



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

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Happy Holidays, and remember to adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols at work and during off-duty time

Highlights for FHL: Annual Installation Planning Board Meeting; quarterly Community Relations Working Group meeting with civilian and military leaders from state to local; Fellows graduation; workforce recognitions, to include Talia Wesley as the Employee of 4th Quarter; Behind the Scenes Training Simulator videos; 812th Signal Co. support installation while conducting training; FMWR and housing area Christmas events; and re-establishes liaison with San Antonio School.

Highlights for PRFTA: Religious services on post and Moffett Field; Christmas tree lighting, drive-through holiday dinner, and Santa visit.



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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SENIOR LEADER ENGAGEMENT

Annual Installation Planning Board Meeting



Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell and key directors - Installation Planning Board (IPB) - provided an annual brief on the garrison's proposed Integrated Priorities List (IPL) and projects to receive guidance and approval from higher commands, Dec. 8, 2020. The annual IPL is part of the garrison's Integrated Strategic Sustainable Program (ISSP) to guide the garrison's efforts to allocate funding and resources, and ensure their priorities is nested with higher commands goals. IMCOM-Readiness Director Brenda McCullough, and Maj. Gen. Alberto Rosende, 63rd Readiness Commanding General and the garrison's senior commander, commended Bell and his team on their steadfast commitment to the garrison, troop readiness, and continued efforts to secure projects with limited funding. (Photos by Amy Phillips, FHL Public Affairs Office)



SENIOR LEADER ENGAGEMENT

Community Relations Working Group



Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell hosts quarterly Community Relations Working Group meetings with civilian and military leaders from state to local levels to foster good relations, and discuss issues and potential partnerships. During the December 10, 2020 meeting, military leaders briefed King City Mayor Mike LeBarre, San Miguel general manager Rob Roberson and Paso Robles Community Development Director on their COVID-19 posture and protocols, and discussed issues such as coordination with local airports to support potential mass civil support operations, the transportation of training units from airports to installations, and affordable housing. The robust conversations generated interest from all parties to continue dialogue for potential Intergovernmental Support Agreements (IGSAs) and other topics. (Photos by Amy Phillips, PAO)



GARRISON READINESS

Fellows Cohort 2020 Graduation



The Fort Hunter Liggett Fellows Cohort 2020 briefed the commander on their team project on cross-training, which is the culminating milestone for their year-long professional development journey. The Fellows were recognized and “graduated” from the program during a ceremony at the Hacienda lawn, December 2, 2020. Certificates of Achievement and Command Coins were presented by Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell to Fellows members Albert Fortier, Gabriel Laso, Akuaha Moreno, Alfred Myers, Tahj Ryals, Naresh Sharma, Jaime Toribio, and Susie Venegas. Mentors who guided the Fellows were also given Certificates of Achievement and Command Coins: Amy Phillips (PAO), Anna Vega (Physical Security), Clinton Tolle (Fire Department), Bryan Lee-Ruiz (FMWR), Melissa Foslien (PAIO Director), David Myhres (Deputy to the Garrison Commander), Natividad Littlefield (Resource Management Director), Shawn Sullivan (DES Director), and William Riley (DPTMS Director). (Photos by Amy Phillips, PAO; Talia Wesley, DHR)



GARRISON READINESS

Behind the Scenes Videos on Training Simulators



The Fort Hunter Liggett Public Affairs Office publishes a series of Behind the Scenes videos to provide a glimpse of the people and work that make the garrison run smoothly. The latest is a series highlighting some of the training simulators that allow Soldiers to practice firing weapons and driving vehicles before they go to the range or on the road. Simulators allow the student to get the feel of the vehicle or weapon in as realistic a way as possible. This saves money and time, allowing units to train more efficiently. Pictured is training instructor Aaron Kressley on the 660 TruckPlus Driving Simulator, with Joe Ping on the instructor station, lower right. Top right shows the screen for the ATLAS Forklift Simulator. The videos have been put on the FHL Facebook page, YouTube and DVIDS, among other platforms. To see all the Behind the Scenes videos, go to: <https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/FHLBehindScenes> (Videos by Cindy McIntyre, FHL Public Affairs)



GARRISON READINESS

Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month



National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month, or National 3D Prevention Month, is an annual designation observed in December. The Army Substance Abuse Prevention office wants you to understand that driving with any impairment due to drugs (prescription, over-the-counter, or illegal) or alcohol is a crime. If you are taking part in activities like this month, or EVER, do not make the mistake of getting behind the wheel. It could cost you or someone else a life. The time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is described by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals as "one of the deadliest and most dangerous times on America's roadways due to an increase in impaired driving." This month we are all encouraged to drive sober, and defensively. Visit the information table in HQ Bldg 238 for info.



GARRISON READINESS

812th Signal Co. (TIN-E) Helps Garrison with Upgrades



Army Reserve 812th Signal Company based in Vallejo, California, is conducting its annual training while supporting the garrison by upgrading the communication cables at the 300 Complex and the NEC facility. The unit completed several projects in partnership with NEC in the past two years in the tactical training areas and in the cantonment. Soldiers are rewiring the entire 300 Complex with CAT 6 communications cable. The wiring project is part of the installation's modernization efforts to provide the best facilities and support to the warfighters. Army Reserve Soldiers in this career field can easily transfer their skills and certifications to the civilian sector. Learn more about a Signal Corps career: <https://www.goarmy.com/soldier-life/becoming-a-soldier/advanced-individual-training/signal-corps.html> (Photos by Amy Phillips, Public Affairs, and DPTMS)



WORKFORCE RECOGNITION

4th Quarter Employee Awards



The 4th Quarter Employee Awards were presented in front of the Hacienda by Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell, Dec. 3, 2020. The Army Commendation Medal was awarded to Sgt. 1st Class Rimoni Ianu; Civilian Service Achievement Medals were awarded to Richard Martinez of DHR and Firefighter George Staples. Certificates of Achievement were awarded to Yasmine Lali and Edgar Rios, as well as to Talia Wesley, Employee of the 4th Quarter. On-the-Spot cash awards were given to biologist Jacob Daly, assistant housing manager Jake Dayton, DPW employees Heather Fong, Annelle Smith, Jasmin Zamudio. 35 year service recognitions were given to Police Chief Leonard Lovett and ACS director Les Toth. 15 year service recognitions were presented to Melissa Foslien PAIO Chief and Thomas Harris III. A 10-year service recognition was presented to Devon Haggie, and 5-year service recognition was given to Hugh Dittrich. (Photos by Cindy McIntyre, FHL Public Affairs)



WORKFORCE RECOGNITION

Talia Wesley Employee of 4th Quarter



Talia Wesley, the Workforce Development Specialist for Fort Hunter Liggett and Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, is the Garrison Employee of the 4th Quarter. She serves as a Professional Career Development Program Advisor and provides information, advice and guidance regarding career skills, relating these to opportunities for employment, education, and training to all DA Civilians. She is also the dynamic power for the garrison's Fellows and Mentorship Program. "Guiding employees with passion, encouraging them to see the world positively, and igniting their own desire for what they do daily" is her slogan. Wesley has worked over 10 years as a Certified Career Coach / Adviser for the Riverside County in the Workforce Development field, assisting veterans with training opportunities and reintegration into the Workforce. Her education includes a BA degree / minor in Human Resources from the University of California, combined with Certifications for Cultural Competency, Crises Intervention and Program Management by Dynamic Works Institute. She has also been an ESGR (Employer Support for the Guard & Reserve DoD) volunteer since 2007. Photography is her passion.





SOLDIER/FAMILY PROGRAMS

Religious Support Office



The Religious Support Office of FHL and PRFTA provides a range of valuable services to the employees and families of both installations. Sunday services are currently conducted outdoors because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Clockwise from left: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mark Cisco at PRFTA chapel; Chaplain (Maj.) Cesar Rodriguez at FHL's Hacienda; and Chaplain Sauer at Moffett Field Chapel. Information is found on the FHL and PRFTA websites. To reach a chaplain after duty hours call: FHL On-Call Duty Chaplain: 831-718-7597, PRFTA: 925-605-8261. For more info: PRFTA <https://home.army.mil/parks/index.php/about/Garrison/RSO-chaplain> and FHL <https://home.army.mil/liggett/index.php/about/Garrison/RSO>



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FMWR and FHL Community Group Holiday



FMWR hosted its annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Mixer at FHL, Dec. 3, 2020. This event is the annual kickoff to the holiday season. Santa visited the community to spread comradery to the 78 attendees. Breakfast with Santa was held at the Hacienda on Dec. 5. Guests had a pancake breakfast and the chance to receive gifts from Santa. There was lots of positive feedback with the new dining style featuring reservations. In total there was 89 participants. The new FHL Community Group for residents hosted a small parade in the housing areas Dec. 10, since King City canceled its annual parade due to COVID-19. Also, FMWR hosted a QRP Silent Auction Dec. 3, with more than 30 bidders buying scrap or repurpose items from the installation recycling program. (Photos by Akuaha Moreno, FMWR)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

School Liaison



Fort Hunter Liggett Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell and other FHL staff met with the San Antonio School principal/superintendent Josh Van Norman, Dec. 4, 2020, to strengthen their bond and potential partnerships since children of many military members and DA Civilians attend the school. Van Norman said the school is now the highest ranked district in Southern Monterey County, and enrollment is up for the first time in five years. "We want to work on goals and objectives that COVID interrupted," said Bell. Van Norman agreed, "We have to support each other." The group visited several classrooms and saw how the COVID protocols were implemented. One little kid said proudly as Col. Bell left, "That's my mom's boss." (Photos by Cindy McIntyre and David Myhres)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Santa visits PRFTA at Tree Lighting



More than 100 PRFTA family members and employees took part in the ceremony just inside the main gate of the garrison in front of the Army Air Force Exchange Services mini-mart on Dec. 4, 2020. The event also featured a Drive-Through Holiday Dinner, due to COVID-19 restrictions.