

Delivering the Message

Message from the Commander

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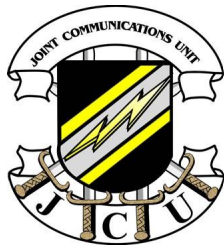
It is hard to believe summer is almost over and school has started. JCU has had an extremely busy summer with SOROC 2-12 starting and completing their tactical portion. A Troop completed several exercises and culminated with validation in early August. B Troop is preparing to change mission set for the first time in almost 18 months while C Troop prepares to assume mission. D Troop has done exceptional work while deployed. The CSM and I are currently visiting D Troop while we travel and there is one common theme where ever we go - "JCU does amazing work, I can't believe how much they can do". The leadership at all levels has nothing but praise for D Troop while they demonstrate they are "DoD's Finest Communicators". SMT continues to press with training, assessment and selection, exercises and critical deployments. M Troop has been equally busy upgrading systems, testing new equipment, repairing the other Troops gear and moving LRS into their new building.

I need to remind folks to be safe and not speed anytime, but especially during this period as most schools are back in session. Please be aware of school zones, crosswalks and running children. Ft Bragg has been cracking down on speeding all over post so please take the extra time to get where you are going safely and without a ticket.

I want to thank everyone that had a part in organizing the Family Picnic it was a huge success by all accounts. I also want to thank the families for participating, if it were not for you it would be a bunch of military folks standing around looking at each other by a lake. 1SG Moak is already working on the Holiday Party, scheduled for Friday 14 December at the new Embassy Suites in Fayetteville.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Labor Day to close out summer and prepare for the cooler fall activities ahead.

-Wade



Special points of interest:

- Pictures
- Promotions
- Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- Much More



Do not forget to sign up for the 16th Annual SOCO 10K. If you can help out, please email spencert@jdi.socom.mil. November 10th at 0800. Rain or shine!



It's hard to believe that August 2012 is now behind us. It was another busy month for B Troop as we inched closer to that light at the end of tunnel. Last week we gathered to say farewell to Ray Halmos who will be moving on to his new assignment in Virginia. Ray will be sorely missed as a skilled communicator, leader, and friend. We wish him luck in both his new job and fighting that crazy D.C. traffic. Chuck To officially handed over the reins of the troop as he headed down to Alabama to attend Senior NCO Academy. As

he's getting smart on SNCO stuff, I'm sure he's providing his peers some education & mentorship as well. In addition to the guys we had in the three week automations course; Matty Heist became the troop's Cinemassive wizard and David Ortiz spent some time with our Army brethren to earn his Hazmat certification. Sorry guys, there's no cool badge that comes with graduating these courses. On the other hand, we hope to have some new badges on the chests of Tony, Brandon, Gonzalo and Grayson as they

prepare for their journey to Ft. Benning to attend Airborne School. As we continue improve our skillsets in all facets of our joint duties, we still manage to hold down the fort. There were many long days and late nights spent taking care of business on the B Troop front. I could not be more proud of such a great group, and ever so thankful of the continued support we get from our families at home. Thank You.

~Scott



Happy start of the new school year to everyone; everyone with kids that is. I hope everyone had a good summer, full of good times while roasting in the sun. As the kids are back in school, so ends the summer and the beginning of the fall season, full of football and exercises. C-Troop has been winding down our training time

getting ready to assume the next portion of our cycle and we will soon have some much needed downtime. In 4 months. Maybe... But seriously, everyone has been doing great work as we finish up our training and get ready for the next stage. The troop has welcomed in a new junior member with Tyler Nichols little girl and await the arrival of Brian and Christy Allen's new

one. We also added a new E6 to our ranks with the surprise promotion of Steve Mahon to IT1 which cuts our E5 population down to zero. Thanks to all of the families for their support and understanding during our training cycle and hopefully we get a little more family time in the future.

~christian



Summer is winding down, but the guys are staying busy as ever in SMT. We would like to Congratulate Brandon and Eva on their new addition. Lilly Moorhead was welcomed into the SMT family on Aug 26 weighing in at 5lbs 11oz. We would also like to welcome back Dave from IO who was replaced by Adam. Josh S. continues to keep his guys busy doing the heavy lifting. Jonas and

Jason went to Virginia to get their sea legs and play nice with their Navy counterparts, Rob decided to fly on a few planes and Al took A LOT of leave. Jory thought he was going to get a break but Josh figured he didn't need one and sent him to ALC. Good luck down their buddy! We would also like to congratulate Jason Muncy for being selected for SSG after he steamrolled the competition on the SSG promotion board. Marcus and

Billy are still downrange having fun. On the Executive side, Josh E went across the pond and replaced Ameer who will get a well-deserved break. Chad and his guys continue to push the limits of training and are hardly around, but rest assured they have been busy. Finally the backbone of SMT.....the guys in EST have been either planning training, conducting training or just fixing anything that needs fixing. See you next time.

~Mark K



Hello Everyone,

I'd like to thank everyone for all the warm welcomes to the Troop. My wife Mavis and I, along with our kids are truly grateful to be part of the D Troop family. I personally want to thank the Commander and Command Sergeant Major for giving me the opportunity to serve with this fine group of men and women. I will apologize upfront to all for not being able to wow you with amazing stories as Del. But Del did say he would have all the BBQ and Buds waiting on us when we get back. We just have to go to my house to enjoy it. Good job Del, still being a team player till the end. But as usual, D Troop

continues to handle business away from home and reaching milestones along the way. Tyler, Will, and Jason H have set some pretty high goals with being some of the first to test and validate some new gear that will pave the way for future successes. I got a chance to get out and visit some of the troop and all the great things they are doing. I was truly impressed with everything they had going on at their locations and the great work they were doing. Although Amy wanted to try and hurt me by doing a Cross Fit workout and Mike with running up some hills, maybe next time. While Kyle and crew continue to get stronger and faster, Stan and the boys continue their fight against injustice. By the time

most of you get this, A Troop will be on their way to conduct their RIP with us. Welcome A Troop. So for the spouses, go easy on them with the dreaded honey do list when they walk through the door. I know everyone will be looking forward to enjoying time with their families and some well-earned time off. Remember to be safe and look out for one another. Also make sure you get some rest because we have some great training lined up after leave is over. Last but not least, let us not forget our Fallon Comrade GySgt Christopher E. Cunningham who was tragically taking from us a year ago, gone but not forgotten.

~Dennis



I wanted to start off by saying thanks to all the service members and families that attended the JCU annual picnic at Camp Rockfish. The attendance was great and everyone had a fun time. Thanks to Vanessa and crew for putting together this awesome event. Congrats go out to Cody Leach who caught all the fish in the lake, while dad came up empty. Better luck next time Chris... if you need fishing lessons, give me a call. August was a busy month for just about everyone in the NOSC. We had our newest warrant, Shawn Petermann, graduate from Airborne school, so we look forward to his first jump with the unit. We also participated in the unit validation exercise and made sure that the deploying troop is up

to the standard. Our AIS and SYSCON guys are really getting good at putting the line troop personnel through the paces. I'd like to congratulate Vic Guerra of the NSE on finally passing his CISSP exam this month. Now we can legally have him work on our networks and we might finally get some work out of him. Tammy Sprague just returned from her recent deployment, so welcome back Tammy! We continue to have a lot of our personnel deployed, so keep them in your thoughts as you enjoy the Labor Day weekend. Our deployed forces are doing a great job and continue to make life easier for all of us that are back at home. Keep up the good work guys and we hope to have you back this way real soon.

Our NOSC PT program is progressing nicely. We have successfully raised our bowling average by 10 points and have become experts on the volleyball court. We are conducting our PT sessions weekly and they are open to all NOSC members, so come on out and enjoy the morning with the group.

On a more serious note, Travis Jenkins had surgery on his hand and wrist and will be out of action for the next few weeks, so text him and see how he's doing. Also, the Amsler family is preparing for Randy's upcoming medical procedure, so be sure to keep Randy in your prayers. If you would like to assist the Amslers while Randy is in recovery, please contact Chris for scheduling.

~Tom



It causes me physical pain to allow this to be printed.....I obviously received inputs for this newsletter and in the interest of fair and unbiased reporting am allowing it to be printed in its entirety.....

Shot called/Shot made! The 2nd JCU bass fishing tourney went exactly as predicted. Chris "Mullet" Leach and Mike "Lady Fish" Williams brought in two "respectable" bass, one of which (brought in frozen) apparently committed suicide by jumping directly into an ice chest after discovering he had been bested by "Lady Fish". Big Jon and company looked menacing as they weighed in their haul. Catfish Addaman and Clyde already had their boat out of the water and on the trailer before weigh in even commenced. Apparently, the mere site of Shake and Bake returning to the boat ramp for weigh in intimidated them into trying to sneak away, knowing the humiliation that must be in store. Jon Mast and Earle "Rigormortis" Allen had three lively bass (none of which were frozen) putting them in a solid (but distant) second place. Earle was practically in tears crying "what did I do wrong?" Shake & Bake ignored all caution flags during the mad dash to victory with sledge hammer authority. It all started in turn one with Bake landing a 6lb Bass. I have to say "Bass" because no

one else knew that bass got that big. This was followed shortly by a solid 2lb'r, a few min later with a 3.5lb'r. Bake then performed a blocking maneuver on the pack putting Shake in prime position to execute his own move to the front, by landing a 2.75lb keeper. The race finished with the same drama as it had begun, when Shake performed the Coup De Grace by slamming the sledge hammer down on the last coffin nail with the 5th and final bass, a fat 4 pounder! Sweet 8lb 6oz baby Jesus! Can this be real? Are Shake & Bake really this good?! Indeed sir, indeed! After witnessing the cruel bludgeoning performed on the other competitors, Jimmy Mac and Danny decided not to weigh their fish in and quietly threw them directly back into the lake.

LRS has finally completed their move and getting settled in to their new "digs". EMS and Config Management have finalized their "Oklahoma land race" style bid for LRS's now vacant territory. Surveyor flags were planted and no one was shot.....looks like everyone wins!

Motor pool has completed more motor maintenance than you can shake a dip stick at! Roger has done due diligence with keeping the M-Troop snack bar depleted as usual. Mikey Beach continues to mystify us all with frequent fast

talk of shorted flux capacitors, dead batteries and misaligned crankshafts. Always an excuse... at least we know who's doing all the work...Justin and Andy.

JR and Demario have left their respective marks and continue to perform in outstanding fashion. I'd be remiss I didn't highlight the important work JR did in troubleshooting and correcting a problem which prevented the upgrade to vital communications link which doubled its capabilities... Keep up the great work guys....you'll be home soon.

Congratulations to Jef (with one "f") Drew and Russ "T-Rex" Pinard on their recent selection to Chief Petty Officer! Another big milestone in their careers and the lives of their families! Well deserved, guys! We are all proud of you. We miss you and hope to see you back at work within the next year.

Thanks to all for your hard work and commitment to excellence. Keep up the good work! Take care and stay safe.

~Mike "CATFISH" Addaman



SOROC Class 2-12 just completed Module I with a 100% pass rate. Congratulations guys, keep up the hard work. I feel that Module II is going to bring some unique challenges and is going to

take some strong commitment and hard work to get through.

Since last newsletter we are down one student due to non-academic release. It was a hit to the team, but as with every good team the mission must go on. I hope to see the remaining 33

SOROC students walk across the stage on 14 DEC 12. Until next time, I will continue the SOROC mission to develop better leaders and a more cohesive communications team!

~1SG Jon Woosley, SOROC TAC

Tomorrow (2 Sept) would mark the one year anniversary when Chris was going for a ride on his motorcycle and an SUV turned out in front of him, fatally wounding him and eventually taking his life. Two days later on a Sunday afternoon, his wife Michelle would have to do something none of us would ever want to do; say goodbye to her soulmate. Chris was known and liked by many and usually stuck out in any crowd due to his size. He was tough on his son, Chris, and his daughter Casandra had him wrapped around her little pinkie. Anytime there was a unit function or impromptu get together among friends you were more than likely going to see Chris and Michelle there. We can only hope he knows how much he is missed and how he touched each of our hearts in his own way. For those that didn't know Chris, he was in the unit from Dec '07 to Sept '11 assigned as an RTO and LNO in D Troop.

A short Bio is below.

Gunnery Sergeant Christopher Edward Cunningham was born 28 September 1973 in Leavenworth, Kansas. A graduate of Leavenworth High School, class of 1992, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps as a Basic Radio Operator on 14 October 1992. He attended basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA and upon completion received orders to his first command 5th Battalion, 11th Marines at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA. Most recently, he was attached to the Joint Communications Unit, Ft. Bragg North Carolina where he served as a communications technician, Integrated Communications

Vehicle Team Chief, and Liaison Officer. During his 19 years of service, Chris served in Operations WILD FIRE, SUMMER HEAT, IRAQI FREEDOM, and ENDURING FREEDOM. His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (posthumously), Joint Service Commendation Medal (3rd award), Navy and

Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and numerous others. He is survived by his wife Michelle, son Christopher, and daughter Casandra; a brother, James Cunningham; mother, Joyce Cunningham; his grandmother, Gladys, as well as many other family and friends who love him.

In Loving Memory



GySgt Christopher Edward Cunningham

September 28, 1973 - September 4, 2011

August Pictures



(LEFT) LTC Johnston awards CW3 Brooks his DMSM. Mr Brooks moved over to the 6 shop. (BELOW) MAJ Rutka surprises a young and newly Airborne Steve Mahon on getting promoted to Petty Officer First Class. Congrats Steve!



(ABOVE) MAJ Rutka pins Master Parachutist (Master Blaster) Wings on MAJ MacDonald. (RIGHT) Capt Maddox awards SFC Ray "Ray Ray" Halmos his DMSM for 4+ years of service to B troop and JCU.



August Pictures

(LEFT) MSgt Tim Renfro presenting SSgt Jeff Huffman with a well deserved print. Jeff has defected to a unit down the road. (BELOW) LTC Johnston awards SSgt Ken Johnson his DMSM for his tour here in JCU and his service to our nation as an Airman. Thanks Ken and good luck to you and your family!



(ABOVE) LTC Johnston awards GySgt Danny Knouse his DMSM. Danny will be PCSing (eventually) from the unit within a few months (possibly). Good luck to you, Kathi and the kids!
(RIGHT) LTC Johnston awards SFC Jimmy Wagner his Bronze star. Good job Jimmy!!



Nothing says “I’m cool” like a tattered flag, even more tattered jeans and a sweet mullet. Lil’ Tommy Knoll really had the girls flocking to his front door with this getup (More than likely it was the sword). Some background on Tom (from Tom)—This pic was taken of me in 1989 in North Dakota. There wasn't a lot of stuff going on up there in the 80s (Def not a lot of lady slaying so I stuck to slaying dragons). I guess you could say I was a pioneer and started the whole LARPING & shredded jean craze that all you hipsters enjoy today. When I am not training or doing other things with the unit you might catch me on the main post parade field Larping (Hit me up if you’re interested).

Thank you Tom for your submission and fashion innovations!



The young man pictured with the cat was none other than MAJ Ken Rutka. Born in July '72 and raised on the southside of Chicago—the epicenter of style and 80s fashion. Photo submitted was taken as my Junior High School photo in the late 1988. At the time of the photo, my High School activities included Wrestling, Math Competition Club and listening to WASP and Poison. I raised the cat in the photo (Bruno) from a kitten, but sadly he died once I went off to college at the South Hudson Institute of Technology, NY, in 1991. I now have 2 cats (Bruno III and Bo-rat) and my wife’s dog (U-turn).

Thank you MAJ Rutka for your submission and bio!

GOODBYE TO FRIENDS & FAMILY

SSgt Jeffrey Huffman and family (M troop)

SSgt Matthew Corby and Priscilla (A Troop)

SFC Raphael Halmos and family (B Troop)

SSgt Kenneth Johnson and Lisa and their son Tyler (NOSC)



August Promotions



PO2 Steve Mahon to Petty
Officer First Class

BIRTHDAYS

JOHN KILLEBREW	1 SEPT
MR. LINDER	5 SEPT
BRIAN GRANIERO	5 SEPT
JARED SAMS	7 SEPT
CHRIS "WOODY" WOODALL	10 SEPT
KEN "GRUMPY" GARRISON	10 SEPT
STEVE COMEAU	11 SEPT
DAVE ALLEN	13 SEPT
SWANI PHILIPP	14 SEPT
DANNY KNOUSE	15 SEPT
JOHN COSTIN	15 SEPT
MICHAEL LEE	17 SEPT
BECKY WISER	18 SEPT
NATHANIEL WILLIAMS	20 SEPT
HAROLD "SHAM" SHAMBLIN	25 SEPT
DERRECK MARTIN	25 SEPT
JEREMY PADBURY	25 SEPT
COREY WILSON	29 SEPT

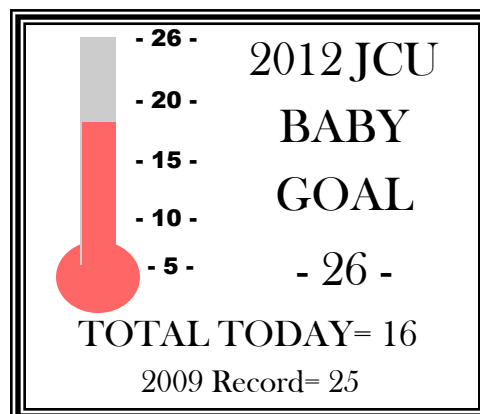
ANNIVERSARIES

RACHEL AND JONATHAN MAST	3 SEPT
ANDREA AND KYLE KRAMER	6 SEPT
NARIKO AND MIKE ADDAMAN	8 SEPT
SARAH AND JOSH MORGAN	8 SEPT
JENNIFER AND SCOTT BEADELL	9 SEPT
ANDREA AND JEFF INGRAHAM	10 SEPT
ANITA AND JIM MCKNIGHT	10 SEPT
NATALIE AND CHRISTIAN MARTIN	14 SEPT
SARA AND MIKE BEACH	18 SEPT
MARLENE AND CHRIS CHOYCE	21 SEPT
KIMBERLY AND JASON HAINES	22 SEPT
AMANDA AND WILL TUCKER	24 SEPT
AMY AND CHRIS KUDEL	26 SEPT
JESSICA AND JIMMY BERMUDEZ	27 SEPT
HOLLY AND JEFF ELDRED	29 SEPT

BABY NEWS

Brandon (SMT) and Eva Moorhead welcomed Miss Lilly into the world on 26 August. She weighed in at 5lbs, 11 oz and measured 19.25"

Tracy and Tyler (C Troop) Nichols welcomed Miss London Lorac into the world on 8 August. She weighed in at 9lbs, 2 oz.



The 2012

SPORTACULAR

Silent Auction

Presented by: JSOC FRG



50/50 Cash Raffle

Tickets are available from Donnamarie Torres in J5, FRG Annex & ALL FRG events!

1 Ticket= \$1

6 Tickets= \$5

(need not be present to win)

- Friday, September 28
- 6pm – 9pm at the PPF
- RSVP to bainz@jdi.socom.mil or 910-396-7500, NLT Sept 26
- Limited on-site childcare with advance reservations

All attendees are asked to bring a side-dish (assigned by last name)
 “A-R” Finger Foods
 “S-Z” Hand Held Sweets

Wear your favorite team’s T-shirt or jersey and be prepared for lots of sports trivia and games.....

- Putting green
- Com hole
- Ladder ball



Bring your appetite for complimentary chili. Bar will be available as well!



Proceeds benefit JSOC family events, care packages and much more.

We’re putting the “FUN” back in fundraising!

Personality Insights

WHO: All JSOC personnel and spouses are invited.
WHAT: JSOC Family Health and Enhancement Series
WHEN: Monday September 10th
Morning Session 11:30AM – 1PM
Evening Session 6PM - 7:30PM
WHERE: JSOC Special Staff Annex

NAVY FRG TRAINING

Who: Interested FRG leaders, military personnel, and JSOC Spouses

What: Training provided by the Fleet and Family Support Center, Norfolk, VA, will include the Navy’s “Crisis Care” course and some elements of the FFSC’s “FRG 101” course

When: 0930-1130 and 1700-1900 Thursday 13 Sep 12

Where: JSOC Special Staff Annex

Why: To provide FRG leaders with information about programs and resources from the U.S. Navy for FRG leadership and casualty response. Training helps increase FRG capabilities to support both joint and Navy families

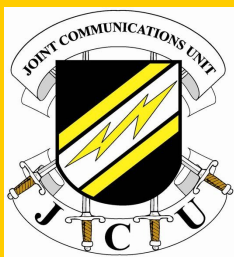
How: RSVP to Kim Houff (houffs@hotmail.com) or Vanessa Bowman (bowmanv.ctr@jdi.socom.mil)



LEADERSHIP THAT CARES

My number is 243-0469. Call for anything. If you need to pass info to someone that is away, call me. Call/email for newsletter worthy news. Email pics of your spouses of when they were in highschool (Retro JCU). Any input you have, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Vanessa



<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
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 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	
C-Troop SGM	SMSGt Christian Martin	243-0115	919-498-1192
D-Troop SGM	MSG Dennis Smith	243-4147	
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
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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D-Troop	Gini Walker	919-499-5710	ginimomof4@windstream.net
SMT-Troop	Carleen Nichols	818-2744	cnichols16@nc.rr.com
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

10 November	16th Annual JSO 10K Run-5K Walk	0800-1030: McKellar's Lodge
17 November	50th Annual JFK-50 Mile Ultra-Marathon	All day: Hagerstown, MD
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