



THE GOLDEN GUIDON

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U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. David Fraire with the 812th Quartermaster Company, instructs Spc. Anik Tiemtor, an Army Reserve human resource specialist with the 242nd Quartermaster Company, on how to conduct a functions check of the M2 .50 caliber machine gun during Operation Cold Steel III at Fort Hunter Liggett. Soldiers learn how to properly assemble, disassemble, load, unload and operate machine guns before going to the live-fire range to qualify. Operation Cold Steel III trains and qualifies Army Reserve Soldiers on various ground and mounted military vehicles, in order to provide lethal and combat ready units ready to deploy anywhere in the world.

Read story: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/309932/learning-and-lethal-army-reserve-soldiers-shoot-gunners-operation-cold-steel-iii>

COMMANDER'S KEY HIGHLIGHTS

NEW GARRISON CSM. Please join me in welcoming our new command sergeant major - Command Sgt. Major Mark S. Fluckiger. See his spotlight on [page 6](#).

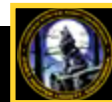
TRAINING ACTIVITIES. Thanks to everyone for their dedication and support to Cold Steel III. As Command Sgt. Major Fluckiger mentioned in his speech during his assumption of responsibility ceremony, your professional skills to support our warriors are critical to prepare them for deployments and get them back home safely. We put our newly-installed Warrior Skills Trainer to use during Cold Steel to prepare Soldiers for live-fire qualifications at the weapons ranges. See above story and [page 2](#) for details. We continue to host many training activities in March - keep up the great customer service to our warriors!

FEBRUARY OBSERVANCES. African American History Month. Each February, the U.S. reflects upon and celebrates the tremendous contributions of African Americans to our great nation. African Americans, who have defended our nation since the Revolutionary War, have built a legacy of courage and professionalism by serving the U.S. Army with great honor and distinction, inspiring generations to come. See [page 4](#) for our events.



IMCOM REALIGNMENT UNDER ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND

The Installation Management Command will realign as a major subordinate command under the Army Materiel Command by March 1 in an effort to enhance readiness across Army installations, officials announced. Read story: https://www.army.mil/article/217292/installation_management_command_to_realign_under_army_materiel_command?fbclid=IwAR1Vw9Fio-19V5Zn9vnWipP_-SomlQfPvoKay-_hr2m-461JYBRsHqT8wWpfo





READINESS



Photo by Cindy McInyre, Public Affairs

WARRIOR SKILLS TRAINER ENHANCES FHL CAPABILITIES

A crew from contractor Laser Shot Simulations installed a new Warrior Skills Trainer system and conducted a train-the-trainer class at Fort Hunter Liggett in January. "The VBS software graphics engine provides reality-based scenarios that replicate thousands of geo-specific terrains around the world," said Scott Gurnett, Laser Shot Simulations program manager. "Every building, every street sign, shows up." Dan Leach, the Virtual Battlespace Integrator for the USARC Virtual Training Team, says "It's VBS with a new skin." Operation Cold Steel III Soldiers will be among the first to use the new system at FHL in February. The system can also be tailored for police training.

Read stories: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/308802/warrior-skills-trainer-enhances-training-capabilities> | <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/310169/simulators-help-army-reserve-soldiers-gain-weapons-proficiency-operation-cold-steel-iii>



Photo by Amy Phillips, Public Affairs

OPSEC LEVEL II TRAINING

KeyW, an Army-contracted company, conducted level two operational security (OPSEC) training for FHL and PRFTA garrison staff and tenant units in February. The course provided students the fundamentals to develop an OPSEC program and the importance of integrating OPSEC in all unit functions. The course emphasized the 5-step OPSEC process to continually evaluate OPSEC measures to ensure optimal operational security. All military and their dependents, DoD employees and contractors can take the online OPSEC Awareness to protect critical info1: <https://securityawareness.usalearning.gov/opsec/> Pictured is instructor Juan C. Declet, a retired Army sergeant major, outlining the course objectives.

NEW CAR WASH AT FHL



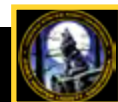
The new FHL car wash groundbreaking was held Jan. 24 beside the Liggett Lanes bowling alley, with the command group wielding the ceremonial shovels. Garrison Commander Col. Kerry Norman (center) is flanked by the new Garrison Command Sgt. Major Mark Fluckiger (right) and Family and Morale, Welfare & Recreation director Charlemagne Tertulien (left). Deputy Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Jason McKenzie stands to the left. Once completed, MWR's Car Wash will be the only one in a 25-mile radius available to the surrounding community. (Photo by Bryan Lee, FMWR)

SHARP COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE FORUM AT PRFTA



Photo by Al Graff, PRFTA Safety Office

The PRFTA SHARP coordinator and police department, tenant unit Victim Advocates, the Presidio of Monterey Family Advocacy office, as well as community partners Tri-Valley Haven and CALICO Center were part of the Parks Reserve Forces Training SHARP Professional Community of Practice forum held in January 2019. Some topics covered included the multidisciplinary approach to investigation and intervention of child abuse and trauma. Deputy Chief of Police Shawn Turner (left) emphasized the police department's best practices and campaigned for greater community partnership to prevent and respond to this malignant behavior. (Photo by Tamera Streeter Victim Advocate, FHL/PRFTA)





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

KING CITY STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

The Fort Hunter Liggett Commander Col. Kerry Norman was the guest speaker during the King City State of the City Address at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, Jan. 30, 2019. She introduced new command team members and informed participants of the large exercises bringing the city revenue and potential traffic slow-downs on Jolon Road. She invited participants to the FHL Community Relations Working Group, and highlighted some of the projects being worked on, such as bringing back Steak Nights at the Hacienda. King City is a long-standing community partner and supports troops with military discounts at many businesses, and many city organizations are sponsors at FHL events. During this event, the King City Mayor Mike LeBarre summarized some of the big projects planned for 2019, while the city manager and police chief highlighted their 2018 achievements and 2019 goals.



Photo by Amy Phillips, Public Affairs

POLICE BADGE SWAP

Fort Hunter Liggett Commander Col. Kerry Norman and Soledad Deputy Police Chief Damon Wasson swapped police badges as part of a law enforcement officer esprit-de-corps tradition. Norman exchanged an Army military police badge for Wasson's Soledad police officer badge. Wasson is a member of the garrison community relations working group which consists of community groups and garrison staff collaborating on projects and discussion of topics. During the January Commander's New Year Greeting & FHL Anniversary event, Wasson presented toys to children that resides on post to support military children.



Photos by Amy Phillips, Public Affairs



[Photos of MWR Event](https://www.goredforwomen.org/en)

SPONSORS APPRECIATION EVENT

Parks Reserve Forces Training Area hosted a Sponsors Appreciation event in January to honor the sponsors that support the installation and troops. With their help, MWR is able to provide services and programs to the PRFTA community, as well as military retirees in the Bay Area. Pictured from L-R are Col. Jon Ellis, 84th Training Command Commander and also Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) Maj. Gen. William F. Dean Chapter President, AUSA members Doug Miller and Bob Weiss with PRFTA Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Jennifer Nolan. Sponsors support community event such as the 5k runs and CYS events.



Photo by Audrey Millar, PRFTA MWR





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AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Fort Hunter Liggett and Parks Reserve Forces Training Area MWR celebrated African American History Month with a luncheon featuring guest speakers: Chaplain (Maj.) Levi Marshall at FHL and at PRFTA, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mark Cisco and Marie Cisco, and the Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club of Oakland. At FHL, Marshall spoke on how he overcame racism and all the anger it brought with the help of his grandfather. With his mentorship, Marshall learned to celebrate the significant African American contributions to the country, and develop the "great capacity" within himself. At PRFTA, a Maya Angelou poem and the origins of the "Buffalo Soldier" were shared.



More than 190,000 African Americans serve in the Total Force, and 19 percent of Army civilian employees identify as African American. The U.S. Army strongly embraces diversity as a way to maximize individual talent, increase morale and greatly enhance military effectiveness regardless of race, creed or color. (Photos by Audrey Millar, PRFTA MWR, and Amy Phillips, FHL PAO)

AFRICAN AMERICANS

"IN TIMES OF WAR"

The national theme of February's African American History Month is "Black Migrations." This commemoration gives us the chance to reflect on the contributions of African American Soldiers. Embracing and celebrating diversity makes our Army stronger, and we are dedicated to ensuring equality for all our Soldiers, civilians, and family members. Learn more: <https://www.army.mil/africanamericans/>

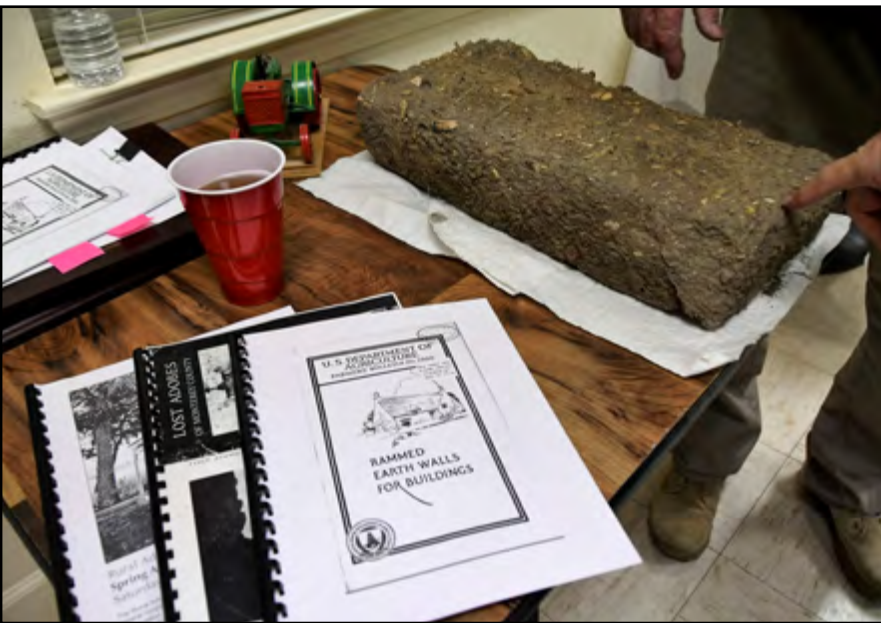




FEATURES



National Register of Historic Places photo of Gil Adobe, 1970s



PRESERVING LOCAL HISTORY

Photos and story by Amy Phillips, Public Affairs

Fort Hunter Liggett staff were speakers during the Nacitone Foundation Annual Dinner on Jan. 27, 2019. The foundation manages the Nacitone Museum located on Jolon Road, which is dedicated to preserving Lockwood history.

Directorate of Public Works staff Lester Patterson (bottom right photo), long-time Lockwood, Calif. resident, and Nacitone Foundation member gave a presentation on the historic adobe that his family built in the 1800s as homesteaders.

The FHL Cultural Resources Manager Lisa Cipolla (bottom left photo, seated far right) spoke of the Gil Adobe (top left photo), located at FHL. She is pictured with descendants of the Gil family during the dinner. The Gil Adobe is listed on National Register of Historic Places, and is one of the oldest still standing structures in the valley.

Historic adobes in the San Antonio Valley were made with rammed earth wall, an ancient building technique using soil, clay, straw, and other materials. The Nacitone Foundation saved the block of rammed earth wall section from the Dunn Adobe located on Jolon-King City Road (center left photo). According to the Foundation, the soil used for Lockwood adobes was unique and allowed Native Americans and early homesteaders to build long-enduring homes. The Nacitone Museum is located at 68901 Jolon Road and is open the first Saturday of each month. For more info: https://www.facebook.com/pg/Nacitone-Foundation-407067179403536/about/?ref=page_internal





SPOTLIGHTS



JASON FOSLIEN NEW DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Congratulations to Jason Foslien for his selection as the Human Resources Director. Foslien has held several key positions during his 25-year career at FHL.

He brings a high level of professionalism, and a wealth of knowledge to the FHL Team. Foslien's primary goal is to reshape all facets of Human Resources programs – to improve support for Soldier readiness, Civilian professional development, and Family member well-being. He is a graduate of the Army Management Staff College Advanced Course, and holds the DoD Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) credentials. Foslien enjoys spending his free time with his family, and working on classic cars and motorcycles.



SHARON USREY RECEIVES COMMANDER'S AWARD FOR CIVILIAN SERVICE

Sharon Usrey, currently with Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service for her outstanding service as the Army Emergency Relief Program Manager from November 2009-June 2018. She supported many Soldiers and family members during financial hardships and ensured they knew how and where to get assistance.

New Garrison Command Sgt. Major CSM Mark S. Fluckiger



Command Sgt. Maj. Mark S. Fluckiger is a Utah native. His previous assignment was the G3 Operations sergeant major at the 7th Mission Support Command Kaiserslautern, Germany. He has deployed three times, twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and once in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Fluckiger has served a total of 35 years in the Army Reserve and Active-Guard- Reserve program. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Utah State University in Environmental Studies Watershed Management and a Master of Arts degree from Webster University in Management and Leadership. Fluckiger enjoys spending time with his family and backpacking. His last name is pronounced: Flew-Key-Grrr.

STAFF SGT. YATES OFF TO ARMY RECRUITING TRAINING

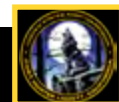


Staff Sgt. Dion Yates has been at Fort Hunter Liggett since Sept. 2017 and recently volunteered to join the Army's recruiting ranks. "I wanted to challenge myself and step out of my comfort zone." He starts his training at Recruiter School this month.

Yates decided to join the Army at age 17 in 2009, after seeing a really cool camo book bag his best friend brought to school after he signed up. "In high school, when they see you with Army gear they think you're

popular now," he said, laughing. He's going to draw from that personal experience to come up with ideas to get young people excited about the Army.

His career goal is to attain the master sergeant rank. "It's like the [old Army] slogan," he said. "I want to be all I can be." "You can do anything if you put your mind to it," said Yates. It's an enticement he wants to offer to young men and women, too. That includes getting a college degree, which he's working on in anticipation of becoming an elementary school teacher when he retires.





SOLDIER & EMPLOYEE BULLETIN

CRAFTING WITH RECYCLABLES CONTEST

Be recycling champions and have fun creating something new! Contest is open to the FHL community (military and their dependents, and civilians). Up to two pieces of art may be submitted. Deadline is March 4 at 4pm. Bring your submissions to Bldg 238 Room 3. Prizes for first to third place winners. For entry form or more info, call 831-386-2400.



FMWR is reviving the BOSS program and needs your help to spread the word. The mission of the BOSS program is to enhance the morale and welfare of single Soldiers, increase retention and sustain combat readiness. The BOSS program is facilitated through its three core components aimed at maintaining a balanced life: leisure and recreation, community service and quality of life. As a member of BOSS, you have a voice in how you live, how you spend your leisure time and how you can support the community. For more general program info, visit <https://www.armymwr.com/programs-and-services/boss/about-boss>. To join the FHL or PRFTA BOSS program, contact 831-386-2406.



ARMY RESERVE FAMILY PROGRAMS

Connecting Soldiers • Families • Communities

The Army Reserve Family Programs has a new website with information on family support programs, financial readiness, survivor outreach services, and more. For more info: <https://www.usar.army.mil/ARFP/>
The Fort Family Outreach & Support Center is available 24/7, 365 days a year.

FORT FAMILY
1-844-663-3269



Check out the CalVet website for all the resources available to veterans, such as webinars on how to apply for home loans, assistance in VA claims, and how to get help during emergencies. <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/>



Military Saves Week (Feb. 25-Mar. 2) is an annual opportunity for installations and organizations to promote good savings behavior and a chance for individuals to assess their own saving status.

DID YOU KNOW?

- * 50% of servicemembers say they have too much debt.
- * 39% of military members with credit cards only pay the minimum amount due each month.
- * 38% of military members have a student loan; of these, 43% are concerned that they will not be able to pay them off. (2012 FINRA Investor Foundation Financial Capability Military Survey)

FHL and PRFTA Army Community Services (ACS) provides financial planning classes, and many other, to help you with your readiness needs. Points of contacts: FHL ACS 831-386-2375, PRFTA ACS 925-875-4678. Check out the Military Saves website for more info: <https://www.militarysaves.org/>

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