



CPC CyberFlash

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From the Director's Desk

We are currently operating under a continuing resolution which continues funding through November 18, 2005. As such we have submitted a spending plan which reflects our needs, "must pay" items, under the guidance provided by the NOAA CFO. We have requested exceptions for certain other anticipated expenditures, but have not received approval as yet. At this time we are unable to fund training until the budget is approved or we receive approval to spend beyond that which was considered to be a "must pay" item. If mandatory training is delayed due to the continuing resolution, beyond the current CR date, CPC may be required to extend training deadlines for training required for promotion. We will provide budget updates as they become available to CPC.

Chain of Command

In a military context, the chain of command is the line of authority and responsibility along which orders are passed. The line of command will generally go from a higher-ranked soldier who gives the order, i.e. an officer, down to a lower-ranked soldier who is ordered to perform, i.e. a common soldier.

In general, military personnel give orders to only those directly below them in the chain of command and receive orders from only those directly above. For example, a common soldier who has difficulty carrying out an order is likely to be disciplined for not observing the chain of command if he skips the officer who is in direct command of him and directly appeals to a higher-ranked officer in his chain of command.

The concept of chain of command also implies that higher rank alone does not entitle a person to give commands. For example, an officer of a given military unit cannot directly command common soldiers of another unit, because this officer is outside of their chain of command. If the officer needs something from the soldiers of another unit, he is generally expected to approach an officer along their chain of command.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bailey".

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

OBLIGATION TO EXERCISE PRUDENCE IN TRAVEL

1. A member must exercise the same care and regard for incurring expenses to be paid by the Government as would a prudent person traveling at personal expense.
2. A member must maintain records to validate individual expenses of \$75 or more and all lodging costs. All receipts should be maintained as required by finance regulations.
3. Excess costs, circuitous routes, delays or luxury accommodations that are unnecessary or unjustified are the **member's financial responsibility and will be recouped**.

AWARD SUBMISSION TIMELINES

The Uniform and Awards board meets once a month on the second Thursday of the month. All award submissions must reach CPC by the day prior to the Board meeting. If the award submission does not reach CPC before the Board meets for that month the award will be held over until the following month. Listed below is the current schedule of the Board meetings:

October 13, 2005
November 10, 2005
December 8, 2005
January 12, 2006
February 9, 2006
March 9, 2006
April 13, 2006
May 11, 2006
June 8, 2006
July 13, 2006
August 10, 2006
September 14, 2006
October 12, 2006

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