

THE GOLD LEAF

Monthly Newsletter



FORT KNOX
SPOUSES AND
COMMUNITY CLUB



THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hilary Trottier

Summertime is my favorite time of year. As a figure skater growing up in Rhode Island, that meant that I would warm up when I left the ice rink. As a college student that meant a break from the Texas heat and getting some good seafood. As a homeschooling mama it means taking a break from schooling my kids to just BE with my kids. This year summertime fun ALSO means working diligently to plan our next year for the FKSCC.

I'm incredibly honored to be serving as your President for the 2022-2023 board year. Last year we focused on the idea that we should "be the change". The only way to be part of a change is to OPT IN, which is our mantra for the year. OPT IN for a subclub - either as a member or a leader. OPT IN for the mixers and come join in on our fun. OPT IN and volunteer on one of our committees. OPT IN and see the change you can create with your time. I have an extremely talented team of men and women who have OPTED IN to create opportunities for us to build real connections with each other and our community. Thank you to each and every one of them!

This month we are connecting with our community by focusing on the Wreaths Across America campaign. This organization works throughout the year to make sure that every military headstone is honored with a wreath around the holidays. We have about 800 headstones in the Fort Knox cemetery and we currently have 77 sponsored. Each wreath is \$15, but the FKSCC gets \$5 from each wreath to go toward our scholarship and grants programs.

On August 6th we will be connecting with our community again for our annual Super Sign Up event. This year we will be hosting an outdoor movie for families living on Fort Knox and in the surrounding areas. We would love to pack the amphitheater on Wilson Road near the Anderson Aquatic Center. Come out starting at 8 pm for our vendor and activities fair. Then, stay for the movie, which will begin at 9:15 pm.

Make sure to renew your membership and share this membership opportunity with friends who are in the area.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Hilary Trottier

Fort Knox Spouses and
Community Club

2022-2023 Calendar

SEPTEMBER 13 - CHEERS IN BASIC BLACK
OCTOBER 15 (EVENING) - BOURBON PULL
OCTOBER 28 (EVENING) - HAUNTED KNOX WALK
NOVEMBER 15 - CUPCAKE WARS
DECEMBER 13 - A TISKET - A TASKET, HOLIDAY IN A BASKET
JANUARY 17 - VOLUNTEER @ FEEDING AMERICA
FEBRUARY 14 - FRIENDENTINE
MARCH 4 - NIGHT AT THE PATTON MUSEUM
MARCH 14 (EVENING) - DECADE DAYS
APRIL 1 - APRIL FOOLS MARATHON (2.62 MILES)
APRIL 18 - MAKE IT, BAKE IT, FAKE IT, TAKE IT
MAY 12 - SPOUSE APPRECIATION



Membership



is open for 2022-2023!!!!

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. Click the option below that best describes you!



E1-E6 Membership

\$
15

Are you the Spouses of an E1-E6?
This plan is for you

Join

2022-23 Early Bird

\$
25

Get your FKSCC Membership now
before the price goes up!

Join

Couples Early Bird

\$
40

Get your FKSCC Couples
Membership Before the Price Goes
Up

Join

Master Sergeant Ivan H Howitz, Sr. was born on April 15, 1894 in Rakow, Russia and immigrated to America in 1910. He enlisted in the US Army in July 1913 and was assigned as a Musician/Bugler. Howitz served in Panama and then overseas during the First World War, where he reportedly served in the 52nd Railway Artillery. It was during the war when he saw his first tanks in action and found himself in the Tank Corps in 1919. During the next twenty years his service with tanks took him to Fort Meade, MD and Fort Benning, GA. When the Armor School was established at Fort Knox, KY in 1940, Howitz was in the initial cadre and served as an instructor. During the Second World War he was recognized as having ridden the most miles in tanks, with an estimated 25,000 or more. Brigadier General Joseph A Holly, Commandant of the Armor School, and Colonel Joel B Stratton, Tank Department Director, considered Howitz "dean of everything



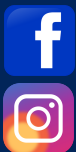
tankwise." When President Franklin Delano Roosevelt visited Fort Knox in April 1943 as part of his Second Wartime Inspection tour, Howitz was photographed presenting him with a souvenir, a model M-4 tank, from the Armored Force School. Howitz retired in November 1944, having served over 31 years in the Army. He was proud of the fact that he was never AWOL, never was court-martialed, never had time to make up, and was never officially reprimanded. After his retirement he continued his service as a Civil Service employee at the Armor School. Two sons are among several descendants who would also serve their country in the US Armed forces. Howitz died in 1964 and is interred along the northeast stone wall in plot Y 29.



Master Sergeant Ivan H Howitz, Sr.

Wreaths Across America Feature

Click the Wreath to pre purchase your wreath



Get To Know Me



Blessings, my name is Zamary Rosario. I'm this year's Fort Knox Spouses and Community Club Parliamentarian. I'm from San Juan, Puerto Rico. I have been married to my soldier for 20 years and we have been in this military journey for 19 years. We have a 17-year-old son and an 11-year-old daughter. I've had the pleasure of serving our military community in many capacities, from FRG leader, Soccer Coach, PWOC President, to Chapel Children's Church Teacher, and many more. I love giving back to our community, which is unique and special, with the many different cultures, backgrounds, family compositions, and diverse needs.

Our resiliency as a community doesn't cease to amaze me. I am humble at the idea of being part of an organization that works diligently to provide opportunities for our children and spouses. It's such an honor to be able to contribute in any way, shape, or form to this mission. I am looking forward to seeing this year unfold and how much more we'll be able to give to those in our community that also sacrifice for our nation. I believe in paying it forward. Generosity and kindness can't be hoarded; it needs to be shared for it to grow.

ZAMARY ROSARIO - PARLIAMENTARIAN



Celebrate
SUPER SIGN UP with a *free*
outdoor movie night!

Aug 6

vendor & activity fair begin at 8 pm
movie begins at 9:15 pm

Despicable Me

amphitheater near the Anderson Aquatic Center

Fort Knox Spouses & Community Club

Want to be a SSU Vendor? \$10/table!

KIDS
BOWL
FREE

All summer long, registered kids will receive
2 free games of bowling every day!

At Houston Bowling Alley on Fort Knox.

REGISTER:

[HTTPS://WWW.KIDSBOWLFREE.COM/CENTER.](https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/center.php?alley_id=6697)

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*There's
Still Time!*



Sub Club Spotlight



Secret Sister/Mister

- **SPECIAL DELIVERY!!** This is a secret gift exchange among participants. Who doesn't like getting a special package?
- **Jenny Mirkovich** uses the elfster.com website to facilitate who has who each month. Maximum gift price is \$25.
- **Monthly** participation, you can opt in or out - but be sure to deliver your gift by the end of each month!
- Check out the Facebook page at [FKSCC Secret Sisters & A Couple Misters](https://www.facebook.com/FKSCC-Secret-Sisters-A-Couple-Misters) for information on how to sign up for September!



Leader: Jenny Mirkovich



Check out more Sub Clubs here!



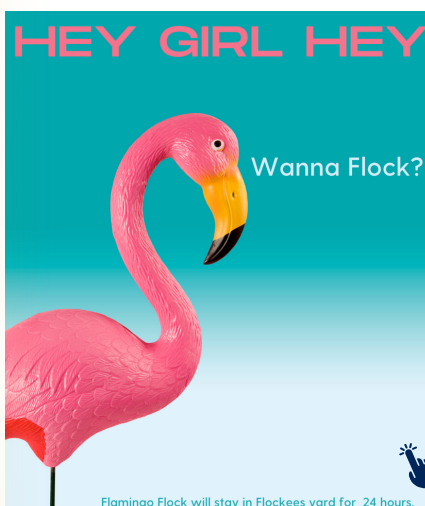
Birthdays

July

Hillary Murphy 07/01
Emily Shamsi 07/04
Jessica Blaisdell 07/11
Maureen Battle 07/12
Sylvia Carrasco 07/14
Karen Grube 07/16
Trista Gleason 07/18
Elizabeth Ebel 07/18
Lisa Whitesell 07/20
Maria Batistoni 07/21
Karmin Solomon 07/22
Rosalie Ramsey 07/23
Whitney Alfaro 07/27
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Melissa Bowen 07/29



FUNDRAISERS



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!



Your 2022 Crowne Pointe Theatre Fundraiser Card is back and it's valid even longer than last time. Get your card and get discounts at 12 locations including Crowne Pointe Theater, Culver's, and \$5.00 off your next Mark's Feed Store purchase. All this is yours for only \$10!



December 17, 2022 at 12:00pm We will be helping Fort Knox Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths!

Don't want to participate?

Donate

monthly must haves

recommendations from your fkscc friends



Book Club Aug 25



School Supplies



Festival



Polaroid Camera



\$1 Movies on Wed.



Local Musical



We have a huge selection of items available through our online shop! Towels, coasters, pottery, etc.! Click to shop!



Sub Club Facebook Page



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[Hiking Sub Club Facebook Page](#)

[Crafting Sub Club Facebook Page](#)

[Coffee Sub Club Facebook Page](#)

[Bourbon Sub Club Facebook Page](#)

[Lunch w/ Munchkins Facebook Page](#)

[Pokeno sub club Facebook Page](#)

[Book Club Sub Club Facebook Page](#)



ANGIE PHILLIPS
ADMINISTRATIVE
COORDINATOR

Angie was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles. She has been an Army Spouse since 2009. The Phillips family has been stationed at USAG Yongsan, Fort Carson, Fort Stewart, Fort Hood and now right here at Fort Knox. Classically trained in dance, acting and singing, Angie has been a performer most of her life. Although she is most at home in a dance studio, she enjoys expanding her horizons, learning new skills and is always open to new adventures. Angie joined her first spouse's club at Fort Stewart and was bitten by the volunteering bug. Loving to be of help in any way she can. Continuing to participate in the spouse's club at Fort Hood. Sadly she could not volunteer as much at Fort Hood, when she took a position as a dance instructor and choreographer with a Dance company that participates in competitions at the National level. Now here at Fort Knox, Angie is ready to get back to being able to being an active member of the club, and although has never been on a board, is excited to learn and do her best!

BECOME A VENDOR



WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU & YOUR BUSINESS FEATURED AS A VENDOR AT OUR MONTHLY MIXERS! \$20 PER TABLE [CLICK HERE!](#)