

THE WHITE HOUSE

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I would like to send my warmest greetings to all those celebrating the 96th anniversary of the founding of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Commissioned Officer Corps (NOAA Corps). I would also like to take this opportunity to call attention to our brave NOAA Corps families and thank them for all they do to help keep our country safe.

Since 1807, the officers of the Corps have made significant contributions to our national, economic, and environmental security, and when a NOAA Corps Officer is called to action, so too are their families. With ships and aircraft that deploy around the globe for up to 10 months a year, the sacrifices NOAA Corps families make are remarkably similar to those of our Navy and Coast Guard families. Many times, being the spouse or child of a Corps officer means living without an integral part of your family for multiple months a year, and on behalf of a grateful Nation, I want you to know that we are incredibly grateful and your service and sacrifice are not forgotten.

Thank you for all that you do for our country, and I wish you all the best for an enjoyable event.

*Michelle Obama*