



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

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Highlights for FHL: Brig. Gen. James Kokaska, 102nd Training Division Commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Bethurem visited the Total Army School System Training Center (TTC). Protecting cultural resources from the Dolan Fire. First classes transitioning from High Tech Regional Training Site in Sacramento to FHL. The FHL Law Enforcement Agency hosted a class for Cub Scout Pack 350 on youth safety and crime scene investigation .

Highlights for PRFTA: The installation hosted Fire Prevention Week activities and a BINGO Night. Scott Mitten with DPTMS departs. The NCOA Parks hosted a “We Are Stronger Together” Suicide Awareness 22-mile walk, received many senior leaders visits, continues to host classes and conducted their 4th Quarter NCO of the Quarter Competition.

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LEADER ENGAGEMENT

Brig. Gen. Kokaska Visits TASS, FHL



Brig. Gen. James Kokaska, 102nd Training Division Commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Bethurem visited the Total Army School System Training Center (TTC) at Fort Hunter Liggett to gain an understanding of how FHL is situated to best support the 102nd's mission of providing mission-critical, combat-ready Soldiers to the Army, and the partnership to provide the best training experience for Soldiers. Kokaska presented one of the TTC instructors, Staff Sgt. Bucholz with an Army Commendation Medal for his support to the garrison during the Dolan Fire. Kokaska met with the FHL Command Team and with FHL Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Alberto Rosende (virtually). Kokaska recently assumed command of the Division and had an opportunity to visit a major part of his command in the TASS. He saw how FHL The Oct. 7, 2020 visit was completed with an aerial tour of training areas and maneuver space. (Photos by Maj. Christopher Lauff, FHL HHC Commander)



LEADER ENGAGEMENTS

CSM Lombardo Visits PRFTA



U.S. Army Reserve Command Sgt. Major, CSM Andrew Lombardo, visited the NCOA Parks leadership team to discuss current capabilities and challenges faced due to COVID-19 restrictions, Sept. 24, 2020. (Left) CSM Lombardo also presented Deputy Commandant Sgt. Major Aaron Stubenvoll with a coin for the influence he has working with Soldiers and dedication to their care. (Right) CSM James C. Stoots (Commandant), SGM Stubenvoll (Deputy Commandant), and 1SG Lonnie Lape (First Sergeant) brief Lombardo and SFC Luke Klein (Executive Administrative Assistant) on the capabilities and way forward for NCOA Parks. (Photos courtesy PRFTA NCOA)



GARRISON READINESS

Protecting Cultural Resource During Wildfires



The Dolan Fire, which burned onto Fort Hunter Liggett on Sept. 8, 2020, affected several cultural resources, including this 12-foot cobblestone well from an early 20th century homestead. The wooden cover placed over the well was burned, and a decision will be made as to whether to replace the cover with wood or something more fire resistant. Lisa Cipolla, Cultural Resources Manager, Jacob Daly, Natural Resources Manager, and Jeff Plaskett, Range Operations, discuss the options, Oct. 22, 2020. They also placed a Seibert stake to warn Soldiers of a cultural resource and unsafe area. (Photos by Cindy McIntyre, FHL Public Affairs)



SOLDIER READINESS

Training Continues at FHL with C19 Protocols



Soldiers in the 25L Cable Systems Installer-Maintainer course at TASS practice for an exam to gauge their proficiency in installing an analog telephone system in a substation, and to troubleshoot errors, Oct. 21, 2020. The class is usually taught at the High Tech Regional Training Site in Sacramento, but due to COVID-19 there was neither the space nor resources to continue it. HRTS will have a permanent presence at FHL once the 301 Complex is retrofitted to support their training requirements. The garrison and TASS Training Center-FHL work in unison to ensure COVID protocols are adhered to with every class. More than 300 students have been trained in the TASS building since June without a single case of COVID-19, according to Maj. Jose Yrigollen, TTC Officer in Charge. "We're directly impacting readiness here at TTC and Fort Hunter Liggett," said Yrigollen. (Photos by Cindy McIntyre, Public Affairs)



SOLDIER PROGRAMS

PRFTA NCOA Conducts ACFT Certification

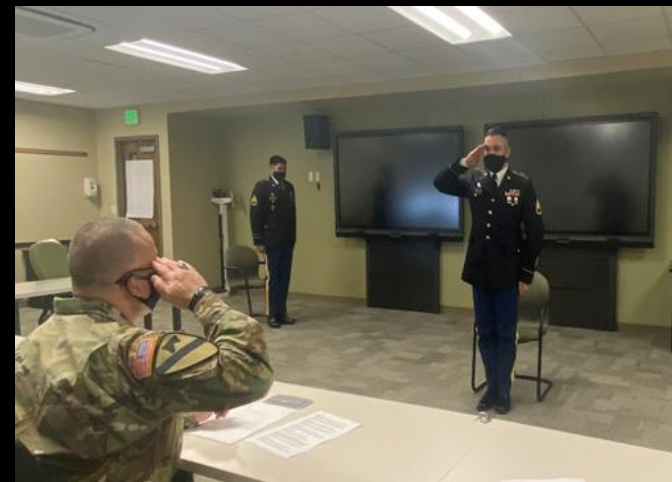


NCO Academy Parks conducted a certification and diagnostic Army Combat Fitness Test, Sept. 25, 2020. It was conducted to certify Soldiers to be an ACFT grader and NCOIC. It began with a classroom portion where Soldiers watched an instructional video on the ACFT, developed by NCOA Parks BLC cadre. Then they moved in bubbles to each ACFT event where they received instruction on proper grading. Afterwards, Soldiers were administered a written test on each of the ACFT events. Next, graders took a diagnostic ACFT and administered a diagnostic while being shadowed by a certified grader. This event produced 15 cadre certified as level 2, and out of the 23 NCOA cadre who took the ACFT Diagnostic, 19 achieved the minimum of "Gold" or higher and 4 did not meet standards. The day ended with the leadership team recognizing the Soldiers who took charge of the event and awarded coins on behalf of Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Lombardo, U.S. Army Reserve Command Sergeant Major. (Left) Master Sgt. Cook, Chief of Training, performs the Standing Power Throw event. (Right) Staff Sgt. Ojeda grades Master Sgt. Nelson, Chief of Operations, as he conducts the three Repetition Maximum Deadlift. (Photos courtesy PRFTA NCOA)



SOLDIER PROGRAMS

PRFTA NCO Academy NCO of the QTR

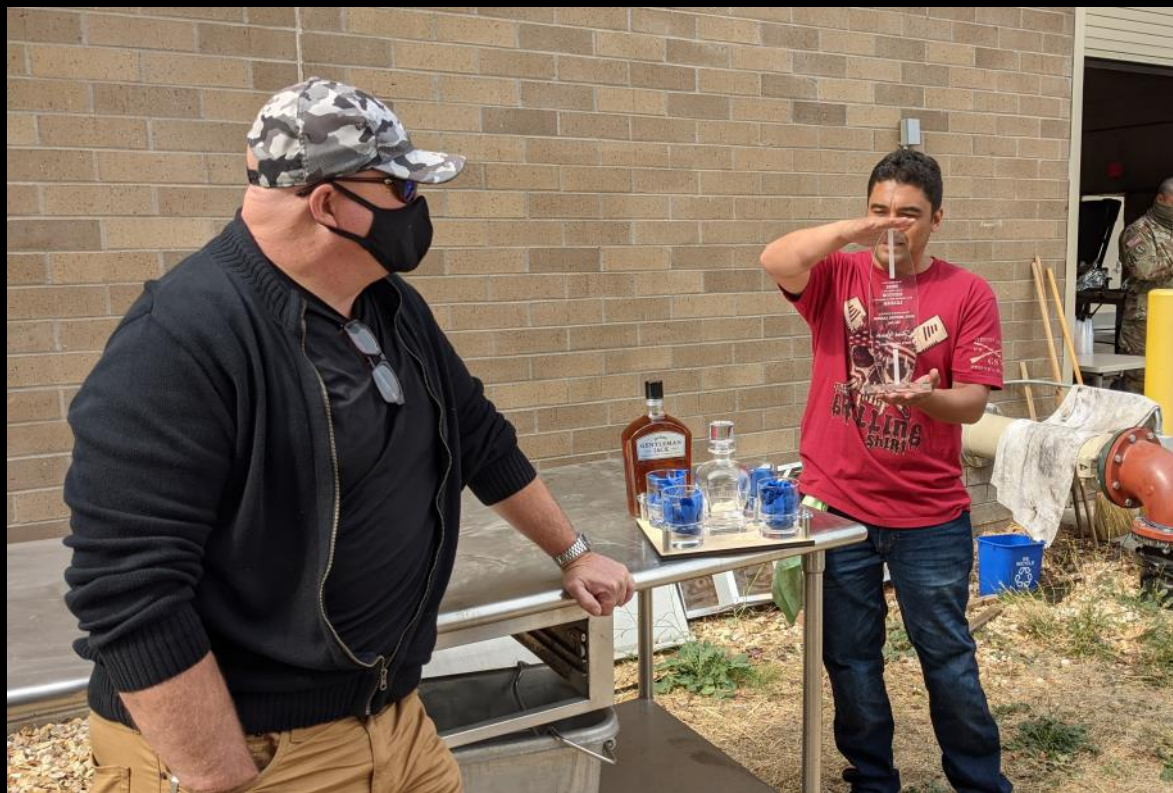


The NCO Academy Parks conducted their 4th Quarter NCO of the Quarter Competition, September 23, 2020. Soldiers began their day at 0600 by conducting an operation in a shoot house to capture a HIGH Value Target, assess a casualty, and perform a 9-line MEDEVAC. They conducted an eight lane obstacle course followed by a weapons assembly event. Next was a land navigation course and range event where they fired the M9 to compete for most hits. Lastly, they conducted a 40 question written exam and an appearance board of senior leaders. The winner was Small Group Leader, Staff Sgt. Michael F. Boudreau, who will go on to compete in the NCOA Parks Best Warrior Competition. (Courtesy photos)



WORKFORCE RECOGNITIONS

PRFTA Staff Recognized for Service



(L) Scott Mitten has been with the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization & Security from 2014 to 2020, and is departing for another assignment. Marty Alarcon and other co-workers presented going away mementos to Mitten during a ceremony on Oct. 8, 2020. (R) PRFTA Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel MacKenzie received a ceremonial coin from Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Betty, Command Sgt. Maj. of the 100th Training Division following a familiarization tour of PRFTA Oct. 9, 2020. Betty also visited the NCO Academy and met with NCOA's Deputy Commandant Command Sgt. Maj. Aaron Stubenvoll, and the NCOA's Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. James Stoots. (Photos by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA PAO)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

PRFTA Fire Prevention Week, BINGO



(L) The Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Fire Department hosted events throughout Fire Prevention Week, such as engaging with residents and handing out Prevention and Safety gift bags, Oct. 9, 2020. (R) A lucky winner presents his BINGO card to the event BINGO caller during a Morale Welfare and Recreation BINGO Night, Oct. 9, 2020 at PRFTA Community Activity Center. More than 20 PRFTA residents took part in the free event with various prizes including gift cards. (Photos by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA PAO)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

LEA Gives Class to Cub Scouts



The Fort Hunter Liggett Law Enforcement Agency hosted a class for Cub Scout Pack 350 based in Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council, Santa Lucia District to fulfill their Duty to Country and Forensics Adventure belt loops where they learn about the law enforcement and crime scene investigation. Game Warden and Johnson Sgt. Hufford provided information on youth safety and crime scene investigation which supports for the Scouts' rank advancement requirements. The Scouts were given a tour which included a peak into the detention rooms, and were given a bag that included a kit to take their fingerprints and DNA sample. Assistant Cubmaster Thomas W Brown is also an employee with the FHL Logistics Readiness Center, and coordinated the visit. (Courtesy photos)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

Suicide Prevention, Oktoberfest, Virtual Run



(L) The NCO Academy Parks hosted a “We Are Stronger Together” Suicide Awareness 22-mile walk on PRFTA’s track, Sept. 26, 2020, with more than 50 Soldiers, civilians and family members in participation. During the seven-hour event, volunteers carried the event guidon around the track completing 22 miles. Twenty-two signifies the average number of veterans who lose their life to suicide every day. ® PRFTA hosted Oktoberfest at the PRFTA Community Activity Center, Oct. 17, 2020. Guests enjoyed special foods and drinks during the free event. PRFTA also hosted a 5K run on Oct. 21 as part the national Virtual Run To Remember campaign honoring fallen first responders. (Photos by Jim O’Donnell, PRFTA PAO)