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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

FROM: Rear Admiral Michael J. Silah, NOAA *Michael J. Silah*  
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SUBJECT: Department of Commerce Gold Medal

Congratulations! I am pleased to authorize wear of the Department of Commerce Gold Medal with the organizational (O) award attachment to all officers on active duty at any time during June 1, 2017, and November 30, 2017. This award is presented in recognition of the NOAA Corps' contributions to the 2017 hurricane season.

Effective immediately, you are authorized to wear the Department of Commerce Gold Medal with the O attachment. Inventory has been ordered by the Commissioned Personnel Center and a medal set, ribbon bars, and attachment will be forwarded to each officer receiving their first award. Officers who have previously been recognized with a Department of Commerce Gold Medal will receive new ribbon bars and the appropriate attachments. Refer to NOAA Corps Directives, Chapter 12, Uniforms and Awards, for order of precedence and manner of wearing instructions.

The following information will be entered into the NOAA Corps awards database:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Award Abbreviation</u>	<u>Award Group or Organizational Unit</u>
25-SEP-2018	GOLD-O	NOAA

cc: OPF

