



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

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August is Anti-terrorism Awareness Month
Be vigilant and report suspicious activities

Highlights for FHL: Making history with first-ever JLTV and 12W Carpentry and Masonry Military courses. MPs students learning the basics. Stryker gunner qualification on the range. Virtual Vacation Bible School.

Highlights for PRFTA: Command Sgt. Maj. McKenzie Assumption of Responsibility. Operation Backpack Giveaway.

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

PRFTA Assumption of Responsibility



Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (PRFTA) held an Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony August 4, 2020. Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel B. MacKenzie (right) assumed responsibility for PRFTA from Master Sergeant Michael Rivera who served as PRFTA's interim Command Sergeant Major in July. MacKenzie is a native of Brownsburg, Indiana. His previous assignment was Operations Sergeant Major of 7th Psychological Operations (PSYOP) Group, Moffett Field, Mountain View, California. The event was broadcast over Facebook Live in support of social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Photo by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)



WORKFORCE RECOGNITIONS

DA Civilians Earn Steel de Fleury Medals



On July 30, 2020, Gene Messina and Ronnie Rosas were awarded the Steel de Fleury Medal by Col. Charles Bell, Garrison Commander. The Steel De Fleury recognizes their superior service to the United States Army Engineer Regiment and the profession of engineering by providing critical base support that enables our Commanders to build mission readiness and provide an enhanced quality of life for our Service Members, Families and Civilians at the United States Army Garrison Fort Hunter Liggett. Messina, Supervisory Engineering Technician is recognized for his 10 years of service to the Army and expertly controlling and managing the Directorate of Public Works budget of \$35 Million dollars of taxpayer money. Rosas, Supervisory Equipment Operator is recognized for more than 29 years of service to the Army that includes over 17 years as the Supervisor for the Roads and Grounds Department. Ronnie is credited for maintaining more than 1,300 roads, trails and fire breaks annually to include inspection of 34 bridges. (Photos by FHL Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Fluckiger)



SUPPORT TO TRAINING

First JLTV Course at FHL



A year-long partnership with the 102nd Training Command and the 63rd Readiness Division has come to fruition with the first-ever Army Reserve's Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) Operator New Equipment Training (OPNET) course during the week of August 9, 2020. The garrison training and public works directorates worked diligently with the Army engineer career field managers to design and build a vehicle orientation and 12-station obstacle course. Pictured are students driving over the Angled Log Crawl and Rock Garden obstacles. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



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First 12W Engineer Course at FHL



Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell's vision is to create an Engineer Center of Excellence at Fort Hunter Liggett, hosting all engineer skills training. Working with the 80th Training Command and 102nd Training Division, the first-ever 12W Carpentry and Masonry Military Occupational Skills course began at the 80th Training Command TASS Training Center (TTC). The course has eight students and are operating as "bubble" to reduce risks of contracting COVID-19. They are currently learning crafts of their trade in a tent with base structures for them to work on. The garrison is renovating the former TTC facilities to accommodate this and future engineer courses. Additional vertical courses 12K Plumbers and 12R Electricians, and combat engineer courses are also coming to FHL. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



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Military Police Reclassification Course



Military Police Reclassification Course at the Fort Hunter Liggett 80th Training Command TASS Training Center, August 2020. This condensed month-long course is designed for Soldiers who are changing their military occupational skills (MOS). Students learn basic operations in garrison and combat environments, such as conducting traffic stops and going into a village for high-value targets. Students from across the nation are learning basic operations in garrison and combat environments, UCMJ and other regulations. Instructors are from the 104th MP Training Battalion, Aroura, Colorado. The Garrison coordinates barracks, dining facility reservations, and other support services for troops. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



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Army National Guard Stryker Qualifications



California Army National Guard Soldiers with the 1-185th Infantry Regiment conduct annual Stryker Gunnery Qualifications at Fort Hunter Liggett, August, 2020. About 34 Strykers will go through the firing range. Soldiers must successfully engage seven out of ten targets. The Stryker provides support by fire and serves as troop transport (max 8 Soldiers) to get them closer to the battle. The vehicle can be equipped with a M19 grenade launcher or a 50-Caliber machine gun. Garrison staff support by making sure targets are working and work together with the military in the tower control room to monitor training. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



FAMILY PROGRAMS

Back to School Operation Backpack

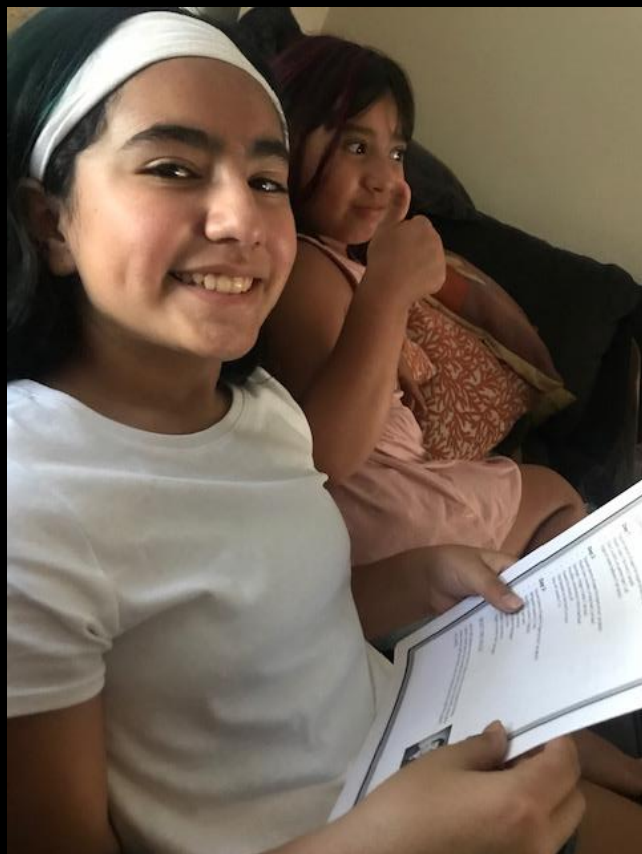


More than 60 backpacks were delivered to families at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (PRFTA) during Operation Backpack, August 6, 2020. This annual event hosted by Army Community Services in partnership with Sandia Labs in Livermore and the United Services Organization of Northern California provides backpacks to military families residing at PRFTA and the Moffett Field Housing Areas of Shenandoah and Wescoat Village. (Photos by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)



FAMILY PROGRAMS

Virtual Vacation Bible School



The Religious Support Office at Fort Hunter Liggett and Parks Reserve Forces Training Area/Moffett conducted a virtual VBS to service youth in the garrison community, August 3-6, 2020. Forty children at different locations logged in from their homes to play games and sing. Participants also had chances to win prizes and all had a lot of fun. Vacation Bible School is an annual summer event with lessons focused on spiritual resiliency and faith. Leading this year's first virtual VBS event was FHL Chaplain Cesar Rodriguez and PRFTA Chaplain Ross. (Photos by FHL RSO)