

# Commissioned Personnel Center CYBERFLASH



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CPC, on behalf of our operational centers, is pleased to recognize significant and important operational milestones in the careers of our officers. The safe and effective staffing of our platforms is critical to NOAA's mission and the nation. The commitment exhibited when qualifying to operate our vessels and aircraft is commendable and deserves recognition.

Every six months we will announce in the Cyberflash the names of those officers who have earned their **first** qualification as Officer of the Deck Underway, Senior Watch Officer, or Aviator. Since June, 2012, according to the CPC database, the following officers have been awarded the following operational qualifications:

Please join in congratulating these officers! Bravo Zulu!

### OOD:

ENS Brian Adornato

ENS Bart Buessler

ENS Junie Cassone

ENS Elizabeth Chase

ENS Andrew Clos

ENS Aaron Colohan

LTJG Matthew Forrest

ENS Chelsea Frate

ENS Kelsey Jeffers

ENS David Keith

ENS Philip Klavon

ENS Refael Klein

ENS Daniel Langis

ENS Damian Manda

ENS Douglas Pawlishen

LTJG Joseph Phillips

ENS Ricardo Rodriguez Perez

ENS Kasey Sims

ENS Eric Younkin

ENS Aras Zygas

**SWO:**

LCDR Donald Beaucage

LT Michael Gonsalves

LT Olivia Hauser

LT Justin Keese

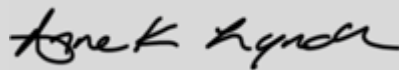
LT Lecia Salerno

LT William Winner

LT Caryn Zacharias

**WINGS:**

LT Matthew Nardi



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

**Awards for NOAA Corps Officers**

*The following officers received awards for the month of May:*

**NOAA Corps Commendation Medal**

### **CDR Joe C. Bishop**

For outstanding achievement while serving as Executive Officer, NOAA Aviation Weather Center and Lead Quality Management System Auditor

### **LCDR Catherine A. Martin**

For exemplary duty, service and leadership which resulted in outstanding accomplishments as Deputy and later Chief of Aircraft Operations Center's Flight Section

### **NOAA Corps Achievement Medal**

### **CDR John T. Caskey**

For his service to the NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps by volunteering to serve as Chairperson of the Uniform and Awards Board

### **LTJG Lindsay H. Morrison**

For superior planning, coordination, communication and execution of removal of contaminated scientific samples at the Southeast Fisheries Science Center and oversight of Deepwater Horizon related samples

### **LTJG Aaron D. Maggied**

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### **ENS Jennifer L. Barre**

For sustained superior performance as a junior officer aboard NOAA Ship *Gordon Gunter*

### **Uniform and Award Board Update**

The June 2013 meeting of the Uniform and Awards Board (UAB) was held on Friday, 7 June. The UAB reviewed 32 award nominations. The UAB is working with to CPC to ensure efficient and timely processing of nominations. Nominators should ensure completeness of submissions to help ensure a smooth evaluation process. Specifically:

- All dates are provided and correct. Additionally, the UAB cannot approve an award that has a period of performance extending beyond the date of the actual UAB (i.e. we cannot approve an award during the July 2013 UAB that has a period of performance that ends in Oct 2013).
- Do not list an achievement for which the officer was previously recognized (achievement can be listed as part of an End-of-Tour/PCS award, provided it is not the only achievement)
- Verify all appropriate approve/deny boxes are checked along with all: name, title, and signatures of the approving chain Nominations cannot be signed, "For" or "By Direction".

- Final approval for the nomination should come from the CAPT/SES level within the appropriate Line, Program or Staff Office. This helps to ensure consistency and also keeps the chain of command informed of the great work being done by the officers within their office.
- Social Security numbers are not to be provided on the form.

The UAB will accept scanned/faxed nominations for review, however the award will not go to the NOAA Corps Director for final review until the original hard copy is received by CPC. The UAB will also be working to update the award nomination form in an effort to improve efficiency of the nomination process.

Additionally, CPC will now begin providing status updates of nominations. This will be via email from the UAB Secretariat to the nominators. Emails will be sent when CPC physically receives the award, when the award was reviewed by the UAB and when the award is returned for presentation (if approved), or if the award has been disapproved.

As always, the UAB is available to assist with any uniform or awards questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact any UAB member. Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, the next UAB will be held on Monday, 8 July. Please ensure nominations are received by CPC by COB on 28 Jun.

You are encouraged to review the Awards How To guide located on the CPC website for any additional questions: [http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/procedures/pdf/how\\_to\\_awards.pdf](http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/procedures/pdf/how_to_awards.pdf)

### On the Horizon

OPS Officer CAWG	July 31, 2013
REFTRA	October, 15 - November 2, 2013

### Approved Resignations, Separations and Retirements

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

ENS Whitley Gilbert	30 June 2013
LT John H. Petersen	01 July 2013
LCDR David J. Demers	01 July 2013
LT Sarah A. Harris	01 July 2013
CAPT Scott E. Kuester	01 August 2013