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NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps

- One of the seven uniformed services of the United States
- Provides Nation with a cadre of professionals trained in: engineering, earth sciences, oceanography, meteorology, fisheries science, and other related disciplines.
- Approximately 300 commissioned officers.
- Lineage extends from the former U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, which dates back to 1807 and President Thomas Jefferson.



NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps

Officers operate Nation's research ships and aircraft, manage research projects, conduct field operations, and serve in staff, leadership, and command positions throughout NOAA and the Department of Commerce.



So, how did I get here?