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NOVEMBER 2014

Joint Communications Unit

Message from the Command Sergeant Major

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Wow, it has been sometime since I have written you. In that time we saw the 13th JCU Commander, COL Johnston, and his family move to the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Good luck COL Johnston, Anne, and Nate. We know you'll enjoy your year in Pennsylvania, followed by your move next summer to the Joint Communications Support Element in Tampa, Florida. We also welcomed the 14th JCU Commander, LTC Clifford, his wife Hannah, and their two children from the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

The seasons have also changed. Summer has faded to fall, and fall will soon fade to winter. As usual, the pace of things in JCU has not slowed a bit, so I'd encourage

you to take advantage of the off time you do get. Spend the several long weekends, and coming half-day schedule catching up, and relaxing with your friends, and family.

In December JCU will celebrate its 34th anniversary. The celebration of our 34th year will start with a SOROC Class Graduation on the 12th at 1000 in the Pope Army Airfield Theater. After we welcome the newest JCU Members, we'll say goodbye to one, with the retirement of TSgt Mat Heist. Also, on this day BG Gallagher, and retired MSG Mike Pelaez will cut the ribbon for the new JCU Headquarters Building. BG Gallagher is a past JCU Commander and Mike is JCU Member #1. That night we'll

celebrate with a holiday party at the Double Tree Hotel, which I look forward to seeing you all at. In closing I'd like to thank everyone for all they do, and the great support JCU gets from its families. Our Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Airmen are "DoD's Finest Communicators", and they have the DoD's Finest, most supportive families. We couldn't do what we do without you. Thanks for all you do, and happy holidays.

~CSM



Upcoming Events

27 NOVEMBER	Thanksgiving Holiday
28 NOVEMBER	Training Holiday
12 DECEMBER	SOROC 2-14 Graduation—Pope Auditorium @
12 DECEMBER	TSgt Heist Retirement—JCU @ 12pm
12 DECEMBER	JCU Anniversary Ball—Doubletree Fayetteville @ 6pm
17 DECEMBER	Children's Holiday Party—Dragon Lanes Bowling Alley @ 6pm

A TROOP

Now that Halloween has come and gone and we prepare to head into the final preparations for Thanksgiving and the holiday season, I'd like to take a moment to thank the families for their support over the last few months. Since early summer, I know that your loved ones spent a lot of time either preparing for training, conducting exercises or traveling around the world, so hopefully the coming months will provide the opportunity for the Troop to spend more time with family and friends and take a well-deserved break over the holidays.

In case you were not aware, Paola Zuniga has volunteered to be the new A Troop Key Caller, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her for taking on this responsibility. We will be planning various events and get-togethers over the next several months, so you will most likely get a call from Paola in the near future. If you have an idea for an event that you'd like to see, please don't hesitate to call Paola or me. Bonfires work especially well this time of year, as we enjoyed our time at the Lee's house a few weeks ago.

And while I wish that I

didn't have to do this, it now seems that there is no getting around it. The time has finally come to say farewell to Joe Quigley who will be departing A Troop after seven years of dedicated service to this command and our Nation. Joe; I knew that you'd be successful in JCU from our first days together in A Troop years ago, and I can't thank you enough for your advice and leadership as I returned to the ECS after a long hiatus. Best of luck to you and April as you begin the next chapter of your career and life together.

~ Jared

B TROOP

Family and friends, I would like to first thank Scott for an excellent turn over and to say that I am humbled to be selected as the new B-Troop SGM. Thank you, Scott, for handing me an amazing group of guys. I have some big shoes to fill.

To the spouses, I will do everything that I can to ensure that your B-Trooper's are well trained and well prepared for whatever they are called upon to do. I look forward to the next couple years getting to know you all and I hope that my wife, Elishia, and I become someone that you trust to call on for help whenever you need.

I would also like to welcome everyone home from a long deployment. I know the B-Troop families are happy to have their spouses home. It is an understatement to say that your husbands did an amazing job over this deployment.

B-Troop welcomed a few of our newer team members and their

families over the summer; Adam and Nicole Thompson came to us from A-Troop, Sam and Kerry Siegel, Brian and Heidi Luther, Travis and Nina Hood, Mike Brown and Jessica Stevens, and Adam and Beth Fontanez came to us from SOROC Class 1-14. Welcome to B-Troop! We will also be saying farewell to a few B-Troop alumni at the end of this month; Will will be moving up to take over as the USN Senior Enlisted Advisor; Chris, Shaun, and Ian will be moving over to SMT; and Gabe and Brandon will be moving over to the NOSC. You guys will all be missed in B-Troop, but I know you will be successful in your new sections.

B-Troop welcomes two new little family members this month with the birth of Charles Joseph Harvey IV born 11 Oct and Abigail Rose Siegel born 24 Sept, congratulations to the Harvey and Siegel families!

I have a few more congrats to go around, so bear with me. Jesse

McMahan and Jesse Harmon were both promoted to Gunnery Sergeant, congrats guys! Well deserved. And one more congrats has to go out to Grayson for probably the most weight lost during a deployment, go eat a cheeseburger bro!

Sam Siegel graduated from the infamous Senior Leaders Course and Adam Fontanez is there now, and Mike is attending the USMC Career Course in Camp Lejeune getting back to his Marine Corp roots.

As you can see, we hit the ground running, now for some well-deserved leave. I look forward to the next few months as we start our training for the next mission. One last, and most important topic, is a thank you to the families. B-Troop and JCU would not be able to do what we do without the tremendous support and sacrifices that you give every day. Until next month,

~ Brandon

D Troop

Greetings JCU Family. D-Troop has had a very busy October and is bringing in November with a bang. We would like to first take this opportunity to welcome new members to the D-Troop Family, and say farewell to Sam Tumblin. SFC Larkin "Larry" Dennison reported to the Troop in late October. Larry has spent the last two years supporting JCU in the Network Operations Support Cell (NOSC) in the RF section. Also, we would like to say farewell to SFC Sam "Roco" "Tumbles" Tumblin, as he moves up to JCU Operations to serve as a Standards and Training NCO. Sam has supported D-Troop over the past two years as a stellar communicator and most recently as a Team Leader. We would also like to welcome to the D-Troop Family, Braya London Thomas, born on 27 October 2014 at 4:30 a.m. Mother, Batista, and Braya are doing well.

We started out the month with a well planned and executed Adventure Race. We would like to thank SFC Tim Strawn, SSgt Sam Land, SFC Sam Tumblin, CPO Derek Thomas, PO1 George Jones, SSG Dave Bautista, and SSG Ken Kowach for their outstanding support and dedication to preparing a very fun Troop event. The race was conducted early on the very chilly and foggy morning of October 2nd. The race consisted of five randomly selected four man teams and one two man



team, who raced through a multitude of events including a 2.5 mile ruck march, a Marine Corps Combat Fitness Test, a 3.5 mile run, followed by some land navigation and a canoe trip. The race culminated with the Pales of Pain, and half mile canoe carries. The entire Troop had a blast and enjoyed a day in the woods far away from the office.

October always marks the beginning of the first quarter of the fiscal year, and with that the final JCU Service Member of the Quarter Board. TSgt Don Dalros, SSgt Sam Land, and SGT Devin Churbe represented D-Troop during the stiff competition on October 15th. SSgt Land came away from the competition with a win, and is now the 2014 fourth quarter JCU Service Member of the Quarter. He will go on to compete in the JCU Service Member of the Year Competition on Nov 12th, and then, if he wins there, go on to compete in the JSOC Service Member of the Year Competition later on this winter. Way to go Sam!!!!

We would like to send a special thanks to the JCU Motor pool for their support during one of our

longest days in October. After conducting a phenomenally successful training event out in the badlands of Fort Bragg, we were traveling back to main post in the Integrated Communications Vehicle, when she decided to pull no more. Within an hour Roger Darling and Justin White were on site with a flatbed to recover the vehicle and stranded personnel. That kind of reaction time is unheard of, and speaks volumes for the dedication of the JCU Motor Pool to ensuring that the Troop's equipment is deployable and well maintained.

We are looking forward to another very busy month in November. We will be ringing in the next training cycle with a night airborne operation and tactical movement, once again, through the badlands of Fort Bragg as we prepare to deploy later in the winter. Lastly, we would like to thank all the family members of D-Troop for their support as we have spent the last six months on one-hour recall. Your continued support and understanding never goes unnoticed, so once again we thank you. The next several months are spattered with some more fun training for the Troop and the always appreciated Holidays. We look forward to some quality family time over the Holidays and more out-of-the-office training events. Until next time,

~ Barrett



Special Missions Troop

From EC: First and foremost we would like to welcome the two newest additions into the Executive Communications section; Stefawn is coming over to us from the SRT section and Dan is coming over to us from A Troop. We are excited to have them both. As always, Jonas has been constantly on the road doing great and amazing things supporting the Commanding General, but I'm sure he is also looking forward to a welcome change of pace as the future Detachment Chief. Rob Luna is settling in nicely after replacing Clyde. Welcome home Clyde, job well done. We did say so long to Rob this summer as he departed for the US Army Sergeants Major Academy. We are sure he'll be successful in school and his follow-on assignments, Good Luck Buddy! Lastly, Executive Communication section would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

From IO: On the SMT-IO front, we still have yet to turn on all the lights inside the Nerd Cave even though we have been in this place for almost 3 years. Since the last newsletter we have said farewell to CPO Anthony Gonzales (ETS), SFC Rufus 'Rudy' Messex (RET), and by the time you read this PO1 Mitchell 'Shep' Sheppard will also have PCS'd. Anthony is now working on the railroad all the live long day, down in the Fort Worth, TX area. Rudy is working for Dell and we get to see him every now and then since he still lives in the area. Shep is flying to Hawaii and I expect him to be able to fight off island fever with lots of sand, sun, fun, and working on his 1950 Ford F1 pickup. We welcome, to JCU, PO1 Ryan Powell and SSG Eric Fredrickson. Ryan and Eric are our newest prospects and will be joining TSgt John Bass and SSG Brian Cochran, who were stolen from the ECS, to join us here inside the Nerd Cave.

Nerd Cave: A place that is usually dark, with the only illumination coming from the LED's on a computer and the

bright blue glow of a large LCD monitor. The only two sounds you will normally hear inside a Nerd Cave are the click of a keyboard and the occasional 'Derp' from the occupants, who are all Dr. Who fans though they will debate which is more useful; a Sonic Screwdriver or Bat Man's utility belt.



From SRT: In true SRT fashion we are busy as always; If you don't believe me just ask Jason Muncy. Congratulations are in order to David Bateman for his recent Airborne School graduation and Roberto Lopez for completing the Military Free-Fall Jumpmaster course. Since our last newsletter we have had to say goodbye to William Cotten, who PCS'd and off to do bigger and better things for his Country. Stefawn Payne has moved on to another section in the troop, we still get to see him but he too will be missed. At this time I would like to welcome Christopher Cole to team. Chris I hope you are ready to start off at a dead sprint.

From CST: I cannot tell you how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to lead the CST Detachment. The fellas have truly been getting after it! We will soon be welcoming home Chris Quayle; Good job Chris! Now get back to work. Jon Byrd has been doing remarkable things for the enterprise while TDY for 4 months stateside. His long TDY comes right after graduating from the Military Free-Fall course out in AZ. We haven't forgotten about you Jon! We're looking forward to your return after the holidays brother. Congratulations to Gus as he has been chosen to represent JSOC as the Air Force General Jumper. His packet has been submitted to SOCOM for follow on

competition at the Department of the Air Force level. Well-deserved Gus, thanks for holding down the Det during my absence. CST welcomes Jason Haines, Scott Staniszewski, Ian Sweeney and Shaun Mott to the team. Both Jason and Scott have been on board for a few months now and have truly stepped up to the challenge. Ian and Shaun are coming on board in November and will have some BIG shoes to fill under Eddie's watch. Look out fellas, I hear Ian and Shaun have BIG feet! We recently found out how much Jello loves to shoot guns, jump out of planes, drive ATVs and walk through the woods. Special thanks go out to Jello for all his recent hard work in the backroom and to Jason downstairs in the cages a.k.a. the "CST Sweat Shop." Those two areas have set the stage for what is to come.

From Pink: This thing is fairly long so I'll keep my comments short. I am truly honored every day that I get to work alongside everyone in SMT. The amount of influence these guys control across the globe throughout their continued superior job performance is just amazing. This summer we suffered a loss of one of the Greatest Americans I have had the privilege of working alongside. SSGt Dirk Shelton passed in July while TDY. You are gone from our sights, brother, but never from our hearts. I will wrap up by attaching a paraphrased version of MSG Mike Runk's eulogy delivered at his memorial service as it sums up Dirk more completely than I can:

"SMT would like to take this opportunity to remember our fallen comrade, Dirk Thomas Shelton. Some folks referred to him as the Flying Squirrel because of his Freefall skills. Others referred to him as the Ant because of his strength and endurance when it came time for long overland movements. No matter how you knew Dirk, you knew you were dealing with a warrior with extraordinary skills and courage. Dirk

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had a passion for operating at the 'tip of the spear.' Dirk was a force multiplier when operating in extremely harsh conditions. Not only was Dirk a talented SOF Communicator but if you needed a mechanic or just a plain handy man, Dirk was your man. SMT cannot express to you how important Dirk was because he was the "everything man." Dirk proved he could do it all when he was out on his own amongst a small team of Americans isolated from the rest of the free world.

Dirk is one of eight brothers in arms in the CST Detachment. They say birds of a feather flock together. CST will tell you that that saying

couldn't be more true when it comes to an office such as this one. Dirk was the 26th Communicator to get selected to CST over the span of 13 years. We all come from different branches of service but we all have one thing in common... a wild spirit that will go the distance no matter the cost. CST leadership sees it day in and day out with the small group of individuals that have worked in our office. Dirk was the epitome of a JCU-CST Communicator."

The following narrative was wrote by Dirk as a young man from Corbin, KY before he decided to join the Air Force:

All my life I have been pushed towards different goals. Not all of these goals were goals I had necessarily set for myself, but they were goals all the same. The reason for this "push" is because people who care for me want me to succeed in life. I would like nothing better than to be a successful person and that brings about my fear. My fear is that I might not be successful in life... ... The way I see it, the only real way that I could get rid of my fear completely is to actually become successful at something in my life, which leads me to believe that my fear may be around for a long time. If I could change my fear, I wouldn't. It's what gets me by. If it were gone, there would be a void in my live and I would inevitably turn out to be what I fear... unsuccessful.

-Dirk Shelton-

Dirk, you were a successful Husband, Son, Brother, Uncle, Friend, Airman, JCU Communicator and just a damn good American!

Brother, you can now rest in peace. Your duty is done!

You will be missed brother! Love you, Bye!!! "



Network Operations Support Center

NOSC Family, I hope this newsletter finds you well. Since I have taken the reigns from SGM Chris Leach as the NOSC SGM back in April, it has not slowed down. The NOSC members have done and continue to do great things; both here and abroad. I also hope you and your families were able to take some time to enjoy the summer and take some much needed time off.

I'd like to write that this winter the work flow will slow down.....it won't. My apologies on that one. The troop members are busy with training, schools, exercises and TDYs. I'm sincere when I write that I am continually amazed at the lengths they will go to ensure mission success. I know you've read/heard this before, but I'm going to write it anyway.....A unit member's support mechanism is his/her family and friends. You've allowed our unit members the time to concentrate on our unit and nation's

mission, thank you!

We had a bowling tourney open to everyone on October 24th. Bryce Hixson, also the organizer, came in 1st with a 154. Not too shabby but beatable. We will try to do this again in February. Please understand we all have crazy schedules and will try to facilitate to get maximum participation. Jon Costin receives an honorable mention for most improved, albeit he had a coach come in on his 2nd and 3rd game. We will lose Chris Farr (Mr. Farr) and Jeremy Neff (moving troops) in the next few weeks and gain Brandon Works and Gabe Urdaneta, both coming from B troop. Chris and Jeremy, thank you for a job well done and good luck in the future. Lastly, Jeremy and Michelle Martin welcomed Myah Martin into the world on 28 OCT. Congrats you two and enjoy.

Amy Wedekind, 723-5601

(CP), is our key-caller for the troop. As you know, things happen, if an issue or event did happen within our troop, she could get the ball rolling for support, if need be. The troop has been collecting cans/plastic bottles over the summer and have raised over \$100 to be used at any MWR facility. Thanks to those who have sent in their recyclables. Please continue to collect them and get them to work so the guys can get them turned in for MWR vouchers.

Please keep my email and phone number handy for whatever reason. Call if you need anything, if I do not answer, I will get back to you very soon. If your spouse is away and you need assistance or need to get a hold of him immediately, let me know, that is what we are here for.

Take care,

~Vanessa

M Troop

M-troop!

It has been a fantastic year! It's been a while since the last newsletter so I have a lot to roll up. I'll start with arrivals.



We've been fortunate. Cliff Marcy was hired into Mr. Linder's old position. Cliff comes to us from elsewhere in the Unit so were excited to have him on board. I was given first round draft pics out of the last SOROC course so off the top, I grabbed Ricardo Mendez, Tyler Kirkland, and Rob Shoemaker. Additionally, we direct hired Horace Marshall into Logistics Readiness Section. I'm excited to have all of you and your families in M-Troop. All the

above have already hit the ground running and I expect nothing less than excellence going forward.

Sadly we had to say "farewell" to folks who moved on to other opportunities, whether PCS or retirement, namely Chris "Toph" Scott, Gabe Ramirez, Chris "Smitty" Smith, Mikey Beach, Jared "General Buxton - Hero of the Confederacy" Sams and last but not least by any standard, the revered Dick Linder. You guys have all moved on but are FAR from forgotten. You all left an indelible mark on DOD's Finest.

M-troop folks aren't simply technical experts, but are expected to be true leaders by any standard. Our folks have demonstrated this resoundingly in a clear, unmistakable fashion. Josh McCormick was elected Presi-

dent of the JSOC Chief Petty Officer's Association. Affects were immediate. Josh was given the no small task of handling the JCU Navy SEA's retirement ceremony. He did a stellar job organizing as well as participating in the event, while ensuring the Navy's highest standards of professionalism and tradition were upheld. This is a common theme throughout the entire troop. Take a look at the JSOC Air Force TOP 3 and you will find 3 M-troop MSgts at the helm. Brandon Voytek, Anthony Vigil and Bernadette Ross. Same goes for JSOC Air Force 1st Six: John Fondren and Jeremy Padbury hold executive council positions. Tyler Kirkland is the President of the JSOC First Class Petty Officer's association, Ricardo Mendez is Secretary. I say this with great

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pride: M-troop produces leaders...

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Steve Comeau was selected as one of the Navy's newest Chief Petty Officers.....you will not find a more dedicated NCO than Steve Comeau. Jeremy Padbury and John Fondren both were selected as the Air Force's newest TSgts....all extremely well deserved. I'm very happy for you and your families as you reach these extremely important milestones in your careers....the pay raises ain't bad either!

In keeping with the "Leadership theme"....we've had a complete turnover of Detachment Chiefs! LRS is now under the capable hand of MSgt Bernadette Ross. MMS is now ran by SSG (soon to be SFC) Justin White. EMS is ran by Josh McCormick and Brandon Voytek. These are all positions of great responsibility that impact the entire organization. They were all handpicked

SOROC

First off let me start by saying SOROC said their goodbyes to Paul Trowbridge as he gets ready to leave and achieve great things on the other side of the fence and welcomed me as the new SOROC TAC. Word on the street is the leadership made the change because they needed someone more fit and better at comms to do the job. Just kidding Paul, the Unit and SOROC cadre say you've done a tremendous job training and mentoring the future communicators of JCU. I have some small boots to fill (I think Paul wears size 7.5), but will do my best.

SOROC 2-14 has been hard at work throughout this class. They are in the final stretch as they get ready to enter the last course module,

to do the jobs and all have performed admirably. Daren Pallugna, Mikey Beach and JR Avila stepped aside and are moving on with their careers after jobs extremely well done. You guys have been my foundation over the last 18 months and I am extremely grateful for the unwavering support you provided the Unit. Your contributions were invaluable.

....aaaaand Nick Jones was recently named JCU's Sailor of the Quarter, 4th Quarter.(Segway)

Football season is upon us. The Dallas Cowboys are currently 6-2 (as of this writing) and are well on track to finish 8-8, as usual, and they actually have the best record in the entire NFL so far this season. A hush has fallen across the collective masses of America's Team Haters.



Now on to the important

final exercise, and then its graduation time. They have managed to maintain an overall academic average of 95% over three modules and a 273 average on their PT test. The class completed their class project by giving back to the local community. They tested their carpentry skills by building a house and wheelchair ramp for Habitat for Humanity. Also, all 18 of the Class 2-14 registered for the JSO 10K this year. Don't worry told timers, I told the class we would take it slow and steady so as to not make you look bad, but I can't make any promises. Todd, I'm thinking SOROC should be on the front cover of the JSO 10K calendar this year.

Lastly, for the spouses, we appreciate your support and the

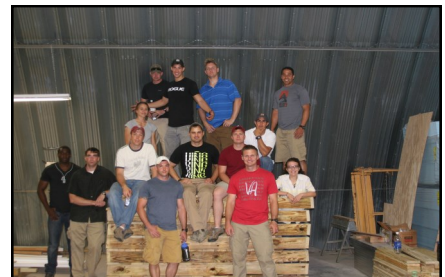
stuff....as you can see from the attached logo and pics, M-Troop has adopted a Spider as it's troop Logo and mascot. I'll add to that the name of our inbound troop, Shane Simpson is synonymous with arachnophobia (I googled it). Cliff Marcy is almost as bad and has already threatened homicide in the shop if somebody gets near him with "Whiskers", the M-troop mascot.

~Tim



sacrifices you've all had to make to ensure your husbands and wives were focused on making it through the course thus far. I'm sure getting home late many nights were rough, but in the end will be worth it when they come home with that graduation certificate. That's all from SOROC.

~Gil



HHT

It's been a long time and I'll see what I can do to catch everyone up.

As previously mentioned by CSM Flaker, we said goodbye to COL Johnston & Family this past summer. LTC Herman moved on but not too far. We saw Stephen Maddox get promoted to Major and leave shortly afterwards to his new assignment in Virginia. In October we said farewell to Mr. Jim Jones; Jim will remain nearby as he stays in the Fort Bragg community. JCU's Sailors saw Navy SEA MCPO Marty Wallace retire. Marty departed the Navy after many years of outstanding service and now spends his days at home in Tennessee with his wife and daughter. We also said farewell to CW2 Robert Savage as he moves to Fort Jackson, South Carolina to teach the next generation of Warrant Officers. Lastly, and not really a farewell, we watched Capt Carlson head up the hill to carry some bags for a while. Hopefully we'll get him back in one piece and not damaged.

With all these outstanding Americans departing we were fortunate to welcome some familiar faces. The Joint Communications Unit

welcomed its 14th Commander with the arrival of LTC James Clifford. He and his family arrived to the Fayetteville Metroplex from Hawaii; my condolences. The Operations Shop saw the return of MAJ Scott MacDonald after his one year hiatus in New England. MAJ MacDonald picked up right where he left off and we are fortunate to have him back. And, although not new to JCU, we had several members make a small move within the organization. SCPO Will Tilley comes to us from B Troop and takes over as the Navy Senior Enlisted Advisor. Will is another member of JCU that has been in this business for a while and will no doubt be an asset for our Sailors. JCU Operations welcomed MSG Tim Mallett from B Troop and SFC Sam Tumblin from D Troop. Both of these Soldiers come to Ops with a wealth of experience and have proven time and time again that they can get the job done.

The men and women of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop continue to give everything they have to keep the JCU machine moving. They provide the support and

services that allow our fellow Service Members to do the special things that they do. One of these people is Ken Willett. Ken was selected as JCU's Civilian Member of the Year for his work and contributions to JCU's recruiting efforts. Ken spreads the good word of JCU and brings in the best talent from each of the four services. I'd also like to mention SMSgt Scott Eveler as he was recognized at SOCOM as the 2014 SOF Communicator of the Year (SCOTY). I promised Scott I wouldn't post the photos....so I won't. Congratulations Scott for the very well deserved recognition. Lastly, thanks to everyone else in HHT for what you do. I have personally witnessed each of you going above and beyond and making the important things happen.

Before I end this note I'd like to thank all of the families. Behind every successful Soldier, Sailor, Airman, and Marine is someone that motivates them to do what they do. Please take care over this upcoming holiday season and enjoy it with those that mean the most to you.

~1SG

JCU FRG

Unit Members, Family & Friends of JCU,

First, let us extend our best wishes & gratitude to the Johnston Family for their dedication, support & leadership of the FRG. We wish them the best as they settle into school in Carlyle, PA.

Secondly, let me thank Katie Mitcham, who has volunteered to co-lead the FRG. Her experience & tireless dedication to the JCU FRG over the past few years is invaluable. For those who don't know Katie, she's lived in Fayetteville for 5 years, she has three wonderful boys (2,4 & 13), is a Navy Veteran, and works full-time on Fort Bragg. Thanks Sean & Katie for all you do for the FRG!

Our mission is to support the Unit's larger family which includes all

service members, their spouses, children and extended family. The FRG plays a vital role in family readiness by relaying official information, providing a connection to the JCU community, and supporting families in times of need. In order to be successful, we:

- Want this organization to represent all unit families (all services, all ranks, new unit members & experienced unit members).

- Understand this is completely voluntary, but we encourage you to participate, volunteer & get involved in some way.

- Will listen and respect everyone's opinions & inputs as we continuously attempt to make this organization better. So please join us on this journey & get connected!

JCU FRG: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/jcufrg/>

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December 12th, 2014
6:00 p.m.



JCU Anniversary Ball



Social Hour will begin at 6 p.m. and will be followed by dinner and entertainment.

FREE for JCU Activity Club Members and 1 guest; \$40 for non-members or additional guests.

There will be 40 rooms reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Rooms will be held at the \$95 Gov't Rate; the code is JCU.

Vegetarian meals are available upon request.

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MEN—SUIT & TIE

WOMEN—GOWN OR COCKTAIL DRESS





JCU

Children's Holiday Party

Please join us for an evening of great food, bowling and a special visit from Santa courtesy of the Special Operations Communicators Association!



Wednesday, December 17, 2014

6-8:00 PM

Dragon Lanes Bowling Alley

Reiley Rd # 4-2374

Fort Bragg, NC



Be sure to wear your tacky holiday sweater!

Please RSVP by December 10th to mitchams@jdi.socom.mil or on the JCU FRG Facebook Page

Pizza, Cupcakes, Cookies & Drinks will be provided.



JCU Leadership

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