



April 4, 2008

Director's Message

I am happy to say that the promotion package is rapidly moving through the clearance process. Once it has been vetted through the system and receives the Secretary's approval, officers will be notified by their immediate supervisor. As a result of the quick turnaround, CPC will be rescheduling this year's Officer Assignment Boards for O-6s (May vs. July), O-5s (June vs. August), and O-4s (July vs. September). The purpose of moving up the dates is to provide officers with as much lead time as possible to properly plan for their upcoming PCS move. These OAB's will be focusing on officers that will be detaching from their present assignment over the next 18 months. If you happen to be one of these officers, I encourage you to review the latest Billet List, talk to your Line Office Liaison and the Chief of the Officer Career Management Division (OCMD), and update your OPF on-line preference list. If you should have any questions regarding the assignment process or need career guidance, please feel free to contact LCDR John Caskey at 301-713-7748 or john.caskey@noaa.gov. LCDR Caskey serves as Chief, OCMD but is currently filling the duties of the Assignment Coordinator until the billet is backfilled this Summer.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. B. Kearse".

CAPT William B. Kearse, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

Announcements

Seasonal Uniform Change

On the first Monday in April, which is 7 April, the authorized uniform changes to the Spring-Summer authorized uniforms. In the D.C Metropolitan Area, the uniform of the day is Summer White, the alternate uniform is Service Khaki. No alternate uniforms are prescribed or allowed for officers working at the Herbert C. Hoover Building. The prescribed uniform for officers conducting official business on Capitol Hill to include attending or testifying at Congressional Hearings will be Service Dress Blue without substitutions and regardless of command. The prescribed uniform for all operational units and officers outside of the D.C. Metropolitan Area remains the ODU.

Update On NOAA DEERS/RAPIDS Site

The DEERS/RAPIDS workstation is now located at 1335 East-West Highway, NOAA Badge Office, Room L100, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

NOAA Corps officers in the local area who need CAC cards can now call 301-713-0021 to make an appointment. NOAA Corps Officers in the local area who need who need to update their records to add/delete/change dependent status may now call Neavaly Touray at 301-713-0850x158 to make those arrangements.

Payroll Office Needs Your BAH Form

Verification of BAH/Dependency CG-4170 Forms were sent to each NOAA Officer 9 January 2008 and were to be returned to the Payroll Unit in Topeka, KS by 29 February 2008. To date we have received approx 60% of these verification forms. If you have gotten married, divorced, additional dependents, etc., we need to know this information so that you'll not be in an over paid/under paid status. If you have not returned this form please do so ASAP. If you did not receive this form please contact me (ronald.a.cunningham@uscg.mil). If you have any corrections to be made please make the corrections on the form and mail or fax the form back to the Payroll Unit. If adding a dependent please provide a copy of any supporting documentation, ie. Marriage certificate, birth certificate, divorce decree, just to name a few. Please sign at the bottom of the form even if there are no changes and mail to the below address:

Ron Cunningham
NOAA Corps Payroll Unit
P. O. Box 397
Topeka, KS 66601-0397

Promotion Package

See Director's Message above.

Save the Date, Washington D.C. Area Officers -- Anniversary Ball

On May 17th, the NOAA Association of Commissioned Officers (ACO) and the NOAA Officers Family Association (NOFA) will host the 91st annual NOAA Corps Anniversary Ball. Refreshments will be available starting at 1700 and dinner served at 1800. The ball will be held at the newly remodeled Minuteman Memorial Building, owned by the Reserve Officers Association (ROA). The link below describes the Banquet and Conference Center in the ROA building.

<http://www.roa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=topofthehill>

The prescribed uniform for lieutenant commanders and above is Dinner Dress White Jacket--optional for lieutenants and below. Lieutenants and below may wear Dinner Dress White in lieu of Dinner Dress White Jacket.

Recently Approved Awards

NOAA Corps Commendation Medal

LCDR Douglas R. Schleiger, NOAA -- Outstanding performance of duty while serving as Officer-in-Charge, OKEANOS EXPLORER."

NOAA Corps Achievement Medal

LT Silas M. Ayers, NOAA -- Distinguished service and outstanding achievement while serving as NOAA Liaison to the Air Force Weather Agency in Space Weather Flight, 2nd Weather Squadron.

ENS Caryn M. Arnold, NOAA -- Sustained superior performance while serving as Navigation Officer and Field Operations Officer, NOAA Ship RUDE.

LT Daniel M. Simon, NOAA -- Outstanding performance while assigned to the Marine Operations Center-Pacific as Operations Manager.

LT Sarah L. Dunsford, NOAA -- Sustained exemplary service as NOAA Fisheries' Southwest Region Science and Outreach Coordinator.

LCDR Holly A. DeHart, NOAA -- Sustained superior performance while serving as Executive Officer, NOAA Ship RUDE.

NOAA Corps Director's Ribbon

LT Jennifer Dowling, NOAA -- Outstanding performance while serving as Acting Executive Officer, NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER.

Approved Retirements

The following officers have approved retirements. Be sure to thank them for their service to NOAA and nation and wish them the best the next time you see these officers!

CAPT Jon E. Rix	May 1, 2008
CDR Julia N. Neander	May 1, 2008
LCDR Stephen J. Thumm	July 1, 2008
CDR Thomas E. Strong	July 1, 2008
CAPT Stephen A. Kozak	January 1, 2009
CAPT John W. Humphrey, Jr.	January 1, 2009
CAPT Sean R. White	July 1, 2009

On the Horizon

January-May, 2008	Billet Review
May 1, 2008	OAB
May TBD	O-6 OAB
June 5, 2008	Aviation Selection and O-5 Assignment Board
June 9, 2008	BOTC 112 Graduation
July 10, 2008	O-4 OAB
July 31, 2008	End of OER Reporting Period for O-1s and O-2s
October 6-31, 2008	REFTRA 65

Please see NOAA Corps website for additional information:

Assignments:

<http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/assignments.html>

Evaluations:

<http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/evaluation.html>

Training:

<http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/training.html>

Uniforms & Awards:

<http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/perservices/awards.html>