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Director’s Message

CPC, on behalf of our operational centers, is pleased to recognize significant and important operational milestones in the careers of our officers. The safe and effective staffing of our platforms is critical to NOAA’s mission and the nation. The commitment exhibited when qualifying to operate our vessels and aircraft is commendable and deserves recognition.

Every six months we will announce in the Cyberflash the names of those officers who have earned their first qualification as Officer of the Deck Underway, Senior Watch Officer, or Aviator. Since June, 2012, according to the CPC database, the following officers have been awarded the following operational qualifications:

Please join in congratulating these officers! Bravo Zulu!

**OOD:**

ENS Brian Adornato
ENS Bart Buesseler
ENS Junie Cassone
ENS Elizabeth Chase
ENS Andrew Clos
ENS Aaron Colohan
LTJG Matthew Forrest
ENS Chelsea Frate
ENS Kelsey Jeffers
ENS David Keith
ENS Philip Klavon
ENS Refael Klein
ENS Daniel Langis
ENS Damian Manda
ENS Douglas Pawlishen
LTJG Joseph Phillips
ENS Ricardo Rodriguez Perez
ENS Kasey Sims
ENS Eric Younkin
ENS Aras Zygas

**SWO:**

LCDR Donald Beaucage
LT Michael Gonsalves
LT Olivia Hauser
LT Justin Keesee
LT Lecia Salerno
LT William Winner
LT Caryn Zacharias

**WINGS:**

LT Matthew Nardi

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

Awards for NOAA Corps Officers

The following officers received awards for the month of May:

NOAA Corps Commendation Medal
CDR Joe C. Bishop

For outstanding achievement while serving as Executive Officer, NOAA Aviation Weather Center and Lead Quality Management System Auditor

LCDR Catherine A. Martin

For exemplary duty, service and leadership which resulted in outstanding accomplishments as Deputy and later Chief of Aircraft Operations Center’s Flight Section

NOAA Corps Achievement Medal

CDR John T. Caskey

For his service to the NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps by volunteering to serve as Chairperson of the Uniform and Awards Board

LTJG Lindsay H. Morrison

For superior planning, coordination, communication and execution of removal of contaminated scientific samples at the Southeast Fisheries Science Center and oversight of Deepwater Horizon related samples

LTJG Aaron D. Maggied

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ENS Jennifer L. Barre

For sustained superior performance as a junior officer aboard NOAA Ship *Gordon Gunter*

Uniform and Award Board Update

The June 2013 meeting of the Uniform and Awards Board (UAB) was held on Friday, 7 June. The UAB reviewed 32 award nominations. The UAB is working with to CPC to ensure efficient and timely processing of nominations. Nominators should ensure completeness of submissions to help ensure a smooth evaluation process. Specifically:

- All dates are provided and correct. Additionally, the UAB cannot approve an award that has a period of performance extending beyond the date of the actual UAB (i.e. we cannot approve an award during the July 2013 UAB that has a period of performance that ends in Oct 2013).

- Do not list an achievement for which the officer was previously recognized (achievement can be listed as part of an End-of-Tour/PCS award, provided it is not the only achievement)

- Verify all appropriate approve/deny boxes are checked along with all: name, title, and signatures of the approving chain Nominations cannot be signed, “For” or “By Direction”.
Final approval for the nomination should come from the CAPT/SES level within the appropriate Line, Program or Staff Office. This helps to ensure consistency and also keeps the chain of command informed of the great work being done by the officers within their office.

Social Security numbers are not to be provided on the form.

The UAB will accept scanned/faxed nominations for review, however the award will not go to the NOAA Corps Director for final review until the original hard copy is received by CPC. The UAB will also be working to update the award nomination form in an effort to improve efficiency of the nomination process.

Additionally, CPC will now begin providing status updates of nominations. This will be via email from the UAB Secretariat to the nominators. Emails will be sent when CPC physically receives the award, when the award was reviewed by the UAB and when the award is returned for presentation (if approved), or if the award has been disapproved.

As always, the UAB is available to assist with any uniform or awards questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact any UAB member. Due to the 4th of July holiday, the next UAB will be held on Monday, 8 July. Please ensure nominations are received by CPC by COB on 28 Jun.

You are encouraged to review the Awards How To guide located on the CPC website for any additional questions: [http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/procedures/pdf/how_to_awards.pdf](http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/procedures/pdf/how_to_awards.pdf)

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**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.

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