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Director's Message

For this week's message I am saddened to announce the loss of one of the NOAA Corps family. On Thursday, November 22, 2012 CAPT William E. Randall passed away at the age of 92. A devoted father of three children, he is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and brother Richard R. Randall. CAPT Randall will be inurned at Arlington National Cemetery on May 9th, 2013. We were provided a synopsis of his distinguished career from his son Albert B. Randall.

In Memoriam - CAPT William E. Randall, NOAA Ret.

CAPT Randall entered the service of the US Coast & Geodetic Survey (USC&GS) as an Ensign in 1943 upon graduation from George Washington University. He was assigned to the USCGS *Lydonia*, which performed unescorted nautical charting along the northeast coast of the US during World War II. These surveys disclosed a startling number of rocks and reefs that posed a potential hazard to navigation, and contributed materially to the safety of Navy vessels and merchant ships needed for the war effort. Following his assignment on the *Lydonia*, he was assigned to serve at Point Barrow, Alaska, classified as a post of immediate military hazard because of the Japanese threat. He was assigned to Navy CB Detachment 1058 and conducted astronomic, geodetic and hydrographic surveys in the Arctic Ocean to make charts for vessels in order for them to be able to safely resupply Navy Petroleum Reserve No. 4. He was quartered in Quonset huts along with US Navy personnel. His charting work, much of which required the use of a small launch in the Arctic Ocean at the very northernmost tip of the United States, exposed him to considerable hazards. Land transportation for charting work during this assignment was provided by Eskimos driving dog sleds.

In 1946, CAPT Randall served in the Philippines. He was assigned to the US Army, 29th Engineers, involved with the restoration of bombed-out facilities to serve as USC&GS headquarters in the Philippines, and was assigned to help resurrect the Philippine Coast and Geodetic Survey. Further, he taught geodetic computations to the 29th Engineers Topographic Battalion to assist them in performing critical charting work in the Philippines. The work performed by CAPT Randall, in improving the mapping skills of Army personnel and helping to reconstitute the Philippine C&GS, directly benefited and supported the work of the US Armed Forces both at that time and into the future as the US continued to maintain

a strong military presence in the Philippines for many decades.

In 1947, CAPT Randall was assigned to Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho at the Navy's David Taylor Model Basin Field Station. CAPT Randall's charting work of the lake on behalf of the Navy directly contributed to the critical boat/submarine modeling work performed at the facility. Subsequent to this assignment, CAPT Randall served on several USC&GS ships based out of Portsmouth, Virginia. These ships performed wire-drag surveys along the east coast of the US to locate and measure the depth of sunken WWII ships.

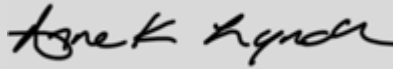
In 1950, CAPT Randall was assigned to the US Navy Flight School at Pensacola, Florida, where he earned his Navy wings. Immediately thereafter, he attended the flight school in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he received his multi-engine rating. After receiving his Navy wings, CAPT Randall flew as a pilot of a B-17 performing photogrammetric mapping work primarily in Alaska. This assignment, lasting for several years, was a joint aerial photography mission performed directly with the US Coast Guard.

In the mid-1950's, CAPT Randall was assigned to the USCGS Pathfinder, based in Seattle, which conducted charting and oceanographic work in Alaska, including surveying the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Bristol Bay. In 1962, CAPT Randall attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. In later assignments over his career, CAPT Randall performed geodetic work to support civil and military mapping. He served as Executive officer and Commanding Officer of the USCGS *Hydrographer* performing hydrographic and oceanographic work from Florida to Cuba to the Bahamas, as a Congressional Fellow on the staff of a US Congressman and a US Senator, served on the NOAA Administrator's staff, and served as legislative officer for NOAA.

It is worth noting that CAPT Randall's many contributions to the field of surveying and mapping, along with the contributions of his two brothers and his father, were specially recognized by the US Board of Geographic Names. The Board honored the Randall family for its distinct contributions to surveying and mapping by designating a series of four seamounts located southeast of the Marshall Islands in the Pacific as the "Randall Seamount Group." Among the accomplishments cited in the nomination documents for this designation were specific references to CAPT Randall's charting work off the northeastern US coast, his service to the Navy in Alaska, and his having attended the Navy's flight school and earning his Navy wings.

CAPT Randall served with distinction throughout his career as a commissioned officer with the USC&GS and NOAA Corps. He

was awarded the Department of Commerce's Silver Medal, for his service. He served in hostile and difficult environments along with, and in direct support of, the US Armed Forces.



CAPT Anne K. Lynch, NOAA
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CBS Systems Training Registration

Officers that need to access CBS Systems (i.e., C. Request, Integrated Travel Manager and purchase cardholders) the FY 2013 Financial Systems Division (FSD) Training Schedule for 3rd & 4th quarters has been finalized. The schedule and calendar are posted at: http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/finance/cbs_training_schedule.html. Registration for NOAA Employees must be submitted via the Commerce Learning Center (CLC) at NOAA (<https://doc.learn.com/noaa>) unless otherwise noted. Please note that all virtual classes are held using GoToMeeting software and a conference call. Specific instructions are provided to individuals registering for those sessions.

Note that CBS Training is now offer several classes as Computer Based Training (CBT) via the NOAA CLC; offerings currently include

- Travel Manager Reviewer/Approver
- Travel Manager Routing Admin
- Travel Manager Sign Your Voucher Electronically (Geared towards travelers)
- Travel Manager Subject to Availability of Funds
- Commerce Purchase Card System (CPCS) - (Cardholder, Group Administrator and Approving Official)

The C.Suite Implementation courses are still available to take for those who missed the original training or want a refresher. If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact the Client Services Training Team at cbs.trainingservices@noaa.gov.

NOAA Corps Payroll Unit Update

The Payroll Unit in Topeka,KS has a new fax number which is 785-339-3790. The change will be updated on the CPC website soon. The phone numbers remain the same.

Summer PCS

Officers planning to PCS in June, July or August of this year are requested to submit their [NOAA Corps Travel Request](#) form to CPC as soon as possible. Due to limitations on travel expenses this fiscal year CPC needs an accurate estimate on the remaining travel costs. For questions regarding entitlements for, or preparing yourself and family for PCS please contact Tracey.M.Peterson@noaa.gov.

Also, no PCS orders will be issued without the officer being medically qualified for duty. Officers are reminded that medical readiness is their responsibility. Guidance on requirements is available on the [Medical Requirements](#) Page of the CPC Website (link)

On the Horizon

Deadline for Award Submission for May UAB	30 April 2013
DC Area ACO Dining Out	18 May 2013
Officer Assignment Board	22 May 2013
CAWG for Operations Officers	August 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 nation.

LTJG Leigh C. Hedgepeth	15 May 2013
CAPT Mark P. Ablondi	01 June 2013
ENS Whitley Gilbert	30 June 2013
CAPT Scott E. Kuester	01 July 2013
LCDR David J. Demers	01 July 2013
LT John H. Petersen	01 July 2013
LT Sarah A. Harris	01 July 2013
LT Amy B. Cox	05 July 2013