

# Commissioned Personnel Center CYBERFLASH



**March 19, 2010**

## **Director's Message**

The accrual of earned leave was temporarily increased from 60 to 75 days in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2008. This temporary increase was to end 31 December 2010. However, with the reauthorization of this Act for FY2010, this temporary increase has been extended until 30 September 2013.

We are now half way through the fiscal year, and there are a number of officers that have not taken any time off. According to Working Wisdom, "about 40% of American workers don't take any vacation at all. One-third of working Americans will not use all of their allotted vacation time this year. And if they do, half of the time they take their work with them."

The NOAA Corps Directives encourage officers to take leave within the constraints of operational requirements. According to Elizabeth Scott, a wellness coach specializing in stress management, taking time off promotes creativity, staves burnout, can keep you healthy, strengthen bonds and helps with job performance.

The NOAA Corps Payroll Unit provides me a monthly leave status for the Corps. This report shows the current balance and leave used by each officer. All officers earn 30 days of leave each year and should monitor their leave and earnings statements to: 1) ensure leave taken has been authorized and accounted for, and 2) to avoid losing leave at the end of the fiscal year.

Officers must ensure they are taking and accounting for their leave, accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond C. Slagle".

**CAPT Raymond C. Slagle, NOAA  
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center**

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## **Announcements**

### **Association of Commissioned Officers Washington D.C. Section - 2010 Dues Drive is Open**

To help raise funds for future Association of Commissioned Officers activities, we are conducting the annual dues drive. Dues may be paid electronically via the Cutter Agent web site (<http://www.cutteragent.com/>) by clicking on the NOAA Corps tab and then selecting "Annual Dues/ACO DC Chapter Dues". We asks that dues be paid at your earliest

convenience, as the money received is used to support the Anniversary Dinner and other activities.

### **Save The Date - 93rd NOAA Corps Anniversary Dinner**

The Association of Commissioned Officers Washington D.C. Section will host the 93rd NOAA Corps Anniversary Dinner to be held on Saturday, May 22, 2010 commencing at 1800 at the Army and Navy Club. The Army and Navy Club is located at 901 17th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006. Electronic and formal written invitations will be sent in the coming weeks. Each of you are encouraged to join us on this special evening.

### **ACO Scholarships -- Call for Applications**

The Executive Committee of National ACO Scholarships, Inc. has issued its annual call to high school seniors and college undergrads for applications for scholarship awards for the 2010/2011 academic year. The two-page application form is available on the "Resources" page of the NOAA Officer Family Association website ([www.nofaweb.org](http://www.nofaweb.org)), under the heading "National ACO Scholarships, Inc." Application forms may also be obtained by contacting Secretary/Treasurer Captain Dave Peterson, NOAA (Ret), by phone (301-921-6357) or email ([kmpdhp@comcast.net](mailto:kmpdhp@comcast.net)). Complete application packages should be sent to the corporation's post office address (on the application form) and should be postmarked this year no later than Friday, April 30, 2010.

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### **Upcoming Uniform and Awards Board Meetings**

April 13, 2010

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### **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 Silas M. Ayers	March 31, 2010
LTJG Rebecca J.-R. Almeida	June 1, 2010
LCDR James A. Bunn, II	June 1, 2010
LCDR Andrew A. Hall	June 30, 2010
LT David A. Strausz	July 31, 2010
CDR Andrea M. Hrusovsky	August 1, 2010
LTJG Allison R. Mahaney	August 15, 2010
CDR Michael S. Weaver	September 1, 2010
LT Amanda M. Hancock	September 15, 2010

CDR Paul L. Schattgen	October 1, 2010
CDR Carl R. Groeneveld	June 1, 2011
CAPT Michael D. Francisco	August 1, 2011

## On the Horizon

Feb 15 - Jun 22, 2010	A-School for BOTC 116, Kings Point, NY
Apr 6 - Apr 30, 2010	PSSO/REFTRA (D-School), Kings Point, NY

### Please see CPC website for additional information:

Ship Augmentation Needs: <http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/cpchome/augmentation.html>

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

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

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

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

Wiki Fleet: <https://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/confluence/display/FleetWiki/Home>