



The Knox County Joint Veterans Council are looking for **volunteers!!!**

The Knox County Joint Veterans Council is located at the Knox County Veterans Service Office located at 105 E Chestnut St. Mount Vernon, Ohio. The post conducts regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month. The meeting time is 7:00 P.M. **Contact Carol Riley @**

740-504-3264 if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!



They stand guard silently, vigilantly through whatever Mother Nature dares throw at them. They do so with great pride to honor one of their own. And they do this without thought of payment. For them, honoring a fallen brother-in-arms is compensation enough.

For the families of the deceased soldier, they are the ever-watchful sentinels, and their selfless act is a much-appreciated tribute.

US Air Force conducts hypersonic test, but full results are unclear

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Air Force has revealed it conducted a test launch of its hypersonic AGM-183A Air-launched Rapid Response Weapon, or ARRW, earlier this month, but it remains unclear whether the event was a success. The service said in a statement Friday that a B-52H Stratofortress bomber released the fully operational prototype ARRW, which is made by Lockheed Martin, off the coast of southern California. The March 13 test represented the second launch of an ARRW operational prototype and focused on the weapon's end-to-end performance, the Air Force said.

The Air Force added that "the test met several of the objectives," without providing further details. The wording differs from a service statement released in December following the first launch of an operational ARRW prototype, which said "all objectives were met" in that Dec. 9 test.

The Air Force's December statement also said the B-52 "successfully released" the ARRW. The most recent release on the March test did not use the word successful, simply noting that a "B-52H Stratofortress released" the second ARRW prototype.

The statement about the December test specified that the ARRW reached hypersonic speeds greater than Mach 5, completed its planned flight path and detonated. The March statement did not include such statements.

Engineers and testers from the ARRW team "are collecting data for further analysis," the Air Force said. The test was conducted by the 412th Test Wing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Asked whether the March 13 test was successful, the Air Force told Defense News it would not provide further information beyond what was in the release.

"We expect less information to be available on this topic in the future for operational security reasons," a Defense Department official told Defense News.



NEW FLAG POLICY!

ATTENTION, Bad news and Good news ! "FLAGS"

THE BAD NEWS.

Unfortunately, due to multiple logistic changes outside of our control, the office will no longer be able to keep an inventory of U.S. Flags for purchase through the Congressman's office. But we can still assist.

In prior years we were able to maintain an inventory of flags and the public would be able to write a check to the congressman's office and we would be reimbursed the flag that was given out.

Due to changes in ordering, billing, shipping and pricing we will now only be able to assist YOU with the purchase. The new ordering process takes place one flag at a time, online, through our new Congressman's website.

If you stop in, we can provide the following.

1. Order your flag online for you.
2. Accept your check to the Congressman. (cost+shipping now)
3. Mail your check with conformation to the proper office.
4. You will then receive your flag in the mail.

You may also do this yourself online at ,<https://balderson.house.gov/>

Under the tab "services", "flag Requests"

THE GOOD NEWS.

We are offering FREE 3x5 nylon, all-weather, made in the USA Flags every year to all those who attend our Open House in person. This being ONE per Knox County household/family. Our annual Open House is always on the Monday before Memorial Day every year.

This year's Open house is Monday May 22nd 8am-5pm.

We will also entertain and review special requests for a flag to be donated based on location, need, event etc.

We are also entertaining additional free flag giveaway events throughout the year with no decisions being made yet.

We apologize for this inconvenience. See you in the office soon !



The cost to rename 9 Confederacy-honoring Army bases has doubled

The Army expects to pay \$39 million, said Lt. Gen. Kevin Vereen, Army deputy chief of staff for installations. In 2022, the congressionally-mandated Naming Commission estimated it would cost \$21 million to rename the nine Army installations.

The Defense Department initially gave the Army \$1 million to change the names, but “that’s not anywhere close to what we need,” Vereen told members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies.

The renaming involves replacing names not only at the installation gates, but on facilities, streets, numerous smaller signs, and technology, he said.

Service officials have until the end of the year to remove the names, symbols, displays, monuments, and paraphernalia that honor or commemorate the Confederacy or any person who served voluntarily with the Confederacy.

Garrisons won’t have to foot the bill, Vereen said, nor will they have to pay the costs upfront and then request reimbursement.

“The Army is trying to solve the funding piece, and we’re trying to solve it internally,” he said. “We’ll take the funds from the department.”

BASES SLATED FOR RENAMING:

- Fort Benning, Georgia — Fort Moore, after Army Lt. Gen. Hal Moore and his wife, Julia Compton Moore. Hal Moore received the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in the Vietnam War. Julia Moore was an advocate for military families.
- Fort Bragg, North Carolina — Fort Liberty.
- Fort Gordon, Georgia — Fort Eisenhower, after President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was also a five-star Army general and served as the Supreme Allied Commander of forces in Europe during World War II.
- Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia — Fort Walker after Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, the first female surgeon in the Civil War, and the only woman awarded the Medal of Honor.
- Fort Hood, Texas — Fort Cavazos, after Army Gen. Richard E. Cavazos, who received the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in the Vietnam War.
- Fort Lee, Virginia — Fort Gregg-Adams, after Lt. Gen. Arthur Gregg and Lt. Col. Charity Adams. Gregg was a key figure in the integration of black soldiers into the Army. Adams was one of the highest-ranking female soldiers in World War II.
- Fort Pickett, Virginia — Fort Barfoot, after Army Tech Sgt. Van T. Barfoot, who received the Medal of Honor for his actions with the 45th Infantry Division during World War II in Italy in 1944.
- Fort Polk, Louisiana — Fort Johnson, after Army Sgt. William Henry Johnson, who received the Medal of Honor posthumously for action in the Argonne Forest of France during World War I.
- Fort Rucker, Alabama — Fort Novosel, after Army Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael J. Novosel, an aviator who received the Medal of Honor for a medevac mission under fire in Vietnam where he saved 29 soldiers.

Pictures of the Month



Soldiers prep for Griffin Claw at Powidz, Poland, March 15, 2023. The exercise builds readiness, increases operability and reinforces steadfast and loyal commitment to our Allies and partners.



U.S. and South Korean troops conduct a combined aerial exercise over South Korea, March 19, 2023.