

# GARRISON AT A GLANCE

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## Fort Knox firefighters some of first in Army to replace discontinued fire suppressant foam

Fort Knox firefighters at Godman Army Airfield have been praised for completing a smooth transition from the old DOD-standard firefighting foam to one that has received approval for future use. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



## Fort Knox School Age Center earns perfect reaccreditation score, repeats history

Fort Knox's School Age Center staff cheered and basked in the glow of Child and Youth Services and Garrison leaders' praise Feb. 9 as they celebrated a flawless reaccreditation in November 2023. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



## Strokes, heart attacks can take toll on people regardless of age or health

Two Garrison employees suffered from heart disease. They talk about the importance of regular checkups and a willingness to listen to those closest to you when they suspect something is wrong. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



## New 'all-inclusive' playground taking shape at Fort Knox housing community

Contractors are putting the final touches on a recreational area in the Anderson Greens neighborhood that could become the standard for Army housing community playgrounds here. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



## Fort Knox FMWR offers several ways to get fit throughout the year

Zumba, yoga, step aerobics and HIIT training are just a few of the many fitness classes and opportunities Fort Knox FMWR provides the community for some fun ways to get in shape. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



## Fort Knox first responders conduct speedy first emergency exercise of 2024

First responders from Fort Knox conducted their first emergency response exercise of the year Feb. 27 to ensure they stay proficient at saving lives. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



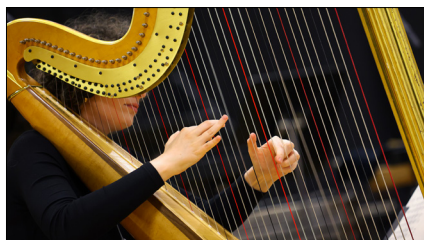
## Fort Knox working dog, handler awarded for bomb search efforts at BlueOval SK battery park

Soldiers from 905th gathered March 7 to honor an MP dog handler and his dog for their efforts to clear the massive BlueOval SK battery park after a bomb threat was called in Feb. 22. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Army (IE&E) observes, praises Fort Knox modernization efforts

The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment stopped by Fort Knox March 6 to get a feel for the Garrison Command's efforts to modernize the installation. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Grammy Award-winning Louisville Orchestra wraps up two-year 'In Harmony' tour at Fort Knox

Fort Knox's Sadowski Center filled with the rich, distinct sounds of Kentucky and beyond March 9 as hundreds gathered to enjoy the final performance of Louisville Orchestra's two-year "In Harmony" tour. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Video: mNEAT Week 2 -- Cantigny Warrior Restaurant

mNEAT silver-standard program winner Cantigny Warrior Restaurant uses a stop-light concept to identify fuel boosting "green" products compared with yellow or red products that should be limited. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))

## What's the deal with all those 'buddy benches'?

The Fort Knox Environmental Management Division partnered with several organizations in March 2023 to collect plastic caps in a twofold effort to cut down on pollution while also providing encouragement to Fort Knox personnel. The cap collection gets turned into "buddy benches" and placed around the installation.

They have been successful enough so far to branch out and also start producing picnic tables. To date, they have produced 14 benches and five tables.

Call 502-624-1929/3598/7300 to find out how you can help.





# AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## QUARTERLY AWARDS 2.24

As the Natural Resources Branch chief, Brandenburg has fostered an average retention length of 11 years in his office. He seeks training and educational opportunities for employees and works with state officials to tackle invasive tree and plant species. The branch saw an 8% growth in revenue during the 2022 deer season. He has found a way to save DOD millions of dollars in lime sludge removal.

### Leader of the Quarter



**Michael Brandenburg**  
DPW Environmental

### Team of the Quarter



**Casualty Assistance Center, DHR**

The busiest in the Army, Fort Knox CAC has tracked seven Summary Courts Martial Officer reports with zero reported failures in meeting the 30-day report timeline, ensuring family members received personal effects on time. They have developed creative ways to improve installation programs, including work with county coroners on mass storage capabilities should an emergency occur, which will save the Army over \$200,000. Members volunteered over 100 hours last quarter.

### Employee of the Quarter



**Kent Shaw**  
DFMWR Lindsey Golf

Though hired as a flex sales clerk, Shaw has developed into a critical administrative assistant and go-to for all things golf, especially when the manager is away. He functions as the training coordinator, producing detailed schedules on a spreadsheet for each employee and training them when needed. Shaw ensures everything runs smoothly, freeing the manager to focus on leader tasks.

### Service Culture Campaign Employee of the Quarter

As the POC for all TAP-hosted employer events, Quaye independently works events through constant communication with corporate recruiters and others. She represents TAP on numerous committees that support veteran talent. She carried the bulk of the load for Hiring our Heroes in November 2023, ensuring its success. Quaye's sacrifices have led to many hiring successes for transitioning veterans.



**Jennifer Quaye**  
DHR Transition Services

### Crafts & Trades Professional of the Quarter



**R.M. Baugh**  
DFMWR Houston Bowling

Playing a crucial role at Houston Bowling Center, Baugh regularly improves customers' bowling experiences, whether he's improving aging pinsetters or implementing adjustments and upgrades that have notably reduced interruptions in the game. He has found efficient ways to reduce costs by as much as \$6,000. He also helps others at the bowling center, including in the Pro Shop.





# AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

JANUARY

The Fort Knox Security office manages security for installation personnel, information and industrial programs and support to the command and staff. Three personnel oversee OpSec, CAC applications for contractors, and official foreign visits to Garrison as well as assisting mission partners. The team facilitates background investigations for assigned personnel and security screenings for new employees; they also provide fingerprinting services to Garrison and select installation partners. The team's efforts ensure eligibility standards are established, validated and maintained to safeguard sensitive and classified information, systems and equipment. During a recent higher headquarters inspection, the office received a 100% rating in all areas.



FEBRUARY



Nine personnel make up the Fort Knox Staff Judge Advocate's Claims and Administrative Law offices, which include two from U.S. Army Cadet Command. Five personnel from Claims adjudicate tort claims filed against the Army from accidents in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and most of Kentucky. The team also asserts affirmative medical claims whenever an Army Tricare beneficiary in its jurisdiction is injured from negligence. The Affirmative Claims Program routinely recovers over \$1 million each year for medical treatment facilities and the U.S. Treasury. Four Administrative and Civil Law attorneys provide general counsel or city attorney support for employment, contract, environmental, business, municipal and many other ethics issues.

MARCH

The eight-member ID Card/DEERS Branch enrolls eligible customers and provides Common Access Cards to Soldiers, retirees, civilian and contract employees and families: world-class service to over 2,000 customers each month. The team performs all functions and related tasks required to issue and maintain government ID cards, including PIN resets and certificate and email updates. The team also reviews, researches and verifies source documentation to ensure 100% eligibility of benefits prior to the issuance of any government ID. They also prepare personal agent authorization letters for eligible customers to receive services at the Exchange and Commissary.



## FORT KNOX IN THE NEWS



**Two awards:** Fort Knox editor Eric Pilgrim in January won two Army Materiel Command David G. Harris awards for 2023. He earned one award for a commentary he wrote Nov. 9 about how [Flanders Fields remain in Soldiers' hearts](#). The second award was for a photo he took Sept. 19 during the [annual emergency response exercise](#) that incorporated DODEA schools notification and reunification protocols for the first time.



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## GET TO KNOW ...

"My favorite travel spot is 'Flamenco Beach' -- a tiny island off the coast of mainland Puerto Rico. This is one of the best beaches in the entire Caribbean with the softest sand on Earth and the most turquoise water I have ever seen."

"I have been the Child & Youth Services administrative support assistant at Fort Knox Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation since May 2023. I was born and lived my formative years in Humacao, Puerto Rico."



"My favorite team is my family. Like any team sport, being part of a military Family has been the most difficult, rewarding, terrible, wonderful, gut wrenching and incredible experiences in my life. As a team, we face challenges and celebrate achievements together."

**"I CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT COFFEE. I HONESTLY CAN'T EVEN THINK OF A DAY WHERE I HAVEN'T HAD COFFEE. NOTHING IS BETTER THAN A GOOD LATTE TO START YOUR DAY!"**

# Yanira Morales Garcia

"My biggest influence has been my parents. My mother always has a smile on her face no matter how hard she works. She taught me to love everyone because you will never know the battles they are struggling. My father's commitment to intellectual curiosity greatly influenced my approach to education and through sports taught me that great achievements are the result of hard work, discipline and determination."



*"My secret? I am a black belt in Judo and three times the Puerto Rico Olympic Wrestling National Champion."*

"If I could encourage my 13-year-old self, I would say, 'You have no idea what is to come. Keep following your instincts; they will take you to know and go through wonderful experiences, and please pay more attention to the English class' (my primary language is Spanish!)"

**"I love helping other people because it makes me feel very grateful working for EYS, an organization that commits itself to positive changes for military Families. My work is not boring; I feel challenged, empowered, and it forces me to be creative every day. What I enjoy most is getting to know and support the EYS staff and be surrounded with wonderful people who love their jobs and are giving 110% each day."**

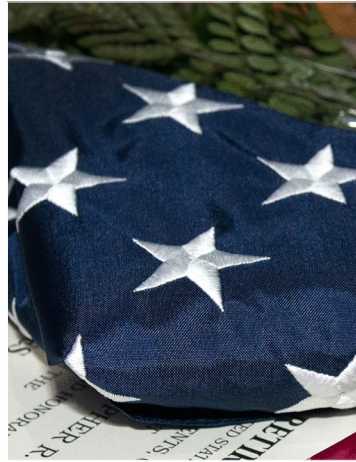


# HAIL & FAREWELL

## WELCOME!

Devon Tamberelli + DFMWR	Matthew Dillon + DES
Sean Vanlandingham + DFMWR	Tony Ritenour + DPW
Cameron Giles + DFMWR	Nicholas Stacey + DES
Andre Rogers + DFMWR	Logan Childs + DES
Alex Tootle + DPTMS	Kameron Harper + DES
Shelby Russell + DPTMS	Patrick Breen + DES
Maurice Culbreath + DES	Valerie Gyukery + DES
Daniel Nussbaumer + DES	Amanda Moore + DFMWR
Simona Loew + DPTMS	Nicole Frierson + DES
Brandon Lipson + DES	Kourney Kleinjans + DES
Olivia Miller + DPW	John Cheeves Jr. + DES
Daniel Dickey + DES	SSG Jonathan Hedrick + HHD
Garland Riley + DES	PV2 Valencia Narcisse + HHD
Richard Martin + DES	

## THANK YOU!



Stuart Holder – DPTMS
John Arreglado – DHR
Travis Perryman – DES
Antonius Tyson – DFMWR
Byron Irving – DHR
Glen Parrish – SJA
John Campbell – PAO
Logan Richlie – DFMWR
Susan Wells – DFMWR
SGM Scott Tate – HHD
SSG Tamra Jenkins – HHD

# LOOKING FORWARD

## APRIL

- April 12-May 7 – Spring season turkey hunt

### MONTHS

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

### WEEKS

- 14-20 – National Volunteer Week
- 21-28 – Holocaust Days of Remembrance

### DAYS

- 5 – Gold Star Spouses Day
- 12 – Friday Social
- 13 – Month of the Military Child Color Run/Superhero Day
- 6-7 April – Spring season turkey hunt for youth only
- 19 – Dueling Pianos
- 19 – Motorcycle Safety Check Ride
- 20 – Community Yard Sale
- 22 – **Earth Day**
- 23 – *Army Reserve Birthday*
- 25 – STEM-TASTIC
- 26 – Right Arm Night
- 27 – Catch and Release Bass Tournament
- 27 – Strike-tastic Character Breakfast Extravaganza

## MAY

### MONTHS

- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Spiritual Readiness Month

### WEEKS

- May 16-27 – Spring Cleanup

### DAYS

- 2 – National Day of Prayer
- 10 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 10 – Motorcycle Safety Check Ride
- 12 – Used Book Sale
- 14 – Mother's Day brunch
- 17 – Friday Social
- 18 – Armed Forces Day Run to Remember 5K
- 23 – Garrison Organizational Day
- 27 – Water Park opens
- 27 – **Memorial Day**
- 30 – *Start of Cadet Summer Training*
- 30 – Community Partnership/Gold Neighbor dinner
- 31 – Right Arm Night

## JUNE

- June 3-July 22 – Library Summer Reading Program

### MONTHS

- Army Heritage Month
- National Safety Month
- National Pride Month

### DAYS

- 1 – Kids Fishing Derby
- 10-14 – VBS "Scooba" summer camp
- 14 – *Army Birthday / Flag Day*
- 14 – Friday Social
- 19 – **Juneteenth National Independence Day**
- 21 – Agony vs. Misery Challenge
- 30 – Right Arm Night

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



# BOZ GARRISON LEZ ORG DAY

## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- ★ CASH BAR
- ★ DUNK TANK
- ★ CORNHOLE
- ★ VOLLEYBALL
- ★ PICKLE BALL
- ★ TUG OF WAR
- ★ AXE THROWING

FAMILY AND LOVED ONES  
ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND



U.S. ARMY



EASTMAN PARK  
THURSDAY  
MAY 23

10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

GARRISON TOWNHALL  
WILL BEGIN AT 10:30 AM  
WITH ACTIVITES TO FOLLOW

PICNIC STYLE LUNCH

DEADLINE TO ORDER:  
COB MONDAY, MAY 20



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS/BLANKETS FOR SEATING





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).