



From the JCU Commander

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JCU family it's been a while since we've published a newsletter. I hope this article finds you in good health and high spirits. COVID-19 is still present and is having an impact on how we train and execute our missions. I have asked the squadron command teams assess the impact of training in the local area or as close to NC as possible. By limiting the distance we travel for training events, we endeavor to protect the force and our families.

During this stressful time, we need to ensure we are taking care of ourselves both our physical and mental health. Chaplain Naffy Sugrim sprinted to the end of the fiscal year and coordinated three separate Preservation of the Force and Families (POTF/F) events. These events were a great opportunity to connect with your spouse and learn techniques to improve communication and resilience. Assisted by Dr. Michelle Ambrose, the JCU Psychologist and the JSOC Behavioral Health Team, the events provided a wealth of information on dealing with stress and improving your emotional health. I thoroughly enjoy listening and engaging with other couples, hearing their stories about how they met, their challenges and

successes. These events also provide an opportunity to get to know each other outside of work and develop stronger bonds with each other.

Even though COVID-19 restricted a lot of PCSs, we had several new leaders arrive this summer. I'd like to welcome MAJ Nick Beck and Chrissy Beck. The Becks arrived from Wiesbaden, Germany. MAJ Beck took over as the ECS Commander from LTC Randy Linnemann who departed for a deployment to Afghanistan. MSG(P) Dwayne Camacho and his wife Cecile moved from C-Troop to ECS HQ. MSG(P) Camacho took over as the ECS SGM from SGM Bryant Locke who will be the 1st Special Forces Command G6 SGM. I'd like to welcome Capt Bill Moore and Holly Moore who arrived from Hawaii. Capt Moore took over as the MSS Commander from LCDR Jeremy Olsen. LCDR Olsen just retired after 30 years of service. MSG(P) Josh Brandt and his wife, Amber moved from ECS to the NOSS HQ. MSG(P) Brandt took over as the NOSS SGM from SGM Jon Woosley who is in the processing of retiring from the Army after 24 years of service. I'd like to welcome CPT Patrick Davis and his wife Chartese who came to us from

across post at 18th Airborne Corps. CPT Davis took over as the J1 from CPT Erin Marckesano who moved over to one JSOC's assigned units. I'd like to welcome SGM Sam Holden and Kristie Holden. SGM Holden came from the US Army Sergeant Majors Academy and took over as the J3 SGM. And our final leadership move...I'd like to welcome CSM Brandon Stefanowski and his wife Elisha to the JCU HQ. CSM Stefanowski is no stranger to JCU, serving in numerous positions and most recently as the J3 SGM. CSM Stefanowski took over from CSM Chad Yeager who is retiring from the Army after 26 years of service.

I appreciate all of the hard work being accomplished by our uniformed service members and government civilians. We lean on each other during times of need and stressful situations. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have a question or are in need of assistance.

Thank you,
COL Sannutti



Upcoming Events

Month	Date	Activity	Lead	Location
October	14 Sep—14 Nov	Virtual JSO 10k	SOCA	www.thesoca.org
	24	JSOC Trunk or Treat Drive Thru	JSOC	
	31	SOCA Gun Raffle ends	SOCA	www.thesoca.org
November	11	Veterans Day Training Holiday	N/A	N/A
	21	JCU Fall Festival	RST	Gillis Hill Farm 1100-1500
	25-27	Thanksgiving Training Holiday	N/A	N/A
December	4	JCU Holiday Party TBD	JCU	TBD
	14	Half Day schedule starts	N/A	N/A
	24-27	Christmas Training Holiday	N/A	N/A
	31	New Years Eve Training Holiday	N/A	N/A



Command Sergeant Major

JCU,

It is an honor to be the 17th Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Joint Communications Unit. I want to thank each of you for making the Change of Responsibility and the transition between CSM Yeager and me an easy process. Over the past 10 years, I've had the honor of working with the most professional group of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Civilians. I am incredibly grateful for the mentorship, guidance, and friendship along the way. I am excited to now be in a position to give back to the force that got me here.

For those that do not already know me, I

am a graduate of SO-ROC class 2-10 and have served in C-Troop, B-Troop, SO-SIT, and OPS. While here, my wife Elishia and I added to our family two beautiful kids, Genevieve and Gavin. Prior to JCU, I met and married my wife while serving with the 1st Special Forces Group out at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA from 2001 - 2010.

With all that said, I know the Unit. My wife and I know the OPTEMPO and how difficult it can be on the families at times. This Unit is unique with unique challenges. COVID-19 has not made life any easier. I understand that many families have been negatively affected by restrictions put in place

to mitigate exposure. We have a great team of folks that are dedicated to helping our Service Members and Families in times of need. Please don't think your issue isn't serious enough to reach out. They're here for you. I have to give Chaplain Sugrim a shout out to thank her for still making it possible to bring the families together as much as we can. I hope that my family and I get to know more of the unit families in the coming months, hopefully with less COVID restrictions. Additionally, it is my hope that I represent you all well and accurately voice your concerns. Lastly, I hope that I can be someone you feel comfortable reaching out to in a time of

need. I will do all that I can. I can be reached at 910-243-9189 or stefanowskib@jdi.socom.mil.

Sincerely,

Brandon Stefanowski



Headquarters Troop

Hello HHT families!

Well 2020 has been one heck of a year. It has brought so many new struggles to our force and families. As always, we continue to fight through the barriers and continue to be successful. I have never been so proud of our Servie Members and their families for their resiliency in these trying times. This quarter we welcomed our new Command Sergeant Major Brandon Stefanowski. He is a long time member of JCU and I look forward to the mentorship and guidance he will provide for the years to come. With the gaining of a new CSM comes the loss of CSM Chad Yeager. His years of dedication to the unit and sage wisdom will be sorely missed. We wish him and his family the best of luck in their next chapter as they transition into civilian life.

The J3 Operations has continued to synchronize efforts across the organization. We welcome the holiday season to enjoy some time to rest and refit for the new year. During the last quarter we said goodbye to a few joint force multipliers: CPT James Griffes moved to Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS; CPT Mercedes Allen moved to the 335th Signal Command in Kuwait; and SFC Rob Luna

moved to A-Troop, ECS in order to share his wealth of knowledge as the Troop SGM. Congratulations to them all! We energetically welcome new joint planners to the J3 section: CPT Matthew Harrison to take on the J3 Deputy position, MSgt Markus Annis to assume the role of the Current Operations NCOIC, and MSG Andrew Mish moved to the Future Operations section; each bring fresh perspectives to solving ill-structured problems.

As for our J1 section we welcomed CPT Patrick Davis as our new J1 Director and Voting Assistance POC in August. He has hit the ground running and is already working to create more efficiencies in our admin section. We also welcomed SGT Julio Perez as a new Army admin. Hopefully this will help Lucy keep some sanity. With the good also comes the bad. We said farewell to Erin Markesano (Griffen) as she moves on to bigger and better things down the street. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Unfortunately, there are not of a lot fun events that we were able to host due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but rest assured that as soon as we are able to we will start them up again. The one thing that we have been able to keep running are the POTFF events put on by



Chaplain Sugrim and our Behavioral Health team. They have spent countless hours and endured more headaches than I can possibly imagine to ensure that these events happen. I am so grateful to have them as part of the team and think that they play an integral role in the well being of our families. My hat's off to them for all that they do.

As always, I'd like to thank you all for your continued support to our hardworking service members and civilians who continue to do the nation's work day in and day out. As I always say, we are only successful because of the families that stand behind us... thank you for always caring and understanding through the long days, late nights, and sometimes weekend duties.

It is with a heavy heart that I write this last part. This will be the last newsletter that I will have the pleasure of writing as the JCU 1SG. I will be transitioning into retirement and preparing for the next chapter. It has been an honor to serve this unit and it's

families. I can honestly say that this has been the highlight of my career and thank God everyday for putting me on this path. I also want to thank the CDR and CSM for having the faith in me to be the 1SG of such a great organization. Thank you to all the members of JCU for everything you have taught me along the way. MSG Sam Siegel will be taking over for me until Derreck Martin can take the seat and I am sure he will do great things for the unit and families.

Please know that you can always email or call me if you need anything. My email is joshc483@gmail.com and my cell is 931-444-9921.

~ 1SG Josh Corley





A Troop

A Troop Family,
 First and foremost, I would like to say thank you for the warm welcome from the troop. I was able to meet most of the families at our Troop hail and farewell where we said goodbye to Timmy and Ashlyne. I can't thank Timmy enough for the awesome Troop that is now in my care and I hope I can live up to the example he set. Ash Harris will continue to run our Troop's FFG with help from my wife Rosie.

Thank you for all your patience getting ready for this deployment. The Troop is well prepared to handle any of the upcoming challenges. Please feel free to reach out to Ash Harris and my wife Rosie for anything that comes up while your spouse is away. Andrew Mish has turned over the

reigns as a Detachment Chief to Norm Lewis in April, as Andrew moved over to Operations. Ben Freimann completed his professional military education and we look forward to his upcoming promotion to Sergeant First Class.

We are proud to welcome Trevor Chichester, Trell Mitchell, Will Grana, and Zach James to the A Troop Family. They graduated SOC-OTC class 1-20 and have done a great job thus far. We are looking forward to their contributions on this deployment and their continued success in the JCU.

As we conclude this deployment, we will be sure to spend as much time home

with the family as possible. I will thank you in advance for your understanding as we navigate COVID restrictions. We will work the JCU Chaplain to hopefully plan a POTFF event when we return.

v/r
 Rob Luna





B Troop

B Troop Family,
The “Machine” is still working harder than ever despite COVID-19. Lots of change has happened since last newsletter. We said farewell to MSG(P) Joshua Brandt as he left and took over as the Network Operation Support Squadron (NOSS) SGM. The Troop welcomed back B-Troop Alumni, Chase Blanton as the new Troop SGM. The Troop welcomed Nicholas “Nick” Cordier and said farewell to Marcus Annis, who went on to Current Operations. During this time, we have also had many PCSs and ETSs. B-Troop family wishes you all the best of luck

in your new endeavors. B-Troop has steadily set the bar high for JCU, with implementing new technology and ways to deploy them. B-Troop is still proving we are THE best Troop in JCU, recently we had SSgt. Zachary Hopp selected to compete at the JSOC level for Service Member of the Year. He was selected from the entire E-5 and E-6 population out of JCU to represent the Unit. TSgt. Charles Fletcher was select as the Air Force Outstanding Cyber Systems NCO. We also had some promotions; Derreck Martin to MSG, Leevin Wilson to SFC and Quang Phan to

TSgt. Also, two Air Force SSgts made the list to be selected to the next rank of TSgt. Zachary Hopp and Aaron Cooper. Congratulations to all! We are getting ready to finish up our alert cycle and prepare for the next training cycle. B-Troop will have our POTFF event in Ashville, NC 18-20 December. Since Chase and Leigh Blanton did not get a chance to have a welcome home event due to COVID-19, we will be hosting a B-Troop get together 14NOV, details will be provided. B-Troop welcomes our new members John Guillory, Kristin Garcia, Aaron Cooper and

Benjamin Erickson to the Troop from SOCOTC class 1-20.

MSG Chase
Blanton
B-Troop SGM



C Troop

C Troop friends and families,

I hope this finds you well. Our last newsletter went out before the COVID pandemic, but I hope that everyone is coping well. I wanted to say upfront that if anyone needs any help getting through this tough time, feel free to reach out to anyone. Whether it's someone from the troop, your fellow spouses, or any of the other JCU resources available to you, such as the chaplain, social workers, or behavioral health providers, please do not hesitate. I also want to thank you for the love and support during our deployment. Our service members are successful because of your sacrifices. There were definitely many uncertainties regarding our travel home, but I appreciate you all being patient.

Since our last newsletter, we had several people depart the troop but will continue their service to JCU in different capacities. Thank you and farewell to Jose and Amanda Mercadoamadeo, and Matthew and McKenzie Henderson as they both move to the Network Operations Support

Squadron. Your support and dedication to the troop are appreciated. We are excited to see your contributions and your awesome skills at work at the NOSS. Also, congratulations on your promotion to Staff Sergeant, Jose. We bid farewell to Mario Forte and his wife Michaela as he moved to the Mission Support Squadron. Thank you for the hard work you put in daily, and the wealth of knowledge you brought and shared with the team. Farewell to Eric Saalman and wife Misty as he moves to the Expeditionary Communications Squadron Headquarters. Your leadership in

the troop did not go unnoticed, and we appreciate everything you taught us. Farewell to Nicolas Cordier and wife Katherine as he assumes greater responsibilities as a Detachment Chief in B Troop. You deserve that position, and thank you for everything you have given us. Congratulations on your baby boy, Logan. Lastly, a HUGE shout out to William Emrick as he moves on to become an officer in the Army.

In the past few months, C Troop's men and women have continued to sharpen their skills as DoD's Finest Communicators. Since coming back

from deployment, they've already completed four successful exercises with one more to go. Their accomplishments is definitely something to be proud of!

V/R,

MSG Dwayne Camacho



D Troop

D Troop Family,

It has been almost a year, and what a year it has been! At this moment, we are in the process of handing over the mission to A-Troop, and by all accounts, it has been a great rotation forward. All of the D-Troop team did amazing things, and the entire enterprise has passed their thanks and appreciation for the work the troop has done.

We have had a lot of folks selected or promoted since the last newsletter. Starting with ENS Quinton, formally known as CPO Quinton, being selected for the LDO program. Jen was commissioned on October 1st, and has PCS'd to her formal training and assignment to her first ship. With Jen

leaving, we were lucky to add SFC Stephanie Burton as the next Detachment Chief, and she hit the ground running in March.

In May, during the height of quarantine, Daniel Catts was promoted to SSG, and Eugene Rogers was promoted to SFC. Both have been performing at or above this level of responsibility, and these are well deserved promotions for both of these outstanding NCOs. The flood of promotions continued with Christian "Dan" Marino being selected for SSgt, along with one of our newest members, Albert Martin. Lastly, the Navy finally recognized the greatness that we see on a daily basis of CPO Lawrence "Larry" Brown, who was selected for promotion

to SCPO. All of these promotions, and their respective branches, recognized what I am blessed to see every day. These promotions, along with the rest of the amazing work I see on a daily basis, demonstrate why they are truly the best of the best. There are more accomplishments and recognition that our outstanding service members have received, but I would be writing until 2021.

We are proud to welcome Paul Schler, Albert Martin, and Cameron Miller to the D-Troop Family. They graduated SOC-OTC class 1-20 and have done a great job thus far and are looking forward to their continued success in the JCU.

Last but not least, to the families of the troop, we cannot and are not successful without your love and support. This, without a doubt, has been the most challenging times I have faced within this organization, and you all have taken it in stride and persevered. You all deserve unending spa days for owning and conquering a deployment during quarantine and a global pandemic. Thank you, and each and every day I am proud to say I get the honor of serving with our D-Troop family.

"Semper Prodo Nuntius"

v/r

Geoff Orwiler



Special Mission Troop

Special Missions Troop families,

As always and now more than ever we appreciate your support to your significant others and the troop. The last few months have been very busy for SMT and we couldn't be more proud of our people. My Wife Jillian Bryant and myself are always

here standing by to help in any way we can!

COVID-19 has restricted the high tempo that we are used to in the troop and provided an unexpected break for many of our folks. We are however beginning to figure out how to navigate this complex COVID environment and move forward. With the help of the

chaplain, seven SMT families attended a wonderful POTFF event in beautiful Blowing Rock, NC. The event was given excellent reviews by all that attended and we are looking forward to scheduling the next one soon!

We would like to welcome Christopher Barbier, who arrived in August and has hit

the ground running. We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Mitch Ford and his wife next month.

- Nate Bryant

ECS Headquarters

Best Families!

Summer has flown by, and we are entering the fall season. I want to introduce myself as the new Squadron Commander along with my wife Chrissy, and two daughters Lana and Audrey. It has been a few months since the last newsletter, and these have been some challenging times as we navigate the pandemic. I arrived here in the midst of it all and unfortunately have not yet had a chance to meet with each one of you. From what I have seen over the last few months I can honestly say that I am truly impressed. The levels of professionalism, expertise, and drive to succeed are far beyond any organization I have been a part of and we are no doubt "D O D ' s F i n e s t

Communicators." Thank you all for supporting one another, and making sure that we all remain healthy and prepared to fulfill our mission. I owe a special thanks to the family members and Key Callers who have led the charge taking care of our families throughout C and D Troop's deployments. We are happy to have C Troop back, and are excited to have D Troop returning shortly. There have also been a few leadership changes and we bid farewell to Tim Duncan as the A Troop SGM. Rob Luna replaced him and we wish them the best of luck as the Troop deploys. Nate Bryant replaced Zach Taylor as the SMT SGM, and Dwayne Camacho will replace Bryant Locke as the ECS SGM. We wish Bryant and Niki the best of luck in his new

assignment and all the best for their future. Again, thank you for all you do and if you have any questions you can always reach me on my cell phone at 845-239-1135. – MAJ Nick Beck

ECS / JCU NCOs and Families,

My tenure within the greatest organization has come to an end. I wanted to thank each of you for your hard work, dedication, and sacrifice that I have personally witnessed over my combined 9 years here. Everything from the "no-fail" attitude of the Service Members, to the resiliency and flexibility of the Families; it was noticed daily and I'm honored to have been a small part of it. I am extremely grateful to have

been given this opportunity to be your voice (and muscle when needed) to ensure you were able to do your job quickly, safely, and without hesitation. I am not going far, so if I can continue to help anyone, in anyway, please let me know! Love you all, and continue to be BAD ASS!! -SGM Bryant Locke



MSS Headquarters

Greetings JCU family; as always, the Mission Support Squadron (MSS) team is hard at work "wearing the cloth of the Nation, defending freedom and democracy around the world!" As I sit here gathering my thoughts, I cannot help but reflect on the extraordinary times we are living in. We have all witnessed unprecedented change over the last ten months. Every day I am humbled to stand beside such an amazing team of professional, committed, and innovative Civilians, Marines, Airman, Sailors, and Soldiers. I want to take a moment to thank each spouse, child, significant other, and parents, which allow us to utilize the talents of your beloved communicators to do our nation's bidding. Our success is indicative of the support and sacrifice you give daily. We recently had the opportunity to bid a tremendous American farewell as LCDR Jeremy Olsen retired after 30 years of Naval Service. Our inaugural MSS CDR, it has been a pleasure. I want to take the opportunity to welcome our new teammates to the MSS HQ team, Capt Bill Moore, Mr. Rodney Harvey, Mr. Patrick Spence, and Mr. Brett McIntire. Capt Moore comes to us by way of Hawaii, SOC-PAC and will serve as the 2nd Commander of the Mission Support Squadron. Mr. Rodney Harvey comes to us by way of C-COM and serves as the inaugural Deputy to the MSS CDR. Mr. Spence and Mr. McIntire both recently retired from illustrious careers in the Army and will continue service to our great nation as part of our team. This is a very special moment for me because it is my final newsletter as the MSS Senior Enlisted Advisor; with that, I would like to welcome one more member to the MSS leadership team, SCPO Tim Duncan. Tim is no stranger to the JCU family and is transitioning from ECS to replace me as the MSS SEA. It has been my extreme pleasure and honor to serve alongside such outstanding teammates. I look forward to what the future holds and stand assured that the MSS team continues to rise to the challenge as DoD's finest.

~SCPO Clyde Anderson



Cyber Troop

Greetings to all from the Cyber Troop!

2020 has been a fluid year for most, and as the Command adapted to meet the challenges of COVID -19 we had three team members in the Cyber Operator Training Course. We would like to begin by congratulating CTN1 Winson Tam, TSgt Scott Carpenter, and TSgt Travis Caron, our newest Graduates. All three finished the course in April and were

able to onboard and hit the ground running with the team. We would also like to wish luck to our current team members enrolled in the training, CTM1 Matt Foley and MSgt Ryan Goff. Ryan was so excited to become a member of JCU he departed his last assignment twelve hours before the DOD travel ban began.

We have had some recent promotions as well, Michael Blanton was

promoted to Staff Sergeant and Winson Tam and Nick Richardson were promoted to Petty Officer First Class. Justin Melendez was selected to attend Army Warrant Officer Candidate school and will be departing soon. MSgt Sean Walters recently completed his Masters of Arts in Cybersecurity.

Cyber Troop has also said goodbye to two dedicated team members, CPO Matthew Selbrede and

1LT Katie McKinney. Both had orders delayed but were able to report to their new assignments in July and are doing well. Their contributions to the Troop are greatly missed.

v/r,

Barry Hall, JCU Cyber Troop

Logistics Troop AKA J4

Logistics Troop

Greetings family, we started 2020 with a bang! And then 2020 shocked us all with COVID craziness... Literally! Thank you for remaining flexible during these uncertain and challenging times. We are grateful that you provide us stability as we try to figure out what our new normal is and how we continue to define it.

I'd like to highlight a couple of

our star performs! Erik England won the JCU Junior Sailor of the Quarter! We are extremely happy for him and wish him the best when he competes at the JSOC level. Morgan Carlson has also continued to show that she is persistent and resilient and earned the Mission Support Squadron Service Member of the 3rd Quarter! Maston Buchanan was recognized as the JSOC Logistician of the

Year. Lastly our Team was selected as the JSOC Logistics Team of the Year... 3RD Year in a row!

In sad new, we said farewell to two of our teammates, Maston Buchanan and Yvaughn Brown. Thanks for bringing craziness and happiness and to our team. We will miss watching you troll each other and the savage come backs that kept us on our feet.

Lastly, we are sending Richard Rivera on his first JCU deployment! He will be conducting a turn over with Bernard Vinson, whom we are excited to have back home so he can continue the amazing job that he has done for the unit down range.

V/R – Edwin O. Lopez, Logistics Senior Enlisted Leader





Electronic Maintenance Troop

The year so far has certainly been a test of our resiliency, and I want to personally thank all of the Servicemembers and their families for their strength and resolve. It is in times like these that we demonstrate our true character, and I couldn't be prouder of the Troop. They've come together to take care of families while their peers are deployed and to be there for one another as relatives back home have been affected by the impacts of the pandemic. Some of us have faced losses back home, and we were faced with the hard choices of remaining with our loved ones here or returning home to pay our respects and risk endangering our families. No amount of training or experience

could have prepared us for what we faced, but we've taken care of each other, and we stand ready for the challenges to come. I'm confident in our readiness for those challenges and stand hopeful and ready for the future.

Even as we've faced the challenges of 2020, our contributions to the defense of our nation have never faltered. Matt, Andrey, Greg, Kevin, Josh, and Dave have all been deployed to directly impact the success of our efforts in the ongoing fight against terrorism. It's never easy to leave your family at home, and even more so when so much uncertainty is happening. As I write this, Kelly and Andrew are headed out the door as well to continue the fight. We wish them luck, although I know they

are trained and will overcome any challenges thrown their way.

We welcome into the Troop our newest techs, Rebecca and Seth, along with their families. I'm fairly certain they can claim the honor of having attended the longest SOC-OTC course to date, although we all know when the hardest class was. I look forward to a time when we'll be able to get the families together for a proper introduction. We also bid farewell to Matt as he was accepted into the Cyber Troop; though he won't be far away we likely won't be able to pry him away from a desk anymore. I'm always sad to let a good tech go, but I know he'll be a great asset to Barry and his team. I do look forward to hearing about the

debates that get stirred up over there. We've also bid a temporary farewell to Juan as he attends professional development with the USMC, looking forward to that squared away haircut when you get back!

In closing, I know we're all looking forward to the holiday season and a sense of normalcy. Enjoy the time with your loved ones, and always remember that you are a part of a larger family as well.

V/R – Patrick “Bessy”
Bessasparis, EMS SEL

Motor Maintenance Shop

Hello from the Motor Maintenance Support Troop,

I hope everyone is doing well and keeping safe. I would also like to take this time to say thanks to the MMS families for their continued support. This last quarter has been incredibly busy considering the circumstances. Ryan Nifong and Ryan Rente conducted a round-robin to 5 sites in 4 countries. The work they were able to accomplish was incredibly impressive, to say the least within the time

frame they had to work with. Roger Darling and Andy Miller have invested countless hours/weeks attending training while still maintaining the unit's power generation and HVAC equipment. Brian Moyer has also started to conduct training that will be required in the near future. He and Cabel McKinley have done an excellent job adapting and completing the taskings while keeping everything running with reduced manning.

Some of the accomplishments the MMS team has completed are the fabrication of JCU's airborne mock-up trailer. We also conducted a unit safety and environmental inspection. In June, we received a new semi-trailer to line haul JCU's larger equipment and vehicles; it has already proven itself to be a valuable asset. We also conducted unit drivers and ROHVA training, where we had the

opportunity to incorporate some recovery training.

V/R Joshua Livingston, MMS
SEL



NOSS

During our last newsletter update, we made a horrible pun about 2020, I believe the last few months have been interesting enough so we will skip that this time. Since our last newsletter, we have said goodbye to a few more outstanding Americans (Jeffery Stevenson, Victor Morquecho, John Partee, Chuck Russell, Jon Woolsey, and Matthew Grimsrud). We welcome our newest members Josh Brandt, John Owens, John Bandin, Dareille Fort, and repeat offender Jeremy Neff. If you have noticed a trend with Squadron member's name (Jon, Mike) it's because they are two of the best names in the English language, allegedly...

Recently SGM Woosley (aka Big Jon) and Josh Brandt had a change of responsibility. SGM Woosley will be missed, and we thank you for service to the country and the three years that you committed to the NOSS. The culture change you facilitated in the NOSS will have lasting impacts. Unfortunately, I believe your obstacle course record for the squadron still stands for now, but hopefully as COVID restrictions are lifted, we'll see if Steve can break next run through.

The NOSS office renovation is 95% complete with only a bit of clean up and cable management left over. We are back home and socially distancing in our bat caves. Huge thanks to Chuck Russell, Jon Woolsey, and Brandon Lungren for pushing through all the

challenges to get this project complete. The office looks great and will facilitate the collaboration needed to better tackle some of our emerging endeavors.

AIS D-Team with Mike Pichette, Nate Brown, Manuel Martinez, and DJ Howard are doing an amazing job as our deployed engineers, working every day to put out the flames of chaos. Coupled with DJ Howard, the forward team is creating their own form of network magic as they further standardize the network while introducing new tools to help them along the way (DJ's new name is Magic Man - just like on Talladega Nights). As they start making their way back home (hopefully before the holidays), A-Team will maintain the momentum, giving D-Team and DJ a well-needed break. As always, A-Team is ready for the challenge as they work through the various changes and modifications to the network.

The Automation and Integration team has been banging away as they work through bug fixes, feature development, and toolset testing to give more capability, usability, and time back to JCU. The team, currently led by Sean Devci, has been working with other units within the command to collaborate on automation coding languages and toolsets to ease alleviate inefficiencies of legacy equipment and culture. Why? Because "this is the way" as the Mandalorian would say.

The Infrastructure team has been working feverishly over the last year, not only finding the newest in equipment to support the mission today, but also vetting next-generation technology in compute, storage and networking in a more modular, expeditionary form factor. They have also been locked away in their offices developing out and integrating new storage software to alleviate constraint across the command.

We would like to congratulate a few NOSS personnel on their selection for promotion. Kyle Marshall decided to better himself and leave the navy to become an Army warrant officer. (You will be a real chief now Kyle). Jake Richman was selected for TSgt and Dareille Fort was selected for MSgt in the Air Force, this is a true testament to your hard work and potential in the military. Keep it up!!!

Lastly, the NOSS would like to introduce our newest team - Edge Compute. They are focused on developing hardware solutions that integrate unique applications to be employed in expeditionary environments. They are focused on future environments, working with various units to develop out new ideas, tech and culture to posture the Command for future capabilities. We are excited to see what they bring to JCU

besides caffeine ridden hands and a sudden urge to smash keyboards.

As always, the wall walkers and graybeards of the NOSS continue to push the envelope on innovation and efficiency with the mantra how do we make it better, faster and easier for everyone. The last few months have been challenging for all of us and we want to thank the families for being as flexible as they can be, listening to online collaborations, noisy equipment and the hubbub that comes with having their loved ones working from home. Hopefully, though they knocked out a few honey-do items.

From LTC Denison and SGM Brandt: For all the service members and Families who are part of our team - we appreciate your support, especially during the previous six months. Even with this chaos, the NOSS maintains momentum as we lean forward in multiple, technical endeavors that continue to re-shape the culture of the Joint Communications Unit. That we can do this is truly a testament to each of you. Your flexibility, adaptability, and preservation of yourselves and Families is truly commendable, and we thank you for what you do on behalf of our nation. We're look forward to when we can finally host a large barbeque event, relax for a bit, and enjoy each other's company!

SOSIT

Greetings from Team SOSIT, as we continue to weather the 2020 storm. The days are getting shorter, and we continue to adapt to changes. We will close out 2020 with some 1sts. The graduation of Special Operations Communicator-Operator Training Course (SOC-OTC) class 1-20 was not without challenge. After spending nearly 9 months in training, we saw 20 earn the title of "JCU Communicator". Class 2-20 started with 8 and now the 7 are quickly approaching the end, keeping their eye on the prize. The diligent efforts from students, cadre, and support elements cannot be overstated. We are truly a team of teams. In early July 2020, we simultaneously welcomed SOC-OTC class 2-20 to

the organization and continue to train Class 1-20. Our two Tactical Administrative Counselor (TAC)s were steadfast in their management of both courses and always responded with tremendous resolve and character, not commonly seen by any stretch of the imagination. They have received a variety of specialized training, and are flourishing despite several arduous days. At SOSIT we believe that each student came to JCU to be challenged and we will do our very best to meet all their expectations of DoD's Finest. The IT Academy cadre have been delivering a variety of advanced courses to JCU members and guest students. We said farewell to Mr. Tim Gibson and welcomed Mr.

Shaw and Mr. Munoz to the IT Academy team that is already comprised of the highest caliber of technical professionals, Mr. Joe Silvernail, and Mr. Justin Day. The Network, Systems and Datacenter courses are the pinnacle of advanced IT training that has come to be expected as normal. I can't speak highly enough of this training team. SOSIT has went through some changes and challenges since our last newsletter. I am pleased to report that SOSIT is postured for providing measurable, repeatable, and responsible training that continues to force generate the Joint Communications Unit. 2020, threw a litany of curveballs and yet SOSIT remained agile, adaptive and innovative to meet the challenges

every day and almost always on their own initiative needing little if any guidance from the Commandant. It is a true honor to work, and lead such professionals in the pursuit of creating and training JCU Communicators. AUT VIAM INVENIAM AUT FACIAM "Find a way, or make one!" SOSIT Commandant Sam Siegel (910)-309-0756 siegels@jdi.socom.mil SOSIT FFG Kerry Siegel (910) 309-1322 siegelk1108@gmail.com "If it is not right, do not do it, if it is not true, do not say it." - Marcus Aurelius



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JCU Family,

How is your marriage surviving COVID-19? With few outlets for company outside of the immediate family and few places to run away to, tension and stress have become the new norm. Finding time without the kids can be especially challenging. This article provides some new ideas and ways for you to reconnect with your significant other during the COVID-19 challenge as we enter into month 8. The information within has been provided by one of our amazing POTFF Social Workers from the NCR (Lisa Wardle). She provides some great ideas and ways to connect in between chasing down the kids!

Relationships are hard to maintain on a good a day, so if you were struggling before isolation, chances are your relationship is struggling now. How are you communicating and relating day to day? Take a look at some ideas to connect during this time.

Are you able to find time to have purposeful connection?

Remember to continue to set (or start setting boundaries) with your kids so you and your spouse have time together
Make sure your kids are going to bed a decent time so you and your spouse have time together in the evening

Designate a room in your house where you can consider having a date night

Spend time in each other's man or woman cave (without judgment!)

Send the kids to another room for their own pizza and movie night while you and your spouse have dinner in your designated date night room. Add candles/aroma and music if you'd like during your time together.

Set a rule in your house that when your bedroom door is shut, the room is off limits. Let your kids know that mommy and daddy need some alone time and then let your kids know the time when you will rejoin them. Kids can watch a clock or set a phone timer to help them with their impulse and curiosity. Allow them to do a special activity outside the norm for this time.

Pick each other's favorite food where you can get take out

Surprise your spouse by picking up food if you are coming in from work, or run out for an essential errand and come back with dinner

Choose some of the following date night topics to stir up memories and positive feelings

Date Night Questions

If you could go anywhere in the world to visit, where would it be?

If you could be any animal, what would you be, and why?

If there were one person, dead or alive, you could sit and have a conversation with, who would it be and why?

What's your favorite childhood memory and why?

What cartoon character do I most closely resemble and why?

What are your top 3 favorite places we've been together?



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What are your top 3 favorite movies?

What are your top 3 favorite things about our marriage?

What are the top 3 things you'd like for us to accomplish in the next 5 years together?

What are your top 3 biggest challenges we've faced?

What are the top 3 things you love about me?

You feel most loved when ____? You feel most respected when ____?

You feel most appreciated when ____? Your biggest passion is ____?

Take it up a notch

What has been the best part about our marriage?

If there were one area of improvement you'd like to see in our marriage, what would it be?

What has been the most surprising thing about marriage for you?

What has been the hardest part about marriage?

Where do you see us in 2, 5, and 10 years?

How can I be a better husband/wife to you?

What is one thing you wish I better understood?

What has been the best and hardest part of parenting for you?

Is there something personally you wish you could accomplish that I can help you with?

What attracted you to me?

Who has been the biggest influence in your life, and why?

What's one thing you've always wanted to do but haven't?

How do you feel the most connected physically to your spouse?

What is one way you can make an effort this week to enhance that physical connection between the two of you?

What are three physical shows of affection you really enjoy from your spouse, and you wish they would do it more often?

How do you feel the most sexually intimate with each other?

Intimacy

Once you have tried a few date nights, go a little deeper into intimacy. What are things you can do for one another that may not involve sex? Working from home, managing the home and kids and each other is not easy. Sometimes you may not want to have sex or be intimate because you are both exhausted, may not feel attractive in quarantine, or you feel that everything has to lead to sex when you may just want to be intimate. Let's look at ways you can be intimate with one another without the expectation of sex.

Massages

Cuddling or sleeping naked

Complete eye contact when answering some of the deeper questions

Taking a shower or bath together

Discuss the kinds of ways you enjoy being intimate together

Exercise together

Walk around your neighborhood at night holding hands



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In his book *New Rules for Marriage* (Real, 2008), Terry Real discusses five areas of intimacy and asks couples to think about how each spouse transmits and receives intimacy. Take a look at these five areas of intimacy and think about how you and your spouse or partner do in each of these areas.

Intellectual: The mutual sharing of ideas in respectful, non-judgmental ways.

Emotional: The expression of one's fears, joys, sadness, anger, etc., and the receiving of each other's feelings with respect and compassion – without disqualifying, attacking, or withdrawing

Physical: The active participation in mutual activities. Support in each other's physical care. Physical nurture and affection.

Sexual: Honoring the mutuality of sex. Being open to your partner's desires without doing something you don't want to do. Being open to your own desires and expressing them.

Spiritual: The sharing of a spiritual life, however defined. Support for each other's sense of purpose and meaning. Support for each other's devotion to a larger force (religious, artistic, social) beyond oneself.

If this seems like a lot to digest, take small steps and pick one or two questions to talk about and start there. If this hits any difficult areas for you in your relationship, please reach out to our behavioral health team for support and assistance. Otherwise, enjoy, experiment, and treat each other with compassion and grace as you explore.

Doc Ambrose

MICHELLE AMBROSE, PsyD
JCU Command Psychologist

Source: Real, T. (2008). *The new rules of marriage: what you need to know to make love work*. New York: Ballantine Books.



FFG Unit Advisors

Hello JCU team and families, you are not alone. There are success, that the RST is now She handled our Funds
"SEMPER GUMBY" a.k.a resources of support planning a Fall Festival there Account with zero defects
"Always Flexible" is a play available. Please monitor the on 21 November at Gillis Hill and we owe her a debt of
on the Marine Corps motto of Fort Bragg webpage/ Farm, time TBD. Please gratitude. We also welcome
"Semper Fidelis" a.k.a Facebook page for the most contact Chaplain Naffy Ms. Chrissy Beck, wife of
"Always Faithful". It is also up to date information. Sugrim if you would like to MAJ Nick Beck, ECS
based on the rubbery, super- Community resources are volunteer. JCU strives to Commander. She will be the
bendable, green Claymation slowly becoming available protect the force in ECS FFG Leader.
character from the '60s. again. Our ACS representative is Ms. Cynthia published guidelines and will If you or your family member
Circumstances change Mack at 910-432-3742 cynthia.m.mercado- take every measure to keep is interested in volunteering,
quickly and we must bend cynthia.m.mercado- Soldiers and families safe. Please have them contact
and flex so that we do not break under the stress. In We will restart our Steering m y s e l f a t
these extremely volatile Committee meetings jsannutti@gmail.com or 1SG
COVID times we need to VIRTUALLY! They are usually scheduled every Corley at XXX We are
remain flexible. Uncertainty JCU's Behavioral Health Team as well as the second Thursday of the following positions:
and separation are a way of Religious Support Team (RST) have gone above and beyond and really stepped volunteer coordinator, and
life for military families, but we have always found a way to persevere due to the sense of community in the military up. They have managed to seamlessly pivot and provide holistic support to Command members and their families in creative ways. The event at Gillis Hill Farm was such a Treasurer Ms. Niki Locke, Secretary.
to manage our lives during Covid. Please remember that at Gillis Hill Farm was such a Wife of SGM Bryant Locke. Again, Semper Gumby!
-Joanne Sannutti
JCU Senior Advisor

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Chaplain's Corner

Dear JCU Force & Families,

As we are entering into the holiday season with Thanksgiving being around the corner... I really want to encourage you all to pause and reflect on all the things that you are grateful for... whether it be your family, your job, the roof over your head, the food in your refrigerator, your fur babies or all the COVID home projects you've completed. The truth is often times in life it becomes so easy to focus on all the negative things happening to and or around us. Let's be honest here, there is no doubt that 2020 has literally been an episode of Jumanji. It has been challenging on every level. For some of us we have experienced deep loss, we have felt overwhelmed, we have grown anxious as we looked at the news, weary as we started home schooling, and lonely as we've all had several moments in the last few months where

connectivity was limited due to our spouse deploying or lack of socializing due to COVID. Yet in the midst of all of this you all have mustered up the courage to push through taking care of your families and getting all the to dos of the day done. You all have proven to be resilient and strong.

When I think about our JCU Family and as I get the opportunity to serve and walk alongside you all, I am blessed daily by your courage, determination and strength. Taking a moment to pause and reflect on what I am grateful for – I would have to say I am grateful for all of you and for the amazing care teams that we have supporting us to include our Behavioral Health, Command Psych and our Human Performance folks. I have never been more proud of a unit. A unit that has a mosaic heart filled with so many beautiful people and qualities. I want to take this time to remind you all that together we are

stronger. When we take the time to foster an attitude of gratitude our outlook on life shifts. Find the little things that you are grateful for daily and hold on to them. When we do this, we prevent our minds from getting stuck and in return we are able to overcome and inspire those around us to keep moving. A beautiful passage in Scripture taken from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 reminds us to rejoice always, pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances.

As I reflect over these last few months I can say that despite being in a pandemic JCU has accomplished a lot. From March to now we have remained flexible, we all have become innovative in our efforts to connect, and relentless in our pursuit to grow and be what our nation needs us to be. With our troops deploying and returning and in efforts of sustainment and promoting resiliency we have conducted some amazing

Preservation of the Force and Family Events. We have done both virtual and in person training events from marital training calls, book-clubs, retreats, troop training events, suicide prevention panels to having our very own JCU Family Resilience Day at the Gillis Hill Farm. And guess what... we will continue to explore various ways to take care of our people.

With that being said, on Nov 21st I want to invite you all to a JCU Force and Family Fall Fest. Details will be published soon. In the meantime, remember to pause and reflect on the things that you are grateful for and never stop being humble and kind.

As your Chaplain I am honored to be able to walk with you. Please know that my heart is to serve you and your families. Love God Love People. Pro Deo Et Patria Always.

-CH Sugrim

JCU Behavioral Health

As COVID continues to impact us in ways we could not have envisioned, many of us are still trying to figure out the balance of virtual school, work, family and life in general and now we are adding the upcoming holidays. Your behavioral health team wanted to take this time to remind you to take care of yourself. It is important, in this time of unknown and social distance, to remain connected and practice self-care. Here are some tips and tricks that we would like to provide you.

Remember the basics: eat balanced

meals, drink water, and get sleep

Know your limits and say NO! If you have too many things on your plate it is ok to say "no" to additional activities

Ask for help, reach out to neighbors, friends, your other troop members, there is no shame in "saying, hey I need a hand"

Get up and get moving – exercise is really important! You don't have to run a marathon...dance around your living room J

Practice yoga– it helps with calming the mind and connecting to your body

Stay connected with family and friends – if you need to set a reminder on your phone to make a phone call or send a text, do it! Don't isolate!

As we head into the holiday season, nobody knows what it may look like, but we want you to remember that you are all strong and resilient! Also remember we are always here to provide an ear or give you a resource - we are in this together.

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Promotions September





Promotions September





Promotions October





Promotions

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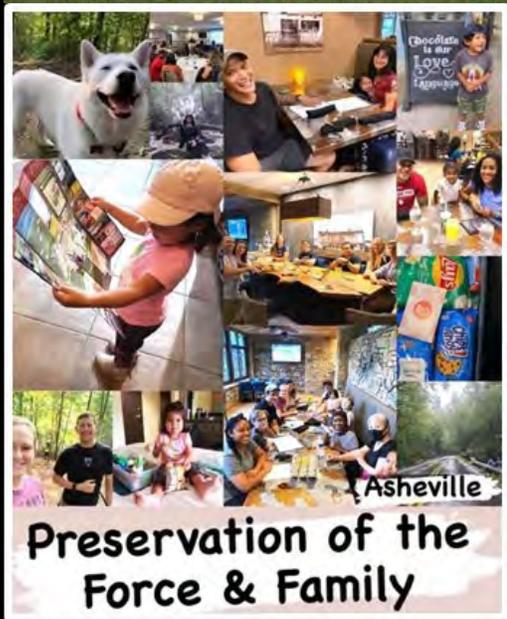


Memorable Events





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A Peace Out Pizza Party

On behalf of the JCU Command, Thank you for holding down the fort at home



We love and appreciate all that you do! God Bless and God Speed!



Thank you to our amazing team!

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SOCA

The Special Operations Communicators Association (SOCA) continues to do great things for the service members and families of JCU. We have not had the year we are used to having, but we are coming up with little things that keep the fire burning and the funds coming in. We have not conducted anything this year except for the annual Scholarship and Young Patriot essay contests. One of our major fundraisers was cancelled and we hope to be back on track for next year's annual SOCA Golf Tournament. We had to go virtual with our Joint Special Operations 10K, it is ongoing now, until 14 November. We have conducted several raffles to keep our funds flowing. We look next to sending out our deployed care packages and then start a new and exciting year. Next up after the new year will be the 40th Anniversary & Reunion celebration. We had to postpone it from December to March 2021. For those of you that are newer to JCU,

We have to charge for participation in a few of the events. Maybe someday we will be large enough to not have any charges for this great event, but until then, please understand that it has to get paid for somehow. The Anniversary & Reunion events that are held every 5th year is a massive undertaking and will require help from all the sections in the unit to pull it off. We will ask for volunteers within the unit, please help when and where you can. Thank you all for all you do and thanks as well to the families that support them. This year's awardees for the annual SOCA Scholarship were: Rylee Harris- daughter of current member Josh Harris
Melissa Wark- daughter of Alumni Bill Wark
This year's awardees for the Young Patriot essay contest were:
(6th-8th Grade) Hana Addaman- daughter of Alumni Mike Addaman
(9th-12th Grade) Christopher Addaman- son of Alumni Mike

Addaman
Virtual- 24th Annual Joint Special Operations 10K (ongoing, register at www.itsyourrace.com)

26-27 MAR - 40th Annual JCU Anniversary & Reunion

26 MAR- Welcome back Alumni at the compound (Free, 1200-1600)

26 MAR- Social at the ASOM (Free, 1800-2100)

27 MAR- Golf Outing (\$50 each 0900-1400 Stryker Golf Course, Fort Bragg)

27 MAR- 40th Anniversary Ball (\$50 each 1800-2400 Embassy Suites, Fayetteville)

TBD- Annual JCU Children's Christmas Party

TBD- Single service member outing





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NOVEMBER 2020

*C Troop is on Telephone Standby This Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B Troop Exercise					JCU Awards and Promotions	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Training Holiday			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
D Troop Block Leave						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Training Holiday		
D Troop Block Leave						
29	30	1	2	3	4	
Training Holiday						

****NOTE: ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE****



Unit Calendar



DECEMBER 2020

*C Troop is on Telephone Standby This Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
					JCU Awards and Promotions Ceremony	
			B Troop Exercise			
8	7	8	9	10	11	12
B Troop Exercise						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					B Troop POTFF	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
B Troop POTFF				Training Holiday		
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Training Holiday				Training Holiday		

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Unit Calendar



JANUARY 2021

*C Troop is on Telephone Standby This Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					Training Holiday	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Training Holiday					JCU Awards and Promotions	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					Training Holiday	
				D Troop Exercise		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Training Holiday		D Troop Exercise			B Troop Exercise	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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JCU/JSOC Annual Events

DATE	HOLIDAY	WEEKEND
1 JANUARY	NEW YEAR'S DAY**	WEDNESDAY
17 JANUARY	TRAINING HOLIDAY	FRIDAY
20 JANUARY	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BDAY	MONDAY
3 FEBRUARY	1200 WORK CALL (SUPER BOWL)	MONDAY
14 FEBRUARY	TRAINING HOLIDAY	FRIDAY
17 FEBRUARY	PRESIDENT'S DAY**	MONDAY
13 MARCH	TRAINING HOLIDAY	FRIDAY
16 MARCH	TRAINING HOLIDAY	MONDAY
10 APRIL	TRAINING HOLIDAY	FRIDAY
13 APRIL	TRAINING HOLIDAY	MONDAY
8 MAY	TRAINING HOLIDAY (MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND)	FRIDAY
11 MAY	TRAINING HOLIDAY (MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND)	MONDAY
22 MAY	TRAINING HOLIDAY	FRIDAY
25 MAY	MEMORIAL DAY**	MONDAY
19 JUNE	TRAINING HOLIDAY (FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND)	FRIDAY
22 JUNE	TRAINING HOLIDAY (FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND)	MONDAY
3 JULY	INDEPENDENCE DAY (OBSERVED)	FRIDAY
4 JULY	INDEPENDENCE DAY**	SATURDAY
6 JULY	TRAINING HOLIDAY	MONDAY
14 AUGUST	TRAINING HOLIDAY	FRIDAY
17 AUGUST	TRAINING HOLIDAY	MONDAY
4 SEPTEMBER	TRAINING HOLIDAY	FRIDAY
7 SEPTEMBER	LABOR DAY**	MONDAY
18 SEPTEMBER	TRAINING HOLIDAY	FRIDAY
21 SEPTEMBER	TRAINING HOLIDAY	MONDAY
9 OCTOBER	TRAINING HOLIDAY	FRIDAY
12 OCTOBER	COLUMBUS DAY**	MONDAY
11 NOVEMBER	VETERAN'S DAY**	WEDNESDAY
26 NOVEMBER	THANKSGIVING DAY**	THURSDAY
27 NOVEMBER	TRAINING HOLIDAY	FRIDAY
24 DECEMBER	TRAINING HOLIDAY	THURSDAY
25 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DAY**	FRIDAY
31 DECEMBER	TRAINING HOLIDAY	THURSDAY



JCU/JSOC Annual Events

Month	JCU Events	JSOC Events
October	FFG Lunch Bunch	JSOC Halloween Event @ PPF October 24th
November	JSO (SOCA) 10K November 14th	A day in the life November 19th
December	40th Anniversary Ball (\$50 each 1800-2400 Embassy Suites, Fayetteville) December 12th SOROC Graduation Half-Day Schedule	JSOC Christmas Event @ PPF December 5th Half-Day Schedule Spouse Orientation December 10th
Recurring	<u>Monthly</u> 1st Friday—Awards and Promotions Ceremony (if CDR & CSM not travelling) 2nd Thursday— FFG steering committee meeting <u>Cyclic</u> Key Caller Commo-check Pre-Deployment Briefings Re-Deployment Follow-ups (POTFF event) SOROC Spouses Brief	<u>Monthly Events/Special Interest Groups</u> JSOC 101 (Active Duty) JSOC Spouses Orientation (1/2-day briefing) Book Club JSOC Toddler Playgroup Spouse Lunch Bunch Spouse Evening Social Spouse Bible Study JSOC HHBN Steering Committee Meeting. Event planning meetings Security and/or Active Shooter Briefings

JCU events like the Pre-Deployment Briefings, SOROC Spouses Brief, Key Caller “commo check” (telephone tree line checks), JCU Picnic, JCU Anniversary Ball, etc, are regular, recurring command-directed duty calls. JCU and JSOC FFG social events and special interest groups are optional. JCU requires that all members and spouses attend JSOC 101 (for active duty) and JSOC Spouse Orientation and Security Briefings (for spouses). For more information on any JSOC events, please contact the JCU FFG Advisors or your Key Caller (see current JCU phone roster). For more information on any JSOC events, which fall under JSOC HHBN, please contact JSOC Family Programs at 243-7501. JSOC is JCU’s higher “umbrella organization” and hence their Family Programs office and HHBN’s FFG offers more activities than JCU’s FFG does (and there’s no need to duplicate efforts when JCU Families, along with all JSOC subordinate unit Families, are invited to participate in all of them). However, JCU still maintains its own FFG to distribute JCU-centric information to all JCU Troops and Families and to encourage camaraderie among them.



Civilian Recognition

Team JCU,

In an effort to highlight the background, experience and contributions of our civilian workforce we will start publishing a brief biography for one Civilian each quarter. They give so much of themselves to support our organization and deserve to be recognized for their efforts. This quarter's civilian recognition goes to MSgt(R) Kimberley Barksdale.

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Mrs. Kimberley Barksdale enlisted in the Air Force in May 1996 from Joliet, Illinois as a Financial Management technician. Upon graduation from Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB, Texas Mrs. Barksdale attended Financial Management technical training at Sheppard AFB, Texas then went to her first duty station as a vendor pay technician at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona.

In June 1997 she arrived DFAS-Denver, Colorado in June 1997. There she worked in Disbursing Operations and was a member of the DFAS-DE Central Site Honor Guard. In 2000, Mrs. Barksdale PCS'd to DFAS San Antonio, Texas, where she took the reins as a For-Others/By-Others accounting technician. In April 2005, Mrs. Barksdale arrived at Pope AFB, North Carolina, assigned as Resource Advisor and NCOIC of Operating Location Charlie, 342d Training Squadron. In June 2007, Mrs. Barksdale arrived at Daegu Air Base, Republic of South Korea, and was assigned as a Resource Advisor. In July 2008, Mrs. Barksdale arrived at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia and was assigned to the Financial Analysis Flight. It was during this time, she deployed in 2009 to Kabul, Afghanistan, in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM as Chief of Accounting, CJ8 Comptroller and programs Directorate, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan.

In Dec 2011, Mrs. Barksdale arrived at 724th Special Tactics Group and was assigned as the Superintendent of Budget. She remained with the 724th Special Tactic Group for just over 6 years and retired from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant in Jan 2018. Upon her retirement Mrs. Barksdale worked as a contractor at the Joint Intelligence Brigade as the Budget Analyst until she joined the Joint Communications Unit as the Budget Analyst in Feb 2019.