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## Safety first: Fort Knox 3R Program educates community on unexploded ordnance procedures

Recognize, retreat, report - Fort Knox Safety, Range officials advise local and surrounding communities on what to do in case of an unexploded ordnance encounter. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## REAL ID requirement to access military installations begins May 7, what to know

May 7 marks the official deadline for REAL ID compliance to be required by various federal organizations and entities – including military installations – to gain access. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Fort Knox DFMWR wants your great ideas

The Fort Knox Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is looking for innovative recreation ideas from its employees with the Smart Idea Program. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Fort Knox Middle High School student athletes, coach receive local recognition

Fort Knox Middle High School boasted a strong showing in The News-Enterprise 2024 All-Area Team fall sports recognitions season with two top accolades, multiple team placements and honorable mentions. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## New app connects Fort Knox community members with installation resources

The My Army Post App (MAPA) is now the official app used by Army installations to connect the public with information and resources on weather in the area, post-wide alert messages, emergency contact numbers and facility and gate hours. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Installation nutrition working group strives to improve healthy offerings on post

Following an annual military Nutrition Environment Assessment Tool (mNEAT) survey, Fort Knox nutrition officials began working to develop action plans geared toward maintaining and improving the installation nutrition environment. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Legacy ACS volunteer receives static display honoring decades of service

After decades of service to the community, volunteer Lela Williams received a static display, featuring photos and Williams' vintage uniform paying tribute to her Army Community Service years. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Historic Fort Knox: The man behind the namesake, Henry Knox

Fort Knox, originally "Camp Knox," was named after Maj. Gen. Henry Knox in 1918. **Did you know:** Today's Fort Knox is the fourth post to bear the same name? ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



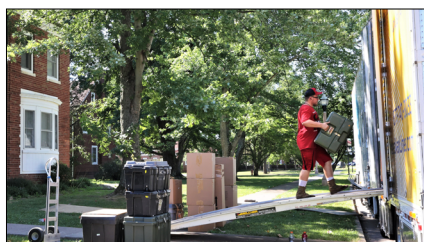
## First 'Knox Talks' sparks conversation, networking between directorates

"Knox Talks" is a social networking initiative that affords individuals from all Garrison directorates an opportunity to provide input and suggestions for installation improvements. The initiative stemmed from the winter Garrison Leadership Academy class and was first held at the Saber & Quill on Feb. 4. The next meeting is set for May 6 and will continue as a quarterly opportunity. ([For questions, call 502-624-5989](#))



## VIDEO: Project leaders cut ribbon on first of completed Prichard Place renovations

Representatives from Centinel (parent company of Knox Hills), Knox Hills, and Fort Knox Garrison attended an unveiling of the first completed home in the Prichard Place renovation project, Feb. 26. ([Click on this link to view the video](#))



## New MilMove system gives Soldiers, Families more hands-on control of their PCS

After about a decade of utilizing the Defense Personal Property System, or DPS, the permanent change of station process will now be completed through a new Global Household Goods Contract system called MilMove. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Fort Knox community welcomes new Garrison command sergeant major

The Fort Knox Garrison said farewell to Command Sgt. Maj. Waters and welcomed new senior enlisted leader Command Sgt. Maj. Licea during a change of responsibility ceremony at Waybur Theater, Feb. 28. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



# AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## QUARTERLY AWARDS 1.25

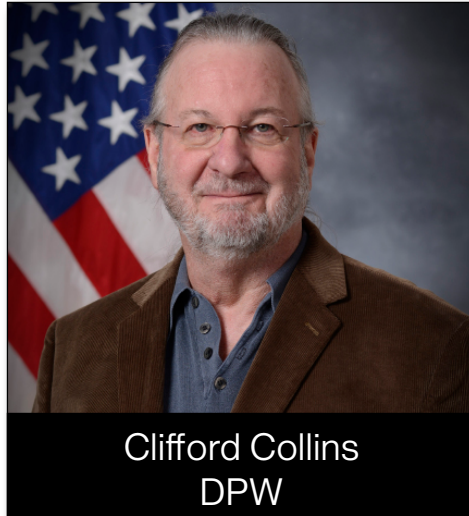
### Leader of the Quarter



**Corey Cole**  
DES

During the quarter Sgt. Cole received positive feedback on his consistent professionalism and customer service. He has also been an asset in reintegrating the community coming back to work in full capacity by teaching new swing shift officers to adjust to the influx of traffic at installation entry points, with minimal manning. His vast knowledge of installation policies aids him in guiding his employees and the organization.

### Employee of the Quarter



**Clifford Collins**  
DPW

As a Directorate of Public Works architect, Collins recently designed a renovation and expansion of historic Fire House No. 1, working directly with the Fort Knox Fire Chief for a design that meets facility requirements. Though he had never designed a fire house before Collins took on the challenge and ended up saving \$522,000 in design fees. Collins' design will aid the Fort Knox Fire Department in ensuring continued timely, quality assistance.

### Service Culture Campaign Employee of the Quarter



**Jez'Reel Jones**  
DFMWR

As an operations clerk, Jones has demonstrated exceptional dedication, professionalism and customer service by stepping into a leadership role during a facility manager's extended period of absence. Jones took on the managerial duties of the individual while also managing his own duties. After the facility manager returned, Jones continued to provide critical support, assisting with operations while his supervisor recovered.

### Crafts and Trades Professional of the Quarter

As a Child and Youth Services custodial worker, Carter plays a critical role in maintaining the cleanliness and hygiene of the Child Development Center. During the Army Higher Headquarters Inspection (AHHI), Jones took the initiative to address facility needs and offer help to direct care staff to ease the stress of the inspection process. His dedication and meticulous attention



**Jaylan Carter**  
DFMWR

to detail played a key role in achieving zero findings during the inspection, a reflection of his high standards and diligence.

### Team of the Quarter



**Training Support Center Fabrication Team**

The Training Support Center's fabrication team has exemplified professionalism and pride in the work they perform whether that be the decor in the Fort Knox Visitor Center waiting area, the new Child Development Center project sign or the development of a new tank round created from blueprints, produced and shipped world wide. The team's ingenuity in getting the most out of each resource, while still providing professional quality products has saved thousands of dollars.





# AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

January

The Plans, Analysis, and Integration Office (PAIO) team conducts installation strategic planning and provides information management support as well as performance evaluations of base operations and essential services and programs in support of the Fort Knox community. This includes facilitating installation planning boards and Fort Knox Garrison quarterly strategic planning offsites. PAIO serves as the lead for installation stationing management, customer service evaluations, integrating incoming senior leaders and coordinating visits for distinguished guests. The three-member team also manages the Garrison business portfolio, including command and control, safety, security, environmental, training, logistics, information technology, health care, Soldier and Family programs and infrastructure. They also submit the application for Fort Knox to compete in the annual IMCOM Best Garrison Competition.



February



The Fort Knox Garrison executive assistants are responsible for providing comprehensive administrative, logistical, and strategic support to the Fort Knox Garrison Command Team. They manage calendars, schedule appointments and meetings, coordinate travel arrangements and prepare expense reports. Beyond administrative tasks, they often act as gatekeepers by screening communications, prioritizing requests and handling confidential information with discretion. They are skilled communicators, acting as liaisons between leadership and other military personnel, civilian staff and external stakeholders. Ultimately, they ensure the Garrison commander & command sergeant major can effectively lead and make critical decisions impacting the entire Fort Knox community. According to Fort Knox Garrison Commander Col. Chris Ricci, they are the invisible hand behind all major installation actions.

March

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS) Operations Cell is integral to the efficiency of the Fort Knox Garrison as it ensures that plans, operations, training and security align with the Garrison's mission and broader senior leader objectives. Key responsibilities include managing Garrison operations, publishing situation reports (SITREPs), maintaining the Garrison calendar, facilitating command and staff meetings, managing operations orders (OPORDs), overseeing special events and handling critical resources. The team also oversees resources, including Waybur Theater, Haszard Theater, the post gazebo and Brooks Parade Field ensuring they are well maintained and available for use. With a variety of responsibilities, the operations team is central to ensuring Garrison operations remain aligned with senior command directives and operational goals while supporting both daily operations and the broader military mission.



## "Garrison, Attention!"

The Fort Knox Garrison team said goodbye to Command Sgt. Maj. Sherm Waters during a Garrison change of responsibility ceremony held on Friday, Feb. 28, 2025. Waters said that his time with the installation fills him with a mix of emotions, humbled and pride-filled were two. Following his time with the Fort Knox Garrison, Waters retired from military service and said he intends to stay in Vine Grove, Kentucky with his wife.





# Gold Standard Achievements

## Fort Knox PAO wins Organization of the Year for Community Engagement

It was announced on Feb. 6 that the Fort Knox Public Affairs Office was selected as IMCOM-level winner for the 2024 Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware Communications Awards Competition “Public Affairs Organization of the Year for Community Engagement” category. They won for the planning and execution of a community support campaign by Public Affairs Officer Ryan Brus and Community Relations Officer and Social Media Chief Kelly Appelman that aided in the successful opening of the Digital Air-Ground Integration Range with the backing of area centers of influence. On Feb. 26, it was announced that the submission also won at the Army Material Command level and will now compete at the Department of the Army level.



## Fort Knox public affairs specialist wins two at IMCOM

It was announced on Feb. 6 that Savannah Baird won two individual IMCOM-level public affairs competition awards that would go on to compete at the Army Material Command level. Though neither submission took gold at AMC, Baird won the 2024 IMCOM-level AMC David Harris Public Affairs Competition “News Video” category for production of a Van Voorhis ribbon cutting news video, and the Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware Communications Awards Competition “Moss-Holland Civilian Writer of the Year” award for a selection of articles written in 2024. Baird tied for most awards at the IMCOM level.

## Garrison at a Glance wins Online Publication

It was announced on Feb. 6 that the Fort Knox Public Affairs Office's Command Information section won the IMCOM-level 2024 AMC David Harris Public Affairs Competition “Best Online Publication” category for production of the quarterly Garrison at a Glance newsletter that highlights the USAG-Fort Knox workforce. On Feb. 26 it was announced that the submission also won at the AMC level and will now compete at the Department of the Army level.

**Fort Knox News CI staff from left to right:** Eric Pilgrim, editor; Kyle Hodges, Media Relations Officer & Command Information chief; Savannah Baird, public affairs specialist.



**Combined, the Fort Knox Public Affairs Office had the second most wins of all 104 garrisons at the IMCOM-level, earned two AMC-level accolades and will continue to compete at the Department of the Army-level competitions in the following two categories: 2024 AMC David Harris Public Affairs Competition “Public Affairs Organization of the Year for Community Engagement” and “Best Online Publication.”**



## Jennifer Quaye, Transition Services Specialist, DHR

Quaye was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey and grew up on a small island off the coast in Brigantine, New Jersey. She joined the Fort Knox Garrison team as a transition services specialist in September of 2021.

**GG:** If you could be anyone from any time period, who would it be and why?

**JQ:** Grace Kelly, because she is a great example of confidence and elegance. She was quoted as saying, "A person has to keep something to herself or your life is just a layout in a magazine." This quote is powerful during social media sharing.

**GG:** What is an ability you wish you had?

**JQ:** I want so many abilities - invisibility, immortality, teleportation, knowing what the next move should be; but realistically, I would love the ability to play an instrument really well. This is my cue to put on my Cinderella glass slippers and learn.

**GG:** What cartoon character would you most like to switch lives with?

**JQ:** Without a doubt, Cinderella. First, let's talk about that dress, and the glass heels are amazing. But mostly, I would like to switch lives with her to show her that you don't need a Prince... Girl, be independent and rock those heels! I would also have a conversation with Maleficent. I know she has a backstory.

**GG:** What do you like to do outside of work?

**JQ:** My husband, John, and I enjoy attending festivals in the Louisville area. That was one reason why we decided to stay in Kentucky after John's retirement. I always say, "Don't sleep on Kentucky. They have a lot going on."

**GG:** What aspect of your role do you enjoy the most?

**JQ:** I love introducing Soldiers to employers in preparation for civilian life. It is rewarding to see them formulate a plan and feel comfortable in their decision. The ultimate reward is when they return to share their stories of trials, tribulations and successes.

**GG:** What is your favorite team?

**JQ:** The New York Football Giants, that is their legal name since 1937. It's not easy being a Giants fan, many rough years, but there is no other team. "Let's Go, Big Blue," or "Go, Jints," when said quickly with a local accent.



**GG:** What is your favorite food and least favorite food?

**JQ:** My favorite food is anything from New Jersey/New York. A perfect Jersey day starts with pork roll (I can't believe the Fort Knox Commissary sells it!) on a kaiser and ends with mus-sels and pasta...fuhgeddaboutit. My least favorite food, that's hard. All food is good. I guess leftovers; not a fan of reheats.

**GG:** What is your favorite quote?

**JQ:** "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." – Mahatma Gandhi.





# HAIL & FAREWELL

## WELCOME!

CSM Alex Licea - Garrison  
command sergeant major  
Maj. John Silvey - RSO  
Tammy Wrenn - RMO  
Thomas Miller - DPTMS  
Timothy Harner - SJA  
Makia Stewart - Claims  
Joseph Adkisson - DPW  
Alexander Taylor - DPW  
Miladin Radovich - DES  
Tere Kangas - DFMWR  
Coleman England - DPW  
Jose Alonso - DPTMS  
Matthew Robinson - DES  
Michael DeRosa - DPTMS  
Anthony Parsley - DPW  
Thomas Melling - DES  
Sarah Rich - PAO

## THANKS!

CSM Sherman Waters - Garrison command sergeant major Spc. Cody Babb - RSO Staff Sgt. Jonathan Hedrick - CAC Maj. Patrick Kihui - RSO Lt. Col. Douglas Yates - RSO Ricky Grubbs - DES Derek Avey - PAIO Michael Hale - DES Jewell Wireman - DES Kenan Jacobson - DES Lisa Lee-Lawrence - DHR Kathy Embry - DFMWR Chandler Franklin - DFMWR David Stout - DPW Robert Flickinger - DHR	Terry West - DPTMS Alex Tootle - DPTMS Coleman England - DPW Lisa Stewart - DFMWR Ismael Iban-Cordero - DES Nicholas Crummie - DES Daniel Nussbaumer - DES John Nuusila - DES Caleb Ammons - DPTMS Gary Payton - DPW Jerome Walls - DPW Jack Hargis - DPW Brian Faber - DPW Linda White - DPW John Plymire - CPCS Mark Edick - CPCS
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# LOOKING FORWARD

## April

### MONTHS

- Month of the Military Child
- Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

### DAYS

- 2 – Monthly DFMWR sponsored PT Run
- 2 – Installation Newcomer Orientation
- 5-6 – Youth turkey season
- April 9 – May 4 - Spring turkey season
- 11 – Right Arm Night
- 12 – Fort Knox Catch and Release Bass Tournament
- 18 – ACS New Parent Support Baby Expo
- 18 – Spring training holiday
- 19 – Egg-A-Poolza
- 20 – Easter Sunrise Service
- 20 – Easter Brunch
- 23 – Army Reserve 117th birthday
- 24 – STEM-tastic
- 25 – Right Arm Night
- 26 – Fort Knox Kids Color Run
- 29 – Community Information Exchange (CIE)

## May

### DAYS

- 7 – Monthly DFMWR sponsored PT Run
- 7 – Installation Newcomer Orientation

- 9 – Right Arm Night
- 11 – Mother's Day Brunch
- 17 – Run to Remember 5K
- May 17– June 15 - Spring squirrel season
- 26 – Memorial Day\*
- 30 – Right Arm Night
- 30 – Murder Mystery

## June

### DAYS

- 4 – Monthly DFMWR sponsored PT Run
- 4 – Installation Newcomer Orientation
- 6 – DFMWR Hot Summer Nights
- 6 – Right Arm Night
- 7 – Kids Fishing Derby hosted by VFW Post 10281
- 14 – Army 250th birthday
- 14 – Army Birthday Bash 8K
- 14 – AER Campaign ends
- 19 – Juneteenth National Independence Day\*
- 20 – Garrison Golf Scramble
- 27 – Right Arm Night

NOTES: Information/dates are subject to change, and other major Garrison-related activities may be scheduled later. Also, the federal holidays listed above with an (\*) are for the dates in which they are observed for leave and pay purposes.





For more of the latest updates, views and information from Central Kentucky's leader in military news, go to **Fort Knox News** at [www.army.mil/knox](http://www.army.mil/knox).