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## Soldier helps save victim of February Radcliff shootings

Staff Sgt. Jared Draper said growing up he always wanted a career that would allow him to serve others -- in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



## Fort Knox official reminds community to think safety during spring, summer months

A Fort Knox Safety officer is calling on community members to keep safety in mind as they enjoy the spring and summer months. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



## Fort Knox personnel lend helping hand to area flood victims

Several Fort Knox personnel offered help to hundreds of area residents over the last two weeks after historic rainfall devastated many areas of Kentucky, leaving residents stranded by flood waters and homes underwater in some instances. [\(Click on this link to view the Facebook reel\)](#)



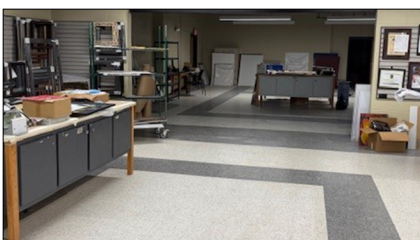
## Family Child Care program officials seeking more caregivers

A once popular U.S. Army Child & Youth Services program that was nearly shuttered in the wake of the COVID pandemic is beginning to stir up interest again. [\(Click on this link to view the full Flickr album and more\)](#)



## Employee assistance professional promotes program during Mental Health Awareness Month

LovieAnn Warner-Palacios said life can be more easily navigated with the help of others. She recommends taking advantage of the Fort Knox Employee Assistance Program.. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



## DFMWR program consolidation inspires Hansen Center renovations

The Fort Knox Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Hansen Center as well as various Child & Youth Services programs are starting to look a little different lately. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



## Fort Knox earns 2025 presidential award for Army installation of excellence

Amid all the scrutiny, U.S. Army judges selected one installation to represent them at the 2025 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence: Fort Knox. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



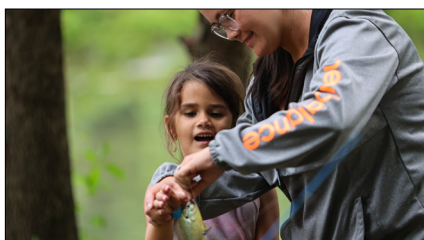
## Crittenberger school former resident remembers unique life as site of future CDC takes shape

Perched like a young eagle with outstretched wings above Kentucky Highway 31W in 1952, Crittenberger Elementary School was ahead of its time. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Travelers unearth forgotten histories during 2025 Memorial Day cemetery visitation

Many people from across the United States and surrounding communities, took advantage of the annual open-post cemetery visitation. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



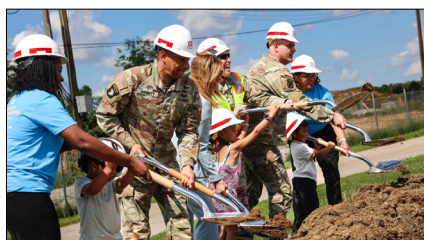
## Reel fun! Nearly 1,000 participate in Fort Knox Kids Fishing Derby at Camp Carlson

Little anglers from all around the area descended on Camp Carlson June 7 to enjoy a great day at the 2025 Fort Knox Kids Fishing Derby. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Red Cross volunteers receive commendations for service to community

Fort Knox leaders served Soldiers, veterans, civilian employees and their Families during the annual Fort Knox Thanksgiving meal at the Cantigny Dining Facility on post on Nov. 27. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



## Leaders break ground on new CDC at Fort Knox

Leaders from Fort Knox, the surrounding communities and U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell's office broke ground June 20, 2025, on the long-awaited new child development center. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



‘Houston, we have an event ...’

# Garrison strikes gold May 22



U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Knox Organization Day May 22, 2025



Several attended the 2025 Garrison Organization Day, which was moved to Houston Bowling Alley due to the threat of inclement weather. That didn't stop the fun.





# with plenty of room to spare

Photos by Renee Rhodes, Fort Knox Visual Information





# GET TO KNOW ...



## Lesley Ryckman

Manager of Food and Beverage Event Entertainment and Function, Fort Knox Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, at the Samuel Adams Brewhouse and Saber & Quill; with Garrison since December 2024

**GG:** What is on your bucket list?

**LR:** The top 3 things on my bucket list are: traveling to Italy to enjoy authentic Italian food; visiting Montana to see if it's as beautiful as it looks on TV; and participating in a chef's table at Alinea in Chicago with Chef Grant Achatz, known for his innovative and theatrical dining experiences. Is it ironic that two out of three involve food? (lol)

**GG:** What is your most and least favorite food?

**LR:** My favorite cuisine is Asian, and if I am going to my favorite Asian restaurant back in Savannah, then I'd have to say Mapo Tofu is my favorite dish.

My least favorite food is wild game. My dad loved to cook and eat venison, but I never could



**GG:** What would you most like to tell your 13-year-old self?

**LR:** You don't want a job next year – you just want to have fun with your friends. Once you start working, you won't stop for another 50 years or so.

**GG:** Where are you from?

**LR:** While I've had the opportunity to live in several places, there are only two that I truly consider home: Kingston, New York, where I was born and raised; and, Savannah, Georgia, where I planted roots and began my career with DFMWR.

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

**LR:** I have the opportunity to work face-to-face with the Fort Knox community, providing them experiences that can set or change their mood for the day – always striving to put a smile on someone's face.

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

**LR:** Buy lots of land and build a retreat on it.



*Catfish fishing: this guy was filleted, seasoned, battered and fried up!*

**GG:** What is an ability you want?

**LR:** To know what people want to eat without asking them – that's a hard question to answer daily in my family. I feel like we waste a considerable amount of time thinking about what we want to eat.

**GG:** What is your favorite quote?

**LR:** "A leader's attitude inevitably becomes the attitude of those he leads" - Coach Wooden. This quote rings true to me; and I have it hung in my office as a daily reminder of the kind of leader I want to be.



## WELCOME!

Chelsea Tucker - MWR  
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Estephen Mendoza - MWR  
Andrea King - MWR  
Diana Hansen - MWR  
Alannah Gayden - MWR  
Jea Weitlauf - MWR  
Benjamin West - MWR  
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OF NOTE: For info on CST family day and graduation dates, go to the web link at: <https://armyrotc.army.mil/cst-family-day-and-graduation>

## THANKS!

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## LOOKING FORWARD

### JULY

#### DAYS

- **4 – Independence Day**
- 4 – Red, White and Blue Golf Event
- 4 – Freedom Fest
- 7 – Independence Day Training Holiday
- 9 – Louisville Orchestra: Once Upon an Orchestra
- 11 – Low Country Boil
- 17 – KY Shakespeare Fairy Tales from Around the World
- 18 – Garrison Change of Command
- 21-25 – Vacation Bible School
- 22 – Late Night Under the Sea
- 25 – Right Arm Night
- 25 – Christmas in July
- 26 – Concert on the Lawn
- 29 – Community Information Exchange

### AUGUST

- Antiterrorism Awareness Month

#### DAYS

- 1 – Gold Star Children's Day
- 1 – Community Information Fair
- 2 – Kentucky Hoe Down
- 4 – First day of 2025-26 Fort Knox Schools pre-K-12
- 8 – Right Arm Night
- 15 – Concert on the Lawn

- 16 – H2O Fun Run
- 20 – Cadet Summer Training ends
- 22 – Right Arm Night
- 23 – Dino Dig

### SEPTEMBER

- September-October – Dove hunting season
- September-November – Fall archery deer season
- September-November – Fall archery turkey season

- National Preparedness Month
- Suicide Prevention Month

#### WEEKS

- 7-13 – National Suicide Prevention Week

#### DAYS

- 1 – 2025 Combined Federal Campaign starts
- **1 – Labor Day**
- 5 – Harry Potter Dinner
- 6 – Pooch Plunge
- 11 – Patriot Day
- 12 – Right Arm Night
- 15 – German Night
- 19 – Oktoberfest
- 19 – National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 15-19 – Installation Protection Exercise
- 20 – Volksmarch 10K
- 26 – Right Arm Night
- 28 – Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

For accurate dates, visit the Sportsman website at <https://mnox.sportsman.net/>

**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.





*So long, farewell, auf  
wiedersehen, adieu ...'*

As Garrison Com-  
mander Col. Chris  
Ricci prepares to leave  
Fort Knox and pursue  
more adventures, he  
leaves behind a wake of  
destruction in his pa--.

Who are we kidding?  
He definitely leaves the  
installation better than



he found it. As he said  
he planned to.

When he goes, he  
carries with him  
some great memories,  
successes, laughs, and  
one of the best karaoke  
renditions of Guns 'N  
Roses this side of 31W.

There will be more  
tears, and laughter, but  
there will not be Ricci  
to blame for them.





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