



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

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Command Sgt. Major of the Army Reserve Andrew Lombardo visits both installations.



Highlights for FHL: Fire Dept. and DPW battle Dolan Fire; 3D scans of historic buildings; Media 101 training, Operation Ready Warrior continues, Suicide Prevention Month, Fire Prevention Week, TASS COVID-19 Prevention Team receives award

Highlights for PRFTA: Brig. Gen. Patricia Wallace, Commanding General for 91st Training Division, visits; CSM of Army Reserve visits both installations; Operation Backpack; Suicide Prevention Run; new Battalion Fire Chief

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 ENGAGEMENT

Commander Visits Dolan Fire Incident Team



Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell and Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Fluckiger visit the Dolan Fire Incident Command Team in King City, Sept. 30, 2020. They toured the command post, obtained an update on fire progress, discussed complimentary support of the U.S. Forest Service and FHL during the fire and continued support to future wildland fires. They also expressed appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the U.S. Forestry Service, and discussed recovery operations and future cooperative projects to mitigate wildland fire spread on FHL. (Photo by Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Fluckiger)



LEADER ENGAGEMENT

91st Training Div. Brig. Gen. Wallace Visits PRFTA



Brig. Gen. Patricia R. Wallace, Commanding General for the 91st Training Division; Lt. Col. Serena Johnson, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Garrison Commander; Command Sgt. Maj. Scott Hinton, 91st TD Command Sgt. Maj. and Lt. Col. Karl Whatley, G3 91st TD, pose for a photo following a tour of the 84th Pacific Training Command Building on PRFTA. Wallace, who assumed command of the 91st TD in September, visited PRFTA for a familiarization tour, Sept. 28, 2020. (Photo by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA PAO)



LEADER ENGAGEMENT

Army Reserve CSM Lombardo Visits



(Left) Command Sgt. Major of the Army Reserve Andrew Lombardo visited the TASS Training Center at Fort Hunter Liggett to observe heavy equipment operator training (bulldozers and graders) during phase II of the 12N10 (Horizontal Construction Engineer) course, Sept. 23, 2020. He also spoke to NCO leaders about current initiatives in the Army Reserve. FHL staff detailed the multi-faceted approach enacted to ensure a safe training environment that adheres to all CDC and DoD guidelines related to COVID-19 mitigation and prevention (Photo by Maj. Jose Yrigollen, TTC-FHL).

(Right) Lombardo also visited Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (PRFTA) the following day to better understand the roles and capabilities of the installation. During his visit, he spoke with PRFTA's Garrison Command Team, toured Soldier housing and received briefings on the installations facilities and capabilities in support of Soldiers at PRFTA. (Photo by Jim O'Donnell, PAO)



LEADER ENGAGEMENT

Senior Commander Assess Dolan Fire Impacts



Maj. Gen. Alberto Rosende, commanding general, 63rd Readiness Division and Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick McKie, visited Fort Hunter Liggett to assess the situation during the Dolan Fire, Sept. 17, 2020. Rosende toured the training areas affected by the fires that encroached on post, checked with firefighters to see what measures have been taken to keep the community safe, and engaged Operation Ready Warrior leaders to see how the fire and smoke affected training. FHL Commander Col. Charles Bell is pictured above with the 63RD command team. (Photos by Army Reserve Sgt. Stephanie Hargett)



GARRISON READINESS

Battling the Dolan Fire



Clockwise from top left: Chumash Fire Department helped fight the Dolan Fire on Fort Hunter Liggett. Chumash Cultural Specialists coordinated with the FHL Cultural Resources Manager to guide bulldozers around sensitive resources on FHL while creating firebreaks. JR Stoughton and Waylon King on the DPW Roads and Grounds (R&G) brought dozers to Junipero Serra Mountain to open up a fire break that haven't been opened since 1977. DPW R&G crew chief Ronnie Rosas took this photos as he witnessed a fire whirl form due to the immense heat generated by the fire. Another dozer punches a two-blade wide firebreak. (Courtesy photos)



LEADER ENGAGEMENT

Media 101 Training

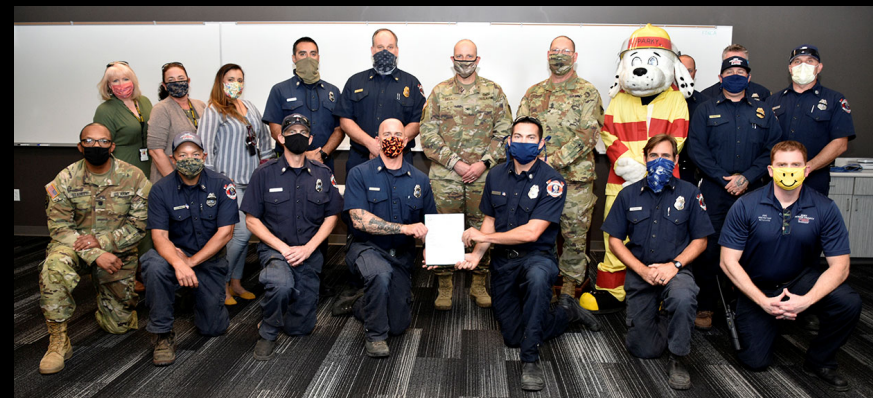


U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hunter Liggett/Parks Reserve Forces Training Area conducted their annual media training via Teams and conducted mock press conferences at each installation. Public affairs officers from both installations provided garrison leaders with information on why media relations is important and how to use them as tools to get command messages out. Participants also learned tactics on how to handle tough media questions and how non-verbal cues can either reinforce or be in discord of their verbal messages. Pictured is the FHL mock press conference with Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Stephen Stanley and Fire Dept. Assistant Chief of Operations Mike Hewston responding to questions from media role-players (right). (Photos by Cindy McIntyre, FHL Public Affairs Office)



GARRISON READINESS

Fire Prevention Week



Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell signed the Fire Prevention Week Proclamation in the new Directorate of Emergency Services Building, Sept. 30, 2020. He poses with mascot Sparky and FHL Fire Inspector Blaise Turcotte (holding the proclamation), and with the firefighters present during the signing. This year's theme is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen," and Turcotte is featured in four FHL videos that talked about safety in the kitchen as well as during wildfires: <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/FHL-PAO>. (Photos by Cindy McIntyre, FHL Public Affairs)



GARRISON READINESS

FHL Responds in Dolan Fire

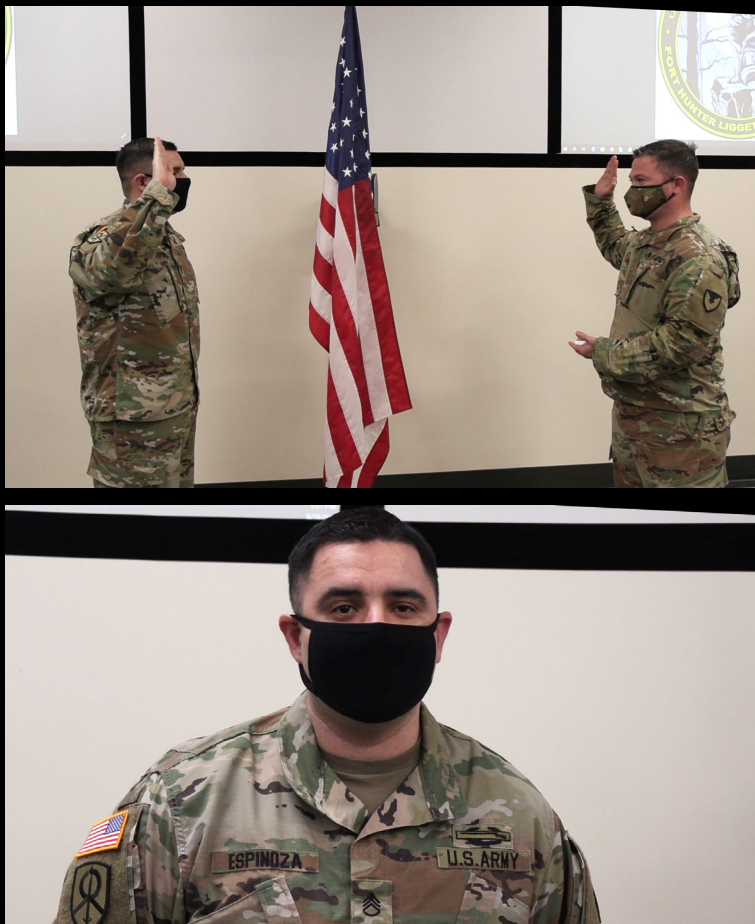


The Dolan Fire began Aug. 18, 2020 along the Big Sur coast and on Sept. 7, encroached on FHL training areas. On Sept. 8 the fire trapped 13 Los Padres National Forest firefighters and 2 dozer operators who were forced to deploy their individual fire shelters. Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Minetti (top left) and Firefighter/Paramedic Noah Munds (top right) speak on video about being the first on scene to manage the multi-casualty incident. David Goldstein, FHL Fire Captain, stands in front of a 100-acre slop over that occurred following a backfiring operation on the installation, and DES chief Shawn Sullivan is interviewed by KION-TV while Operation Ready Warrior is impacted by the fire and smoke. FHL-produced videos available at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/FHL-PAO>. (Photos/video stills by Cindy McIntyre, Public Affairs.)



GARRISON READINESS

Re-enlistment, Pride in Hispanic Heritage



Staff Sgt. Luis Espinoza with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, Security Range Operations re-enlisted in a ceremony officiated by Garrison HHC Commander, Maj. Christopher Lauff at the Installation Operations Center, Oct. 2, 2020. He was born in Orange County, California, grew up in Michoacán, Mexico, and returned to America where he raised his right hand at age 18. “I joined because it was a turbulent time, right after 9/11,” said Espinoza. “I wanted to serve my country and do everything that I could do for it.” After 13-1/2 years, he recently re-enlisted for an indefinite term. “I want America to see my culture as something that we can share with each other – food, good music, good art,” said Espinoza. “It’s good to represent my culture and my Hispanic heritage in the United States Army.” (Photos by Cindy McIntyre, FHL Public Affairs)



GARRISON READINESS

Historic Preservation



Technology such as that featured on the PBS TV show “Time Scanners” was used at FHL in September to make 3D images of the Hacienda and the Gil Adobe. Carey Baxter, an Army Corps of Engineers archaeologist, used the High Definition Terrestrial Laser Scanner to create a series of images that can be used for restoration or repair, and to gauge the potential of rehabilitating the adobe. “We saw with the fires a couple weeks ago just how close this building (the Hacienda) came to being damaged,” she said. “This building is in almost original condition, so having a permanent document in case anything goes wrong is absolutely invaluable.” Using an eye-safe laser, the camera scans a nearly 360 degree area to capture intricate detail from 50 yards away. The scans will assist FHL Cultural Resources in redoing plans and elevations of these historic structures. (Photos by Lisa Cipolla and Cindy McIntyre, FHL.)



GARRISON READINESS

Suicide Prevention Awareness



Janette McLaughlin, ASAP Specialist, set up a Suicide Prevention Awareness Month display in FHL HQ lobby. The theme for September was “Connect to Protect,” building on the idea that the more positive relationships you have, the more protected a family member, friend, co-worker or yourself are from suicide. At PRFTA, more than 50 Soldiers, civilians and family members took part in a Suicide Awareness Event at PRFTA’s outdoor track, Sept. 26, 2020. The event, “We Are Stronger Together” was hosted by the Noncommissioned Officer Academy Parks, Suicide Awareness Task Force. During the seven-hour long event, volunteers carried the event guidon around the running track, completing 22 miles. Twenty-two signifies the average number of veterans who lose their lives to suicide every day. LTC Serena Johnson, PRFTA Garrison Commander and CSM Samuel MacKenzie PRFTA Command Sergeant Major complete the first of 88 circuits of the 22-mile walk. (Photos by FHL DHR and Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)



WORKFORCE RECOGNITION

PRFTA Fire Promotion

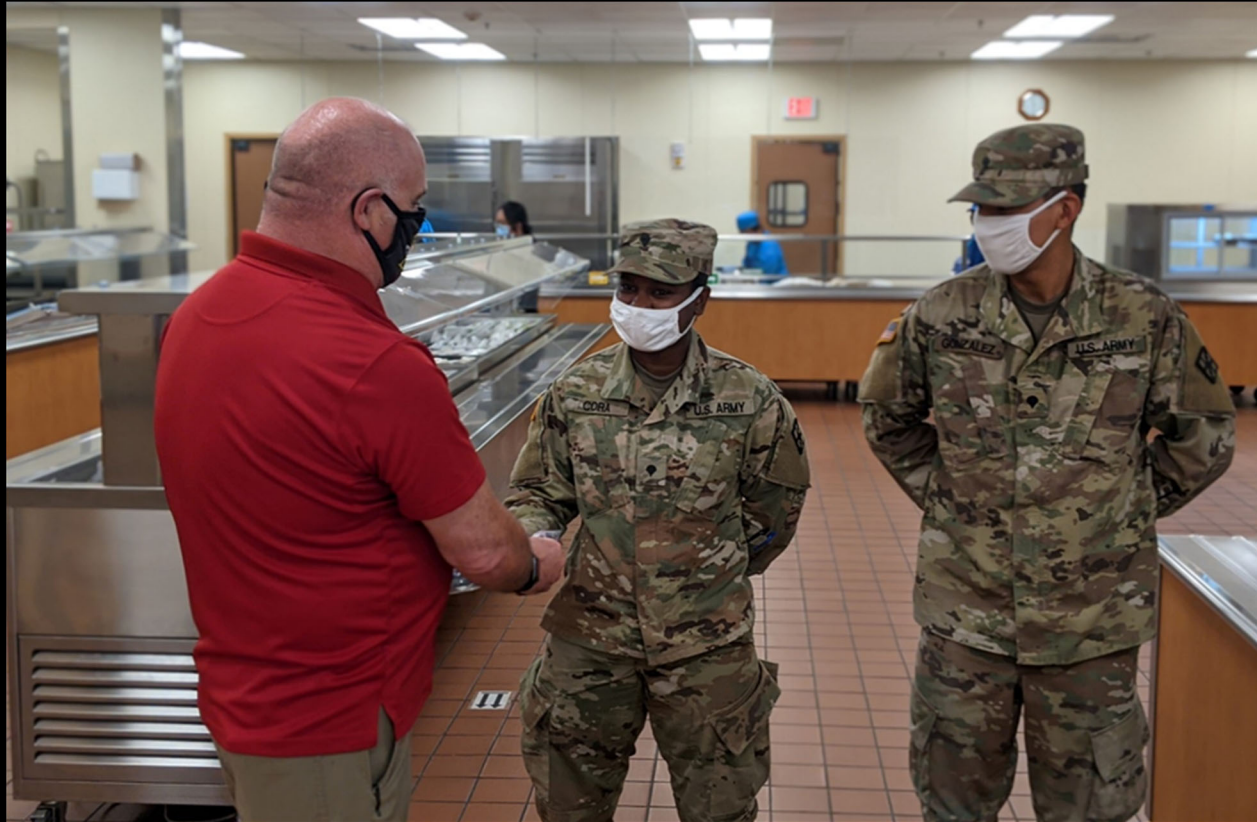


(Left) PRFTA Fire Captain Logan Rodgers is pinned with the Battalion Chief Bugles on Sept. 27, 2020. Rodgers is Parks Reserve Forces Training Area's newest battalion Chief. This promotion moves him into the command and control arena on fire and emergency responses on and off the installation. The responsibilities of this rank are vastly increased as he is no longer responsible for just three to four individuals on an emergency. He is now responsible for upwards of 13 to 50 (or more) firefighters from PRFTA and outside agencies responding to any emergency he is assigned to. (Right) Lt. Col. Serena Johnson, PRFTA Garrison Commander pins on Battalion Chief Rodgers new badge Sept. 27, 2020. (Photos by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)



WORKFORCE RECOGNITION

TTC-FHL COVID TEAM



LRC Food Program Manager, Ron Raade presented farewell gifts to the TASS Training Center Fort Hunter Liggett (TTC-FHL) COVID19 Prevention Team 20-1 ("The Originals"). The Originals set the standard for COVID19 prevention and mitigation not only in TTC-FHL facilities but in the DFAC as well. The team executed daily temperature checks of all individuals entering the Dining Facility and also ensured proper cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and enforced social distancing. They were also instrumental in maintaining the "Bubble" concept during which each TTC-FHL course entered the DFAC individually at their assigned time, ate their meals, cleaned and disinfected their eating areas, and returned to class all without coming into contact with other courses/bubbles. To date, the TTC has executed 17 classes with over 280 students and had zero COVID19 cases. COVID Prevention Team 21-1 is set to arrive in October and will maintain the high standard set over the past three months by "The Originals." (Courtesy photo)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Operation Backpack at PRFTA



Parks Reserve Forces Training Area volunteers, with support from Sandia Laboratories in Livermore and the United Service Organizations (USO) Northern California, distributed more than 100 backpacks to student residents of Shenandoah Square and Wescoat Village housing areas at Moffett Field, Sept. 23, 2020. The Event was a continuation of an earlier Operation Backpack event held at PRFTA in August where an additional 120 backpacks were distributed to the students who live in the housing area there in Dublin. PRFTA Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Serena Johnson engaged with residents and helped distribute backpacks. (Photos by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)