



CPC CyberFlash

November 21, 2006

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From the Director's Desk

As the field season comes to a close, CPC will be “hitting the road” to educate officers regarding recent changes and to answer any personnel questions officers may have. CDR Brad Kearse and I are scheduled to meet with Seattle-based officers and XO Seminar participants in Seattle, WA, on December 6-7, and then with aviators in Tampa, FL, on December 12-13, 2006. We also plan to attend the OMAO Annual Conference in Silver Spring/Easton, MD which is scheduled to start January 8, 2006. Although these meetings will provide officers with up to date information regarding our personnel system, I ask that officers please send me your questions or areas of interest so I may address them properly when we meet.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Todd Stiles".

Captain Todd C. Stiles, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

Billet of the Week

The NOAA Corps will be selecting two officers from the fleet to transition into Aviation during the 2008 calendar year. Start dates for flight training will be approximately June 2008 and December 2008 with some flexibility to accommodate rotation dates. While some preference will be given to junior NOAA Corps officers possessing FAA ratings, flight experience is not required to be considered for this opportunity. Only candidates that will begin flight training with less than 6 years of TOTAL service towards retirement will be considered during this selection.

As part of the application process, officers desiring to be candidates for selection into the aviation program must produce or accomplish the following by COB on March 2, 2007:

1. Submit a resume and cover letter. Resume should include any flight experience and scheduled rotation date.
2. Obtain a USCG entry flight physical.
3. Accomplish a Navy flight aptitude test.
4. Submit the names of three people on board your ship that will provide recommendations. Do not include CO or XO, as recommendations will automatically be requested from them.

Contact CDR Michele Finn prior to starting this process for specific instructions and with any questions that you may have. CDR Finn can be reached at (813)828-3310 x3026 or Michele.A.Finn@noaa.gov.

National Association of Commissioned Officers Awards

Junior Officer of the Year

The National Association of Commissioned Officers requests nominations for the NOAA Corps, Junior Officer of the Year. This award is presented annually to the NOAA Corps officer, below the grade of lieutenant commander, for outstanding contributions to NOAA, outstanding performance, and/or the positive reflection cast upon the Corps. NOAA Corps officers who are promoted to lieutenant commander during the calendar year are eligible for the award.

The nomination shall consist of at least two pages, the first a cover memo addressed to the National ACO and containing the name, grade, duty title, and job description of the nominated officer.

All commands and field offices are encouraged to submit officer nominations for this award. Selection of the award will be made by the Executive Committee, National ACO early January 2007. The selection will be announced and recognized at the ROA mid-winter conference held Washington, D.C., in early February.

Please submit nominations to LCDR Eric Berkowitz, President, National Association of Commissioned Officers via e-mail, Eric.Berkowitz@noaa.gov, no later than December 29, 2006.

NOAA ACO Engineering and Science Awards

The National Association of Commissioned Officers requests nominations for the NOAA ACO Engineering Award and NOAA ACO Science Award. Any NOAA Corps officer, or member of another uniformed service assigned, detailed, or attached to NOAA, who has distinguished him/herself by making outstanding engineering or scientific contributions that distinguish the individual above those performing similar services are eligible.

The nomination shall consist of at least two pages, the first a cover memo addressed to the National ACO and containing the name, grade, duty title, and job description of the nominated officer.

All commands and field offices are encouraged to submit officer nominations for this award. Selection of the award will be made by the Executive Committee, National ACO in early January 2007.

Please submit nominations to LCDR Eric Berkowitz, President, National Association of Commissioned Officers via e-mail, Eric.Berkowitz@noaa.gov, no later than December 29, 2006.

NOAA Officers' Family Association

NOAA OFFICERS' FAMILY ASSOCIATION website is your "address book" connection. If you haven't already, please register and update your information today at www.nofaweb.org

IMPORTANT reasons to register in the Member Area <member/index.php>(with password protected access) of your website:

- To receive NOFA news & Evites, you need to register into the Member Area to make sure your information is up to date! (ACO will also utilize our address database when needed.) You can also choose not to receive any more mail from us if you so desire.
- Email will be the primary way we will contact you. A new feature! You can now enter two email and two resident addresses.
- As a registered Member, you are responsible for updating your status & address information: change in rank, status (active/retired), spouse, address, phone number and email address.

NOAA Corps Ensigns not yet input into our database need to contact us via "Contacts" on the Home Page <contact.php> and we will enter your status & address information; you will then be responsible for keeping it updated.

We look forward to your participation - THANK YOU!

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On the Horizon

This section is designed to provide the NOAA Corps officers with some of the highlights of items under consideration that may have an impact on them. The items discussed may or may not be approved at a later date.

a. NOAA Corps Legislation: CPC staff has drafted and submitted new legislation for the NOAA Corps. The legislation is currently routing through the internal NOAA/DOC processes. This legislation addresses NOAA Corps recruitment, retention, promotion and disciplinary procedures by updating, strengthening, and clarifying the language of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officers Act of 2002.

b. Operational Dress Uniform. The NOAA Corps currently purchases the majority of its uniforms from the

U. S. Navy. The U. S. Navy is replacing its working uniform with a camouflage battle dress uniform (BDU), which is not suitable to meet the missions of the NOAA Corps. The U. S. Coast Guard uses an operational dress uniform (ODU) that is a suitable replacement for the U. S. Navy working uniform. CPC staff is currently working with the Uniform Staff of the U. S. Coast Guard to pave the way for using their Operational Dress Uniform. We have developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which we hope to have through the routing process and approved by the end of the year.

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