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Thanks to all of our Soldiers, Civilians, and Family members who work, train, and live here at Fort Hunter Liggett for your daily contributions. As members of our small team, each accomplishment is invaluable to our forward progress and overall success.

Also, thanks to our many surrounding community partners, such as King City for providing informative briefs during our town halls and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and many other sponsors for making the Youth Fishing Derby a great success.

We achieved many milestones during the second quarter of FY15:

- groundbreaking of the new Total Army School System (TASS) complex;
- completion of the Unaccompanied Personnel Housing (UPH) complex;
- the Tidball Store Land Transfer to Monterey County;
- significant construction progress of the Operational Readiness Training Center (ORTC);
- start of the curbside Qualified Recycle Program (QRP) pick-up at all buildings and residences;
- successful completion of the Combat Support Training Exercise (CSTX);
- opening of our Visitor Center;
- completion of Phases I & II of our overhead to underground utilities project;
- successfully conducted our annual Full Scale Exercise (FSE) - Emergency Response for Earthquake Disaster;
- near completion of the third one-megawatt solar panel array which is one step closer in achieving our Net-zero goals;
- supported the King City Memorial Day Ceremony and conducted our own observance with emphasis on the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Leaning forward, we continue preparations for our next two combined training exercises (Warrior Exercise (WAREX) and eXportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) program) this summer in which Reserve, National Guard, and Active Army Soldiers will achieve Total Force Training objectives.

We are also preparing to receive our new Garrison Commander, Colonel Jan C. Norris and his family in July. Col. Norris is currently assigned to the Joint Staff at the Pentagon and more than 20 years of active and reserve service.

As this is the last time I will be writing here as the Garrison Commander, I must say it has been a privilege and honor to serve and work with you. I look forward to our continued partnership when I resume my duties as the Deputy Commander.

Thank you for your support and may God Bless you all. I ask that you remain resilient and keep safety paramount in every action/activity. Support the Fight, Support the Soldier, and Support the Family!
I am getting older. I was reminded of this when I had the privilege of cutting the Army Reserve birthday cake at our last cookout. I was the oldest Soldier in uniform present. I find I am more reflective about things now. I love my grandkids and I am more comfortable with solitude.

But I am still a Soldier. I have a mission and a purpose for being. Each of us does. Many of you may have seen a movie called “Amazing Grace.” It is the story of William Wilberforce, the man who worked in Parliament to end the English slave trade from Africa to the Americas.

As a young Member of Parliament, Wilberforce had a crisis of life where he had to decide whether to enter the “ministry” or remain in politics. He asked the advice of his friends and of his former pastor John Newton, the man who wrote our hymn “Amazing Grace.” Newton had been a sailor on and later a captain of slave ships.

He experienced firsthand the horrors associated with the trade. He advised young Wilberforce to stay in politics and to change the world. Wilberforce was relatively young when he began his work. He was influenced by this old ex-sailor/captain to make a difference in the world. He did.

Wilberforce fought a long and uphill battle. He was seen as a dangerous liberal and even called a traitor by some in his day. The end result was that England ended the slave trade. God worked through this man and others to bring greater justice into the world.

In July as we celebrate Independence Day maybe we can stop and reflect on this. In the Profession of Arms we especially have a role to play in bringing about justice in the world.

That is what our oath is about. To “uphold and defend the constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic” is to make a difference in the world.

Our influence and actions matter. We can influence for good by pursuing excellence and honoring truth in all of our life. We are never too young or too old to matter. Whether in our homes, our workplace, or the world at large, we do make a difference. May our difference be for good!

William Wilberforce
ANNUAL WEINGARTEN NOTIFICATION: BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEE’S RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION

In accordance with the requirements of 5 USC 7114(a)(3), this is to advise bargaining unit employees that: An exclusive representative of an appropriate unit in an agency shall be given the opportunity to be represented at any examination of an employee in the unit by a representative of the agency in connection with an investigation if – (a) the employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee; and (b) the employee requests representation.

Additional information regarding “Weingarten” rights can be obtained in Personnel Management Information & Support System (PERMISS) at http://cpol.army.mil/library/permiss/4122.html

POTENTIAL SCAM

The Benefits and Entitlements Branch would like to alert all Federal employees of a potential scam by a benefits and retirement planning company, Government Employee Services. The scam intends to use misinformation as well as fear about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its impact on the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHB) to influence Federal employees to buy their services.

Government Employee Services is in no way affiliated with the Federal Government. It is a company seeking to get your business through misleading advertisement. Contact the Human Resource Office if you are unsure whether or not the correspondence came from your Agency. MyBiz is replaced MyBiz+ and is part of the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System (DCPDS) to provide access to employee data. Click on Fact Sheet for more info.

Keep OPSEC in mind at all times!
SAFETY FIRST

From the FHL Safety Office

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Warm weather has arrived, and the mountains are brown and dry again. Swimming at the local pool, hiking in the woods, grilling with friends, and traveling are activities that many people will do during the summer months. You can prevent illness and injuries while enjoying the outdoors by following some simple, yet important health and safety tips.

Heat is a major killer in the USA, and those at greatest risk are infants, children, seniors and people with chronic medical conditions.

Heat was responsible for more deaths in the USA than any other weather-related cause between 2002 and 2011, says the National Weather Service. In that period, there were 1,185 heat deaths, compared with 1,139 hurricane deaths and 1,075 from tornadoes.

People suffer heat-related illness when their bodies are unable to compensate and properly cool themselves. The body normally cools itself by sweating, but sometimes sweating isn’t enough. In such cases, body temperature rises rapidly. Very high body temperatures may cause heat exhaustion and heat stroke, and can damage the brain or other organs.

STAY COOL, STAY HYDRATED AND STAY INFORMED

The CDC offers these precautions in the heat:

• **Find safe places.** Air conditioning homes, shopping malls, movie theaters, libraries or public cooling centers. Cool baths or showers can also help lower body temperature.

• **Stay hydrated.** Increase fluid intake, avoid alcohol, caffeine and drinks with high sugar content because they cause fluids to be depleted more rapidly. Don't wait until you’re thirsty. During strenuous activities, drink 16 to 32 ounces of cool fluids each hour.

• **Wear light, loose-fitting clothing.** Avoid dark colors, which absorb heat, and 100% cotton.

• **Reschedule exercise.** Move your workout (or kids’ playtimes) indoors or into the shade, preferably in the early morning or evening.

• **Stay out of hot cars.** Never leave a person or pet in a parked car. Even if a window is open a crack, it can heat up in seconds.

ABOUT FHL INJURIES

To date, 22 injuries nine garrison 13 training were reported to the safety office. The major types of injuries for the Garrison were slip, trips and falls resulting in 2 broken arms 2 back strains. The remaining were minor strains or exposures to noise, smoke etc.

The majority of training injuries were vehicle accident related or weather.

To avoid these injuries, With all of the construction going on walking surfaces will continue to deteriorate in the short term. Pay attention to where you are walking and the surface you are walking on to avoid obstacles. Stay vigilant and follow your standard operating procedures and always use the correct unmodified tool for the job. Always include risk assessment in your planning process.

SAFETY WORKS, EXCUSES DON'T

For more information, contact the FHL Safety Office at 386-2790 and 386-2105.
From the Fire Chief
Christopher McGuire

With fire activity already above average, Californians should remember “Ready, Set, Go!”

Being Ready - maintain a 100 feet of Defensible Space and hardening homes with fire resistant building materials.
Being Set - have an evacuation plan and Wildfire Action Plan.
Go! - evacuate early.

**ONE LESS SPARK, ONE LESS WILDFIRE**

Approximately 95% of all wildfires are sparked by the activity of people, which means that almost all wildfires are preventable.

Things to have:
- Family Communication Plan
- Emergency Supply Kit
- Wildfire Action Plan

For more info:
- CALFIRE Brochure
- Fort Hunter Liggett FPCON – Bravo

For current Department of Homeland Security Alerts:
- www.DHS.gov/alerts

Garrison Antiterrorism Officer Anna Vega / 831-386-2689 / anna.vega.civ@mail.mil
Volunteers from garrison and tenant units worked together to make this event a great success. The event was sponsored by the FHL Qualified Recycling Program (QRP) and we are the first installation to capture recyclables from the training and housing areas. All proceeds from the QRP go directly back to FHL to support community programs and events.

Army tradition calls for the youngest and oldest Soldiers present (Sgt. Vipon and Chaplain (Maj.) Thomas) to cut the birthday cake with the commander (Lt. Col. Bailey). Photos by the Public Affairs Office.

The entire installation celebrated the Army Reserve’s 107th birthday on April 23 with a BBQ and a cake cutting ceremony.

FHL celebrates Army Reserve’s 107 years of service to country

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Your recycling efforts really counts!
Thank you volunteers!

107 years of service to country
NEW EMPLOYEES

WELCOME BRIEF

FHL conducted a Welcome Brief on April 29 to disseminate information on services available at FHL and were taken on a tour of the cantonment and some training areas to provide the overview picture of our mission. These briefs will be held quarterly - contact your supervisor if you have not attended one since you arrived at FHL (Soldiers and Civilians).

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION TRAINING

All employees and supervisors were provided with a sexual assault prevention class during April. For more information, contact the FHL Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Josie Jahnke at 386-2303. Sgt. First Class Melanie Alijuah with the 91st Training Division is also a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator and can be reached at 803-4084.

FULL SCALE EARTHQUAKE EXERCISE

A full scale earthquake exercise (FSE) was conducted on May 13 to help the garrison better prepare for real crisis situations.

Everyone should take these exercises seriously and actively participate to learn what needs to be done to mitigate negative impacts, where to find help, etc.

Given our rural location, FHL needs to be able to sustain itself for at least the first couple of day of a crisis situation. A unified effort of EVERYONE - garrison, tenants and residents - is required to meet this mission.

Tenants and residents are highly encouraged to join these training events to help make it more realistic, to find out where to shelter and what services are available to you in time of need.

Police and Fire departments respond to real emergencies as their jobs and are ready and able to serve but are you ready for a crisis?

Do you know what the most likely threats to FHL are? Earthquakes, severe weather and wildfires

Do you know what to do if one of these occurs? Visit America’s PrepareAthon (www.community.fema.gov/connect.ti) to learn how!

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Steven Lee with Public Works volunteered more than 300 hours supporting many directorates with his many talents. “I just like working hard…I want to make a difference,” said Lee.

Eight other volunteers were also honored during the April 29 Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony hosted by the Army Community Services: Johnny Aguirre, Chrystal Brand, Dante Christensen, Pamela Duke, Justin Frost, Patsy Gasca, Daniel McElroy, Pon McMurtry.

Click here for event photos.

FHL firefighters responded to two off-post incidents (vehicle rollover and injured hiker) during the month of April. The quick response and professionalism of Chief Jeff Minetti, the crew of Engines 8831 (Capt Mike Callahan, Firefighter James Andrews Firefighter Dan Freeh), and Ambulances 8868 (Peter Brinkerhoff and Travis Bajema) and 8869 (Brandon Fraker) helped save several lives.

SGT. FIRST CLASS VELEZ-GARCIA

Receives Meritorious Service Medal

The FHL Senior Chaplain Assistant received the Meritorious Service Medal for providing exemplary leadership and mentorship to chaplains and chaplains assistants and dedicated religious services to the community for the last two and a half years. Velez-Garcia is headed to the recruiters re-classification course and will report to his new duty station later this year.
By Andrew Johnson,
Environmental Office

The Department of Public Works-Environmental (PWE) and the Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM) staff executed their second annual plan to fight the Yellow Star-thistle (YST) problem.

YST is a fast growing and prolific seeding weed species that is currently running roughshod over the open spaces of the American West.

It has bright yellow flowers and vicious spines. The young plant uses the early growing season to outcompete native annual species sending its taproot down in search of water. This allows the plant to sustain itself and produce seeds even in dry years. In wet years it can grow up to 5-feet tall and greatly hinder training.

This super-weed could eventually overrun the landscape and prevent native species from growing in their historical habitat.

Sinton Helicopters was contracted to conduct aerial herbicide spray and have covered nearly 5,000 acres of highly valuable training areas in the last two years.

Most of the funding was generously provided by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) who supports many programs at FHL. The FHL Hunting and Fishing program also provide funds to the effort to fight the YST problem.

Efforts to quell the spread of YST at FHL have been ongoing for nearly a decade and there is no end in sight. We can keep it at bay and allow for maximum utility of training are-
CHAPLAIN PROMOTION

FHL Chaplain James Boggess was promoted to the rank of colonel on April 27. Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Nickolas Tooliatos hosted the promotion ceremony and the chaplain’s wife, Diane, and mother, Effie, pinned on his new ranks. Chaplain Boggess is a native of Iowa and holds a Master of Arts in Theological Studies, a Master of Divinity, and is a Doctor of Ministry candidate.

FHL VISITOR CENTER

The FHL Visitor Center opened its doors on May 27. All visitors must check-in here for the vetting process. Visitors with an escort are not required to stop here but must remain with escort all times. Weapon registration is also conducted here. The Center is open from M-F 0800-1630 hrs. Visitors are to go to the main gate when it is not open. This building is part of a future Access Control Point.

TIDBALL STORE LAND TRANSFER

On March 27, the Army transferred 2.5 acres of land under and around the historic Tidball Store on Jolon Road to Monterey County who already owns and maintains the 17th century store. Congressman Sam Farr and Monterey County Supervisor Simon Salinas were guest speakers with more than 100 FHL employees, local community leaders and residents. The San Antonio Valley Historical Association (SAHVA) generous provided the refreshments during the ceremony. Click here for more photos.

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MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

Story and photos by Michael Guterl, FHL Public Affairs Office

Thirty-five Soldiers from across the nation successfully completed the Military Police (31B) Advanced Leadership Course (ALC) from Apr. through May, 2015 hosted by the 102nd TASS Military Police (MP) Training Center at Fort Hunter Liggett.

According to instructor Sgt. 1st Class Alexander Rodriguez, the MP Advanced Leadership Course is designed for E6 Soldiers already in the career field and to prepare the Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) to perform duties at Skill Level 3, which consists of leading military police squads, planning crime prevention measures, preparing operation plans and orders and other advanced skills. The course stresses technical, tactical, and leadership battle competencies.

“The hands-on experience out in the field for the ALC course has been extremely valuable,” said Staff Sgt. Crystal Baetz of the 384th MP Battalion based in Ft. Wayne, Ind. “[It’s] exceeded my expectations because the course provided me [with] the ability to learn different leadership roles in various missions.”

The course includes instructions on combined arms tactics, and military police missions, to include the four essential competencies of military police training - skill proficiency, human dimension and attitude, camaraderie and team ship, and leadership, said Rodriguez.

“The ALS course provides unique mentorship opportunities, peer to peer for MP students and networking opportunities with other MP soldiers,” said Staff Sgt. Timothy Brown, MP Course Manager at the 102nd Training Center.

The 102nd TASS MP Training Center supports five battalions (1/104th Battalion based in Aurora, Colo., 2/108th Battalion based in Fort Jackson, S.C., 2/100 Battalion based in Nashville, Tenn., 2/95th Battalion based in Baton Rouge, La. and 2/80th Battalion based in Ft. Totten, N.Y.) and conducts seven classes annually which lasts 29 days each. They enroll approximately 300 students a year and.

The Army Military Police Command is located at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.
Brig. Gen. Gentry (far left) served two years of active duty service as the deputy commanding general of the Eight Army, Sustainment. He has 33 years of active and reserve service. He was commissioned in 1982 and has extensive experience in the military intelligence and military police career fields. He holds master's degrees in public administration and strategic studies, and a bachelor's in history. Gentry is also a graduate of the FBI’s National Academy.

Sgt. Maj. James Carey assumed new responsibility as the division’s top enlisted Soldier when Command Sgt. Major Gregory Chatman retired after three years with the division. Command Sgt. Major Carey enlisted in the Army in 1983 and has 32 years of active and reserve service. He is a combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm and a native of Seaside, Calif.

On May 17 Brig. Gen. Chris Gentry’s assumed command of the 91st Training Division (Operations) and as his first act as the commander, hands over the division’s flag to Sgt. Maj. James Carey as a symbol for his change of responsibility to be their command sergeant major.
FHL held its annual Youth Fishing Derby at the Del Venturi Reservoir on April 11 which brought in more than 750 on and off-post community members. “There were people calling me in January asking about the derby,” said Recreation Program Manager Glen McMurtry. Last year’s derby was cancelled due to drought conditions so it was a much anticipated event.

“I got one giant fish!” exclaimed 5-year-old Hannah Silva whose 18-inch fish placed third in the “9 and under” category. “It didn’t like it when it wiggled.” Hannah and her family live in King City and came to the reservoir at 6:45 am to get the best spot for fishing.

The Del Venturi Reservoir was stocked with two thousand pounds of Rainbow and German Brown Spotted Trout brought in from the Calaveras Trout Farm based in Snelling. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) donated $6,000 and the Calaveras Trout Farm donated $2,600 worth of fish.

“This event would not be possible without the help of generous sponsors and the great partnerships we have with the community,” said FHL Commander Lt. Col. Michael B. Bailey. “I greatly appreciate each and every one of the sponsors and volunteers, and especially the great MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) staff I have that organizes this event every year for the last five years.”

Other sponsors that helped make this year’s Fishing Derby a success include 4 Season’s Outfitters, A & G, Calaveras Trout Farm, California Dept. of Fish and Game, Central Coast Fly Fishing, King City Veterans of Foreign War Post 6747 and the Ladies Auxiliary, King City McDonalds, King City Lion’s Club, Lodestar, Moonlight Mechanic, The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Salinas Valley Fly Fishers, and Trout Unlimited.
Clockwise from top left: FHL Commander teaching kids how to hook and cast; “Mac” (in blue shirt) spearheaded the event and is pictured with volunteers Bob and Sandy Lockwood who help with many events throughout the year; one of many happy participants receiving a raffle prize; Bobby Lewis of King City placed second in his age group with a 17-inch Trout. Story and photos by Amy Phillips.

More photos on the FHL Facebook page and FMWR Facebook page.
On May 25, FHL Commander Lt. Col. Bailey was a guest speaker at the King City VFW Memorial Day program. The theme of his speech was on commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. He informed participants of a FHL, Monterey, King City and Paso Robles partnership to host a 2016 commemoration event at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds which will include the display of the Moving Wall. Click here for event photos.

On May 29, FHL held a 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War Commemoration with Chaplain (Col). Scott McChrystal (Ret.) as the guest speaker. McChrystal served 31 years of active duty - 10 as an infantry officer and the remainders as a chaplain. He served as an infantry platoon leader during a tour in Vietnam. As a chaplain, he served at many locations at home and abroad. His last assignment was as the senior chaplain at West Point. He retired in 2005. Click here for event photos.
Month of Military Child Carnival  On April 13, children living on post were treated with face-painting, a train ride, ice cream, bounce house, and much more! Click here for more photos.

Asian Pacific Heritage Celebrations  On May 20, FHL learned about many different cultures, sampled a bevy of exotic foods and enjoyed beautiful native dances.

Click here for more Luau photos

Click here for more Asian Pacific Heritage Program photos
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fort Hunter Liggett
June 12, 8:30am
Army Birthday Run/Walk/Cycle
By Post Main Gate (inside)
386-2784

June 20, 6-8pm
Father & Daughter Banquet
Hacienda. 386-2808

King City
Farmers Market
Every Wednesday 4-7pm
Broadway btwn 1st and 2nd Streets. 385-3814

King City Bike Club
Meets every Saturday 10am
Starbucks. 385-1052

June 27
Bark For Life - Relay for Life
San Lorenzo Park
385-3814

Mission San Antonio
June 14, noon-4pm
Annual Fiesta
385-4478

Monterey
June 6, 10am-6pm
Cooking For Solutions World Oceans Day
Monterey Bay Aquarium
(805) 648-4800

June 5-7, 10am-6pm
Monterey Wine Festival
20 Custom House Plaza
(800) 422-0251

Paso Robles
Concerts in the Parks
Every Thursday 5:30-7:30pm
City Park. (805) 238-4103

June 20, 9am-3pm
Trading Day, Kids' Flea Market & Bike Rodeo
City Park. (805) 238-4103

San Luis Obispo
Concerts in the Plaza
Every Friday starting on June 12, 5-8pm at Mission Plaza
(877) SLO-TOWN

Templeton
June 7, 2-5pm
Annual Pinot & Paella Festival
550 Crocker St/Templeton City Park. (805) 239-2565

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