



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

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**Highlights for Fort Hunter Liggett:** The inaugural senior gunner course begins; the 91st TD trains-up a Best Warrior competitor; a mobile microgrid demo is presented; new construction continues; SHARP annual training with a dynamic speaker; Go Red for Women walk

**Highlights for Camp Parks:** Master Planning Workshop, NCOA awards, NCOA Basic Leadership Course; Tenant Town Hall; Western Medical Best Warrior competition

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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# INFRASTRUCTURE

## Mobile Microgrid Demo



A scaled-down version of a microgrid, similar to that being installed at FHL, was brought here in a “teaching trailer” to demonstrate how microgrids work and to show the safety features they incorporate, Feb. 11, 2020. Schweitzer Engineering Labs (SEL), Inc. developed the trailer, and the demo gave employees a hands-on preview of how the system will work at FHL once it’s fully implemented. Such a holistic system supports Army modernization efforts and sustainability on a large scale, and mobile microgrids are also used in military forward operating bases. Brandon Marcum, a project engineer with SEL (top left), spoke on how the system will help maximize efficiency and reduce fuel waste. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)





# INFRASTRUCTURE

## FWMR Facilities Update



The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation DeAnza Sports & Fitness Center expansion project (above) and Car Wash began in 2017, and is anticipated to be complete by late spring. The new “Sports Center Annex” provides an additional 6,000 square feet of space for Soldiers and their Family Members to use for their training and fitness needs. The Annex will also serve as a multi-function building housing cardio equipment, strength machines, and a dedicated area for combative training. The Car Wash will be a 24/7 self-service facility open to the garrison community, MWR VIP Card Holders, and military veterans. The “touchless” car wash is the only full-service and fully-automated car wash within a 30-mile radius from Fort Hunter Liggett. It offers three cleaning choices ranging from \$9-13. (Photos by Bryan Lee, FMWR)



# GARRISON READINESS

## Master Planning Workshop



Camp Parks conducted a master planning workshop led by contractor Jacobs Engineering Group, Feb. 4-6, 2020. Installation and tenant personnel spent an intensive three days developing the strategic goals for the installation, identifying key issues and challenges, and space requirements. Shown above is Jacobs Engineering Group representative briefing Lt. Col. Jennifer Nolan and her command staff of the five proposed goals and showing them a map of proposed locations for new tenants, the shifting of installation offices and facilities and current tenants. Some issues identified include lack of shade trees, a one-stop ACS center, barracks, fitness facility, and energy resiliency. (Photo by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



# SUPPORT TO TRAINING

## Senior Gunner Course at FHL



Army Reserve Soldiers train at Fort Hunter Liggett in the inaugural senior gunner course. This training is designed to produce senior gunners who can standardize gunnery courses for non-combat arms units across the Army Reserve. Combined Arms Support Command and Army Reserve had identified a training gap in areas of convoy protection and base defense operations. This gunnery training gets after those capability needs and builds on the expertise, knowledge and lessons learned from Operation Cold Steel I-III. For video see: <https://dvidshub.net/r/hhzmk3>  
(Photos/video by Calvin Reimold, USARC)





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## 91st TD Trains Soldiers for Best Warrior Competition



The 91st Training Division conducted tower rappel operations at FHL Feb, 7, 2020 in preparation for the 84th Training Command Best Warrior Competition to be held at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Staff Sgt. Crystal Hunter, Observer Control Team (OC/T) Member, 3/381st BN, will represent the NCO category for the 91st TD. Division Rappel Masters Staff Sgt. Aric Hilmo, OC/T and Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Patterson, G4 Logistics NCO, conduct the Tower and UH-60 Rappel train-up at the 84th TC. Photo: Soldiers practicing rappelling (left to right) Sgt. Chase Craig, OC/T, 3-290th BN; Sgt. 1st Class Heather Galusha, G7 Training NCO, 91st TD; Master Sgt. Kiwana Phillips, Operations NCO, 1st OPS BDE; Staff Sgt. Crystal Hunter. (Courtesy photos)





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## Western Medical Area Support Group Best Warrior Competition



The Western Medical Area Support Group based in San Pablo, California hosted a Best Warrior Competition at Camp Parks from Feb. 6-9, 2020. The intensive competition tests Soldiers in their Soldier, physical and mental skills. The competition started at 0400 with an physical fitness test, then a 10K road march, a 9-line medical triage tests, weapons qualification, and the day ended with night land navigation at 1800. Day 2 included an obstacle course, day land navigation, medical treatment tests, and an essay writing test. The final day was the awards ceremony and return to home station. Pictured on the left is Spec. Aislynn Love, 7252 Medical Support Unit based at Fort Harrison, Montana, at the road march finish line. On the right is Sgt. Edgar Alfaro, 7452 Medical Backfill Unit. (Photos by Amy Phillips, PAO)





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## Garrison Chaplain Offers Prayer to Incoming NCOA Basic Leadership Course Students



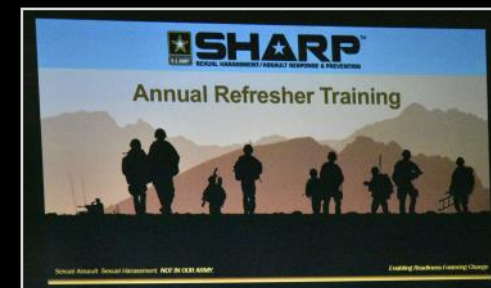
Camp Parks Chaplain (Capt.) Charles Ross offered a prayer and words to encourage resiliency and perseverance to students of the NCO Academy's Class 20-004 Basic Leadership Course during their orientation, Feb. 7, 2020. The 22-day course is the first professional development training in the NCO education system. The intensive course emphasizes leadership skills and prepares Soldiers to advance to the rank of Sergeant. Course topics include training management, map reading and land navigation, drill and ceremony, and warfighting. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)





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## SHARP Training



Dawn Holmes Cooney, a Sexual Assault Victim Advocate in the DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program, was the speaker at the annual SHARP training at the FHL post theater, Feb. 5, 2020. Based at the Presidio of Monterey, Cooney spoke about society's "rape culture" and gave examples of behaviors that could be considered sexual harassment or assault, how to protect oneself in those situations, and how to make restricted and unrestricted reports. (Photos by Cindy McIntyre)





# SOLDIER PROGRAMS

## PRFTA Tenants Town Hall



Camp Parks RFTA held its 2nd Quarter FY 2020 Tenant Town Hall, Feb. 7, 2020. More than sixty mission partner representatives were informed of current and future events as well as initiatives programmed across the installation. Garrison Commander Lt. Col Jennifer L. Nolan welcomed feedback and recommendations and thanked everyone for being dedicated to the mission as well as helping PRFTA maintain and meet mission requirements. Guest speakers from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), are seeking Reserve Soldiers, Veterans, and Military Spouses to fill more than 200 available jobs. After their presentation, LLNL representatives answered questions. Tenants were given an overview and timelines for implementation of the new intergovernmental support agreement (IGSA) with the City of Dublin which sparked considerable interest and feedback, particularly regarding the much anticipated improvements to consistent janitorial services. (Courtesy photo)





# EMPLOYEE PROGRAMS

## Go Red for Women— FHL



Fort Hunter Liggett Community participated in the 9th annual "Go Red for Women" walk, Feb. 7, 2020. The walk helped to raise awareness of Heart Disease as the number one killer of women. We had a guest speaker from our own community share her and her family's personal experience and provide first hand conversation of the importance of healthy lifestyle changes. (Courtesy photos)



# SUPPORT TO TRAINING

## Camp Parks NCO Academy Awards



The PRFTA NCO Academy hosted a graduation ceremony for the Basic Leader Course 20-003, Jan. 31, 2020. Command Sgt. Major Dennis Thomas, 80th Training Command CSM, was the guest speaker and presented coins of excellence to graduates Staff Sgt. Herbert and Staff Sgt. Kindness (right). The NCOA also conducted recognition ceremonies to honor recent significant achievements by the cadre. Command Sgt. Major James Stoots, Commandant, awarded 11 Soldiers the Drivers Badge (center). He also presented Staff Sgt. Ethan Berton with an engraved survival knife for winning the FY20 Best Warrior Competition (top left). (Courtesy photos)