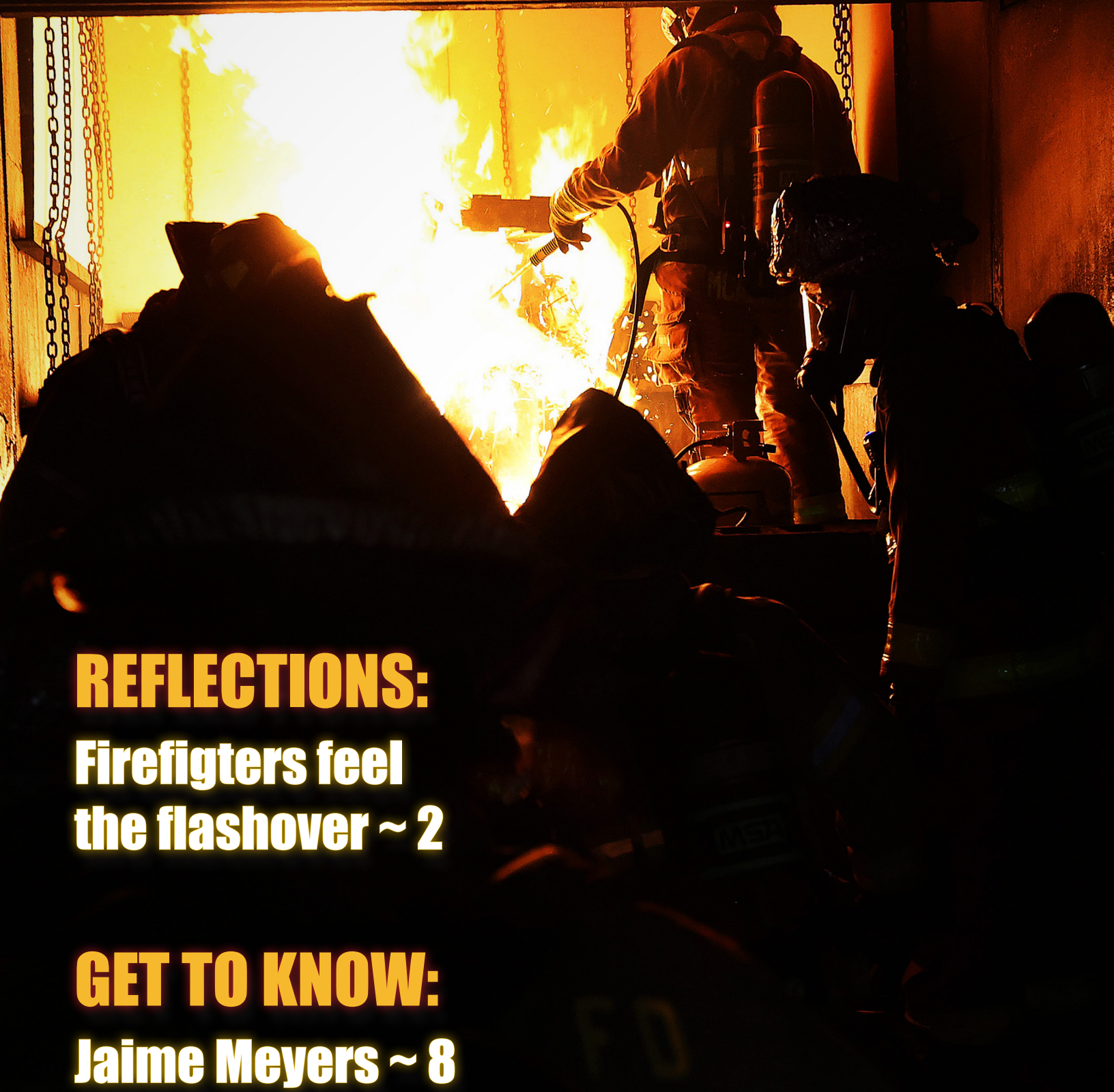


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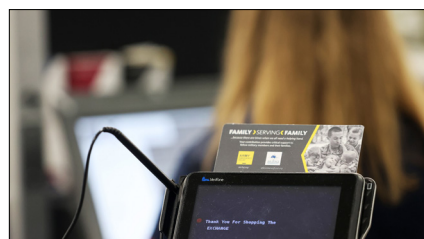
Experts say supporting military parents is a team effort that contributes to child abuse prevention

Feeling stressed and overwhelmed can be a common occurrence for any parent; however, the transient military life can add another layer of strain. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



23 in '23 – motorcyclists from around Fort Knox participate in first safety check ride of the year

More than two dozen riders on 23 motorcycles set out for Greensburg, Kentucky from the Lindsey Golf Course parking lot April 14. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Fort Knox community donating to AER in tremendous amounts – one dollar at a time

A simple donation technique at Fort Knox is yielding big dollars for Army Emergency Relief. Customers who shop at AAFES facilities are given a prompt asking if they want to add \$1 or more to AER. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Chaplains announce plans for May 'Spiritual Readiness Month' events

Chaplains are prayerfully planning to make the month of May one to remember, calling it Spiritual Readiness Month, a first anywhere around the Army. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Fort Knox fighters feel the flashover

Fort Knox Fire Department firefighters entered the box on the morning of April 21 to learn about what to look for when a flashover is about to occur. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Unique Fort Knox facility touches virtually every Defense Department service member

Millions of service members from every military branch of service can trace their names back to one location. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



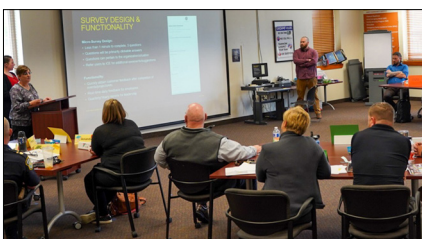
'Who Dey!' Cincinnati Bengals score big at Fort Knox visit

Two lines of bright orange and black pint-sized Cincinnati Bengals fans snaked from the parking lot of Caruso Youth Sports Complex to the football field May 19 to meet 23 NFL rookie football players. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Over 400 attend 2023 Fort Knox Memorial Day ceremony

Smoke slowly rose and drifted across several white tombstones May 29 as more than 400 Fort Knox and area residents stood in reverence to the booming 21-gun salute. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Commentary: Garrison Leadership Academy for the win

When my supervisor suggested I apply for the Fort Knox Garrison Leadership Academy, I weighed my concerns over possible additional work with curiosity about a program that was unfamiliar to me. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Second annual VFW, Fort Knox Kids Fishing Derby catching attention of young anglers

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials say the second annual VFW Fort Knox Kids Fishing Derby June 3 has once again been a huge success – proof is in the numbers. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Fort Knox EV charging stations now 'Available' for community use

Garrison leaders cut a green ribbon on the launch two EV charging sites during a June 15 ceremony at Fort Knox's Eisenhower Avenue site. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



O'Bryan: Mission//utility//community partners, Garrison team make Fort Knox 'premier installation'

When Col. Lance O'Bryan arrived at Fort Knox on June 30, 2021 as the new Garrison commander, he was greeted by over 600 unfamiliar faces, often hidden behind masks due to COVID-19 restrictions. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

QUARTERLY AWARDS 3.23

Leader of the Quarter



Casey Byrd
DFMWR

As the new golf course superintendent, Byrd quickly stepped into the shoes of a 42-year veteran, embracing many learning curves and overcoming many of the challenges his position faces. He also sat down with his employees and spelled out performance standards and expectations while regularly seeking ways to improve the program. He has been a constant source of motivation for his team, leading by example which is impacting the successes of Lindsey Golf Course.

Employee of the Quarter



Francis Mitchell
DPW Housing

Mitchell singlehandedly and thoroughly performed 120 quality assurance/control inspections for homes this quarter, ensuring Soldiers and Families have a safe place to live. Despite the office being undermanned, he accomplished 100% of the mandated requirements for inspections prior to a family moving in and identified over 70 life health safety issues. He contributed to the office surpassing work order requirements.

Volunteering to serve as the primary facilitator for the FY23 OPEX Course, Daley, Qualified Recycling Program manager, has conducted each scheduled OPEX for CST and OPEX Leaders Course without having to reschedule due to a lack of facilitator availability, even when training events were required outside of normal duty hours. Her efforts in researching and developing lessons led to consistently positive feedback from attendees of the sessions.

Team of the Quarter



Energy Team, DPW

After discovering that reimbursable utility billing among some customers had not been done accurately, the team spent countless hours analyzing billing practices to discover some discrepancies that yielded hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings, including one decision that saved the Government over \$300,000. The team reviewed contracts, processes, claims, meter types, locations and agreements. Utility billing can be a maze of customer agreements and budget decisions; the team clarified billing for some of the largest organizations on post.

Service Culture Campaign Employee of the Quarter



Jamie Daley
DPW Recycle



AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

APRIL



The Fort Knox Transition Assistance Program provides gold standard transition services with weekly distributed model curriculum and live counseling services to enhance individualized transitions, which includes partnerships with the Departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs, Small Business Administration, ACES, Kentucky Career Center, and Career Skills Program partners. TAP provides an executive-level experience for senior Soldiers, a retiree summit for all eligible service members, a Hiring our Heroes event, and an annual Career and Education Fair. These events support all military service members from across a seven-state region. All transition services are provided by a small team of dedicated professionals who assist about 1,500 clients annually.

MAY

The Fort Knox Physical Security Division assists the installation commander and Directorate of Emergency Services director in all aspects of physical security. The team develops, executes and maintains an effective program through the deployment of a highly trained and multidisciplinary guard force and physical security inspection team. They administer and operate all access control points, access control equipment, and the visitor center to facilitate access for those working, visiting, or living on the Army installation. They also support mission partners by verifying regulatory compliance and certification of facilities used to protect arms, ammunition and explosives, as well as other sensitive or classified resources. Their efforts also include maintaining required intrusion detection alarm systems to protect personnel and mission essential vulnerable areas.



JUNE



The Fort Knox Installation Safety Office safeguards Army resources, Soldiers, Family members, and Army civilians through effective risk management processes. The team guides, supports and instills safety by emphasizing engaged leadership, responsible employees and committed teammates. They are responsible for inspecting over 1,400 workplace sites, reviewing risk assessments and job hazard analysis, and supporting community events as well as Cadet Summer Training, force protection exercises, and motorcycle safety sustainment rides. They also facilitate the installation safety and occupational health council and oversee arms rooms licensing, OSHA compliance, and the Army traffic safety training program while providing multiple safety training classes. Their work earned the 2022 Army Safety Streamer for USAG as well as numerous DA level awards for risk management and individual excellence in safety.

GOLD STANDARD EXCELLENCE

Sixteen civilian employees graduated from the Garrison Leadership Academy April 27. From left: Alex Swearer (DES), James Norfleet (EEO), Fort Knox Garrison Commander Col. Lance Obryan, Amanda Wheeler (HRC), Phillip Taylor (DPW), Amy Fausnaugh (FMWR), Brenda Wolfskill (Environmental Management), Petra Morgan (FMWR), Elizabeth Hicks (FMWR), Susan Wells (FMWR), Kyle Hodges (Fort Knox PAO), John Balasa (FMWR), Phillip "Woody" Woodruff (Fort Knox Fire Department), Quentin Robinson (Airfield Ops), Chad Helton, J. Morgan Hembrey (Range Ops), Maryori Gonzalez (FMWR). For more information, [read this commentary](#).



Photo by Ryan Brus, PAO



Garrison Organization Day 2023

Some members of Fort Knox Garrison went on strike May 25, while others couldn't seem to stay out of the gutter. Visual information photographer Charles Leffler captured all the serious bowling competition. Between the pizza, winners' mocking laughter and losers' tears, employees still managed to have a lot of fun. Here are a few of the moments:







JAIME MEYERS

Jaime is a management and program analyst for the Plans Analysis and Integration Office, also known as PAIO. She grew up in Central Florida and joined the Fort Knox USAG team in 2021, but who is she? Let's find out ...

What aspect of your role do you enjoy the most?

"I enjoy the strategic aspect of my job the most, and getting to see the Garrison from a top-down approach and how all the offices and directorates fit together."

What would you do if you won the lottery?

"I'd probably try to help my parents out and my siblings — and by then I'd probably be out of money again!"



What is your favorite food?

"My favorite food is definitely sushi, any kind with salmon in it really. There are a couple places in Louisville that have okay sushi but really nothing compares to getting it from the West Coast."

What phobias do you have?

"I am absolutely deathly afraid of cockroaches.."



Where all have you lived?

"I've lived in a few places, all on the East Coast. After Florida I moved to New York, then the D.C. area, and then Georgia to here."



What do you like to do outside of work?

"I help lead a bike group and play kickball and volleyball."



HAIL & FAREWELL

WELCOME!

Mathew Senesi + DES
Chastity Davis + DES
Chastity Bawden + IMO
Clifford Vanzile Jr. + DPTMS
John Hollingsworth + DPTMS
Angelo Anderson + DES
Nicholas Crumme + DES
Austin Campbell + DES
McKala Nagy + DES
Mason Jones + DES
Andre Farris + DES

Jared Truman + DES
Matthew Gaudern + DES
Darryl Powell + DPTMS
Andre Cornwell + DES
Harlan Mitchell + DPW
Francis Mitchell + DPW
Christopher Veitch + DES
Jo Cruea + DES
Joseph Roach + DES
1SG Exie Britton - HHD
PFC Morgan Norris - RSO
CPT Korean Monticett - HHD
SFC Eric Eddy - MOB
COL Christopher Ricci - USAG

Did You Know? Fort Polk, La. is now Fort Johnson

THANK YOU!

Robert Jenkins - DPW
Robert Trail Jr. - DPW
Keith Williams - DES
Kathy Berry - FMWR
Michelle Foley - FMWR
Kyle Link - Claims
Michael Patterson - DES
Lesley Dennis - DPW
Darrell Etsitty - DES
Joseph Colson - ISO
Cade Shackelford - DES
Thomas Scudder - DES
Robert Pipta - DPW
Rhonda Jung - FMWR

Amanda Wheeler - FMWR
Brittany Brinson - DES
Joseph Mills - DES
Jennifer DeHaan - PAO
Allison Bradley - DPTMS
Aumbrea Sanders - DHR
John Hollingsworth - DPTMS
Robert Stubblefield - DPTMS
Brandy Pearson - FMWR
Jonathan Ash - DES
Tracy Paul - DES
Stacey Haynes - FMWR
Billy Keith - DES
1SG Chris Morris - HHD
CPT Christopher Rosado - HHD
CPT Kalindi Czwal - MOB

JULY

MONTHS

National Grilling Month

DAYS

- 1 - Red, White & Blue Golf at Lindsey
- **4 - Independence Day**
- 8 - Kayak Day
- 14 - Nine & Dine 2-Person Golf Scramble
- 14 - Friday Night Social at Fiddlers' Green
- 17-21 - VBS at Religious Support Complex
- 18 - Canvas Creations at Sam Adams
- 21 - Motorcycle Mentorship Ride
- 22 - Patio Concert at Sam Adams
- 25 - Christmas in July and regatta at waterpark
- 25 - Bowling with Santa at Houston Bowling Center
- 28 - Camp Carlson cottages ribbon cutting

AUGUST

- 16 - Sept. 4 - Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

MONTHS

- National Immunization Month
- Antiterrorism Awareness Month

DAYS

- 1 - Gold Star Children's Day
- 4 - H2O 5K
- 7 - First day of 2023-24 Fort Knox Schools pre-K-12
- 11 - Friday Night Social at Fiddler's Green
- 11 - Military-themed trivia night at Sam Adams
- 12 - Kayak Day
- 12 - Patio Concert at Sam Adams

LOOKING FORWARD ...

- 17-18 - Fort Knox Retiree Transition Summit
- **18 - Cadet Summer Training season ends**
- 18 - Community Information Exchange
- 18-19 - Camp Carlson Campout
- 25 - Right Arm Night
- 26 - Women's Equality Day

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - Oct. 26 - Dove hunting season
- 9 - Nov. 13. - Fall archery deer season
- 9 - Nov. 13 - Fall archery turkey season

MONTHS

- National Preparedness Month
- Suicide Prevention Month
- National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)

WEEKS

- 5-11 - National Suicide Prevention Week

DAYS

- 1 - 2023 Combined Federal Campaign starts
- **4 - Labor Day**
- 9 - Scooby Doo 5K
- **11 - Patriot Day**
- 14 - Ammunition Amnesty Day
- 15 - Friday Night Social
- 17 - National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 19-23 - Operation Golden Response Exercise
- 22 - *Oktoberfest*
- 24 - Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day
- 29 - Right Arm Night (Tap Takeover)

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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Seeing as how Col. Lance O'Bryan won't officially leave us until July -- after this newsletter has been published -- we feel it is only fitting to give him the last word. After all, this whole newsletter idea was his brainchild.

So, what do you say, sir? Lay your wisdom on us ...

"GO DAWGS!"



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