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## Local Religious Leaders Tour Fort Hunter Liggett

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FORT HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif. – Civilian pastors and ministers, Army chaplains and chaplain's assistants came from across Monterey County, and beyond, to the Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL) Chapel to learn about the Army Post, its capabilities, training and the need for religious services for the military and their families, on a day recognized as Clergy Day on Feb. 11, 2010.

The Garrison Commander, Col. James Suriano, and installation leadership spoke to the group of about 25 people, about FHL and its tenant units' overall mission and future endeavors.

The group then took a bus tour of the cantonment and training areas, Sgt. First Class Anthony Childs, an instructor with the Regional Training Center-West, showed them how to operate the M-240 Bravo machine gun, then escorted them to several rifle ranges, including the "shoot-house," where Soldiers fire paintball rounds during training exercises.

The group later returned to the Chapel for lunch and a chance to share contact information.

"It's nice to see where and how our tax dollars are spent," said Pastor Sam Ackerman of the South Baptist Church in Greenville. "I had a lot of fun today".

"While I was in the seminary, I was working in Iraq as an electrical contractor, I saw some National Guardsmen walking around looking lost, that's when I felt called into the Chaplaincy," said Capt. Mark Morgan, a chaplain with the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion at the Presidio of Monterey.

Clergy Day offers a chance for interaction between the civilian clergy and the military, and to learn about each other's skills and responsibilities. It acts as an excellent tool to welcome each other with open arms and strive to all be on the same team.

Established in October 2005, the U.S. Army Combat Training Center – West provides base operations support at four installations enabling world-class Combat Support and Combat Service Support training, while providing for the well-being and security of Soldiers, family members and civilians on post. Fort Hunter Liggett is the largest Army Reserve

installation and the eighth largest in the Army. With more than 165,000 acres of unencroached mountains, valleys, rivers, plains and forests it provides ideal maneuver areas for today's training requirements. Please visit our website for information on our organization, visit [www.liggett.army.mil](http://www.liggett.army.mil).

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