



U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hunter Liggett & Parks Reserve Forces Training Area

June 5, 2020



June 14th is the Army's 245th birthday...

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Highlights for FHL: Senior Leaders visit; FHL plans tribute to Soldiers and veterans for Army Birthday, 25L pop-up course continues; RSO initiates Wellness video series; Capabilities video on Air Ops released; "Guess Who?" activity; chapel family delivers goody bags to youth

Highlights for PRFTA: NCO Academy participated in a recognition ceremony during the Commandants Training Council hosted by the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Center of Excellence (left); NCOA also held virtual Organizational Day.

FHL and Parks Reserve Forces Training Area provides base operations support enabling total force readiness while providing for the well-being and security of Soldiers, Family members and Civilians on post. It is the seventh largest Army installation and the largest Army Reserve installation in the country. Along with this bi-weekly storyboard, FHL & CPRFTA produces a variety of command information products which are available on the Defense Video & Imagery Distribution System (DVIDS). Produced by the FHL Public Affairs Office, Bldg 238 California Ave, Fort Hunter Liggett CA 93928. For additional info, click on icons on right.



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ARMY 245TH BIRTHDAY

Why We Serve



U.S. ARMY 245TH BIRTHDAY

JUNE 14, 1975

I served because...

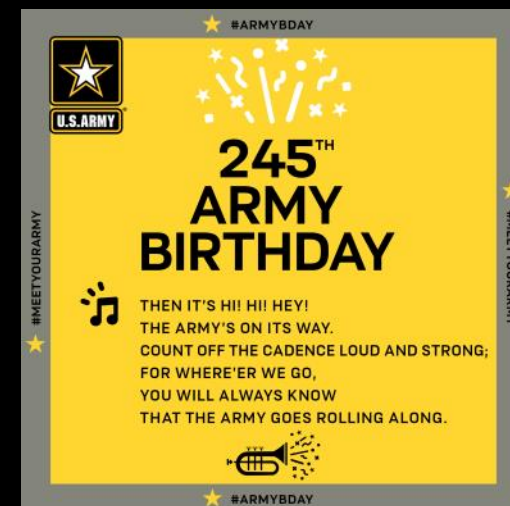


SSG Theresa Baker (Martinez)
1990-2000
91G Behavioral Science Specialist
Landstuhl Regional Medical Center

I was a young mother who needed support to put myself through college while taking care of my family. I received that and so much more.



Theresa Martinez
Alcohol and Drug Control Officer
Fort Hunter Liggett 2020

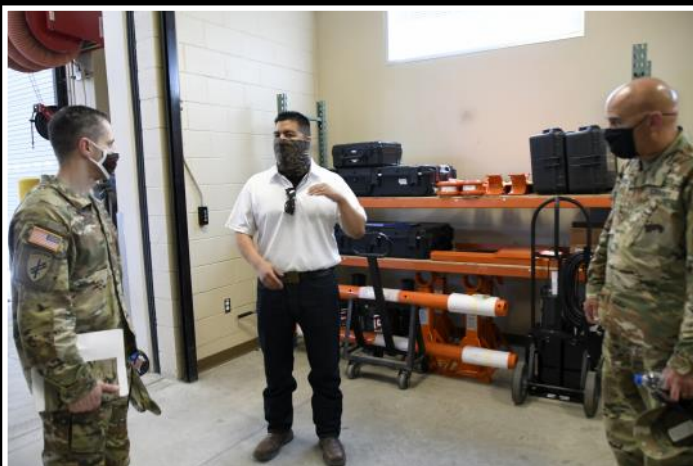


FHL is showcasing its veteran employees, residents, and Soldiers to celebrate the Army's 245th birthday with a poster as shown above. The Army also invites everyone to "Sing the Army Song on June 14" and tag them (#ArmyBday) with your best version. In 2020 the Army and its components have risen to the call in the COVID-19 pandemic battle. Their messaging: PROTECTING THE FORCE so the Army can protect the nation, at home and abroad, by staying ready to deploy and fight in a contingency, if necessary. MAINTAINING READINESS to respond globally, postured to execute our wartime mission and sustain combat operation. SUPPORTING THE WHOLE-OF-NATION EFFORT: The Army, because of our capabilities and people, is the largest contributor in terms of personnel for this operation in DoD. BUILDING A FUTURE ARMY: The Army remains focused on modernization, future readiness and reform efforts that plan, program and budget for the future. We have a lot to be proud of as we celebrate the Army's 245th birthday! Check out the feature on the founding of America's Army: <http://www.army.mil/1775>. Or the 23 Need-to-Know Facts about the Army: <https://www.uso.org/stories/1630-23-facts-for-the-army-s-240th-birthday> (There's something on that site about the Army looking into printing 3D food. Check it out.)



GARRISON READINESS

Senior Leader Engagement



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GARRISON READINESS

25L Training at FHL Continues



A small “pop-up” 25L (Cable Systems Installer-Maintainer) reclassification course for deploying Soldiers is being held at Fort Hunter Liggett from May 8 to June 7. This course is normally conducted at the High Tech Regional Training Site – Maintenance (HTRTS-M) located in Sacramento, California. It is the job of the 25L to construct aerial tie offs of low voltage cable to prevent Fiber Optics from being trampled. The instruction is being provided and demonstrated by SSG Gillilan, Theodore. Soldiers carrying their Army Fiber Optic cable to their pole climbing site to review techniques and safety procedures. All Soldiers are wearing their PPE during the COVID-19 when they are in close proximity of each while receiving instruction. While on the pole (due to weather and climbing) the students were authorized to remove their masks as they were more than 6 feet from each other. This allowed the students to breathe better and prevent hyperventilation. (Courtesy photos)



GARRISON READINESS

Wellness Videos Series



COVID-19 has placed many new challenges and stresses on the workforce and their families. The garrison Religious Support Office is hosting a series of Wellness videos to promote workforce resiliency. The first video is an informal roundtable discussion (with appropriate social distancing of participants) with the Wellness Team comprising the garrison commander, chaplains, Army Community Services and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention program managers. Some topics discussed include positive ways to deal with stress, staying connected and how to speak to teens about COVID-19. Look for it soon on DVIDS and Facebook. (Photo by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



FAMILY PROGRAMS

Guess Who?



USAG Fort Hunter Liggett/Parks Reserve Forces Training Area workforce staying ready and resilient, and preventing the spread of COVID-19. Can you guess who these employees are? This is an on-going project so please send the Public Affairs Office your funny photos with face covering. (Courtesy photos)



FAMILY PROGRAMS

RSO Families Volunteer



The Martin family decided to do something special for the youth living in FHL housing. As volunteers for the Protestant Youth of the Chapel, Donald, Esmeralda, and Julie (pictured above) purchased goody bags and distributed them, along with activity booklets provided by the Religious Support Office. "They have delivered these gifts in three different iterations and report they have been received with joy," said Chaplain Cesar Rodriguez. "Their selfless service and care for the youth of the community have promoted positive coping and spiritual resiliency for youths and families," he said. Donald is a Department of the Navy Civilian working at Camp Roberts. (Photos courtesy RSO).



SUPPORT TO TRAINING

Air Ops Capabilities video



Fort Hunter Liggett is producing a series of capabilities videos to showcase the training opportunities provided by the installation. The first highlights Air Operations. This complements the Behind the Scenes series of videos that shows FHL Civilians and Soldiers that make the training happen for units of the joint services. More will be added to the DVIDS Features page in the coming months: <https://www.dvidshub.net/tags/video/fhlsupportwarriors>



SUPPORT TO TRAINING

PRFTA NCOA Gains Recognition



NCO Academy Parks participated in a recognition ceremony during the Commandants Training Council hosted by the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Center of Excellence (NCOL CoE) on 20 May 2020. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the annual Commandants Training Council was conducted on Microsoft Teams by NCOL CoE. NCO Academy Parks was recognized for its superior efforts during the execution of the first virtual Army Reserve Basic Leader Course. SFC Mario Quintero (Senior Small Group Leader) and SFC David Sandoval (Senior Human Resources NCO) received coins for excellence from CSM Jimmy Sellars (NCOL CoE Commandant) for their invaluable contribution to the mission's success. The NCO Academy Parks Leadership Group also participated in the ceremony to recognize these outstanding Soldiers. Despite the barriers of the COVID19 epidemic and social distance restrictions, it is important to recognize and celebrate the promotions of our Soldiers. Adjusting to the new normal and finding creative ways around the COVID 19 restrictions is important for the way-ahead in our organization. (Courtesy photos)



SUPPORT TO TRAINING

PRFTA NCOA Holds Virtual Org Day



The NCO Academy Parks held a virtual organization day on 21 May 2020. It executed the event to promote unit cohesion and comradery in light of COVID-19. The event kicked off with Soldiers participating in physical readiness training at their residence. They captured photos of themselves doing various PT activities such as running, biking, or weight lifting. (Left) SSG Clint Perry (Human Resources NCO) conducts PRT using his home gym equipment. After refueling their bodies, the cadre joined a Microsoft Teams video call to participate in a Family Feud game. SFC Niahyna Jones, Training NCO, (right) organized the tournament by developing creative questions, splitting the academy into eight teams, and overseeing the bracket style tournament. The Purple Team was victorious and the leadership team presented them with the Commandant's Cup, which will be displayed in their office until the next unit organization day. With the challenge of the COVID-19 crisis and social distancing it is crucial to identify alternate means to build unit cohesion. Sharing our exercise routines also helps promote and encourage one another to continue to maintain physical fitness during this time. (Courtesy photos)