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From the Director's Desk

Hopefully many of you have read the NMAO weekly report from the Deputy Director, NOAA Corps. This is the first time since September 1999 that the Senate has confirmed nominations for the NOAA Corps. The Senate confirmation yesterday of the 163 officers closes a period of NOAA Corps history, which can never be repeated. The 163 officers are those officers who were improperly promoted, placed in a de facto status, and then temporarily promoted to the grades they occupied when Public Law 108-219 passed and the President signed the order.

We begin anew and after the commissions for those 163 officers are signed by the Secretary, CPC will begin to forward all the other OPB recommendations to the Secretary, President and Senate which have been held in abeyance since January 2002. CPC has three lists of approximately 156 nominations to be forwarded, which contain permanent appointments and promotions. The process can take between two and six months and is dependent upon when the package is forwarded and the Senate's calendar.

Hail and Farewell

When new members come and old members depart, the event is usually marked with a "Hail and Farewell". As most know, RADM Nicholas A. Prahl will be officially leaving August 16, 2004. To mark this occasion NMAO would like to honor him with a buffet breakfast on Thursday, August 12 at 9:00 in the large conference room on the 12th floor.

Although a Hail and Farewell is a relatively informal event, we hope that, as many members will attend as possible. If you are unable to attend but would like to say goodbye, please feel free to send a card or a note or give a donation towards the gift.

The cost of the breakfast and a gift will be \$15.00. Please RSVP to Nancy Jackson via email no later than August 6, 2004. Monies should be turned into Don Hurcombe or Heather Pizzamiglio by August 10, 2004.

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Part-Time University Training

A Part-Time University Training (PUT) Board will be scheduled for the week of August 9, 2004. All officers interested in applying for PUT should review section 04103 of the

NOAA Corps Directives to determine eligibility and application instructions. Applications must be submitted to CPC no later than close of business August 6th, 2004. New applicants should keep in mind CPC will not be able to contribute to their plans prior to October 1, 2004. All current participants should send an updated profile to LTJG Peltzer (thomas.peltzer@noaa.gov) as soon as possible.

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* Permanent Change of Station (PCS)

* The Travel Information Form (NOAA Form 56-26) referenced in forthcoming assignment memorandum, is crucial to determining travel and transportation entitlements. This form must be completely filled out and endorsed through the chain of command before submission.

* Typically, PCS orders will be issued not less than eight weeks prior to the detachment date. A packet of pertinent information and instructions will be attached.

* If commercial travel is authorized on the orders, reservations are the responsibility of the traveler(s). Reservations must be made through SATO or another travel agency under government contract. A copy of orders must be submitted to SATO for direct billing. If you must purchase an airline ticket, use your government issued travel credit card. Tickets purchased with personal credit cards are not authorized, therefore you will not be reimbursed.

* Strict adherence to your PCS orders is mandatory. If anything or anyone prevents the execution of your orders as written, contact CPC immediately.

* If it's not on your orders, it's not authorized. Travel for NOAA Corps officers is governed by the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR) which prescribes per diem, travel and transportation allowances, relocation allowances, and certain other allowances of Uniformed Service members. CPC personnel continue to serve as voting members of the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Committee, which publishes the JFTR.

* Always submit endorsed orders and change of address forms to CPC immediately. Delayed submission of endorsed orders will affect pay and entitlements.

* Finally, if you have any questions, call Greg Raymond at (301) 713-3453.

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