



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

## November 13, 2020



We celebrate Military Family Month, Native American Heritage and Veterans Day this month with events and spotlights.

**Highlights for FHL:** FHL recognizes an employee for Native American Heritage Month. The garrison hosted its annual Organizational Day with staff from both installations, and tenants participating. FHL leaders support Veterans Day activities in partner King City. The Fellows COHORT learned about LRC mission and operations. FHMWR partnered with Rite Aid to provide free flu shots. Training continues at FHL, while the ITAM restores training areas. CYS and Teen Center keeps active with many projects.



**Highlights for PRFTA:** Lt. Col Johnson and six Soldiers were recognized by the Dublin Rotary for Veterans Day. PRFTA welcome a new chaplain to the RSO team. The command team meets with Building Bridges to discuss future projects. The environmental remediation project continues. Facilities are remodeled and completed, providing improved environments for installation and tenant elements. The Police Dept. Go Pink campaign to support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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

## FMWR Health Clinic



The FMWR Cybrary hosted the Health Clinic event sponsored by Rite Aid Pharmacy, Oct. 29, 2020. The event took place in the old fire department Building 120 and included flu immunizations. A total of 57 people participated and had great customer comments. The FMWR Director presented a certificate of appreciation signed by Col. Bell to the Rite Aid Pharmacy leader for their support. The FMWR organization is looking forward to do it again next year. (Photos by FMWR staff)





# LEADER ENGAGEMENT

## KCBX Interviews on Veterans Day



Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell and HHC 1st Sgt. Clinton Unger provided interviews with National Public Radio KCBX Tom Wilmer, Nov. 6, 2020. The interviews centered on what Veterans Day means to the Soldiers, stories of what it's like being a Soldier and how their families cope with military life. Bell also provided information on Fort Hunter Liggett's HPCON B status, how it has successfully kept COVID 19 cases low due to adherence to CDC, Army and garrison guidelines. Thousands of troops have continued to train at FHL through the pandemic, utilizing the "bubble" concept to keep them isolated. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Veterans Day at King City



Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell and Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Stephen Stanley joined the King City VFW Post 6747 at the crack of dawn on Veterans Day to help them set out 50 flags in the King City Cemetery. The holes needed to be drilled open and stakes put in them before the flags could be placed. Nov. 11 is also known as Armistice Day to commemorate the end of World War I. (Photos by Cindy McIntyre, FHL Public Affairs)





# LEADER ENGAGEMENT

## Garrison Leadership Development



The garrison directors and special staff were divided into three teams and sent on a scavenger hunt throughout post as a leadership development exercise, Nov. 3, 2020. The intent was to build teamwork, get out to places they may not have ever visited (such as the Ammunition Point), and meet people that run the daily operations on post. They even had a chance to use the Warrior Skills Trainer, bringing back many memories to the veterans among the teams. Ann King, Stephanie Sonnier and Augusta Vargas developed the scavenger hunt plan, and many garrison staff provided information as each team cycled through. (Top center) Denise Hays demonstrates how to lock and load the weapon. (Far right) Art Hazebrook shows visitors a poster that illustrates some of the work the Integrated Training Area Management program does. The leaders were impressed with the passion and knowledge of the staff, and enjoyed a day away from their desks. (Courtesy photos)





# GARRISON READINESS

## Fellows Program, LRC Brief



Johnny Tedder with the Fort Hunter Liggett Logistics Readiness Center provided an engaging brief to the Fellows Cohort on the intricacies of their mission: Plans and Operations, Supply and Services, Maintenance Division, and Transportation Division. The USAG FHL/PRFTA Fellows COHORT collaborated enthusiastically and asked many detailed questions during this presentation. The Fellows Program offers unique opportunities for growth of junior leaders through training, support, and mentorship. The program enforces leadership skills and supports advanced learning through developmental assignments, education and mentoring. (Photo by Talia Wesley, Workforce Development Specialist)





# GARRISON READINESS

## PRFTA Facilities



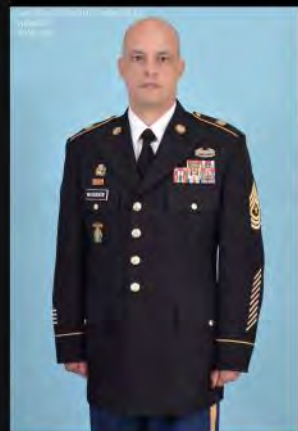
(Clockwise from top left): Container trucks deliver fill dirt to a remediation area on PRFTA. The roof maintenance on Bldg. 312 will revitalize the home to PRFTA's Army Community Services, SHARP Offices, Human Resources and Identification Card Issuance facility. Soldiers from the 2nd Medical Brigade began moving into Building 659. Their new \$19 M building is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum (the highest certification) building that uses radiant floor heat and natural circulation to heat and cool the interior. PRFTA relocated its Official Mail Post Office to Building 628A behind PRFTA's AAFES Shopette. (Photos by PRFTA)





# WORKFORCE RECOGNITIONS

## Dublin Rotary Recognizes Soldiers



CSM Sam  
MacKenzie



(Top right) Three Dublin community leaders presented certificates to Lt. Col. Serena Johnson, Nov. 9, 2020 as part of the recognition of Soldiers at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area. Certificates were from Rotary Club of Dublin, Supervisory Office of Dublin, State Senate, California State Assembly, City of Dublin. (Left to Right) Megan Rouse, Dublin Rotary Club President, LTC Johnson, Melissa Hernandez, new Dublin Mayor-elect, Ms. Janine Thalblum, Community Service Chair for Rotary Club of Dublin. (Rest of photos) Six Soldiers were recognized by the Dublin Rotary during a Virtual Salute to Veterans Ceremony, Nov. 6. They were presented Appreciation Certificates virtually during a Zoom call with the Dublin Rotary and representatives from local and State governments. (Photos from Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)





# WORKFORCE REGOCNITIONS

## PRFTA Police and New Chaplain



PRFTA Garrison Commander welcomes Capt. Sauer, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area's new Chaplain to the installation, Nov. 6, 2020. Sauer joins Major Charles Ross as one of two Command Chaplains at PRFTA. Members of the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Police Department Go Pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. PRFTA Police Officers wore pink patches in support Breast Cancer Awareness month this past October. (Photos by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)





# SUPPORT TO TRAINING

## Marines Jump Out of Perfectly Good C-130



U.S. Marine Corps Reserve troops with the 4th Force Reconnaissance Company out of Alameda, California trained with low-level and high altitude, low orbit (HALO) jumps at Drop Zone Patricia, Fort Hunter Liggett, Nov. 5, 2020. They flew in a C-130 from Moffett Field and were driven back to Alameda three hours away, to return the following day to complete their certification jumps. Photos by Cindy McIntyre, FHL Public Affairs)





# SUPPORT TO TRAINING

## ITAM Repairing Training Hazard



Training in the dark can be tricky enough, but a 15-foot deep gully can make it downright hazardous. Erosion caused by runoff from a downhill road ate away at the edge, and DPTMS was out in Training Area 15 to fix it. The Integrated Training Area Management field crew from the Colorado State University/Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands applied hydro mulch to the area after they filled it in, Nov. 9, 2020. A thousand gallons of water was mixed with native seed, green-tinted mulch, and glue made of seaweed and sprayed over the site to stabilize the soil. Native seed includes annual fescue grass, sky lupine, California poppy, and tidy tips, as well as perennials such as two types of needle grasses and California buckwheat collected by hand on post. (Photo by Cindy McIntyre, FHL Public Affairs)





# WORKFORCE RECOGNITIONS

## Celebrating Native American Heritage Month



Renee Grant is a Salinan Indian with Salinan and Chinook bloodlines. She and her family have deep ties to the community. Grant's grandfather lived in the Dutton Hotel in Jolon, and her great grandfather worked on the Hearst Ranch before it became the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation in 1941. She was born in King City, grew up in Soledad and has lived in Lockwood since 2000. Grant has held various positions at Fort Hunter Liggett since July 2008, and is currently, happily employed as an Army Civilian Management Services Assistant with the Garrison Directorate of Human Resources. Grant is an active volunteer with the Nacitone Regional Interpretive Center in Lockwood, as shown above from the FHL 75th Anniversary. "I am extremely proud of my Native American Heritage," said Grant. "Even though many of my ancestors were treated unjustly, what is important is where we have been, who we are today and how we are keeping our rich traditions alive." (Courtesy photo on left, FMWR photo on right)





# SOLDIER/FAMILY PROGRAMS

## Religious Service in the Park a Hit



The Fort Hunter Liggett Religious Services transitioned from virtual religious services to an outdoor in-person service since the installation downgraded to HPCON B. The Sunday service is a hit with Soldiers and their families, and other residents who welcome a chance to get away from screens and into the outdoors. Spiritual well being is part of being Ready & Resilient, and the Religious Services Office stands by to support. Their web page provides a list of all available religious services in the area: <https://home.army.mil/liggett/index.php/about/Garrison/RSO>. They also have a 24/7 phone to support the garrison community: 831-718-7597. (Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Willis, RSO)





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Garrison Organizational Day



Fort Hunter Liggett conducted its annual Organizational Day to promote comradery between garrison staff from both installations, and with tenant units, Nov. 5, 2020. The event was made possible through sponsorships and volunteers from staff and the community. This year's event divided participants into six teams and there were round-robin stations to test their teamwork and knowledge. Some activities included a trivia station on Army, California and FHL facts, scavenger hunt taking them to places they may have never been and meeting new people, bowling, and the all-time favorite of BINGO. Special guest Jack Murphy with the Veterans Transition Center (top, far right photo) informed participants of its important mission to support struggling veterans, and to thank everyone for the garrison's annual food and clothing drive. The top three teams were awarded with trophies and much fanfare. (Photos by FHL Public Affairs)





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Garrison Team Building Golf Scramble



As a culminating event to the USAG Fort Hunter Liggett Organizational Day, members of various elements from across the installation came together on Veterans Day to play a friendly golf scramble. The King City Golf Course provided an excellent venue and an outstanding BBQ lunch followed the event. The team consisting of DPW employees, Waylon King, J.R. Stoughton, Ronnie Rosas, and Colton Stoughton won first place by one stroke over the TASS team, consisting of Master Sgt. Charles Stoddard, Sgt. 1st Class Eric Butler, Sgt. 1st Class David Capelli, and Brian Beaver. The event was enjoyed by all and a second event in the spring is already being planned. (Courtesy photos)





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## FHL Youth Services Community



The Fort Hunter Liggett Child Youth Center (CYS) and Teen Center had a very busy few weeks with Spirit Week festivities, cleaning up the areas around their buildings and even found time to create posters for the food drive bins around post. The cleanup project was spearheaded by youth in the Torch Club, a Boys and Girls Club of America leadership and service club. CYC provides affordable and excellent child care so Soldiers and Army Civilians are worry-free when they are at work. The Teen Center provides a safe environment for youth to socialize and have fun. (Photos by CYC staff Ruby Rosales and Kayla Piña)





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Building Bridges Meeting



Members of the Building Bridges organization meet with the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Garrison Command Team, Nov. 9, 2020. Steve Liao and Katie McConville met with LTC Serena Johnson, CSM Samuel MacKenzie and DGC Roy Rocco to discuss future Building Bridges-sponsored projects at and with PRFTA. (Photo by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)