

Hurricane Irma –Message to USACHCS Chaplain Captain Career Course, Chaplain Basic Officer Course and AIT student’s Family and Friends

1. Fort Jackson leaders and personnel are highly trained in crisis action procedures including natural disasters such as Hurricanes. The command’s top priority is to ensure the safety of all Soldiers in training, Cadre, Family members and civilian workers on Fort Jackson and we stand ready to render aid and support our off-post community leaders in Columbia, Richland County and throughout the Midlands of South Carolina as hurricane preparation efforts continue.
2. The Army Training Center, United States Army Chaplain Center and School (USACHCS) and Installation Management Command officials work side-by-side to provide all aspects of support to the mission of taking care of Soldiers and the surrounding community. Working together, Columbia and U.S. military officials are ensuring the right personnel and support equipment will get to where they are most needed.
3. Fort Jackson continues to work with state and local emergency preparedness teams to monitor the track of Hurricane Irma.

* Fort Jackson is located in the Midlands of South Carolina. At this time, no decisions have been made to change scheduled training or AIT (Class 17-012) graduation 15 September. However, in consultation with our emergency preparedness partners across the city, county, and state, we will have a clearer picture in the coming days of the storm track and will immediately communicate any decisions to change training or graduation. We ask that you check Fort Jackson Facebook and Twitter accounts often for updates.*

The Governor of South Carolina has declared a "State of Emergency." PLEASE NOTE: This is a procedural declaration and not a call for evacuation. The declaration is an important first step for emergency preparedness and allows state officials to set up an operations center to coordinate efforts statewide.

If there is a call to evacuate, Fort Jackson Facebook and Twitter accounts will be the most up-to-date resources for information from the Fort Jackson leadership regarding personnel on the installation.

We definitely understand many of you are worried by what you may see online, but we ask that you remain calm and patient as we work through our planning to keep everyone on Fort Jackson safe and families updated. #VictoryStartsHere

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