

## After seven decades, Fort Knox gets a new mission

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FT KNOX, KY (WAVE) - It is a big part of Kentucky history and we are learning what the future holds for Fort Knox. Major changes are underway, but we discovered that it is actually good news for the Bluegrass state.

Pomp and circumstance filled Fort Knox for the historic day as the biggest change in decades became a reality for the post. After wrapping up basic training, soldiers specializing in Armor would come to Fort Knox. But that program is now moving to the Fort Benning in Georgia.

The move was symbolized by the Armor Division's yellow flag being wrapped up for the final time at Fort Knox - a first in nearly 70 years. In that program's place, Fort Knox now becomes home to Accessions Command, a specialty arm of the Army that focuses in recruiting soldiers, and will even shape the future of basic training at all Army operations.

The news also means a change in command. Major General James Milano will move on to another assignment within the Army as Lieutenant General Benjamin Freakley takes the reins of Fort Knox and its new destiny as the Accessions Command post.

"I'm convinced we're in great shape and poised to continue to make history," said Milano.

"I'm sure that many in the Armor Center and our community leaders wonder what does mean to our future as we pass this torch of command from the Armor Center to the Accessions Command," said Freakley. "Fort Knox has long been a team of teams with Armory and Calvary leading the way. Now that team of team continues."

The changes have been in the works for the past few years as part of BRAC, or Base Realignment Commission, recommendations as the Army is making its operations more efficient while preparing for the next generation of command.

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