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NAVY REGION SOUTHEAST, JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – With Hurricane Matthew roaring up the coast of Florida, as well as Georgia and South Carolina, I want to remind our Navy families to monitor the storm and keep safety as your highest priority. The storm conditions continue to worsen and pose significant risk to life and safety.

By my order as Commander Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE), active duty military, drilling reservists, and civilian employees of the Department of the Navy and authorized dependents assigned to Navy commands residing in areas under mandatory evacuation orders issued by competent civilian authorities in the following counties should evacuate within 200 miles of the designated remote safe haven area of Tampa, Florida. Those counties are Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Brevard counties.

Active duty military, drilling reservists, and civilian employees of the Department of the Navy and authorized dependents assigned to Navy commands residing in areas under mandatory evacuation orders issued by competent civilian authorizes in the following counties should evacuate within 200 miles of the designated remote safe haven area of Tallahassee, Florida. Those counties are Volusia, Flagler, St. Johns, Clay, Duval, and Nassau counties.

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Active duty military, drilling reservists, and civilian employees of the Department of the Navy and authorized dependents assigned to Navy commands residing in areas under mandatory evacuation orders issued by competent civilian authorizes in the following counties should evacuate within 200 miles of the designated remote safe haven area of Macon, Georgia. Those counties are Charlton, Camden, Glynn, McIntosh, Liberty, Bryan, and Chatham counties.

Active duty military, drilling reservists, and civilian employees of the Department of the Navy and authorized dependents assigned to Navy commands residing in areas under mandatory evacuation orders issued by competent civilian authorizes in the following counties should evacuate within 200 miles of the designated remote safe haven area of Columbia, South Carolina. Those counties are Jasper, Beaufort, Colleton, and Charleston counties.

Evacuees should not wait for orders issuance to leave. For those who are covered by this authorization, evacuation orders must be issued by their parent command, but can be done after you are safe, and evacuees are authorized reimbursement for travel, lodging, and per diem at the approved rate for the designated safe haven. Funding for military and civilian personnel is the responsibility of the parent command. These orders include personnel aboard Navy bases in the affected areas.

If you live in town, pay attention to your local news and follow the advice of local officials and emergency managers. If you live in a low-lying area, heed any calls to evacuate and follow the recommendations of the local emergency managers. We will continue to have first responders and shelters on the base for our personnel, will monitor the situation closely, and immediately pass word if there are any changes.

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By this afternoon, Naval Station Mayport, Naval Air Station Jacksonville and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay will be open to mission essential personnel only. I ask that all our Navy family exercise utmost caution and frequently check command websites and Facebook pages for updated information. We should all remember the Navy's mission to keep safety of all hands as our number one priority. Thank you.