



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

## September 11, 2020



Fort Hunter Liggett firefighters, DPW and 80th Training Command engineers keeping Dolan Fire at bay

Both installations conducted Patriot Day and Hispanic Heritage observances.

**Highlights for FHL:** The garrison is using multiple platforms to keep the community informed on the Dolan Fire impacts. The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and the Environment (PDASA) visited FHL and PRFTA to assess the garrison readiness. Fire Chief Clinton Tolle earned the Employee of the Third Quarter Award. Employee recognition ceremony honored more than 20 for their performance and years of service. Sierra Energy reports successful first operation test runs.

**Highlights for PRFTA:** Hosted senior leader visits by the PDASA, and the Fort Irwin command team.



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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# LEADER ENGAGEMENTS

## Bryan Gossage visits FHL



Bryan Gossage, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and the Environment (PDASA) visited Fort Hunter Liggett, Sept. 3, 2020, to assess installation management governance and effectiveness, and learn about their resiliency program, assess housing and other critical quality of life services, and how the PDASA might support FHL's mission requirements. Top row L-R: DPTMS Director Bill Riley conducting capabilities brief, Mr. Gossage took time to recognize three employees for their exceptional performance. CYS Director Maria Garcia-Zuniga provides information on child care services available to the Soldiers, Army Civilians and their families. Bottom L-R: Mr. Gossage at the fire equipment area, at a senior leader room in a barracks building, and at the Sierra Energy gasifier. He also visited the Network Enterprise Center, Teen Center, SATCOM barracks and engaged with SATCOM leaders. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)





# LEADER ENGAGEMENTS

## Fort Irwin Command Team Visits PRFTA

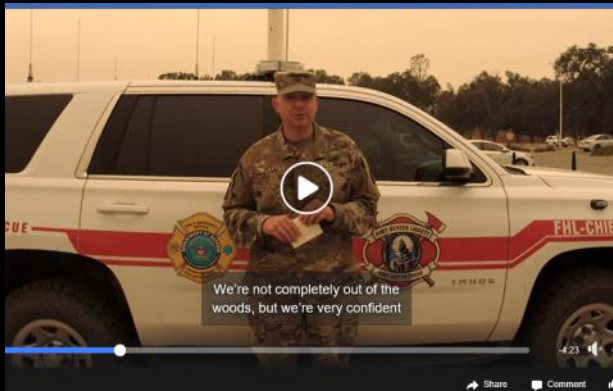


(Left photos) Bryan Gossage, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and the Environment (PDASA) visited Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (PRFTA) after the Fort Hunter Liggett stop. He received a capability brief and was shown around post, Sept. 4, 2020. (Right photo) Fort Irwin Garrison Commander Col. Jeanette A. Martin (third from left), and Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Fedorisin (far right) pose for a photo before a tour of the post, Sept. 9, 2020. Fort Irwin manages the RCI Housing contract at PRFTA. (Photos by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)



# GARRISON READINESS

## Dolan Fire Impact



The Dolan Fire breached Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL) early morning, Sept. 8, 2020, and the garrison activated the Emergency Operations Center to manage the incident. FHL has been successfully keeping the fire away from the cantonment by back burns and reinforcement of fire breaks. FHL using multiple communication platforms to keep the community informed: daily Facebook livestreams, emails, Alerts, to name a few; and establishing a wildfire webpage. We also conducted media interviews, and as of Sept. 11, joined the Dolan Fire Unified Command. (Photos by FHL staff)





# GARRISSON READINESS

## Workforce Recognitions



Fort Hunter Liggett conducted an recognition ceremony to showcase the exemplary employees that positively contribute to the garrison mission and support military readiness, Sept. 3, 2020. Fire Chief Clinton Tolle earned the esteemed Employee of the Third Quarter Award. Three Soldiers earned the Army Commendation Medal: Master Sgt. Michael Rivera, Sgt. 1st Class Marico Ashton and Staff Sgt. Julius Williams. Eleven Army civilians earned Civilian Service Medals, eight earned Certificates of Achievement, Phurikmony Sothy earned a Special Act Award, and Moira Trevisan earned a Commander's Coin. Jesus Ruberto earned his 35 Years of Service Award. Rona Rosas earned his 30 Years of Service Award. Jake Dayton, James Harris and Lourdes Kelley earned their 10 Years of Service Award. Robert Ellebracht earned his 5 Years of Service Award. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



# GARRISSON READINESS

## Sierra Energy Update



Sierra Energy had a busy summer operating and improving its FastOx gasification plant located at FHL. This unit is designed to turn trash into energy, helping ease reliance on the civilian grid while cleanly treating waste on the installation. They successfully completed their first operations in August, using household waste (MSW) material and will continue operating on this type of waste throughout the fall and into 2021. "It's a great step to establishing this new technology for use in both military and civilian applications, and our goal to helping FHL be even more sustainable and resilient," said Meredith E. Roberts, Sierra Energy Director of External Relations. To learn more about the FastOx system: <https://sierraenergy.com/technology/fastox-gasification/>. (Courtesy photo)





# SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY

## Los Padres National Forestry and Tusi Airfield



Fort Hunter Liggett Tusi Army Airfield is currently being utilized as a Heli tack Base for the Dolan Fire burning in the Los Padres National Forest. Each helicopter comes with its own flight crew, fuel truck and maintenance personnel. The Heli tack base is run by the Los Padres National Forestry Department out of Santa Ynez, California. Current missions include; reconnaissance, bucket drops, and troop transport if/when needed. Pilots and crew members are required to attend a morning briefing covering latitude/longitude, weather conditions, range/training area activity, pending missions and elevations/flight path to be utilized. Pilots average approximately 7 hours of flight time per day and can only fly 8 hours per every 24 hour period. (Photos by Shawn Sullivan, FHL DES)



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

## Patriot Day Observance



Fort Hunter Liggett and Parks Reserve Forces Training celebrated Patriot Day, Sept. 11, 2020, to recognize honor the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives 19 years ago during the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. The lives of those who were lost will never be forgotten and because of them, the Army continues to remain vigilant and ready to meet any future challenges. FHL event on top row. Col. Charles Bell and King City Mayor Mike LeBarre were speakers. The San Francisco area Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army Mark Benton was a special guest. Volunteer Chris Andrew played the bagpipe and the 91st Training Command Capt. Wanda Carr sang the National Anthem. Firefighter Nigel Allen executed the Ringing of the Bells. PRTFA event on bottom row. Lt. Col. Serena Johnson and Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel MacKenzie; and the 84th Pacific Training Command Commander Col. Jon Ellis were speakers. The 191st Army Band provided the music. Firefighter paramedic Adam Adcock executed the Ringing of the Bells. (Photos by FHL and PRTFA Public Affairs)





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

## Hispanic Heritage Observance



Fort Hunter Liggett and Parks Reserve Forces Training celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 11, 2020, to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic Americans to the Army and to our nation. At FHL, Deputy to the Garrison Commander Dave Myhres and Management Support Assistant Augusta Vargas were guest speakers and shared stories of their culture and childhood. At PRFTA, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security staff Rolando Gonzalez was the guest speaker. (Photos by FHL and PRFTA Public Affairs)