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For Halloween Witches, Warlocks Descend on Fort Hunter Liggett

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FORT HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif. – Ghouls and goblins from around Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL) came out like zombies for the annual “Trunk and Treat” Oct. 30, 2009, at the post exchange parking lot, sponsored by Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Patrons adorned the trunks of their cars and trucks with Halloween decorations vying for a chance to win prizes for “best trunk”. Children dressed up in their favorite costumes including a joker, cowgirl, Darth Vader, a princess and three spider men.

The festivities included hay rides, a bouncy castle for the kids, scary decorations and of course trick or treat. Children went from trunk to trunk collecting candy and other treats; hence “Trunk and Treat”. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes based on different age categories.

The 80th TTC helped coordinate the event, which according to Maria Singh-Rodriquez, with Child Youth Services, said “It’s better than last year because more people came, the competition for best trunk is better and we have nicer weather.”

Later in the evening the judges, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ken Davidson, Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Charles Jenks, and Regional Training Center-West Commander Lt. Col. Mark Teachey picked the best “trunks” and costumes among the many macabre and bloodcurdling participants.

Sgt. 1st Class Juanito Bautista, the NCOIC of the 80th TTC maintenance, won \$100 for first place for best trunk for his Ford pickup, complete with a smoke machine.

“It’s awesome,” said Bautista, “this is my first year doing this I saw the ‘Trunk and Treat’ last year and decided then that I would enter this year, and after winning the \$100 Bautista exclaimed, “Oh yeah!”

“This was a fantastic event it brings families together and provides a fun and safe environment, hats off to MWR,” expressed Davidson.

Afterwards, families had a chance to watch “It’s The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown” at the FHL movie theater for free, and in the sky on the eve of Halloween was a full moon, perhaps an omen of things to come?

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