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U.S. Special Operations Command Teammates & Families,

This is our final update to ensure you and your families remain informed during the recovery following Hurricane Ian.

We are proud of the wide-ranging efforts of our Headquarters personnel over the past week. Whether supporting teammates and their families, assisting neighbors in need, or ensuring continuity of our operations, our USSOCOM team lived up to the high standard our Nation expects from our Special Operations community.

As we resume all Headquarters functions on MacDill this week, our priorities remain unchanged. Our top priority continues to be the safety and wellbeing of our people and their families.

We know the full recovery from Hurricane Ian is far from over. While operations have resumed for our Headquarters, many in our greater Tampa Bay region and neighboring communities continue to struggle in the aftermath. Many teammates and neighbors are recovering from damage to their homes and property, and some remain without power.

- Please continue to exercise caution as you restore your homes – or as you assist neighbors and family members in the hardest hit communities. Utility and clean-up crews are working diligently to address issues.
- Keep supervisors and chain of command informed about ongoing challenges during recovery. This Headquarters and organizations across the community are available to help.
- Hurricane season is not yet over. Ensure you update your information on AtHoc to facilitate real-time, safety-related information and accountability. Family members can also be added to receive notifications. Please contact your Emergency Management Representative if you need assistance.
- We are continuing to update our listing of resources for those teammates, families, or neighbors requiring additional help. This will include information on finalizing entitlements for those required to evacuate.

This past week proved we truly have the best and most adaptive personnel and families in the world. Thank you for your unrelenting dedication to our mission and our team.

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Shane W. Shorter
Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army
Command Senior Enlisted Leader

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Bryan P. Fenton
General, U.S. Army
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