Congratulations to the following officers who were promoted on March 18, 2005:

To Be Captain:
Barton, Kenneth W.

To Be Commander:
Haines, Donald W.
Finn, Michele A.

To Be Lieutenant Commander:
Krepp, Lawrence T.
Crocker, James M.
Newman, Carl E.
Smith, Shepard M.

To Be Lieutenant:
Seifert, Jason M.
Pierce, William W., III
Hester, Richard E., Jr.
Taylor, Jeffrey C.
Lawrence Slavas, Noah
Chrobak, Nicholas J.
Eilers, Erik M.

To Be Lieutenant (junior grade):
Didier, Patrick D.
Watson, Misty M.
Stroud, Kelley, E.
Edmundson, Richard A.

Signed commissions will be forward to the officers as soon as possible.

The Officer Personnel Board will convene this week to make selections and recommendations to the Secretary for the promotion of officers to the grades of commander and lieutenant commander. The results of these selections will not be made known until the Secretary approves the recommendations made by the OPB. The OPB is scheduled to convene on May 6, 2005, to make selections and recommendations to the
Secretary for the promotion of officers to the grade of captain. Welcome back to the officers and crew of the RONALD H. BROWN after spending the summer in the southern hemisphere.

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Captain Jonathan W. Bailey, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

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