

NOAA Corps Junior Officer Advisory Committee

Summer 2020 Newsletter



Completed Projects

- **NJAC Charter:** Revised version submitted to CPC and the Admirals.
- **Medical Webinar Series:** NJAC brought medical questions and concerns from officers to Medical Affairs. The medical webinar series was led by Captain Rathke providing clarification on medical matters.
- **Created an Insignia Swap Facebook group** page for officers to trade insignia or extra uniform parts. This will help offset the costs associated with purchasing new insignia.

Current Projects in Progress

- **BOTC Sponsor Initiative:** Started the pilot program for a NOAA Corps officer to act as a mentor and to meet with BOTC several times throughout the program, as well as attend graduation. LTJG Justin Miyano was selected as the sponsor for BOTC 136 and has been through mentorship training from CPC.
- **New Officer Welcome Packet Version 2.0 for BOTC:** Currently receiving feedback from NOAA Corps officers on what additional content would be beneficial for new incoming officers when leaving BOTC and arriving to first shipboard assignment.
- **Proposal for a new UxS Qualification Badge:** A proposal has been drafted and sent to the UAB Co-chairs for first round of review.
- **Smoothing out Public Affairs Officer duties:** Clarification on social networking posts for shipboard personnel and available resources provided. This will allow for continuity of posts to the general public about NOAA missions and achievements.
- **Document of professional societies:** A [document](#) listing various professional/scientific societies that NOAA Corps officers can become involved in has been added to the Junior Officer folder. This will be a great resource for officers to learn about various professional societies within the scientific community.

Meet the Executive Board

- LTJG Eric Fritzsche , AOC
- ENS Luke Evancoe, Gulf of Mexico
- LTJG Michael Fuller, Gulf of Mexico
- ENS Ariane Huddleston, Gulf of Mexico
- LTJG Andy Fullerton, East Coast
- LTJG Justin Miyano, East Coast
- ENS Ryan Musick, East Coast
- LT JC Clark, West Coast
- LTJG Chelsea Parrish, West Coast
- LTJG Caroline Wilkinson, West Coast
- LTJG Jacquelyn Putnam, HQ Silver Spring, MD
- LTJG Peter Siegenthaler, HQ Silver Spring, MD



From left to right: NOAA Ship *Thomas Jefferson*, NOAA Ship *Ronald Brown*, and NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer*. Photo taken by Robert Parkes, DJI Mavic Mini Drone

Get Involved

Interested in joining the NOAA Corps Junior Officer Advisory Council? On the council you will have the opportunity to participate in projects to create positive changes throughout the NOAA Corps and expand your networking horizon. For more information, email:

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