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Black History Month Recognized at Hunter Liggett

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FORT HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif. – Soldiers and civilians congregated at the Fort Hunter Liggett Hacienda to honor the memory of Martin Luther King and celebrate Black History Month on Feb. 18.

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Skinner with the Regional Training Center-West began the festivities by singing part of the Negro National Anthem, photographs of famous and historic African Americans adorned the walls, and traditional African American food was served.

Guest Speaker Sgt. 1st Class Michael Weaks, an instructor with the RTC-W read a passage from Philippians and said “only through God’s hope can man change”

“It brings to light all the previous Black Americans that have come before me to lay down the foundation for me to be a Soldier in an Army where all can serve, White, African American, Asian, Hispanic,” said Staff Sgt. Joe Burch, Chaplain’s assistant with the FHL chapel.

“It tells the story of my ancestors and how they struggled to make it in this world, to get where they are now and constantly moving forward, despite adversity and heartache,” said 1st Lt. Tawanda Ellis, human resources S-1 with the Combat Support Training Center.

Black History Month began in 1926 and Martin Luther King Day was officially signed into law by President Ronald Regan in 1983.

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.

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