

Subject: CPC CyberFlash
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From the Director's Desk

The Commissioned Personnel Center has a new Deputy Director. Roger Mason comes to CPC from the United States Coast Guard after a long and distinguished career. Roger retired as a lieutenant commander after 26 years of active duty in the Coast Guard (12 years of enlisted service and 14 years as a warrant and commissioned officer). His last assignment was the Assistant Chief, Military Policy and Standards Division; before that Roger worked with the Assignment Branch and the Officer Personnel Board Section. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Human Relations and Organizational Behavior and Master's Degree in Human Resource Management. Roger will be a great addition to the CPC team and I look forward to working with him and exploring some of the "best practices" he has brought with him from the USCG personnel system.

Two nominations packages, which contain the names of 29 officers for permanent appointment and 124 officers for permanent promotion, have passed through Commerce and were delivered to the White House last Monday. If everything goes as planned, the two packages should be forwarded to the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee within the next two weeks for their vote. Once that occurs, the full Senate must give its advice and consent before returning the packages to the White House and finally back to Commerce.

Last Friday, Rear Admiral Behn and I had the pleasure of participating in the Change of Command ceremony for the NOAA Ship's OSCAR ELTON SETTE R334 and the KA'IMIMOANA R333. Lieutenant Commander Devany and Lieutenant Commander Beaverson relieved Commander Barton and Commander Ablondi respectively. Congratulations to Commander Barton and Commander Ablondi for a very successful two years and good luck to Lieutenant Commander Devany and Lieutenant Commander Beaverson.

CPC is planning to provide comprehensive training (travel, medical, assignment, legal, Directives, discipline, leave, etc.) this winter for all commands. In the interim we must continue to adhere to the laws, regulations, directives, etc. which govern the NOAA Corps. If you have any question regarding the aforementioned please call CPC for assistance.

Commander Jonathan W. Bailey, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

Uniform of the Day

The prescribed uniform for officers working at the Herbert C. Hoover Building, conducting official business in non-NOAA facilities and conducting official business on Capitol Hill, is Summer White or Service Dress Blue without substitutions and regardless of command. The prescribed uniform for officers attending or testifying at Congressional Hearings is Service Dress Blue.

Effective immediately, casual Friday dress for all NOAA Corps officers is no longer authorized.

Family Separation Allowance

Effective October 1, 2004, all Family Separation Allowance (FSA) payments will be submitted to and processed by the Commissioned Payroll Unit. All FSA requests must be submitted to the payroll unit within 15 days of becoming eligible for the entitlement. The request must be submitted on the NOAA form 56-15 with endorsed orders for FSA type T. Any questions regarding this entitlement may be directed to Commissioned Payroll Unit at 785-339-3497.

Astronaut Candidate Selection Postponed

The NASA Astronaut Selection Office has informed the Services that there will be no selection for the 2005 cycle, and the next selection will occur no sooner than 2006. Please contact the NASA Liaison officer, LCDR Dave Rathbun, for additional information on the delay, or general questions about the program.

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