From the Director’s Desk

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR, NOAA CORPS

To All Officers in the D.C. Area:

The Reserve Officer's Association's (ROA) Mid-Winter Conference is being held at the Washington D.C. Hilton Hotel, from February 13-16, 2005. I would like to encourage each of you to attend all or part of the conference.

Of special note for the NOAA Corps is the Naval Services luncheon on Monday, February 14, where ROA will make a special presentation to the NOAA ACO's Junior Officer of the Year. ROA does an excellent job of recognizing the efforts of junior officers of all the Services and I'm sure this year's luncheon will be no exception.

Additionally, RADM Behn will be the featured speaker at the NOAA Corps breakout session set for Tuesday, February 15 (meeting room number to be announced).

The conference includes the Reserve Components Joint Officer Professional Development Seminar (RCJOPDS). All Reserve, NG, NOAA, and PHS officers in grades 01-03 are eligible. Overview: Joint service professional and career development opportunity featuring joint and service specific sessions, “Voices of Experience” - a career guidance panel of General and Flag officers and “A Capitol Experience - Understanding Congress 101” - an overview and insight into the military-legislative process. A Congressional military legislative staffer will also provide a perspective on the behind-the-scenes view of working on Capitol Hill plus visit to The Capitol, Supreme Court and Library of Congress (as time permits). The seminar agenda will include speakers and briefers from the DoD and the respective Active and Reserve Components covering topics aimed at today's drilling reservists. The seminar includes the opportunity to attend selected portions of the ROA's Mid-Winter Conference, Service luncheons and the ROA banquet. Attendance requires ROA registration. Any junior officer interested in this program, please contact CPC.

Additional information on the conference and registration for the Naval Services luncheon can be found at: www.roa.org

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