



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

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Highlights for Fort Hunter Liggett: Celebration of the garrison's 79th anniversary, British paratrooper training, FHL gasifier focus of CNBC program, Army's Mobilization Force Generating Installation Assessment (MFGI), former deputy to the garrison commander reports from Afghanistan, Strong Bonds, community meeting on Compatible Use Program, and Family Fit Day.

Highlights for Camp Parks: Chaplain Cisco supports a promotion ceremony at the South Pacific Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in San Francisco.



Fort Hunter Liggett Commander Col. Charles Bell was interviewed by CNBC about the partnership with Sierra Energy, Jan. 16, 2020.

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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GARRISON READINESS

Mobilization Force Generating Installation Assessment



FHL/PRFTA and Camp Roberts were the first stop of an 11-installation tour by the Army's Mobilization Force Generating Installation Assessment (MFGI) team occurring from January to March to identify installation capabilities. The team lead, Chris Bagley with FORSCOM, is depicted above conversing with Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell. The comprehensive assessment includes items such as an installation's training capabilities, dining facilities, barracks space, and medical support. Mr. Bagley summarized the assessment as "checking under the hood." The garrison's Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Alberto Rosende remarked that the team views FHL/PRFTA and Camp Roberts as a "triad of capabilities" to support troops. (Photos by Amy Phillips, Public Affairs Officer)



GARRISON READINESS

Former FHL Civilian Deputy in Afghanistan



In late 2019, Angelia Pinto left her position as FHL Deputy to the Garrison Commander to take up a six-month detail in a war zone. She is now the Garrison Manager of Area Support Group—Forward Operating Base Camp Marmal in northern Afghanistan. She oversees Base Life Support which encompasses everything found in a typical Army garrison to provide services such as public works, emergency services, and logistics. This allows NATO coalition members to concentrate on their warfighting mission. The days are long, busy, and always changing, she said. “That means you have to be very flexible and think outside the box to get things done,” said Pinto. “Everyone helps everyone. You rarely hear ‘That’s not my job’ out here. Which I love.” Also called the FOB Mayor, Pinto is required to wear the camouflage uniform, but she said, “Even if it were optional for me, I would choose to wear the uniform out of respect.” (Courtesy photo)



SUPPORT TO TRAINING

British HALO Paratroopers Train at FHL



When paratroopers train, they generally jump out of a big C-130 airplane. However, when the High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) paratroopers jump, the aircraft may be more than 20,000 feet high and barely visible. At some point, after a loooooong freefall, a slowly floating string of parachutes comes into view, having been deployed at a much lower altitude. Thus, the paratroopers can be inserted into territory without being visible for as long, steering expertly with flexible chutes to their drop zone. These British paratroopers were visible on and around Fort Hunter Liggett this week. The depth of the protected airspace above Fort Hunter Liggett makes it ideal for HALO training. (Photos by Cindy McIntyre, FHL Public Affairs)



SOLDIER PROGRAMS

Camp Parks Chaplain Supports Promotion Ceremony



Camp Parks Garrison Command Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mark Cisco provided support to the South Pacific Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in San Francisco during a promotion ceremony hosted by Brig. Gen. Kim Colloton (left), Commanding General for Capt. Michael Ezell, Jan. 10, 2020. Cisco received the commander's coin for representing Camp Parks at the ceremony. (Courtesy photos)



SOLDIER PROGRAMS

FHL Chaplain Supports Camp Roberts Strong Bonds



The FHL Religious Support Office conducted a Strong Bonds Couples Retreat for the 302nd Signal Battalion at Camp Roberts, Dec. 20-22, 2019. The purpose was to equip families with healthy and resilient skills to strengthen their home life, which in turn strengthens the individual and the Army. Thirteen couples received 10 hours of world class marriage enrichment training at the Embassy Suites, Mandalay Beach Resort. (Courtesy photos)



SOLDIER & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Fit Day at FHL



The Fort Hunter Liggett Sports Center hosted its first "Family Fit Day" Jan. 4, 2020 at the DeAnza Sports Center track and field. The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) event is held the first Saturday of the month and will feature different activities each month. The purpose is to promote and educate the FHL community on the importance of healthy living, with emphasis on the youth. February will feature a 1-mile relay and flag football game. According to FMWR, nearly three-quarters of today's youth cannot pass the physical fitness test that qualifies one to enlist in the Army. The Family Fit Day goal is to show that healthy goals are attainable. (Courtesy photos)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Fort Hunter Liggett 79th Anniversary



Fort Hunter Liggett celebrates its 79th Anniversary in 2020, and conducted a special event at the post theater, Jan. 10, 2020. A video highlighting key events of 2019 was shown, and the Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell gave his new year's greetings outlining the busy year ahead. The Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Jason McKenzie provided historical information of the importance of Fort Hunter Liggett during WWII, and its relevance today, which set the stage for the presentation by Garrison Soldiers. Soldiers from FHL and Camp Parks visited local historical sites, provided research information on their significance during WWII and how it ties into FHL's mission then and now. The left photo depicts group at a WWII-era training bunker at FHL. The event was followed by a Right Arm Night and FMWR sponsors' gifts give-away to post children at the Hacienda. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

CNBC Interview on Gasifier Plant



Fort Hunter Liggett Commander Col. Charles Bell was interviewed by CNBC Associate Producer Katie Bringham at the Sierra Energy gasifier plant, Jan. 16, 2020. As part of their Net-Zero initiatives, Fort Hunter Liggett has been working with Sierra Energy for several years to see the plant to fruition. The plant converts waste to energy and is funded through investors and government contracts, and is still in the testing phase. During his interview, Bell emphasized the significance of the project not only for the garrison, but for the Defense mission. The plant is already saving the garrison a lot of money by recycling wooden pallets and waste wood, and is planning to recycle the waste generated at the dining facilities. Once completed, the technology will have global impact, and a huge cost savings for the Department of Defense by eliminating the need to transport waste products and producing energy from waste. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Southern Monterey County Rural Coalition



Lt. Col. Jason McKenzie, FHL Deputy Garrison Commander, spoke to the Southern Monterey County Rural Coalition on the Compatible Use Plan, Jan. 15, 2020. The Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), a DoD funded agency, will survey the community regarding a variety of encroachment and compatibility issues confronting both the civilian community and the installation. Those issues include housing, water, cyber security, drones, bird strikes, spectrum interference, and environmental protection. Because of heavy use of military vehicles, Jolon Road is eligible for repair under the program, which is 90 percent funded through the OEA and 10 percent through the City of Monterey. The CUP will help adjust, modify and create new policies, enhance the community partnerships, and spur economic development as well as preserving military readiness and quality of life. (Photo by Cindy McIntyre, FHL Public Affairs)