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### Director's Message

As my first official duty as Director of the Commissioned Personnel Center, I had the opportunity to usher in our newest cadre of officer candidates and administer their oath of office to kick off BOTC 123 at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy last week. Both that class and myself were, on that particular day, experiencing the first day in our new assignments. I would first like to thank CAPT Anne Lynch for her service and work that was done at CPC under her tenure and wish her continued success in her new position as Commanding Officer of Marine Operations Center, Atlantic. I plan to continue the work that was started under CAPT Lynch's leadership, specifically within the topics of training and preparation for our officers. Additionally, I wish to relay to all of you that the entire CPC staff remains committed to continual improvement of the services that we provide.

In preparing my speech for BOTC 123, I focused the message on a few main points. I was able to have the time to reflect on these topics, what they meant to me, and how they applied to all of us and our service as NOAA Corps Officers. I encourage all of you to take the time on occasion and do the same. Those topics: Personal responsibility, Service, Initiative, and Teamwork are interwoven in each of our assignments and lives as NOAA Corps officers. Our ability to practice the best qualities of those concepts has a direct impact on the success of our individual careers as well as the success of our organization as a whole. It is easy to become consumed in the day to day duties of our jobs and the events occurring in our lives. Dedicating time to maintaining our focus on our guiding principles remains vital to our performance organizationally and individually. So again, I encourage everyone to take the necessary time to think, to perform those personal assessments, to ground-truth our attitudes, behavior, and performance in order to ensure that we are each performing to the best of our ability and in the best interest of our service.

I look forward to serving each and every one of you during my tenure here at CPC. Do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

CAPT Lawrence T. Krepp, NOAA

# Call for National ACO Scholarship 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 2014/2015 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 15, 2014.

## Higher Education Track Seminar

The Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB) Center is planning to host their first official, Two Day Higher Education Track Seminar, February 26-27, 0800-1600. During this session participants will learn all about how to select the best school, apply for admission, utilize your GI Bill, locate additional funding and a variety of other topics associated with going back to school. The expected outcome is to create a customized plan for a successful transition to a higher education institution. If you are thinking about pursuing higher education after your separation or Retirement and want to learn more, please be sure to sign up for this great opportunity. You can contact Lisa Bauch at (202-767-0450) to register, or email [lisa.bauch@navy.mil](mailto:lisa.bauch@navy.mil) with any questions. Spouses are welcome as well.

## 2014 Promotion Boards- OPF Submission Deadlines

As a reminder, Officers are encouraged to review their online OPF and Medical Record to ensure that requirements for promotion are complete and accurate. Please review the following link for further guidance on "[How To: Prepare for Promotion](#)", which includes best practices, basic steps and checklists for the promotion process. Officers are reminded that the state of **your OPF is your responsibility**. The deadlines for OPF submissions are as follows:

OERs - 28 February 2014

OPF Online and Medical Documentation - 15 March 2014

Submission deadlines for the **Commander Promotion Board** are as follows:

OERs - 31 July 2014

OPF Online and Medical Documentation - 15 August 2014

If you have questions pertaining to your OPF, please contact LT Wendy Lewis at (301-713-7712) or [wendy.lewis@noaa.gov](mailto:wendy.lewis@noaa.gov) and, for questions pertaining to your OERs, contact LCDR Nicole Lambert at (301-713-7736) or [nickie.lambert@noaa.gov](mailto:nickie.lambert@noaa.gov). For questions about your medical qualifications contact, CDR Elizabeth Hobson-Powell directly at 301-713-7718 or via email [elizabeth.hobson-powell@noaa.gov](mailto:elizabeth.hobson-powell@noaa.gov).

## On The Horizon

January 2014	Command Advisory Working Group: CO/XO
25 January 2014	DC- ACO Dining- In
02 March- 22 March 2014	REFTRA
28 April – 09 May 2014	Mid-Grade Leadership Training

## 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 Brian J. Adornato	15 January 2014
LTJG Michael D. Robbie	15 January 2014
CDR Mark J. Boland	01 February 2014
CDR Cecile R. Daniels	01 February 2014
LT Laura T. Gallant	15 February 2014
LTJG Matthew C. Griffin	01 March 2014
CAPT Mark B. Nelson	01 March 2014
LTJG John J. Adler	01 March 2014
LT Amy B. Cox	01 April 2014