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REFLECTIONS



German liaison officers observe National Day of Mourning at Fort Knox Post Cemetery

Accompanied by the Fort Knox Garrison command team, two German liaison officers visited the Fort Knox Post Cemetery in recognition of the annual Volkstrauertag Nov. 19, or National Day of German Mourning. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Fort Knox general officer honors President Zachary Taylor with annual wreath laying

Soldiers from Fort Knox spent the morning paying tribute to President Zachary Taylor with a wreath-laying ceremony in honor of his birthday on Nov. 24. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Fort Knox celebrates Thanksgiving 2025 with grand Nov. 26 feast

Military leaders from across Fort Knox joined civilian Gold Neighbor leaders from the surrounding communities at lunchtime Nov. 26 to serve up a grand Thanksgiving feast for all personnel who work and live at the installation. [\(Click on this link to view the full Flickr album\)](#)



Santa comes to town at 2025 Fort Knox tree lighting ceremony

Several members of the Fort Knox community gathered at the post gazebo Dec. 5, 2025, to light the Christmas tree, write letters to Santa, drink hot cocoa, eat cookies, and cheer Santa Claus' arrival in a firetruck. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Hundreds gather to honor those interred at KVCC during annual Wreaths Across America event

So many people attended the annual Wreaths Across America event at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-Central Dec. 13 that many were forced to park their vehicles along Dixie Highway. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



2025 Combined Federal Campaign nears deadline, officials say there is still time to donate

The 2025 Combined Federal Campaign that began Oct. 1 is scheduled to end on Jan. 12, 2026. Officials say there is still time to donate to over 2,000 voluntary health, welfare and philanthropic initiatives that often benefit federal employees. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Officials say unpredictable extreme weather emphasizes need for precautions this winter

Weather forecasters are predicting record low temperatures and snowfall along Ohio Valley this winter; this includes Central Kentucky and Fort Knox. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Army Emergency Relief fund pays it forward with Commissary gift cards for Fort Knox Soldiers, Families

Leaders from multiple installation mission partner units joined Fort Knox Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Alex Licea to distribute \$3,000 worth of Commissary gift cards to Fort Knox Soldiers Dec. 16. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



... right down Santa Claus Lane —' Knox Hills children line sidewalks to cheer holiday tradition

Bundled for a cold night of magic, children poured out of houses in Fort Knox's Anderson Greens community Dec. 16 when they heard holiday music playing down the street. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)

Fort Knox Garrison headquarters assists with toy delivery to Santa's Workshop

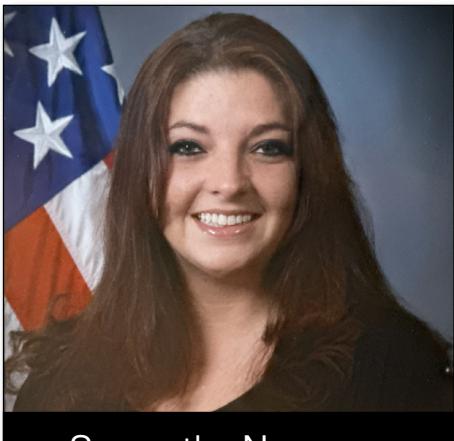


Multiple leaders and officials from Fort Knox Garrison spent the morning delivering \$10,000 worth of donated toys to the Fort Knox American Red Cross Santa's Workshop on Dec. 4. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

QUARTERLY AWARDS 4.25

Leader of the Quarter



Samantha Newman
DFMWR

Employee of the Quarter



Keith Beshears
DES

Service Culture Campaign Employee of the Quarter



Jennifer Quaye
DHR

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation assistant business manager Samantha Newman showed exemplary leadership skills when she stepped beyond her role to stabilize operations during a marginal leadership transition at sister locations. Along with her daily duties, Newman safeguarded financial operational continuity, corrected vendor account concerns and balanced prime vendor relationships.

Conservation Law Enforcement officer Keith Beshears showed dedication to duty and performance during the quarter. While operating as a one-man team, Beshears ensured that operations were conducted across the installation by adjusting his work hours to meet demands during peak hunting season. Additionally, he optimized resources and demonstrated innovative customer-focused service delivery, and served as the confinement liaison officer.

Jennifer Quaye, a Directorate of Human Resources transition services specialist, went above and beyond during the quarter. In this position, Quaye represented the team with the Kentucky Career Center Veteran Liaisons and held seats at the KY Chamber of Commerce, KY Veterans' Employment and Training Services and many more. In addition to these duties, Quaye was instrumental in the high success of the Recruit Military seminar and job fair.

Crafts and Trades Professional of the Quarter

Robert Campbell, a Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation custodial worker performs his duties with positivity, dependability and professionalism. Campbell directly supported care for an average of 520 children by ensuring facilities were clean and mission ready daily. In addition, Campbell supported his team by filling in gaps to keep operations running smoothly.



Robert Campbell
DFMWR

Team of the Quarter



Team DPTMS Range Maintenance

The Fort Knox Range Branch maintenance team provided essential support for training and Soldier readiness during the quarter by maintaining the range complex to adhere to safety and standards. Beyond routine maintenance, the team proactively assisted Garrison headquarters with a large-scale cleanup, efficiently removing materials for recycling and disposal. The team also earned a perfect Command Maintenance Discipline Program inspection score.



AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

October

The Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) strengthens effectiveness, conserves manpower and enhances combat readiness through the assessment and treatment of Soldiers with problematic alcohol or drug use. The Fort Knox ASAP addresses its mission set through alcohol and drug prevention coordination and education; military and civilian urinalysis programs; and the Risk Reduction, Suicide Prevention and Civilian Employee Assistance programs. It also leads the Installation Prevention Team and the Suicide Prevention Working Group. In the past year, the program saw a 62% increase in prevention classes providing nearly 1,400 class participants with 160+ hours of engagement that focused on critical topics like substance misuse prevention, suicide prevention and drug testing processes.



November



The Fort Knox Houston Bowling Center strives to be the best such facility in the U.S. Army. Staff members provide guests with a quality recreational experience by regularly improving the atmosphere, investing in the latest bowling technology and maintaining a friendly and welcoming experience. Services include the Strike Zone eatery, a pro shop and a party room that is available to rent. The center offers both open lane bowling and league bowing across 32 lanes equipped with cutting-edge String Pinsetter machines. In 2025, Houston Bowling Center hosted over 71,000 games bowled and served over 62,000 patrons at the Strike Zone snack bar, which offers a full lunch and dinner menu. The center's staff takes pride in constantly elevating the bowling experience for Soldiers and Families and the greater Fort Knox community.

December

The Fort Knox Installation Protection Branch (IPB) team maintains a mission command facility that provides leaders with centralized situational awareness and manages resource allocation during incident response, consequence management and mission support operations. The facility can expand into a 24/7 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to facilitate mission command during emergency management operations. The team also governs the installation's local implementation of the Army Protection Program. Additionally, the team supports mission assurance for Army missions in an "all threats and hazards" environment and facilitates continuous improvement through a rigorous training and exercise program. Ultimately, the Fort Knox IPB ensures the installation is prepared to better prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from emergency situations.



Winter WARNO : Follow these tips for seasonal weather

DO:

1. Dress in layers
2. Seal all windows and exterior doors
3. Conduct regular vehicle safety checks

DON'T:

1. Drink and drive
2. Warm vehicles in a closed garage
3. Use electronic heat to combat frostbite



PROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR for FY 2025

Leader

Corey Cole, DES

Employee

Kyle Hodges, PAO

SCCP

Jennifer Quaye, DHR

Crafts & Trades

Don Melhorn, DFMWR

Team

Army Substance Abuse
Program, DHR

FORT KNOX GARRISON 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

2025 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence



Awarded Department of Energy assisting federal facilities with energy and conversion technology (AFFECT) grant of \$1.2M toward natural gas fuel cells

Presented by the Arbor Day Foundation the Tree City USA Growth Award demonstrating higher levels of tree care and community engagement



Fort Knox Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program hosted its inaugural Best Barracks Competition for Soldiers living in unaccompanied housing

CYS won a Boys & Girls Club Association (BGCA) IMPACT award at the Midwest Region BGCA conference - recognizing our Commitment to Collective Impact on Youth



Youth Sports & Fitness staff recognized with NFL Flag Summit Award

2025 National Gold Medal Award finalist in the Armed Forces category for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management



Army Community Service (ACS) proudly celebrated its 60th birthday, marking six decades of dedicated support to Soldiers & Families



Hosted FEMA water supply point for the Knox Region; several Fort Knox personnel volunteered to help hundreds of area residents following historic rainfall that devastated many areas of Kentucky, leaving residents stranded by flood waters and homes underwater in some instances

Opened Extended Recreational Vehicle Park on Post



The Devers Youth Center enhanced youth programs and opportunities by securing over \$100,000 in grant funding



Knox Hills received high marks on the Army's annual Residential Communities initiative Army Housing Tenant Satisfaction Survey; increase in overall, service, and property satisfaction



Garrison employee selected as AMC's employee for the 1st quarter 2025



Historic Crittentenger School demolished and broke ground, on a new, on-post Child Development Center



Supported over 10,000 cadre and cadets for the Army's Cadet Summer Training (CST) Program

Fort Knox Fire & Emergency Services completed an annual compliance review with the Center for Public Safety Excellence; process sustains the organization's International Accredited status, one (1) of three (3) in Kentucky, one (1) of 11 in the Army



Installed the 2nd Automated Record Fire upgrade for Heins Pells Range



2025 Telly Award for Excellence in Video & Television

Recognized as Public Affairs Organization of the Year for Community Engagement at the IMCOM & AMC-levels, Garrison employee selected as IMCOM-level Moss-Holland Civilian Write of the Year & winner of IMCOM-level "Best News Video", IMCOM-level "Best Online Publication"; combined Garrison Public Affairs had the 2nd most wins out of all 104 Army Garrisons

Child Development Center launched a new CYS Army initiative called CLASS, which focuses on positive interactions between staff and children to promote social and cognitive development

GET TO KNOW ...



Natasha Bowers

Business Operations and Integration Division Branch
Chief for the Directorate of Public Works

Natasha Bowers, a Hillsboro, Missouri native, joined the Garrison Directorate of Public Works (DPW) team in November 2024. **“From the start, I felt welcomed into a community that values teamwork and service,” said Bowers.** In her position Bowers oversees processes that keep the Fort Knox Garrison running efficiently and ensures that operations support Soldiers, Families and civilians. Bowers’ connection to military service began when she joined the military after high school before transitioning to civil service. Bowers is married with two children, who keep her grounded and motivated.

GG: Who has been your biggest influence and why?

NB: My grandmother has been the biggest influence in my life. She taught me the importance of hard work, kindness, and resilience. Her wisdom continues to guide me through challenges and decisions.

GG: What would you most like to tell yourself at age 13?

NB: I’d tell myself not to worry so much about fitting in. Confidence comes from embracing who you are, and the right people will appreciate you for it.

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

NB: Outside of work I enjoy traveling, watching sports and reading. I’ve recently taken up laser engraving and cutting, which has been a fun and creative hobby. I also love discovering new restaurants and cuisines, especially when shared with family.



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

NB: My favorite part about working at Fort Knox is the strong sense of community and purpose. It’s rewarding to know our work directly impacts Soldiers and Families. I also value working alongside colleagues who are dedicated and professional.

GG: What is your hidden talent?

NB: One hidden talent I have is DIY creativity. I enjoy fixing or building things in unexpected ways, from home projects to crafts.

GG: What is your favorite team?

NB: My favorite team is the Ohio State Buckeyes. I love the excitement of college football and enjoy going to games with my husband.

GG: What is the one thing you can’t live without?

NB: I can’t live without coffee. It’s my daily ritual that helps me start each morning with focus and energy.

WELCOME!

Deidre Hall - DFMWR
 Terra Gilles - DFMWR
 Master Sgt. Matthew Strange - HHD
 Staff Sgt. Latrice Dixon - HHD
 Sgt. Connor Collins - HHD

Knoxy Spotting:

How many Knoxys are in this issue?

A. Eight

B. Three

C. Who is Knoxy?

D. Not enough Knoxys



THANKS!

Sally Carlson Eagan - DFMWR
 Vivian Bridges - DFMWR
 Rayceil Oggs - DFMWR
 Cynthia Mendy - DHR
 Jason Bronkema - DHR
 Daniel Ortiz-Oliveras - DPTMS
 David Fusselman - DPTMS
 Miladin Radovich - DES
 Adalberto Burgos - DES
 Nicole Frierson - DES
 Uwe Thon - DES
 Thomas Melling - DES
 Timothy Harner - SJA
 Lt. Col. Manushka Angoy - HHD
 Master Sgt. Michael Burgos - HHD
 Master Sgt. Noah Francisco - HHD
 Chaplain Lt. Col. James Breckenridge - RSO

It's time to say "cheers!" to Garrison Deputy Jim Bradford as he heads off on his next adventure



at U.S. Army Human Resources Command. From command events to casual get-togethers, Bradford was always focused on the team and, of course, creating a fun atmosphere. Sir, you're leaving this place miles better than you found it, and for that, we owe you big time! Good luck at HRC, and don't be a stranger.

LOOKING FORWARD

January

DAYS

- 1 – New Year's Day*
- 1 – New Year's Bowling
- 1 – RSO special service: Catholic Community Mass
- 2 – Adult Winter Reading Challenge
- 7 – Installation Newcomer Orientation
- 10 – Paws for B.O.S.S.
- 14 – Creative Engagement with the Arts: Improv & Open Mic Night Out
- 15 – DIY Mini Library Event
- 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day training holiday
- 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
- 27 – Community Information Exchange
- 29 – Indoor Bounce Play Zone
- 30 – Right Arm Night

February

WEEKS

- 22 – 28 – National Engineers Week

DAYS

- 4 – Installation Newcomer Orientation
- 6 – Right Arm Night

- 7 – Creative Engagement with the Arts: Hip Hop Dance with Abbygale Chung
- 8 – Super Bowl Viewing Party
- 14 – **Sweethearts and Bowling**
- 14 – Dueling Pianos
- 13 – Washington's Birthday training holiday
- 16 – Washington's Birthday*
- 18 – Ash Wednesday
- 21 – Paws for B.O.S.S.
- 22 – First Sunday of Lent
- 27 – Right Arm Night

March

DAYS

- 1 – Army Emergency Relief Campaign begins
- 4 – Installation Newcomer Orientation
- 8 – Daylight Saving Time begins
- 13 – Right Arm Night
- 14 – Polar Bear Open golf tournament
- 21 – Paws for B.O.S.S.
- 25 – Medal of Honor Day
- 27 – Comedy Show
- 29 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day
- 29 – Palm Sunday
- 29 – 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.



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