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Director's Message

Those of you who do not live in the DC area may not realize that the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Bethesda Naval Medical Center have merged. While this came about as a cost savings measure, it also serves to bring the results of combat to the new bright hallways of Bethesda. The sacrifices that many make now stare you in the face when walking the halls for routine appointments. What I find most remarkable about this is the obvious support of the families walking beside them and the good-natured attitude of the wounded warriors. No matter what their injury - burns, lost limbs or something unseen - these men and women face their struggle with a smile and determination. These people, and those that support them, are truly heroes. Getting involved in local organizations that support our veterans returning from war can also be highly rewarding. Most organizations have local chapters that are looking for volunteers, i.e., [Wounded Warriors Project](#), and the [USO](#).

As you enjoy your holiday weekend, please be proud of your service, show appreciation to your family, and be extremely grateful for all who have served our country, and especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne K. Lynch".

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

Selected for Promotion

Congratulations to the following officers who have been selected for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant!

TO BE LIEUTENANT:

Benjamin M. Lacour
Andrew R. Colegrove
Anna-Elizabeth B. Villard-Howe
Jeffrey G. Pereira
Colin T. Kliewer
Paul M. Chamberlain
Kyle A. Byers
Andrew J. Ostapenko
Laura T. Gallant
Gregory R. Schweitzer
Megan R. Guberski
Nathan E. Witherly
Christine L. Schultz
Claire V. Surrey-Marsden
Ronald L. Moyers, Jr.
Brian D. Prestcott

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Assignment Branch – Updates and Guidance

Liaison and Technical Liaison Officers have been updated on the [assignments webpage](#). Officers within 18 months of rotation to their next assignment should be reviewing available billets and contacting liaison officers regarding billets of interest, and capabilities for particular assignments.

Reminder: Permanent Change of Station (PCS) and Permanent Change of Assignment (PCA) orders MUST be endorsed and sent to CPC as well as payroll. Endorsed orders can be faxed to payroll at 785-339-3773 and endorsed orders can be faxed to CPC at 301-713-2039. Your PCS Travel Voucher with original signature and receipts must be mailed to CPC for travel reimbursement and updating of OPF and assignments database at:

Commissioned Personnel Center
Office of Personnel Management
8403 Colesville Rd. Suite 500
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Submitting endorsed orders in a timely manner ensures the billet list and bar graph are up to date, minimizes over-, or underpayments from payroll, as well as updating the assignment section in your OPF.

What is a PCA? A PCA is used when there is no change in location and you will not be moving or receiving compensation for moving as with a PCS. However, in order for the Assignment Branch to know you have changed positions orders must be cut, endorsed and returned to CPC.

Examples of PCA include but are not limited to:

Fleeting up to a new position in the same location.

OPS-in-training moving to OPS
Moving from one ship to another within the same homeport.

Questions? Call LT Amanda Goeller, Chief Officer Assignment Branch at 301-713-7694 or email at assignmentbranch.cpc@noaa.gov

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Uniform Awards and Attachment Sources

Recently CPC was asked where officers could purchase replacement ribbons and medals. With the holiday season upon us many and formal events approaching officers may want to review their supply of ribbons, medals and insignia. Unfortunately, CPC does not have the authority, nor the funding, to replace ribbons and medals for officers. CPC is working on getting authority to sell replacements for cost, however, until this authority is granted we must rely on third party vendors to supply replacement ribbons, medals and insignia. The [CPC website](#) has "Awards Useful Links" to vendors that currently supply your uniform needs.

On the Horizon

10 November 2011	BOTC 119 Selection Board
17 November 2011	Officer Assignment Board
03 December 2011	NOFA Holiday Party (in DC Metro Area)
06 December 2011 - 08 December 2011	AOC Safety Seminar
12 December 2011 - 16 December 2011	CO Seminar

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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.

LTJG Russell D. Pate	01 December 2011
ENS Gillian L. Faustine	02 January 2012
ENS Sarah E. Lewis	13 January 2012
LT Matthew R. Ringel	01 February 2012
CDR John K. Longenecker	01 February 2012
ENS Felix A. Rivera-Perez	16 February 2012
CDR Karl F. Mangels	01 August 2012
CDR Michael J. Hoshlyk	01 October 2012

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