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### Director's Message

I wanted to take this opportunity to pass on a few notices and reminders to help you plan and keep you in the loop:

**Emergency Readiness:** As hurricane season ramps up and fire season continues, please make sure you have your emergency supplies and evacuation plans up to date. Be sure to have the NOAA call-in number and website with you (see below), as well as any COOP phone lists specific to your billet. As a reminder, if your dependents are in an area that is under mandatory evacuation orders, CPC will prepare the evacuation orders for them – they are entitled to travel, per diem and lodging. Please contact Katherine Raymond ([Katherine.Raymond@noaa.gov](mailto:Katherine.Raymond@noaa.gov)) or the Director, CPC ([Director.cpc@noaa.gov](mailto:Director.cpc@noaa.gov)) for assistance with orders for your family.

**Lessons from Isaac:** In planning for possible evacuations of dependents during TS Isaac, CPC discovered that many officers' OPFs are not up to date with dependent information. This in turn caused our database to reflect inaccurate information. In some cases the fault was on the CPC side, but in many cases there is action required by the officers. **PLEASE** check your dependent's information through OPF on line by logging in and then clicking "Dependent Information" on the left side. If not current, please update as soon as possible. To add a dependent, you need to submit the individual's birth certificate (and the marriage certificate if adding a spouse). To change the address for your dependents, log in to OPF on line, click on "My Profile" on left side. Then "edit home address". There are blocks next to your dependents to update their address at the same time. It is important to note that changing your information in DEERS after a move or an acquired dependent does not automatically change the information in CPC's database, as the databases are not linked.

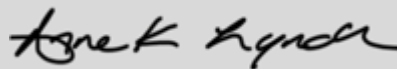
For concerns, please contact Wendy Lewis ([Wendy.Lewis@noaa.gov](mailto:Wendy.Lewis@noaa.gov)).

**Promotions:** Some of you may have heard that a new bill has passed and been signed into law allowing NOAA Corps officers to be promoted without Senate confirmation. This law will go into effect in October. There is still a requirement for the Secretary to

approve the recommendations and the President to approve the promotions. Do to this change, the promotion package for July selections needed to be updated, causing a slight delay. The recent selections (from the July boards) are being presented to the Secretary for approval; we expect to be able to announce these selections by mid to late September. Promotions will be effected beginning in October as vacancies allow.

**BOTC-120:** BOTC-120 is now underway at USCG Academy, where our officers are training alongside their USCG counterparts. I had the pleasure of swearing in the new class on Saturday, Aug 18th. As usual, this class brings amazing experiences and enthusiasm to NOAA, they have the honor of being plankowners in the new co-located BOTC, and the opportunity to help write this exciting new chapter in NOAA Corps history. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming the following officers to the NOAA Corps family:

ENS Roxanne M. Carter  
ENS Carmen R. DeFazio  
ENS Louis H. Hooch  
ENS Sean M. Luis  
ENS David A. McVay, Jr.  
ENS Stephen F. Moulton  
ENS Rachel L. Pryor  
ENS Andrew P. Reynaga  
ENS James E. Rosenberg  
ENS Kerryn K. Schneider



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

#### **“Use or Lose” Leave Deadline Update**

September 30, 2013 and **not** September 30, 2012 is the last day to use or lose leave at the extended 75 day limit. Officers are reminded that the policy for leave carryover will return to 60 days at the end of FY13. If you are in excess of 60 days of accrued annual leave on September 30, 2013, those excess days will be lost. This is based on the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act.

In addition, officers should be checking their online LES’s frequently to maintain correct accounting of leave. <https://ep.direct-access.us/psp/UCGP1PP/?cmd=login>

## Recruiting

The NOAA Corps Officer Recruiting Branch would like to thank all of those individuals who assisted us during the BOTC 120 processing and selection period. They are a great group of “Plankowners” for our new relationship with the USCG OCS at New London, CT. and will represent us all with Honor, Respect, and Commitment. We are ramping up for the next round of BOTC applicants, to begin BOTC 121 in January, and will need your help again to process the newest batch of applicants, so stand by for those calls from the Recruiting Branch! Without your assistance in the field - representing the Corps at career fairs, college visits, ship tours, or interviewing the candidates - we could not have selected the caliber of candidates now in our Corps. Your help recruiting, interviewing, and selecting the best candidates ensures we have a strong and viable NOAA Corps for the future.

## Hurricane Isaac Support

NOAA's Homeland Security Program Office Director, CAPT Richard Wingrove, would like to thank the officers that volunteered to support NOAA's response efforts for Hurricane Isaac. Your dedication to service contributed greatly to the success of NOAA's response capabilities. For this event NOAA's Operations Center would not have operated with the superior level of efficiency without your contribution.

## On the Horizon

Officer Assignment Board	20 September 2012
REFTRA 73	7-28 October 2012

## Approved Resignations, Separations, and Retirements

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

RADM Jonathan W. Bailey	01 October 2012
CDR Alexandra R. Von Saunder	01 October 2012
CDR Michael J. Hoshlyk	01 October 2012
LTJG Raul Vasquez del Mercado	01 October 2012
LT Nathan E. Witherly	01 November 2012
ENS Lucas D. Johnson	01 November 2012
LTJG Johannes A. Gebauer	19 November 2012