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First and foremost, CSM Usie and I wanted to acknowledge the tremendous sacrifice our JCU families make on a daily basis to support their spouses in this very challenging line of work. JCU members are consistently called upon to perform duties in far off locations, and even when not deployed, work long hours to maintain their competitive edge in the business we've chosen. Our family members miss more holidays, anniversaries, and children's activities with their spouse than I care to count. To that end, this lifestyle can be stressful, and I want to ensure our families are aware of the resources at their disposal. The HQ staff has counselors at the annex facility, and JCU will be getting our own command psychologist in the April timeframe. We get

slots to various Strong Bonds or family retreats, and we encourage families to attend. JCU's Chaplain William Allen has been moved into a larger space in our HQ to accommodate family or individual counseling, and he is already providing some positive assistance to family members in need. If you are in need of assistance, please come up on the net. Chaplain Allen can be reached at allenw@jdi.socom.mil, (910) 243-1321 [office] or (910) 728-9477 [cell].

other nominative programs in their respective services. JCU members are highly sought after upon completion of their tours, whether it be units in the services, or our corporate partners for those that separate or retire. They truly are "DoD's Finest Communicators" and I am proud to serve this organization as the Commander. Thanks to all our Unit members and their families for your service to our Nation.

You have much to be proud of in the accomplishments of your spouses. JCU's promotion rate, in general, tends to be far above the service average. We've had a number of our unit members select for Officer, Warrant Officer, and

V/R

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Upcoming Events

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| 26 Feb Mardi Gras Ladies Social | 07 Apr Memorial Unveiling | 16 Jun Training Holiday |
| 01 Mar JFK 50 Miler registration opens | 14 Apr Training Holiday | 19 Jun Training Holiday |
| 20 Mar Training Holiday | 17 Apr Training Holiday | 30 Jun JCU CoC (Tenative) |

HHT

Hello and happy new year from HHT. This past year has flown by and I hope that you were able to take a knee during the holiday season to reflect back on all the things to be grateful for. Our health, our Families, and our teammates. I imagine that this year will be just as busy as last year but I know the men and women of HHT are up to the task.

First I would like to welcome a couple new faces to the Troop. First we have TSgt Donell Walker who is coming from Pope AAF. He will bring some much-needed help to our J1 shop. I would also like to welcome Rob (moon-moon) Luna. Rob has been hitting it hard since arriving at the future operations section. With our welcome there always seems to be a good-bye or two. Glenn Staples will be transferring from the Force Modernization section over to M Troop. We also bid farewell to MSG Tim Mallett who has retired after 22 years of service. Congratulations and you will be missed.

HHT has also had an opportunity to squeeze some in some training this last quarter. SSG Justin Sims and LCDR Jeremy Olsen both completed Airborne School. Justin said the course was “knees in the breeze” while LCDR Olsen had

a broken Finger and entanglement story to go along with the blood wings on his chest. Barrett Overton and Craig Wilson have both completed the Military Freefall Jumpmaster Course. Rob Luna and Ken Garrison both attended Share-Point Site administrators course. Rob has been using these skills to ease the transition to SP 2013 while the rumor is Ken is using his new skills to create a workflow that automates the work of taking jump pay.

This last month we got to promote SFC Overton to Master Sergeant. Keep up the good work Barrett. We also had Lenin Castillo and Luke Blum get selected for Sergeant Major. Good job to them and the rest of the Selectees. Some of the unit’s paratroopers attended the Toy Drop in December. They donated a toy and got to jump with a foreign Jumpmaster. CPTs Wilda and Winger, SSG’s Garcia and Sims all earned their foreign jump wings. We have a certified security practitioner within the Troop. Craig took the grueling 6-hour CISSP exam and passed. Well Done! Finally, Mr. Todd Spencer was selected as JCU’s Civilian Member of the Year. Well done Todd!!!

In addition to the normal day-to-day work we had some time to relax, participating in Troop and Family events. We had a rousing competition of Ultimate Frisbee. With all the staff Officers in HHT, it was assumed we were a shoe-in for top honors as it is well known their affinity with gentile sports.... badminton, croquet, and Frisbee. Little did we know that this was “street” Frisbee and we were wholly unprepared.

We also had our annual Army/ Navy Football game. As expected, the Army was victorious. The Navy folks took their trouncing graciously and we took a group photo with the Army photo with the Army flag. OPS was most improved during the Jingle stick competition. This still did not prevent Stan and Mac from receiving coal from Old Saint Nicholas. Finally, we had our Children's and Unit Anniversary parties. Thanks to everyone that helped make these events a great success.

As always, HHT has guys that are forward deployed doing great things for the Unit and the Nation. CPT Quinty and SCPO Vecchio are midway through their rotation and are looking forward to rotating home. CPT Winger returned home from his rotation. Thanks for the good work Sir. We also welcome home CH Allen. He had an opportunity to go forward for several weeks and jumped at the opportunity. Thank you for the hard work and the services you provide everyone in the command.

Last, I want to thank all of the spouses and children at home who allow your husbands and wives to focus on the mission at hand. Even though we have had long nights and weekends, you realize the importance of what we are doing for the nation. In the command, we also realize the importance of what you do and thank you for it!!!

-Luke



Steve Powell receives his PCS award



Will Tilley representing during the Annual Army vs Navy Game



Barrett Overton is Promoted to MSG



Mr. Willett receive an awards for being Civilian of the Quarter

D Troop

Hello D Troop families,
 Hopefully the family batteries are recharged following a little holiday leave and you are settling into the “at home” dynamic now. I appreciate the support you provided the command and your spouses while we were deployed as this allowed focus on the tasks and daily challenges of deployed life. Thank you.

As I’m sure you remember, as soon as we came home we hit the ground running and the troop has excelled at every opportunity. We completed

one of our major exercises this cycle in early December and to say they executed flawlessly is an understatement. There are time-lines associated with this one in particular and as fast as they perform I am confident they could execute the required tasks in a quarter of the unit’s standard time, anywhere in the world, under any conditions. They are really an amazing team to watch; like a well-oiled machine. Be proud of them, they deserve it. We are currently planning for some upcoming travel and training events where I am certain the Troop will continue to shine.



Mike Reyes receives recognition from SOCA

In some of their spare time, three D Troopers completed training and testing for Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP). This is no easy task and all but guarantees a six-figure salary in the

civilian sector. Good job Alex Rice, Lucas Arroyo and Tom Lucas. The time to study for this exam was certainly not in the schedule. In addition to these certs., Mark Garside completed a Marine Free Fall Course and can now safely jump out of airplanes...higher than he could before. We welcomed yet another Senior Rated Jumpmaster into our ranks as well: Devin Churbe. This is no easy qualification; it requires tireless dedication to the commands jump program in addition to “chasing” extra jumps with other commands to check all of the blocks required for the badge. Again; Be Proud!

I got to see a few of you at the command holiday party, good times. I’m sure you heard some stories about the late crowd... always good time at command functions. During the dinner, we (D Troop) took a group photo and I received it today in fact, I will get copies to everyone.



Blake shows proper receiving line etiquette

For all of the families with those new little ones you welcomed into the world the past few months I hope they are doing well in addition to your whole family. The families here at JCU are truly our greatest asset and we could not do what we do without you. If there is ever anything we can do or help the command can provide, just ask.

Regards – Chris Ingles, JCU D Troop SGM

Cyber

Looking back, 2016 was an incredibly eventful year for Cyber Troop. Captain Oppenlander and I want to personally thank all the families and loved ones for the support they’ve provided to our team. First,



PO3 Donaldson is promoted to Second Class Petty Officer

we’d like to congratulate all of our Cyber Operations students for passing the course. Greg Nicoson, Nathaniel Van Kummer, Alexander Dodd, Walter Bayne, Dahvid Schloss, and Jason Benavides were a part of only the third class to ever start and finish the Cyber Operations Course without someone dropping partway through. Secondly, we’d like to welcome Jerry Dover and Benjamin Maxfield to the team. Jerry was a member of JCU twice while on active duty, and again as a contractor, before

becoming our newest civilian hire. Benjamin will join Bryce Donaldson as a student in our spring course. Another new arrival was the birth of Ryan Powell Jr to Ryan and his wife Danielle. Ryan and Danielle win the award for best birth announcement ever. Finally, we said goodbye to John Norris and his family. John was honored by the unit when he was given the JCU Colors at his going away. Cyber Troop and SMT gave him a solid send off by teaming up to win the JCU

2016 Turkey Bowl Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. We wish him and his family all the best as they get settled in at Camp Lejeune.



MSgt Bass and CPT Oppenlander recreate a Charlie Brown Christmas

C Troop

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I hope everybody had a great holiday season and got to spend some well-deserved family time together. Since the last newsletter, we have had a lot going on to close out 2016. Please congratulate our recent SOROC graduates and newest members of the team: PO1 Cordier, PO1 Estrada, SGT Jenkins, SPC Saalman, SFC Tricarico and SSgt Coler and welcome them and their families into the C Troop family. We also were fortunate to receive SSG Gayadat and SSG Loy coming from the 112th Signal Battalion and SOLSE respectively. In the past quarter SFC Kevin Chau and MSgt Rachael Hmelo both graduated the arduous U.S Army Jumpmaster school, we look forward to them leading Paratroopers during our airborne operations. They both great examples of airborne leaders. PO1 Eric Alden and

TSgt Matthew Biggs both completed the Basic Airborne Course. I know you both are going to do great. SFC Anthony Tricarico is currently attending Senior Leaders Course at FT. Gordon, GA and SSgt Shae Wheeler is attending Staff Academy at Camp Lejeune, NC. We are confident that they will excel and come back ready to use their new skills to lead our Service Members in the Troop. We have had to say farewell to SSG Russ Allen and CPO Andrew Hawley who

have moved on to new positions within JCU, I am sure that they will continue to excel in their new positions. WO1 Dylan Mask completed Warrant Officer Candidate School and unfortunately has departed JCU to continue his new career as an Army Warrant Officer, Dylan's talents will be sorely missed within the troop. SSgt Land will be departing soon to attend the Warrant Officer Basic Course and then continue on as a Platoon Leader. His leadership and technical expertise will be missed daily in the Troop, but we are confident that he will provide outstanding leadership to his Marines. Nothing gives



Dan Barbour receives an award from COL Clifford

me more pride than to serve the members and families of C Troop and I am amazed at the many accomplishments of everybody. I am truly excited for the next quarter and this New Year. If you ever need anything, please give me call. I am here to serve not only the members of C Troop but all their families as well.

-Big Jon (C# 910-574-1515)



C Troop stands tall after winning the latest unit PT event

M Troop

Happy New Year from M troop! M troop ended 2016 in epic fashion by winning the jingle stick! It was stunning rendition of the virgin birth and Santa's workshop. We also included a sleigh

ride and cookies. No one who saw these will soon forget. All the win really cost, was a sizable chunk of dignity. Thanks to the motor pool for all the work they put into it.

troop. Keep up the good work, be safe and we will see you soon.

We welcome two new SOROC graduates to the troop Anthony and John. They are getting settled in and have started training. Next stop, airborne school. Speaking of airborne, congratulations to Kellie on completing airborne school. We also added a new contractor, welcome to the team Angel. Lastly, I would like to welcome back Glenn Staples. Cliff might actually talk to someone now....No probably not.

The troop has been very busy since the last newsletter. We had the opportunity to marvel at the

NOSC's "turn-key" shelters. That said, we got it done in short order and can't wait to see what turn-key solutions await us in 2017.

Work hard and play hard was the moto for December. We were able to get out and do some team building on the go cart track. I enjoyed the outing but of course everyone who wins always says that. I hope everyone who got to go also had a good time even though they didn't win. It is definitely something we will try and do again.

Cheers to 2017!

Shane



SSG Livingston is promoted to SFC by his family

We welcomed back Tyler and Ricky. I know their families were happy to get them home before the holidays. Jeff, Nick and Pernell are currently holding it down for the

B Troop

Happy New Year to Everyone!!...and it's already February. I'll admit that I'm the solitary holdout here in JCU and the reason this publication is behind schedule. My apologies.

For most of us, we are glad to put 2016 behind us and look forward to what 2017 will bring. The gents here in B Troop approached last year as a race and definitely sprinted it out at the end. I couldn't be more proud of the work that this team does day in, day out and impact it has on our organization.

While the year was winding down, we said goodbye to some men that built our B Troop lega-

cy. moved over to JCU's Special Mission Troop where he will no doubt continue to serve JCU with the high-caliber professionalism he displayed while here in B Troop. GySgt Harmon has not left JCU just yet, but has departed to Quantico, VA where he has pinned as a Warrant Officer in the United States Marine Corps. Jesse was another member of our troop that found his way to be part of every major event thrown at us. His impact as a Detachment Chief is immeasurable and his experience and knowledge he brought will be missed. Lastly, PO1 Jeremy Neff PCSd to sun-

ny San Diego, CA. I'm sure Jeremy is more than glad to get back to 'Big Blue' so he can get away from doing 'Army Things'.

Just as we said goodbye to our friends and teammates, we found ourselves in another sprint to get out the door here in 2017.

Along the way we picked up 10 new teammates from SOROC Class 02-16. Joining the 'Machine' are SSgt EJ Brauner, CPO Larry Brown, SSgt Anthony Butt, SSg Jeremy Critchlow, SSgt Charles Fletcher, PO2 Matt Foley, SSgt Charlie Hulse, SSg JJ Johnson, PO1 Greg Nahalewski, and SSgt Gregory Roberts.

We had a few professional and personal accomplishments as well. SSg Nishan Derbabian

proved that he is one of DoD's Finest Communicators while attending the Advanced Leader Course at Fort Gordon, GA. Nishan single-handedly wrapped and received the Distinguished Honor Graduate, Leadership Award, and Iron Soldier. Two of our newest members were promoted; SGT Critchlow to SSG and SrA Butt to SSgt. Congratulations to each of these Great Americans for their accomplishments.

Well, it's that time and our back-to-back sprints have come to an end. I would like to say that now would be a good time to take a knee and drink water, but unfortunately it's not. The guys have put in many hours along with a lot of blood, sweat, and tears to get us where we are now. We have a marathon ahead of us, but I am absolutely sure that the 'Machine' will continue to live up to our reputation and continue to set the bar here within JCU. Lastly, I would like to thank each and every family member out there for your support to your Service Member. The solid



Members of B Troop receive their plaques

foundation of support you provide is the reason we are able to do what we do. Thank You.

-Sean



Andrew Cash receives his JCU Plaque

cy. TSgt Gordie Boyer PCSd down to Florida to continue to serve within the US Air Force. Gordie was a phenomenal team leader and will be missed. TSgt Andrew Cash moved across the parking lot but continues to stop by occasionally. Andrew was truly the heartbeat of the troop and we are looking forward to him returning back to the JCU ranks in the future. Also moving across the way was SSgt Jeff Farmer-Ealy. Jeff somehow found his way to be part of every single command activity during his tenure and his experience will be missed. SSg CJ Harvey



The "Gordy Boy Christmas Tree" makes an encore appearance



Jeremy Neff is given his PCS award and plaque

SMT

SRT — Hello Everyone. First things first I would like to thank Amy Reynolds and Caramy Taylor for letting us send their husbands out on another rotation. We are also happy to see Tom Freymiller returning home soon, and wish John Wilkes a safe trip. Nate is sitting at home recovering from a successful surgery on his arm, and we are hoping to have him back in the office soon. We are sending Mike Brown to Airborne school so he can become a real boy and start falling from the sky. Thank you everyone for all your help and support and fell free to call us if you need anything!

- Josh



Jim Stokes receives his JCU plaque

CST — Hello from everyone in CST, we hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. We are very thankful for many things this year, mostly the support of our families and friends; thank you for everything you all do. A lot of changes in the near future for the CST family. We will be saying goodbye to Jim and

Claudia as they are set to PCS at the end of February, you both will be truly missed. Kelly, Jon, and Shaun are all set to head out for us and we wish them safe travels. Ian will be returning home

shortly and we wish him a safe return. Jesse will be taking a break from work and will be heading down to Ft. Gordon for the Senior Leaders Course. A lot of selections for promotion in the CST family, all who were eligible were se-

lected, congratulations. Make sure to keep a look out for former CST member Luke Blum, he has a new position as Unit Parking Police. Stay off the grass. Best wishes to everyone in 2017.

- Chris

EC — First and foremost Happy New Year to you and your family! The Executive Communications detachment is starting the New Year busy as normal. Thankfully we all got some time off with the family because it didn't take long for everyone to hit the road again. Since the last newsletter, we've welcomed Russ Allen from ECS! We excited to have him and expecting to see big thing. We ended the year on a high

note with Jonas Johnson's selection to SGM and Hector Santana's selection to SFC. We could not think of more deserving guys, Congrats you two! Hector managed to get a few days off after traveling the globe and racking up some reward points during the holidays with the CG and team. A-Aron Morrill has settled in well on the DCG team. Brad Long and John Fondren, continue to hold the detachment together by handling the brunt of the very busy day to day work load with the ACG's. As always thank you to the ones we leave to hold the home together while we travel the globe. Happy New Year! - Drew



Jason Haines tells Santa what's on his list



COL Clifford repays Jon Wilk for the shirt off of his back!

SOSIT

Family and Friends,

Since the last News Letter we congratulated SOROC Class 2-16 on their successful completion of their 6 months of training and education. I am sure they hit the ground running in their respective Troops. Good luck 2-16! Thanks for the laughs and the "leadership challenges". We welcome the Families and Service Members of SO-

ROC 1-17 and at this point in time, Scott Eveler and Darrin Sirois have already filled their brains with a ton of RF theory and radio operations and Jon Mosely and Marcus Lewis are in the process of seeing how much networking knowledge your spouses can handle. GySgt Allison is slowly changing your mathletes into athletes and showing them what it takes to be "DoD's Finest Communicators". They still

have a ways to go and a lot more knowledge to gain from Scott Beadell, Jason Kalkhof, and Tony Jacobs. Good luck 1-17 in the rest of the course. In SONOC Justin Day, Tim Gibson, Tony Jacobs, and Joe Silvernail have continued to educate our current JCU members in our more advanced training. We've even seen some of Class 2-16 come back for more punishment. I guess they didn't get enough in

SOROC. With Joe Gaskin rounding out the certifications for our Service Members we are going to continue to see just how smart our service members are... We still haven't found the glass ceiling. Thank you for supporting your Spouses in their service to our Country! They/ we cannot succeed without you. Until next time... ~ Brandon

NOSC

Greetings from the NOSC! Now that we're in the heart of this winter wonderland, we're finally getting adjusted to the cold fingers and chapped lips. Some of us (read: most of us) have put on our holiday hibernation coat of about 5 extra pounds, and now we're working hard to shed it. Luckily, we had our trusty NOSCFIT program in place to help us fend off the extra cookies, pies, turkey, gravy, prime rib, potatoes...wait, where was I? Anywho, the teams are out there every morning, putting in some blood, sweat, and tears to make themselves better physically.

The NOSC has a super busy schedule in the coming months, as I'm sure most spouses and significant others are already

tracking. With projects popping up all over the place, we are sure to stay engaged in the pursuit of bad guys all over the world. Even with all that's going on, the men and women of the NOSC continue to make themselves and their teammates better through technical and tactical training. Their dedication to the betterment of themselves and the NOSC is a testament to their character and I'm proud to count myself among their ranks.

We welcomed several new members to the NOSC since the last newsletter. SGT Clint Harris, SSgt Ryan Clancey, SSgt Dany Wallace, and CPO Jeffrey "Sleepy" Stevenson joined us from SOROC. They bring with them a wealth of enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. We

have no doubt that they will waste no time learning the ropes and getting after the many problem sets we face. That being said, we're also losing some good talent. SSgt Shane White left Configuration Management to join his SOROC class, in pursuit of higher education and full integration into the unit's primary mission support element. PO1 Aaron Brunner is departing Automated Information Systems for Virginia, in support of Big Navy's warfighting initiatives. Aaron has been an integral part of the AIS team for a few years now, and his absence will be immediately felt. We will miss them both and wish them the best as they embark on these new chapters in their lives.

Finally, Snowpocalypse 2017 was a serious letdown on all fronts. In Sanford, we had 0.4" of accumulation, even though we were threatened (promised?) with 2-6". Fort Bragg wasn't even closed for a day, so all the hype was for nothing. Of course, that didn't stop Harnett County, and others I imagine, from closing down school for a couple days. Thanks for nothing, Weather Channel!

Sam

A Troop

Happy Holidays from A-Troop to your family! I hope everyone back home is staying warm and avoiding the Winter flu season, as always in North Carolina, it looks like mother nature can't always make her mind up. As I'm sure you are all tracking we are on the downhill side of this trip and are all anxious to get back to our friends and loved ones. Being gone this time of year is always a little more difficult, but please know that the guys are in great spirits and taking care of business from afar. The effort into the training prior to us leaving has paid off many times over, there

hasn't been a situation that the men of A-Troop weren't able to handle with careful precision.

Right before we departed we were blessed to have CPO Josh Espersen join our ranks as an incoming Detachment Chief...being a repeat offender to the Unit he knows exactly what he is getting himself into! I look forward to getting to know his wife Lindsay and their kids at a Spring BBQ that the Troop will be putting together.

Unfortunately, at that same BBQ we will be officially saying good-bye to Task Force Tommy, SFC D-wayne "JD"

Camacho, CPO Angel Periera, and SFC Josh Brandt. Tommy will be holding the mighty ECS HQ section down, Angel is heading up to the A-Team at the NOSC, Josh will be bringing his famous one-liners to FUOPS, and D-wayne will be the new JCU 1SG #getoffmygrass!

Since we have been gone I'm proud to announce that three gentlemen have been promoted. ARMY: Jake Gauger is now a Sergeant and Chris Williams is rocking Staff Sergeant, AIR FORCE: Jason Wells is one of the newest Master Sergeants. MSgt Chuck Russell even managed to pin

those silver wings upon his chest after graduating the Basic Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA.

Certainly not least, we all owe a great deal of gratitude to the families back home who continue to support their loved ones as they are away doing the Nation's work! We can never thank you enough! If your significant other isn't contacting you enough please let me know, lockebp@jdi.socom.mil, I may have a technique or two to have them reach out more often! Again, Happy Holidays and I wish you all the best in the new year! -Never Fail-
~Bryant

Meet the SOROCers



Name: Jacob Ellery
 Rank/Service: SGT/Army
 Enlisted: Aug-13
 Birthday: 19-Feb-92
 Spouse Name: Cristyl
 Children: Joseph Betts
 Hobbies: Radios, Fishing, Hiking, Boating
 Previous Assignment: 3rd SFG (A) 4th BN
 Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC, finish college, attend military schools(Ranger, Pathfinder, MFF) Civilian Certs



Name: Anthony Oneha
 Rank/Service: SSgt/USAF
 Enlisted: 7-Dec-10
 Birthday: 24-Sep-92
 Spouse Name: N/A
 Children: N/A
 Hobbies: Paintball, MMA, Rock Climbing, Snow boarding
 Previous Assignment: Rubing AFB
 Goals/Expectations: Get better physically, become a great technician



Name: Derek Ridenour
 Rank/Service: SSgt/USAF
 Enlisted: 11-Apr-06
 Birthday: 14-Jan-86
 Spouse Name: Melissa Ridenour
 Children: Paxton
 Hobbies: Football, Hunting, Jeeping
 Previous Assignment: Creech AFB
 Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC, Be a valuable team member to a troop



Name: Joshua Lundquist
 Rank/Service: SrA/USAF
 Enlisted: 26-Mar-13
 Birthday: 11-Aug-90
 Spouse Name: N/A
 Children: N/A
 Hobbies: Sports, Hiking, Kayaking, Reading, Cooking, Traveling, Gym
 Previous Assignment: Cannon AFB
 Goals/Expectations: Finish SOROC as Iron Man, Challenge myself and team, asset to a troop



Name: Arturo Elias
 Rank/Service: SSG/Army
 Enlisted: 15-Jan-08
 Birthday: 13-Nov-88
 Spouse Name: Pamela Lebron
 Children: Genesis Ruff
 Hobbies: Soccer, Race Car Driving
 Previous Assignment: SOTF
 Goals/Expectations: Complete SOROC, become better communicator



Name: Vincent Mankowski
 Rank/Service: SGT/Army
 Enlisted: 7-Feb-11
 Birthday: 17-Feb-89
 Spouse Name: Kayla Mankowski
 Children: Madison, Mason, Lyla
 Hobbies: Football, Fishing, Reading, Computers
 Previous Assignment: 3BCT, 82nd ABN DIV
 Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC, Because a well rounded communications NCO, Max PT



Name: Joseph White
 Rank/Service: SSgt/USMC
 Enlisted: 8-Sep-04
 Birthday: 17-Jun-85
 Spouse Name: N/A
 Children: Zoie, Joseph, Eddie, Zachary
 Hobbies: Kids, Sports, Read, Gym, and Travel
 Previous Assignment: 2D Marine Raider Bn Marsoc Camp Lejeune
 Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC get to a Troop, PME, and degree/ Get the knowledge to be come a better communicator



Name: Romel Curtis
 Rank/Service: SSG/Army
 Enlisted:
 Birthday: 5-Aug-83
 Spouse Name: Gina
 Children: Eva, Elisha, Romel
 Hobbies: Gaming
 Previous Assignment: Eucom Commo Team
 Goals/Expectations: Complete SOROC, Complete Under grad

Meet the SOROCers



Name: Brad Barrett
 Rank/Service: Sgt/Army
 Enlisted: 8-Jun-10
 Birthday: 4-Jul-92
 Spouse Name: N/A
 Children: N/A
 Hobbies: Skydiving, Sports, Fitness, Beach, and Learning
 Previous Assignment: 112th SOCSouth
 Goals/Expectations: graduate SOROC and being a more well rounded communicator



Name: Brandon Thompson
 Rank/Service: TSgt/Air Force
 Enlisted: 11-Sep-07
 Birthday: 10-Jul-84
 Spouse Name: Holly Thompson
 Children: Lillian, Alexis, Deakon, Trinity
 Hobbies: All sports and outdoor activities with family
 Previous Assignment: 355 CS, Davis Monthan AFB
 Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC/acceptance into a troop. Become better physically and technically. Make E-7



Name: Markus Annis
 Rank/Service: TSgt/USAF
 Enlisted: 24-Jun-06
 Birthday: 26-Aug-86
 Spouse Name: Lauren
 Children: Adalynn and Rose
 Hobbies: Fitness, Family, Sports, Hunting and fishing
 Previous Assignment: FT. Meade MD
 Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC/Become a deployable troop member



Name: Kelly O'Connell
 Rank/Service: ET2/Navy
 Enlisted: 13-Apr-10
 Birthday: 25-Apr-89
 Spouse Name: N/A
 Children: N/A
 Hobbies: Reading and Swimming
 Previous Assignment: Assault Craft Unit 4
 Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC, make E-6, gain radio / networking knowledge and a team to rely on/vice versa



Name: Brandon Lungren
 Rank/Service: IT1/Navy
 Enlisted: 19-Jul-01
 Birthday: 17-May-83
 Spouse Name: Brianna Lungren
 Children: Haylee, Conner
 Hobbies: Scuba Diving, Football
 Previous Assignment: DIA DET NorthCOM
 Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC, Assigned to a line troop



Name: Martin Renteria
 Rank/Service: TSgt/USAF
 Enlisted: 15-Apr-06
 Birthday: 15-Jun-87
 Spouse Name: Sara
 Children: N/A
 Hobbies: Study nerd things and go to movies with wife
 Previous Assignment: 320 sts Okinawa and now with 724
 Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC, CCNA Cyber Ops and computer science degree/ To gain knowledge to become a well rounded



Name: Joshua Carson
 Rank/Service: SSgt / USAF
 Enlisted: 29-May-12
 Birthdate: 27-Mar-90
 Spouse Name: N/A
 Children: N/A
 Hobbies: Video Games
 Previous Assignment: 690 ISS ,Lackland AFB
 Goals/Expectations: Complete SOROC, Finish CCAF, Complete Course 15.



Name: William Amarillo
 Rank/Service: SSgt/USAF
 Enlisted: 8-Dec-09
 Birthday: 11-Jul-91
 Spouse Name: N/A
 Children: N/A
 Hobbies: LARP, Videogames, and Comics
 Previous Assignment: Langley AFB
 Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC, Airborne, Commission in USAF/ To grow professionally technically and physical to learn my limits

Meet the SOROCers



Name: Nathan Cleveland
 Rank/Service: SGT/Army
 Enlisted: 21-Oct-11
 Birthday: 18-Jan-73
 Spouse Name: N/A
 Children: Emily Cleveland
 Hobbies: Traveling
 Previous Assignment: 52D Sig BN Stuttgart Germany
 Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC. Continue a career in IT with the DoD.



Name: Logan Jeffrey Ison
 Rank/Service: IT2/USN
 Enlisted: 25-Jul-12
 Birthdate: 6/28/1993
 Spouse Name: N/A
 Children: N/A
 Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, Wrestling, Working on guns
 Last Assignment: USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76)
 Goals/Expectations: Short Term: Pass SOROC Long Term: Make 1st class



Name: Toribio Pecina
 Rank/Service: TSgt/Air Force
 Enlisted: 15-Aug-06
 Birthday: 5-Jun-88
 Spouse Name: N/A
 Children: N/A
 Hobbies: Guns, Computers, Movies
 Previous Assignment: MacDill AFB, FL
 Goals/Expectations: Be the best and work with the best



Name: Jason Christopher Besash
 Rank/Service: SGT/USA
 Enlisted: 4-Jun-12
 Birthdate: 8/11/1990
 Spouse Name: Silest Besash
 Children: Jayden Besash, Alexia Besash
 Hobbies: Family, Hockey, Working on car
 Last Assignment: Ft. Stewart, GA
 Goals/Expectations: Short Term: Graduate SOROC Long Term: Get promoted to SFC



Name: Vance Richmond
 Rank/Service: SGT/Army
 Enlisted: 24-Apr-12
 Birthday: 17-Jul-87
 Spouse Name: Lydia Richmond
 Children: Olive Jane Richmond
 Hobbies: Surfing, Basketball, Fantasy Sports
 Previous Assignment: USASA Ft. Belvoir
 Goals/Expectations: Graduate SOROC, Get my CISSP and finish my Bachelors in CNAS



Name: Sean Deveci
 Rank/Service: TSgt/USAF
 Enlisted: 8-Aug-00
 Birthdate: 21-May-80
 Spouse Name: Alisha
 Children: Alexander, Monroe
 Hobbies: Working out, Reading, Learning new things
 Last Assignment: USCENCOM, MacDill AFB
 Goals/Expectations: Short Term: Graduate SOROC/ Make MSgt Long Term: Finishing my degree



Name: James Brandon Williams
 Rank/Service: ETR1/USN
 Enlisted: 9-Aug-09
 Birthday: 1/2/1989
 Spouse Name: Morgan Williams
 Children: Rylynn Williams
 Hobbies: Hunt, Fish, Autos
 Last Assignment: USS Georgia SSGN 729 GOLD
 Goals/Expectations: Short Term: Pass SOROC / Long Term: SRT/SMT



Name: Stephanie Burton
 Rank/Service: SSG / USA
 Enlisted: 21-Jul-08
 Birthdate: 28-Mar-90
 Spouse Name: N/A
 Children: N/A
 Hobbies: Hiking, reading, rock climbing, working out, home decor, learning.
 Last Assignment: Fort Wainwright, Alaska
 Goals/Expectations: Pass SOROC, improve run time, get CCNA. Get DHG in SLC and pin on SFC. Finish up associates

FRG

Happy 2017! We're looking forward to the journey ahead & wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. We finished up 2016 with our first fundraisers including gift wrapping at the PX and a LuLaRoe Fundraiser for the JCU Memorial. A big thanks to **Luke Blum, De Andrea Bobo, Sarah Garner, Jessica Orwiler, Michele Rudolph-Macdonald, Yuri Wilda, Tammy and Clay Usie** for coming out to wrap gifts for over 10 hours. Special thanks to **Susan Miller** for organizing a LuLaRoe fundraiser for the Memorial, and all of the **LulaRoe Consultants** that participated.

Please join us for our Q1 Events. Updates will be passed on the JCU Facebook Page. If you are not connected, contact Luke Blum.



Thursday Jan 27 Evening	Game Night Families Welcome!	Special Annex	Pizza dinner provided!!
Friday Sun 26 Afternoon	Mardi Gras Party/Cooking Class	Tammy's Home	Who doesn't like King Cake?
Friday March 31 Evening	JCU FRG Entrepreneur Showcase	Katie's Home (Spring Lake)	Dream of starting a business, have a business, like to shop? Don't miss this one.

In the works for 2017: painting party, over-21 wine tasting event (May), Spa Saturday (June).

Date	Activity	Lead	Location
January	Game Night [Thu 26] Pictionary Teams Kids incl.	Hannah	Annex
February	JSOC Ball [Sat 4] Mardi Gras Party [Sun26]	JSOC Tammy	Pinehurst Resort Usie Household
March	Entrepreneur Showcase [Thu 31] JSOC Auction	Katie Hannah	Katie's Home PPF
April	JCU Memorial Dedication [7] JSOC Easter Party [TBD] JSOC Youth Triathlon [TBD]	SOCA JSOC JSOC	JCU Headquarters TBD TBD
May	Wine Tasting [Sat 13] JSOC Volunteer Appreciation	Katie JSOC	Katie TBD
June	Pedicure Farewell [3] Change of Command [6/23 or 6/30]	??	TBD PPF
July*	Welcome Adriana Chastain [20]	Tammy	Annex
August*	Summer Picnic	Luke	TBD
September*	Father Daughter Dance - TENTATIVE [Sat 19] JSOC Fire & Ice	Tammy JSOC	TBD
October*	JCU FRG Event JSOC Octoberfest JSOC Halloween Party	Tammy JSOC JSOC	McKellar's Lodge Parachute Packing Facility
November*	Family Ice Skating	TBD	Cleland Ice Rink
December*	JCU Ball Family Holiday Party JSOC Holiday Party PX Gift Wrap Fundraiser	Luke Luke JSOC Tammy	TBD Dragon Bowling Lanes Parachute Packing Facility North or South PX, Fort Bragg

Awards



Jingle Stick



Kids Bowling



Chaplain's Corner

The beginning of a new year can be a little stressful. Every year I see January 1 as a day when I get a new page, a fresh start, a blank slate. My intentions are always good; work out more, spend time with my kids, plan a date night with my wife, lose a little weight. Sometimes I actually keep a few of my goals. Other years life gets in the way and I settle back in to my old ways. Someone once said "if you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what

you've always got." There is a lot of truth in that statement.

One thing I have determined is that making positive changes starts with the individual, but having some help is beneficial. In other words, only when I WANT to make the change can something happen. But once I want the change it usually takes some help from someone else, someone to keep me accountable for the new behavior to become reality.

As you consider what parts of your life you want to make better; your health, your finances or even your marriage, remember that there are people there to help. While I am NOT the guy you want in the gym or working with your money – if you and your spouse find that you want work on your marriage please remember that I am your Chaplain. I am open and available to talking about issues that might be keeping you two from having the marriage God wants for you.



Wishing you and yours all the best 2017 has to offer.

Out and About



As always, I have to start by letting everybody know that I am impressed every day and very proud of all the members of C Troop. It is no mistake that we are known for our professionalism and ability to expertly accomplish all)



New Additions to the JCU Family

- ◆ SFC Andrew Mish's wife has given birth! Isabella Patricia Mish was born at 0854 today. She is 10lb 7oz and 21 inches long.
- ◆ Ryan and his wife welcomed Ryan Powell Jr. born on 27 November. He was 8 lbs and 21.25 in long. Mom, baby and Dad are doing great.
- ◆ The Buchan's are proud parents of Weston Lee Buchan born on 9 November. He was 6 lbs 11 oz. Mother and baby are doing great.



- 20 -
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**2016 JCU
BABY
GOAL**

TOTAL TODAY= 25
2012 Record= 29

Grandpa Usie



Congratulations to first time Grandpa CSM Usie. He is the proud grandfather of Maisyn Elizabeth Miller. She was born 1 November, 7.5 lbs and 19.5 in. Mother and baby are doing great!

Flash Back in Time



Can anyone guess who this current unit member is???

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