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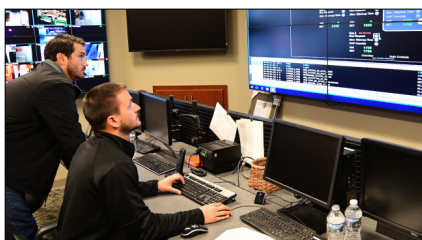
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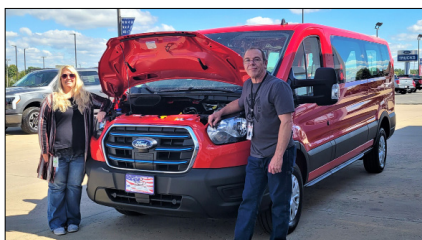
Fort Knox officials warn community to steer clear of delta-8 THC

While delta-8 THC is legal for Americans to purchase for personal consumption, officials are working to get the word out that using it is still a violation of Army regulations for Soldiers and civilian personnel. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Fort Knox celebrates unique position of only energy-independent installation in Defense Department

While many installations are beginning to explore new ways to cut energy costs and reduce their carbon footprint during Energy Action Month throughout October, Fort Knox has “been there, done that.” ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



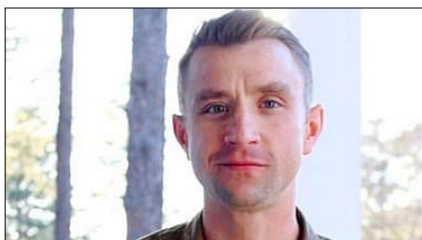
Fort Knox receives first fully electric government vehicle

The era of fully-electric vehicles has officially begun for the Fort Knox fleet. To lower the amount of greenhouse gases being emitted into the atmosphere, all new installation government vehicles will be the same. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Employment Readiness Program manager encourages spouses to take advantage of services

Military spouses have a wealth of information and services available to them at Fort Knox, from employment workspace to job fairs and more. Summer Carney says she has all that spouses need at her fingertips. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Former Soldier finds enduring purpose in continued service, support of fellow veterans

Children are often asked what they want to be when they grow up, and for many the answer changes over the years. Not for Installation Protection Branch chief Colin Lineberger. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Era of Army-sponsored tax centers comes to an end

Word has come out from the Judge Advocate General's office that as of Sept. 30 Legal Assistance offices across the Army have permanently closed their tax center doors. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



DES stops over 350 offenders at gates each quarter, reminds Fort Knox community to remain vigilant

The gate guards at Fort Knox are racking up quite a tally these days. That tally involves discovering and stopping potentially dangerous people and contraband from entering the installation. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Religious Support Office teams up with Helping Hands Food Pantry to aid Fort Knox community

Eligible service members and their Families received grocery bags filled with donated items, plus a commissary gift card, Nov. 16 during the 2022 Thanksgiving Food Basket Program. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Fort Knox community celebrates 'Happy Thanksgiving' feast at Cantigny Warrior Restaurant

Members of the Fort Knox community lined up in front of Cantigny Warrior Restaurant Nov. 23 to partake in the traditional cornucopia of Thanksgiving cuisine a day prior to the official holiday. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Catholic auxiliary bishop presides over special Fort Knox confirmation ceremony during Advent mass

Under the glow of a single Advent candle Nov. 27, several member candidates from Fort Knox received the sacrament of confirmation into the Roman Catholic Church from Auxiliary Bishop F. Richard Spencer. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Annual tree lighting ceremony delivers musical merriment and festive fun

Hundreds of Fort Knox community members enjoyed the holiday festivities at the 2022 tree lighting ceremony Dec. 1, along with a Christmas card contest and a chance meeting with ol' Saint Nick. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Motorcycle trainings now open to civilian employees Army-wide thanks to Fort Knox Safety Office

Department of the Army civilian employees can now take advantage of installation motorcycle training opportunities – largely from efforts made by the Fort Knox Safety Office. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

QUARTERLY AWARDS 4.22



Team of the Quarter

CASUALTY
ASSISTANCE
CENTER

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Employee of the Quarter

Fusselman was intricately involved in the design, planning, preparation and execution of the FY22 Installation Full-Scale Exercise, ensuring the post conducted a realistic, challenging, and externally evaluated exercise that validated emergency planning and strained the operational capabilities of Fort Knox's Emergency Management Systems. His efforts led directly to a safer and better prepared Fort Knox community.



Dave Fusselman
DPTMS



Bambi Despain
DFMWR

Leader of the Quarter

Responsible for overseeing the care of a minimum of 56 children, Despain provides program oversight and accountability of all of them. In a constant cycle of onboarding and inprocessing new hires, she always ensures they receive clear performance standards, IDPs and a job hazard analysis. She emphasizes learning as a constant and ensures all compliance standards are met. She leads by example and promotes respect and fairness as well as open communication. She regularly rewards good performance.

Service Culture Campaign Professional of the Quarter

Quaye is the embodiment of customer service and upholds the Army Values daily through delivery of program-wide products and services to our multiechelon clients. Her professionalism is evident during regular interactions with community partners within industry, program stakeholders, veteran outreach professionals, Soldiers and their Families. She displays the highest decorum with everyone that she comes in contact with.



Jennifer Quaye
DHR



AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

OCTOBER

The Fort Knox Fire and Emergency Services Division is comprised of 63 employees tasked with preserving lives and protecting property within the installation's 108,000 acres, as well as the U.S. Bullion Depository. The Fort Knox Fire Department began in 1935 and has three stations today. In addition to normal duties, firefighters participate in multiple training events every year with other departments. In 2022, it became the first Army installation department to receive accreditation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence for the second consecutive time under new criteria. It conducts a 150-hour Kentucky State certification course offered to high school seniors. The FKFD works 24/7 to keep Soldiers, Families, civilian employees and visitors safe.



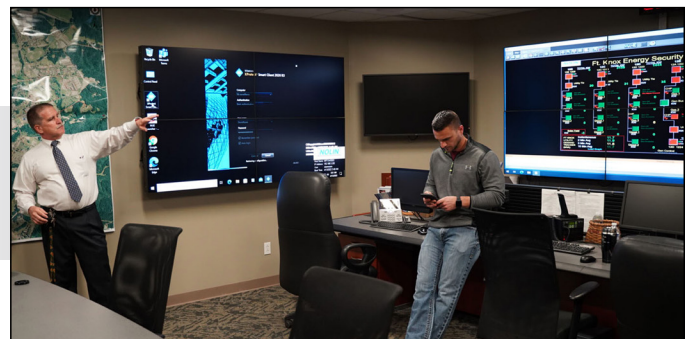
NOVEMBER



The Fort Knox Casualty Assistance Center supports military-connected families during emotionally stressful times of bereavement. A small team of professionals at the Center receive, task and track up to 11,000 funeral honors requests across a five-state area each year. They also manage the operations for the Post Cemetery, where 966 individuals are laid to rest, including 18 prisoners of war. The cemetery is the only military burial site besides Arlington National Cemetery to earn National Shrine honors twice. The Center coordinates placement of flags and wreaths on the headstones annually. Center staff also train and certify casualty notification officers and assistance officers within their area of operations, and they assist family members of the fallen with benefit claims.

DECEMBER

The Fort Knox Energy Program is the most highly decorated of its type in DoD due to the team's groundbreaking and longstanding accomplishments centered on reducing the installation's energy footprint and becoming more energy secure. In 2015, Fort Knox successfully demonstrated its ability to operate completely independent of the external energy grid. During April's installation energy resilience readiness exercise, the team had the entire on-post electrical grid up and running within 7 minutes. The Fort Knox Energy Program and Nolin RECC were recognized for their excellence earlier this year with the Army Partnership Award for reducing the installation's power costs by 50% over a six year period.



QUALITY CHILDCARE RE-AWARDED



The Child Development Center has been reaccredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children for the exemplary services it provides the Fort Knox community.

Valid for five years, the NAEYC accreditation process evaluates a variety of categories related to the care provided, curriculum, facilities, management and many other standards at the CDC during the rating. Overall, the CDC received a score of more than 97%. Garrison leaders presented the certificate Oct. 7.

PROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR

HERE THEY ARE! — your FY22
Civilian Professionals of the Year!

**TEAM
CASUALTY
ASSISTANCE
DHR**

**LEADER
BILL
TAYLOR
DHR**

**SGC PROFESSIONAL
LOVIEANN
TERRADO
DHR**

**EMPLOYEE
CHRISTOPHER
HARNESSE
FMWR**

Leadership Academy fall session graduates 16 at Dec. 8 ceremony



Broken down into four teams of four, 16 civilian employees from various directorates completed the fall session of Fort Knox Garrison Leadership Academy Dec. 8. Course administrator Melinda Roberts presented each with a certificate of completion.

Graduates included Shala LeMaster from FMWR HQ, Chris Harness from Houston Bowling, Aumbrea Sanders from DHR Education Center, Adrianos Polous from Range Control, Casey Byrd from Lindsey Golf, Makayla Allen from the Child Development Center, Joe Russell from Range Control, Becky Bronkema from the Recycle Center, Jay Johnson from FMWR NSS, Bambi DeSpain from the CDC, Jason Wilson from Range Control, Jack Hargis from the DPW Utilities Plant, Kelly Frank from Army Community Service, Brandon Fuhrman from FMWR CRD/Intra Sports, Angela Murray from DPW Master Planning, and Ryan Pratt from the Fire Department.



Photos by Charles Leffler | VIOS

Garrison members show off their competitive side at Kilianski Sports Complex Nov. 10.



ORG DAY!

GARRISON TAKES IT OUTSIDE FOR NOV. 10 EVENT

Taking advantage of a beautiful day, U.S. Army Garrison filled Kilianski Sports Complex with sports activities, food and lots of laughter. To download these photos and many more, click [HERE](#).



Meet Drew Whitfill

The forestry technician in the Natural Resources Branch started work at Fort Knox in July 2004. He said he has been with the the branch since March 2012. But who is Drew Whitfill, really? Let's find out:

"My favorite part of my job is all the different roles I have. From one week to the next it's always something different: from operating different types of equipment to prescribed burning to timber management" ...

"My parents have been the biggest influence in my life. They proved to me that you can accomplish anything if you're willing to give 110% and trust in God. My dad especially has had to overcome a lot of physical challenges in life, but by watching him, it showed me that I can do anything I want if I try hard enough."

"My favorite place to eat is in my kitchen. My wife is an excellent cook, and we eat supper together almost every night. We butcher our own meat and spend the summer putting up everything out of the garden, so I've seldom found a place to eat out that's better than Whitfill Lane."



"If I won the lottery, I would first pay off my families' homes. I would then purchase several thousand acres of land around my house. Then I would build a big lake and spend the rest of my days enjoying the outdoors with my family on our little piece of God's country."



"My favorite thing to do outside of work is spend time with my family. I have a wonderful wife of 21 years and six children. We enjoy hunting, fishing, camping and, in general, spending time together."

"I spent the first 17 years of my life in Breckinridge County. I then joined the Army and was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado for 4 ½ years. After several deployments around the world, I decided Breckinridge County wasn't so bad after all. I got out of the Army and moved back home in 2004 and never plan to move again."

"My hidden talent is being a doer. While I'm not great at anything in particular, I can do a little bit of everything. When given a task, I'll figure out some way to make it happen, even if it's sometimes a little unconventional."



HAIL & FAREWELL

WELCOME!

Cody Babb + HHD
Christopher Carnell + DES
Clint Castro + EEO
Sarah Chapman + DPTMS
Kyle Clark + DES
Timothy Cruz II + IMO
Stormie Cunningham + DODEA
James Davis + IMO
James Dawson + DES
Steven Dowell + DES
Michael Evans + HHD
William Gannon + DES
Jacob Guffee + DES
Michelle Guzman + FMWR
Parris Hamilton + FMWR
Austin Hickman + DES
Julie Hoisington + DHR
Elisha Hopkins + DHR

Deanna Howser + FMWR
Charles Jones + FMWR
Tiffany Ladson + DES
Leonard Martinez + DPW
John McDowell + DES
Aaron Nelson + DES
Shanell Newby + FMWR
Raymond Ortiz-Melendez + DES
Travis Perryman + DES
Manuel Relyea + QRP
Cade Shackelford + DES
Travis Perryman + DES
Joseph Shepherd + DES
Matthew Smith + DES
Nicholas Terranova + DHR
Sandra Toves + FMWR
James Trent + DODEA
Christina Tripp + FMWR
Douglas Yates + HHD

THANK YOU!

Yu Bates - FMWR
Todd Brown - DES
Haley Campbell - DES
James Davis - IMO
Eriq Fields - FMWR
Jonathan Gossett - DES
Tomilea Gossett - DES
Sabine Gould - QRP
Charles Hamlin - HHD
Charity Johnson - DPW
George King - HHD
George Lawrence - DHR
Peter Leason - DHR
Phillip Marquis - DPTMS
Alexis Mayes - FMWR
Joshua Nichols - DPTMS
Angela Nopo - FMWR
Douglas Platt - FMWR
Robert Purvis - DES

Scott Rich - DES
Daniel Richardson - DES
Luz Rivera - FMWR
Jesse Smith - DES
Scheyenne Smith - FMWR
Richard Stevens - DPTMS
Nicholas Terranova - HHD
David Vinton - DES
Elbert Weese - DPTMS
Deneil Whelan - DPW
Tyrone Williams - FMWR

LOOKING FORWARD

JANUARY

MONTHS

- National Blood Donor Month

WEEKS

- New Year's Resolutions Week

DAYS

- 1 - 2022 Tax Return season begins
- 2 - **New Year's Day**
- 6 - Right Arm Night
- 16 - **Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday**
- 27 - Right Arm Night
- 27 - Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 31 - Community Information Exchange (CIE)

FEBRUARY

WEEKS

- 7-14 - National Marriage Week
- 18-25 - National Engineers Week

DAYS

- 10 - Garrison Change of Responsibility
- 10 - Right Arm Night
- 20 - **Washington's Birthday**
- 24 - Right Arm Night

MARCH

WEEKS

- 1-7 - National Invest In Veterans Week

DAYS

- 1 - Army Emergency Relief Campaign start
- 17 - Right Arm Night
- 12 - *Daylight Saving Time begins*
- 25 - Medal of Honor Day
- 29 - Vietnam Veterans Day
- 31 - 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 in blue) are for the dates in which they are observed for leave and pay purposes.



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