Director’s Message
This week I had the opportunity to visit the BOTC at King’s Point to give a presentation on being a commissioned officer. It was exciting to see the whole class marching in unison while I was there. I also got to welcome the 10 officers that started REFTRA (D School) on Monday while in NY. We had an interesting discussion about the future mission and vision of the NOAA Corps. I was pleased to see the esprit de corps of the two concurrent classes, but was concerned about the effects of the virus that is being passed around the training center.

As a reminder, CPC will be tied up with the promotion boards all next week. So, please be patient in contacting CPC staff if you don't get a response right away.

Congratulations to the officers listed below, on their promotions which are effective March 1.

TO BE COMMANDER:
Ricardo Ramos

TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER:
Bradley H. Fritzler
Marc S. Moser
Holly A. DeHart
Kristie J. Twining
Frank K. Dreflak

TO BE LIEUTENANT
Patrick L. Murphy
Colin D. Little
Leah A. Harman
Jason R. Mansour
Briana J. Welton
Abigail S. Higgins

TO BE LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE
Sarah A. T. Harris
Meghan E. McGovern
Francisco J. Fuenmayor
Lecia M. Salerno
Phoebe A. Woodworth
Joshua J. Slater
Benjamin M. LaCour
Ryan C. Wattam
Mark K. Frydrych

CAPT William B. Kearse, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

Announcements

Line Office Liaison Officers

Billet and Line Office Liaison Officer Lists have been updated and posted on the Career Management - Assignments website:
http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/assignments.html

If you should have any questions regarding the information, please contact LCDR John T. Caskey at 301-713-7748 or john.caskey@noaa.gov.

Notice To All Travel Card Holders

If you possess a NOAA Travel Charge Card and have not used it within the past two years and you will be using the card in 2008, you must contact Elissa Kelsey at elissa.m.kelsey@noaa.gov to request your account remain open. Otherwise, NOAA will cancel any travel card that has been inactive for two years.

Aviation Application Packets

Officers interested in applying for the NOAA Corps aviation program are reminded to have their completed application packets to CPC by March 1, 2008. Once the packets have been received, AOC will conduct interviews between March-May 2008 for all applicants that meet the application requirements. An Officer Assignment Board will convene on Thursday, June 5, 2008 to select officers for initial flight training. If anyone should have any questions regarding the aviation selection process, please contact LCDR John T. Caskey at 301-713-7748 or john.caskey@noaa.gov.
Approved Retirements

The following officers have approved retirements. Be sure to thank them for their service to NOAA and nation and wish them the best the next time you see these officers!

- CAPT Jon E. Rix  May 1, 2008
- CDR Julia N. Neander  May 1, 2008
- LCDR Stephen J. Thumm  July 1, 2008
- CDR Thomas E. Strong  July 1, 2008
- CAPT Stephen A. Kozak  January 1, 2009
- CAPT John W. Humphrey, Jr.  January 1, 2009
- CAPT Sean R. White  July 1, 2009

On the Horizon

- January-May, 2008  Billet Review
- March 3, 2008  Selection Board for O-6
- March 4, 2008  Selection Board for O-5
- March 5, 2008  Selection Board for O-4
- March 6, 2008  Selection Board for O-3
- March 7, 2008  Selection Board for O-2

Please see NOAA Corps website for additional information:

Assignments:  http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/assignments.html

Evaluations:  http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/evaluation.html

Training:  http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/training.html

Uniforms & Awards:  http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/perservices/awards.html