



August 8, 2008

Director's Message

How often do you review your Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)? Do you review the amount you receive each month? Do you review your leave balance?

One of the responsibilities at CPC is the oversight of pay and entitlements of NOAA Corps officers. Over the next several weeks, the Payroll Unit will be conducting a self review of the pay and entitlements of all officers. It is the responsibility of each officer to ensure that his or her pay and entitlements are correct and that the leave balance is accurate. If you have questions or concerns about your LES, please notify Payroll in a timely manner so that any issues can be resolved.

Request and Authorization for Leave forms should be submitted to Payroll within 45 days of leave completion. You may submit forms via fax, scanned Portable Document Format (PDF) or regular mail. The original form is not required.

After almost a year in production and edits, the newly produced NOAA Corps Recruiting Video has been placed on the recruiting website at <http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/recruiting>. CPC's Career Management Division presented this version and held a Q&A session for over 120 Hollings Scholars (who are college summer interns with NOAA) on July 31st. The video has received lots of excellent feedback. DVD copies of the video are under production and will be distributed to Commands within the next few weeks.

LCDR Adams reported as Chief, Officer Assignment Branch last week. We welcome him aboard. All questions related to assignments should be directed to LCDR Adams. Thanks to CDR Caskey for holding the assignment hat over the past eight months.

As most of you are aware, based on Service needs, the Director, NOAA Corps, has decided to convene a LTJG Selection Board next Tuesday, August 12th. This decision was made to ensure the NOAA Corps remains compliant with the law (33 USC 3023) and to keep promotions of junior officers flowing in a changing administration.

CPC has received some complaints about the short amount of time left to submit promotion qualifications for LTJG. However, in accordance with NOAA Corps Directive 04303A(1)(b), officers in the grade of ensign must complete their professional qualifications by their date of nomination, or by 18 months, whichever comes first. If you have any questions please contact Greg Raymond at 301-713-7728 or

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Have a great week!



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

Announcements

LTJG Selection Zone:

COLEGROVE, ANDREW R.
VILLARD-HOWE, ANNA-ELIZABETH B.
MORGAN, NICHOLAS C.
PEREIRA, JEFFREY G.
KLIEWER, COLIN T.
EMMONS III, HAROLD B.
JORGENSEN, PATRICK B. K.
CHAMBERLAIN, PAUL M.
O'NEAL, MICHAEL W.
EARP, JULIE L.
BYERS, KYLE A.
EVORY, LOREN M.
OSTAPENKO, ANDREW J.
GALLANT, LAURA T.
BREEN, LLIAN G. K.
SCHWEITZER, GREGORY R.
ANDREWS, MARK S.
GUBERSKI, MEGAN R.
WITHERLY, NATHAN E.
SCHULTZ, CHRISTINE L.
SURREY, CLAIRE V.
MOYERS, RONALD L. JR.
PRESTCOTT, BRIAN D.
RICE, GLENN A.
REDMOND, PATRICK M.
QUINTERO, RUSSELL A.
PARKER, NATHAN B.
HEESCH, JONATHAN R.
GRIFFIN, MATTHEW C.
OPATRNY, FAITH C.

Recent Awards

Please offer congratulations to these officers on their recent awards.

NOAA Corps Commendation Medal:

[Captain Christopher M. Moore](#) - "Meritorious Service while serving as the First Deputy Director of the NOAA Integrated Ocean Observing Systems (IOOS) Program Responsible for Efficiency, Effectiveness, and the Administration of the Personnel, Budgets and Contracts for a \$34M NOAA IOSS Program."

[Lieutenant Commander James M. Crocker](#) - "Meritorious Achievement and Performance while serving as Executive Officer, NOAA Ship THOMAS JEFFERSON."

[Lieutenant Commander Michael J. Silah](#) - "Exceptional Professionalism and Dedication to duty while serving as Executive Assistant to the NOAA Chief of Staff."

[Lieutenant Natasha R. Davis](#) - "Consistent Outstanding Performance, Exceptional Leadership and Loyalty as a Member of the Early Life History Team."

NOAA Corps Achievement Medal:

[Lieutenant Commander Richard R. Brennan](#) - "Outstanding Performance while serving as Commanding Officer and Lead Hydrographer, NOAA Ship RUDE, and for Exemplary Performance in Decommissioning NOAA Ship RUDE with Style and Grace."

[Lieutenant \(junior grade\) David M. Gothan](#) - "Sustained Superior Performance while serving as Operations Officer, NOAA Ship DAVID STARR JORDAN."

NOAA Corps Director's Ribbon:

[Ensign Kyle A. Byers](#) - "Outstanding Initiative and Dedication to duty during NOAA Ship DAVID STARR JORDAN's Dockside Repair Period."

NOAA Ship Name Format Change (pasted from RADM Bailey's email today)

Since NOAA's establishment in 1970, ship names have been typed in all capital letters. This format was used by our predecessor agencies as well. However, as a federal agency, NOAA is required to use standard Government Printing Office style for official documents. The GPO Style Manual states, the names of aircraft, vessels, and spacecraft are to be italicized. For example, NOAA Ship ALBATROSS IV will now be formatted as NOAA Ship *Albatross IV*.

Effective immediately, please use the GPO format for ship names when preparing new documents. It is not necessary to change documents that are already in use.

Fleet Augmentation Needs

Contact the respective Marine Center for information on travel. 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 or MOP. If you have any questions, please contact LCDR Stark at 206-553-8705 or LCDR Bridgeman at 206-553-4764.

Henry Bigelow

8/13-8/26 (Newport, RI-Newport, RI)

Gordon Gunter

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

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

David Starr Jordan -- XO experience and MPIC qualified

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

Okeanos Explorer

9/8-9/26 (Seattle, WA-Seattle, WA)

HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE AND REQUESTED YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Want to vote in the upcoming General Election? To vote absentee as a Uniformed Service member, family member, or an overseas citizen, NOW is the time to register and request an absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election. To register and request an absentee ballot, just fill out the Voter Registration/Ballot Request Form (Federal Post Card Application, FPCA, SF 76) and send it to your local election office.

To fill out the Voter Registration/ Ballot Request Form, go to www.fvap.gov. Its design was based on user feedback and focus group studies and is very easy-to-use. The site has state-specific instructions for all 55 states and territories covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). There, you'll find detailed and easy-to-follow instructions for filling out your Voter Registration/Ballot Request Form, along with information on where to send it.

There is also a new automated tool to fill out the Voter Registration/Ballot Request Form. Find it by clicking on the link in the Quick Links section of the homepage. This tool will guide you through completion of the form using only the specific information your state requires. In participating states and jurisdictions, you may also be able to send the Form to your local election office and receive your blank ballot via a secure server.

Personnel Information Updates

Promotion Package: As of August 1st, 34 of the 51 officers nominated for promotion during the March 2008 OPB have been promoted. The next group of 7 promotions will go forward for signature with a proposed effective date for promotion of October 1st.

Permanent Appointment Package: Seventeen officers from the BOTC 112 class have been forwarded for permanent appointment with the NOAA Corps. The package has been cleared through the Department and will be submitted to the White House and Senate for Confirmation by the end of August.

Approved Retirements/Resignations/Separations

The following officers have approved retirements, resignations, or separations. 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 Gregg LaMontagne	September 1, 2008
LTJG Jamie S. Wasser	September 30, 2008
ENS Llian G.K. Breen	September 30, 2008
LT William W. Pierce, III	November 1, 2008
LT Joshua D. Bauman	December 1, 2008
CDR Philip A. Gruccio	December 1, 2008
LTJG Richard A. Edmundson	December 1, 2008
LTJG Stephen Z. Kroening	December 1, 2008
ENS Patrick B.K. Jorgensen	December 15, 2008
LCDR Jeremy B. Weirich	December 15, 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

August 17, 2008

Start of BOTC 113

October 6-31, 2008

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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>