

# Commissioned Personnel Center CYBERFLASH

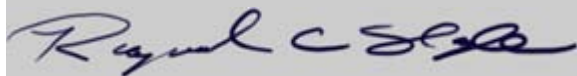
**November 5, 2010**

## **Director's Message**

*"Leadership is the art of getting extraordinary performance from ordinary people"*

- ANONYMOUS

Everything OMAO accomplished happens not just because of RADM Bailey's efforts, but also through the efforts of others. Many OMAO employees and NOAA Corps officers were involved in the Deepwater Horizon response efforts. Deepwater Horizon brought together ordinary people, who performed extraordinarily during a time of national emergency. NOAA's ships, aircraft and officers were deployed to the Gulf of Mexico. Many more employees contributed to NOAA's efforts without ever being deployed to the region. NOAA is currently determining how to recognize all of the people involved in the Deepwater Horizon effort. I would like to recognize an individual, ENS Aaron Maggied, who has suggested the creation of a NOAA Corps Deepwater Horizon Response Ribbon. To implement this excellent idea, I have directed my staff to contact the Institute of Heraldry. The Institute provides heraldic services to all branches of the federal government. This is the first step in creating any new ribbon or medal set for the NOAA Corps. I will keep you informed on the progress of this effort.



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

## **Announcements:**

### **New Direct Access Portal**

There has been an overhaul to the Direct Access for reviewing payroll statements and self service payroll actions. The new website is: <https://ep.direct-access.us/psp/UCGP1PP/?cmd=login>. The website is now more user friendly proving you with quicker access to your payroll functions. If you'd like to learn more you can visit the USCG's webpage here:

<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/da/portal/default.asp#guides>

### **FY11 B & C School Wiki Site**

Logistical and other information for B and C School attendees has been posted on the following Wiki Site:

[Winter 2010-2011 "B" & "C" School Wiki site](#)

The site contains berthing assignments, messing arrangements, travel information, how to voucher, class schedules, etc. The site is the primary information portal for officers attending the training.

### **Combined Federal Campaign**

'Tis the season to give! The Combined Federal Campaign is the only authorized workplace charitable

giving drive for employees in the Federal workplace. Established by Executive Order in 1961, it continues to be the largest and most successful workplace fundraising model in the world. Over the years, the CFC has become a powerful way to help neighbors in need around the corner, across the nation and throughout the world. Did you can set up automatic donation through a payroll pledge? You can donate through payroll deduction to spread your giving over the year or choose credit/debit card, electronic check, cash or check. NOAA Corps officers need to complete the paper form to set up the payroll donations. Your local office should have a designated person who distributes and collects forms for CFC, or you can go to <http://www.opm.gov/cfc/> to find out more.

## **Washington DC Area All Hands ACO Sponsored Luncheon**

The Washington D.C. Section of the Association of Commissioned Officers would like to announce an upcoming ACO sponsored all-hands for officers currently stationed in the DC Metro area and any officers in the area on travel/detail as well.

Date: Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

Time: 1200-1330

Location: SSMC 3 – Room 4527

Teleconferencing will be arranged for the MOC's/AOC to participate

We have requested RADM Bailey, RDML Kenul, and RDML(sel) Devany attend and provide a short brief on current issues pertaining to the Corps. Their brief will be followed by a short presentation by RADM (ret.) Nygren, CAPT (ret.) Peterson, CAPT(ret.) Parsons, and Cheryl Glang on the merits of membership in Uniformed Service Organizations (MOAA, ROAA, NAUS, NMFA, etc...).

Pizza and drinks will be provided for all attending. Please RSVP by the 25<sup>th</sup> of November to LTJG Laura Gallant ([Laura.Gallant@noaa.gov](mailto:Laura.Gallant@noaa.gov)) to ensure we have adequate supplies on hand.

## **Congratulations to the NMFA Family of the Year**

The National Military Family Association recognizes the Heesch family as the 2010 NOAA Family of the Year.

LTJG Jonathan Heesch, his wife Dory and children L.J. and Devy currently stationed in Gulfport, MS where they participate in the community through the Parent Teacher Association and the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. They place a high premium on the opportunities to be together as a family, and exude dedication and strength into all that they do. NMFA's Family Award Program recognizes strong military families who embrace their service to the Nation, are role models in their community, and understand that together they are stronger. They received nominations from: active duty, Reserve Component, retiree, and surviving families of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration.

## **NOAA Association of Commissioned Officers Annual Awards Nomination Season**

The NOAA Association of Commissioned Officers administers the annual Junior Officer of the Year, Science, and Engineering awards. The ACO recognizes the wide range of accomplishments and contributions of NOAA's uniformed personnel, and encourages all commands consider nominating officers for these honors. Nominations for the 2010 awards are due by December 3, 2010.

### **Junior Officer of the Year**

This award is presented annually to a single 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.

### **Science Award**

The ACO Science Award recognizes officers who make outstanding scientific contributions which distinguish them above their peers. All NOAA Corps officers and members of other uniformed services assigned, detailed, or attached to NOAA are eligible.

### **Engineering Award**

The ACO Science Award recognizes officers who make outstanding engineering contributions which distinguish them above their peers. All NOAA Corps officers and members of other uniformed services assigned, detailed, or attached to NOAA are eligible.

### **Nomination Procedure**

A nomination for a NOAA ACO award shall consist of at least two pages. The first page shall be a cover memo addressed to the National ACO, stating the name, grade, billet title, and job description of the nominated officer. The following page(s) shall be the personal comments of the nominator, which reflect the basis for the nomination. Nominations should include a detailed description of the officer's duties and accomplishments, and the positive impact of those achievements on the Agency and the Service.

All commands and field offices are encouraged to submit officer nominations for these awards. Candidates for Junior Officer of the Year must be nominated by a supervisor in their chain of command, while the Science and Engineering awards nominations may be made by the supervisor or any commissioned officer. Please submit nominations via e-mail to [matthew.glazewski@noaa.gov](mailto:matthew.glazewski@noaa.gov), by COB December 3, 2010. In the nomination email please have the supporting files attached as .PDF or readable by Microsoft Word.

The subject line of the nomination email should be "Junior Officer of the Year Nomination," Science Award, or Engineering Award as appropriate. This will assist the selection committee with accurate tracking and sorting of the nominations.

Junior officers with civilian supervisors are encouraged to forward them this information.

For more information on the awards please refer to the NOAA Corps Directives on Awards (pages 20 through 22).

[http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/procedures/corps\\_directives/chapter\\_12/ncd\\_ch12part7.pdf](http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/procedures/corps_directives/chapter_12/ncd_ch12part7.pdf)

## **This Month in NOAA Corps History\*:**

In celebration of Veteran's Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>, here are some letters to celebrated officers of the U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey for their accomplishments during WW II.

TO: Lieutenant Colonel Glendon E. Boothe, K-100027, Third Field Artillery Observation Battalion, United States Army

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 25, Headquarters Seventh United States Army, dated 7 November 1944, you are awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy as Survey Officer, Survey Information Center, Third Field Artillery Observation Battalion, from 19 July to 15 October 1944. You were directly responsible for the preparation of survey data and the running of survey control to all artillery units of the XV Corps during the Corps operations in France. Your task was made more difficult by an advance of approximately 250 miles in 21 days. Your high professional knowledge, keen foresight and sound judgement enabled you to successfully effect and coordinate the efforts of the several survey parties of your organization and to distribute accurate survey data to units of the Corps. You also took upon yourself the responsibility of maintenance of the precision optical instruments used by the survey parties, there being no appropriate Engineer repair organization on the Continent. Although hampered by lack of equipment, tools and supplies, by your energy and unusual mechanical ability you maintained a perfect record of operation for the precision optical instruments of your organization. Your diligent efforts and faithful devotion to duty reflect credit upon yourself and the military service.

Signed: WADE H. HAISLIP  
Major General, U.S. Army,  
Commanding.

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the BRONZE STAR MEDAL to CAPTAIN WILLIAM M. GIBSON UNITED STATES COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY for service as set forth in the following CITATION: "For meritorious service as Executive Officer of the U.S.S. PATHFINDER and as executive officer of the U.S.S. OCEANOGRAPHER, in support of operations against enemy Japanese forces in the South Pacific Area, from June 1942 to May 1944. Serving with distinction in a vital assignment, Captain (then Commander) Gibson conducted numerous hydrographic surveys in the waters surrounding the Solomon Islands, frequently venturing perilously close to enemy-held islands in order to obtain accurate data and, by his professional skill and determined efforts, succeeded in preparing complete charts of these strategic waters. By his courage, initiative and devotion to duty, Captain Gibson contributed materially to the success of our forces in these vital areas."

For the President,

James Forrestal

Secretary of the Navy

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SUBJECT: Award of the Bronze Star Medal

TO: Lieutenant Colonel Alvin C. Thorson, K-100004, 2nd Field Artillery Observation Battalion, APO 758, U.S. Army.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, you are hereby awarded the Bronze Star Medal with the accompanying citation:

ALVIN C. THORSON, K-100004, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 2nd Field Artillery Observation Battalion, for meritorious service in action from 1 November 1943 to 9 June 1944 in Italy. As Battalion Survey Officer, Lieutenant Colonel THORSON conducted the operation of his topographic platoon in such a manner that precise survey control was available for all artillery units, in each instance before the guns were emplaced in new positions. In addition, he provided survey for artillery sound ranging and flash ranging installations. At the close of operations in the sector, he had extended survey control fifteen thousand meters behind enemy lines with sufficient density to permit immediate occupation of advance positions by friendly artillery in the event of a rapid forward movement. Lieutenant Colonel THORSON's untiring energy and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Hatton, North Dakota.

W. H. H. Morris, Jr.  
Major General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding

**Learn more...**

<http://www.history.noaa.gov/hallofhonor/index.html>

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## Upcoming Uniform and Awards Board Meetings

December 6  
January 4  
February 7

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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!

LTJG Mary Gill	November 15, 2010
LT Lindsay Kurelja	December 1, 2010
CDR Stephen Beckwith	January 1, 2011
LT Lindsey Wright	January 1, 2011
LT Katherine Peet	April 15, 2011

ENS Alexander Johnston	May 30, 2011
LT Jason Seifert	June 1, 2011
CDR Carl Groeneveld	June 1, 2011
LCDR James Illg	July 1, 2011
CAPT Michael Francisco	August 1, 2011

## On the Horizon

November 29 - December 18, 2010	B-School Session 1 (Kings Point, NY):
December 6 -18, 2010	C-School Session 1 (Norfolk, VA)
December 6-10, 2010	XO/AOC Seminar, Tampa, FL
January 4 -25, 2011	B-School Session 2 (Kings Point, NY):
January 3 -17, 2011	C-School Session 2 (Seattle, WA):
January 10-14, 2011	CO Seminar, Newport, OR

## 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>