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# GARRISON AT A GLANCE

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## Fort Knox Soldier surpasses 'perfect' score on GT improvement exam

When Staff Sgt. Aaron Overstreet scored higher than what Army officials declared as a perfect score on the Armed Forces Classification Test, he left everyone in disbelief, including himself. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



## Members of LST Association visit Fort Knox during Louisville reunion

Over 50 members of the U.S. LST Association got a bit of a shock Oct. 4 when they walked into the hull of a facility at Fort Knox that was responsible for countless successes in World War II and beyond. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



## VIDEO: 2023 Fort Knox Retiree Appreciation Day

Several local and area military retirees attended the 2023 Retiree Appreciation Day celebration at Sadowski Center Oct. 20. Leaders said they added a new twist to the event. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



## Almost three dozen shift tassels at 2023 Fort Knox All Schools Graduation

Nearly all of the 36 Fort Knox community members who signed up to participate attended the 2023 Fort Knox All Schools Graduation at Haszard Auditorium Oct. 20. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



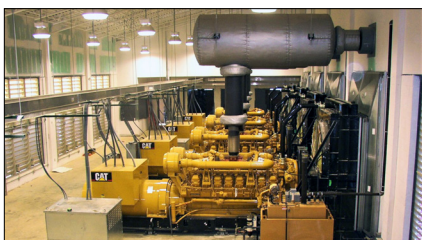
## Military housing renovations reshaping Fort Knox landscape

Knox Hills continues to set its sights on improving the quality of life of on-post residents. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



## RSO, Red Cross partner to provide 120 sacks with food for Soldiers, Families to enjoy over Thanksgiving holiday

A small team of volunteers in the American Red Cross at Fort Knox have been hard at work this month filling over 120 paper sacks full of food. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



## DOE awards grant to Fort Knox for next phase of energy resilience

Every chance he was given, Fort Knox Energy manager R.J. Dyrdek told anybody who would listen what the Central Kentucky installation needed for its next big step toward total energy resilience. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Garrison, Knox Hills leaders conduct 'cruising' housing town hall

Ready with golf carts, several leaders from Fort Knox Garrison and Knox Hills traveled through the Prichard Place military community to meet with residents and learn more about their housing experiences. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Four Fort Knox youths honored by firefighters for heroic actions

Four youths who live on Fort Knox are being hailed as heroes for their quick actions during two separate incidents recently. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Hundreds pack out Cantigny Warrior Restaurant for traditional Thanksgiving Eve meal

The line wrapped around part of Cantigny Warrior Restaurant Nov. 22 for well over an hour as hundreds of Fort Knox personnel and their family members anticipated a large meal together. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Historic water tanks soon to vanish from Central Kentucky landscape

Fort Knox Garrison officials admit the time is fast approaching to bring down two historic water towers that have stood watch over Fort Knox for nearly a century. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Garrison Leadership Academy graduates fall class

Sixteen Fort Knox civilian employees have just graduated an eight-week course designed to help develop them into stronger leaders. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



# AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## QUARTERLY AWARDS 4.22



### Team of the Quarter

The DES Operations Team of Capt. James Huerth, Asa Frazee and Capt. Christian Schafer collaboratively coached, trained and mentored the three divisions of the DES on updating their SOPs based on lessons learned from the installation full scale exercise. This comprehensive SOP re-write developed clear and improved performance standards for emergency response. They supported numerous garrison strategic goals, including Cadet Summer Training 2023. When the team learned that an additional platoon of MPs slated to support DES during CST was abruptly canceled, they quickly coordinated for the Reserve MFGI support platoon that was on Fort Knox to be extended and realigned to the CST mission, fully supporting it. They flawlessly executed a DES annual training event, "Golden Shield," giving young second lieutenants the opportunity to focus on leader development, DES operations and law enforcement training.

### Employee of the Quarter

As an education services specialist, Julie was selected for a GS 9/11 developmental position less than a year after entering government service. Since then, she has already received 21 positive ICE comments for her customer service. She marketed, facilitated, coordinated and planned the annual Career and Education Fair, the open house and Fort Knox graduation events with excellent results and feedback. She created several articles highlighting ACES programs and updated and revised the Facebook page for customer feedback.



**JULIE HOISINGTON**  
DHR



**DAISY SEIGLER**  
DFMWR

### Leader of the Quarter

As supervisory program specialist, Daisy has earned recognition for her summer programming for children and families at the School Age Center. Her plans started in January to coordinate and schedule venues and special guests during summer camp. She requested estimates, confirmed dates, completed risk assessments, and collected necessary forms from vendors, which afforded plenty of time for contracts to be completed. She also kept all children (averaging 130-170 each week of the camp) and their parents informed throughout and ensured all children were safe and cared for, empowering the team.

### Service Culture Campaign Professional of the Quarter

As a waitress, Raquel has been a committed leader in food services for over 20 years. She has an unwavering commitment to excellence and expertise in various work tasks, as well as exceptional customer relations and impeccable time management. She handles challenges seamlessly without customers taking notice of an issue. She is known for her efficiency of work, often accomplishing twice the work of other staff in half the time. Leaders have come to rely on her expertise, which equates to unforgettable experiences for customers.



**RAQUEL LOUBRIEL**  
DFMWR





# AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

OCTOBER

The 34th and 905th Military Police Detachments provide law enforcement, security and protection to the Fort Knox Military Community. Military police investigators, traffic investigators, desk sergeants and patrol officers work within 34th to protect the community and provide police administration assistance to the Fort Knox Directorate of Emergency Services. The 905th deploys military working dog teams worldwide and supports U.S. Secret Service missions nationally. Locally, explosive and drug detection dog teams keep patrol the streets and access control points to support and engage with those they serve. Both detachments provide support to annual installation exercises, community engagement events and additional opportunities to assist Fort Knox.



NOVEMBER



The Fort Knox Qualified Recycle Program's mission is to maximize the diversion and recovery of scrap from installation waste streams, generate funds through the collection and sale of materials and promote environmental awareness. It is open to the public and works in partnership with outside organizations and surrounding counties to reduce our carbon footprint. In FY23, the QRP processed and sold 2,815,913 pounds of recyclable material. Today, the center processes most all metals, lead acid batteries, ink toners, cardboard, packing paper, office paper, cooking and motor oils and ammo brass to name a few. The center also provides the following services: free paper shredding, certified weight scales for PPM moves, unit moves, toner re-distribution and the pallet giveaway program.

DECEMBER

Fort Knox's Energy Team is regarded as the best in the Defense Department. In May 2015, Fort Knox became the first in the continental U.S. to operate 100% independent of external power, made possible, in part, through a partnership with Nolin RECC that continually leverages expertise and capabilities. In addition to numerous DA and DOD awards, the team earned the 2021 Army Partnership Award for outstanding collaboration in reducing its carbon footprint, achieving cost savings, and improving the security posture. As recent recipients of a DOE grant, Fort Knox will become DOD's testing ground for fuel cell usage to explore even greater energy independence while also lowering carbon dioxide emissions.



## LEGAL AUTHORITY

Tim Goblirsch, U.S. Army Cadet Command & Fort Knox Garrison Civil Law Division chief, was named a Sustained Outstanding Civilian Career Award honoree at the U.S. Army's Worldwide Continuing Legal Education forum held this fall in Charlottesville, Virginia. Goblirsch was among just six people from across the Judge Advocate Legal Services community to receive this distinction, which recognizes those who exemplify a broad range of high achievement, innovation, vision, leadership, legal and community services, and who embody the Army Values and Judge Advocate General Corps mission.



# PROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR

Stars are made: Here are the FY23 Civilian Professionals of the Year!



FMWR has banner year, earns Gold Medal finalist at 2023 awards



(from left) Command Sgt. Maj. Sherm Waters, Col. Chris Ricci, Heather Aufschlag, Shane Yates, Chris Dent, John Balasa, Nick Knight, Jim Bradford and Randy Moore stand together at a recent town hall, where the Fort Knox Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation was celebrated for national recognition.

Everything seems to be turning up golden this year for Fort Knox's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. Whether they are winning awards or earning Army-level recog-

nition, the directorate seems to come up big everywhere. They recently earned high praise in National Recreation and Park Association's annual Gold Medal Grand Plaque Award competition.

For the whole story, go to <https://www.army.mil/article/272489/>





**FUNNIEST SWEATER**

**Jeffrey Bridges**



**MOST CREATIVE**

**Capt. James Huerth**

**THE WINNERS ARE ...**

**UGLIEST SWEATER**



**LovieAnn Warner-Palacios**



# 'UHHHH-GLEE!'

**GARRISON DONS FESTIVE APPAREL FOR PARTY**

**Photos by Charles Leffler, Fort Knox Visual Information**

Several members of USAG-Fort Knox decked the halls of Saber & Quill Dec. 8 with bells and holly and trees and tinsel -- all featured on their ugly Christmas sweaters. The catered event brought out a lot of holiday cheer.





# GET TO KNOW ...

From Hardin County, Kentucky originally, Michael is the chief of Natural Resources Branch, Environmental Management Division, Directorate of Public Works. He joined the USAG-Fort Knox team in March 1991.



Group photo from July 2023 at a field trip hosted for the Kentucky Prescribed Fire Council.

## MICHAEL BRANDENBURG



What was your proudest moment while working at USAG-Fort Knox?

... probably the Fort Knox Natural Resources Branch, being awarded the 16th Annual Military Conservation Partner from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in January 2020.



What is your ideal dream vacation?

It would probably be an offshore fishing trip to Panama or Western Mexico.



Brandenburg (right) conducts a post burn briefing with members of the fire crew.



Who has been your biggest influence and why?

My father because he took me to the water or the woods from a very early age and taught me about fish and wildlife leading to my desire to become a wildlife biologist.

What is the one thing you can't live without?



a BOAT. Well, probably should have said "my wife," so maybe I better put the boat with her in it, as she often is ...



What is your favorite team?

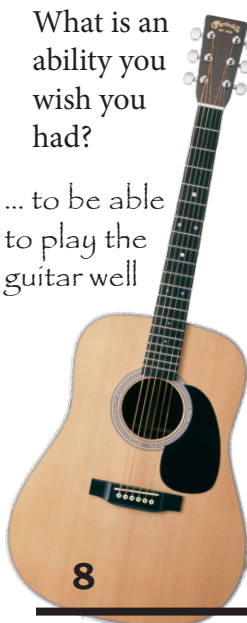


Kansas City Chiefs

Brandenburg and his daughter Kaitlyn attend a football game at the University of Kentucky where Kaitlyn is in her senior year as an electrical engineering student.

What is an ability you wish you had?

... to be able to play the guitar well



Brandenburg with Dawn, his wife of 31 years, and their grand nephew Cooper at the boy's first birthday party.

Where all have you lived?



Always somewhere in Kentucky, except for one summer before my senior year of college. I lived east of Helena, Montana -- in a tent -- working for the Peregrine Fund, releasing peregrine falcons into the wild.



## WELCOME!

SFC McMurray, Maria + MOB	Long, Matthew + DPW
Delany, Crystal + FMWR	Rodeheaver, Joshua + FMWR
Seger, Todd + QRP	McMahan, Todd + DPTMS
Dale, Andrew + FMWR	Dalton, Jacob + DPTMS
White, Michael + DES	Nuusila, John + DES
Beavers, Jesse + DES	Kondrasiewicz, Natasha + DPW
Bullington, Jennifer + FMWR	Bagley, Robert + DES
Hawkins, Patricia + DHR	Reid, Richelle + FMWR
Hudson, Jason + DPW	Whitacre, Matthew + DPTMS
Setter, Megan + FMWR	DeVito, John + DES
Braxton, Patsy + DHR	

## THANK YOU!

Capt. Schafer, Christian - DES	Tillery, Amy - DPTMS
Sgt. 1st Class Evans, Michael - HHD	Wray, Keith - DES
Kannapel, Bret - FMWR	Braun, Abigail - DES
Bell, Marcelina - FMWR	Steinhoff, Wendy - ISO
Relyea, Manuel - QRP	Cousin, Janice - FMWR
El-Akkad, Elizabeth - FMWR	Holder, Stuart - DPTMS
Bronner, Sabine - FMWR	Jordan, Patrick - DPTMS
Rashid, Kaleem - FMWR	Baxter, Richard - DPW
Harper, Ronnie - DES	Fraze, Asa - DES
Sones, Wendell - DES	



## LOOKING FORWARD

### JANUARY

#### MONTHS

- National Blood Donor Month

#### WEEKS

- New Year's Resolutions Week

#### DAYS

- 1 - 2023 tax return season begins
- **1 - New Year's Day (federal holiday)**
- 2 - Training holiday
- 5 - Friday Night Social
- 12 - Training Holiday
- **15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday (federal holiday)**
- 26 - Right Arm Night
- 27 - Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 30 - Community Information Exchange (CIE)

### FEBRUARY

#### MONTHS

- African American/Black History Month

#### WEEKS

- 7-14 - National Marriage Week
- 19-25 - National Engineers Week

#### DAYS

- 9 - Friday Night Social
- **14 - Valentine's Day**

- 14 - RSO Ash Wednesday services
- 16 - Mystery Dinner
- 16 - Training Holiday
- **19 - Washington's Birthday (federal holiday)**
- 23 - Right Arm Night

### MARCH

#### MONTHS

- Women's History Month

#### WEEKS

- 1-7 - National Invest In Veterans Week
- 4-7 - International Women's Week
- 24-30 - Holy Week (special religious services)

#### DAYS

- 1 - Army Emergency Relief campaign start
- 8 - International Women's Day
- 8 - Friday Night Social
- 9 - Louisville Orchestra Performance
- 10 - Daylight Saving Time begins
- 13 - Housing town hall
- 15 - Saint Patrick's Day 5K
- 22 - Right Arm Night
- 22 - Comedy Show
- 25 - Medal of Honor Day
- 29 - Vietnam War Veterans Day
- 30 - Easter vigil (see RSO schedule)
- 31 - Easter Sunrise Service

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



## IN OTHER WORDS

### Purple Star School awards!

Congratulations to our area schools that have earned the honor for their support of our military youth



New Highland Elementary School and Radcliff Elementary School were recently honored as two of the Fall 2023 Kentucky Purple Star School recipients. The Kentucky Purple Star Schools program honors the schools that support military youth whose parents have or are deployed, provide a caring school environment through trained liaisons who provide support to students, families and staff, increase school involvement with peer-to-peer engagement and encouragement of parents, and seek to improve students' experiences in ways that promote social, emotional and academic excellence for their futures.

### Lion around at Education party

What started as a trunk-or-treat event for the kids at the Fort Knox Education Center in October quickly turned into a fright-fully fun party for the staff, complete with a mysterious lion who kept finding his way into every photo. So, who was that cool cat? We may never know ...







For 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).