

Commissioned Personnel Center

CYBERFLASH



September 26, 2008

Director's Message

I am pleased to announce that RADM Bailey will be briefing out the NOAA Corps Strategy to D.C. Area officers on October 6th. Briefings will be scheduled this fall and winter for officers on other locations. The Strategy will include the proposed new NOAA Corps Mission and Vision to encapsulate the NC officer role, and to inspire officers with a common message. The new mission and vision statements have been discussed with comments from about 180 NC officers, from most of the ships' wardrooms (passed for comment to each command), BOTCs, REFTRAs, Norfolk, MOC-P, AOC, plus XO Seminar and CO Seminar last winter. More recently, a group of junior officers revisited and further refined the statements on 15 August, and a group of captains discussed the statement on the 20th. The statements are now with the Director of the NOAA Corps for review.

In last week's Cyberflash, I asked for your ideas on topics of interest or areas of clarification, to increase two-way communication between CPC and officers. To date, I have received topics from only one officer! I know you have good ideas and I'd like to hear them. I will address your topics in a Cyberflash in three weeks, so please send your suggestions to the Director.CPC@noaa.gov address.

Beginning October 17th, 2008, to help facilitate the transition to the ODU in the area, the Director, NOAA Corps has authorized officers to wear ODUs on Fridays only in Silver Spring and other Maryland offices. Please note the seasonal uniform change occurs the first Monday in October. See this page for details:

[http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/perservices/pdf/Uniform%20 Of The Day.pdf](http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/perservices/pdf/Uniform%20Of%20The%20Day.pdf)

Congratulations to the following officers that will be promoted to the grades indicated effective October 1, 2008.

TO BE COMMANDER:

Carl E. Newman
Shepard M. Smith

TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER:

Stephanie A. Koes
Daniel M. Simon

TO BE LIEUTENANT (junior grade):

Jennifer L. King
Chad M. Meckley
Caryn M. Arnold



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

Announcements

OPF Online Offline

The OPF Online will be unavailable this weekend, due to local HVAC maintenance, starting at 5:00pm on Friday 9/26 through this Sunday 9/28. Service will be restored prior to opening hours for Monday 9/29. We apologize for any inconvenience.

We Need your PCS and TDY Orders

After you complete a PCS, fax your endorsed orders to CPC and the NOAA Corp Payroll Unit within five (5) days. CPC and the Payroll Unit also need a copies of your TDY orders to a ship. The TDY orders allow tracking of augmentation and ensures that you get paid for sea time. If you have any questions about this, contact LCDR Jeremy Adams at jeremy.adams@noaa.gov.

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 overseas citizen, NOW is the time 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 Form, go to www.fvap.gov. The site is easy to use, with state-specific instructions for filling out the form, along with information on where to send it.

COVERAGE OF THE 2008 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES AVAILABLE TO ALL CITIZENS AT HOME AND ABROAD

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) has joined with the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) to make the 2008 election debates more valuable to Americans abroad. DebateWatch is the CPD's nonpartisan, international program that brings U.S. citizens together to watch and discuss this fall's presidential and vice-presidential debates.

All across the world, citizens will meet in schools, libraries, theaters, hotels, civic auditoriums, homes, and elsewhere to watch the debates on television or the Internet, or listen to them on the radio. At the end of each debate and before commentary begins, the facilitator will turn off the broadcast and lead participants in a discussion about the debate, the candidates, and the upcoming election. After finishing their discussion, participants may log on to the CPD's website, www.debates.org <<http://www.debates.org/>>, to fill out a voluntary survey and provide feedback to the CPD. If you would like to learn more about DebateWatch or

register to organize one of these meetings, please see www.debates.org <<http://www.debates.org/>> or email debatewatch@debates.org.

Presidential debates are a permanent part of every Presidential general election, Debates provide a means for viewers and listeners to become informed about the candidates' positions on the issues. The CPD's primary purpose is to sponsor and produce debates for the United States presidential and vice presidential candidates and to undertake research and educational activities relating to the debates. The nonprofit, nonpartisan organization sponsored all the presidential debates since 1988.

For the 2008 general election, CPD teamed up with Myspace to create a new website, www.MyDebates.org. The website which will be operational in early September will try and enhance the educational value of the debates while engaging new audiences. The CPD believes, "the Internet can be used to personalize the debates in a way that allows for in-depth examination by individual citizens and joint discussion with others." The new website will include tools for citizens to make scorecards of important issues and help track the issues throughout the debates. Voters can submit questions for possible inclusion in the town meeting debate via www.MyDebates.org. This new venture plans to offer unprecedented access and flexibility in following these debates through forums that discuss numerous topics.

More information about the CPD and MyDebates.org can be found at www.debates.org <<http://www.debates.org/>> .

The schedules for this fall's debates are as follows: (Information current as of 5 Aug 08)

First presidential debate Friday, September 26

Vice-presidential debate Thursday, October 2

Second presidential debate Tuesday, October 7

Third presidential debate Wednesday, October 15

All debates will begin at 9 pm E.T., and will be carried by international media outlets. The debates will have a single moderator and last for 90 minutes.

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!

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

October 6-31, 2008	REFTRA 65 (D-School)
December 11, 2008	BOTC 113 (A-School) Graduation
December 15-19, 2008	XO/ Administrative Seminar
December or January (TBD)	B-School
January 5-9, 2009	Small Boat Program Training: Inspection and Troubleshooting, Seattle, WA
January 16, 2009	Cutoff for Document Submission (Promotion Boards)
February 24-27, 2009	Small Boat Program Training: Inspection and Troubleshooting, Mississippi
March 2-5, 2009	Promotion Boards
March 2, 2009	D-School

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>