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Director's Message

Today, NOAA Corps BOTC 123 participated in a flag raising ceremony in honor of the Marine Corps' 238th birthday November 8, 2013. The flag raising, followed by a small ceremony, was attended by the Marine Corps League Thames River Detachment.

Also in attendance was RDML Gerd Glang, Director, Office of Coast Survey. RDML Glang met with Coast Guard Academy leadership and made a presentation to NOAA REFTRA, NOAA BOTC and USCG OCS about the NOAA Coast Survey program. RDML Glang also visited the Coast Guard's Research Development Center in New London where NOAA's Navigation Response Team (NRT) 5 will now be co-located, another example of the excellent partnerships ongoing with NOAA and the Coast Guard.

U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Cory J. Mendenhall.



As you enjoy your holiday weekend, please be proud of your service, show appreciation to your family, and be extremely grateful for all who have served our country, and especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne K. Lynch".

CAPT Anne K. Lynch, NOAA
Director. CPC

OER Reminder

With the OER season in full swing and rating periods coming to a close (O6/O5 - 31 October, O4/O3 - 30 November, O2/O1 - 31 January), officers are encouraged to refer to the [OER Directive](#) found online. As a reminder the deadline for OERs to be submitted to CPC is 45 days from the close of the rating period. Please contact Chief, OCMD CDR Kurt.Zegowitz@noaa.gov with any questions along the way as you draft your OERs. Also, check out the [Top Ten Tips](#) for OER clearance guidance.

Department of Defense's TRICARE Online Blue Button

Personal health data (PHD) for treatment received at a Department of Defense (DoD) or Veterans Administration (VA) facility may be obtained by using the online DoD Blue Button. At this time, the Blue Button allows you to access and print personal (DoD) health data such as: laboratory results, medication profile, allergy profile and problem lists by logging into TRICARE Online (TOL) with your Common Access Card (CAC). In order to access your PHD please, visit www.tricareonline.com and click on the "Blue Button".

Billet Description Change Notification

An updated billet description has been placed online for billet 1026, Flight Meteorologist. This billet has been changed to an O2, three (3) year, Mobile Duty billet assigned to Aircraft Operations Center (AOC) in Tampa, FL. AOC is currently looking to fill this position between January 2014 - May 2014. After reviewing the billet description any interested officer should contact LCDR Catherine Martin at Catherine.A.Martin@noaa.gov and assignment preferences should be updated.

Point of Contact (POC) for PCS Travel Vouchers

Officers should not contact Alana Stillwell at NOAA Finance in regards to their PCS travel vouchers. The POC for all inquires is Jerrard Baker at Jerrard.Baker@noaa.gov for assistance with PCS travel vouchers .

ACO Annual Awards Nominations Due 09 December 2013

The NOAA Association of Commissioned Officers (ACO) administers the annual Junior Officer of the Year, Science, and Engineering awards. The ACO recognizes the wide range of accomplishments and contributions of NOAA's uniformed personnel, and encourages all commands consider nominating officers for these honors. Nominations for the 2013 awards are due by December 9, 2013.

Junior Officer of the Year

Science Award

Engineering Award

Nomination Procedure--

A nomination for a NOAA ACO award shall consist of at least two pages. The first page shall be a cover memo addressed to the National ACO, stating the name, grade, billet title, and job description of the nominated officer. The following page(s) shall be the personal comments of the nominator, which reflect the basis for the nomination. Nominations should include a detailed description of the officer's duties and accomplishments, and the positive impact of those achievements on the Agency and the Service.

Candidates for Junior Officer of the Year must be nominated by a supervisor in their chain of command, while the Science and Engineering award nominations may be made by the supervisor or any commissioned officer. Please submit nominations via e-mail to LT Rebecca.Waddington@noaa.gov , by COB **09 December 2013**. The nomination email must contain supporting files attached as .PDF or Microsoft Word format. The subject line of the nomination email should be either "Junior Officer of the Year Nomination," "Science Award," or "Engineering Award" as appropriate. This will assist the selection committee with accurate tracking and sorting of the nominations.

Junior officers with civilian supervisors are encouraged to forward this information. For more information on the awards please refer to the NOAA Corps [Directives \(Chapter 12 Part 7\)](#) on Awards.

ACO Design Competition

The DC ACO has announced a shirt design competition open to the members of the ACO, and NOAA Corps, past and present. The deadline for submissions has been extended to the close of business, Friday November 15th. See the DC ACO website <http://www.noaaaco.org/>, or Facebook page for more information <https://www.facebook.com/noaa.aco?fref=ts>

Awards Received In Month of October

NOAA Corps Commendation Medal:

CDR Kristie J. Twining For sustained superior performance, dynamic, resourceful leadership, immeasurable contributions and selfless devotion to the Aircraft Operations Center (AOC) team for more than eleven years – an invaluable Aircraft Commander and Instructor Pilot, accomplished Program Manager, and essential connection to the community AOC serves.

LCDR John A. Crofts For exceptionally meritorious service while assigned as Executive to the Environmental Research Division.

NOAA Corps Achievement Medal:

LT Chad M. Meckley For your work during your tenure at Gray’s Reef National Marine Sanctuary. You represented yourself, the site, and the NOAA Corps in a professional manner and are truly a fine example of the best and highest standards the NOAA Corps has to offer.

LT(jg) Richard P. Park For superior sustained performance of duties while serving aboard the NOAA Ship *Nancy Foster*

NOAA Corps Director’s Ribbon:

LT Lecia M. Salerno For your excellent service to the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) above and beyond your normal position responsibilities.

LT Kyle A. Byers For sustained and superior performance in the execution of Acting Executive Officer duties aboard the NOAA Ship *Pisces*.

LT(jg) Jon D. Andvick For dedicated efforts as NOAA’s representative during the 2013 Joint NOAA and United States Coast Guard Artic Hydrographic Project aboard the USCGC SPAR

ENS Richard C. DeTriquet For exemplary performance in the design, development, maintenance of safe, effective and efficient Fall Protection procedures aboard NOAA Ship *Nancy Foster*

On The Horizon

05 December 2013	Officer Assignment Board
07 December 2013	DC Area NOFA /ACO Holiday Party
19 December 2013	BOTC Graduation
January 2014	Command Advisory Working Group: CO/XO

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.

LCDR Sarah K. Mrozek	01 December 2013
CAPT Richard R. Wingrove	01 December 2013
LTJG Brian J. Adornato	15 January 2014
CDR Cecile R. Daniels	01 February 2014
CDR Mark J. Boland	01 February 2014