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Director's Message

In my current position I am usually confronted with issues, complaints, and concerns and do not often witness firsthand the positive attitude, extra effort and adaptability that so many people in our organization exhibit. I was pleasantly surprised to see just such effort and attitude during a recent event. While the event is not something we deal with every day (thankfully), the officers and civilians involved stepped up to the challenge, worked seamlessly together to formulate a plan of attack, and executed the plan, all on very short notice.

In a way, the actions of this group are reminiscent of the sort of teamwork that happens on a ship or aircraft in an emergency, or unusual circumstance – everyone works together, without complaint, without thought of the long hours or sacrifice, without expectation of reward - working as a team because they are committed to success and focused on the goal of getting the best result possible from a bad situation. It made me recall fondly the pride felt as a CO when those unforeseen incidents happened and everyone came together to assist.

What I found most interesting in this recent event is the dedicated action required of many different people in a variety of locations. Everyone, from the lowest rank to the highest, the civilians, those in other agencies and the retired officers, stepped up to resolve the issue. It also made me realize that this unity-of-effort and dedication must happen a lot, even when I don't hear about it, and it makes me proud to be part of this organization.

So, kudos to those involved in the successful handling of this particular situation, as well as others that I may not know about. This, I hope, will serve as a reminder to all of us to embrace an attitude of effort and commitment, stand up for what is right, and work together for a positive outcome.

"In the arena of human life, the honors and rewards fall to those who show their good qualities in action." - Aristotle

CAPT Anne K. Lynch, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

TRICARE West - Update

Effective April 1, 2013, United Healthcare Military & Veterans became the regional contractor for the TRICARE West Region. The TRICARE West Region includes: Alaska; Arizona; California; Colorado; Hawaii; Idaho; Iowa (excluding the Rock Island Arsenal area); Kansas; Minnesota; Missouri (excluding the St. Louis area); Montana; Nebraska; Nevada; New Mexico; North Dakota; Oregon; South Dakota; portions of Texas (including El Paso); Utah; Washington; and Wyoming.

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'Ask CPC' Webinar - Medical

CPC will be hosting an 'Ask-CPC' Webinar 18 April, 2013 at 1400 EDT. We have invited OMAO's Director, Health Services, CAPT Jane Powers, USPHS, to discuss OMAO Medical Services and Healthcare Policy. CAPT Powers and CDR Hobson-Powell will be on hand to answer questions after the presentation, along with CPC's Director, Deputy Director, Division Chiefs and Program Mangers. Spouses are invited to attend. Here is the link to the event <https://omao-cpc.webex.com/omao-cpc/onstage/g.php?d=293206762&t=a> and password 1234

CPC's Officer Career Management Division Welcomes New Team Member!

Ms. Shaniece Brown is the newest member of the Officer Career Management Division (OCMD). She is providing support for travel (BOTC, REFTRA, and Mid-grade Leadership training to name a few), as well as providing OER system support and other administrative duties. Ms. Brown brings a wealth of experience (and an outstanding attitude) with her from her former position as a Human Resources Assistant with the Department of Commerce. She can be reached at shaniece.brown@noaa.gov or 301-713-7735. Specific TDY travel questions should be sent to cpc.tdytravel@noaa.gov. Welcome Shaniece!

Commerce Learning Center Course Changes

Several Commerce Learning Center (SkillsSoft) courses will no longer be supported after May 1. Students who have begun, but not yet completed these courses, should do so if possible by April 30. After that date, the course may no longer be listed in your 'My Training In Progress' folder or available elsewhere on the CLC website. CLC will send additional details and a list of the courses to be discontinued to any student currently enrolled in one of those courses. For additional information you can also contact CLC support via the e-learning website.

On the Horizon

Documents For Officers' OPF prior to OPB	19 April 2013 (at CPC)
Deadline for Award Submission for May UAB	30 April 2013
DC Area ACO Dining Out	18 May 2013
Officer Assignment Board	22 May 2013
CAWG for Operations Officers	August 2013

Approved Resignations, Separations, and Retirements

The following officers have approved retirements, resignations, or separations within the **next three months**. Be sure to thank them for their service to NOAA and nation.

LTJG Leigh C. Hedgepeth	15 May 2013
CAPT Mark P. Ablondi	01 June 2013
ENS Whitley Gilbert	30 June 2013
CAPT Scott E. Kuester	01 July 2013
LCDR David J. Demers	01 July 2013
LT John H. Petersen	01 July 2013
LT Sarah A. Harris	01 July 2013
LT Amy B. Cox	05 July 2013