



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

August 26, 2020



August 26 Women's Equality Day

Check out the Army's website for profiles of Soldiers around the nation: <https://www.army.mil/women/?bn>. Stories of local profiles coming soon!

Highlights for FHL: Col. Bell hosted a major community relations meeting with two congressmen, civilian dignitaries and military leaders from Monterey County to provide information on how the military is operating in COVID-19 environment, and major initiatives. Congressman Carbajal had chance to tour installation, engage troops and ride a JLTV through the JLTV Course. FHL Firefighters support local fires. FHL has many modernization projects to provide best service and stay relevant. TTC FHL stands up another inaugural engineer course (12R), provides senior leaders with tour of their operations, received coin from the LRC for their support, and three of their instructors graduated with distinction from the Master Leader Course. FHL RSO ministers to Soldiers in the field. The Fellows had a chance to learn leadership insights from IMCOM-R Director Ms. McCullough. And lots more!

Highlights for PRFTA: Firefighters support local fires. Held a Resident town hall to introduce new installation command sergeant major and provide information to keep community informed. Troops received free meals from Vouch4Vet. Farewell to ACS Maria Chapa.

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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SENIOR LEADER ENGAGEMENT

Military and Civilian Leaders Meeting & Tour



Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL) hosted an in-person and virtual community relations meeting with Congressmen Jimmy Panetta and Salud Carbajal, the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, Army Reserve Ambassadors, and military leaders in the Monterey County, August 19, 2020. Military leaders from Moffett Field, FHL, Presidio of Monterey and Camp Roberts participated, representing the Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Navy, and the Coast Guard. Key issues military leaders discussed included how they are addressing COVID-19, aging infrastructure and facilities, housing, and need for more funding and equipment. Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell highlighted his major initiatives in modernization, energy resiliency, and more. Congressman Carbajal stayed for an installation tour after meeting and had chance to engage Soldiers training at Fort Hunter Liggett. Read full story at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/376660/congressional-relations-keeps-people-informed-helps-them-advocate-military> (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



GARRISON READINESS

Safety Video for Returning Workforce



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)



GARRISON READINESS

Fellows Emerging Leaders Program



The Fellows Program conducted a virtual meeting with IMCOM-Readiness Director Brenda Lee McCullough and learned valuable insights on leadership, balancing work and family, her journey from a NF1 in the FMWR arena, and answered questions, Aug. 26, 2020. The Fellows had the opportunity to tell Ms. McCullough why they joined the program, and how it has helped them in many ways grow as an individual and a team member. She remarked how proud she is of the garrison program, and would like the other Reserve installations to model their mentorship program like ours. The Fellows Program provides emerging leaders a chance to develop leadership skills and learn about garrison operations. Program information is available on the FHL SharePoint or by contacting Talia Wesley, Workforce Development Program Specialist (pictured standing on the left). (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



GARRISON READINESS

FHL Fire Dept. Provides CYS Training



The Fort Hunter Liggett Fire Department provided fire extinguisher training to the Child & Youth Services staff, August 14, 2020. The training enables staff to be prepared on how to protect the children and the facility. A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the #1 priority for residents is to get out safely. To learn more: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Safety-equipment/Fire-extinguishers> (Courtesy photos from CYS)



WORKFORCE RECOGNITION

Farewell to ACS Maria Chapa



Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Installation Commander Lt. Col. Serena Johnson and Command Sgt. Major Samuel MacKenzie presented Army Community Services Division Chief Maria Chapa with the Civilian Service Commendation Medal for her dedication to the installation community. Chapa was at PRFTA from 2018 to 2020, and provided invaluable information and support to the troops and their families. We wish her well and safe journey to her new assignment. (Photo by Jaimie Edwards, PRFTA)



SOLDIER RECOGNITION

TTC FHL NCOs Complete Master Leader Course

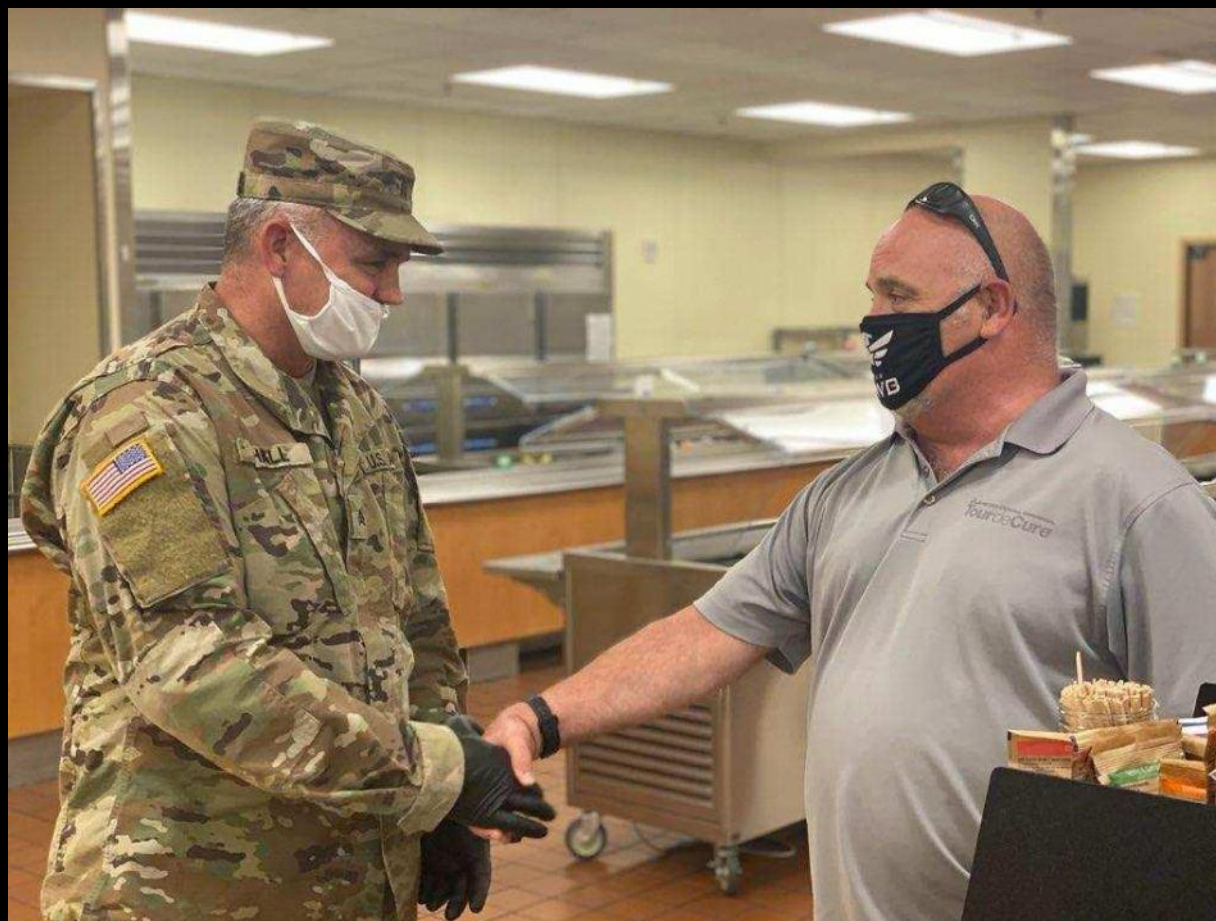


Three 80th Training Command Fort Hunter Liggett TASS Training Center (TTC) instructors graduated with distinction from the Master Leader Course, August 4, 2020. The instructors juggled a full course load while enrolled in the online MLC DL 106-20 held from June 24 - August 4. Sgt. 1st Class David Capelli, PSYOP Instructor, graduated with Superior Academic Achievement. TTC fully supports staff members pursuing civilian education and military education to posture them for promotion and positions of increased responsibility. (Courtesy photos from TTC FHL)



SOLDIER RECOGNITION

TTC FHL Soldier Recognized for C19 Support



Sgt. Wade Hall, with the TASS Training Center - FHL COVID Prevention Team, was recognition for his dedication to COVID Prevention at the Fort Hunter Liggett Dining Facility. Hall and his team execute daily temperature and symptoms checks for all individuals entering the DFAC, ensure each eating space in sanitized to standard, and enforce all COVID-related safety guidelines. Ron Raade, Food Program Manager for the Logistics Readiness Center at FHL, presented Hall with a 404th Army Field Support Brigade challenge coin. The garrison works hand-hand with tenant and transient troops to ensure CDC, Army and garrison COVID-19 guidelines are adhered to for the safety of the FHL community. (Courtesy photo from TTC FHL)



SUPPORT TO TROOPS

FHL Modernization Efforts

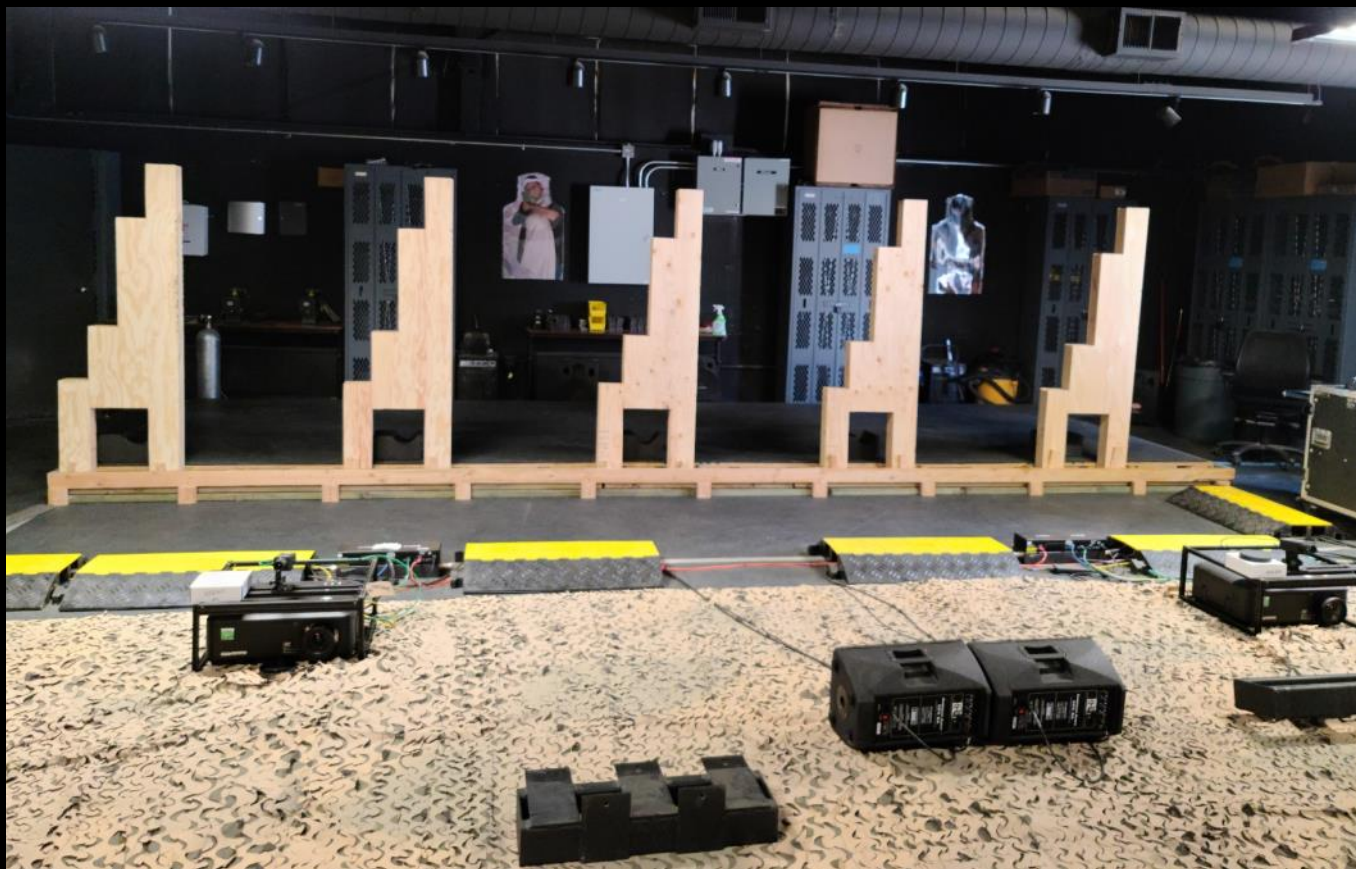


Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL) has been upgrading facilities and training systems to meet the Army modernization efforts in support of the nation's warfighters. Some modernization projects include the on-going upgrades to the Multi-Purpose Range Complex (MPRC) facility to construct new target emplacements and to upgrade existing target lifters to wireless operations; expansion of several training sites to accommodate increased engineer training; and the "301 Complex" renovation which will be the future home of the High Tech Regional Training Center currently located in Sacramento. Read full story: <https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6309850/fort-hunter-liggett-urban-assault-course-california> (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs,)



SUPPORT TO TROOPS

FHL Modernization Efforts



The Fort Hunter Liggett Training Support Center recently completed the construction and installment of the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST) II. The EST II is a virtual training aid that supports M4/M16 Table II, Preliminary Live-Fire Simulations (PLFS). The virtual training prepares troops prior to shooting at the FHL firing range to qualify for the Army's new Rifle Carbine qualification standard. The new qualification course is designed primarily for the U.S. Army and the Reserve and National Guard but can be used by all military branches. (Photos by DPTMS and Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



SUPPORT TO TRAINING

TTC FHL DV Visit and Weapons Qualification



(Left) The 80th Training Command G7, Col. Worsham, alongside Barry Edberg, SOTO from the 102d Training Division, visited Fort Hunter Liggett and TTC-FHL, August 10, 2020. The visit included a tour of the TTC and Bldg. 241, the future home of multiple engineer courses. The visitors also saw the COVID-19 mitigations in place due to TTC-FHL and the garrison working diligently together to ensure a safe training environment. (Right) Instructors from the 31B10 Basic Military Police Course (BMPC) invited the TTC Staff to execute M9 familiarization and qualification on August 10-122, and 10 service members qualified on the M9. (Courtesy photos from TTC FHL)



SUPPORT TO TRAINING

Inaugural 12R Course at FHL



Fort Hunter Liggett's goal to establish an Engineer Center of Excellence is moved along with the 80th Training Command and 102nd Training Division hosting their inaugural 12R Electricians course. This is one of many engineer courses scheduled at the installation through a partnership between the installation and the training elements. Additional courses include the 12B Combat Engineer and 12C Bridge Crewmember courses which require the partners to prepare training sites such as mine clearing/detection lane, something even Fort Leonard Wood (home of the Army Engineer School) doesn't have. The establishment of the 12C course is significant since it would be the only one on the West Coast. Instructor Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Knecht with the 1st Brigade, 102nd Engineer Training Division was one of the instructors of the inaugural 12R course. Congressman Salud Carbajal, pictured on the right with Officer-in-Charge Major Jose Yrigollen, had the opportunity to tour the TASS Training Center and engage leaders and students during a recent visit to the installation. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



SUPPORT TO TRAINING

Religious Support Taking Ministry to the Field



The Fort Hunter Liggett Religious Support Office (RSO) took ministry to the field to provide spiritual support to the Army National Guard Soldiers training on post, August 13, 2020. Chaplains provide Soldiers with opportunities for the free exercise of religion as well as encouraging healthy practices of resiliency. This pastoral visitation in the field is important to Soldiers because Soldiers may request to speak with a chaplain while training in the field at a critical time when the Soldier is hurting or in need of spiritual upliftment. Soldiers seeing chaplains in the field may bring a sense of hope in a hopeless situation. Check out the FHL website for all RSO services and listing of local religious services: <https://home.army.mil/liggett/index.php/about/Garrison/RSO> (Photo by Chaplain Cezar Rodriguez, FHL RSO)



SUPPORT TO TRAINING

CA National Guard Train at FHL



The California National Guard 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team conducted their annual training at Fort Hunter Liggett in August, and was faced with scorching heat and intense smoke from wildfires in the area. The 40th Infantry Division Commander Maj. Gen. Laura Yeager engaged troops during a visit to FHL, August 19, 2020. The garrison Range Operations provided 24-hour support to enable the 79th IBCT to train more than 1,600 Soldiers. Range Operations ensured the ranges were setup, had the proper Surface Danger Zone (SDZ) and Deliberate Risk Assessment in place to protect troops in the field. The garrison also provided firing ranges, bivouac areas and barracks. (Photos by California Army National Guard)



SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY

FHL Fire Dept. Supports Local Wildfires



Firefighters (FF) from the Presidio of Monterey (PoM) and Fort Hunter Liggett joined FF from across the state to help contain the River and Carmel fires here in Monterey County. The fires were initially sparked by a lightning storm Aug. 16 and rapidly spread over thousands of acres, forcing evacuations and road closures in Salinas and Carmel. PoM and FHL FF are assigned to strike teams that include local firefighters from Salinas, Monterey, Seaside, Marina and other Monterey County fire departments. FF are battling steep-rugged terrain to battle these two fires. In some situations, they are forced to hike miles up steep hillsides, bearing their equipment, to reach their work areas. The Army is committed to the health, safety and well-being of our neighbors and our community. FHL FF Clayton Gardner is pictured in the inset coordinating with other FF. (Photos by FHL Fire Dept. and Joseph Kumzak, PoM)



SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY

PRFTA Fire Dept. Supports Local Wildfires



The Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Fire Department have been supporting wildfires in the Bay Area for more than two weeks. Engine 44 provided crash and rescue support to the CAL Fire Helibase at Meadowlark Airfield in Livermore, Aug. 18, 2020. Helicopters from this airfield were used in fighting the SCU Lightning Complex Fire in the Bay Area. PRFTA firefighter Wilson Humphries “cuts line” at the San Antonio Reservoir in Sunol, Aug. 16, 2020. The fire became part of the SCU Lightning Complex fire, one of the three major fires in the Bay Area. (Courtesy photos)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PRFTA Town Hall Keeps Community Informed



Parks Reserve Forces Training Area hosted a Housing Town Hall via Facebook Live, Aug. 12, 2020. Residents of PRFTA, Moffett Field's Wescoat Village and Shenandoah housing areas were able to submit questions to the PRFTA Installation Commander Lt. Col. Serena Johnson, Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel MacKenzie and Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) representatives for Moffett and PRFTA during the 20-minute event. (Photos by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Vouch4Vet Donate Meals to PRFTA Soldiers



On August 14, 2020, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area and volunteers from Vouch4Vet.org donated and distributed BBQ meals to Soldiers at PRFTA. More than 100 meals including drinks were distributed. Vouch4Vet.org is a local charity organization supporting Veterans' transitions to the civilian workforce in the Bay Area. (Photos by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)