

Commissioned Personnel Center
CYBERFLASH



April 2, 2010

Director's Message

I am pleased to be able to announce the results from the Lieutenant Officer Personnel Board from November, 2009. I appreciate your patience while this package went through the approval process. Please join me in congratulating the following officers that have been selected for Lieutenant.

TO BE LIEUTENANT:

Rebecca J. Almeida
Paul S. Hemmick
Laurel K. Jennings
Allison R. Mahaney
Madeleine M. Adler
James L. Brinkley
Sean M. Finney
Kyle W. Ryan
David M. Gothan
William G. Winner
Mary A. Gill
Victoria E. Zalewski
Matthew C. Davis
Matthew N. Glazewski
Christopher W. Daniels
Sarah A. T. Harris
Meghan E. McGovern
Francisco J. Fuenmayor
Lecia M. Salerno
Oliver E. Brown

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

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

Announcements

Update Assignment Preferences

All officers are reminded to update your assignment preferences using your OPF online.

Untucked ODU Update

In preparation of rolling out the NOAA Corps Untucked Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), Mr. Gregory Raymond and LTJG Brian Prestcott visited the U.S. Coast Guard's Uniform Distribution Center (UDC) in New Jersey. Production of the new uniforms is progressing and the Untucked ODU will be rolled out on May 15th. Once the untucked ODU is available, there will be a one-year transition period during which the tucked UDO will still be authorized for wear. Officers will be able to purchase the Untucked ODU via the UDC website. Embroidered NOAA Corps-specific insignia items for the uniform, such as SWO, CAS, and wings will be available through this website on a separate NOAA Corps page.

OPF Changes

We are making huge strides to provide better customer service and better access to your Official Personnel File (OPF) and Official Medical File (OMF). Some of you will have noticed that all your records have been converted to PDF. The conversion process is still proceeding and will be completed shortly. You will also start to see the documents being labeled. The officers in the established upcoming promotion zones will have their documents labeled first and then the rest of the Corps.

There is also a new way to submit medical documents and through your OPF. In the OPF medical history section you will find a button labeled "Add New Document". This is the preferred method for submitting medical records. When submitting records (medical or personnel), please only submit PDF documents, and make sure your name is on the top of each page of all documents (write your name on top of the page, if necessary).

In the next seven days, we will also be releasing the new OPF/OMF directive. This directive will provide clear guidance on what are acceptable documents to be submitted to your OPF and OMF. Some of the major changes are listed below:

- Official School transcripts only (no grade reports will be accepted)
- No email correspondence will be accepted
- Personal Biography (most recent only)
- Annual Training (most recent only)

Any questions can be sent to Mr. Raymond, Chief, Officer Personnel Management Division.

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.

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), 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). 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.

Uniform Guidance -- Wearing of ODUs

As Commissioned Officers we represent not only ourselves when we wear the uniform, we represent the NOAA Corps, OMAO, and NOAA to everyone we encounter. In the case of the Operational Dress Uniform we also, by default, represent our sister service, the U.S. Coast Guard.

In order to present our service in the best light possible we should take the time to fix those little things that always seem to "pop-up" on our uniforms, namely our collars and pocket flaps. This can easily be done using an iron and pressing them down on a hard surface. Make sure to use the setting between synthetics and cotton, on the iron, preferably with a little steam coming out.

Press hard on the corners, with either a thin piece of cloth between the iron and the ODU to prevent the ODU from becoming "shiny," or try turning the ODU inside out and ironing, but that can make it difficult to really push down on the pocket flaps. After running an iron over the pockets and the rest of the fabric on both the trousers and shirt, lay the collar out flat, without metal rank insignia on, and iron flat as well. If you have sew-on insignia make sure you run the edge of the iron along the edge of the insignia to get the little wrinkles out.

Remember, military creases are not authorized on the shirt, except down the outer side of the sleeve; they are optional on the trousers, though our counterparts in the Coast

Guard so not crease their trousers. Let's utilize this information to show our fellow service brethren, our colleagues within NOAA, and the Citizens whom we serve the pride we have in being Commissioned Officers in the service of the United States!

Upcoming Uniform and Awards Board Meetings

April 13, 2010

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!

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
LT Jason R. Saxe	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>