



Dear Coast Guard Family Members:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts an active Atlantic hurricane season (June 1 - November 30). Given recent operational impacts from storms (Dorian '19, Isaias '20, Ian/Fiona '22, Idalia '23, Debby '24), preparedness is crucial for MLEA personnel and their families in the Charleston area. Past evacuations highlight the necessity of integrating severe weather readiness into our daily routines.

### Key Information

**Evacuation Authority:** The Seventh Coast Guard District Commander authorizes evacuation entitlements. Reimbursement is subject to evacuating to/within designated safe havens (e.g., Atlanta in past storms). Haven locations vary per storm. Follow all federal, state, and local evacuation orders, including those from the Joint Base Charleston Commander (if applicable), regardless of Seventh District entitlement authorization or FLETC training suspension. Expect official messaging confirming reimbursement eligibility. Ride-out crews are the only exception to mandatory evacuation orders.

### Resources:

- MLEA Hurricane Information: <https://www.forcecom.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/FORCECOM-UNITS/MLEA/HurricaneInformation/>
- MLEA Ombudsmen (Mike & Kathy Pascale)
- (917) 860-2048 / (914) 671-3891 / [ombudsmanmlea@gmail.com](mailto:ombudsmanmlea@gmail.com).
- They have the latest MLEA-specific information. Register your information with them using CG-1750.4 (link above) or by emailing them directly.

**Communication During Evacuation:** MLEA uses the Alert Warning System (AWS) for updates via phone, text, and email. Ensure your contact information is current in:

- Direct Access: <https://hcm.direct-access.uscg.mil/>
- CGPAAS: <https://cgpaas.uscg.mil>
- Active Directory: <https://edms.uscg.mil/selfservice>
- Defense Manpower Data Center: <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/>.
- MLEA Facebook Page

**Lost Communication Protocol:** Contact the District Seven Personnel Support Team (PST) at the number provided in official evacuation authorization messages. The PST and MLEA will provide information on funding, assistance, and return guidance.

**Post-Storm Accountability & Return:**

- Report accountability via CGPAAS within 12 hours of storm passage or as directed. Contact your supervisor if CGPAAS is unavailable.
- Expect personnel recall instructions via AWS within 12 hours of storm passage, pending damage assessments and FLETC operational status. Contact your supervisor, MLEA, or the PST if you haven't been contacted within 18 hours.

Your safety and well-being are paramount, and I take that responsibility seriously. Your proactive commitment to preparedness is essential for both your individual safety and the overall mission readiness of MLEA. Thank you for your diligence in ensuring you and your families are prepared for any potential disruption.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James T. Corbett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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