



The Joint Communications Unit

Message from the Command Sergeant Major

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Wow, how time has flown. It seems like yesterday when I was writing and talking about the coming summer season and all that it brings. The Commander and I both hope you were able to enjoy the summer and are looking forward to the fall with the many activities it brings. For the last month the Commander and I have had the good fortune of spending time with C Troop. They have wrapped up yet another great rotation and headed back home

for a well-deserved break. Based on the complimentary comments I have received from the staff it is clear C Troop has set the bar high with their performance. As D Troop rotates in I'm confident they will maintain this high level of performance and will garner the same laudatory comments. Special Missions, NOSC, M, A and B Troops have had a busy last few months as well. They got to spend much of their summer participating in

numerous classes and training exercises where they exceeded all expectations. Thanks and great job! As we start fall, the pace does not look to get any slower as the calendar looks pretty full. I'm hopeful you are all able to take advantage of your time. Thanks and I'm looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at the JSO 10k run OR 5k walk, Holiday party and numerous other events we have planned.

~Rob



SOCA Scholarship 2013

Congratulations to Mr. Benjamin Vayko, son of Ms. Deb Rosen, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, wife of Dave Allen, and Jordan Diaz, son of Dave Allen for submitting their essays and winning the 2013 SOCA Scholarship Essay contest. Each member receives a \$500 deposit in their name to the college they are attending. Great Job!

Upcoming Events/Holidays/Days off

7 October	MSgt Randy Amsler Memorial (PPF)	11 am—1145 am
11-14 October	Columbus Day Weekend	
3 November	Daylight Savings, fall back (extra hour of sleep!!)	
8-11 November	Veterans Day Weekend	
28 Nov—1 Dec	Thanksgiving Weekend	
11 December	Children's Holiday party (PPF)	4 pm—7 pm
14 December	JCU Anniversary Party, Doubletree (Cedar Creek)	6 pm—11pm
24-26 December	Christmas Holiday (Tues-Thur)	
31 Dec & 1 Jan	New Years Holiday (Tues-Thur)	

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A Troop

A Troopers, By nature of the quarter that A Troop is in, there has been much less traveling but the training has not slowed any. Most of the Troop has been to one or more advanced IT courses. Of note, 15 A Trooper's attended the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) bootcamp and 13 have passed their certification exam. Mike Lee and John Bass graduated Basic Airborne School, while Kyle Kramer and Jeremiah Vanderneut added a star to the top of their jump wings by qualifying as a Senior Jumpmaster. It was a

terrific month for Brad Long who got selected for SSG and reenlisted. John Wilk passed a major milestone in his career by getting selected for Chief Petty Officer and congratulations to Derreck Martin for his selection as the Army NCO of the Quarter! Scott Paparone took about 2 months of leave. Scott Beadell took a few of our heavy-hitters to Georgia to play Army for awhile and they had an outstanding time. Aside from that, I and many in the Troop are looking forward to spending some time at home during the upcoming football

season, being with our families, and the release of autumn seasonal brews.

~Dave

Ski, James and Brandon receive their EXW pin back in July.



B Troop

Greetings B Troop families! Summer is officially over, the kids are back in school, and the days (well, at least the daylight hours) are getting shorter. We've had quite the eventful schedule over these past few months. First, I want to welcome (back) Will and Shannon Tilley, along with their two children Arianna and Nathan to JCU and the B Troop family. Will is a veteran JCU member who returned to us in early June; bringing with him several years of senior leader experience and perspective from the Big Navy.

We are grateful to have him onboard with us. In the past few months, the men of B Troop have performed absolutely superb; executing 4 exercises as well as completing individual skills training. Congrats to Brandon Works, Andrew Cash, and Brandon Farmer for successfully completing the U.S. Army Basic Airborne Course. In trail, we have Nick Vecchio and Matt Cowdin soon to graduate as well. Additionally, OT is attending the Advanced Freefall Instructor Course in sunny Arizona; perfecting his skills which he will put

toward teaching the next generation of JCU sky jumpers. With all this great training, we also received some fantastic promotion news! Tony Carrillo was selected to Chief Petty Officer, a promotion well deserved. We look forward to getting him through his Chief's induction, and getting him pinned! We were also blessed to see another E-8 promotion come to B Troop. Will Tilley was selected to join the ranks of Senior Chief Petty Officer. Within days, Will was frocked to E-8; but he had been leading from the front like a true

Senior Chief since his first days of returning home to JCU. Congrat's Will! Next stop, Master Chief! Finally, we have two other new B Troopers to welcome....to the world. On June 29th, Jesse and Olesya McMahan welcomed their new baby girl, Alana Isabelle. Just three weeks later, Chris and Allison Cole welcome their son, Everett Charles on July 22nd. Congratulations to both families! As previously mentioned, it's been quite the eventful period for B Troop. One of the highlights was getting to spend some time on the USS Bataan. It was a great trip, which allowed us to refine our Joint Service capabilities with our Navy brethren. Finally, on behalf of all the B Troop members, I would like to again say *Thank You* to our beloved spouses. Without you, we could not train to our high standards nor perform the mission that our nation asks of us. You are the reason we are "DOD's Finest Communicators".

~Scott



A troop getting their sea legs



CPO Will Tilley gets pinned SCPO by SMSgt Scott Eveler. Welcome back Will and Congratulations!

C Troop

C Troop and JCU Families and friends, So another month down the chute, and another month closer to coming home! The guys have all been working extremely hard to better the organization in ways that are immeasurable. As I type this we are counting the days till D-Troop takes the helm and C-Troop comes home to Momma. I know Stan can't wait to get back based on the amount of time I see him on Facebook. I am only typing this because he needed to prioritize updating his status on his page or writing the Newsletter comments. Don't worry Stan, I

got it. You go back to playing Candy Crush. In all seriousness though, Stan has been an awesome addition to C-Troop and his leadership and experience has been invaluable to the successes that we have had since his arrival. We would like to say good luck to Asher and Rebecca Parthun, hopefully by the time you all read this we will have two new additions to the JCU family... Yep you read that right, they are going from 0 to twins! Stay safe guys, and try to get some sleep. We would like to congratulate Chase Karleskint on finishing all requirements for the

Expeditionary Warfare Device, well done. I am sure all the guys with you were glad to help you out with your daily duties so you could study for the exam. Thanks guys! Also, we would like to say we miss you Jesse Remmer, we hope your time in Fort Gordon, GA attending the Advanced Leaders Course goes by quickly. We'll see you again after some much needed Block leave. To the men of C-Troop, we are almost home guys, can't wait till I see your shiny happy faces again.

~Ski



PO1 Pike finally receiving his EXW from COL Johnston. Good Job Brad.

D Troop

Hello D Troop Family,

The summer is almost gone and it's that time of year again for everyone. As the kids start getting back into the daily grind of school and the service members of D Troop start getting their minds and bodies set for taking over for C Troop. I know they are ready to get back home to their families and turn over the reins to us.

But first, let's take a look back at all the things the Troop has done since the last newsletter. If you remembered, we had just finished the transition of old and new personnel in the Troop adding one more just shortly after that. We welcomed SSG Timothy Strawn to the Troop in top fashion and fast pace along with the others. We started them out with the Gryphon Group training course here in sunny and during that time, wet North Carolina. It was a good time and the guys learned a lot and built some strong bonds during the course that will surely go a long ways. We all took a break to reflect on the 4th of July with family and

friends. After that, it was a month long blur, the days were long and the training was intense and challenging. The guys got after it good showing what they knew and how they still have the potential to learn more so they could show the leadership just what they had to offer at the end of it all. I'd like to thank all the internal troop members who stood up and gave training to everyone based on your knowledge and experience and also to the members of the NOSC and M Troop who took the time out to give us the extra training that we needed. You guys are all rockstars. We were also able to slide the JCU PFT in there with some amazing results. Great job by all. We finished the training cycle with a great exercise put together by the Operations cell and gave them all we had and some. Everyone was able to show what they could do and be ready to step up when called upon. Then we all set our eyes on some needed leave time to recover from it all. I hope that everyone enjoyed the time with their family and friends as we set our eyes for other things to

come. We had some of our young jumpmasters finally get their night time jumpmaster duty, for some it was a long, long wait, but for one, it was like a stroke of luck. Good job Derek H and Deboris. We will still have Ben back here making sure he finishes up his Air Force required ALS course then he will be joining us afterwards. Also congratulations to CPO(S) Brantley and D Troop alumni CPO(S) Morgan and Eline. Congratulations to SFC Howard whose sequence num-

ber came up in August for promotion to SFC. By the time you all read this we will already be talking to C Troop and giving them that sigh of relief that they have done an excellent job and we are ready to take over. But before we go, we like to thank CPO Jerome Kusy for his dedicated service to the US Navy and the Country. As Joe retires from the Navy and begins his transition to civilian life. He will be missed and we wish him continued success from all of D Troop.

~Dennis



M Troop

Sadly, summer is coming to an end and the kids are headed back to school. Everyone is busy buying school supplies. Daren "The Gambler" Pallugna has a penchant for attending local auctions and regularly finds "good" deals...such as the 3 year old box of Twinkies he will be including in his kid's school lunches. He swears the expiration dates are still "good"...and by "good" I mean expiration dates are merely "suggestions". Fall is just around the corner and it won't be long until the Halloween and Thanksgiving

decorations go up...well, not at the same time, let's hope. We can't help what Wal-Mart does! Hope everyone has a great Labor Day weekend.

The troop has accomplished great things over the last couple of months... things have certainly not slowed down, maybe the opposite. Sequestration was implemented early July and was called to an early halt, well ahead of the end of the fiscal year. Great to see that our civilians weathered the storm in stride and are back on the job at it full force.

Gabe and Matt McKissack will be home soon and we are all extremely proud of their accomplishments. Both gave 110% and truly made a difference. Gabe tenaciously attacked all technical hurdles thrown at him and set new precedence for communications thresholds while Matt kept the logistics side of the house in order. I can say I'm proud of you both with utmost sincerity! Look forward to having you both back here soon. I know your families are looking forward to your return as well. Jeremy Padbury will be

heading out to replace Gabe soon. I hope he's been brushing up on his creative writing skills. Maybe Gabe will share notes from his journal....maybe not. Bernadette has headed out to replace Matt and Penny is taking care of the Nation's business with her usual high degree of professionalism and precision. We wish you all the best and know you'll continue to do great things! Safe travels to all and see you soon.

Congratulations to Christopher "Toph" Scott on his recent selection to Chief Petty Officer! This is a huge milestone for you and your family and I could not be happier for you. Jared Buxton Sams sewed on SMSgt and promoted himself at the last awards/promotion ceremony. He then went home and celebrated over a bowl of warm milk with his abandoned one-eyed stray cat Mr. Bigglesworth while dueling banjos played softly in the background. Well Done and Deserved!

Until next time.....

~Tim Renfro



MSgt Jared Sams getting pinned SMSgt by TSgt Brydon and MSgt Voytek.
Congratulations Jared!

HHT

HHT Families,

It has been an extremely busy time for all and I'd like to apologize for the lateness of this newsletter.

We said good bye to LTC Andy Bender and his family and welcomed LCDR Chris Halsan along with Rachel, wife, and son, Anthony.

The administration office just isn't the same without Swani here. Come home soon Swani! The HRD section continues to amaze us with their wit and charm offered daily to JCU members. I want to send my personal condolences to Mr. Todd Spencer. He has experienced 4 losses in the past 4 weeks. I'd like to tell him that it'll get better, but I'm afraid I'd be lying.

The OPS shop has welcomed MSG Vanderneut with open arms. Welcome back to Capt Carlson and Congrats on your new addition.

Kudos go out to the budget office for working to ensure the money went where it needed to get before the end of the fiscal year.

HHT will also welcome a new First Sergeant mid-October.

Sean Mitcham is coming down from Ops and will do great things for the command.

Lastly, we will have a unit memorial for Randy Amsler on 7 Oct. We lost Randy after a long bout with Leukemia. Thank you to all who provided assistance to Randy and his family during this difficult time.

~Vanessa

SOROC

Class 2-13 has been hard at work putting in the hours required to be DoD's Finest, as of now they have finished up Mod 0 and are in Day 3 of Mod 1. I would like to thank everyone that came out and supported us during the FTX as well as on

our first PT test. SOROC had a great training opportunity observing B Troop in action, thanks to everyone for allowing us to look over your shoulder and ask questions. Also, A Troop went above and beyond with escorting the studs

around and walking them thru the nights events. Like I said above, Mod 1 is off and running and we have our first "sparky" of the class (name is withheld to protect the not so innocent) but it is safe to say that now he knows why we use the short

leads on the multi meter. Unfortunately, we have had two casualties during this class, the first one was my Red Van, and evidently a certain someone had difficulty's negotiating the barriers on the compound. The second victim was my Grey Van who was the victim of Mr. Murphy who decided my window was better off broken out. Well that's all for now, hopefully I don't have to bring any more vehicles into the motor pool....

~Paul



(Left) LTC Bender receiving his JCU Plaque from CSM Flaker (Right) TSgt Steve Powell receiving a well deserved Bronze Star. (Below) MSG Chris Leach getting pinned SGM by wife, Kim.



(Left) CPO Ingles getting promoted to SCPO. (Right) TSgt Zebrowski receiving a hard earned DMSM from COL Johnston. (Below) LTG Votel speaking before LTC Johnston gets pinned Colonel. Congratulations to all!





L - SFC Eddie Robles reenlisted by COL Johnston R-SFC Jonas Johnson getting promoted to MSG
 Congratulations to you both. This also proved that SMT does have uniforms.



DJ Holly's going away. Thanks for a job well done DJ!

Farewell to the following families~

MSG Josh Smith and Rose along with Joshua (D Troop & SMT) Tampa

MAJ Scott MacDonald and Michelle (OPS) College

Marlon Vega (A Troop) J6

PO1 James Brown and Family (C Troop) Florida bound

MCPO Blake Schimmel (A Troop, M Troop and Navy SEA) California

MSG Nate Hogue and Family (C Troop and OPS) J6

MSG Marcus Lewis and Family (C Troop and OPS) Hawaii

Howie Wright and Wife (D Troop and SMT) Camp Lejeune

LTC Andrew Bender and Family (DCO) Illinois State

SFC Mark Krob and Family (SMT) Germany

CW3 Heather Boisvert and Nathan along with Aolani (NOSC) Fort Bragg

German Salcedo and Family (NOSC)

SCPO Shane Simpson and Family (M troop, OPS) Diego Garcia



Congratulations to the following on their promotions

Chief Selects—

ET1 Al Eline

ET1 Christopher Scott

ET1 Josh Morgan

IT1 Donald Brantley

IT1 Tony Carrillo

IT1 Jonathan Wilk

Promoted-

MSgt Jared Sams (M Troop) to SMSgt

ETC Shane Simpson (OPS) to ETCS

ITC Will Tilley (B Troop) to ETCS

ETC Chris Ingles (SOROC) to ETCS

SSG Derek Howard (D Troop) to SFC

SSG Rob Panek (C Troop) to SFC

SGT Brad Long (A Troop) to SSG

SSgt Newbry (NOSC) to GySgt

Welcome letter from the Deputy Commander

Greetings to The Joint Communications Unit family,

I'm Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Chris Halsan, US Navy, the new Deputy Commander. I reported on station Sept 23rd and have been overwhelmed by the warm reception and willingness of the unit members to get me up to speed on all things JCU. From 2007-2010 I worked in the JSOC J6 but have already learned there's a world of difference between J6 and JCU.

Most of my early career was at sea on numerous Navy ships, deploying to locations from Hawaii to the Arabian Gulf. Most recently I was assigned to the staff of Commander, Navy Installations Command in Washington, DC. In 27 years of active duty service every assignment has been better than the previous one, and I'm certain my time at JCU will be the best of all. This unit has a justifiably proud heritage, one that I'm honored to be a part of.

My family lives in a large home in Holly Springs and we intend to invite unit members and families "out to the country" for social events. Family is the link that supports each military member so my family plans to do our part to support your family and the overall JCU community. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at upcoming events.

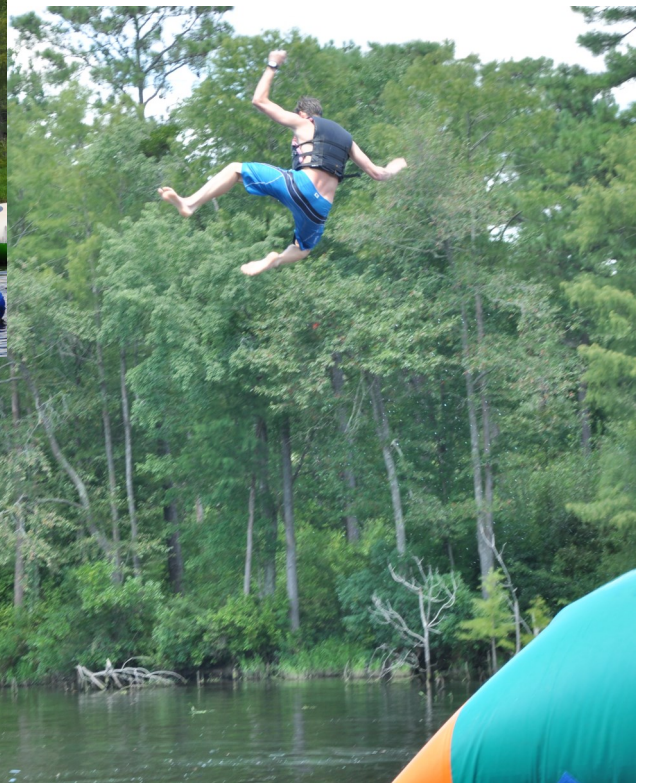
All the best,
LCDR Chris Halsan, USN
Deputy Commander, Joint Communications Unit

JCU Summer Picnic Pictures

Thank you to all the family members who made the picnic a success. If you were unable to attend this year, please try and make it next summer.



Far left-Derek Howard's son getting launched. Near left-Sophia and Olivia Hernandez on the Iceberg. Bottom left-Soriano Family, Bryan Watkins and Nathaniel Williams. Below-Tim Duncan catching much air. Pretty sure Lil Howard beat him by a few feet.



New additions to the JCU Family

Wow! OK, so one JCU baby in June. July and August brought us 4 babies each and in September there were 5 born. I hope all new parents and existing ones are enjoying their little ones.

- ◆ Jesse and Olesya are the proud parents of Alana Isabelle, born June 29th
- ◆ Isham and Nicole Harris welcomed Valentina Nicole on July 10th
- ◆ Jon and Rachel Mast welcomed Audrianna Lynn on 17 July
- ◆ Chris and Allison Cole are the proud parents of Everett Cole, born 22 July
- ◆ Kyle and Kerry Lammerding welcomed Kaitlyn Grace on 27 July
- ◆ Mike and Keri Carlson gave birth to Warren Martin on 17 August
- ◆ Bernard and LaTraya Byer welcomed Terryn Camille on 16 August
- ◆ Asher and Rebecca Parthun are the proud parents of twins! Oliver Paul (left) and Penelope (right) were born 27 August
- ◆ Milo and Tiffany Milisavljevich welcomed Mihailo Milisavljevich on 5 September
- ◆ Robin and Chris Lewallen are the proud parents of William Joseph, born 9 September
- ◆ Lenin Omar Castillo Jr. was born on September 12th to Mr and Mrs Castillo
- ◆ Mike and Nova Runk welcomed Priya Anne on 25 September
- ◆ Luis and Vanessa Gonzalez are the proud parents of Evelyn Adalina, born 28 September



If you have not received your JCU onesie and gift, please let me (1SG) know. Your spouse **MUST** be a member of the JCUAC in order to receive these gifts. All items are funded by JCUAC dues. It is the unit leaderships responsibility to ensure their troop members receive these items. Thank you!

JCU Activities club dues

Just a brief description on the JCU activities club and membership. The JCUAC is a mere \$25 a year. The campaign is from Jul to Jun of each year. Members dues pay for the following-

- New addition baby gift worth (\$50) includes onesie
- Funeral flower arrangement for immediate family member death (\$80)
- Free Anniversary party festivities (Last year valued at \$65 a person, \$130 a couple)
- Free children's Holiday party for the family (Last year party cost \$2500+)
 - Reduced cookout cost for members
- Free summer picnic admission for immediate family members (\$15)
 - Used to restock JCU swag. Mugs, shirts, water bottles, etc.
 - JCU "going-away" plaque (\$60)



If you feel you have not received any of the above items, I would get with your service member and see if they are current on their dues. If you'd like any of the above items, please go to jcuonline.org or ask your spouse to come see me.

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Administrative Notes & Info

- If for any reason you need assistance, please contact your key caller, unit 1SG or Troop SGM
- CYS has a free children's program for deployed service members. You need a memo, email moakv@jdi.socom.mil to request it
- Please attend unit activities, if not just to get out and meet new people. We NEED your support to make the FRG a success
- Family members are able to use the gym and "yard" (cross fit gym) at work. You must be escorted by your service member