

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Knox, Kentucky welcomes you to the Fort Knox Post Cemetery, a final resting place for Soldiers and their dependents. With over 800 gravesites, the historic cemetery includes war casualties, veterans, and their loved ones.

With a long history dating to the early years of Fort Knox, the cemetery has evolved while keeping its historic setting. In recent years the Fort Knox Post Cemetery was the first Army post cemetery to meet the “National Shrine Standards” set by the Office of Army Cemeteries.

The Fort Knox Post Cemetery is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. It is quietly located along 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion Road and can only be accessed by entering the installation.



For additional information please contact:

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<https://armycemeteries.army.mil/Cemeteries/Fort-Knox-Post-Cemetery>

FORT KNOX POST CEMETERY



**U.S. Army Garrison Fort Knox,
Kentucky**

A National Shrine Standard Cemetery

HISTORY

Camp Henry Knox was established in 1918. In 1920 a post cemetery was created and located adjacent to the historic St. Patrick's Cemetery, which initially served the Catholic community from Stithton. The first burial in the post cemetery was Gerald Collins, a Soldier's young son, in April 1920. Private Norman Curry, an African-American Artilleryman, was interred in June 1921 and believed to be the first veteran buried there.

In January 1932 Camp Knox was made a permanent installation and designated Fort Knox. Improvements to the cemetery were soon made. This included construction of a stone shelter house and stone walls. Various projects were carried out by the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

The cemetery includes interments of Axis Prisoners of War (POW). One Italian and seventeen German POWs were buried there. In 1957 the Reuben Jones and Pearson family cemeteries were relocated there as Fort Knox developed property. These burials are easily identified by older and diverse styles of 19th and early 20th century civilian grave markers.

The Fort Knox Post Cemetery operates under the policies, procedures, and responsibilities found within AR 290-5. It is one of 21 Army Post Cemeteries (as distinguished from a private cemetery or National Cemetery) found on active Army installations, on Army reserve complexes, and on former Army installations or inactive posts. In 2015 the Fort Knox Post Cemetery was the first of Army managed cemeteries to achieve National Shrine Standards.

AMONG THOSE INTERRED

The Fort Knox Post Cemetery is the final resting place for Soldiers and their dependents. Among those dependents are many children who were victims of high infant mortality rates in the mid-twentieth century. Soldiers who lost their lives during the Vietnam War constitute the most war casualties buried in the cemetery. Other interments include:

Master Sergeant Ernest R. Kouma, who risked his life above and beyond the call of duty during the Korean War and received the Medal of Honor. He died in 1993.



Major General Hugh J. Gaffey was chief of staff for General George Patton's Third Army during WWII. He was the commanding general at Fort Knox from September 1945 until his untimely death in June 1946, when he was killed in a B-25 Mitchell crash near Godman Field. He is the highest ranking Soldier interred in the cemetery.

Colonel Eugene Fredrick Tyree, a Tuskegee Airman once assigned to the 477th Composite Group at Godman Field at Fort Knox. Colonel Tyree retired from the United States Air Force in 1964 and died the following year.



All plots within the Fort Knox Post Cemetery have been allocated.

FLORAL REGULATIONS

1. Fresh cut flowers may be placed on graves anytime. Metal temporary flower containers are permitted.
2. Artificial flowers may be placed on a grave at any time.
3. Plantings will not be permitted on graves at any time. Potted plants will be permitted on graves only during the period 10 days before and 10 days after Easter Sunday.
4. Christmas wreaths or grave blankets are permitted on graves during Christmas season.-removed by February 1.
5. Floral items will be removed as soon as they become faded.
6. During the lawn mowing and ground maintenance season, all floral items will be removed from the grave each Tuesday.
7. Statues, vigil lights, glass objects of any nature and any other type containers are not permitted on graves at any time.
8. Floral items and other types of decoration will not be secured to headstones and markers.
9. Please contact cemetery superintendent for information regarding installation of permanent flower containers.

CEMETERY ETIQUETTE

The Fort Knox Post Cemetery is a place of honor and remembrance. Please conduct yourself with dignity and respect your surroundings at all times while visiting.