

Ready Now, Anytime, Anywhere

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WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The month of September was proclaimed by President Barack Obama as the National Preparedness Month.

This culminates in a day of action Sept. 30, when we are all called to act. On this day of action we are challenged to prepare for six specific hazards: earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and winter storms.

In support of this initiative Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) has launched an Emergency Preparedness campaign under the motto "Navy Ready."

"I want to see the National Day of Action, September 30th, become a Navy Day of Action where every member of the Navy is able to say 'YES' to the challenge, Are You Ready?" said Vice Adm. William French, commander, Navy Installations Command.

To be informed, Ready Navy is the "must go" link to Emergency Preparedness Resources. Navy Personnel and families are encouraged to visit www.ready.navy.mil to gain information, tools, and resources that enhance the Navy family to prepare, react, and recover when confronted with any emergency, with or without warning.

"Throughout the month of September, installation emergency managers will also be educating the community about emergency preparedness, and each day during the second week of National Preparedness Month, Ready Navy will highlight resources to meet a variety of emergency preparedness needs through Facebook and Twitter," said Jeff Sanford, CNIC emergency management specialist.

Navy personnel can take advantage of presentations, information fairs, and displays that may be present at installations taking place throughout the month. The schedule of resources and events are as follows:

Week 1: (Sept. 1-7): Plan How to Reconnect and Reunite with Family Following a Disaster. Emphasis will be placed on making a family emergency communication plan.

Week 2: (Sept. 8-14): Be Informed. Know Your Resources. Emphasis will be placed on making individuals aware of the resources that most closely align with individual planning needs.

Week 3: (Sept. 15-21): How to Build a Kit and Have What you Need. Emphasis will be placed on having



An emergency kit is an effective way to prepare for unexpected events. Having the entire family prepare the kit will help children better cope with emergencies and ensure everyone knows the emergency kit contents. (Photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Monique K. Hilley)

the emergency supplies needed for individuals and families.

Week 4/5 (Sept. 22-30): How to be prepared Through Practice. Emphasis is focused on registering to participate in America's PrepareAthon by taking an action to practice preparedness, finding and participating in a posted readiness event, or sponsoring an event.

"Preparedness is the key to survival in any type of disaster," said Director of Operations for Navy Installations Command, Capt. Anthony Calandra. "Throughout the year personnel at our regions and installations participate in and/or conduct exercises like Citadel Gale, HURREX, Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield, and Citadel Rumble to put into practice the necessary actions when an incident occurs aboard an installation."

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