From the Director’s Desk

An Officer Personnel Board (OPB) will convene on July 20, 2005 to review all captains in the NOAA Corps who do not have an approved retirement date. This will complete the annual review of all officers currently on the active duty lineal list.

Incentive

What incentive is it that spurs us to do our best in this field of work we have chosen? If you can answer this question for yourself perhaps you can urge others to realize the same which will inspire others to be the best and form a stronger NOAA team.

There is no better example of incentive than the amateur athlete. No one strives harder to increase his/her skills and output than the amateur athlete in playing and training for a championship game. No one pays an amateur athlete. Shorter working hours are not an incentive. Some amateur athletes work harder and longer hours than those who receive pay for competing in the same sport. Seniority is not an incentive. Security is not an incentive in athletics. Bargaining power is not a desire of the players in athletics either.

What, then, is the incentive that causes people to strive for success? The answer is recognition of our abilities by our contemporaries and seniors- the feeling that we are outstanding and so recognized by our fellows. Fitness Reports are due for ensigns and lieutenant (junior grade) officers who have less than three years of NOAA Corps service. And if they deserve to be recognized, please take the time to do so.

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

CHANGES IN CPC
We welcome CDR Brad Kearse to CPC. He reported for assignment to duty as Chief, Career Development Division, replacing CDR Ray Slagle who is assigned to the NOAA Ship THOMAS JEFFERSON as Executive Officer. We thank CDR Slagle for his numerous contributions to CPC and wish him all the best in his new assignment!

Neavaly Edoja has changed her name to Neavaly Touray. Messages sent to her old e-mail address will be forwarded to the new one for a short time.

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