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Grateful Nation

By Maj. David Butler
USAFKSWCS Public Affairs Officer

It was the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th Month of 1918 that the war officially ended. An armistice with Germany was signed in a railroad car at Compiègne, France. This was the final cease fire of World War I. Nations celebrated and a holiday was formed; Armistice Day.

Today, Nov. 11, is the day set aside to celebrate all veterans. At the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, proud veterans swell our ranks.

On any given day SWCS is training more than 2,000 Soldiers in a range of courses from basic qualification to our most advanced techniques in the military. SWCS welcomes brand new veterans, with only months in service and enhances the skills of veterans who have experienced

years of combat.

Pfc. Jaime Canon, 18, a native of Springfield, Mo., is one of our newest Soldiers; he has served in the U.S. Military for only seven months. His willingness to serve people is what called him to duty.

"Soldiers get to protect and help a lot of people ... it makes me proud to be a part of it," said Canon.

Canon is attending Civil Affairs Advanced Individual Training with A Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne). He is a member of the Army Reserves and already enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps in Missouri.

"I joined Civil Affairs because I want to be a part of the big picture," said Canon, "I want to help people around the world to see there is something better."

The word veteran, derived from the

Latin word meaning old, is commonly used only to describe a combat veteran. In the U.S. it is any person who has served in the armed forces.

In the 2009 U.S. Presidential Proclamation for Veterans Day, President Obama stated, "Every man and woman who signs up for military service does so with full knowledge of the dangers that could come—that is part of what makes the service of our troops and veterans so extraordinary."

Pfc. Canon does not remember much prior to Sept. 11, 2001. He was only 9. He didn't know that by serving in the Army he became a veteran.

"It makes me feel proud to be a veteran, I feel loved by our country," said Canon, "We're the ones who have been there to help and to serve when times get bad."



A military veteran salutes during the playing of the national anthem during the 2009 Veterans Day parade in Raleigh, N.C.

Be responsible, safe during well-deserved breaks

By Brig. Gen. Bennet S. Sacolick
USAJFKSWCS Commanding General

As we look forward to two holidays in November, I ask you to be safe and use good judgment in your celebrations and well-deserved time with family and friends.



Sacolick

I am continually impressed by the remarkable strides the center and school makes within time and resource constraints.

Your dedicated professionalism and steadfast commitment to our SOF truths is truly an inspiration. I am committed to your safekeeping. Therefore, I have to further demand your due diligence in proper decision-making, risk mitigation, safe practices and procedures on and off duty.

I charge my commanders, supervisors, cadre and staff to ensure all permanent party and students are personally briefed on proper safety and accident prevention procedures to avoid hazards and reduce risk of injury during these upcoming holiday weekends. While planning your holiday travel, the use of the Army Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS) is an excellent tool to help you identify hazards. Additional resources are available on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center Web page at <https://safety.army.mil/>

Finally, I expect your best judgement when alcohol is included in your celebration plans. I will not have much sympathy for those who choose to drink and drive — so do not do it.

Use a designated driver, call a cab, or for those in the local area, use the SWCS Safe Ride program by calling the staff duty at (910) 432-2201 to make arrangements.

Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Pettengill and I want to again thank you for your service and wish you a safe and satisfying holiday.



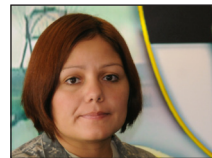
Combat Diver Qualification Course students leap into the water from Florida National Guard Blackhawks this afternoon off the coast of Key West, Fla. The students are in their fifth out of six weeks of training in a variety of underwater tactics and infiltration.

Philanthropy

By Sgt. Jennifer Torres
Human Resources Sergeant, USAJFKSWCS G-1

As Soldiers and federal employees, the privileges that come with serving our country have no end.

Many of these privileges require our hard work and long-term dedication before our fellow citizens see the results.



Torres

The Combined Federal Campaign, on the other hand, provides each of us an opportunity

to serve our nation without requiring a significant time or financial contribution. Combined, many small commitments will make a big difference.

In the past, our contributions have taken care of families of fallen Soldiers, provided hope for those who have lost it, supported research for terminal diseases, added years to life when there were previously only weeks, and proved that service and giving are real standards within our profession.

This year will mark the 49th year of Combined Federal Campaign. The CFC has grown over the years but this could not have happened without annual donations from Soldiers and government employees like you.

These contributions continue to impact those in need, in our local, national and international communities.

According to the CFC website, the program's mission is to promote and support philanthropy while being employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

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This year's U.S. Army Special Operations Command goal is \$275,000. Last year, SWCS collected more than \$100,000 alone.

I know that we are more than capable of accomplishing this goal — if not more. Our job here is to make sure everyone in the command is aware of the campaign.

Everyone is welcome to make contributions—both military and civilian personnel.

The campaign will run through Dec. 10.

Also, this year will be the first year that CFC will be offering the ability to be able to donate on-line.

Anyone that wishes to donate online can go to the Southeastern North Carolina CFC website at www.sencefc.org and select "Click here to pledge online." From that point, the site will walk you through the process.

It is a very easy process to donate online, you will fill in your information and it will give you a drop down button for the organization you belong to. On this menu, please be sure to click on USAJFKSWCS so that we receive credit for the donations. Or, if you choose to do it the old-fashioned way, just get a hold of your unit POC in order to donate.

Every unit has a point of contact, and if you do not know who your point of contact is go on to the G-1 portal under "Events" —there is a flyer with everyone's POC and their contact information.

"The best test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have little." — Franklin D. Roosevelt

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	SWCS Off-Site Camp Mackall			Veterans Day	Training Holiday	13
14	15	16	17	Regimental First Formation 4 p.m. JFK Plaza	SFQC Graduation Ceremony 11 a.m. Crown Coliseum	20
21	Civilian Recognition Ceremony 10:30 a.m. JFK Auditorium	23	24	Thanksgiving	Training Holiday	27



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