



May 30, 2008

Director's Message

The Director is currently on leave through 6 June. The Director's Message will return the following week.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. B. Kears".

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

Announcements

Uniform of the Day - Capitol Hill Oceans Week Awards Dinner

The Uniform of the Day for the Capital Hill Oceans Week Awards Dinner on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, DC is Dinner Dress White Jacket.

Women's Leadership Organization and Conference

The Women's Leadership Organization mentions NOAA Corps and is for women leaders. They are hosting a symposium in July for \$50 each. The web site is:

<http://www.sealeader.org/>

1. THE 21ST ANNUAL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD ON 10-11 JULY 2008 AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER IN LANSLOWNE, VIRGINIA. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "INFORMED DECISIONS: MAKING A PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT TO YOURSELF". THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE NAVY OFFICE OF WOMEN'S POLICY, COAST GUARD WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION (CGWLA) AND SEA SERVICES LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION (SSLA).

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM IS TO FOSTER EDUCATION AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS PROVIDE NETWORKING AND MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVE AND RESERVE MEMBERS OF THE SEA SERVICES. EVENT TOPICS INCLUDE, PATHS TO CAREER AND PERSONAL SUCCESS, AN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION OF CURRENT WOMENS POLICY PROJECTS AND MENTORING INITIATIVES, HEALTH AND FITNESS, COMPARISON OF MILITARY VS. CIVILIAN PAYS AND BENEFITS, AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION-SPEAKER CALI YOST WILL

DISCUSS FINDING PERSONAL WORK/LIFE FIT AS FEATURED IN WORKING MOTHER MAGAZINE, FOX NEWS, THE TODAY SHOW, NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, AND THE WASHINGTON POST. ADDITIONALLY, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES, MILITARY AND VETERANS SUBCOMMITTEE WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE EFFORTS OF THIS COMMITTEE AND THE WORK THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

3. ATTENDANCE IS OPEN TO THOSE SERVING IN AN ACTIVE DUTY OR RESERVE STATUS. COMMANDING OFFICERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT ATTENDANCE IN ORDER TO FURTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR PERSONNEL. ISSUANCE OF TAD ORDERS, TO INCLUDE REGISTRATION, TRANSPORTATION, LODGING AND PER DIEM IS AUTHORIZED.

4. REGISTRATION INFORMATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. REGISTRATION DETAILS ARE POSTED ON THE NAVY OFFICE OF WOMEN'S POLICY WEBSITE AT: WWW.NPC.NAVY.MIL/ABOUTUS/BUPERS/WOMENSPOLICY/ UNDER THE "WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2008" LINK.

B. DUE TO A GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP, THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE FEE FOR NAVY ATTENDEES IS LOWERED TO 50 DOLLARS AND SHOULD BE PAID ON-LINE VIA THE WOMEN'S POLICY WEBSITE LISTED ABOVE. PAYMENT IS DUE BY 18 JUNE 2008. CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS AFTER 18 JUNE 2008 CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.

C. GOVERNMENT RATE LODGING IS AVAILABLE AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER AT 141 DOLLARS PER NIGHT. ALL ATTENDEES (DAY GUESTS AND NIGHT GUESTS) ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER (VIA THE WOMEN'S POLICY WEBSITE) FOR SECURITY PURPOSES. RESERVATIONS AFTER 18 JUNE 2008 CANNOT BE GUARANTEED. THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER IS LOCATED IN LANSLOWNE, VIRGINIA, 12 MILES FROM DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND 45 MINUTES FROM WASHINGTON, DC.

D. THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION; THE REGISTRATION CUT OFF DATE IS 18 JUNE 2008.

Merchant Mariner Sea Service Renewal Calculator

Available on <http://homeport.uscg.mil>

<<http://www.uscg.mil/stcw/wnnmc.htm>>****

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NOAA Corps Insignia Purchases

The NOAA Corps Web Store is open for business! NOAA Corps officers may now purchase their insignia on-line by accessing the following site address: www.cutteragent.com/noaa.html. This is a new site and a new process for Corps Officers to acquire insignia. If there are any functionality issues with the website please email Rob Green at rob@cutteragent.com and copy the email to the DC Area ACO Insignia Custodian, LT Nicole Manning, at

nicole.manning@noaa.gov.

Billet of the Week

The Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS) Atlantic Regional Office (ARO) in Chesapeake, Virginia is seeking an interested junior officer for the Atlantic Field Office Hydrographic Support billet (#7720). Primary duties include acting as liaison between the Atlantic hydrographic fleet and CO-OPS Atlantic field office; acting as the point of contact for trouble shooting, installing, removal and overseeing contract operations of primary and secondary tide measuring installations; the incumbent will continue developing, coordinating, and assisting CO-OPS with the National Water Level Observation Network (NWLON), Physical Oceanographic Real-time System (PORTS®) Program, and the National Current Observation Program (NCOP) efforts of NOS offices throughout the eastern sea board and great lakes. Some aspects of the billet require competent small boat handling skills while working in close quarters with sensing equipment in heavy currents. Officers will also be given the opportunity to dive while in this billet in support of all of CO-OPS programs. The Officer will have the opportunity to work with CO-OPS' Ocean System Test and Evaluation Program (OSTEP) to test and evaluate state of the art observing systems developed to support NOS mission objectives.

The officer will be working with NOAA and non-NOAA partners, including the US Coast Guard, Army Corps of Engineers, along with other educational partners, in developing oceanographic programs and products. The position requires an exact degree of both oral and written expression that will allow the incumbent to interact with upper management of NOS, as well as with representatives from a large number of Federal, State, local governments, and the general public. This position provides a moderate degree of exposure to constituents and the general public, requiring the exercise of tact, diplomacy, patience, communication, planning and organization. There can be frequent travel involved, and some weekend work for high priority NWLON projects, such as hurricane recovery efforts. The officer will represent NOS on several occasions as interaction with the public is common during field work. This assignment needs someone that is self motivated and able to operate without direct supervision to develop and improve CO-OPS current and future program missions.

If anyone should have any questions regarding this billet, please feel free to contact Mike O'Hargan at 757-436-0200 X236 or mike.ohargan@noaa.gov or the Hydrographic Liaison Officer, LTJG Mark Blankenship at 757-436-0200 X269 or

mark.blankenship@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!

LCDR Stephen J. Thumm	July 1, 2008
CDR Thomas E. Strong	July 1, 2008
CDR Richard A. Fletcher	August 1, 2008
CDR Philip A. Gruccio	December 1, 2008
CAPT Stephen A. Kozak	January 1, 2009
CAPT John W. Humphrey, Jr.	January 1, 2009
CAPT Emily B. Christman	June 1, 2009
CAPT Sean R. White	July 1, 2009
CAPT Steven R. Barnum	July 1, 2009

On the Horizon

January-May, 2008	Billet Review
June 5, 2008	Aviation Selection and O-5 OAB (moved up one day)
June 9, 2008	BOTC 112 Graduation
July 10, 2008	O-4 OAB
July 31, 2008	End of OER Reporting Period for O-1s and O-2s
August 4, 2008	Start of BOTC 113
October 6-31, 2008	REFTRA 65

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.noaa Corps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/training.html>

Uniforms & Awards:

<http://www.noaa Corps.noaa.gov/cpc/perservices/awards.html>