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Director's Message

CPC has been notified that the Secretary of Commerce approved the NOAA Corps' July 2012 Officer Personnel Board recommendations for the promotion of certain officers. Please join me in congratulating the following officers who have been selected for promotion:

TO BE CAPTAIN:

Mark B. Nelson
Debora R. Barr
Philip G. Hall
William R. Odell

TO BE COMMANDER:

David J. Zezula
Arthur J. Stark, Jr.
Stephen S. Meador
George M. Miller

TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER:

Christopher M. Kerns
Michael C. Davidson
Jason R. Mansour
Briana J. Welton
Brent J. Pounds
Amanda L. Goeller

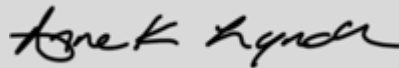
TO BE LIEUTENANT:

Loren M. Evory
Russell A. Quintero
Jonathan R. Heesch
Faith O. Knighton
John H. Petersen
Benjamin S. Bloss
John F. Rossi
Charlene R. Felkley
Emily M. Rose
Matthew M. Forney
Matthew J. Nardi
Adam R. Reed
Adrienne L. Hopper
Rachel M. Kotkowski
Ryan A. Wartick

TO BE LIEUTENANT (JUNIOR GRADE):

Jesse P. Milton

Eric G. Younkin
Brian E. Elliot
Damian C. Manda
Lindsey L. Norman
Justin E. Ellis
Bart O. Buesseler
Brian J. Adornato
Scott E. Broo
Jennifer L. Barre
Michael E. Doig
Gaylord C. Noblitt



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

RADM Devany Meets BOTC 120 Aboard USCG Barque *Eagle*

Early Sunday September 23 RADM Devany was piped aboard U.S. Coast Guard Barque *Eagle* (WIX-327), with side-boys and full protocols to meet with *Eagle* (and various CG) Command and staff throughout the day as well as BOTC 120. RADM Devany addressed BOTC 120 as a group (pictured below) and in short 1 on 1's. While aboard, *Eagle* transited across Long Island Sound on a picture perfect day and spent about 2 hours under sail. Approximately 100 guests and dependents were also aboard for the trip. Throughout the day, *Eagle* Commanding Officer, CAPT Pulver had nothing but accolades for NCOTC staff, BOTC 120, and NOAA overall. CAPT Pulver's appreciation was exemplified by his remarks over IMC upon docking in New London, CT, where he thanked various members of his crew for successful *Eagle* season, and he made special substantial note of the contributions of NOAA and the BOTC class.



In Memoriam

On September 11, 2012 Wesley Garfield Kitt passed away. After appointment to the NOAA Corps in March of 1987, LT Kitt was assigned as a junior officer aboard the NOAA Ship *Mt. Mitchell*. His sea service continued with a second sea tour aboard both the NOAA Ship *Malcolm Baldrige* and the NOAA Ship *Whiting*. LT Kitt went on to complete an Operations Officer tour and an Executive Officer tour aboard the NOAA Ship *Whiting*, completing a total of 60 months at sea. While on the beach LT Kitt completed 36 months of mobile duty while assigned to NOS Atlantic Operations Group. His other land billets included a tour with NMFS Southwest Region Habitat Conservation Division and a tour at Marine Operations Center- Atlantic.

LT Kitt was the recipient of two NOAA Corps Achievement Medals, a Directors Ribbon, seven sea service ribbons and three international service ribbons, a Pistol Ribbon, a Rifle Ribbon, a Mobile Duty Ribbon, a Unit Citation and Dive Insignia. LT Kitt retired March 31, 2000 after a total of 20 years in the Service. Prior to his commission with the NOAA Corps, LT Kitt served for 6 years in the United States Navy as a musician.

Following LT Kitt's retirement from the NOAA Corps, he worked for a private hydrographic survey firm, C&C Technologies, for three years, traveling around the world supporting surveying, particularly cable route surveys.

In 2003, he returned to the Norfolk area and NOAA, and became the Chief Survey Technician aboard NOAA Ship *Rude*. After three years on the *Rude*, Wes became a Physical Scientist at the Office of Coast Survey, Atlantic Hydrographic Branch. In his role as a Physical Scientist, Wes continued to support the NOAA hydrographic fleet with his expertise, sailing on NOAA Ships *Thomas Jefferson* and *Ferdinand R. Hassler* this past field season.

In addition to his experience and expertise with hydrographic surveying, Wes was a talented and passionate musician. He was a member of the Alpine Meadows Band, and a highly skilled trumpet and saxophone instrumentalist. He was working on a degree in Music Production, and had mixed a number of the Alpine Meadows Band's tracks. He is survived by his mother, his daughter, Amanda Kitt of Va. Beach, his sister, Kimberly, his brother, Richard II and his wife Kirsten, and five nephews, Garrison, Richard, Robert, Bryce and Denver, and longtime companion and best friend, Cathy Elwang. He was predeceased by two brothers, Chester and Gary..

On the Horizon

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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 nation.

LT Nathan E. Witherly	01 November 2012
ENS Lucas D. Johnson	01 November 2012
LTJG Johannes A. Gebauer	19 November 2012