July 15, 2009

Director’s Message

Thank you to all of the officers, active duty and retired, that submitted comments on the proposed uniform change. Comments were well written and reflected many good points both for and against the proposed change. The comments were summarized for the Uniform and Awards Board to present to RADM Bailey for discussion.

Congratulations to the following officers who were promoted to the listed grades, effective July 1, 2009:

TO CAPTAIN:
CHOY, BARRY K.
BAIRD, DOUGLAS D. JR.

TO COMMANDER:
BOLAND, MARK J.
PARKER, BRIAN W.
HAUPT, TODD A.

TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER:
APPLER, JASON A.
CABANA, NICOLE M.
HANER, RUSSELL G.
CROFTS, JOHN A.
KUNICKI, PAUL A.
TAYLOR, JEFFREY C.
CHROBAK, NICHOLAS J.
PRICE, DANIEL J.
LAMBERT, NICOLE S.
CARY, CHAD M.

TO LIEUTENANT:
DUNCAN, SARAH K.
BARRY, STEPHEN P.
GREENAWAY, SAMUEL F.
HAMBURGER, TRACY L.
GONSALVES, MICHAEL O.
HAUSER, OLIVIA A.
PERRY, TONY . III
Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Orders

When you receive your assignment letter, the travel questionnaire, NOAA Form 56-26 is attached (if travel is associated with the assignment change). Your PCS orders will be initiated only after CPC has received an approved travel questionnaire. The officer needs to complete and send this form to CPC 120 days prior to your reporting date, so that the PCS orders can be written by 60 days before the reporting date. If you do not send in this form in the appropriate time frame, your PCS orders will not be able to be written on time. If your reporting date has changed, please notify LCDR Nathan Hancock, Chief, Assignment Branch, 301-713-7694. You will be notified by email that your PCS order is available in the travel section of your OPF online and the original
PCS order will be mailed to you.

**Update Assignment Preferences**
All officers should remember to update their next assignment preference periodically through the OPF online feature. Specifically, the O4 and O5 Officer Assignment Board meets on July 23rd, so LCDRs and CDRs are reminded to update their assignment preferences as soon as possible.

**Are you a fan of the NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps?**
If you haven’t seen it yet, the Officer Recruiting Branch has started a Facebook page for the NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps.
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Silver-Spring-MD/NOAA-Commissioned-Officer-Corps/66864471962?ref=share
To make this site an informative recruiting tool, operational pictures from each ship and various shore assignments are requested to create online photo albums. Digital photos may be submitted to NOAACorps.Recruiting@noaa.gov. Please be certain appropriate safety gear is being worn, and include a short description with each picture identifying the ship or shore billet you were filling at the time the picture was taken.

**Server Shutdown -- OPF Online**
The OMAO HQ network will be offline to install new servers, this Saturday July 18, 2009, from 0500-2000 EDT.
That means that during this time, the OPF Online and ship tracker will not be available.

**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!

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<td>LCDR Geoffrey S. Sandorf</td>
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**On the Horizon**

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**Please see CPC website for additional information:**

- Assignments: [http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/careermgmt/assignments.html](http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/careermgmt/assignments.html)
- Training: [http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/careermgmt/training.html](http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/careermgmt/training.html)
- Uniforms & Awards: [http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/perservices/awards.html](http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/perservices/awards.html)