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VIDEO: Fort Knox Qualified Recycling Program offers variety of services to the public

Fort Knox Qualified Recycling Program manager Jamie Daley advertises services offered by the facility and explains how the program saved the installation $150K last year. (Click on this link to watch the video)



Volunteer spirit leads Soldier to help others, earns Governor's Service Award

Couponing is considered the art of finding extreme discounts on goods and services. For Staff Sgt. Jessica DeLaPaz, that's how it all started. (Click on this link to view the full story)



VIDEO: Fort Knox DFMWR hosts annual Kids Color Run

The Fort Knox Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted its annual Kids Color Run on April 25 in celebration of Month of the Military Child. (Click on this link to watch the video)



1st Armored Division vehicles, equipment rolling in to support Cadet Summer Training

This year, Soldiers with 1st Armored Division out of Fort Bliss, Texas will support U.S. Army Cadet Command with Cadet Summer Training logistics. Once CST is complete, the troops will remain at Fort Knox to spend time maintaining proficiency and lethality in armored skills. (Click on this link to view the full story)



Relatively speaking: Garrison Leadership Academy becomes unexpected family journey

Whitson "Junior" Daley and son-in-law Nathan Reynolds found themselves serendipitously attending the same Garrison Leadership Academy class. Both applied to the academy at different times for different reasons. Both walked away with some valuable lessons. (Click on this link to view the full story)



Fort Knox DPW plans to put additional funds to good use in continued barracks upgrades

Officials at U.S. Army Installation Management Command recently approved additional funds for Fort Knox, earmarked specifically for barracks renovations and improvements. (Click on this link to view the full story)



Fort Knox natural gas maintenance team wins Army Materiel Command-level safety award

Fort Knox's in-house experts for all Operations and Maintenance Gas Shop natural gas issues earned the 2025 Army Industrial Operations Safety Award for Excellence in Safety at U.S. Army Materiel Command on Jan. 26.
(Click on this link to view the full story)



Fort Knox Cultural Resources Program offers new documents for impactful Memorial Day visitation

The Cultural Resources Program is working to amplify and simplify Fort Knox's annual cemetery visitation day with two new informative resources.
(Click on this link to view the full story)



Skies hold back tears until fallen heroes honored at Kentucky veterans cemetery Memorial Day ceremony

Officials from Fort Knox and Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central waited all weekend to see if the rain would force them to cancel the 2026 Memorial Day ceremony at the cemetery in Radcliff. (Click on this link to view the full story)



Going off leash: K-9 York Award-winning military working dog to retire at Fort Knox

Though recently assigned to Fort Knox, veteran military working dog Eerek is approaching the final chapter of a distinguished career safeguarding high-profile individuals and national events, with retirement slated for 2027.
(Click on this link to watch the video)



New leader takes reins of 19th Engineer 'Seahorse' Battalion for final mission

Lieutenant Col. Derek Benz relinquished the colors of 19th Engineer Battalion to Maj. Beth Likins-Smith during a change of command ceremony held at Brooks Field on June 5. (Click on this link to view the fully story)



VIDEO: Fort Knox DFMWR, VFW Post 10281 host annual Kids Fishing Derby

About 1,000 people attended the annual Kids Fishing Derby hosted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10281 at Camp Carlson on June 6.
(Click on this link to watch the video)

QUARTERLY AWARDS 2.26

Leader of the Quarter



Dawn Caudill,
DFMWR

In her role as Child and Youth Services facility director, Dawn Caudill demonstrated exceptional leadership, communication and emotional intelligence, ensuring structure and support were maintained during an especially stressful quarter. Caudill's calm, empathetic nature aided her in de-escalating stressful situations and maintaining morale, strengthening trust between families and the CYS program.

Employee of the Quarter



Sarah Chapman,
DPTMS

Sarah Chapman's drive, problem solving and dedication were critical to the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security over the quarter. She single-handedly developed an online exam and automated certification process for the OIC/Range Safety Officer course, saving 40-50 hours of work per year. Additionally, her expertise in ATAAPS was so profound that she was personally selected to review and edit a new quick reference guide for all Garrison Timekeepers.

IMCOM Service Culture Professional of the Quarter



John Arreglado,
DHR

As a Directorate of Human Resources benefits coordinator, John Arreglado managed 113 complex casualty and retiree cases across a five-state region. Additionally, he expertly processed over 200 survivor benefit packets, ensuring survivors received over $3.6 million in earned benefits, converting the Army's "Soldier for Life" commitment into tangible support for grieving families. All of this work was done with 100% accuracy.

Crafts and Trades Professional of the Quarter



David Ramirez,
DFMWR

During a critical inspection period, David Ramirez volunteered his time to provide immediate maitenance support at Devers Middle School and Teen Center to ensure there was no lapse in facility maitenance during this time. His efforts directly contributed to successful inspections and protected more than $27,000 in grant funding during the first quarter.

Team of the Quarter



Team Devers Middle School and Teen Center

The Devers Middle School and Teen Center team demonstrated exceptional teamwork and adaptability during severe weather challenges that caused significant staffing shortages across the Fort Knox DoWEA footprint. With little notice, the team reorganized schedules, redistributed responsibilities and deployed staff to the Child Development Center and School Age Center to ensure uninterrupted services.



DHR staff place flags in honor of Memorial Day

2026 Spring Garrison Leadership Academy graduates 16



John Arreglado (DHR)
Nathan Brown (DFMWR)
David Circle (DFMWR)
Whitson Daley Jr. (DPTMS)
Angela Fackler (DPW)
Shaleena Jenkins (DFMWR)
Jared Jones (ISO)
Jackie Knipp (DPTMS)
Jerrod Miniard (DPTMS)
Justin Musselman (DFMWR)
Kennedy Quimby (DFMWR)
Kyleigh Reed (DFMWR)
Nathan Reynolds (DPW)
Brianne Wolfe (DFMWR)
Danielle Yates (DFMWR)
Reid Yates (DES)

DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE NATION

Faithful, proficient devotion to service is worth celebrating. So, here's where we cheer for those employees who have dedicated 35-plus years to the nation. We salute you!

Ty Whittaker, RM



35 YEARS





Commander in the wild

Garrison Commander Col. David Holstead spent time sweating it out with the Fort Knox Fire Department for their April fire box training, April 27, learning about flashovers.

GET TO KNOW ...







BRIAN FARIS

Training Support Center exhibits maker for the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

Brian Faris grew up in Scottsburg, Indiana and joined the Fort Knox Garrison team in 2019. As an exhibits maker for DPTMS, Faris says his favorite part about his job is, "The great people and wide variety of jobs I get to work on. Being able to continue providing a service for the warfighters as a civilian is an honor."

GG: What type of music do you listen to?

BF: I am always listening to music! I have a broad range of interest based on my mood. Anywhere from Motorhead to Little Richard and everything in between (except modern country). AC/DC gets me speeding tickets so I can only listen to them in the garage.

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

BF: Outside of work and family commitments, I enjoy working with my hunting dogs and restoring old vehicles. My goal of giving each of my kids a fully restored muscle car/classic truck by their driving age is near complete.



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

BF: Elmer Fudd, I love to rabbit hunt, but rarely kill anything. The chase is better than the catch!

GG: What is an ability you wish you had?

BF: Always striving to become more self-aware and sensitive towards other's feelings. With a house full of girls, I'm certainly making progress!

GG: What is your favorite quote?

BF: *"A witty saying proves nothing"* - Voltaire

GG: What would you do if you won the lottery?

BF: Two things come to mind. I'd hire someone to mow my yard and I would purchase about 500, half-inch sockets to put in my toolbox. I can never seem to find one!

Garrison Org Day



Several attended the 2026 Garrison Organization Day, which was hosted at Houston Bowling Center. Anybody get a turkey?





















HAIL & FAREWELL

WELCOME!

Matthew Williams - DES
Angelica Straw - DES
James Bruce - DES
Caleb Bostian - DES
Kevin Holding - DES
Charles Elmore - DES
Terrence McKinzie - DES
Mark Guerrero - DES
Dakota Lloyd -DES
Kaitlin Roe - DES
Kelly Curfman - DES
Mitchelle Sogan - DES
Jamie Roe - DES
William Mullins - DES
Brendan Hartigan - DES
Warrant Officer 1 Francisco Vega - DHR
Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Mack - DHR
Kevin Breisch - DFMWR
Maria Anderson - DFMWR
Jasmine Martin - DFMWR

THANKS!

Phillip Taylor - DPW
Kameron Harper - DES
Matthew Gaudern - DES
Andre Farris - DES
Capt. Matthew Murphy - DES
Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy McKay - DES
Sgt. 1st Class Eric Eddy - MOB
Nathan Henwood - DFMWR
Terra Gilles - DFMWR
Cameron Giles - DFMWR
Mioshi White - DFMWR

NOTE: Names and directorates provided by relevant agencies

About Cadet Summer Training

For information on CST family day and graduation dates, go to the web link at https://armyrotc.army.mil/cst-family-day-and-graduation

LOOKING FORWARD

July

- 1 – Installation Newcomer Orientation
- 1 – Red, White and Bowl
- 2 – Independence Day training holiday
- 3 – Independence Day observance day*
- 3 – Red, White, and Blue golf competition
- 3 – Hot Summer Nights
- 4 – America 250 Independence Day
- 4 – Freedom Fest
- 10 – Right Arm Night
- 11 – Stars and Strides Almost 5K
- 18 – Garden Party
- 20-24 – Vacation Bible School
- 24 – Concert on the Lawn
- 25 – Christmas in July
- 25 – Fort Knox Open
- 28 – Community Information Exchange
- 31 – Right Arm Night

August

Antiterrorism Awareness Month

- 1 – Beat the Heat 5K+
- 5 – Installation Newcomer Orientation
- 7 – Purple Heart Day
- 7 – Concert on the Lawn
- 7 – Hot Summer Nights
- 10 – First Day of School – K-12
- 14 – Right Arm Night
- 16 – Cadet Summer Training ends
- 17 – First Day of School – Preschool
- 21 – Comedy Show
- 21 – Retiree Appreciation Day and Community Information Fair
- 28 – Right Arm Night
- 28 – Harry Potter Dinner

September

- Sept. 1 - Oct. 26 – Dove hunting season
- Sept. 12 - Nov. 16 – Fall archery deer season
- Sept. 12 - Jan. 31 – Fall archery turkey season

For registration, guidelines and important updates, visit the iSportsman website at https://ftknox.isportsman.net/

- 2 – Installation Newcomer Orientation
- 4 – Labor Day training holiday
- 7 – Labor Day*
- 8-10 – Installation Protection Exercise
- 11 – Patriot Day
- 11 – 9/11 Tribute Run
- 11 – Schnitzel and Steins
- 11 – Right Arm Night
- 12 – Pooch Plunge
- 25 – Oktoberfest
- 25 – Right Arm Night
- 27 – Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

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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