



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

November 27, 2020



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

Highlights for FHL: Firefighters conduct nighttime training to familiarize themselves with using equipment in darkness. FHL delivered the food and clothing donations from the garrison community to the Veterans Transition Center. The installations celebrated Native American Heritage with a special event. FHL hosted its quarterly Public Outreach Meeting to keep external community informed, and provide a platform to answer questions. The Dining Facility and the Religious Support Office hosted well-attended Thanksgiving meals.



Highlights for PRFTA: Lt. Col Johnson, her command team and housing representatives hosted a PRFTA and Moffett Field housing resident town hall event on Facebook Live. Turkey Trot two-mile walk-run held. PRFTA hosted a Native American Heritage Month Observance event, more than 20 personnel witness a local Native American Dancer perform traditional songs and dances. PRFTA Dining Facility provided a special Thanksgiving meal to more than 90 PRFTA personnel Nov. 24.

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

Annual Nighttime ARFF Live Fire Training



In order to meet requirements Per Army Regulation 420-1, Fort Hunter Liggett firefighters are required to do at least one nighttime Airfield Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) live fire training exercise to familiarize the use of apparatus and equipment during nighttime hours. Firefighters conducted this training during the week of November 16-20, 2020, at the Tusi Army Airfield. (Courtesy photos)



GARRISON READINESS

DPW Roadwork



Fort Hunter Liggett is in the midst of pavement rehabilitation along many of the major roads within the FHL cantonment, as well as Del Venturi Road from the cantonment to a bit over a mile out into the training areas towards the Los Padres Forest. The project will include reshaping some of the dips, and sealing or repaving the roads depending on their condition. The rehabilitated roads and some parking areas will get new striping, and new safety signage. (Photo by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



GARRISON READINESS

PRFTA - FHL Town Halls



PRFTA Command and Installation Housing Management Team members answer questions during a Resident Town Hall, Nov. 17, 2020. PRFTA Deputy to the Garrison Commander Mr. Roy Rocco, Housing Manager Mr. Mark Ramirez, Garrison Commander LTC Serena Johnson (Center), Ms. Lisa Horton and Garrison CSM Samuel MacKenzie gave updates regarding the installations HPCON Readiness condition, housing improvement and other general subjects during the approximately 25 minute broadcast over the installation's Social Media site. More than 20 personnel viewed the broadcast live and almost 300 personnel have watched the video since the event. (Screen capture by Jim O'Donnell)



WORKFORCE RECOGNITION

Farewell and Good Luck Gene Messina



We wished Gene Messina farewell and good luck as he moves on to a new position supporting Presidio of Monterey at SATCOM. Messina has been with Fort Hunter Liggett since 2009 in the Engineering and Business Operations Divisions at the Directorate of Public Works. He was instrumental in preparing the groundwork for numerous contract packages to provide utility and infrastructure upgrades at FHL and Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, and in the development of the Business Operations Share Point Sites for FHL and PRFTA, where customers can input and track their service tickets and work orders. He will be sorely missed and we wish him the best. (Photo by Augusta Vargas, FHL Command Assistant)



GARRISON READINESS

Onboarding Process Welcomes, Informs



Onboarding is the strategic process of welcoming new employees at Fort Hunter Liggett, establishing their responsibilities, and familiarizing them with the Fort Hunter Liggett culture. Our successful onboarding program creates a positive experience for all new employees and advances them to the desired level of productivity as quickly as possible. Some of the highlights of the process include presentations from each garrison directorate, a tour and introduction to staff by the new employee's sponsor. Army Civilians take a similar Oath of Office as Army Officers and members of Congress, solemnly pledging to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. (Left) Human Resources staff Carol Lange (seated) facilitates the onboarding process. FHL Anti-terrorism Officer Shylon Green (standing) is one of many garrison leaders that provides new employees with information to establish the do's and don'ts. (Right) Phyllis Kirklin, ACS, spearheaded the onboarding brief video presentation that avoids the risks of in-person briefing during COVID-19. (Courtesy photo)



SOLDIER/FAMILY PROGRAMS

Turkey Trot and Wine Tasting



FMWR and the Fort Hunter Liggett Residential Council worked together and offered a community wine tasting event at the Hacienda, Nov. 14, 2020. There were hors d'oeuvres and the bar was open as well. Two local facilities, Eberle's Winery and Marin's Vineyard provided samples of their products for the community. In total there were 31 participants. Annually FMWR hosts a Turkey Trot for the FHL community. This year's Turkey Trot was a 10K bike, 5K run or 1-mile walk event starting at the track and field, going to Sulphur Springs and back, Nov. 19. The Sports Center held a drawing at the conclusion of the event for ten turkeys provided by the commissary. This event gave people the opportunity for camaraderie in a fun, healthy event setting. In total 29 participants registered. (Photos courtesy FMWR)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Donations to Veterans Transition Center



Fort Hunter Liggett delivered the food and clothing donations from the garrison community to the Veterans Transition Center, Nov. 24, 2020. The much-needed food helped stock up their Food Pantry, and serve local veterans and their families. Instead of hosting their traditional holiday dinner for their participants, the VTC will deliver a meal package with cooking instructions at every residence. After the delivery, the VTC Executive Director Dr. Kurt Schake (showing map to Soldiers) provided a tour of the facility, highlighted some of the artifacts that were left behind by the Army when Fort Ord was closed, and the recently discovered secret rooms once used as a bar and hangout by Soldiers. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FHL Public Outreach Meeting



Fort Hunter Liggett hosts quarterly Public Outreach meetings with community organizations and the general public to provide information and a Q&A platform. Pictured are garrison staff with a local resident and the King City Chamber of Commerce office manager, Nov. 19, 2020. Staff provided information on the current HPCON level and how it applies to services for FMWR VIP members and the public, how we supported recent wildfires and answered questions. (Photo by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Native American Heritage Observance



Both installations celebrated Native American Heritage Month in November with a guest speaker and food samplings. At FHL, Greg Castro was guest speaker. He has been involved in the preservation of his Salinan/Ohlone heritage for nearly three decades, and is the Chair for the Society for California Archeology Native American Programs Committee. At PRFTA, Patrick Orozco was the guest speaker. He is a member of the Pajaro Valley Ohlone Indian Council. Orozco and other members of his traditional dance group “Amah-Ka-Tura” (People of the Land) provided information, songs and dances to educate the participants. (Photos by Amy Phillips and Jim O'Donnell, Public Affairs)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FHL RSO Hosts Thanksgiving Meal



The Fort Hunter Liggett Religious Support Office hosted a Thanksgiving Luncheon outside of the historic Hacienda, Nov. 24, 2020. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mark Cisco provided the welcome remarks and Chaplain (Maj.) Cesar Rodriguez conducted the invocation. Participants joined by reading Bible verses on the Thanksgiving theme. The FMWR team served a wonderful meal enjoyed by the entire FHL community. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FHL Dining Facility Hosts Thanksgiving Meal



Each year, the dining facilities at both installation puts out an impressive Thanksgiving spread for everyone on post to enjoy, and the leaders from the garrison and tenants help serve the meal. Patrons observed social distancing when eating and wore face coverings when while moving throughout the facility. With COVID 19 cases rising, the CDC and Army leaders urges everyone to take extreme caution during the holidays and conduct risk assessment before bringing people you don't live with into your homes, or participating in holiday gatherings. Holidays can be a time of joy and also a time of stress for some - support each other and watch out for your battle buddies. (Photos by Jim O'Donnell and Cindy McIntyre, Public Affairs)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PRFTA Turkey Trot



A Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Turkey Trot participant shows off her prize following the event Nov.19, 2020. More than 15 PRFTA Soldiers, employees and family members participate in a Thanksgiving Holiday Turkey Trot on Nov. 19, 2020. Participants took part in the two-mile walk around the installation as part of PRFTA Fitness Center event. (Courtesy photos)

