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Joint Base Charleston moves into HURCON III, issues personnel, C-17 evacuation

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. – Joint Base Charleston has upgraded its hurricane alert status to Hurricane Condition III (HURCON) due to the projected landfall of Hurricane Matthew. HURCON III is declared when sustained winds of 50 knots (58 mph) or greater are expected or possible within the next 72 hours.

Additionally, the installation commander has issued an evacuation order for Joint Base Charleston personnel and their families. See [here](#) for the evacuation order signed by Col Robert Lyman, Joint Base Charleston commander. Personnel should begin evacuating by 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, but are encouraged to leave as soon as released by their unit commanders.

SPAWAR SSC LANT personnel should reference the guidance of their Commanding Officer and visit their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/spaceandnavalwarfaresystemscommand/?fref=ts>

JB Charleston personnel and their families should not evacuate to any Lowcountry shelters. Please read the evacuation order for specific instructions regarding evacuation parameters and financial reimbursement.

Once personnel are in a safe location, they are reminded to update their personal information through their respective service accountability systems:

Air Force: <https://afpaas.af.mil>

Navy: <https://navyfamily.navy.mil>.

Army: http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/ra_adpaas.htm

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JB Charleston- Air Base pharmacy hours will be open early, Wednesday morning from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No routine appointments will be available until further notice.

Joint Base Charleston is in the process of evacuating all operational C-17 Globemaster III aircraft currently on station. Aircraft will be diverted to alternate bases to ensure the airlift mission around the world will continue during the duration of Hurricane Matthew.

Refer to <http://www.scemd.org/component/content/article/11-home-page/news/155-know-your-zone> for a map of Charleston area evacuation zones and <http://www.scdot.org/getting/evacuation.aspx> for a map of evacuation routes. Members who leave before the commander's evacuation announcement may not be reimbursed for travel expenses.

Base personnel, their families and residents can call the 628th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Straight Talk line at (843) 963-5581 for up-to-date hurricane condition information. Official updates will be provided via www.facebook.com/pages/teamcharleston. Personnel should also continue to monitor local news for updates on the storm.

Basic hurricane preparation tips: <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

Preparing your home: <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

For more information, please call the Public Affairs office at (843) 963-5608.

Each respective service has a hotline where family members can obtain information on military members who have evacuated affected areas. The number for Air Force personnel is: 1-800-435-9941; Navy personnel 1-877-414-5358 or 1-866- 297-1971; for Army personnel: 1-800-833-6622.

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