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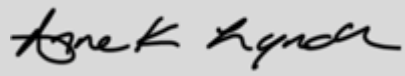
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Last week I had the pleasure and honor of swearing in the new ensigns of BOTC 118. I am always impressed with the caliber of the new classes as the years go by. This class is especially remarkable and has a lot to offer the NOAA Corps. They are very diverse in background, education, and work and life experiences. It is clear from reviewing their applications and meeting with them that they share a common interest and excitement about their new opportunities and the adventures to come. In addition, they have a strong desire to be part of our organization and serve the Nation. It is re-energizing to meet a new class with such enthusiasm and serves as a great reminder that we really do have interesting, fun and purposeful duties.

I would like to offer my thanks and kudos to LCDR Jablonski and LCDR Johnson for their efforts in bringing this new class into the NOAA Corps, and my support and appreciation to LCDR Miller and LTJG Heesch as they develop and train these new officers. And of course, I want to send my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to BOTC 118 - wishing them the best during BOTC and in their careers!

Please join me in welcoming the members of BOTC 118:

VERONICA J. BRIENO RANKIN
JUNIE H. CASSONE
ANDREW R. CLOS
AARON D. COLOHAN
KEVIN G. DOREMUS
CHELSEA D. FRATE
ADJIWANOU K. GBAGBA
WHITLEY J. GILBERT
JARED R. HALONEN
MICHAEL N. HIRSCH
KELSEY E. JEFFERS
LUCAS D. JOHNSON
DAVID B. KEITH
JOHN R. KIDD
REFAEL W. KLEIN
DANIEL P. LANGIS
THERESA A. MADSEN
RICARDO RODRIGUEZ PEREZ
KASEY M. SIMS
JOSHUA D. WITMER
ARAS J. ZYGAS



CDR Anne K. Lynch, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

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Appropriate Use of Sick Leave

Recently CPC has received questions regarding the appropriate use of sick leave and the approval processes involved. Here is a quick overview of sick leave; however, a more thorough review of leave responsibilities is covered in NOAA Corps Directives, [Chapter 6](#).

Regular sick leave, convalescent leave, and maternity leave are forms of sick leave. Sick leave must be reported, but is not charged to the officer's leave account. Each use of sick leave exceeding two days will be documented using a Officer Leave Request and Authorization ([NOAA Form 56-12](#)), and submitted to the NOAA Corps Payroll Unit. If absence from duty due to sickness or injury is likely to exceed two calendar days, the officer, unless already under the care of a physician, will report for treatment to the nearest U.S. Military Treatment Facility. If absence from duty due to sickness or injury is likely to exceed seven calendar days, the officer will obtain a statement from the attending physician indicating the nature of illness or injury and prognosis, including anticipated date of return to duty. This information should be forwarded to CAPT Jane Powers, Director, Office of Health Services.

Officers found to be temporarily not fit for duty are required to request convalescent leave. Convalescent leave is requested on a NOAA Form 56-12 and forwarded, through CAPT Powers, to the Director, NOAA Corps, for approval. Officers found to be not fit for sea or flight duty are to be temporarily reassigned to duty on shore. If you have any questions with regard to the appropriate execution of sick leave contact Katherine Raymond at 301-713-7732 or Katherine.Raymond@noaa.gov.

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Reminder: LTJG OER Annual Period of Report is Approaching

The semi-annual / annual period of report for LTJG OERs ends July 31st. Rated officers are required to provide section 1 and 2 of the OER and list of accomplishments to their supervisors **21 days prior** to the end of period date (i.e. July 10).

Officers in the upcoming O-3 promotion zone must ensure their OERs are routed through the rating chain to arrive at CPC **no later than August 12th** to allow time for review, processing, and response time before the OPB meets. OERs marked "invalid" will not be reviewed by the OPB.

LTJGs detaching within 6 months of July 31st may defer to that effective date, or until the 2012 semi-annual/annual end of period date, if the period of report remains less than 18 months for officers with greater than 3 years of service, 9 months for officers with less than 3 years of service.

Links to the OER directive, the "Top Ten Tips for Ensuring OERS clear CPC Review", and other helpful links are available on the "[Career Management - Evaluations](#)" page of the CPC web site.

Officers are encouraged to link performance and potential to development of the leadership competencies described in the "[NOAA Corps Leadership Development Framework](#)":
Contact Chief.CareerMgmt.CPC@noaa.gov for further guidance on Officer Evaluation Reports.

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Interesting Article Regarding Licensing Requirements

The Director, CPC recently received an article from field that may be of interest to officers looking to get their mates license. Here is a link to the article. [Link](#)

NOAA History- The Thunderstorm Project

Dr. Horace R. Byers

Director, Thunderstorm Project

Down in Orlando, Florida, the Thunderstorm Project is well underway. Though its field headquarters are located in Orlando, the Project headquarters are in Chicago, Illinois, under Region Three. At the present time, there are 54 automatic recording surface stations, approximately one mile apart, south of Orlando in an area 7 miles wide by 13 miles long. All of these stations are serviced once daily with the double register, the rain gauge, microbarograph and hygrothermograph charts being changed every 24 hours. There are also six Army 658 raob-rawin stations located just outside of the area. This Army equipment is operated by Weather Bureau personnel. Communication between all of these upper air stations, headquarters in Orlando, and the controlling radar station located west of Orlando is carried on by means of the Project's radio network.

Along with the detailed microanalysis of the usual surface and upper air meteorological information, the project has nine P-61's (the Black Widow) and three gliders assigned to it in order to get better information as to what takes place in a thunderstorm. These planes have instruments to record vertical currents, new electronic temperature measuring instruments, radio altimeters and radar scopes, which will be photographed, and it is hoped that the electrostatic field recorders will be received sometime this summer.



F-15A, a modified P-61 which was used in the Thunderstorm Project

Surface maps are being plotted and drawn for every 5 minutes during the time of all thunderstorms or large convective showers. There were twenty such periods in May which is far above the climatological average. Some of the thunderstorms recorded so far have been small cloudbursts with up to five-tenths of an inch or rainfall recorded per five minute period. The total rainfall recorded for any one storm has been approximately 2 inches in one hour. Upper air analysis of raobs and rawins started on May 27 and the airplanes are scheduled to

begin flying through storms the first part of June. Data received from all sources will be analyzed.

Besides the field headquarters in Orlando, another sub-field headquarters has been organized at Station 26 in the surface network, on Lake Tohopekaligia where 3 temporary Army buildings have been erected. This serves as headquarters for the personnel that service the surface network, the personnel working on the 658 stations, and the personnel working on the 654 stations. Besides the 3 buildings, there is a 658 rawin and 1 of the mobile radiosonde stations located there. It is a well organized station, even to the nice beach for off-duty swimming a short distance down the road.

This station is far from the nearest drinking water supply, and the need for a well was felt. The equipment for a pump type well consisted of pump, pipe, and a driving point. The latter caused Mr. L. M. Dye, meteorologist in charge of the Observations Section of the Project, some embarrassment. It seems that after driving the pipe and point approximately 8 feet into the ground, they decided to move the pump to a new location. The pipe came out, but not the driving point. At Mr. Dye's suggestion, the men dug a small hole so that the point could be reached. However, this hole was quite narrow and the Meteorologist in charge of the Observations Section volunteered to be lowered by his ankles head first. This happened a bit more rapidly and violently than intended, and even though he did recover the pipe point, Mr. Dye had a hard time explaining to everyone just how he got that coating of sand during the middle of the day.

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On the Horizon

02 August 2011	Uniform Awards Board
02 September 2011	Promotion Selection OPB for Grade: O-3
06 September 2011	Uniform Awards Board
13 - 21 September 2011	Mid-Grade Leadership Training (tentative)
01 October 2011	Tucked ODU no longer authorized
17 October 2011 - 10 November 2011 (Travel Dates 16 October & 11 November)	REFTRA 71

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Approved Resignations, Separations, and Retirements

The following officers have approved retirements, resignations, or separations. Be sure to thank them for their service to NOAA and nation.

CAPT Michael S. Gallagher	01 August 2011
LCDR James A. Illg	01 August 2011
LTJG Kevin W. Adams	31 August 2011
CAPT Michael D. Francisco	01 September 2011
LT Kent A. Stein	06 September 2011
ENS Alise N. Parrish	20 September 2011
CAPT Christopher S. Moore	01 October 2011
CAPT Guy T. Noll	01 October 2011
CAPT Raymond C. Slagle	01 October 2011
LT Kelley E. Sage	07 October 2011
LT Elizabeth Crapo	30 October 2011
LT Victoria E. Zalewski	31 October 2011
LTJG Bennie N. Johnson	01 November 2011
CDR Karl F. Mangels	01 August 2012

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