

Commissioned Personnel Center  
**CYBERFLASH**



July 3, 2008

## Director's Message

### **When is the last time you reviewed the NOAA Corps Directives?**

Do you know the difference between Regular Liberty and Special Liberty? Under normal shore duty working conditions, regular liberty is granted from the end of the work day to the start of the next work day and from the end of the work day on Friday until the following Monday morning. Special Liberty may be granted at the discretion of the leave granting authority in increments of 24 hours, not to exceed 96 hours (four days), but must be requested using an Officer Leave Request (NOAA Form 56-12) and cannot be combined with regular leave. Please refer to Chapter 6, Sections 06203 and 06204 of the NOAA Corps Directives.

### **What about requirements for Periodic Medical Examinations?**

Officers must maintain unrestricted physical and mental readiness for sea or aviation duty at all times.

Only officers with current physicals and dental examinations are eligible to be promoted and there are no exceptions to this requirement. Additional information is available in Section 03105 of the NOAA Corps Directives. As NOAA Corps Officers, we need to be familiar with the regulations we are governed by. The

Directives are available on the CPC website at:

<http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/procedures/directives.html>.

CPC continues to participate in Joint Uniformed Service Committees to ensure our officers' entitlements are secured for the future. One recent change is to the Montgomery GI Bill. Information on the change is available at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>, and will be posted on the CPC website soon.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

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

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

## Announcements

### **Alaskan Cruise Offer**

An opportunity to become part of NOAA charting history: NOAA's Office of Coast Survey, Coast Pilot Branch is looking for an individual to participate in a waterway assessment cruise on board the buoy tender USCGC Spar along the west and northern coasts of Alaska. Due to berthing limitations, only a male berth is available. The cruise is scheduled to depart Kodiak, AK August 11, 2008 and will inport in Dutch Harbor, AK on September 7, 2008. The individual will be responsible for updating and creating new entries for the mission waters along Alaska's west and north slope for the United States Coast Pilot Books 8 and 9. In addition to the Coast Pilot entries, the individual will be documenting chart discrepancies in these remote regions. First consideration will be given to those with hydrographic experience but any individual familiar with the U.S. Coast Pilot, an eye for navigational detail and writing skills will be considered. Intere

sted officers or physical scientists, please contact LCDR Krepp (301) 713-2730 ext 161, LCDR Zezula at (907) 786-7004, or Tom Loeper, Chief, Coast Pilot Branch (301) 713-2630 ext 165.

### **Upcoming Augmentation Needs**

Travel will be paid by the respective Marine Center. For specific information on the cruises and operations involved, please contact the XO or CO of the vessel. All requests to augment will need to be approved/cleared through your current supervisor, CO of the respective vessel, and CO MOA/ MOP. Any questions or concerns, please contact LCDR Stark at 757-441-6844.

NANCY FOSTER Male preferred for berthing purposes. Female could work if ample notice given to scientific party. SWO/NF OOD or Small Boat Coxn (well qualified for 8hr of small boat driving)

7/24-8/5 (Key West - Key West)

8/7-8/16 (Key West - Key West)

8/17-8/23 (Key West - Galveston)

8/24-9/1 (Galveston - Galveston)

9/18-10/1 (Gulfport, MS-Pascagoula, MS)

10/1-10/14 (Pascagoula, MS - Pascagoula, MS) Dates approximate

McARTHUR II experienced (preferably TAGOS) officers

8/24-9/14 (Newport, OR-San Francisco, CA)

9/17-10/9 (San Francisco, CA- San Diego, CA)

HI'IALAKAI

7/12-7/24 (Honolulu-Honolulu)

7/31-8/28 (Honolulu-Honolulu)

GORDON GUNTER

8/26--9/11 (Pascagoula, MS-Pascagoula, MS)

9/13-9/30 (Pascagoula, MS-Pascagoula, MS)

DAVID STARR JORDAN

9/8-9/22 (San Francisco, CA-San Diego, CA)

### **New Information For Contacting Lisa Sudmann, at CPC**

Lisa Sudmann is CPC's Human Resource Assistant. To contact her by telephone, just dial her new work phone number 866-727-0408. When connected you will hear the recording that explains that the hearing interpreter will be with you shortly, then it will connect to her videophone.

### **New ID Card Information**

As most of you are aware, DOC and DoD approved NOAA's request to use the DoD Common Access Card (CAC), to meet HPSPD-12 PIV-II requirements. The implementation plan has been on going for some time and cards are being issued in various locations across the country. We want to ensure that all NOAA Corps Officers have a current CAC card. If you received your CAC card prior to August 2007, you will need a new card. To determine the Rapid Site location closest to you to receive your new card, please send an email to [Angel.Amponsah@noaa.gov](mailto:Angel.Amponsah@noaa.gov). You will be informed of the site location and contact person for scheduling.

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### **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!

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

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

Evaluations:

<http://www.noaa Corps.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>