

THE GOLD LEAF

Monthly Newsletter



FORT KNOX
SPOUSES AND
COMMUNITY CLUB



THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Steve Schmitt



WE ARE BACK!

Welcome to the beginning of another great year for the Fort Knox Spouses and Community Club. With vaccinations on the increase, COVID cases on the decline, and restrictions both on and off post being lifted, we are ready to plan an amazing year filled with events that will help us continue our success in giving away scholarships to deserving military children and spouses, and providing community grants to local organizations that are making a difference every day.

First, let me say how honored I am to be the new President this year. Thank you for putting your trust in me. I promise to work hard and do my best. I want to see the club continue to grow in both size and scope. I want us to reach out to new spouses during this PCS season. I want us to learn about more of the great organizations serving others in our communities, and welcome their leaders and members into our family. I want us to bring people closer, making the FKSCC a true combination of both spouses and community. During the past 15 months, we've spent enough time apart. Let's get together!

With that being said, it might be the summer but we're not taking a vacation. Our sub clubs are in full swing. Check them out! If you like gathering for morning drinks, sweet treats, and chatting with friends old and new, the Coffee sub club is for you. If you have children you need to entertain this summer, the Mommy and Me sub club has you covered. If you like embracing your Kentucky home and doing a little day drinking, join me for the next Sippin' Corn Bourbon sub club outing. Those aren't all either. We have more than 15 sub clubs serving a wide range of hobbies, interests, and skills. Also, if you have an interest you'd like to share with others, there's always room for your sub club too. We want to have something for everyone!

Be on the lookout for our kickoff event, Super Sign-Up, in August. Information and details will be coming soon. You don't have to wait until then to join the FKSCC for the 2021-22 year though. Our website fortknoxsc.com has all the information you need to join today. Plus, we have an early bird special going on. No matter when you join though, you'll still want to check out what we are planning for our kickoff event. Let's just say that we are taking some traditions from before the pandemic and combining those with some of the things we've learned during it. It's the past, coming into the present, propelling us into the future. I guess you could say we are getting back to normal. We are getting back to looking forward, rather than focusing on our current situations. We are getting "back to the future?"

Finally, I want to encourage you to tell everyone you know about the Fort Knox Spouses and Community Club. Word of mouth is the best advertising we can get, and it is your personal stories and relationships that will help us continue to grow. We can have dozens of sub clubs, host fundraisers galore, and plan the most spectacular luncheons, but without you, none of that will matter. You are the heart of the FKSCC and we hope you will help us keep beating.

Here's to a great 2021-2022 year!

Cheers y'all, Steve



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Get To Know Me



Born and raised in Bardstown, Kentucky, I have returned home after 12 years and 8 moves with my husband, Jason, and our 2 girls, Clara (5), Emme (11) and my stepson, Noah (18). Like most of you, I have served on multiple spouses' club, FRGs, PWOCs, and other boards because I really enjoy working together with other military spouses to serve our amazing community. I love reading but I am an obsessive reader in that during a good book I tend to ignore other important things in my life like cooking, cleaning and my family. My bucket gets filled by time spent with friends and family usually enjoying a fine Bourbon and good food or a beer and junk food, it doesn't really matter. Jason and I will celebrate our (lucky) 13th anniversary in August...maybe together, maybe not, you know the drill. We are excited about being back in the place where we met and started this crazy journey together. Even though we will be making our home in Bardstown, I'm thrilled to be connected to the Fort Knox community again after all these years. Cheers!

[Meet the rest of the Board!!](#)

GINNY HOLLAND - WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR

NEWS & NOTES

MEMBERSHIP!!!! Fort Knox Spouses and Community Club (FKSCC) exists to connect and strengthen Fort Knox families and work together to make our community a better place for everyone. Membership is available to active duty members of the United States Armed Forces and their spouses assigned to and residing in our area, as well as retirees and community members. We look forward to seeing what you will bring! FKSCC's mission is to be a service oriented non-profit organization that supports a variety of activities for the social, cultural and educational benefit of our membership, their families and the surroundings communities. We will plan events, social activities and fundraisers in order to achieve this mission.

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FLOCK YOUR FRIENDS! Send our Flock of Flamingos to your friend's yard for 24 hours. Celebrate their birthday, promotion, anniversary or any other special occasion and support the Fort Knox Spouses and Community Club's Scholarships and Community Grants programs at the same time. You tell us where to go, and the Flamingos will fly there for you! Flock your friends for any reason. Is your child graduating? Do you know a mother? Do you just like seeing pink in your neighbor's yard? Click the button below and take advantage of this incredible sale.

Click the image!



Be the Change

In literature a theme is the main idea, lesson, or message of the story. It often states some unifying understanding about individual humans, society as a whole, and/or life in general. It can be what brings people together toward a common purpose, and it is the hope of your Governor's Board that our theme for the 2021-2022 Fort Knox Spouses and Community Club year will do just that. This theme comes from our FKSCC President's favorite quote, which is often attributed to Mahatma Gandhi. "Be the change you wish to see in the world." Together let's look at this year as an opportunity to "be the change" we wish to see in our personal relationships with others, in our interactions with our communities, and in the way we approach those two things. We can create positive change, not just by hoping it will happen, but by purposefully looking for ways to make it happen. It is our intention for the FKSCC to "Be the Change" in everything we do. We will "Be the Change" through our sub-clubs when we form life-long friendships through fun activities and events. We will "Be the Change" through our fundraisers, and our grants and scholarship programs when we provide much needed resources to nonprofit organizations impacting our communities and students impacting our future. We will "Be the Change" through our new Community Service program when we volunteer to serve on and off post organizations looking for our help.

Our challenge to you this year is to be on the look-out. Be ready to serve when called. Be available to spend time with others. Be open to opportunities to lend your time, talents, and maybe a few dollars to the amazing efforts we support. You won't be disappointed. Together we will can influence, impact and imagine a better world. We just need to get up, get out, and...

...**BE THE CHANGE we'd like to see.**



Sub Club Spotlights



BOOK CLUB

For those who love reading, or just want to read more. Each month the club reads one or two books chosen by the members, then gathers at a home, restaurant or virtually to discuss.

JOIN!



COFFEE CLUB

Get your daily dose of caffeine and a little more conversation when you meet at one of our great on post or off post coffee locations. For those who don't want to get dressed before that first cup, virtual coffees happen too.

JOIN!



COUPLES NIGHT OUT

Whether dining at our favorite Mexican place or throwing Axes, couples night out is for every couple that wants to get out of the house for some adult fun and conversation. These are +1 events so spouses don't need to join the club.

JOIN!



SECRET SISTERS...

...and a Couple Misters. This club is a monthly secret Santa gift exchange. Sign up to give something special to, and receive something amazing from one of your fellow FKSCC members.

JOIN!



SIPPIN' CORN BOURBON CLUB

The Sippin' Corn Bourbon sub-club is all about exploring and enjoying the only Spirit native to the United States. Distillery tours, tastings, and other monthly events that will increase your love for Ky Bourbon.

JOIN!



RUNNING CLUB

The Running Club meets weekly for a run, jog, walk or stroll through the amazing trails on Ft. Knox All fitness levels welcome & encouraged. Bring your water, running shoes, and kids in strollers if you want.

JOIN!

Check out more Sub Clubs here!

DIY PIZZA KITS!

We are partnering with Little Caesar's Pizza for DIY Pizza Kits! Delivered to you door, you assemble and cook delicious pizza for an instant family fun night! Pair with a movie and call it a night!

Ordering begins July 5th
Link will be posted July 5th

[Facebook](#) and [Website](#)
for more info!



SUPER SIGN UP

This is your big chance to be involved and become a member of the Fort Knox Spouses' and Community Club! Come on out & shop with our vendors or keep an eye out for on-post neighborhood parades to sign up in your front yard!

Tuesday, August 24, 2021
10-2

The Gathering Bakery

[Facebook](#) for more Info!



BOURBON PULL

Kentucky is the birthplace of bourbon, and we celebrate it with this surprise event. Participants will have the chance to PULL a great bottle of bourbon out of a brown bag, but be careful. Not all bourbons are created equal.

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, October 16, 2021

Check the website for more info!



EVENTS

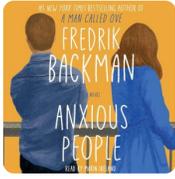


Don't want to participate?

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monthly must haves

recommendations from your fkscc friends



book/audiobook



song



app



citronella



sunscreen



a sense of humor



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June 16	Pokeno	9:00 am
June 20	Father's Day	All Day
June 21	Running Club	8:30 am
June 22	Coffee Club	9:00 am
June 28	Running Club	8:30 am
July 4	Independence	All Day
July 5	Running Club	8:30 am
July 5	<u>DIY PIZZA KITS</u>	All Day
July 12	Running Club	8:30 am

Get To Know Me



KELLI KUDERKA
PARLIAMENTARIAN

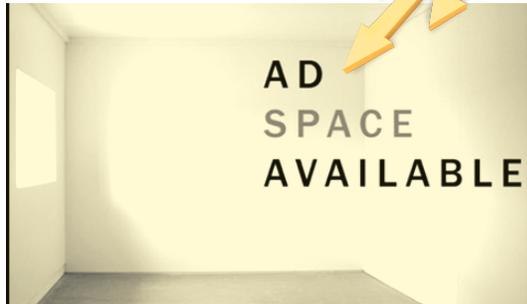
My name is Kelli Kuderka and I am excited to step into the role of Parliamentarian this year for the Fort Knox Spouses and Community Club. I have been an Army spouse for nearly 15 years. I have been involved in several Soldier and Family Readiness Groups and Spouses Clubs. I love to read and continue online courses and training to fulfill my passion for being a lifelong learner. I have a degree in Education from James Madison University. I taught in Elementary Education for four years before starting a family and stepping into several volunteer positions. I have worked as a Parent Teacher Organization Volunteer and Publicity Coordinator, School Board Member, Classroom Volunteer, SFRG Leader, Nursery Teacher, School Community Council Facilitator, and more. I am looking forward to learning more and being a part of this amazing FKSCC team.

Meet the rest of the Board!!

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