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## Director's Message

One of my plans for 2012 is to have occasional "guest writers" for the Cyberflash. This is not because I'm trying to shirk my duties, but mainly because I know there are plenty of people out there with words of wisdom and inspiration – many senior and retired officers who have inspired me over the years and many civilians on the distribution list that support the NOAA Corps. (If you are interested in contributing, please send an email to Director, CPC).

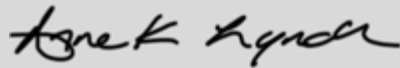
I am pleased to have the first guest writer be RADM Bailey, and would like to share with you his faith in the NOAA Corps and his wishes for the New Year.

"As we come to the end of the year and see 2011 in our rearview mirror, I would like to share one final thought with you..."unwavering commitment".

In 2011, we were tested by an unprecedented number of challenges. Most of which were not in our control. But, despite all that was thrown in our path, the officers of the NOAA Corps exhibited unwavering commitment, accomplishing the job safely and effectively, and made this, perhaps, our finest year. The NOAA Corps, because of its officers and code by which it stands, makes it the only choice to operate NOAA's fleet. I thank you every day for your dedication.

Have a Happy New Year...may 2012 be even more safe and productive!"

- RADM Jonathan W. Bailey,  
Director, NOAA Corps



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

### **Assignment Branch – Billets**

NOS/NGS/Remote Sensing Division is looking for exceptional hydro junior officers to fill two billets. The first billet (#7198) is available summer of 2012 and provides an opportunity for the officer to attend a year long, FUT program in the University of Southern Mississippi's (USM) Masters of Hydrographic Sciences Program. After successful completion of the program, the officer would likely follow on to billet #7199 at the Joint Airborne LiDAR Bathymetry Technical Center of Expertise (JALBTCX). At JALBTCX, the officer serves as the primary NOAA representative to the Center and will help coordinate the efforts of multiple agencies (primarily army and navy) in support of NOAA and Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping program (IOCM) requirements.

JALBTCX is also located in Mississippi at the Stennis Space Center facility (no PCS would be required to go from billet 7198 to 7199). The billet is an 18-24 month assignment that begins after the officer completes the USM program.

The second billet is #7192 (Remote Sensing Technician) and is available spring 2013. The billet entails the officer supporting RSD aboard the newly acquired King Air aircraft-potentially as Mission Commander. The officer will be part of the flight crew and deploy with the aircraft in order to operate the onboard photographic and LiDAR equipment used to meet Coastal Mapping and FAA Aeronautical Survey Program requirements.

Also, part of the King Air's mission is to provide airborne Emergency Response imagery of man-made and/or natural disasters to federal, state and local officials. When not physically aboard the aircraft, the officer will be heavily involved with mission planning and data processing in Silver Spring. He or she can expect to work closely with the Office of Coast Survey, the Center for Operational Oceanographic Products & Services as well as the Coastal Services Center. Any officer interested in the King Air billet should be aware that it is a mobile assignment. He/she can expect to deploy 4 to 6 months a year with the aircraft. During this assignment, the officer will be eligible for Hazardous Duty Pay when flying.

### **REFTRA**

Spring REFTRA 72 is tentatively scheduled for March 5th through March 30th. The fall REFTRA class is uncertain with the impending changes of GMATS. Therefore, anyone scheduled/anticipated to report to sea from April 1, 2012 through March 1, 2013 should be prepared to attend the spring REFTRA. The following officers are anticipated to return to sea within that time frame. If you think you should be added to this list or anticipate problems attending REFTRA please contact LT [Amanda Goeller](#) at [301-713-7694](tel:301-713-7694) or LT [Jonathan French](#) at [301-713-7736](tel:301-713-7736).

CDR Keith Roberts  
CDR Alexandra Von Saunder  
CDR Richard Brennan  
CDR Cecile Daniels  
LCDR Chad Cary  
LCDR William Mowitt  
LCDR Lindsay Kurelja  
LCDR Donald Beaucage  
LCDR John Crofts  
LT Colin Kliewer  
LT Meghan McGovern

LT Matthew Glazewski  
LT Mark Frydrych  
LTJG Jonathan Heesch  
LTJG Andrew Ostapenko  
LTJG Claire Surrey-Marsden  
LTJG Kyle Byers  
LTJG Paul Chamberlain  
LTJG Russell Quintero  
LTJG Glen Rice  
LTJG Loren Evory  
LTJG Jeffrey Pereira

### **ACO Award Recipients**

The Association of Commissioned Officers (ACO) received several nominations this year for the ACO Science, Engineer and Junior Officer of the Year Awards. The recipients of the 2011 ACO Awards are as follows:

#### 2011 Junior Officer of the Year:

LT Patrick Murphy - LT Murphy's leadership of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Regional Office Constituency Services Branch's Permits office has been evident by an immediate improvement in office performance and morale. He has made great progress positioning the Permits office for future success. He synchronizes his energy across line offices to help them accomplish their own missions and his efforts add value and benefit to NOAA among our constituency.

#### ACO Engineering Award

LT Mark Frydrych - LT Frydrych's efforts in software engineering were largely outside his official job description, and made significant, valuable contributions to the mission of NOAA and the National Geophysical Data Center. His innovative vision and technical abilities allowed him to discover and propose solutions to problems that had gone undetected for many years.

LCDR John Crofts - LCDR Crofts conceptualized an innovative small vessel monitoring program based on radio frequency identification (RFID) technology. This system could benefit any NOAA program with an interest in human use patterns on waterways by streamlining and enhancing the accuracy of data collection. It could also benefit homeland security, law enforcement and the DOD by detecting unregistered vessels, tracking vessels engaged in illegal activity and targets of interest, and locating stolen vessels.

#### ACO Science Award

LTJG Claire Surrey-Marsden - LTJG Surrey-Marsden is being recommended for this award because of her exceptional efforts in the development of a thermal imaging system for monitoring migrating of gray whales. In this effort she has demonstrated

exceptional initiative and competency for solving complex technical problems and has been highly effective in coordinating the activities of a team of colleagues possessing a broad spectrum of experience and skills in large cetacean research.

### **DC Metro – ACO Dining In**

The DC Metro ACO Dining-In is rapidly approaching, the chapter would like to remind all officers, active and retired, in the area are invited to attend. Tickets and additional information are available at -<http://www.noaaaco.org/events.htm>. Please RSVP by January 4<sup>th</sup>. The event will be on January 7<sup>th</sup> at the Reserve Officer Association Top of the Hill – Ballroom A.

### **On the Horizon**

03 January 2012	UAB Meeting
07 January 2012	DC ACO Dining In
06 -16 February 2012	Mid-Grade Leadership Training
05 – 30 March 2012	REFTRA 72

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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.

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
CAPT John E. Lowell Jr.	01 June 2012
CAPT Christopher A. Beaverson	01 June 2012
CDR Karl F. Mangels	01 August 2012
CDR Michael J. Hoshlyk	01 October 2012

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