

United States Army Garrison Fort Hunter Liggett 2020 Open House



United States Congressman Sam Farr, Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Newman, Early Cauley, King City Mayor Robert Cullen and Sgt. 1st. Class Raul Dominguez (left to right) prepare to cut the ceremonial 104th Army Reserve Birthday Cake during Fort Hunter Liggett's Annual Open House held on April 21. The open house began with a community briefing, a guided tour and ended with the birthday celebration at the Hacienda.



On April 21, Fort Hunter Liggett welcomed the local community for an open house. The day's events began with a greeting from Col. James Suriano, Fort Hunter Liggett's garrison commander, and an overview of the post's facilities. A post tour took visitors to the newly constructed solar field, a meal at the post dining facility and a wound up with a cake cutting ceremony at the Hacienda. The event started at 8:30 am with about 30 resident from the surrounding community participating. [Click in the photos for more information.](#)

The Day's Events

Time	Activity
0830	Refreshments – Welcome
0900	Opening Comments and Introductions
	Presentation of Range Signage
	Presentation of Net Zero Programs
	Capabilities Briefing
1200	Lunch
1300	Tour of Facilities
1445	Army Reserve Birthday at H



A row of seven yellow informational banners for training ranges, each featuring a name, rank, unit, and a list of military medals.

- 9MM RANGE:** PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JERRY CHURCH, USAF. 104th MILITARY POLICE COMPANY. 4 APRIL 2005. For gallantry under fire while engaged by over 200 insurgents in both cities. He remained cool and steady the face of 3 soldiers and 4 civilians while engaging the enemy.
- M16 RANGE:** PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RYAN M. JENSEN, USAF. 104th MILITARY POLICE COMPANY. 23 MARCH 2005. For meritorious action during the liberation of the Philippines. He was the first to enter the enemy's perimeter and was the first to be killed. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.
- M203 RANGE:** 1ST LIEUTENANT LORAN SANDRICK, USAF. 104th MILITARY POLICE COMPANY. 17 SEPTEMBER 2005. For meritorious action during an ambush in the former district of the Philippines. He was the first to enter the enemy's perimeter and was the first to be killed. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.
- GRENADE RANGE:** 1ST LIEUTENANT LORAN SANDRICK, USAF. 104th MILITARY POLICE COMPANY. 17 MARCH 2005. For meritorious action during an ambush in the former district of the Philippines. He was the first to enter the enemy's perimeter and was the first to be killed. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.
- CONVOY LIVE FIRE RANGE:** 1ST LIEUTENANT LORAN SANDRICK, USAF. 104th MILITARY POLICE COMPANY. 17 MARCH 2005. For meritorious action during an ambush in the former district of the Philippines. He was the first to enter the enemy's perimeter and was the first to be killed. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.
- LIGHT DEMO RANGE:** SPECIALIST DAVID HUTCHINSON, USA. 104th MILITARY POLICE COMPANY. 21 MAY 2005. While operating forward of FOB Stevens, SPC Hutchinson neutralized enemy combatants who attacked his element and rocket propelled grenades.



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Col. James Suriano, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hunter Liggett, welcomes the community to the open house with a briefing about the garrison's mission and direction for the future. At the top of the list are energy self-sufficiency and providing the nation's best training area for Army Reserve and all the military. He also introduced new signage for training areas to honor local heroes and others.



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King City Mayor Robert Cullen addresses the community at the Fort Hunter Liggett open house, conveying his pride in King City's connection with Fort Hunter Liggett. He expressed appreciation to the Soldiers of the United States Army for their service, and a sense of surprise at the amount of modernization Hunter Liggett has achieved in recent years.



U.S. Rep. Sam Farr of the 17th Congressional District, which includes Fort Hunter Liggett, addresses the audience at the open house. He thanked the community for participating, and expressed his interest in Hunter Liggett goal of becoming a premier training area for the Department of Defense. Also, he commented on Hunter Liggett's [Net Zero](#) energy goals and the importance to local communities, who could benefit from the same kind of "Off the Grid" technology.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JEREMY CHURCH, USAR
9MM RANGE

724TH TRAINING COMPANY

For gallantry under fire engaged by over 200
Muqtada Al-Sadr militia provided first aid saving the
lives of 5 soldiers and destroying the enemy.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FLOYD M. HUGHES, USAR
M16 RANGE

SILVER STAR
7TH INFANTRY DIVISION
10 MARCH 2003

For combat actions during the invasion of the Philippine
Islands and Okinawa. He was awarded the combat
medal by Lt Gen Nap A. Holt after receiving a bronze star.



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William Riley, Fort Hunter Liggett's director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, talks to the audience about the Fort Hunter Liggett Multi Purpose Range Complex and facilities available to train Soldiers in preparation for combat. He highlighted the state-of-the-art virtual battle space simulator, urban assault course, convoy live-fire course and tactical training bases. [All of the training areas](#) are available for Army and Army Reserve units and all branches of the military.



In the center of this picture, U.S. Rep. Sam Farr (from left), Col. James Suriano, Fort Hunter Liggett's garrison commander, and Robert Cullen, mayor of King City, join the construction team cut the ceremonial ribbon officially dedicating Fort Hunter Liggett's first solar micro-grid project. The project is part of the Army's goal to achieve [Net Zero energy](#) consumption, meaning the post and its facilities will soon be powered entirely by renewable energy.



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Congressman Sam Far and members of the community stop at the post dining facility to take a well deserved lunch break during the open house and tour. The group enjoyed the meal of the day consisting of veal parmesan, corn, a choice of vegetables and a selection from the salad bar. All experienced the standard serving line to include paying the nominal lunch fee of about five dollars.



Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Newman of the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hunter Liggett, serves as tour guide for the open house. He highlighted facilities such as the post commissary, bowling alley, child development center, gym, pool, theater, branch exchange, and sparkling new family housing. Soldiers at Fort Hunter Liggett have a full line of services available as they would at any active duty post.



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Stephanie Sonnier, left, of Fort Hunter Liggett's Lodging Services and Rick Bosch of the Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation directorate talk to open house participants about services [available at the Hacienda](#). The Hacienda is open to the public for events and lodging. For more information about the Hacienda, call (831) 386-2262.



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