

FORT STEWART - HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD



2024 SEVERE WEATHER GUIDE

STAY PREPARED

The threat of severe weather to the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield community is real and warrants utmost attention for preparation and action. It is important that we all know what to expect during one of these storms, and what to do to reduce the risk to our Families and ourselves.

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Garrison staff is continuously striving to improve severe-weather prepared- ness throughout the installation. These efforts include incorporating lessons learned from previous events, results of exercises, and clearance time requirements.

Over the last few years there has been a marked increase in public levels of hurricane awareness. This has been matched by a renewed dedication by this command and surrounding communities to collaborate to protect lives and property from the threat of tropical systems.

Take appropriate preventive measures, and urge you to read this handbook that identifies changes and adapt your actions and checklists to your personal needs. Keep in mind that hurricanes, as well as tornados and thunderstorms, are destructive storms. Your safety could depend on your actions and preparations.

Comments or questions concerning this handbook should be addressed to the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security, 912-767-3932.

Weather announcements, phone numbers and more!

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INTRO

Hurricanes can cause widespread damage without ever making landfall. Tropical systems from the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico have caused major flooding and damaging inland winds as far north as the mountain regions in Georgia. In addition, rapid population growth along the hurricane-prone coastline increases the risk of loss of life and extreme property damage.

Everyone should take personal responsibility for taking appropriate preventive measures to prepare themselves and their Family in the event of a hurricane. Throughout this handbook you will see numerous icons of activities, agencies or groups that provide assistance and ideas in getting prepared and dealing with the after effects of severe weather. Take the time to visit some of these web sites and prepare you and your Family for severe weather.



Hurricane Command Policy

- The senior commander makes all decisions requiring evacuation of Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield. Local county emergency management agencies decide on evacuation within their jurisdictions.
- Preparation is critical to success. Ensure you have an evacuation plan. Validate your information in ADPAAS. Build a kit with everything you and your Family will need for three days during an evacuation.
- Be informed on weather conditions and all guidance from local community, your unit and the installation.
- Soldiers may have duties that prevent them from evacuating with their Families.
- On- and off-post Families should be prepared to evacuate to in land locations with or without their sponsors.
- Pet owners must make proper arrangements for their pets during evacuations. This includes having enough water and food for each pet. The use of pet carriers is recommended and in some instances, mandatory.
- The garrison Facebook page at facebook.com/FortStewartHunterArmyAirfield is the official source of news, information and updates.
- Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield also posts information about severe weather such as tornadoes and hurricanes on the installation web- site at home.army.mil/stewart.

ADPAAS

The Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System is the U.S. Army's method/ process of accounting for person- nel and family members after catastrophes. ADPAAS is a web-based, mil-restricted, user- friendly system that enables the Army to col- lect accurate and timely reports in times of emergency.

ADPAAS is maintained in accordance with a variety of Federal statutes, Department of Defense and Department of the Army regu- lations and policies.

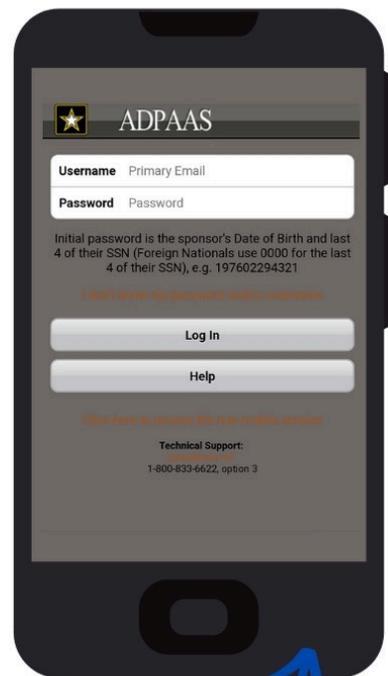
You are required to go into ADPAAS and vali- date your information and correct your con- tact information for notification. Also, ensure the information for your dependents is accurate. You must be registered in ADPAAS to receive an evacuation allowance.

ADPAAS.ARMY.MIL

ADPAAS enhances the Army's ability to accept accountability reporting from Soldiers, Army Civilians and Non-Appropriated Funds employees, overseas defense contractors, and their DEERS-eligible Family members follow- ing natural or man- made disasters.

It enables commanders at all levels to identify and account for those in their command affected by a disaster through consolidation of self-accounting and unit mass reporting through the ADPAAS tool.

ADPAAS allows sponsors and Family Members affected by a catastrophe to request assistance via a Needs Assessment Survey, which in turn helps leaders prioritize the where resources and assistance is need- ed the most.



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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CONDITIONS — HURCON

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Hurricane Readiness Conditions are based on the forecasted arrival of a tropical storm or hurricane.

HURCON 5 – Normal operations. This is the advanced stage of readiness. This condition includes normal day-to-day operations, planning, training and exercises. HURCON 5 goes into effect automatically on June 1 and remains until Nov. 30.

HURCON 4 – Sustained tropical force winds of 50 knots/58 mph or greater which have the potential to impact garrison area within 96 hours.

HURCON 3 – Sustained tropical force winds of 50 knots/58 mph or greater while have the potential to impact garrison area within 72 hours.

HURCON 2 – Sustained tropical force winds of 50 knots/58 mph or greater which have the potential to impact garrison area within 48 hours.

HURCON 1 – Sustained tropical force winds of 50 knots/58 mph or greater which have the potential to impact garrison area within 24 hours.

LANDFALL – Period between the 12 hours prior to arrival and final departure of sustained tropical winds of 50 knots/58 mph or greater.

Alberto
Beryl
Chris
Debby
Ernesto
Francine
Gordon

Helene
Isaac
Joyce
Kirk
Leslie
Milton
Nadine

Oscar
Patty
Rafael
Sara
Tony
Valerie
William

BE PREPARED

Don't Forget!

- Ensure that supplies needed are on hand
- Secure furnace rooms, storerooms, garage doors, etc. Covering with plywood is recommended
- Cover windows with plywood
- Store loose objects inside, i.e., boxes, BBQ grills, garbage cans, toys, etc
- Secure objects outside of building, i.e., boats, playground equipment, clothesline, etc
- Fill vehicle fuel tank
- Fill water containers, to include bathtubs, as the water supply may become inoperable or contaminated
- Maintain a minimum three-day supply of nonperishable food and potable water
- If you have a power generator, do not connect it to your house power panel. Plug the items you intend to use directly into the generator
- Turn your refrigerator thermostat to its lowest temperature
- Turn off all appliances with pilot lights, i.e., stoves, furnaces, ranges, etc., for the duration of the hurricane
- Turn off gas at the meter



DOES SEVERE WEATHER STRESS OUT THE KIDS?

Here are some things you can do as a family to minimize stress

BEFORE	DURING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build an emergency kit with them • Make a family communication plan • Task out responsibilities for the kids • Have them help with preparations like securing outdoor plants and toys • Ask children to gather their essentials • Have children find one small item that will make them feel comfortable or occupied 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not open refrigerator or freezer • Stay away from windows • If you do not evacuate, stay inside closet, hallway or room without windows • If you must evacuate, make sure to have items to protect against COVID-19 like masks, hand sanitizer, and wipes.



SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

DON'T FORGET YOUR PETS

PET ESSENTIALS

- WATER - ONE GALLON PER-PET / X3 DAYS
- FOOD & TREATS ONE WEEK
- DON'T FORGET THEIR BOWLS
- KITTY LITTER AND LITTER BOX
- PET'S MEDICATION AND RECORDS
- LEASHES, HARNESSES AND CARRIERS
- BED AND TOYS
- A CURRENT PHOTO OF YOU PET



EVACUATION FOR ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL



Based upon the projected storm track and intensity, the senior commander may decide that Soldiers residing in barracks will remain there and will encourage Families residing in on-post housing to remain in their housing.

Prior to the storm's arrival, the senior commander may decide that Soldiers residing in barracks will evacuate to other locations specified by their respective chains of command. Soldiers and their Families residing in on-post housing will evacuate via privately owned vehicles to Georgia emergency shelters or other inland locations.

Soldiers and Family members residing off-post must follow the orders and directives of their respective local emergency management agency and evacuate to Georgia emergency shelters or other inland locations.

Reminder:

Family members' primary plan should be to evacuate without their sponsor due to other duties the sponsor may have.

Severe thunderstorms – high winds, hail and cloud-to-ground lightning, can form spring through early fall.

Tornadoes – violent rotating column of wind speeds that can reach over 200 mph, form in thunderstorms generally during spring and fall. Tornadoes can occur at anytime throughout the year.

Flooding – heavy rainfall can cause localized flooding in low lying areas and can occur during any season if heavy rainfall occurs.

Safety Measures

Stay alert for rapidly changing weather conditions via local television, local radio or NOAA weather radio.

Tornado warning sirens on the installation sound when a tornado is visually spotted and reported by a reliable source to the Installation Operation Center or the Air Force Weather Squadron issues a tornado warning for Stewart and Hunter. The IOC will sound the warning siren based on established criteria. These warnings may come only minutes before a tornado actually strikes. The warning is a steady 15-second tone followed by a voice message "Tornado Warning" and a civil siren for one minute, this is repeated twice. The "All Clear" signal is a 15-second tone followed by the "All Clear" message – this is repeated three times.

Soldiers, Family Members and Civilians may be anywhere when a tornado warning comes. Therefore, each individual Soldier, Family Member and Army Civilian must prepare and rehearse the best method of protection based on their location.

- Do not drive through low-lying areas or around barricades. You are liable if you ignore safety barricades and endanger yourself and others by driving through flooded roadways.
- Stay hydrated and cool to prevent heat injuries during the summer months.
- Stay away from windows and move inside to prevent being struck by lightning if thunderstorms are in the area.
- Provide pets with shelter during any severe weather – they are just as vulnerable to the effects as we are.



PREPARE FOR HURRICANE FORCE WINDS

Georgia website for inland shelter status

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency maintains a web page to show the status of each state shelter. Only Open or Full shelters are displayed on this page. Contact your local emergency management agency or listen to local broadcast media before traveling to an emergency shelter to determine which shelters have actually been opened. Emergency shelters are opened only on an as needed basis. Visit gema.georgia.gov for updated and current information.



Call the Stewart-Hunter Information Hotline at 1-866-586-3116 to check condition or status

BEST AREAS TO SEEK SAFETY

- **Tornado** – Go to interior room or central shelter. Take shelter immediately if a tornado warning is issued or has been spotted in the local area. Get under cover, downstairs in the center of house. Keep away from windows.
- **In a building** – Go to an interior room - a hall, closet or bath, on the lowest floor. Ideally a basement. Stay away from windows and outside walls. Take shelter under heavy furniture or in a bathtub. Cover yourself with padding, mattress, pillows and blankets. Protect your head, face and eyes from flying or falling debris.
- **In a vehicle or mobile home** – In a vehicle or mobile home is probably the worst place to be located during a tornado. Vehicles are easily tossed about by tornadoes, and fatalities often result to occupants. Instead, leave the vehicle or mobile home. Seek shelter in a depression or in the nearest sturdy building.
- **Outdoors**– Lie down in a depression, ditch or culvert. Cover your head with your arms.
- **In buildings with a large, free span roof**– When in such a building as the Post Exchange, Commissary, or a gymnasium go to the nearest sturdy building or if time does not permit, seek shelter in interior rooms.
- **Thunderstorm**– Inside home or business, away from windows, seek shelter if warning is issued for local area.
- **Flooding**– High ground, move toward high ground if flash flood warnings are issued for the local area.
- **Extreme Heat**– Inside air conditioned home or business during heat of the day, refrain from outdoor activities between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Here are the basics:

- Water - at least one gallon per person per day for at least three days
- Food - non-perishable food for at least three days; select items that require no cooking, preparation, or refrigeration such as high energy foods and ready-to-eat canned meat, vegetables and fruit
- Manual can opener
- Reusable plates, cups, utensils, saucepan
- First aid kit
- Prescription medications and medical equipment/care aids
- Personal sanitation supplies, such as moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties
- Hand-crank or battery-operated flashlight
- Hand-crank radio or battery operated cell-phone charger
- Extra batteries
- Brightly colored plastic poncho (can be used as shelter, clothing or a marker) Weather-appropriate clothing to keep your Family warm and dry
- Cash
- Any tools needed for turning off utilities
- Local maps and your Family emergency plan
- Important documents, including will, medical and financial power of attorney, property documents, medical instructions
- Your command reporting information
- Know the Army Disaster Personnel Accountability



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Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield



BENEFITS

- Weather updates
- Installation info
- Emergency notifications
- AAFES deals
- Event info & more!



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THINGS TO CONSIDER...

When you evacuate:

- Keep your lodging receipts. You can only be reimbursed for lodging from receipts that are in your name
- No need to keep gas/food receipts
- You will not be reimbursed for pet expenses
- Only Family members listed in DEERS will be reimbursed for per diem
- If you drive two cars, you can claim two cars
- Only those that live in mandatory evacuation areas are covered by the Army reimbursement
- If you have damage to your household goods or food in your refrigerator, please notify your insurance company to make a claim



FAMILY SUPPLY CHECKLIST

- WATER (1 GALLON PER PERSON, PER DAY. 3 DAYS)
- FOOD (AT LEAST A 3-DAY SUPPLY OF NON-PERISHABLE, EASY-TO-PREPARE FOOD)
- FIRST AID KIT
- MEDICATIONS (7-DAY SUPPLY. MEDICAL ITEMS INCLUDE GLASSES, CONTACT LENSES, SYRINGES)
- COPIES OF PERSONAL DOCUMENTS (INSURANCE POLICIES, BIRTH CERTIFICATES, LEASE OR DEED)
- EXTRA BATTERIES
- BATTERY-POWERED OR HAND-CRANK RADIO
- SANITATION AND PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS
- EMERGENCY BLANKET
- BABY SUPPLIES (BOTTLES, FORMULA, BABY FOOD, DIAPERS)



SINGLE SOLDIER SUPPLY CHECKLIST

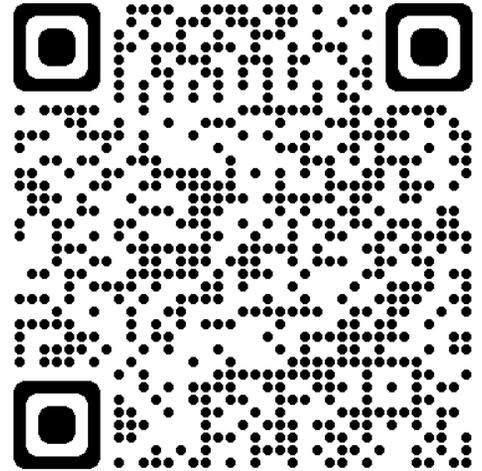
- PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS
- CLEAN/SERVICEABLE UNIFORMS (FOR A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) DAYS)
- PORTABLE RADIO WITH BATTERIES
- WET WEATHER GEAR: RUBBER BOOTS + WORK GLOVES
- SLEEPING BAG
- BLANKETS
- LAUNDRY BAG

IAW OPOD 21-12, TAB B, APPENDIX 3 TO ANNEX C, SINGLE SOLDIERS WILL EVACUATE ONCE THE SENIOR COMMANDER HAS SIGNED THE EVACUATION ORDER. SOLDIERS WILL DRAW 1X MRE AT EVACUATION SITE, OTHER MEALS/WATER WILL BE PROVIDED AT RECEPTION LOCATION.

PRIMARY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION WILL BE POV. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY 3RD ID FOR SOLDIERS WITHOUT POV. EACH BRIGADE HAS BEEN TASKED TO PROVIDE BUS DRIVES AND NCOs. FORT STEWART-HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD HAS EXISTING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BOTH FORT BENNING AND FORT GORDON TO RECEIVE SOLDIERS DUE TO AN EVACUATION.

KEEPING THE KIDS IN MIND

Emergencies and disasters can be scary for kids, but there are ways to help them stay safe before, during, and even after a disaster. *Ready.gov* offers interactive games where kids can play games to become a Disaster Master and learn how to build an emergency kit. Follow the QR codes below to meet Pedro the Penguin, who will teach them all about staying safe. Kids will even be able to make their own emergency plans with their families.



GO WEST, GO EARLY

Evacuation Routes

Chatham County

State Route 21
US 80 Interstate 16
SR 204 to US 280

Bryan County

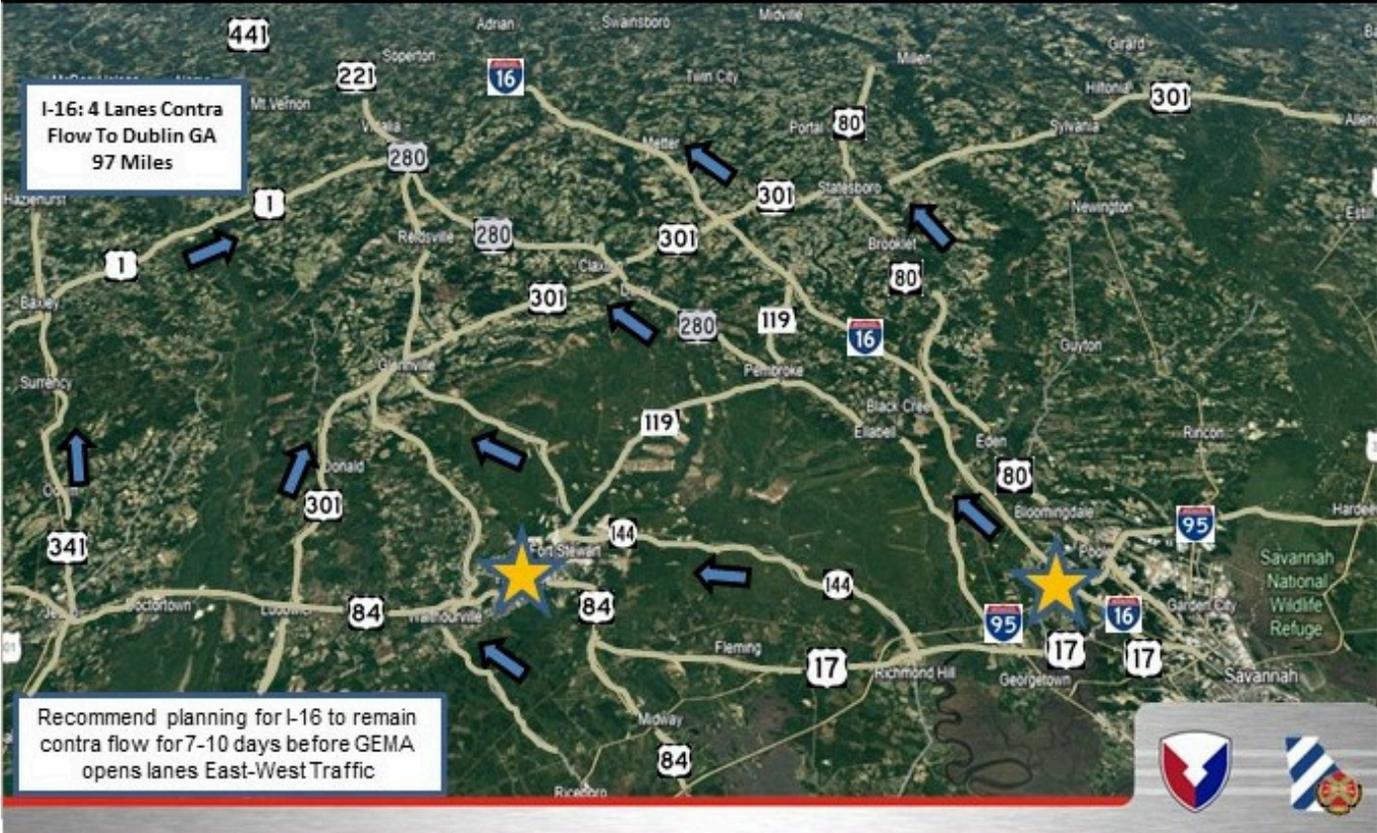
Highway 144 to US 301 (Glennville)

Liberty County

US 84 to Highway 196 to Highway 301 (Glennville)

If Soldiers and their Families are required to evacuate their residence, they should go to one of the primary or alternate shelters identified on the following map. Every Family should register each Family member arriving at the shelter. Alcoholic beverages or weapons of any kind are not allowed into the shelters.

Coastal Evacuation Routes



EXTREME WEATHER INFO SHEET



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 Fort Stewart
 Emergency
 Management Office
 571-801-2038
 go to
home.army.mil/stewart
 search 'hurricane'

FS/HAAF HOTLINE 1-866-586-3116

Stewart Emergency
 Management
 571-801-2038

ADPAAS Information
 Hotline
 1-800-833-6622

Stewart Installation
 Operations Center
 571-801-0535/0534

DPW Emergency Response
 FS 912-767-2883
 HAAF 912-315-4003

COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENTS

BRANTLEY
 912-462-7874

CHARLTON
 912-496-7851

LONG
 912-545-2143

BRYAN
 912-858-2799

EFFINGHAM
 912.754.8200

MCINTOSH
 912-269-0534

CAMDEN
 912-729-5602

GLYNN
 912-267-5678

PIERCE
 912-449-2040

CHATHAM
 912-201-4500

LIBERTY
 912-368-2201

WAYNE
 912-427-5979

ELECTRICAL COMPANIES

GA POWER
 Outage 1-888-891-0938

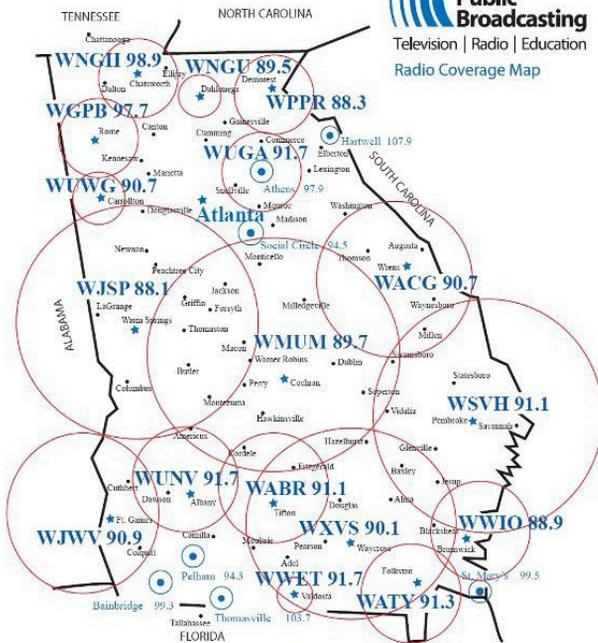
COASTAL ELECTRIC
 Outage 1-800-421-2343

511GA.ORG

Trip times, real-time traffic
 conditions, road closures,
 construction, and more.



HELPFUL INFO



● = FM Translators

Approximate coverage areas shown

The Peach State Radio is Georgia's public radio station, which collaborates with Georgia Emergency Management Agency, and other agencies to provide real time information to people during a hurricane. Tune to these FM radio frequencies in the following areas for severe weather information.

Albany – 91.7	Carrollton – 90.7
Dahlonega – 89.5	Savannah – 91.1
Athens – 91.7/97.9	Chatsworth – 98.9
Fort Gaines – 90.9	Tifton – 91.1
Augusta – 90.7	Columbus – 88.1
Macon – 89.7	Valdosta – 91.7
Brunswick – 88.9	Demorest – 88.3
Rome – 97.7	Waycross – 90.1

Hurricane-related websites:

The following partial listing of weather and hurricane related web sites is provided for your information and access:

The Weather Channel- weather.com

Severe weather notification service- emergencyemailnetwork.com

National Weather Service- news.noaa.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency- fema.gov

National Hurricane Center- nhc.noaa.gov

ReadyArmy website- ready.army.mil

Georgia Emergency Management Agency- gema.state.ga.us

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield- home.army.mil/stewart

American Red Cross- redcross.org

THE TORNADO TOUCH



Courtesy photos

Top left, right: The national weather service in Charleston, SC confirmed an EF1 tornado touchdown on Fort Stewart in Liberty County, Feb. 3, 2016. Several homes and facilities were damaged during the touchdown.

Below: Hurricane Irma hit the Peach State as a tropical storm on Sept. 11, 2017. Several areas on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, to include the front lawn of the 3rd Infantry Division Headquarters, experienced significant flooding during the storm.

