## **Aviation Boards**

The NOAA Corps will be selecting officers from the fleet to transition into aviation during the 2009 calendar year. Start dates for flight training will be determined based on the needs of the service and current rotation of the officers selected. While some preference may be given to junior NOAA Corps officers possessing FAA ratings, flight experience is not a requirement to be considered for this opportunity. Candidates that will begin flight training with less than 6 years of TOTAL service toward retirement will be considered for this selection.

Completed aviation application packets must arrive at the Commissioned Personnel Center (CPC) by COB, March 2, 2009. AOC will be responsible for conducting interviews between March and May for all applicants that meet the application requirements. Once the interview process is complete, AOC will forward the interview results to CPC. An Officer Assignment Board will convene June 10, 2009 to select officers for initial flight and navigator training.

Application packets must include:

- 1) Resume and cover letter. Resume should include any flight experience and scheduled rotation date.
- 2) USCG entry flight physical.
- 3) Navy flight aptitude test.
- 4) The names of three people on board your ship that will provide recommendations. Do not include CO or XO, as recommendations will automatically be requested from them.

Contact CDR Albert Girimonte prior to starting this process for specific instructions and with any questions that you have. CDR Girimonte can be reached at (813)828-3310 x3047 or albert.girimonte@noaa.gov.