



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

December 25, 2020



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

Highlights for FHL: Awards presented to Fire and Directorate of Public Works personnel who worked the Dolan Fire operations; Child and Youth Services passed a critical AHHI inspection with flying colors; FMWR was busy with Breakfast with Santa for the little ones, a staff party and gift exchange, a Cybrary Christmas Lantern family workshop, and a post-wide door decorating contest. The FHL Community Group hosted its own Christmas parade in the housing area, and HHC sponsored a White Elephant gift exchange. The garrison commander also issued a waiver for travel orders for Santa and his platoon.

Highlights for PRFTA: Emergency Services personnel support Toys for Tots, PRFTA recognizes one of it own, Holiday gifts received from city of Dublin for PRFTA residents, PRFTA Command Team gives final 2020 update for community.



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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WORKFORCE RECOGNITION

Dolan Fire Response Awards



Fire and Directorate of Public Works personnel who worked the Dolan Fire operations and responded to a mass casualty incident from the fire were honored in an award ceremony Dec. 15, 2020. Several others also received awards from Garrison Commander Col. Charles Bell and HHC 1st Sgt. Clinton Unger, and the entire ceremony (almost-internet dropped) was put out on Facebook Live. Congratulations to each and every one! (Photos by Amy Phillips, PAO)



SOLDIER/FAMILY PROGRAMS

CYS Inspection Perfect Score



Fort Hunter Liggett Child and Youth Services passed a critical inspection with flying colors, December 2020. That meant a perfect score of the 150 criteria the inspectors at HQ IMCOM G9 reviewed during the Army Higher Headquarters Inspection (AHHI). That validates three previous annual inspections that cover health, safety and sanitation, among other criteria. “This is a really big deal,” said FMWR Director Charlemagne Tertulien. “They inspect children’s shot records, data bases, safety protocols. The SOP has to be up to date. If you teach a class you have to have a record of what you taught.” The inspection team goes through those records with a fine-tooth comb. CYS Coordinator Merrilee Daniels knows this, and she conducts her own inspections to make sure her staff is on top of these criteria. Because of COVID-19, the inspection was conducted virtually, meaning all records had to be uploaded on short notice. Daniels says the secret to her success is motivation through communication. “I inspire my team to push themselves and help them achieve their goals and provide them a happy place to work.” She said achieving a perfect score is something she has sought since arriving at FHL in 2016. “I did it once in my previous installation and I knew that I could inspire my team to do likewise.” Photo shows a staff member and “helper” sanitizing the room due to COVID-19.



SOLDIER/FAMILY PROGRAMS

CYS and MWR Events



Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation was busy as a roomful of elves at Santa's Workshop this month. First was Breakfast with Santa, held at the Hacienda for the little ones, Dec. 5, 2020 (center photo) FMWR held a Christmas Party and Gift Exchange for its staff Dec 17 at the Hacienda. FMWR Director Charlemagne Tertulien shuttled armfuls of wrapped gifts to the table. FMWR also hosted the annual FHL Door Decorating Contest, where not only artistry, but also bribery was scored. (Mmmm... cupcakes...) The winner from the Hacienda is above left. CYS also hosted a Holiday Family Luncheon on December 9, 2020. In keeping with the current CYS COVID-19 guidelines, each classroom ate in a separate outdoor space. (Courtesy and PA photos)



SOLDIER/FAMILY PROGRAMS

More Christmas Events!



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Exception to Policy for Santa Claus to Travel during HPCON C

1. Request approval of the following ETP:

- a. Who: Santa Claus, Dasher, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Rudolph.
- b. What: Travel to Fort Hunter Liggett, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, Greater San Francisco Bay Area and California Central Coast Region.
- c. When: 24 December 2020.
- d. Where: USAG Fort Hunter Liggett Army Family Housing Area, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Housing.
- e. Why: To bring joy and deliver presents to our Army Families
- f. How: Magical Sleigh and Flying Reindeer



FHL housing areas were treated to a community group Christmas Parade Dec. 10, since King City was unable to host its annual parade due to COVID-19. You're a mean one, C-19. (Photo from the FHL Community Group page.) FHL HHC sponsored a White Elephant gift exchange, which meant some were gag gifts, and the most prized treasures were often "stolen" by someone else (bottom left.) Several tule elk on post got in the Christmas Spirit with special baubles, and the Garrison Commander granted Santa and his crew a travel waiver to deliver gifts on Christmas Eve. (That has been a very popular and oft-shared post on our Facebook page!)



FAMILY PROGRAMS

Making Christmas Lanterns at Cybrary



The Cybrary hosted its first event of the fiscal year at the Hacienda—"A Merry and Bright Christmas For You," Dec. 21 on the Hacienda lawn. It was a Christmas-themed art & craft event. Participants were able to create their very own Christmas Lantern to keep or give to someone as a gift. During Christmas, lanterns symbolize the North Star. The North Star (also known as Polaris) is famous for holding nearly still in the sky while the entire array of stars appears to move around it. Complimentary snacks, drinks and treats were provided. In total there were 28 people in attendance at the event. (Photos courtesy FMWR)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

PRFTA Supports Toys for Tots Program



A community member drops off a box of toys for the PRFTA Toy for Tots Drive held Dec. 12 and 13th, 2020. (Right) Deputy to the Commander Roy Rocco donates a Farm House Playset to the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots collection drive, Dec. 12. Parks Reserve Forces Training Area volunteers and community members collected and donated more than 20 boxes of toys for children during the collection drive coordinated by PRFTA's Emergency Services Department and the U.S. Marine Corps. (Photos by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)



WORKFORCE RECOGNITION

Campos Achievement Award



Lt. Col. Serena Johnson, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Commander presents the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service to Robert Campos, Dec. 17, 2020. Campos received the medal for his meritorious service as a Human Resources Assistant to Fort Hunter Liggett and PRFTA from July 2019 to December 2020. (Photo by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

City of Dublin Provides Holiday Cheer



Parks Reserve Forces Training Area families received toys from the city of Dublin Dec. 18, 2020. Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel MacKenzie, PRFTA Chaplain (Maj.) Charles Ross, Dublin Executive Aide Cierra Fabrigas and PRFTA Deputy to the Commander Roy Rocco pose with the gifts from the City of Dublin. (Right) Ross presents holiday gifts to a PRFTA family. In coordination with PRFTA's chaplain, the city of Dublin provided toys from musical instruments to gift cards to six PRFTA families. (Photos by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

NorCal USO Provides Holiday Meal Kits



Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Morale, Welfare and Recreation directorate distributed more than 80 holiday meal kits to PRFTA residents, Dec. 19, 2020. The holiday meal kits were donated by the United Services Organizations of Northern California and included food such as canned goods, stuffing and other food staples to help a family make a holiday meal. (Photos by SFC Stephanie B. Hendricks)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PRFTA Command Team Informs Community



Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Command Team addressed the PRFTA community via Facebook, Dec. 23, 2020. Deputy to the Garrison Commander Roy Rocco, PRFTA Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Serena Johnson and PRFTA Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel MacKenzie spoke about the current HPCON conditions, and past and future events during the 10-minute broadcast. The command videos have become a regular way for the command team to speak to the garrison in a socially distant manner due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Photos by Jim O'Donnell, PRFTA Public Affairs)