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## Sea Level Rise & Security in South Carolina Implications for Military and Civilian Communities

*The Citadel's Holliday Alumni Center, 69 Hagood Ave, Charleston, SC  
2pm-5pm, August 7, 2018*

*Followed by: Tidewater Film Screening and Discussion from 5:30pm-7:00pm  
RSVP to [events@climateandsecurity.org](mailto:events@climateandsecurity.org)*

***"I've taken two briefs in the last eight months on what I consider our most critical vulnerability, and that's Parris Island, South Carolina."*** - Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, [General Glenn Walters](#)

The [Center for Climate and Security's](#) Military Expert Panel, including senior retired flag and general officers from each of the Armed Services, recently [issued the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of a report](#) concluding that sea level rise risks to coastal military installations will present serious risks to the military mission, underscoring a 'Responsibility to Prepare.' The report includes new information regarding military installation vulnerabilities, including to the energy and transportation infrastructure that these installations depend on, showing significant risks to high-value military sites – in South Carolina and across the country. The report asserts that policies for addressing climate change risks must go beyond military infrastructure resilience, to include the resilience of surrounding civilian infrastructure, as well as the resilience of military operations in the face of these rapid changes.

Please join the Center for Climate and Security, in partnership with the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, and the Charleston Resilience Network for a discussion about those risks, and the opportunities in South Carolina for addressing them.

### **2:00-5:00pm**

**Introduction and Welcome: Caitlin Werrell, Co-Founder, The Center for Climate and Security**

**Preparing for a Climate Changed Future: Addressing Climate Risks to the Military's Mission**

**Brigadier General Stephen Cheney, USMC (Ret.)**, American Security Project, Former Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island

**Heather L. Messera, Moderator**, Senior Fellow for Government Affairs, The Center for Climate and Security

**Readiness and Resilience for Southeastern Military Installations and Communities**

**Billy Keyserling**, Mayor of Beaufort, SC

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**Ginnie Kozak**, Planning Director, Lowcountry Council of Governments, Project Manager for the MCRD Parris Island and MCAS Joint Land Use Study

**David Johnston**, Charleston Resilience Network

**Rear Admiral Ann C. Phillips, USN (Ret.), Moderator**, The Center for Climate and Security, Former Director of Surface Warfare, Chief of Naval Operations Staff

**Closing Remarks**

**Susan Wickwire**, Vice President, Board of Governors, The Henry M. Jackson Foundation

### **5:30 – 7:00pm**

**Film Screening and Discussion - Tidewater**

**Colonel Mark "Puck" Mykleby, USMC (Ret.)**, The Center for Climate and Security, former special strategic assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

**Rear Admiral Ann C. Phillips, USN (Ret.)**, The Center for Climate and Security, Former Director of Surface Warfare, Chief of Naval Operations Staff