

From: NC JOC - Chief - OMB

Sent: Friday, September 16, 2005 5:17 AM

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Subject: 16 Sep SIPR Merged Update

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No trips of USNORTHCOM CCIRs. Two items:

1. (DNRIF)

2. Hurricane Katrina Update:

As of 16 Sep at 0900Z, there are 19,289 active duty and 42,890 National Guard supporting relief operations in the Katrina Joint Operations Area (JOA).

USNORTHCOM released three messages last night:

- MOD 34 to Katrina EXORD provides Fort Gillem as a FEMA Mobilization Center and the U.S. Army Reserve Center Vicksburg, MS as a temporary overflow classroom for the 2005-2006 schoolyear
- MOD 35 to Katrina EXORD grants TACON of USAF Mental Health Rapid Response Team to JTF-Katrina to support deployed Title 10 forces
- MOD 3 to USNORTHCOM Force Adjustment EXORD releases 16 DoD units

Force Adjustments for Decision 16 Sep:

- 615 AVN SPT Battalion (97 pax)
- Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) West (12 aircraft and 197 pax)
- Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) West (6 aircraft and 108 pax)
- Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) East (8 aircraft and 146 pax)
- Helicopter Combat Support (HSC) Norfolk (2 aircraft and 85 pax)
- Helicopter Mine Countermeasures (HM-14) Norfolk (3 aircraft and 105 pax)
- Helicopter Mine Countermeasures (HM-15) Norfolk (4 aircraft and 112 pax)
- Airborne Early Warning (AEW) Norfolk (7 aircraft and 97 pax)

- USS SCOUT (79 pax)
- USS DEFENDER (91 pax)
- USS GLADIATOR (101 pax)
- USS PIONEER (77 PAX)
- Casualty Receiving and Treatment Ship (CRTS) Medical Augmentation (83 pax)
- 4th Air Expeditionary Group, POL Unit (10 pax)
- 4th Air Expeditionary Unit, Services Unit (58 pax)
- 4th Air Expeditionary Unit, Communications (8 pax)
- 97th Air Expeditionary Group (250 pax)

Maritime:

- Commander, U.S. Coast Guard District 8 (**B6**) will reestablish his headquarters from St Louis to New Orleans on 17 Sep.
- Canadian Coast Guard Cutter SIR WILLIAM ALEXANDER departs Pensacola today to assist with weather buoy surveys
- (**B6**) (JTF-Katrina JFMCC) relocating his command and control element to Joint Reserve Base New Orleans
- Cruise ship Holiday will begin boarding passengers on the 17th

Air:

- Two C-130s flew an aerial Mosquito Abatement today without incident
- International Flights:
 - NATO Flight to Little Rock, Arkansas (Contains Austrian tarps/rations and Slovakian blankets/cots/liquid soap)
 - RUSSIAN Flight. Arrived at 15 Sep 1613Z in Little Rock, AR (Contains medical supplies)

Land:

- Dept of Health and Human Services plans to stand up a 100-bed mobile hospital in Gulfport, MS within 48-72 hours to replace medical assets on USNS COMFORT
- The Canadian Minister of National Defence (MND) and the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) will visit the JTF-Katrina JOA on 17 Sep. (**B6**) will meet the MND and the CDS
- The Command Planning Group (**B6**) has relocated to the New Orleans Convention Center

Helicopter Status, Title X:

Army - 23 total

St. Johns Airport (vic New Orleans Int'l) - 6 x OH-58 and 12 x UH-60 NAS New Orleans - 5 x CH-47

Navy - 30 total

USS BATAAN - 4 x H-53 and 5 x H-60

USS IWO JIMA - 3 x H-53, 5 x H-60 and 2 x H-3 NAS Pensacola - 11 x H-60

Air Force - 1 total
Keesler AFB - 1 x UH-1

Marine Corps - 19 total
Keesler AFB - 10 x H-53 and 2 x H-46
NAS New Orleans - 6 x UH-1 and 1 x AH-1

Air Force Readjustments:

- 66 RQS Nellis:

Two (2) H-60s have an estimated time of departure (ETD) from Jackson, MS of 161200Z, estimated time of arrival (ETA) Nellis 171800Z

One (1) H-60 to return to Nellis via C-17, 17 Sep, time TBD

One (1) H-60 to remain in JOA.

- 41 RQS Moody:

Two (2) H-60s have an ETD from Jackson, MS of 161300Z, ETA Moody 161600Z

One (1) H-60 ETD 171800Z, ETA Nellis 172100Z

One (1) H-60 to remain in JOA.

- 55 RQS Davis Monthan:

Three (3) H-60s have an ETD from Jackson, MS of 161200Z, ETA Davis Monthan 162200Z

One (1) H-60 to remain in JOA.

- 920 RQS Patrick:

One (1) H-60s departed 151330Z, with an Actual TA Patrick of 151745Z

One (1) H-60 departed 151601Z, ETA Patrick 152200Z.

Helicopter Status, National Guard:

Louisiana - 67 total
14 x UH-1, 32 x UH-60, 3 x CH-47, and 18 x OH-58

Mississippi - 48 total
9 x UH-1, 23 x UH-60, 6 x CH-47, and 10 x OH-58

Helicopter Status, US Coast Guard:

Louisiana - 5 total
5 x HH-65B/C

Alabama - 7 total
6 x HH-60 and 1 x HH-65B/C

Summary of Non-Actionable Items Researched by JOC:

(DNRIF)

From: NC JOC - Chief - OMB
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2005 2:54 AM
To: NC JOC - Director - OMB
Cc: NC JOC - Chief - OMB
Subject: US NORTHCOM Daily Update: 18 Sep
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6. (U) Hurricane Katrina Update: As of 17 / 2100 MDT, there are 18,061 active duty and 39,642 National Guard forces supporting relief operations in the Katrina Joint Operating Area. US Northern Command, in coordination with Joint Task Force-Katrina and Office of the Secretary of Defense, continues to track force adjustment as units move in and out of the Joint Operating Area in support of transition operations.

Force Adjustments Updates: Joint Staff released Modifications 3 and 4 (Group Delta and Echo) authorizing additional force movement out of the Joint Operating Area. US Northern Command released Modifications 4 and 5 reflecting the Joint Staff Modification orders providing force adjustment orders for 26 elements supporting JTF-Katrina (6 Maritime and 20 Land).

Maritime: As of 17 Sep, the USS BATAAN and HSV SWIFT have departed the Joint Operations Area (JOA) en route to Norfolk, VA and Little Creek, VA respectively. Canadian Chief of Defence, (B6) , visited Canadian Task Force 306.1 Friday and Saturday, 16 - 17 Sep 05. The Canadian Task Force will depart 18 Sep at 1300Z. The Canadian Coast Guard Vessel Sir William Alexander is scheduled to depart 22 - 23 Sep 05. USS Bataan to depart Joint Operating Area 18 Sep 05.

Aerospace: North Carolina Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System equipped C-130s will remain at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida until further notice in anticipation of fire support missions in the Joint Operating Area. No mosquito abatement missions flown on 17 Sep but is expected to resume on Sunday, 18 Sep.

Land: No new forces requested or deployed. Forces continue to flow out of the Joint Operating Area. Mayor of New Orleans approved plan to allow business owners back into New Orleans to collect business records. Operations reported as proceeding surprisingly smooth. A dusk to dawn curfew remains in place.

Summary of Non-Actionable Items Researched by JOC:

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From: NC JOC - Chief - OMB
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 3:41 AM
To: (B6)
Subject: FW: US NORTHCOM Daily Update: 19 Sep 05

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3. (U) Hurricane Katrina Update: As of 18 / 2100 MDT Sep, there are 13,914 active duty and 41,549 National Guard forces supporting relief operations in the Katrina Joint Operating Area. US Northern Command, in coordination with Joint Task Force-Katrina and Office of the Secretary of Defense, continues to track force adjustment as units move in and out of the Joint Operating Area in support of transition operations.

Maritime: After being relieved by USS CHIEF, the USS DEFENDER, is now en route to Ingleside TX. USNS COMFORT remains in Pascagoula, MS. COMFORT has treated 1099 patients on board the ship.

- Continuing to speed toward the southern tip of Florida, USS BATAAN and the Canadian Task Group 301.1 (HMCS ATHABASKAN, HMCS TORONTO, AND HMCS VILLE DE QUEBEC) will transit around the Florida and up the US Eastern Coast to avoid TS Rita. Decisions regarding potential movement of JTF-K vessels in response to TS Rita will be made 19-20 Sep.

Aerospace: Continue to track the movement of aircraft out of the Joint Operating Area as Force Adjustments continue. Two mosquito abatement flights were conducted on 18 Sep and two more are scheduled for 19 Sep. 63 Title 10, 79 National Guard and 8 US Coast Guard helicopters remain in the Joint Operating Area for relief operations. One Canadian Airbus delivering North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) support supplies including beds and blankets arrived at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas at 18/1400 EDT Sep. Additional NATO support flight are scheduled for 19 and 20 Sep. TAG Mississippi advised that he desires to retain the 2 x Modular Airborne Firefighting System (MAFFS) C-130s to support heightened wildland fire risks in his state due to drying storm debris. USNORTHCOM Joint Operations Center is coordinating the request with the Mississippi Defense Coordinating Officer (DCO). 145 Air Wing North Carolina Air National Guard will execute a normal crew swap with their MAFFS C-130s basing at Pensacola NAS, FL.

Land: US Northern Command released Modification Order (MOD) # 36 providing communications support, MOD # 37 providing Engineer support, MOD # 38 providing DNA Teams is pending, and MOD # 39 providing Preventive Medical Teams to support relief operations in the Joint Task Force - Katrina Joint Operating Areas was released.

From: NC JOC - Chief - OMB
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2005 3:30 AM
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Cc: NC JOC - Chief - OMB
Subject: US NORTHCOM Daily Update: 20 Sep 05
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1. (DNRIF)

2. (U) Hurricane Katrina Update: As of 19 / 2100 MDT Sep, there are 13,753 active duty and 39,833 National Guard forces supporting relief operations in the Katrina Joint Operating Area. US Northern Command, in coordination with Joint Task Force (JTF)-Katrina and Office of the Secretary of Defense, continues to track force adjustment as units move in and out of the Joint Operating Area in support of transition operations.
- JTF-Katrina continues to evaluate actions required with Tropical Storm Rita progressing along the south of Florida and headed toward the Texas coast. JTF-Katrina courses of action range from a full evacuation of New Orleans to graduated measures to reduce impact of TS Rita on the New Orleans area. The Mayor of New Orleans has suspended the plan to have civilians re-enter New Orleans due to TS Rita. US Army Corp of Engineers reports levees in New Orleans will not be protected against storms or hurricanes. The levee system in its present condition does not ensure that the city will be provided protection against tidal flux. The most vulnerable areas continue to be 17th and London Ave Canals.

Maritime: USS BATAAN is headed for MAYPORT for resupply and will embark 4 x MH-60s and 2 x MH-53s. BATAAN will depart 20-21 Sep following behind storm in support of any RITA relief efforts. Current plans call for movement of JTF-K ships to the East for storm avoidance: USS TORGUGA is underway en route to Panama City. USS IWO JIMA and USS SHREVEPORT will sortie on 21 Sep. GRAPPLE will proceed to Pensacola FL. PATUXENT will remain in Gulf of Mexico in support of sortie movements. Cruise ships should leave sometime after Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) ships. The current plan for cruise ships include embarking with all families, workers, and some critical & essential city employees. The USNS COMFORT has treated a total of 1139 patients on the vessel and 1182 at Spring River Mall. In anticipation of TS Rita, all 26 in-patients on USNS COMFORT have been transferred to local hospitals and plans are made to move out to sea and possibly return to New Orleans following TS Rita. USNS COMFORT will sortie 20 Sep for storm avoidance

Aerospace: Currently waiting the processing of mission assignment for Modular Airborne Firefighting System (MAFFS) support in Mississippi. Two mosquito abatement sorties were executed on 19 Sep spraying 213,504 acres. Two sorties are scheduled for 20 Sep, after POTUS departure from the Joint Operations Area. Monitoring the tasking and deployment of 4 medium lift and 4 heavy lift helicopter packages to Patrick AFB in support of a Florida mission assignment. Pre-planning for an anticipated Texas mission assignment requesting a package of 4 medium lift and 4 heavy lift helicopters plus an additional package of 5 heavy lift helicopters in a be prepared to (BPT) status to support FEMA Region 6 in Texas. Expect assets to be sourced by Force Command.

Land: Awaiting release of Joint Staff Modification Order #6 authorizing additional forces out of the Joint Operating Area as National Guard forces continue to assume mission tasks for Title 10 forces. JTF-Katrina developing plans for troop evacuation in case TS Rita impacts Hurricane Katrina recovery operations. The State of Texas has requested the immediate release of 1352 National Guard personnel supporting JTF-Katrina as a result of TS Rita. The Texas National Guard troops will support evacuation actions of 8000 Louisiana evacuees out of shelters followed by the transportation of 4000 evacuees in Houston to Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas.

3. (DNRIF)

Summary of Non-Actionable Items Researched by JOC:

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From: NC JOC - Chief - OMB
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2005 3:53 AM
To: NC JOC - Director - OMB
Cc: NC JOC - Chief - OMB
Subject: US NORTHCOM Daily Update: 21 Sep 05
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1 (DNRIF)

2. (U) Hurricane Katrina Update: As of 21 / 0200 MDT Sep, there are 13,298 active duty and 36,524 National Guard forces supporting relief operations in the Katrina Joint Operating Area. JTF-Katrina continues to plan actions to protect people and resources due to the approaching Hurricane Rita. The Army Corp of Engineers has warned that even a glancing blow to New Orleans and as little as 6 inches of rain could swamp the city's levees. The New Orleans Mayor and Louisiana Governor strongly urged people along the Louisiana coast to be prepared to get out. Vice Admiral Allen, the Principal Federal Official, said preparations in and around New Orleans includes 500 buses for evacuation, and enough water and military meals for 500,000 people.

Maritime: USS BATAAN is in port Mayport, FL for re-supply and will embark four x MH-60s and two x MH-53s. BATAAN will depart Sep 1000 EDT following behind the hurricane in support of any Rita relief efforts. The remainder of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) will egress by ground to Camp Shelby or Naval Air Station Meridian, MS in advance of severe weather associated with Hurricane Rita.

Aerospace: Mosquito abatement sorties have commenced 20 Sep.

Land: The State of Texas has requested and received the immediate release of 1352 National Guard personnel supporting JTF-Katrina as a result of Hurricane Rita. Texas Guard personnel are enroute to home station and expected to arrive evening of 20 Sep. Texas to stand up approximately 3600 on state active duty in preparation for Hurricane Rita. Force adjustments / relocations for Title 10 Forces are on hold pending Hurricane Rita outcome

3. (DNRIF)
Summary of Non-Actionable Items Researched by JOC:
(DNRIF)

Maritime: USS Iwo Jima and USS Shreveport departed New Orleans and have been remissioned to follow Hurricane Rita. USS Tortuga and USNS Comfort are also underway. USS Grapple is in port Pensacola, FL and USNS Patuxent is in port at Mobile, AL for storm avoidance. Cruise ships Ecstasy, Sensation, Holiday and Motor Vessel Scotia Prince to remain in port. Marine forces from MARFOR-Katrina are embarked aboard the Iwo Jima, Tortuga, and Shreveport.

Aerospace: Two mosquito abatement sorties were schedule to be executed on 21 Sep, but one was cancelled due to weather. The remaining sortie was able to spray 22,160 acres. Two sorties are scheduled for 22 Sep, followed by a down day to execute crew rotations on 23 Sep. From Joint Staff MOD 25, the Secretary of Defense has approved the usage of one U-2 aircraft to acquire high resolution imagery of Plaquemines Parish, LA. Received formal mission assignment for 2 x Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems (MAFFS) in support of Mississippi. Aircraft to remain postured at Pensacola, FL to support fire fighting efforts through 26 September.

Land: Almost all mission assignments for Hurricane Rita in Florida were cancelled by FEMA and NORTHCOM MOD 7 and 8. Florida DCO / DCE have redeployed to home station.

- Joint Task Force Katrina has completed actions in accordance with decision point 3 preparing forces for Hurricane Rita. Decision point 4, to relocate ground forces out of the potential danger zone is tomorrow morning, 22 September. Ground forces continue to assist recovery of human remains, debris removal, and assisting humanitarian efforts. Ground forces are hunkering down, prepared to weather the effects of Hurricane Rita.

- Mexican Army forces continue to feed Katrina evacuees at KellyUSA in San Antonio. Planned departure is 27 Sep.

- Forces taking actions to prepare for Hurricane Rita

National Guard: National Guard: There are currently 34,075 National Guard forces supporting relief operations in the Katrina Joint Operating Area. National Guard forces in Louisiana and Mississippi continue transition with Title 10 forces, support state response, and are prepared to conduct future force adjustments as necessary. National Guard Bureau is prepared to shift forces under Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) agreements to support Hurricane Rita response as required.

From: NC JOC - Chief - OMB
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To: NC JOC - Director - OMB
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From: NC JOC - Chief - OMB
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2. (U) Hurricane Katrina Update: As of 23 / 0200 MDT Sep, there are 14,662 active duty and 32,209 National Guard forces supporting relief operations in the Katrina Joint Operating Area. Forces continue to take refuge in safe havens from impending Hurricane Rita. All force adjustments remain on hold and will be reevaluated following Hurricane Rita.

Maritime: Cruise ships Ecstasy and Sensation are in the vicinity of Tampa FL avoiding Hurricane Rita. USNS PALAU, ALGOL, BELLAIRE, ALTAIR, and POLLEX remain in port New Orleans.

Aerospace: 2 x Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems (MAFFS) remain postured at Pensacola, FL for support to Mississippi but are not scheduled to fly today, 23 Sep. 2 x C-130 in Duke Field, FL cancelled today's mission due to weather and are not expected to resume aerial spraying in New Orleans until after Hurricane Rita makes landfall.

Land: Ground forces continue to assist recovery of human remains, debris removal, and assisting humanitarian efforts until landfall of Hurricane Rita.

National Guard: Currently National Guard forces are supporting relief operations in the Katrina Joint Operating Area. National Guard forces in Louisiana and Mississippi continue transition with Title 10 forces, support state response, and are prepared to conduct future force adjustments as necessary. National Guard Bureau is prepared to shift forces under Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) agreements to support Hurricane Rita response as required.

Summary of non-actionable items researched by the JOC:

(DNRIF)

From: NC JOC - Chief - OMB
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2005 5:46 PM
To: NC COG - Update - DL
Subject: USNORTHCOM OPERATIONS - EVENING UPDATE - 23 SEP 05
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Sir,

No trips of USNORTHCOM CCIRs. Two items:

1. (U) Hurricane Rita Update: Rita was downgraded to a CAT 3 storm early this afternoon. As of 1600 CDT, Rita had maximum sustained winds of 125 mph gusting to 145. Hurricane force winds (>75 mph) extend 85 miles outward from the center, and tropical storm force winds (>34 mph) extend 205 miles outward from the center. Rita is located around 155 miles east-southeast of Galveston, TX or 140 miles southeast of Port Arthur, TX. Rita is moving northwest at 12 mph. Landfall is projected early Saturday morning vicinity Beaumont/Port Arthur, TX just west of the TX/LA border as a Category 3 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 125 mph. Coastal storm surge flooding of 15-20 feet above normal tide levels is forecast near the center at time of landfall. Rainfall totals of up to 20 inches with isolated higher amounts are possible. Texas reports state and federal responders are prepared for Hurricane Rita. Evacuations continue with over 2.7 million evacuated. Louisiana reports evacuations of southwest parishes are nearing completion.

Maritime: USS IWO JIMA, USS SHREVEPORT, USS TORTUGA, USNS PATUXENT and USNS COMFORT are underway in trail of Hurricane Rita and will conduct relief operations following landfall. The IWO JIMA Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) has 856 Marines and nine helicopters (7 x MH-60 and 2 x CH-53). USNS SUPPLY will relieve USNS PATUXENT as duty oiler on 25 Sep. U.S. Coast Guard is providing two high-endurance cutters, one from LANTAREA and one from PACAREA.

Aerospace: TRANSCOM evacuated 1,290 patients from Houston, Beaumont and Lake Charles, LA. 244 patients in Houston were distributed to local hospitals. Around 1,370 non-medical civilians were evacuated from Beaumont. A P-3 is scheduled to fly tomorrow to survey the damage post landfall.

Land: Five Mortuary Affairs teams (31 pax) are scheduled to fly from New Orleans to San Antonio and are expected to travel once the weather allows. Four Mortuary Affairs teams are on 24-hour notice to move at Fort Lee, VA. JTF-Rita is established at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio with (B6) and SJFHQ-N have relocated to the Joint Federal Office (JFO) in Austin and are supporting the Principal Federal Official, RADM Hereth. Texas Dept of Public Safety reports that they have sufficient fuel to complete evacuations. FEMA has submitted an MA for 10,000 troops, 4000 each to Texas and Louisiana, and 1000 each to Oklahoma and Arkansas. Mission is to assist American Red Cross.

National Guard: Currently, the National Guard has 1,716 on SAD and 1,550 T-32 for a total of 3,266 troops.

Helicopter Status, Title 10:

Army - 48 total

Midland, TX - 6 x CH-47

Austin, TX - 6 x UH-60 (MEDEVAC)

Dyess AFB, TX - 5 x CH-47

Fort Hood, TX - 6 x UH-60 and 1 x CH-47

New Orleans, LA (St. Johns Airport) - 12 x UH-60 and 6 x OH-58

NAS New Orleans, LA - 2 x UH-60

Pensacola, FL - 4 x CH-47

Navy - 21 total

NAS JRB Fort Worth, TX - 4 x H-53

USS IWO JIMA - 7 x MH-60 and 2 x H 53

NAS New Orleans, NAS Pensacola and Keelser AFB - 8 x MH-60

Air Force - 5 total

Laughlin AFB, TX - 5 x H-53

Marine Corps - 19 total

NAS New Orleans, LA - 5 x UH-1 and 1 x AH-1

Keesler AFB - 2 x CH-46 and 10 x CH-53

NAS Pensacola - 1 x UH-1

Helicopter Status, National Guard:

Texas - 20 x UH-60, 19 x CH-47 and 2 x OH-58 (41 total)

Louisiana - 22 x UH-60, 2 x CH-47, 9 x UH-1 and 12 x OH-58 (45 total)

Mississippi - 17 x UH-60, 3 x CH-47 and 11 x OH-58 (31 total)

Helicopter Status, U.S. Coast Guard:

New Orleans, LA - 3 x HH-65

Houston, TX - 4 x HH-65

Corpus Christi, TX - 7 x HH-65

San Antonio, TX - 2 x HH-60

Mobile, AL - 2 x HH-60

2. (U) Hurricane Katrina Update: As of today, there are 12,336 active duty and 32,288 National Guard forces supporting relief operations in the Katrina Joint Operating Area. Forces continue to take refuge in safe havens. All force adjustments remain on hold and will be reevaluated following Hurricane Rita.

Maritime: Cruise ships Ecstasy and Sensation are in the vicinity of Tampa, FL avoiding Hurricane Rita. USNS PALAU, ALGOL, BELLAIRE, ALTAIR, and POLLEX remain in port New Orleans.

Aerospace: No mosquito abatement missions are planned until after the storm passes.

Land: Three levees in New Orleans spilled over today causing flooding in St. Bernard Parish/9th Ward. Cause was rising levels in Lake Ponchartrain. No rescues are expected as the area has already been evacuated. LTG Honore and JTF-Katrina Forward has relocated to the National Guard Armory at Lafayette Regional Airport, LA. Personnel from 82nd Airborne are providing refueling support to the National Guard in Louisiana for rescue operations. SJFHQ-N has five individuals remaining in New Orleans.

National Guard: Louisiana National Guard has shifted approximately 4000 troops to be prepared to conduct search and rescue and immediate response for the southwest parishes. National Guard Bureau is prepared to shift forces under Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) agreements to support Hurricane Rita response as required.

Summary of Non-Actionable Items Researched by JOC:

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Very Respectfully,

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USNORTHCOM Operations Center(B6)

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THE INTENT OF THIS REPORT IS TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE HOMELAND DEFENSE (HLD) AND DEFENSE SUPPORT TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES (DSCA) MISSIONS.

USNORTHCOM CCIRs # 8 tripped this morning and CMOC made notification to N-NC leadership. Two items:

1. **(U) Hurricane Rita Update:** 24 Sept Hurricane Rita landfall report, Hurricane Hunters reported that Hurricane Rita came ashore at 24/0730Z in extreme Southwestern Louisiana between Sabine Pass and Johnson Bayou. The aircrew reported that the sea level pressure in the eye as measured by dropsonde was 937 Millibars. The maximum flight level winds at 10,000 feet during that penetration into the eye were 111 knots (128 miles per hour) recorded 16 miles east of the hurricane's center. The National Hurricane Center reported that the surface winds at the time of landfall were 105 knots gusting to 130 knots (120 MPH gusting to 150 MPH). Coastal storm surge flooding of 15-20 feet above normal tide levels is forecast near the center of the storm at time of landfall. Rainfall totals of up to 20 inches with isolated higher amounts are possible. USNORTHCOM is postured to provide operational staging areas, aviation assets, medical assistance, logistics and communications support, and basic needs to disaster victims.

Maritime: U.S. Coast Guard Cutters Northland and Dauntless are in the Gulf of Mexico available for relief/rescue operations. The following ports are closed because of Hurricane Rita: Baton Rouge, LA; New Orleans, LA; Freeport, TX; Houston/Galveston, TX and Texas City, TX. USS IWO JIMA, USS SHREVEPORT, USS TORTUGA, USNS PATUXENT and USNS COMFORT are underway in trail of Hurricane Rita and will conduct relief operations following landfall. The IWO JIMA Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) has 856 Marines and nine helicopters (7 x MH-60 and 2 x CH-53). USNS SUPPLY will relieve USNS PATUXENT as duty oiler on 25 Sep. U.S. Coast Guard is providing two high-endurance cutters, one from LANTAREA and one from PACAREA.

Aerospace: Aviation assets on alert for damage assessment and search and rescue - 52 active duty helicopters and 2 HC-130s, 21 U.S. Coast Guard helicopters, and 112 National Guard helicopters. A P-3 is scheduled to fly today to survey the damage post landfall.

Land: In preparation for Hurricane Rita, TX Joint Field Office (Defense Coordinating Officer (DCO)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and USNORTHCOM currently working 29 Mission Assignments. JTF-CS Joint Planning Assessment Capability (JPAC) has closed to Fifth Army HQ in support of JTF-Rita. The DCO, Defense Coordinating Element (DCE) and Service Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (SEPLO) are at the Joint Field Office in Austin, TX and are operational. They have assumed the JTF mission and are ready to forward deploy an Operational Command Post (OCP) to the vicinity of Conroe, TX. (B6) has deployed to the JFO in Austin, TX. Ft. Sam Houston has been designated as an operational staging area for FEMA commodities. Five Mortuary Affairs teams retasked from JTF-K to JTF-R per NORTHCOM Modification 24 to Rita EXORD. Teams are currently at Naval Air Station (NAS) New Orleans, LA and will remain through landfall. They are expected to move 24 Sept from NAS New Orleans to San Antonio, TX when the weather clears. Four Mortuary Affairs teams are on 24-hour notice to move at Fort Lee, VA. JTF-Rita is established at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio with LTG Clark in command(B6) and SJFHQ-N have relocated to the Joint Federal Office (JFO) in Austin and are supporting the Principal Federal Official, (B6). Texas Dept of Public Safety reports that they have sufficient fuel to complete evacuations. FEMA has submitted an MA for 10,000 troops, 4000 each to Texas and Louisiana, and 1000 each to Oklahoma and Arkansas. Mission is to assist American Red Cross.

National Guard: Currently, the National Guard has 4294 on SAD and 1959 T-32 for a total of 6253 troops.

Helicopter Status, Title 10:

Army - 27 total

Midland, TX - 6 x CH-47
Austin, TX - 6 x UH-60 (MEDEVAC)
Dyess AFB, TX - 5 x CH-47
Fort Hood, TX - 6 x UH-60 and 1 x CH-47
Pensacola, FL - 4 x CH-47 (Arrive Sunday, 25 Sept)

Navy - 21 total

NAS JRB Fort Worth, TX - 4 x H-53
USS IWO JIMA - 7 x MH-60 and 2 x H 53
NAS New Orleans, NAS Pensacola and Keelser AFB - 8 x MH-60 (support Rita or Katrina)

Air Force - 5 total

Laughlin AFB, TX - 5 x H-53 (support Rita or Katrina)

Helicopter Status, National Guard:

Texas - 20 x UH-60, 19 x CH-47 and 2 x OH-58 (41 total)
Louisiana - 20 x UH-60, 3 x CH-47, 9 x UH-1 and 10 x OH-58 (42 total)
Mississippi - 17 x UH-60, 3 x CH-47 and 11 x OH-58 (31 total)

Helicopter Status, U.S. Coast Guard:

New Orleans, LA - 3 x HH-65
Corpus Christi, TX - 7 x HH-65
San Antonio, TX - 2 x HH-60
Mobile, AL - 2 x HH-60, 4 x HH-65

2. (U) Hurricane Katrina Update: As of today, there are 11,518 active duty and 32,288 National Guard forces supporting relief operations in the Katrina Joint Operating Area. Forces continue to take refuge in safe havens. All force adjustments remain on hold and will be reevaluated following Hurricane Rita.

Maritime: Cruise ships Ecstasy and Sensation are in the vicinity of Tampa, FL avoiding Hurricane Rita. USNS PALAU, ALGOL, BELLAIRE, ALTAIR, and POLLEX remain in port New Orleans.

Aerospace: Aerospace: Helicopter Status, Title 10:

Army - 15 total

Ft. Rucker, AL - 10 x UH-60
Lafayette, LA - 5 x UH-60

Marine Corps - 19 total

NAS New Orleans, LA - 5 x UH-1 and 1 x AH-1
Keesler AFB - 2 x CH-46 and 10 x CH-53
NAS Pensacola - 1 x UH-1

No change of mosquito abatement missions in New Orleans until after Hurricane Rita passes.

Land: Three levees in New Orleans spilled over today causing flooding in St. Bernard Parish/9th Ward. Cause was rising levels in Lake Ponchartrain. No rescues are expected as the area has already been evacuated. LTG Honore and JTF-Katrina Forward has relocated to the National Guard Armory at Lafayette Regional Airport, LA. Personnel from 82nd Airborne are providing refueling support to the National Guard in Louisiana for rescue operations. SJFHQ-N has five individuals remaining in New Orleans.

National Guard: Louisiana National Guard has shifted approximately 4000 troops to be prepared to conduct search and rescue and immediate response for the southwest parishes. National Guard Bureau is prepared to shift forces under Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) agreements to support Hurricane Rita response as required.

Summary of Non-Actionable Items Researched by JOC:

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