

Commissioned Personnel Center CYBERFLASH



October 17, 2008

Director's Message

Cool weather has finally arrived here in DC; the leaves are just starting to change. So as the leaves change, so does the staff here at CPC. After many years in support of the NOAA Corps, Neavaly Touray has moved on to a great opportunity with NOAA's Chief Administrative Officer. Lisa Sudmann also departed the end of last week to have a baby and become a full-time mom. We wish them both the best in their future endeavors. CPC is in the process of recruiting for these two sudden vacancies.

Additionally, LT Nicole Manning has departed for REFTRA en-route to her next assignment on the NOAA Ship *Ronald H. Brown*. LCDR Jablonski, formerly LCDR DeHart has just recently joined the CPC team as the new recruiter. Welcome aboard! In addition, Greg Raymond will be departing CPC at the end of the month to begin a 3-month detail with MOC as Program Manager of the MOC Crewing concept. While he is on this detail, CDR Mike Weaver will be fulfilling his duties as Chief, OPMD as part of his Leadership Competencies Development Program. In addition, CDR Lynch, OIC, Officer Training Center will be heading back to sea as CO, BIGELOW at the completion of this current BOTC. CDR Beckwith will be replacing her at the beginning of December. In mid-January CDR Caskey and CDR Swallow swap jobs as CO, HI'IAIAKAI and the Chief, Officer Career Management Division respectively.

Finally, I have been reassigned to a new opportunity January 2009. I will be completing a short detail at the Office of Legislative Affairs (7 months), and reporting to the Aircraft Operations Center as Commanding Officer late next summer. Captain Slagle will be joining CPC in November and transition to Director, mid-December. Thanks for your patience as we weave through this transition of CPC staff over the next several months.

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

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

Announcements

ODU FAQ on Website

Several of the questions that came into the Director's account, were regarding the ODU. The Uniform and Awards Board wrote up a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet a couple of months ago, and it is now posted on the NOAA Corp website, under Announcements at:

Billet of the Week

Billet Opportunity, Remote Sensing Tech Specialist

The National Ocean Service's National Geodetic Survey (NGS), is seeking an interested junior officer for the Remote Sensing Tech Specialist billet (#7192). Primary duties include the operation of airborne sensor systems such as digital aerial cameras, LASER terrain mappers, gravimeters, and new technologies as they become available. The officer will operate sensors aboard a variety of NOAA aircraft in support of RSD's Coastal Mapping and Aeronautical Survey Programs. The officer will become familiar with the acquisition and processing of digital imagery, GPS data, and LIDAR data and will provide a level of quality assurance review to the data. Advanced GPS surveying techniques will be developed. The officer will be involved in the installation, calibration, trouble shooting, and removal of all sensor equipment. Interaction with the general public is common in the field.

This is a mobile duty billet and the officer will receive extensive time on the road. Flexibility and adaptability are key assets. Self motivation and an interest/background in geospatial data collection are desired. This billet will give an officer a chance to see and experience many various areas of the United States and its territories.

Assignment begins July 1, 2009, but this date is flexible. To express interest in this billet, contact CDR Mike Weaver, NOS Assignment Rep at mike.weaver@noaa.gov. For further technical information about this billet, contact LT Andrew Halbach at andrew.halbach@noaa.gov.

Approved Retirements/Resignations/Separations

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

LT William W. Pierce, III	November 1, 2008
ENS Patrick M. Redmond	November 1, 2008
ENS Michael W. O'Neal	December 1, 2008
LT Joshua D. Bauman	December 1, 2008
CDR Philip A. Gruccio	December 1, 2008
LTJG Richard A. Edmundson	December 1, 2008
LTJG Stephen Z. Kroening	December 1, 2008
ENS Patrick B.K. Jorgensen	December 15, 2008
LCDR Jeremy B. Weirich	December 15, 2008
CAPT Stephen A. Kozak	January 1, 2009
CAPT John W. Humphrey, Jr.	January 1, 2009
LTJG Phoebe A. Woodworth	January 1, 2009
CAPT Emily B. Christman	June 1, 2009

CAPT Sean R. White
CAPT Steven R. Barnum

July 1, 2009
July 1, 2009

On the Horizon

October 6-31, 2008	REFTRA 65 (D-School)
December 11, 2008	BOTC 113 (A-School) Graduation
December 15-19, 2008	XO/Administrative Seminar
December or January (TBD)	B-School
January 5-9, 2009	Small Boat Program Training: Inspection and Troubleshooting, Seattle, WA
January 16, 2009	Cutoff for Document Submission (Promotion Boards)
February 24-27, 2009	Small Boat Program Training: Inspection and Troubleshooting, Mississippi
March 2-5, 2009	Promotion Boards
March 2, 2009	D-School

Please see NOAA Corps website for additional information:

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

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

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

Uniforms & Awards: <http://www.noaa Corps.noaa.gov/cpc/perservices/awards.html>