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Update on Flooding at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Mid-South

"The response by NSA Mid-South to the flooding that occurred in Millington last weekend was nothing short of heroic and showed that we have learned from Katrina. Because of the CO's quick actions and those of his first responders to alert and evacuate the base, no one was injured or lost and our base support organizations, like Fleet and Family Services, NMCRS, and our PPV partner, Forest City, as well as the City of Millington, worked around the clock as one team to provide shelter, food, and funding for every one of our 300 families. They are a shining example of doing it right."

- Vice Adm. Mike Vitale, Commander, Navy Installations Command

Current status and future operations

NSA Mid-South and tenant commands have reported 100 percent accountability of Sailors, Navy civilians and family members in the area affected by the flooding. Everyone at NSA Mid-South, including Sailors, family members, volunteers, contractors, and support organizations, has worked hard to get the [functional mission](#) of the base up and running, get employees back to work and get [families back into their houses](#). Currently:

- Of the 252 homes in NSA Mid-South's base housing complex, 148 of them have been cleared for Sailors and their families to return, with the remaining 104 families currently residing in short-term housing either in hotels, with family and friends or in the bachelor enlisted quarters. Plans continue for the expeditious movement of families back into housing.
- [Forest City](#), the public-private venture housing partner is working to identify long-term housing requirements.
- Detailed building inspections are complete; 18 buildings have water damage; six have non-structural safety concerns, and two have structural concerns.
- Base power has been restored to 80 percent of NSA Mid-South with one of three power grids still inoperable.
- To service the needs of Sailors and families, a temporary Navy Exchange and pharmacy opened May 5, and the commissary opened the next day.
- The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS), Millington Crisis Center and local churches are [lending a hand to help Sailors and families](#) aboard NSA Mid-South with assistance as they recover from the storm.
- Loans are available through the NMCRS to meet the emergency needs of active duty and retired Sailors, Marines and their families. A [NMCRS](#) office is temporarily located in the NSA Mid-South gymnasium and may assist single Sailors and Marines with \$300 and Sailors and Marines with dependents with \$600.
- Orders that were in the system prior to the flooding have been released in the Navy Messaging System. Sailors should not execute a Navy-related move without orders in hand. Statutory and screening boards have been delayed, and future selection board schedules will be updated via NAVADMIN once they become available.
- While many of the Navy's web-based manpower and career management systems are temporarily offline, [personnel records](#) contained on the servers are safe. Limited NMCI restoration is expected early this week.
- After receiving a defense support of civil authorities (DSCA) request from the city of Millington, NSA Mid-South established a Red Cross shelter for displaced residents in a gym outside the fence line perimeter.

Key Messages

- The safety of the Total [Navy Family](#) is our primary concern, and [NFAAS](#) is our accounting system; use it.
- NSA Mid-South's priority is to get the functional mission of the base up and running, get people back to work and get families back into their houses.
- It will take some time to restore many of the services we rely on; patience by all is appreciated. A lot of people are working to make it right.
- We are one Navy Family and will support our shipmates as they recover in the days ahead.

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- For Millington restoration efforts: <http://www.facebook.com/NSAMidSouth>, http://twitter.com/NSA_MidSouth, www.jag.navy.mil, (888) 897-8217 (claims helpline) www.nmcrs.org.
- For DoN updates: www.navy.mil, <http://www.facebook.com/USNavy>, <http://twitter.com/NavyNews>, 1-866-U-ASK-NPC or 866-827-5672 (emergent only presently).