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Director's Message

Yesterday, I had the honor of joining approximately 25 NOAA Corps Officers, as well as family and friends of Captain William E. Randall, NOAA (Ret.), at Arlington National Cemetery as Captain Randall was laid to rest with full military honors. While it was a somber occasion, it also filled me with great pride. Pride in the [noteworthy career of Captain Randall](#), pride in our service to the nation, and pride in our service as a whole. As exemplified by Captain Randall's career, our nation frequently calls upon us to serve in remote and independent capacities, all in support of critical missions. Every time I gather with my fellow officers as a group, I am reminded of the dedication, accomplishments, camaraderie, and shared capabilities of the NOAA Corps. Always remember, particularly those of you in remote locations, you are not alone, you are part of something larger than yourself. NOAA Corps Officers are a critical link in a chain stretching back to the very foundations of our nation and anchoring our current and future actions in solid environmental intelligence. Take pride in all you do, I know that I do.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anne K. Lynch".

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Leadership Defense Panel

During the seventeen-week Basic Officer Training Class, NOAA Officer Candidates work diligently, training and preparing themselves to become leaders in the NOAA Corps. In the process, they develop and write a personal Leadership Philosophy. The capstone to this training is defense of their philosophy before a panel of officers. Panels consist of at least three officers and are usually a mix of NOAA and Coast Guard. We are looking for active duty officers to participate in this important event on May 29, 2013, from 0800 – 1200. Volunteers would be expected to review (in advance) approximately five Leadership Philosophies and develop challenging and thought-provoking questions about them (suggestions/examples can be provided if needed). Please contact Commander G. Mark Miller (g.mark.miller@noaa.gov) at the NOAA Corps Officer Training Center if interested, or if you need more information. CPC can support travel to New London on a case by case basis as budgets and travel caps allow. This is a tremendous opportunity to support the development of junior officers while experiencing the integrated training environment that has been established at the Coast Guard Academy. It is also a fabulous chance to meet with the new NOAA Corps Officers. The senior officers who have participated on this panel in the past have found it very rewarding.

Uniform and Awards Board

The Uniform and Awards Board (UAB) held its monthly meeting on 3 May, 2013 and 20 nominations were reviewed. Additionally, the UAB discussed the status of pending and future changes/updates to the NOAA Corps Directives. The UAB has identified a few changes that should be addressed in future revisions of the NOAA Corps Directives:

- The 1/16" bronze 'S' device is not available from any uniform or award outfitters. The UAB proposes to authorize the 3/16" bronze 'S' device for wear with the ACO Science Award miniature medals.
- The Navy announced in November that they are phasing out the Navy All-Weather Coat and replacing it with the Army trench coat. NOAA Corps will follow suit and change the Directives to reflect this jacket substitution.
- With NOAA Corps officer candidates completing BOTC with the United States Coast Guard, and legislation pending for physical requirements for officers, PT uniform guidelines will need to be outlined.

The next meeting of the UAB is planned for 7 June 2013. Award nominations need to be received by CPC no later than 31 May 2013.

NOAA Corps 96th Anniversary!

On May 18, The NOAA Corps will celebrate another Dining-out commemorating our 96th anniversary! Come on out and share in the celebration with your shipmates and co-workers--you'll have a great time. Awesome food, lively music and dancing await in the Grand Ballroom of The Sphinx Club, <http://sphinxclubdc.com>. The venue is conveniently located near both a parking garage (right next door) and the metro. The attached brochure has driving directions, hotels, and metro information. Your DC ACO board is bursting at the seams in anticipation and looks forward to welcoming you on the 18th. If you have not already, please send in your RSVP at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=151981&k=036443007356>.



On the Horizon

DC Area ACO Dining Out	18 May 2013
Officer Assignment Board	22 May 2013
BOTC 121 Graduation	31 May 2013

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.

TJG 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