

Commissioned Personnel Center CYBERFLASH



June 19, 2009

Director's Message

Congratulations to the following officers who were promoted effective June 15, 2009.

TO CAPTAIN

Harris B. Halverson II

TO COMMANDER

Albert M. Girimonte

Todd A. Bridgeman

Edward J. Van Den Ameele

Alexandra R. Von Saunder

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Raymond C. Slagle".

CAPT Raymond C. Slagle, NOAA

Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

Announcements

Ship Augmentation Need: HA

There is a critical augmenting OOD need aboard NOAA Ship Hi'ialakai. The Hi'ialakai requires a watchstanding augmenting OOD during a NWHI Maritime Heritage expedition cruise from 8/5/2009 to 9/6/2009 departing from and arriving back into Honolulu, HI. This is your opportunity to complete your augmentation requirement on a unique and exciting project in and around the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. The Monument is the single largest conservation area under the U.S. flag, and one of the largest marine conservation areas in the world. During previous NWHI Maritime Heritage expeditions, discovering previously undocumented 19th century shipwrecks has been just one exciting aspect of these multidisciplinary cruises which also include coral disease surveys, fish genetic connectivity investigations, shark and large jack tagging, and seafloor mapping operations. Qualified NOAA divers will have the opportunity to dive on locations few people get to see. For more information, contact the vessel Executive Officer at XO.Hiialakai@noaa.gov or ChiefOPS.MOP@noaa.gov.

NOFA

The NOAA Officers' Family Association www.nofaweb.org is affiliated with the National Military Family Association (NMFA). This year NMFA is celebrating their 40th Anniversary by honoring the strength of military families. The association will select one family from each of the seven Uniformed

Services to represent their community. For details about this award and how to nominate a NOAA family for this honor please visit <http://www.militaryfamilyaward.org/>

If you haven't joined NMFA already, please visit NMFA's website <http://www.nmfa.org> to learn more about how this association provides advocacy, education, support, and programs that may enhance the lives of NOAA Corps Officers and the dynamic social network that NOAA Corps families establish with new assignments/relocation.

Proposed Change to New Uniform Model -- Comment Period is Two Weeks

The Uniform and Awards Board (UAB) has recommended a uniform change to RADM Bailey that entails switching to the US Army and Air Force Service Uniform model using Service Dress Blues components, and decreasing the size and cost of the NOAA Corps sea bag.

A web site has been created to explain the purpose of the change, to provide Officers with a visual representation of what the new uniform configurations will look like, to demonstrate cost savings, and to be a mechanism to receive feedback on the new NOAA Corps Service Uniform. The comment section will remain open for two weeks starting today, at which time the comments will be reviewed and suggestions and concerns will be addressed. Please review this web site to get more information and to provide comments on this recommendation:

http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/perservices/new_uniform_change.html

Uniforms - Untucked ODU

In preparation for the transition to the Untucked Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), we need all officers to send in their required sizes and quantities needed. The sizing is a little different than the Tucked ODU so please refer to <http://www.uscg.mil/uniform/ODUUntuckedUniforms.asp#> to properly measure yourself. We are anticipating the transition to start in January 2010. Please send in the required sizes and quantities to Director.CPC@noaa.gov NLT Friday June 26th. If you any questions, please contact Greg Raymond. Thank you for your cooperation. Listed below are some frequently asked questions.

FAQs:

1. How long will the transition period be? We have proposed a 12-month transition period as the Coast Guard is only out of three Tucked ODU sizes.
2. If the Coast Guard is out of my size what do I do until January? If the Coast Guard is out of your size you should purchase one size larger.
3. Will the Untucked ODU have the USCG shield on the shirt and pants? The Coast Guard will have a special cutting done after we submit our requirements that will not have the USCG shield on either the pants or shirt.
4. When will the Command, SWO, and Aviator insignia be available for purchase with the ODU? We are anticipating the sew-on insignia will be available January 2010.

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!

ENS Nathan Parker	June 29, 2009
CAPT Emily B. Christman	July 1 2009
CAPT Sean R. White	July 1, 2009
LT Andrew P. Halbach	July 5, 2009
LT Leah A. Harman	August 26, 2009
LCDR Alan C. Hilton	September 1, 2009
LCDR James A. Bunn II	September 1, 2009
LCDR Geoffrey S. Sandorf	December 1, 2009
CAPT Steven R. Barnum	January 1, 2010

On the Horizon

July 23, 2009	O4 and O5 Assignment Board
July 31, 2009	End of OER Reporting Period for ENS and LTJG
August 18, 2009	Deadline for "Special OERs" for consideration by October Promotion Boards
August 27, 2009	BOTC-A School 114 Graduation
August 31, 2009	Start of BOTC-A School 115
September 15, 2009	Deadline for ENS and LTJG OERs for consideration by October Promotion Boards
October 5-9, 2009	Officer Promotion Boards

Please see CPC website for additional information:

Ship Augmentation Needs: <http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/cpchome/augmentation.html>

Assignments: <http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/careermgmt/assignments.html>

Evaluations: <http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/careermgmt/evaluation.html>

Training: <http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/careermgmt/training.html>

Uniforms & Awards: <http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/perservices/awards.html>