

Commissioned Personnel Center CYBERFLASH



September 3, 2010

Director's Message

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our Nation. As we go into the Labor Day weekend, we should all keep our thoughts with the men and women of the uniformed services that are deployed around the world for our country. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raymond C. Slagle".

**CAPT Raymond C. Slagle, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center**

Announcements

Promotion Zones

The zones for Lieutenant and Lieutenant (junior grade) are listed below.

LIEUTENANT, 17 officers to select 15. Board date: October 21, 2010

JOHNSON, BENNIE N.
VASQUEZ DEL MERCADO,
RAUL
SLATER, JOSHUA J.
LACOUR, BENJAMIN M.
WATTAM, RYAN C.
FRYDRYCH, MARK K.
KEESEY, JUSTIN T.
BURTON, MATTHEW T.
RHODES, CARL G.
SMITH, TIMOTHY M.
FALKNER, JAMES T.
SKAPIN, CHRISTOPHER S.
MECKLEY, CHAD M.
ARNOLD, CARYN M.
NADEAU, MEGAN A.
WEEKLEY, MARC E.

SWEENEY, PATRICK M. III

LIEUTENANT (junior grade) Select fully qualified as determined by the Board. Board date: October 21, 2010

MAGGIED, AARON D.
KOSENKO, MARINA O.
GEBAUER, JOHANNES A.
COWAN, DAVID B.
COUSINS, JASMINE L.
O'LEARY, MATTHEW H.
MARINO, MICHAEL J.
KEEN, LYNDSEY E.
JELLISON, KYLE R.
LOY, STEVEN T.
GIBSON, LAURA L.
HELKER, VAN T.
JOHNSTON, ALEXANDER G.
ALEX, CARMEN M.
FORREST, MATTHEW R.
DRURY, ALICE E.
BEGUN, BRYAN M.
DAVISON, ALBERT E.
HEDGEPEETH, LEIGH C.
SLAUGHTER, SARA A.
RYDLEWICZ, RENI L.
CARRIER, JOSEPH K.
CRESS, ZACHARY P.
MITCHELL, ROBERT J.
SIMS, TANNER A.
PFUNDT, ADAM C.
KENNEDY, BRIAN R.
REUL, TAMERA J.
SCHILL, KELLY M.
PAYNE, AMBER M.
IMBERI, ANTHONY J.
VEJAR, DAVID O.
WILSON, JASON P.
PARRISH, ALISE N.
FLOYD, BRETT E.
SILAGI, MICHAEL S.
NGUYEN, LINH K.

NOAA Corps Recruiting

The NOAA Corps received 95 complete applications for BOTC 117 and selected 14 candidates. This large number, and in fact the most applications received in our recent past, was the direct result of the efforts by all who served by assisting the Recruiting Office. We wish to continue this outstanding effort and I am looking for volunteers to staff the career fairs scheduled for this fall. Please review the scheduled fairs at <http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/recruiting/index.html>, and contact the Recruiting Office with your availability to help.

NOAA Corps Payroll Office Renovations

The NOAA Corps Payroll office in Topeka, KS is undergoing renovations. This renovation is scheduled to be completed NLT January 15, 2011. It is requested that during the renovation period all correspondence be made via email. All emails will be addressed immediately upon receipt, but please be aware that a response may take a little longer than usual.

Closing Date for PCS Vouchers

The closing date of PSC vouchers for payment this fiscal year is September 9th. Please submit your PCS vouchers to CPC by this closing date.

Important TDY and PCS travel Change

Per the Joint Federal Travel Regulation, Effective October 1, 2010: A 'hotel' receipt from an online booking agent, that is not itemized, is not a lodging receipt and WILL NOT be reimbursed.

Deepwater Horizon

All officers that volunteered and participated in the Deepwater Horizon deployment, thank you. Operation Clean Sweep, which commenced on August 20, 2010, is a 60 day operations in the Gulf of Mexico. We will continue to support the effort in the Gulf through the end of Operation Clean Sweep.

Uniformed Services Organizations

(Submitted by CAPT Parsons, NOAA Ret)

Uniformed Services' Organizations: Who Needs Them? You Do

Each of you, at one time or another, has received membership solicitations - through the mail or by phone - from "military organizations" promising to protect your many benefits and lobby Congress on your behalf. More junk mail or annoying phone calls offering to provide a service for which you have no need? After all, the significant benefits you and your family have earned as a result of your NOAA Corps service are untouchable and will only improve over time.....or will they?

Most of us take our service benefits for granted; however, the reality is that with increased Federal spending and growing deficits, there is no shortage of lawmakers willing to lump uniformed service benefits in with other Federal entitlements being eyed for cost controls. To put this in perspective, active duty officers should be concerned about the prospects for serious erosion of retirement benefits. Retired officers, as well as active duty officers, should be concerned about the prospects for reductions in retirement healthcare benefits.

With every passing year, fewer members of the Administration and Congress have any uniformed service experience including 95% of congressional staffs. These decision-makers must be continually educated about the commitments made to uniformed service members and their families and the unique requirements of this community. They must be reminded that active duty and retired entitlements are earned compensation, not needs-based, and must be honored.

More than 30 military, veterans and uniformed service organizations, working independently and in partnership through The Military Coalition (<http://www.themilitarycoalition.org/>) and the National Military and Veterans Alliance, pursue common core goals on behalf of the millions of active duty and former uniformed service members and their families including:

- educating government leaders and the public on the extraordinary demands and sacrifices associated with a career in uniformed service, and the need to maintain a unique system of compensation and benefits to attract and retain the kinds of high-quality men and women needed to meet the Nation's requirements;
- maintaining uniformed service compensation and benefits at levels sufficient to attract and retain professional uniformed service members for careers of service to the Nation;
- promoting and representing the interests of the entire uniformed services community, including members' families and survivors, and responding to assaults upon the compensation and benefits earned by members of that community; and
- influencing the development and implementation of legislation and policies affecting the uniformed services community.

The organizations that have historically represented the interests of the wider uniformed service community (active duty, retired, family members and survivors), including the NOAA Corps, are the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS), National Military Family Association (NMFA), and Reserve Officers Association (ROA). More than three-quarters of you now on active duty were not present in the mid-1990s when the Administration made a serious attempt to disestablish the NOAA Corps. Fortunately, these organizations came to the vigorous defense of the Corps. In part, you owe your present careers to the stalwart support provided by these organizations. Had they not stepped up, it's not hard to imagine a different outcome.

Because each of these organizations is an independent, nonprofit, and politically non-partisan association, membership in these associations and participation in their activities by active duty service members does not constitute "prohibited political activity."

However, the associations' continuing ability to adequately represent your interests requires resources

and a reliance on strong and proactive memberships, and relatively low-cost dues, to carry out this work on your behalf. Unfortunately, NOAA Corps membership in each of these organizations is disappointingly low. You have and will continue to benefit from the advocacy of the associations regardless of your participation; however, there is strength in numbers and your membership in these associations and support for their efforts are the keys to their success.

In addition to the overarching goals of these associations, additional benefits derived from membership include access to:

1. benefit, entitlement and legislative information;
2. family and survivor support assistance;
3. career transition, employment and professional development assistance;
4. college scholarship programs for members and their families;
5. finance and insurance services; and
6. travel services.

You are encouraged to reflect on the entitlements you have earned as officers of the NOAA Corps and to consider the advantages to you, your family, and the Corps of membership in one or more of these organizations. Please take the time to visit each of the association web sites to learn more about the valuable work they are doing on your behalf, consider becoming a member, and contact any of the individuals listed below if you have any questions or suggestions for improving NOAA Corps participation.

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) - <http://www.moaa.org/>

National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) - <http://www.naus.org/>

National Military Family Association (NMFA) - <http://www.militaryfamily.org/>

Reserve Officers Association (ROA) - <http://www.roa.org/site/PageServer>

CAPT Roger L. Parsons, NOAA (ret.) – NAUS Board of Directors (roger.l.parsons@gmail.com)

CAPT Dave Peterson, NOAA (ret.) – MOAA Board of Directors (Kmpdhp@comcast.net)

Cheryl Glang – Vice Chair, NMFA Board of Governors (glanghaus@comcast.net)

Upcoming Uniform and Awards Board Meetings

September 7

October 5

November

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!

LT Amanda M. Hancock	September 19, 2010
CAPT James Verlaque	October 1, 2010
CDR Paul L. Schattgen	October 1, 2010
LTJG Oliver Brown	October 15, 2010

LT David A. Strausz	October 31, 2010
LTJG William Wells	November 1, 2010
LT Lindsay Kurelja	December 1, 2010
CDR Stephen F. Beckwith	January 1, 2011
LT Lindsay Wright	January 1, 2011
LT Katherine R. Peet	April 15, 2011
LT Jason M. Seifert	June 1, 2011
CDR Carl R. Groeneveld	June 1, 2011
LCDR James A. Illg	July 1, 2011
CAPT Michael D. Francisco	August 1, 2011

On the Horizon

August 8-December 16, 2010	BOTC 117
October 4-29, 2010	REFTRA (D-School), Kings Point, NY

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>

Wiki Fleet: <https://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/confluence/display/FleetWiki/Home>

