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Fort Knox Safety officer: Prepare now for summer heat to prevent injuries

So far this summer Central Kentucky seems to have avoided much of the severe heat that has been sweeping across the United States. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Fort Knox Garrison urged to ‘celebrate itself’ during O’Bryan, Ricci change of command

Incoming commander Col. Christopher Ricci received the colors of Fort Knox Garrison during a change of command ceremony in Waybur Theater July 14. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Fort Knox youth reach for the stars during VBS 2023

As many as 200 youth, leaders and volunteers celebrated a “Stellar” Vacation Bible School July 17-21 at the Religious Support Office complex. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Knox Hills works to clean up trash after unexpected stop in service

Fort Knox’s trash issues started when on-post housing trash pickup abruptly stopped. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Fort Knox Natural Resources battles Top 10 foreign invaders

When folks walk or drive around Central Kentucky, many see the lush forest and fields covered in green grass, trees and bushes with beautiful splashes of color from the flowers that carpet the landscape. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Over 200 attend annual Community Information Fair

Officials tracking attendance at this year’s Fort Knox Community Information Fair declared the Aug. 18 event a success after more than 200 attended. [\(Click on this link to view the full story\)](#)



Army delivers updated guidance on lithium batteries in household goods shipments

Rapid growth in the use of lithium batteries has changed the American landscape, powering virtually everything these days. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Fort Knox Emergency Operations officer: Older adults need to focus on National Preparedness Month

September is designated as National Preparedness Month to encourage people to think about what they can do to mitigate the potential after-effects of crises. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Lindsey Golf Course becoming widely known as 'hidden gem' with gold standard greens

Like many businesses during COVID in 2019, Lindsey Golf Course found itself in financially troubled water. Today, Lindsey is enjoying the kind of success other Army golf courses hope to be on par with. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Fort Knox remembers 9/11 at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Patriot Day ceremony

Long shadows from a huge suspended American flag and a twisted steel I-beam that had once supported one of the World Trade Center buildings fell across Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central on Sept. 11. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Fort Knox announces weekly plans for Suicide Prevention Month

Fort Knox officials are planning a series of efforts to get the community talking about Suicide Prevention Month this year. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Annual Fort Knox emergency response exercise focuses on school notification, reunification efforts

Fort Knox's fiscal 2023 emergency response exercise Sept. 18-20 centered around an active shooter event at the old MacDonald Intermediate School on the 19th and tested DoDEA notification systems. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

QUARTERLY AWARDS 4.23

Leader of the Quarter



Brandon Cullum-Parker
DFMWR

As the assistant director of Youth Sports and Fitness, Brandon was integral in the organization receiving zero deficiencies during an AHHI inspection. In order to accomplish this, he stayed late multiple days each week while still accomplishing his daily tasks. He also developed an effective plan to reduce wear and tear on equipment during colder months and identified old equipment that could be turned in, netting the program over \$50,000. He also purchased top soil at a significantly reduced cost, saving FMWR money.

Team of the Quarter



DPW Operation & Maintenance

Despite a 40% personnel shortage, David Brown, Kevin Everson, Kevin Addison, Harlan Mitchell and Gary Payton maintained facilities, utilities and grounds to enable visiting and tenant units to accomplish their missions. In addition, they took on several tasks to make up the personnel shortfall, including extra training courses to better serve customers with maintenance and inspections. They often reshuffled duties, combined efforts and limited travel to tackle 2,028 work orders and 227 QA inspections, while developing 27 additional projects and maintaining 42 special projects.

Employee of the Quarter



Stacy Ross
DFMWR

An administrative support assistant for the SSD Division chief, Stacy has a 100% success rate at tracking and managing timecard submissions for over 450 employees. She communicates with other pay superusers on issues and serves as the subject matter expert for ePay. As the go-to for debt collection, her efforts helped regain over \$5,000 in one quarter. She also facilitates team member orientation training and has assisted with Employee of the Quarter and several Hero of the Week ceremonies as well as the bi-annual DFMWR town hall.

As the drug test technician and primary GPC cardholder for DHR, Lisa quickly embraced both roles and absorbed the necessary training to perform nearly flawlessly, with only two noted errors in the urinalysis packing and quality control process out of 1,462 specimens. She ensured accuracy and completeness of all required documentation, while improving the process. She understood the bigger picture in her roles.

Service Culture Campaign Employee of the Quarter



Lisa Lee-Lawrence
DHR



AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

JULY

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Delivery System (FM-WR-DS) team works to provide more efficient and customer-focused opportunities for recreation. This has largely been accomplished through improved utilization of the installation's current facilities as well as non-facility-based programming, outsourcing and unit outreach. The team works closely with facility managers within several divisions to ensure program requirements have physical, marketing and sponsorship support to maximize awareness of and participation in all its initiatives. They are also responsible for bringing adventure programs, clinics, classes, concerts, community-wide events and special events to Soldiers and their Families and others near the Knox community.



AUGUST



The Fort Knox Religious Support Office provides comprehensive spiritual support to meet the needs of the installation's Soldiers, Families, retirees and civilians. The Chaplain Family Life Center offers family life ministry and pastoral counseling, and conducts Building Strong & Ready Teams events quarterly to assist in developing healthy Soldier and Family structures. Family Life Chaplains provide integrated counseling. The RSO also conducts weekly chapel services for members of the community. The Religious Education Center enriches the spirituality and faith of the community by hosting religious studies and education events. An annual highlight is Vacation Bible School, offered each year in July.

SEPTEMBER

Fort Knox's Child Development Center offers nationally accredited full-day and part-day care for military children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Leaders devote countless hours vetting and training top-notch caregivers. Competency-based training sets the center apart from others, making it the only NAEYC-accredited child care center in Hardin County. It also earned a 97% during its most recent accreditation. Many parents participate in CYS Parent Advisory Board meetings, bringing fresh ideas. The center's mission focuses on ensuring children are well-prepared for schooling. To achieve this, the CDC follows a curriculum of activities and experiences that improve motor, social, emotional, cognitive, language and other developmental skills for all children, including those with special needs.



GOLD STANDARD ACHIEVEMENTS

Director of Fort Knox's Barr Memorial Library, Michael Steinmacher (center), accepted the Federal Library and Information Network 2020 Small Library of the Year award from Dr. Carla Hayden (left), Librarian of Congress, and Michael McNulty, Librarian of the Army during a July 11 ceremony in Washington, D.C. This is the second such award Barr has received under Steinmacher's leadership. COVID caused delays in awarding winners.



Public Affairs specialist Kelly Appelman earned Distinguished Honor Graduate Sept. 22 at Defense Information School's most recent Public Affairs & Communication Strategy Qualification Course in Fort Meade, Md. The course is divided into two phases: a remote instructional section, and a resident two-week practical exercise. Appelman took top honors among 33 students.

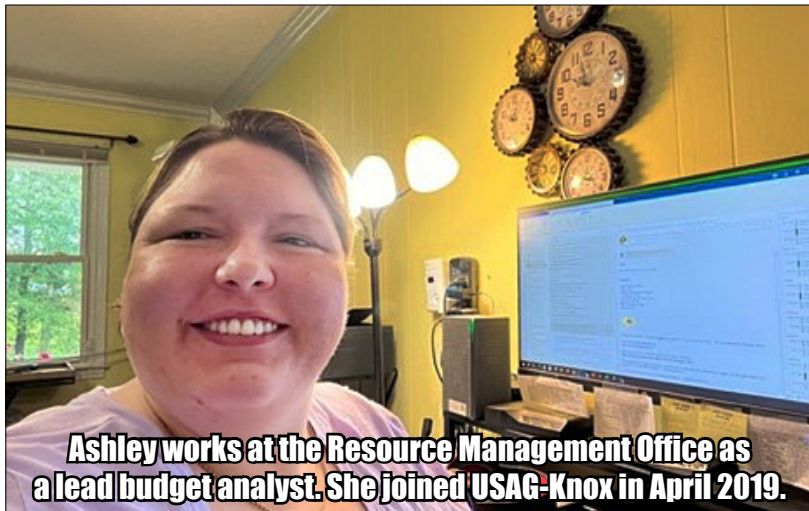


GET TO KNOW ...



Ashley with her dog, Beau

"I was born in Rolla, Missouri. My father was in the Air Force so we moved quite a bit, but our home base was always Missouri because all my family is there."



Ashley works at the Resource Management Office as a lead budget analyst. She joined USAG-Knox in April 2019.

ASHLEY SHEEK

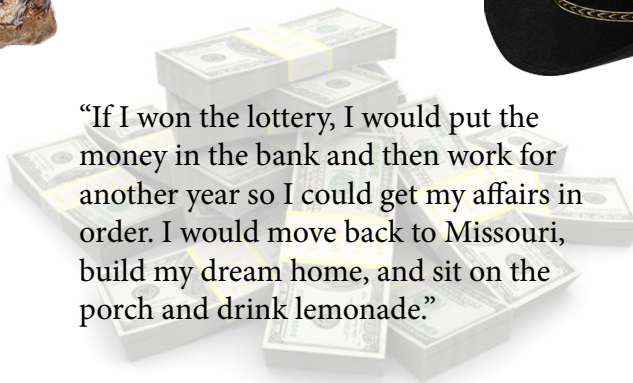
My favorite food is a ribeye steak that is cooked to a perfect medium rare. I love beef. My parents raise beef cattle so we have always promoted the beef industry.



"I like country music -- particularly '80s and '90s country -- but I will listen to anything with a good beat to it."



"If I won the lottery, I would put the money in the bank and then work for another year so I could get my affairs in order. I would move back to Missouri, build my dream home, and sit on the porch and drink lemonade."

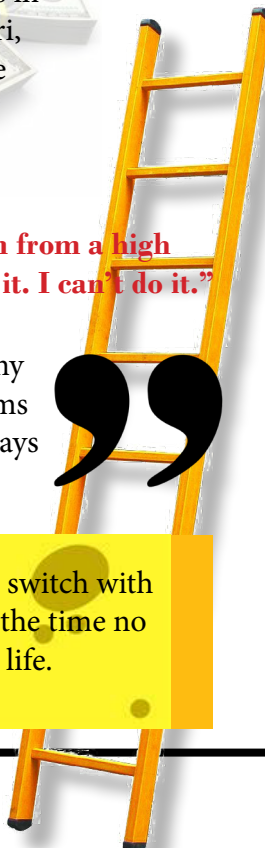


"I'm afraid of heights. I can look down from a high height, but don't ask me to jump from it. I can't do it."

I don't know who said it but my favorite quote is, "I fix problems you didn't know you had in ways you won't understand."



The cartoon character I would most like to switch with is Spongebob Squarepants. He is happy all the time no matter what happens and just really enjoys life.



WELCOME!

Lt. Col. Manushka Angoy + HHD	David Stout + DPW
Danielle Gilles + FMWR	Ruben Harris + DES
Justin Mullens + QRP	Brian Oliver + DES
Maj. (CH) Ronaldo Terrado + RSO	Veronica Francois-Phinazee + DPW
John Whipple Jr. + QRP	Nelson Delgado + DES
Julie Hu + DFMWR	Michael Slater + DHR
Adrien Emmi + DES	Cedric Heard + DES
Brian Johnson + DES	Peter Butler Jr. + DES
Abigail Braun + DES	Steven Branham + DPTMS
Tiffany Lantagne + DES	Michael White + DES
Sandra McGhee + DRM	Jesse Beavers + DES
Garvin Purttman + ISO	Patricia Hawkins + DHR
Adalberto Burgos + DES	Jennifer Bullington + DFMWR
Jeralee Hartman + DFMWR	Megan Setter + DFMWR
	Jason Hudson + DPW

THANKS!

Capt. Sarah Bitner – HHD	Christopher Cluster – DES
Craig Bresley – FMWR	Wade Holtsclaw – DES
Derrick Hightower – QRP	August Nacino – DES
Maj. (CH) Gerard Maurterer – RSO	Ashley Ryan – DPW
Tylaer Proffitt – FMWR	Andrell Jackson – Claims
Robert Steinmacher III – FMWR	David Winston – DES
John Nuusila – DHR	Clint Castro – EEO
Savannah Kelly – GCO	Jared Handley – DPW
Gary Weakly – DHR	Veronica Francois-Phinazee – DPW
Mason Jones – DES	Nicholas Terry – DES
Steven Branham – DPTMS	Scott Palm – DRM
John McDowell – DES	Rashad Phinisee – DES
Shanikka Charleston – DFMWR	Ronnie Harper – DES
	Jason Doughty – DES

Did you know: Fort Hood in Texas is now FORT CAVAZOS

LOOKING FORWARD

OCTOBER

MONTHS

- Disability Employment Awareness Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Army Cybersecurity Awareness Month
- National Energy Action Month

WEEKS

- 8-14 – Fire Prevention Week

DAYS

- Sept. 29 – Command Assessment Program begins
- 1 – CFC season begins
- 6 – Fall Garrison Golf Scramble
- 6 – *Columbus Day training holiday*
- **9 – Columbus Day***
- 18 – Child and Youth Job Fair
- 13 – Alien Invasion Halloween 5K
- 17 – Installation-wide energy test
- 18 – Santa's Workshop open house
- 19 – Jinkies! Spooky Celebration at Barr
- 20 – Retiree Appreciation Day
- 20 – All-schools college graduation
- 27 – Balloween at Caruso Sports Complex
- 27 – Right Arm Night (Halloween theme)
- 31 – Community Information Exchange
- **31 – Halloween**

NOVEMBER

MONTHS

- Military Family Month

DAYS

- 7 – Election Day
- 2-5 – Raider Challenge
- 5 – Daylight Saving Time ends
- **10 – Veterans Day***
- 12 – Command Assessment Program ends
- 13 – *Veterans Day training holiday*
- 17 – Right Arm Night
- 22 – Cantigny DFAC Thanksgiving Meal
- **23 – Thanksgiving Day**
- 24 – *Thanksgiving training holiday*

DECEMBER

DAYS

- 1 – Christmas tree lighting & Trees for Troops
- **7 – Hanukkah begins**
- 15 – Lindsey Golf Course season ends
- 24 – Main Post Chapel Christmas Eve Worship
- **25 – Christmas Day***
- 26 – *Christmas training holiday*
- **26 – Kwanzaa begins**
- **Jan. 1 – New Year's Day***
- 2 – *New Year's Day training holiday*

NOTES: Information/dates are subject to change, and other major Garrison-related activities may be scheduled later. Also, the federal holidays listed above with an (*) are for the dates in which they are observed for leave and pay purposes.



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