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Hurricane Erin starts trek

Rip currents, high waves, storm surge in forecast for East Coast

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Hundreds of thousands of beachgoing tourists and coastal residents kept a watchful eye on massive Hurricane Erin Aug. 19 as large waves and rough surf driven by the powerful storm were expected to pound the Atlantic Coast from central Florida to Canada.

Parts of North Carolina's Outer Banks were under mandatory evacuation orders, while further south along the North Carolina coast, emergency officials rescued at least 60 people caught in rip currents and heavy surf on Aug. 18 in Wrightsville Beach, prompting a "no swimming" advisory through Aug. 22. Rip currents are the leading cause of weather-related deaths in the

Carolinas. The storm appeared to be making the long-forecast, slow cruise northward hundreds of miles offshore. Erin started Aug. 19 as a Category 3 hurricane with 115 mph winds and gusts up to 155 mph, and had slowed to a 7 mph crawl as it battled headwinds, the

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U.S. Army veteran Gene Rauschenbach talks about his years as a soldier during World War II. The Perry Township resident served as an infantryman, prison guard, medic, engineer and sniper over his three-year stint in the military.

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Veteran recalls WWII service as he turns 100

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PERRY TWP. – World War II veteran Gene Rauschenbach wore many hats in his three-plus years in the U.S. Army. He served as an infantryman, prison guard, sniper, medic and combat engineer during his service time, which ran from 1943 to 1946.

But Rauschenbach said his most memorable post was guarding German prisoners of war at separate camps in Louisiana and Oklahoma. Many German soldiers spit at U.S. guards in the prison camps, recalled Rauschenbach, noting that he was often the exception to those incidents. He had picked up some German as a youth from his parents. "I could speak (basic) German. So the

POWs were more friendly to me," said Rauschenbach, who was 18 when he was drafted into the Army. "We're all God's children. I don't know why you have to fight continuously." Germany invaded Poland in 1939, marking the beginning of the war in Europe. The U.S. entered the conflict on Dec. 7, 1941, after Japan's attack on

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Gov. DeWine uses task forces to tackle issues

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When a thorny problem comes up, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine calls on friends and experts to quickly size up the issue and draft recommendations. Since he took the oath of office in January 2019, DeWine has appointed two dozen working groups to wrestle with issues such as school bus safety and nursing home safety. Task forces are as much as DeWine's brand as homemade pie, baseball and grand-kids. "It's a way to focus on particular problems and come up with practical solutions that will work," DeWine said. He added "I think with every task force we've been able to do something that was positive." The latest groups are working on property tax reforms and how to restrict SNAP recipients from using the

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