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Public Works officials: Illegal trash dumping costs government employees, taxpayers

The recent rise in recurring trash dumping at Fort Knox has led Fort Knox leaders to explore new measures to stop it. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Garrison leaders work Chaffee Gate as guards

Whether working at the recycling center, the air traffic control tower or the front gates, Garrison Commander Col. Chris Ricci said he enjoys involving himself with the installation's workforce. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



From empowered to empowering others about sexual assault: Amanda Moore

Raised in an environment of domestic violence and sexual assault, Fort Knox Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention coordinator Amanda Moore brings firsthand experience to her new role. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Fort Knox Kentucky Career Center receives certification for full support to community

Soldiers, civilian employees and their families at Fort Knox can now access the full spectrum of services offered by the Kentucky Career Center thanks to a new access point provided by Lincoln Trail. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Video: Fort Knox female military working dog handling squad

Team members of the 905th Military Working Dog Detachment female dog handling squad train for their yearly certifications and express their love of the job. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Miss America, Miss America's Teen 2024 visit Fort Knox May 2

During their visit to Fort Knox on May 2, Miss America and Miss America's Teen 2024 spoke with Fort Knox Middle High School and Scott Intermediate School students. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



DAGIR fully operational following government acceptance test

After a long and challenging construction period that began in 2021, the Digital Air-Ground Integration Range at Fort Knox is officially up and running following a thorough government acceptance test. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Community Garden fosters healthy eating habits and community involvement

Fort Knox Community Garden volunteers showcase their pride in the garden and their community while tending garden beds and teaching newcomers proper gardening techniques. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Game Wardens: much more than permit patrol

With 109,000 acres of land to keep track of, the job of a Fort Knox conservation law enforcement officer, or game warden, goes far beyond simply checking permits during hunting and fishing seasons. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Fort Knox Casualty Assistance Center personnel 'go the extra mile' for Families

They often operate understaffed, performing a mission that exacts a heavy toll, to coordinate the maximum support possible across an area of operations that spans several states. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Fort Knox DES, AAFES host Summer Safety Expo 2024

Members of the Fort Knox Directorate of Emergency Services on June 8 held their safety week Summer Safety Expo in partnership with Army and Air Force Exchange Service, at the post's Main Exchange. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



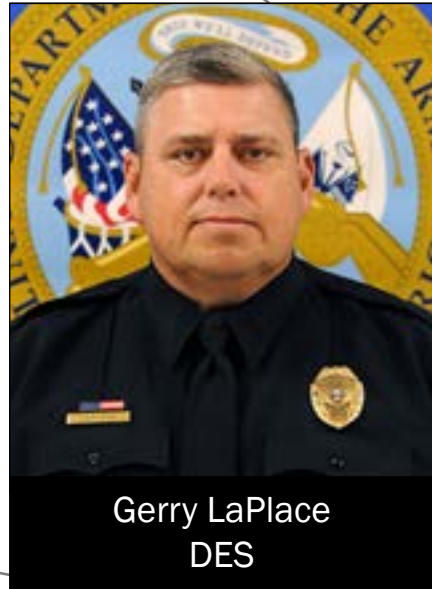
Fort Knox kids 'dive into friendship with God' at 2024 VBS summer camp

Over 115 children from the Fort Knox community celebrated a friendship with God during the Religious Support Office's 2024 Vacation Bible School June 10-14. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))

QUARTERLY AWARDS 3.24

Leader of the Quarter

Under LaPlace's leadership, Fort Knox has remained one of the safest communities in the area and experienced no critical incidents. LaPlace initiated several community policing efforts designed to foster cooperation from the community. He also provided over 700 hours of training despite staffing and budget shortages.



Gerry LaPlace
DES

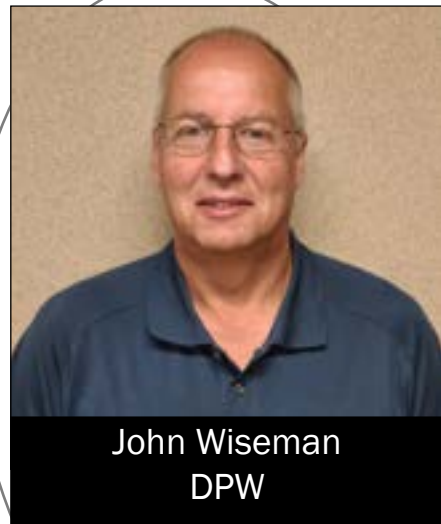
Team of the Quarter



AER Team, DFMWR

The team demonstrated flawless teamwork, dedication and swift response to support Soldiers and Families of Fort Campbell impacted by recent tornadoes. They mobilized a coordinated response, arranging immediate support with the Fort Campbell ACS division chief and AER headquarters. They provided remote assistance to pre-screened applicants, culminating in the review of 68 cases, 50 of whom were approved. As a result, \$22,196 in grant funds were rewarded.

Employee of the Quarter



John Wiseman
DPW

A civil engineer, Wiseman was instrumental in devising a method to remove 13,700 cubic yards of lime sludge from the lime sludge lagoon at the water treatment plant that saved Fort Knox \$1,870,000. He realized that transportation costs were too high and suggested they spread the sludge across flat ground. Harmless to the soil, his idea frees up the money for other projects.

Service Culture Campaign Employee of the Quarter

An operations clerk, Jones stepped up when the facility manager was injured and assumed all responsibilities for MWR Accommodations. He took charge of the daily duties that included managing work orders and addressing billing issues. He also managed the facilities' appearances, landscaping, and spring cleanup efforts. He often operated solo during inclement weather to maintain building safety.



Jez'Reel Jones
DFMWR

Crafts & Trades Professional of the Quarter



William Copeland
DFMWR

As a lead cook, Copeland assumed responsibility for organizing and preparing food selections for multiple catered events during staffing shortages. He organized freezers from top to bottom, outside of his normal duties, and implemented an efficient inventory system to optimize resources, focusing on customer needs. He shows a positive attitude and commitment to excellence.



MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

APRIL



The Fort Knox Emergency Communications Center receives and dispatches calls for service to installation police, fire and emergency medical services. The center monitors radio channels for all DES activities, managing radio traffic across 16 talk-groups. Team telecommunicators are also responsible for a wide range of technical competencies. Additionally, the ECC functions as the initial Emergency Operations Center until the full EOC can be stood up during a large-scale emergency. The team provides 24/7 service, answering about 40,000 calls, dispatching more than 1,200 emergency calls per year, and managing more than 3,000 non-emergency calls. The ECC also monitors all fire alarms and security alarms on the installation.

MAY

The Fort Knox Army Community Service delivers services to the installation that enhance quality of life and promote readiness. ACS strives to deliver tailored programs and services that meet the needs of the community, offering a wide range of education, events, individualized counseling services and life skills and prevention education trainings. Programs include Employment Readiness, which provides resources on career coaching, job fairs, and job listings; the Exceptional Family Member Program; the Family Advocacy Program; the Financial Readiness Program; information and referral services; mobilization, deployment and stability and support operations; relocation readiness resources and counseling; and survivor outreach services.



JUNE



The Housing Services Office is divided into several sections to effectively assist customers with all housing needs. They liaison between the privatized housing partner and service members, civilians and families, guide and assist all incoming and departing personnel with quality, up-to-date information on military relocations, mediate for disputes, and counsel, educate and guide residents on maintaining clean, quality, and safe homes and neighborhoods. The HSO is comprised of a housing chief and deputy, a program analyst, engineering technicians, housing managers, a furnishing management office team and housing management assistants. In addition, HSO schedules and performs various inspections of community rental properties to determine adequacy, habitability, and suitability. They also gather and provide a variety of reported data to the Army to assist in determining future BAH entitlements.

GOLD STANDARD EXCELLENCE

Sixteen civilian employees graduated from Garrison Leadership Academy April 25. Charged with finding new solutions to customer service issues, each of four groups presented their solutions to the Garrison Command Team for their last course assignment. Graduates included Debbie Clements, DFMWR; Jo Cruea, DES; Jenny Bullington, DFMWR; Tracy Boorum, DHR; Vivian Bridges, DFMWR; Christina Tripp, DFMWR; Monique Eppes, DFMWR; Hannah Falci, DFMWR; Karen Johnston, Garrison HQ; Cameron Giles, DFMWR; Scott Goss, DES; Derrick Peters, DPW; Cliff Vanzile, DPTMS; Brian Faris, DPTMS; Bradley Faber, DFMWR; and Natasha Kondrasiewicz, DPW.

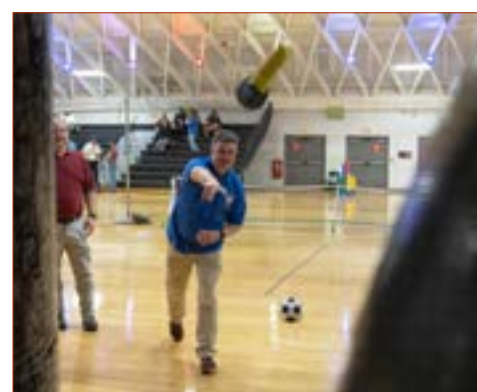
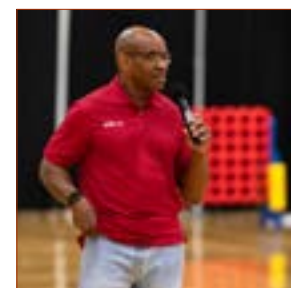


Photo by Savannah Baird, Fort Knox News

Garrison Organization Day

20
24

Members of Fort Knox Garrison played hooky for a day of games, food and good company on May 23. Awards were given, games were won - and lost - and a good time was had by all. Fort Knox Photo photographer Charles Leffler, worked so we could play, grabbing all of the show stopping moments. In case you missed the event, here are some of them.



GG What do you like to do outside of work?

KA I love spending time with my family. Whether its going on walks, coaching my daughter's soccer teams, attending a UK sporting event, having a movie night or playing in the yard, I try to soak up every minute I get to spend with them. The days may be long, but the years are short!

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

KA Don't sweat the small stuff. Everything will work out like it should. Remember, God works for the good of those who love him. (Roman 8:28)



GG

What is your favorite team?



The University of Kentucky Wildcats
– GO BIG BLUE!

KELLY APPELMAN

Kelly works in the Public Affairs Office as the Community Relations officer and social media manager. An Elizabethtown native, she joined the USAG-Fort Knox team in November 2018.



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

KA I love interacting with community leaders and helping surrounding communities better understand Fort Knox and its missions. I'm passionate about this community and the U.S. Army, and I love that those two worlds get to collide everyday for me.

GG If you could be anyone from any time period, who would it be and why?

KA I would be Queen Elizabeth II. Who wouldn't want to be queen?

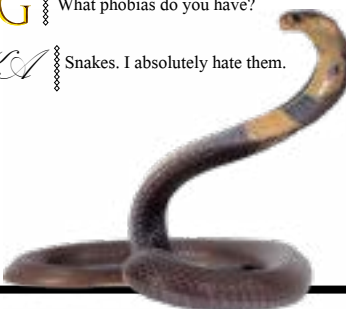


GG Who has been your biggest influence and why?

KA My grandparents, Tom and Vivian Morgan. Their faith was rock solid, their love for each other was one for the ages and they were the most selfless, hardworking and kind people I've ever met. They were my two favorite people on Earth, and it is an honor to be their granddaughter.

GG What phobias do you have?

KA Snakes. I absolutely hate them.



FLAGS IN!



Members of DHR and DPW joined forces May 22 to place American flags in front of the graves at Post Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day.



'In their jeans' -- Organizations celebrate unity during Denim Day April 24



Fort Knox ASAP receives special 'Buddy Bench'

Thanks to a steady intake of number two, four and five plastics on the installation, the post Environmental Management Division's Buddy Bench Program was able to collaborate with the Fort Knox Directorate of Human Resources' Army Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

According to EMD officials, placing the bench near the SPP and EAPs will provide a visible area for people for people to sit who may require quick access to valuable resources during difficult times in their lives. (See story at <https://www.army.mil/article/276437>.)



Fort Knox hosts July 4 Freedom Fest

Freedom Fest will kick off at Brooks Field at 6 p.m. and run until the completion of the fireworks show roughly around 10 p.m. The event will include family fun activities, live music, a military working dog demonstration, a Salute to the Nation that includes a parade of all state and territorial flags, and plenty of inflatables and games for the children. The event is free and open to the public. (Click on <https://www.army.mil/article/277169> for more information.)

HAIL & FAREWELL

WELCOME!

Pietri Mercado + DES
Steven Brown + DES
Tracy Boorom + DHR
Dawn Lankford + DHR
Daniel Bishop + SJA
Joseph Plocica + DPTMS
James Hill + DES
James Kleinjans + DPW
Marveta Rice + DPTMS
Jarrett Canion + FMWR
Sasha Arias + DPTMS
Ryan Miller + DPW
Eric Whitman + DES
Col. Matthew Kreider + RSO

SFC Nathaniel Lutkins + HHD
Pfc. Valencia Narcisse + RSO
SSG Adam Smith + HHD
Tami Delaney + Marketing
Victoria Huerth + Natcher PFC
Myzayvion Hall + Natcher PFC
Cecilia Scarpinito + SAC
Zachary Phillips II + Kilianski
Carrie Sears + Samuel Adams
David Jones + DPW
Kelly Appelman + PAO
Denis Walls Sr. + DPTMS
Shelby Russell + DPTMS
Joseph Schoenbeck + DES
Shawn Foy + DPTMS

THANK YOU!

Christopher Veitch – DES
Patricia Hawkins – DHR
Mike Brandenburg – DPW
Adam Cantrell – DES
Paul Averill – DES
Frank Napier – DPTMS
Brendon Fletcher – DPTMS
Alexander Swearer – DES
Carlos Washington – Claims
Jennifer Bullington – FMWR
John Isaac – DPTMS
Samuel Gotsch – DPTMS
Anthony Burt – DPW
Allyson Reese – Claims

Ronnie Evans – SJA
James Pitts – DPW
Maj. Tina Barton – DPTMS
Col. Stanley Whitten – RSO
Makayla Allen – CDC
Randolph Goodness – SAC
Felissa Graves – CDC
Deanna House – PC Services
Sandra Toves – CDC
Robert Wilson Jr. – DPTMS

Note: Names of employees and their organizations in red denote internal moves.

LOOKING FORWARD ...

JULY

National Grilling Month

DAYS

- **4 – Independence Day**
- 4 – Firecracker 5K
- 4 – Freedom Fest
- 5 – Independence Day Training Holiday
- 6 – Summer Concert Series: Casey and Romy
- 12 – Motorcycle Safety Ride
- 12 – Right Arm Night
- 20 – Luau at Samuel Adams
- 25 – Christmas in July at the Waterpark
- 27 – Gary Sinise and Lt. Dan Band
- 27-28 – Fort Knox Open golf tournament
- 30 – Community Information Exchange

AUGUST

- National Immunization Month
- Antiterrorism Awareness Month

DAYS

- 1 – Gold Star Children's Day
- 2 – H2O Fun Run
- 3 – Summer Concert Series: The Dean Heckle Band
- 7 – First day of 2023-24 Fort Knox Schools pre-K-12
- 16 – Community Information Fair

- 18 – Cadet Summer Training season ends
- 21 – 'Come From Away' Broadway musical
- 25 – Right Arm Night

SEPTEMBER

- 1-Oct. 26 – Dove hunting season
- 7-Nov. 11 – Fall archery deer season
- 7-Nov. 11 – Fall archery turkey season

- National Preparedness Month
- Suicide Prevention Month

WEEKS

- 5-11 – National Suicide Prevention Week

DAYS

- 1 – 2024 Combined Federal Campaign starts
- 1 – Open cemetery visitation
- **2 – Labor Day**
- 11 – Patriot Day
- 13 – Kentucky Craft Beer Run
- 15 – Friday Night Social
- 20 – National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 16-20 – Full-scale/black start exercise
- 20 – Oktoberfest
- 29 – Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day
- 29 – Right Arm Night

NOTE: 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.



For more of the latest updates, views and information from Central Kentucky's leader in military news, go to **Fort Knox News** at www.army.mil/knox.

For the latest events happening in and around Fort Knox, visit https://www.army.mil/article/269519/around_knox_events