From the Director’s Desk

The Director of the NOAA Corps has established the promotion zones for FY 2005. The Director, NC has decided not to authorize the Officer Personnel Board (OPB) to consider officers junior to those in the established promotion zone. However, officers above the established zone remain eligible for promotion. Officers are again reminded to ensure their physical and professional qualifications have been met to be considered for promotion to the next higher grade. The following zones have been approved and all officers above and in zone will be notified via an e-mail memorandum.

<>The lieutenant (junior grade) Selection Board convenes on February 15, 2005 to consider 26 ensigns; the Board may recommend 26 fully qualified officers. Those ensigns with lineal numbers 239 – 264 are eligible.

<>The lieutenant Selection Board convenes on February 16, 2005 to consider 21 lieutenants (junior grade); the Board may recommend 21 of the best qualified officers. Those lieutenants (junior grade) with lineal numbers 181, 184, 191, 194 – 211 are eligible.

<>The lieutenant commander Selection Board convenes on approximately March 9, 2005 to consider 20 lieutenants; the Board may recommend 13 of the best qualified officers. Those lieutenants with lineal numbers 119, 122, 127, 128, 134, 136, 137 – 142, 144 - 145, and 149 – 154 are eligible.

<>The commander Selection Board convenes on approximately March 10, 2005 to consider 16 lieutenant commanders; the Board may recommend 9 of the best qualified officers. Those lieutenant commanders with lineal numbers 67, 77, 79, 80, 83 - 94 are eligible.

<>The captain Selection Board convenes on approximately April 13, 2005 to consider 12 commanders; the Board may recommend 6 of the best qualified officers. Those commanders with lineal numbers 32, 34, 36, 37, 41 - 48 are eligible.

The lineal numbers used are those from the 2004 lineal list. The 2005 lineal list will be published soon.

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FY 2005 NOAA INFORMATION SECURITY AWARENESS COURSE

During the past few months, the security awareness course (SAC) underwent an extensive content review to ensure that the most current security information is being provided to NOAA users. The updated SAC is now available at
http://noaa.learnsecuritywith.us   In order to continue to use your NOAA computing resources you will need to complete the course by March 31, 2005 and submit the certificate of completion to CPC. Questions about the course should be directed to your Line Office IT Security Officer, or email itsec@noaa.gov.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS CLARIFICATION:

NOAA CORPS ATLANTIC SERVICE RIBBON (NCAS)

Eligibility Requirements - Any NOAA Corps officer, or member of another uniformed service assigned, detailed, TDY, or attached to NOAA, who completes 180 days of a permanent sea assignment aboard a NOAA vessel operating in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Great Lakes or adjacent waters after January 1, 1946, shall be eligible to receive this ribbon.

NOAA CORPS PACIFIC SERVICE RIBBON (NCPS)

Eligibility Requirements - Any NOAA Corps officer, or member of another uniformed service assigned, detailed, TDY, or attached to NOAA, who completes 180 days of a permanent sea assignment aboard a NOAA vessel operating in the waters of the Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Bering Sea, or adjacent waters after January 1, 1946, shall be eligible to receive this ribbon.

These ribbons are only authorized once per sea assignment. To qualify for these ribbons, the 180 days must be operational (underway), not in homeport or during a shipyard period. Any questions concerning awards should be directed to Greg Raymond at 301-713-3453.

DENTAL AND MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS REMINDER:

The Selection Boards are approaching fast and many officers have outdated physical and/or dental exams. If CPC does not have a current physical and dental exam at the time the nomination list is forwarded to the Secretary, the selected officers name shall be removed from the nomination list. Due to poor planning on your part, your hard earned promotion could be delayed up to one year. CPC recommends all officers verify their status and correct any deficiencies. Reminder to BOTC 106, if you do not have a current dental exam you can not be permanently appointed in the grade of ensign. This must be accomplished before completion of the 109th Congress. Any officer who receives a class III or IV dental exam is not qualified for promotion or permanent appointment.

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