

# NOAA Commissioned Personnel Center

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### Director's Message

Please join me in congratulating the following officers on their promotions:

Effective 01 April 2012:

LTJG ALICE E. DRURY

LTJG LEIGH C. HEDGEPEETH

Effective 01 May 2012:

CDR ELIZABETH I. KRETOVIC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne K. Lynch".

**CAPT Anne K. Lynch, NOAA**

**Director, Commissioned Personnel Center**

### Payroll Unit Update on DIRECT ACCESS

#### DIRECT ACCESS SYSTEMS AT REDUCED AVAILABILITY OR NON-AVAILABILITY

The CG Human Resource (Direct Access) systems server migration will cause periods of reduced availability or non-availability between 1700 EST on 31 May to 15 June 2012. During this period, Direct Access is expected to be up but in a reduced capacity on 2-8 June. It is scheduled to be down the rest of the period. Interruptions to current pay entitlements are not expected.

### BAH Dependency Forms

BAH Dependency Verification Forms have been mailed to all officers with dependents. Please ensure you verify your dependents and make changes as necessary, and return to the NOAA Corps Payroll Unit not later than June 30, 2012. Please direct any questions to the Payroll Unit, [noaacorps.payrollunit@noaa.gov](mailto:noaacorps.payrollunit@noaa.gov)

### TSP Computer Hacking Incident

Computer hacking incident reported — In April of 2012, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) informed the FRTIB and Serco that in July of last year, a computer belonging to Serco, a third party service provider used in support of the TSP, was subjected to an unauthorized access incident. This incident resulted in the unauthorized access to the personal information of 123,201

TSP participants and payees. When the TSP learned of the cyber attack, we took immediate steps to investigate and notify our participants and other affected individuals. The FRTIB has issued a press release and has published a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) below containing more detailed information about this incident. TSP has notified those affected.

### **Update for Officers Regarding NASA's Astronaut Candidate Program**

The NASA timeline for astronaut candidate selection for 2013 can be viewed at <http://astronauts.nasa.gov/content/timeline.htm>. Be sure to bookmark this site if you are tracking this process. NASA has over 6000 applications to review and process. During the August - November 2012 timeframe, highly qualified applications will be reviewed to determine interviews. From October - December 2012, interviewees will be brought to Johnson Space Center for preliminary interviews, medical evaluation, and orientation. Final selection decisions are scheduled to be announced in May 2013.

### **Approved Resignations, Separations, and Retirements**

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

LTJG Kurt S. Karpov	15 June 2012
CDR Karl F. Mangels	01 August 2012
CAPT Donald W. Haines	01 August 2012