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Fort Knox earns 2025 presidential award for Army installation of excellence

The competition couldn't be more challenging; the standards couldn't be higher. Amid all the scrutiny, U.S. Army judges selected one installation to represent them at the 2025 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence: Fort Knox.



Soldiers in Yokohama, Japan, engage with local youth during inaugural sports exchange

An event between Soldiers stationed at USAG Japan and a local youth baseball team brought the groups together for a day of sports, physical training and even a tour aboard an Army watercraft. The 5th Transportation Company (Composite Watercraft Company) welcomed the Yokohama Higashi Little League team May 6 for the inaugural exchange.



Fort Buchanan participates in Puerto Rico's Emergency Preparedness Summit

COL John D. Samples, commanding officer of Fort Buchanan; CSM Kimberly D. Bergman-Gándara, installation command sergeant major; Ulises Marrero, deputy to the garrison commander; and Berenisse Rodriguez, chief of plans and operations at Fort Buchanan, participated in an Emergency Preparedness Summit May 30 aimed at synchronizing local and federal efforts in response to emergencies.



USAG Rheinland-Pfalz reinforces regional security partnerships at Friendship Fest

USAG Rheinland-Pfalz's Directorate of Emergency Services partnered with local German Polizei and U.S. Air Force Security Forces at the German-American Friendship Fest in Heidelberg May 17, to provide a unified security presence throughout the event.



Fort Johnson, JRTC resiliency speaker shares story of ‘weapons of mass deception’

As a youngster, Adam Jones dreamed of becoming a Black Hawk helicopter pilot. As a 12-year-old, Jones took flying lessons to prepare himself for a career as a military pilot. “When I was five or six years old, I saw ‘Black Hawk Down,’ and I decided that was what I wanted to do.”



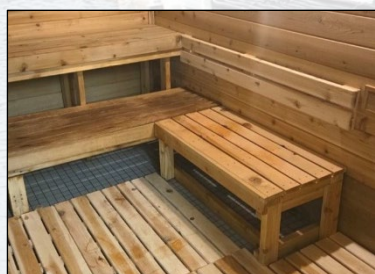
Fort Detrick honors sacrifices of fallen and their Families with installation display

Fort Detrick annually honors and recognizes the sacrifice of our nation’s fallen military heroes and their Families through a visual display on the installation to commemorate Gold Star Families, occurring this year from May 23 to June 30.



Fort Belvoir Youth Center offers activities from caring staff who know military Families

The Army principle of People First is evident every day at a facility focused on military Families. The Fort Belvoir Youth Center is tucked a few blocks west of Belvoir Road on Langfitt Loop and offers a variety of youth opportunities, ranging from life skills to citizenship, mentoring, intervention and support services.



Saunas return to Bragg gyms, bringing heat, wellness, excitement for Soldiers, Families

After years of anticipation, Soldiers and Families at Fort Bragg can finally enjoy a revitalized wellness experience — saunas are back at Ritz-Epps, Ryder and Hercules gyms. Thanks to dedicated efforts and strong community support, these facilities have been refreshed with new interiors, upgraded seating, and improved flooring, ensuring a comfortable and relaxing space for recovery and rejuvenation.



Mountain Meet-Up connects Fort Drum, 10th Mtn Soldiers, Families with services

Fort Drum Soldiers and Family members found a wealth of information and networking opportunities inside The Peak on May 29 during the Mountain Meet-Up resource fair. Hosted by the Relocation Readiness Program, with representatives from dozens of community agencies and organizations in attendance, the fair covered health care, education, recreation, volunteering and family support services.



WSMR employees learn mentorship skills

White Sands Missile Range employees participated in a mentorship seminar as part of the Defense Learning Certificate program May 21 at the Professional Development Center. The seminar was part of a culminating capstone with participant presentations of their mentorship plans which were developed over the past five weeks with online coursework and synchronous sessions.



Community council recognizes RIA

Rock Island Arsenal was recognized by the Quad Cities Riverfront Council May 27 during a meeting held at historic Quarters 1 on the island. A certificate of appreciation was accepted by USAG Rock Island Arsenal Commander COL Joe Parker on behalf of the installation for its efforts to enhance riverfront recreation, tourism, cultural resources and transportation in the community.



Picatinny Arsenal remembers fallen service members over Memorial Day weekend

Picatinny Arsenal supported multiple Memorial Day observances over the holiday weekend. Service members spoke at various municipalities, American Legions, and Veterans of Foreign War posts, honoring the military men and women who died in service to the United States during peacetime and war.



Fort Hamilton launches Salute to Ships

USAG Fort Hamilton's annual Salute to Ships event marks the start of Fleet Week New York. Fleet Week allows the American public to interact with Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, to witness the advanced capabilities of today's naval services. Before the event, Soldiers assigned to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point performed a cannon fire.



Camp Darby Bike Week promotes cycling and community engagement in Italy

Camp Darby hosted its annual Bike Week from April 30 to May 2. The three-day event featured free bicycle maintenance, a kids' course and an adult skills test. Cycling experts were on hand to answer questions and assist with safe route planning. The event was sponsored by MWR, the Wounded Warrior Project, Red Cross, VFW and BOSS.