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[Video] Fort Knox Oktoberfest '24

Patrons from the greater Fort Knox community gathered for the annual Oktoberfest celebration at Brooks Parade Field, Sept. 20. ([Click on this link to view the Facebook reel](#))



Fort Knox Garrison Commander signs domestic violence awareness month proclamation

Fort Knox Garrison Commander Col. Chris Ricci, joined by Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Sherm Waters, signed a proclamation declaring October 2024 Domestic Violence Awareness Month for the installation, Oct. 2. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



[Video] Fort Knox Fire Department hosts Fire Prevention Week activities

In honor of Fire Prevention Week the Fort Knox Fire Department invited patrons to attend an open house and demonstration day at Fire Station No. 1 on Oct. 11. ([Click on this link to view the Facebook reel](#))



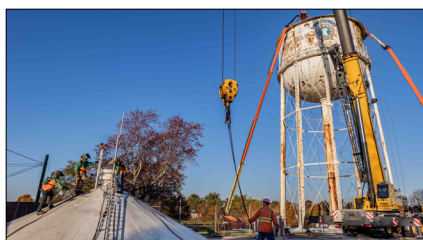
[Photo/Video] Fort Knox Post Trick-or-Treating '24

Candy and costume enthusiasts from the greater Fort Knox community participated in the annual on-post trick-or-treating on Halloween night from 6-8 p.m., Oct. 31. ([Click on this link to view the full Flickr album and more](#))



Fort Knox working group plans for climate-related preventative measures

Experts from across the Fort Knox Garrison gathered in early October to discuss the impact of current and future climate trends on installation infrastructure as well as preventative measures that could reduce potential risks to the community. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



The end of an era - Fort Knox bids farewell to historic water tanks

The nearly 100-year-old historic water tanks located across from the Main Post Chapel were dismantled over the course of a few days during the week of Oct. 21. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Fort Knox lends a helping hand in wake of Hurricane Helene

In the days following the formation of Hurricane Helene at Fort Eisenhower, Georgia, neighboring military installations like Fort Knox set out to help by sending out a call for volunteers. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Inaugural DFMWR Shark Tank Competition inspires new community initiatives

Sink or swim, six competitors took to the water during the internal Fort Knox Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Shark Tank Competition on Sept. 6. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Fort Knox RSO, Red Cross team up to provide Thanksgiving meals to Soldiers

Volunteers from the Fort Knox American Red Cross Helping Hands Program and Maj. David Chapman, pastoral care & operations chaplain for the Fort Knox Religious Support Office, handed out Thanksgiving meal bags to local Soldiers on Nov. 22. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Feeding an Army! Scenes from the 2024 Fort Knox Thanksgiving meal

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](#))



Fort Knox kicks off holiday season with annual First Lights Festival

Members of the greater Fort Knox community gathered around the post gazebo once again to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season at the First Lights Festival, Dec. 5. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))



Greater Fort Knox community participates in annual post Wreath Laying Ceremony

About 850 wreaths were set on the headstones of service members buried within the walls of the installation's Main Post Cemetery during the annual Fort Knox Wreath Laying Ceremony, Dec. 14. ([Click on this link to view the full story](#))

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

QUARTERLY AWARDS 4.24

Leader of the Quarter



Monique Eppes
DFMWR

As the Child Youth Services Financial Management specialist, childcare space enrollment monitor and supervisor overseeing custodial and technology operations, Eppes has shown a proactive approach, exceptional dedication and strategic leadership style that have strengthened CYS operations and supported Fort Knox's mission to protect and support Soldiers, Families, and children.

Employee of the Quarter



Shala LeMaster
DHR

In her role as a Workforce Development specialist, LeMaster always goes above and beyond what is expected and has performed at a level of dedication, initiative and creativity that showcase her team spirit. Always willing to assist, LeMaster has supported lunch and learns, created flyers and marketing materials and more for DHR, while also supporting 950+ employees in Garrison with professional development guidance and opportunities.

Service Culture Campaign Employee of the Quarter



Megan Setter
DFMWR

As a Family Advocacy Program manager Setter has shown remarkable dedication and leadership in planning and budgeting by executing a comprehensive Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month (CAPM) campaign. Despite being new to Family Programs, Setter quickly began planning by coordinating CAPM activities with various community programs and partners, which reached over 2,000 individuals across Fort Knox.

Crafts and Trades Professional of the Quarter

As the work leader of the Range Maintenance Section, Sweetman has fostered a culture of service excellence within his section through dedication and innovative problem-solving approaches. During the quarter his team provided maintenance support for 61 live-fire ranges and fabricated and painted over 50 tank-sized targets. Sweetman

also implemented a set of new DPTMS licensing standards.



Mark Sweetman,
DPTMS

Team of the Quarter



Team Training Support, DPTMS

The efforts of Fort Knox Training Support Center Team during Cadet Summer Training '24 ensured that ROTC Cadets received essential training and evaluation. The team demonstrated innovation by leveraging Soldier Monitoring Systems from three installations at no additional cost, working directly with the Army Training Support Center to secure additional training devices for Basic Rifle Marksmanship Training, making functional adjustments to the Night Infiltration Course and more.



AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

October

The Fort Knox Equal Employment Opportunity Office is tasked with creating an equal opportunity workplace for DA civilians through training, advising and compliance programs that promote diversity, equity and inclusion in support of the U.S. Army mission. The office offers advisory services for DA civilians wishing to enter the complaint process. They also provide guidance for employees and supervisors navigating the reasonable accommodation process. With a team of three, the office fields about 1,400 contacts per year and provides EEO complaint processing services to the 4,604 civilians assigned to Fort Knox. The team also provides required annual training to the workforce, as well as conflict resolution and mediation services.



November



The Information Management Office is the principal adviser for installation information technology and management. While the Fort Knox IMO provides general support to all Garrison personnel, they also manage all Garrison information technology systems and information assurance requirements, as well as managing the Fort Knox Garrison IT governance process. The office provides support for Network Enterprise Center coordination, synchronization and integration of command, communication and information management services, and ensures compliance with IA directives and processes. It also oversees Army Portfolio Management System actions and the submitting and tracking of all Information Technology Approval System requests. Additionally, the office provides strategic IT planning and manages garrison IT modernization programs.

December

The mission of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment is to provide command and control, administrative, logistical and training support for all assigned and attached HHD Soldiers. This year, the HHD Guardians led the Youth Leadership event by running the Alex Field Leadership Reaction Course with over 25 students from various local High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs. They also honored veterans by speaking at local Veterans Day ceremonies. Fort Knox HHD staff also served Fort Knox Soldiers, civilians, and Families during the annual Thanksgiving Day meal, delivered Christmas toy contributions from organizations and planned and organized the Garrison Holiday Social, celebrating Garrison partners' accomplishments throughout the year.



GOLD STANDARD ACHIEVEMENTS

It was announced on Sept. 4 that U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Knox was named Best Garrison in IMCOM Directorate-Training. USAG-Knox will represent ID-T to compete for Best Garrison in all of IMCOM. The winner will be announced in spring 2025.



annual Gold Medal Award Program.

The Fort Knox Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation was recognized on Oct. 9 as a Gold Medal finalist in the Armed Forces Recreation category of the National Recreation and Park Association's

Holiday Social



Simply having a wonderful holiday time!

*Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
The Saber & Quill so warm and jolly!
Laughter filled the festive air,
Joy and cheer were everywhere.
Holiday spirits shining bright,
Dancing through the winter night.
Fort Knox Garrison' shining light,
Together we made this night so bright.*

Garrison staff and family attended the 2024 Fort Knox Garrison Holiday Social held Dec. 13 at the Saber & Quill Catering and Conference center for food, fun and holiday cheer.



PROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR

Leader

Monique Eppes, DFMWR

Employee

Shala LeMaster, DHR

SCCP

Jennifer Quaye, DHR

Crafts & Trades

Andrew Dale, DFMWR

Team

Team Casualty Assistance Center

GET TO KNOW ...



Ron Harness

Supervisory Emergency Services Dispatcher, Directorate of Emergency Services and the 911 Dispatch Center

Harness was born in Somerset, Kentucky and raised in a small farming community on a family dairy farm owned by his grandfather, in a town called Beelick. He spent his entire childhood in Beelick, where his great-great grandparents helped build the community and the church that his family still attends today. Harness' career in the Army has taken him to Fort Polk, Louisiana; Camp Hovey, Korea; and Fort Knox, in the old Rose Terrace housing area. Since exiting the military, the Harness family has lived in Radcliff and Elizabethtown, and they currently reside in Vine Grove. Harness works as the Supervisory Emergency Services dispatcher, Directorate of Emergency Services and the 911 Dispatch Center; a team he joined in April 1999.

GG: What is your favorite quote?

RH: My grandpa used to tell us kids, "You spend the first half of your life wishing time would go faster and the second half wishing life would slow down." As a young man it made no sense to me, but now that I am older, watching the anniversaries, birthdays, and life events of my family roll by, I often wish that time would just stand still.



GG: What do you like to do outside of work?

RH: I have several passions outside of work. I take every opportunity I get to go on camping, fishing and occasional kayak trips with my family and friends. I also have a passion for finding and restoring old tools and making them usable again. I also enjoy leathercrafting things such as belts, knife sheaths and gun holsters.

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

RH: I believe our job is to help people in their worst possible moment, maybe most traumatic day of their lives, and ensure that timely and professional emergency care is provided. Though the time we spend with someone may be short, we share empathy and compassion, while quickly making decisions for a response, sometimes providing medical instructions and care for them until responders arrive. We are the first responder of every incident on Fort Knox; what we do matters, and I am surrounded by a team of like-minded individuals that share the same point of view.

GG: What is your hidden talent?

RH: I am the greatest papaw of all time. I have 13 grandchildren and one great-grand child, and I have a different connection with each of them. I spend as much time with them as I can, going on outings and activities, sharing and being a part of their lives as much as possible. I do my best to talk with and teach them things I have learned over my many years, and praying that each of them find love and happiness and lives that meet up to their potential.

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

RH: I would love to purchase a large, remote property with lots of forest, located in conjunction with a river or lake, with lots of wildlife for my family and I to enjoy for years to come. A place to make more memories with my family, teach my grandchildren how to hunt and fish, and to love the outdoors; maybe even retire there one day.



WELCOME!

James Dupree - SJA
Daniel Widman - DPTMS
Patrick Medley - DPW
Brian Allen - DPW
Kerri-Ann Stewart - SJA
Brooklynn Allmon - DES
John Tallon - DPTMS
Billy Keith - DES
Lt. Col. Ryan Eandi - DES
Lt. Col. (Chaplain) James Breckenridge - RSO
Capt. Matthew Murphy - DES
Capt. Margaret Redfield - HHD
Capt. Jacob Shireman - DPTMS
1st Sgt. Uriah Britt - HHD
Master Sgt. Michael Burgos -

DES
Sgt. 1st Class Leetroy Dwyer - DPTMS
Staff Sgt. Kazarea Fields - RSO
Ariah Marini Davis - DFMWR
Leslie McCreary - DFMWR
Blake Garland - DFMWR
Chandler Franklin - DFMWR
Errol Torregano Jr. - DFMWR

THANKS!

Tara Eudy - RMO
Kelly Willett - DFMWR
Daniel Musel - DPW
Steven Center - DPTMS
John McDonald II - DES
Kevin Allen - DPTMS
Loretta Dedicke - DHR
James Hill - DES
Lindsey Shain - DPW
Lt. Col. David Little - DES
Lt. Col. (Chaplain) Douglas Yates - RSO
Maj. (Chaplain) Patrick Kihui - RSO
1st Sgt. Exie Britton - HHD
Sgt. 1st Class John Finley - RSO

Sgt. 1st Class Mario Galloway - DES
Staff Sgt. Carlos Davis - RSO
Staff Sgt. Jonathan Hedrick - DHR
Spc. Cody Babb - RSO
Megan Lindsey - DFMWR
Maryori Gonzalez - DFMWR
Cameron Giles - DFMWR
Carrie Sears - DFMWR
Amy Fausnaugh - DFMWR
Centez Tucker - DFMWR
Hannah Falci - DFMWR

LOOKING FORWARD

January

DAYS

- 1 – New Year's Day
- 6 – Feb. 28 – Adult Winter Reading BINGO
- 8 – Installation Newcomer Orientation
- 10 – Right Arm Night
- 17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day training holiday
- 18 – Character Breakfast
- 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
- 20 – Inauguration Day
- 27 – Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 28 – Community Information Exchange (CIE)
- 30 – Indoor Bounce
- 31 – Right Arm Night

February

Month-long observance

- African American/Black History Month

DAYS

- 5 – Installation Newcomer Orientation
- 5 – PT Run at Natcher Physical Fitness Center
- 7 – Right Arm Night
- 14 – Comedy Show
- 14 – Valentine's Day
- 14 – Washington's Birthday training holiday
- 16 – 22 – National Engineers Week

- 17 – Washington's Birthday*
- 21 – Myths and Legends Cardboard Boat Regatta
- 28 – Right Arm Night
- 28 – USAG-Knox change of responsibility ceremony

March

Month-long observance

- Women's History Month

DAYS

- 1 – Army Emergency Relief Campaign begins
- 5 – Installation Newcomer Orientation
- 5 – PT Run at Natcher Gym
- 5 – Ash Wednesday Services
- 7 – Dueling Pianos
- 9 – Daylight Saving Time begins
- 14 – Right Arm Night
- 15 – Lucky Pin 5K
- 15 – March Madness Bowling
- 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- 22 – Guts & Glory Gauntlet
- 28 – Right Arm Night
- 25 – Medal of Honor Day
- 29 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day

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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