the Scholarship tab, read the header and then fill out the application. Be sure to have your essay ready before you start filling out the application, you will be required to paste it in the block provided. Also have your last transcript in a digital format ready to attach it in the block provided. SOCA's Board of Officers will select from all of the qualified entries to award the three \$500 scholarships. Entries must be received by July 1, 2011. The winners will be notified by July 15, 2011 and announced in the August Edition of *Delivering the Message*.

Select one of the below essay topics:

- Should the United States be responsible for world policing?
- You are President for a day, what do you do?
- How would you decrease the national deficit?
- Who is the most influential person in your life?
- Should the United States be concerned with uprisings in the Middle East?

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

John P. Sullivan, SGM (Retired)
President, Special Operations Communicator's Association

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.

RETRO

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Above: LCDR Hill and 1SG Spencer make their final tour in the DCO/1SG mule. Of course the entrance was sounded by the playing of the Dixie Charge and a train horn. All of Pope AAF heard it.

Right: 1SG Spencer is presented with the all important retired 1SG hat adorned with every skill badge the PX sells. Now he can go to the Commissary and terrorize the baggers and tell every Private his war stories.



Below: SFC Pinkelman passes Old Glory to 1SG Spencer during the flag passing detail.



Left: LCDR Hill presents 1SG Spencer with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal at 1SG Spencer's retirement ceremony on 1 Apr 11.



Left: ET1 Roberson is presented the DMSM and coveted JCU plaque prior to his PCS from JCU.



Left: LCDR Hill and CSM Long congratulate ETC Russell on his retirement from the Navy after 20 faithful years.

Below: ETC Schimmel presents ETC Russell with a shadow box commemorating his service.



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



The picture from last month is none other than 1SG Jim Prasse. This photo was taken back in the Summer of 1980 in Phoenix, AZ when Jim was only 5. For some reason, he thought that needed to wear some water wings while playing catch. I guess safety was always on his mind, yet again, maybe he just thought it was a good look. Good thing he hasn't sported the floaties or the paper Coco's hat during his time on the softball field while playing for the JCU team. It probably wouldn't be a welcomed look.



Meet the SOROC'ers of Class 01-11



Name: Johnathon Costin
Rank / Service: IT1
Enlisted: 28 October 2004
Birthday: 15 September 1984
Hobbies: Camping, photography, carpentry, fishing, reading
Previous Assignment: NATO HQ Brussels, Belgium
Goals/Expectations: Finish Bachelors degree (12 classes to go), reach highest growth in professional knowledge and physical stamina

Name: Tyler Nichols
Rank / Service: IT2
Enlisted: 19 June 2000
Birthday: 5 October 1981
Spouse name: Tracey
Child: Madison, Chloe, Troxel
Hobbies: Snowboarding, model cars, video games
Previous Assignment: OPNAV Washington DC
Goals/Expectations: Learn all that I can, have a great tour




Name: Jared Cunningham
Rank / Service: CPL
Enlisted: 02 August 2006
Birthday: 22 October 1984
Hobbies: Swimming, reading, taking apart and reassembling gadgets
Previous Assignment: 201st Signal Company, 41st Signal Battalion South Korea
Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC, attend Basic Airborne School

Name: Steven Mahon
Rank / Service: IT2
Enlisted: 21 August 2003
Birthday: 5 June 1985
Hobbies: Snowboarding, golf, hiking, guns, computers, cars, bowling, camping
Previous Assignment: CTF-72 Misawa Japan
Goals/Expectations: To learn as much as possible and enjoy my tour with JCU




MAY Promotions, Awards & Special Occasions




Army Promotion

SGT Connor O'Mahoney to SSG (A-Troop)




Air Force Promotion

TSgt Samuels Prichard to MSgt (SOROC)
SSgt Victor Vinnedge to TSgt (NOSC)



Basic Airborne School Graduate

ETC Brandon Moorhead (SMT-Troop)




Jump Master School Graduate

Military Freefall

Maj Robert Giovannetti (Ops)
SFC Kyle Roscoe (S&T)

Static Line

SFC Nathan Hogue (D-Troop)



JCU Quarterly Award Winners

2nd QTR, FY 2010





2nd QTR, CY 2008

USA NCO: SGT Connor O'Mahoney (A-Troop)

USN NCO: IT1 Chris Choyce (A-Troop)

USAF NCO: TSgt Jason Gunter (D-Troop)

Civilian: Mr. Pet Nunnery (M-Troop)

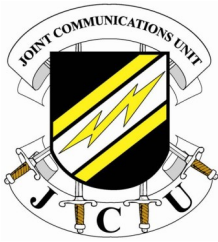





BIRTHDAYS

Marcus Lewis	1 MAY
Todd Petzel	2 MAY
Bryan Fooshee	2 MAY
Matthew Corby	2 MAY
Aaron Samora	4 MAY
Mitchell Sheppard	5 MAY
Charles Scott	7 MAY
Scott Hamilton	7 MAY
Blake Schimmel	9 MAY
Matthew Heist	10 MAY
Michael Phillips	10 MAY
Kathryn Little	17 MAY
Russell Pinard	18 MAY
Michael Beach	18 MAY
Daniel Orrvick	18 MAY
Brian Allen	18 MAY
Olimpia Valdez	19 MAY
Travis Jenkins	22 MAY
Michael McGrath	26 MAY
Walter Zimmermann	27 MAY

Mark your calendars for these important dates

29 APR-16 MAY Fort Bragg Fair	Fort Bragg Fairgrounds
8 May Mothers Day	All day
16 June Pre Golf Tournament Social	1800-2200: The Mash House, Sycamore Dairy Road
17 June 12th Annual SOCA Golf Tournament	0830-1500: Carolina Lakes Golf Course
25 May JCU Spouses Social	1830: Staff Annex
30 May Memorial Day	All Day
16 June SOROC Class 01-11 Graduation	1400: PPF
19 June Fathers Day	All day
1 July Summer Highland Games	0700-0930: Pope AFB Softball field area
12 August Annual JCU Summer Picnic	1000-1800: Camp Rockfish, Rockfish, NC
11 November 15th Annual JSO 10K Run-5K Walk	0700-0930: McKellar's Lodge
20 November 48th Annual JFK-50 Mile Ultra-Marathon	All day: Hagerstown, MD (Registration opens on 1 July 10)



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<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Home</u>
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 Chief	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	
SMT Troop SGM	SGM Jack Nichols	243-1589	424-1805
G-Troop SGM	1SG Bryan Hargrove	243-0991	433-4331
M-Troop Chief	ETCM Mike Addaman	243-0439	487-0293
S&T NCOIC	1SG Chris Leach	243-0577	480-1118
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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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