

Delivering the Message

Message from the Commander

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First, I want to thank all of you for what you do to make this organization truly special. The last six months have flown by and the accomplishments of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, civilians and families is nothing short of miraculous. I also want to take a minute during the Holiday Season to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah or Happy whatever you celebrate this time of year. We have the Children's Christmas Party on the 12th and the JCU Anniversary Party on the 14th. Ann and I are looking forward to seeing you all there.

JCU has so much going on right now I don't know where to begin. We had almost 700 participants in the SOCA 10K Run. I want to send a sincere "Thank You" to all the volunteers that made this so successful. There have been numerous exercises and training events all over the east coast as well as a Leader Offsite to "fix" all the hard problems. We were honored to have Mr. Mike Pelaez, the 1st member of JCU, come speak to the

organization and give his accounts of how the Unit was developed. We had 12 foolish individuals complete the JFK 50 Miler in Maryland. We are in the last days of SOROC 2-12 with graduation on 13 DEC. The guest speaker will be Mr. John Wilcox, the SOCOM CIO/J6 and longtime member/friend of our community. The list goes on and on.

While we prepare to celebrate this festive season please remember A Troop and the select members of SMT, M Troop and the NOSC who can't be here with their families. Please reach out to those families with deployed members to offer support and blessings. As we go into this time of celebration please keep safety in mind. Whether you are driving long distances, skiing or roasting marsh mellows by a fire (I don't like chestnuts) take the extra second to do it safely. We need everyone back and healthy because the pace picks up after the new year.

Merry Christmas,
Wade





A Troop Families ,

Time has been moving fast for us out here primarily because we are always so busy. I hope that you had enjoyable Thanksgiving celebrations, for us we made the most of it but I guarantee you that we would have rather been home with you, our kids and your excellent cooking. The food here was ok, not bad but probably not what most would consider good. Tony, Derreck, Pap, Ryan, Jim, Andrew, and I ran the Turkey Trot 5K at our location (as seen in the picture). Derreck, Jim and Tony ran the race in full kit – the rest of us ran in kit for the Veteran's Day 5K so we decided to go for best time on Thanksgiving instead. Pap led the race in 1st place for the majority of the event but the Turkey trotted the wrong way twice, turning once when he was not supposed to and then missing the final turn in off of the main road. He still finished 4th overall, but was left wondering what may have been if he had better land navigation skills.

Gus, Steve and Adam all reached their line numbers for TSgt (USAF E6) promotion. Ski and Phil got selected for Petty Officer First Class (USN E6) and Kyle was selected as the JCU Service Member of the Year by the annual board. Kyle's selection made 2012 the third year in a row that the unit's SMOY has been in A Troop. The accomplishments of these men, their dedication to the Troop, unit and service, and the excellence that I witness from all of the A Troopers on a day-to-day basis really makes me proud to have the honor of being the A Troop SGM.

There are so many things that I

wish I could tell you about what the guys are doing, but we all understand the operational security restrictions. Although I cannot elaborate on specifics, Steve Powell has done an amazing job in a very dynamic situation. Marlon, Jeremiah and Adam have had a lot of change, projects and challenges to overcome. Naturally, they have excelled in all tasks. Sam is holding down the fort in his area with John B and Gus doing super work. Gus's mustache looks amazing, by the way. Speaking of hair, Dirk won the coveted Great Hair Award this month and Kyle was last month's winner. For those that did not witness my speech at COL Anderson's going away gifts presentation, I'll reiterate, "It's not only how good you are at your job that matters, but also how good you look doing it." I hear that Gil and Jeremiah are in an "abs" war to see who can have the best 6-pack by the

time we return home. The judging for this is going to have to be delegated to their wives, because although I will judge and award "Best Hair", I just cannot see me judging a guy's abs. Speaking of hair again, Ryan S. has recovered nicely from his haircut incident in October. It really wasn't a high and tight, although I believe it was supposed to be something of that sort. It would be difficult to describe but I believe that Derreck put it best when he coined the haircut a, "High and YIKES!"

Time's getting short and we'll be home before you know it! Take care and we'll be seeing you all soon. If you need to know what to buy the Troop SGM for Christmas, please contact Eli. Just jokin', but in all seriousness – I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and if you need anything let Eli know. Be sure to watch the cartoons! I always love those.

~Dave





Well, November 2012 is now in the past. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoyed the nice holiday break. B Troop accomplished a lot this past month as we worked towards our preparation to relieve our A Troop brothers in just a few short weeks. We knocked out some well needed training and had some fun along the way. First, we welcome back SFC Blanton as he recently returned to us from the Senior Leaders Course at Ft. Gordon. Congrats Chase, on meeting another major milestone in your Army career! This month we also learned that B Troop has a closet sniper among us.

That's right; Brandon Works rose to the long range rifle challenge as he edged out Jody Elkins for the "Dead-Eye Dick" award during range week. Along with the illustrious title, Brandon also walked home with the grand prize of "bragging rights"- as the young Sailor beat out two admirable Army competitors. When asked after the competition if he felt any different after his display of "shock and awe" he simply replied, "That's what I do." Good job BW, we'll make sure to add some Marines to the competition next time so that you actually have to work for it. B Troop also took a morning to show

off their rock climbing skills at RedPoint Climbing. It was a great workout and everyone had a good time. They are now prepared if they ever need a belay off the antenna tower. Ending off the month, we said good-bye to two B Troopers. Master Chief Dave Kelly departed us for beautiful sunny San Diego. We wish him luck at his next assignment after finishing up a long and impressive career at JCU. Finally, we say farewell to our good friends Chuck and Kris To & family. Both Chuck and Kris have been the lifeblood of B Troop for many years and we thank them for all that they have done for the Troop; both on-duty and off. Godspeed to you both; we wish you the best...Cheers!

~Scott



To all JCU family and friends, I hope your Veteran's and Thanksgiving holidays were great. November is always a great month in that it allows us to give thanks and honor those who are serving or who have served our country. In C-Troop this month we congratulate Christian for being selected for Chief Master Sergeant, definitely an amazing feat. We sent off and welcomed back Oscar, Chris, and Brian from their travels (you guys know what you did), job well done! We patiently await the return of the infamous Jimmy and Aaron from their trip. John, Justin Day, and Christian attended a pretty arduous crash course in CISSP. I

am sure their brains are completely fried from that, but those 100lb heads can handle it. This month Kevin was tested on his "Message to Garcia" gumption by searching Fort Bragg for the elusive DZ Dryer. He wasn't able to find it, but I am sure the guys in 3rd BDE enjoyed his visit. Good effort Kevin! A few of us in the troop have been knee deep in Cross-fit preparing for the zombie apocalypse predicted by our friends, the Mayans. You have to be in pretty good shape to out run or out PT a zombie. They aren't the fastest but, those things are like the Energizer Bunny; they just keep on going. If we bring our families on the compound we should be pretty safe, zombies

don't have access badges. I have been trying to track down a tomahawk and cross-bow range for the troop since those are the best weapons to use on zombies, according to Daryl Dixon, but I have been unsuccessful. The search continues. According to the scientists at the SETI institute and NASA, nothing will happen on 21 December 2012, but what do they know. We're sticking with our gut on this one. As you can tell November has been pretty busy for C-Troop. We are counting the days till D-Troop takes the reigns so we can start training for the next mission. I hope that everyone has a great holiday and is zombie free this month, 2013 is just around the corner!

~Brandon



It has been a very busy month for the D Troop family. First and foremost we would like to welcome back Rob, Deboris and Paul from Ft. Gordon as they attended their NCOES. As usual all of them performed well and Paul walked away with the Distinguished Honor Graduate award, congrats to Paul. For some reason there has been a huge spike in the "high and yikes" haircuts amongst our SSG's as they are preparing for the promotion board. Hopefully the new hair-do pays off and good luck to all 3 of you. Speaking of promotions, we would like to congratulate Brad for his selection to Petty Officer First Class. Congratulations and now you can afford that awesome car and eat a good meal not just mac and

cheese. We also welcome back Sam from Ft. Benning. After he was able to open his eyes, and put his knees in the breeze, he earned the coveted Parachutist badge and has the record for being the longest jump school attendee from the unit. This month the guys were busy checking all the packages and preparing for what looks like to be a busy few weeks to come. I hope everyone enjoyed some well-deserved time off for Turkey day and got plenty to eat over the holiday. Stan and company are down at Ft. Gordon doing good things as Kyle & Chas are taking the rest of the crew to FL for some ship board training. I think the wager of who will get sick first is almost as large as the Power Ball jackpot. I have my money on

a sailor...Brad whatever you do don't get sick. I would hate for your first time at sea to be a rough one. During the past month D-Troop conducted its annual broomball competition and it was some bone crushing fun. The game was so close that it ended in a shootout with Kyle and Stan's team coming out on top. On a positive note no one ended up at sick call so it was an all-around success. So with November behind us we look forward to some good training in December and the holiday season. I would like to thank all the families for their support to their service members because as usual we couldn't do what we do without your support. ~Kyle



November was a busy month for SMT. Congratulations to Mr. Dave Miller with his promotion to Warrant Officer after his graduation from Warrant Officer School at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Congratulations, also goes out to Brian Zebrowski with his promotion to Technical Sergeant. SMT also congratulates Scott Hamilton, as he graduated from the Advanced Free Fall Instructor Course and Roberto Lopez, as he graduated from the Military Free Fall Course. Mark Krob graduated from the Senior Leadership Course at Fort Gordon, GA. Congrats Mark I am sure you are glad to be back.

SMT has logged quite a few miles this past month running while supporting the SOCA JCU 10K,

the JFK 50 miler and the Richmond, VA marathon. Jeff Eldred, Chris Lewallen, Josh Smith, David Smith and Gama Rodriguez all completed the brutal JFK 50 mile ultra-marathon run through the Appalachian Trail in Maryland. I decided to run half the distance and ran the Richmond VA marathon.

There have been quite a few moves with in SMT this past month. SMT would like to give a warm welcome to Steve Alexander (CST), Joe Cade (EST), and Ben Holmes (SRT). We look forward to your technical input during your time in SMT. IO welcomes Tommy Knoll. CST welcomes Eddie Robles and Luke Blum. EST welcomes Marcus Jett as he makes his transition from SRT. SMT

welcomes David Smith with his recent move from the line troops to IO. We would like to thank Jory Mathis for his service to his country during his time in SRT. Jory has departed SMT and is currently working in the NOSC.

SMT has been busy getting going to school to become 8570 compliant. Chris Lewallen completed his Net + exam. Josh Smith completed both Sec + and Net + and is currently enrolled in CISSP. Luke Blum completed Sec + and Net +. Mr. Campbell, IO, completed his RHCSA exam. Garcia, Zebrowski, Kudel, Runk and Seglund are all scheduled for Net + and Sec + in the month of December. Good luck fellas. Happy Holidays from SMT

~Mike



Hello everyone! Well, another holiday has come and gone and I hope your plans for Thanksgiving dinner went off without a hitch. It seems as though we hardly have time to enjoy and recover from one holiday before we are thrust into the next one. I do want to take a moment and thank everyone for their support throughout the year and I was glad to see (and taste) many of the dishes that were prepared by you and your spouses for our Annual M-Troop Potluck. I won't go into any details about the upcoming events and various holiday parties because they are already distributed at work and sent

to your e-mail accounts. Please attend if you can and if your schedule allows- volunteer to support.

Chris Smith, Mike Larson, Mike beach and Andy Miller just returned from a short trip supporting our overseas initiatives. As usual, I've received great comments on their work. Everyone appreciates the job you guys are doing and "Thanks" to your spouses for supporting you especially during this time of year when everyone seems to have 6 hours less in the day to get things done. Chris Scott, Jared Sams and Andrew Bowman are marching on with their deployment and facilitating many new projects to make things easier for the next

group. Keep up the great work guys! Unfortunately, we periodically have to say "Goodbye" to some great folks as they transition to a new duty assignment. The Drew family will be leaving us in December and taking a tour in Naples, Italy. I'm sure they will enjoy their assignment and they will be missed here at M-Troop and JCU...(especially when Luau season comes around again). Enjoy your tour Jef and Frances. Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season. I don't know if I'll get a chance to write the next newsletter before the rush so..Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

~Mike Addaman



Halloween came and went, and November arrived as a welcome changes of pace for the NOSC. We hosted communicators from other countries within the coalition of the willing. We were able to exchange ideas and techniques with several of the sections of JCU. We also shared a few drinks and even ran the 10k with them. Thanks to all the sections within JCU who enabled this event. November is also the time for the annual SOCA 10K, several NOSC members and families participated in this tradition and had a great time. Thanks to the SOCA leadership for hosting another great run. The JTEP team is staying busy by practicing their civil engineering skills. The team has been busy pouring concrete and constructing new satellite dishes. The JTEP also found time to send Bryce to Jumpmaster School and to send Seth to Air Force Leader PME school. The NSE was also fully engaged this month. Mike Parsons finally attempted CISSP training and Jeramy Cosner worked on his Security + certification. The

AIS crew welcomed two new contractors to the section. Kenneth Grimes and Jacobo Soriano are both now on the contract and work for ARMA. The NOSC also welcomed two new junior members. Christopher and Jessica Farr had a baby boy, Urijah Joseph -Michael Farr and Donnell Lawson and wife gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Shiloh Denise Lawson.

I forgot to mention that the NOSC said farewell to Steve Alexander, who went to SMT. Steve has a wealth of knowledge that we relied upon during several deployments with the NOSC and will now put to good use in SMT. Best of Luck Steve!

As per SPO, the NOSC has a laundry list of personnel deployed at any given time. The recently deployed are Dave Brewster, Chris Choyce, Al Eline, Connor O'Mahoney, and Jimmy Bermudez. As the NOSC continues to progress the technical difficulty of our networks and systems, the automators in the NOSC continually rise to the occasion and become proficient on the latest

technology. As the changing of the guard has just occurred, we welcome back Ed Salcedo, Ben Holmes, Mike Martinez, Ryan Akins and Sergio Hernandez. Welcome back guys, thanks for a job well done.

I'd like to thank all the hard working military, civilian, and contract workers and their families for the dedication committed over the past year. With the contract changes that occurred this past summer, everyone was affected. Several military and civilian members had to pick up the slack for a void left in our contract work force. The dedicated personnel in the NOSC were able to overcome this challenge and got the job done. The NOSC kept the unit running and we were able to continue working with little interruptions. Thank you to all the families behind the scenes who had to adapt to their spouse being deployed again.

This I our last newsletter for the year, so please enjoy the holidays and I hope to see you all at the upcoming holiday festivities. Merry Christmas and Happy Bowl Season.

~Tom

GOODBYE TO FRIENDS & FAMILY



(L) Dave Kelly leaves the command for a second time, headed for San Diego, not sure if we'll see him again. (R) Chuck To is heading down south to Florida to serve the command in another position. Thank you to you both for a job well done.



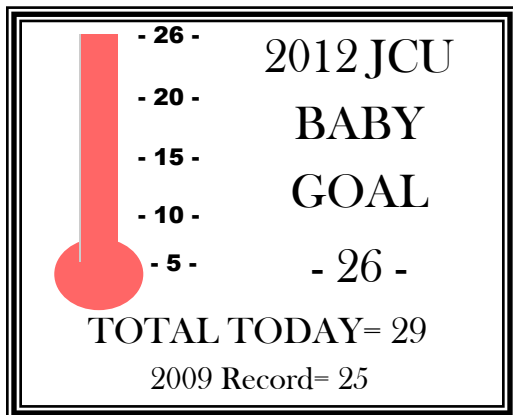
Jef, Frances, Charles, Anna and Philip Drew will leave the unit this month also. He has been a pleasure to work with. Fair winds and following seas Jef and crew!



WELCOME OUR NEW JCU MEMBERS

Donnie Dalros (SOROC 1-13)
Ben and Emily Schuster (SOROC 1-13)
Roger Ramos (SOROC 1-13)

Jeremy and Michelle Martin (SOROC 1-13)
Brandon Voytek (SOROC 1-13)



BABY NEWS

Congrats to Jessica and Chris Farr on the arrival of their baby boy. He came into the world on 6 November weighing in at 7 lbs 8 ozs and standing 20.5" tall

December Promotions/Birthdays/Announcements

BIRTHDAYS

AMY SMITH	1 DEC
JAMES VASIL	1 DEC
JASON LOY	2 DEC
JUSTIN DAHL	5 DEC
GREG DURR	5 DEC
JOE WORLEY	10 DEC
DENNIS SMITH	11 DEC
JONATHAN MAST	11 DEC
GABE RAMIREZ	12 DEC
LENIN CASTILLO	13 DEC
LUKE BLUM	14 DEC
DAVID DEAN	16 DEC
JEREMY BLOOM	21 DEC
ROB FLAKER	22 DEC
SCOTT EVELER	25 DEC
TERRELL KEMP	26 DEC
BRANDON MOORHEAD	27 DEC
TIM WATTS	28 DEC
NATE HOGUE	28 DEC
DAREN PALLUGNA	29 DEC
JAMES STOKES	30 DEC

ANNIVERSARIES

SEAN AND KATIE MITCHAM	1 DEC
CLIFF AND CASSIE MARCY	1 DEC
JEREMY AND MILLISA BRADFORD	3 DEC
STEVE AND JENNIFER POWELL	7 DEC
SCOTT AND EMILY HAMILTON	7 DEC
ROBERT AND KELLI NEWBRY	9 DEC
JODY AND NALEZCA ELKINS	10 DEC
DAREN AND LORI PALLUGNA	11 DEC
BRYAN AND ROBERTA WATKINS	15 DEC
MIKE AND KELLY LARSON	16 DEC
DAVE AND ELI ALLEN	16 DEC
RYAN AND OLIMPIA AKINS	17 DEC
ROB AND KERI LONDERS	21 DEC
THOMAS AND AMY WEDEKIND	22 DEC
JERRY AND LISA DOVER	23 DEC
LEON AND JENNIFER HAMILTON	28 DEC
JEREMIAH AND ELIZABETH VANDERNEUT	28 DEC
JUSTIN AND MEREDOTH YOAKUM	29 DEC



Congratulations to:

TSgt Jason Benavides to MSgt
 SSgt Brian Zebrowski to TSgt
 SSgt Gus Daffara to TSgt
 SSgt Adam Thompson to TSgt



Congratulations to:

SFC Gilberto Serna for
 earning Master Sergeant



Congratulations to:

PO2 Brad Pike to PO1
 PO2 Scott Stanizewski to PO1
 PO2 Phil Mistretta to PO1
 PO2 Matt Cillo tp PO1

Pictures



(left) LTC Johnston and LTC Rascon pose with our comrades to the north

(below) Mr. Mike Palaez took some time to come up and speak with the unit about the "Good ole days".



Brandon Moorhead earning his Gold Wings for completing 10 jumps (above)



(Left) Back when Sully was first assigned to JCU, when the pallet was installed on a Pterodactyl and a the K-Loader was a Brontosaurus. Sully was in the first SO-ROCK course in 1992 BC where they chiseled messages into stone tablets and used smoke signals to transmit them. Una-Lee has always looked the same since they arrived (knows where the fountain of youth is), but Sully has always needed some fashion help along the way, and still does.

Pictures

(Below) Mat heist, Chris Kudel, Joe Cade, (left) Luke Blum and Jason Benavides receive well earned Bronze Stars for what they have contributed to this unit and country.

(Right) Brent Borden (not pictured), Russ Pinard and Joe Worley earn their IEDW Badge. Sham gets presented his DMSM for his time here in the unit.



The Jingle Stick Competition



Last year's winners, M Troop. Competition is 13 DEC this year. We hope everyone tries their best to outdo M Troop! Spouses are welcome to assist!! Get with your service member



This young whippersnapper is all about hanging with the big boys. A few clues on who this might be.

- 1. Good with his hands
- 2. Knows the difference between coax and 144 pair
- 3. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

"No D Troop, You're good, don't move it! The sign doesn't pertain to you!"



James Stokes gets re-enlisting by MAJ Herman.

Congrats James!



It's that time of year again....

Please Join Us for the

Annual JCU Children's Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 12, 2012 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

At the Parachute Packing Facility (on the compound)

We will have moon bounces, slides, and crafts for the children as well as food and a visit from Santa.

Please RSVP to Susan Miller smiller05@gmail.com

No Later Than Thursday, December 6, 2012

Please include the member's name, spouse's name, and children's names, ages, sexes as well as your families total head count



Thank you to everyone who RSVP'd for this event.

We are at around 230. There will be plenty of pizza, drinks and activities for all.

****NOTE**** Due to the fact it is still a duty day we will have to shuttle personnel with our vans from the visitor center.

Please plan accordingly.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who RSVP'd. We are at 299 people.

Menu is Filet Mignon and chicken, waaay better than bun-less hotdogs.

Date: December 14, 2012
Time: 6:00p.m.



JCU Anniversary Ball

Room rate - \$130 for 2 room suites
Includes Full Breakfast and 2 adult beverages per person from 5:30p.m.—7:30p.m.
The Code is JCU
There are 40 rooms altogether, 30 with a king in the room with pullout sofa in the living room and 10 with 2 queen beds in the bedroom with a pullout sofa in the living room.

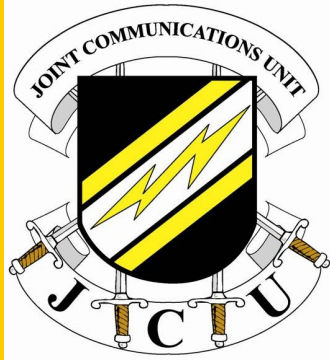
The Embassy Suites
4760 Lake Valley Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28303
(910) 826-3600

RSVP to rSG Vanessa Moak
moakv@jdi.socom.mil

Dress Code:
Civilian Dress
Suit and tie for men, nice cocktail dress for ladies.



Next newsletter will come out at the end of March, 2013.



LEADERSHIP THAT CARES



<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Home</u>
Commander	LTC Wade Johnston	243-0200	919-499-1492
CSM	CSM Steve Long	243-0201	568-6408
DCO	MAJ Andy Bender	243-8850	263-8161
Chaplain	CPT Brad Bruce	243-2515	919-909-1492
Unit 1SG	1SG Vanessa Moak	243-0469	988-4473
OPS Officer	MAJ Ken Rutka	243-0524	706-587-8884
Ops SGM	SGM Steve Trevino	243-2439	584-1239
ECS CDR	Capt Mike Maddox	243-4556	404-376-2307
ECS SGM	SGM Rob Flaker	243-4556	584-1238
A-Troop SGM	ETCS Dave Allen	243-1321	639-1388
B-Troop SGM	SMSGt Scott Eveler	243-4079	322-0210
C-Troop SGM	SMSGt Christian Martin	243-0115	919-498-1192
D-Troop SGM	MSG Dennis Smith	243-4147	429-5443
SMT Troop SGM	SGM Jack Nichols	243-1589	424-1805
NOSC SGM	MSG Chris Leach	243-0991	480-1118
NOSC Director	LTC Tom Rascon	243-4075	973-2489
M-Troop SGM	ETCM Mike Addaman	243-0439	487-0293
S&T NCOIC	SFC Jeff Carlson	243-0577	352-263-3660
XO	Maj Mark Landez	243-2301	478-320-8869
SOROC TAC	1SG Jon Woosley	243-8125	574-1515
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Social Worker	Mrs. Wanda Crawford	396-7489	
JSOC FRG	Mrs. Marie VanHeusen	396-7500	

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NOSC	Kim Leach	480-1118	dawgs2win@embarqmail.com
M-Troop	Kelly Larson	530-524-4038	l Larson101@gmail.com
SOROC	Patricia Gonzalez	910-286-1384	realtorpg@live.com

Mark your calendars for these important dates

8 December	JSOC Breakfast with Santa	Sports USA, Fort Bragg (Longstreet)
12 December	JCU Children's Holiday Party	PPF 1600-1900
14 December	JCU Anniversary Ball	Embassy Suites, Fayetteville (by Toys-r-Us) 1800-UTC