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Director's Message

Many of you have asked when promotions will be effected. The recommendations for promotion have been approved by the Secretary and the package is currently at the White House. Once the President has approved the promotions, a package will be forwarded to the Secretary to effect promotions where vacancies exist. The anticipated effective date for the vacancies that currently exist is October 1, 2013. You are reminded that it is your responsibility to maintain medical and dental qualification. Promotions for officers who are not physically qualified when the package is sent forward will be delayed in accordance with NOAA Corps Directive 04207B.

The permanent appoint package for BOTCs 118 and 119 has been forwarded to NOAA HQ and is en route to the President for approval.

CAPT Anne K. Lynch, NOAA

Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

Awards for NOAA Corps Officers

The following officers have received awards for the month of July and August:

Basic Officer Training Course/Officer Career Management Division

NCCM - CDR George M. Miller

Marine Operations Center - Atlantic

NCAM - LT Adam R. Reed

NOAA Ship Thomas Jefferson

NCAM - LT William G. Winner

Aircraft Operations Center

NCAM - LTJG Robert J. Mitchell

NOAA Corps Retired Pay and State Income Tax

On June 30, 2013 (effective July 1, 2013), the Governor of Ohio signed the budget bill that included excluding NOAA and USPHS retired officers from paying state income taxes on their retired pay. This is due to the tireless efforts of RADM John Bossler, NOAA (Ret.), the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and the USPHS. RADM Bossler has provided a document available to all active duty and retired officers so they might get their state(s) to follow suit. The document has been posted to the CPC website and can be found at http://www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/files/ohiolaw.pdf. Please direct any questions to Katherine Raymond at katherine.raymond@noaa.gov or 301-713-7732.

Help with Recruiting Events

Recruiting is planning for the 2013 Fall Career Fair season and needs help attending career fairs. The list below is the list of schools planned for the fall. If you would like to attend any of the listed career fairs or know of a career fair not on the list that you would like to attend, please contact LT Tony Perry at noaacorps.recruiting@noaa.gov.

University Of South Carolina	9/17/2013
Penn State	9/19/2013
University of Maryland	9/24/2013
Sacramento State	9/25/2013
California State Long Beach	9/26/2013
University of Delaware	9/26/2013
University of Michigan	10/1/2013
Michigan State	10/2/2013
University of Colorado Boulder	10/2/2013
Tuskegee University	10/3/2013
University of Southern Mississippi	10/9/2013
Virginia Tech	10/10/2013
SUNY Maritime	10/15/2013
UC Santa Barbara	10/15/2013
UC San Diego	10/16/2013
Maine Maritime	10/17/2013
University of Rhode Island	10/23/2013
University of Washington	10/23/2013
Hawaii Pacific University	10/23/2013
Mass Maritime	10/24/2013
Texas A & M Galveston	10/25/2013

Junior Officer of the Year

On Friday, August 9, 2013, at the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) annual conference, LT Joshua Slater was presented the 2012 Junior Officer of the Year award. LT Slater was honored to receive the award and represented NOAA Corps with warmth and humility. A portion of his award nomination follows:

LT Slater is recognized for his outstanding achievements as Operations Officer aboard Nancy Foster. His proactive approach led to maximum utilization of the platform, minimum down-time and a well-trained proficient junior officer staff. LT Slater's actions while in the role of Acting Executive Officer showed his high level of dedication and diplomacy. He is well respected by scientific programs and the crew of Nancy Foster.

An officer of extraordinary character, LT Slater has shown great competence in emergencies. During a TDY assignment in Hawaii, LT Slater rescued a woman and two children from drowning and directed others on the beach to perform emergency tasking while he initiated lifesaving actions until EMS arrived. LT Slater is an exemplary officer and reflects very positively on the NOAA Corps.



Medical OPF

In an effort to remain medically qualified for duty, officers are reminded to periodically review their OPF to verify their current medical status. The medical status now provides detailed information regarding the submission of your last periodic physical examination, including the expiration date of your examination and other specific tests. Please contact CDR Hobson-Powell (Elizabeth.hobson-powell@noaa.gov) if there are any discrepancies in your OPF.

On the Horizon

15 October- 2 November 2013	REFTRA
19 December 2013	BOTC 122 Graduation

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.

CDR Ralph Rogers	01 September 2013
CAPT Randall TeBeest	01 October 2013
CAPT Michele Finn	01 October 2013
CAPT Michele Bullock	01 October 2013
LT Matthew Burton	01 October 2013
LCDR Sarah Mrozek	14 November 2013