2020



ANNUAL REPORT

LEADERSHIP MESSAGE



Ray Springsteen Chairman



BG (Ret) Jim Iacocca President/CEO

In 2020, the Knox Regional Development Alliance (KRDA) continued its work to promote and protect Fort Knox and grow defense-related business in the region. Despite COVID-19, our region realized the benefits of this proactive effort by way of new missions on post, local defense contractor job creation and Fort Knox's growing strategic value.

In February, working closely with the Kentucky Congressional Delegation, we received the news that Fort Knox was selected for the home of the Army's new corps headquarters – V Corps – bringing nearly 2,000 Soldiers and Army family members to our community. Along with the tremendous economic impact, V Corps is one of only four corps headquarters in the Army, adding to Fort Knox's strategic value.

The new talent management initiatives – Battalion Commander Assessment Program and Colonels Command Assessment Program – at Fort Knox also add strategic value, as well as its world-class training areas and ranges. Once the construction of a new high tech live-fire range at Yano Range is completed, it will be one of only two Digital Air/Ground Integration Ranges in the Army.

Off post, we welcomed Poly A&M, a new defense contractor to our community. We also celebrated the news of North South Consulting Group's (NSCG) winning bid for contract work previously performed out of state, bringing 75 new jobs to our region.

Make no mistake, when it comes to growth on post, the credit goes to Fort Knox leadership and its dedicated workforce. Similarly, NSCG's skills, capabilities and expert team put them at the head of the pack for the business at Fort Knox. KRDA's role is to advise, support and help set the conditions for success. This only happens with great partners like Elizabethtown Community and Technical College and the Lincoln Trail Workforce Development Board. Their leadership in launching the Greater Knox Coding Academy and our new spousal employment initiative, respectively, exemplifies the value of collaboration in making our region more competitive.

In a year unlike any other, Fort Knox's importance to our regional economy cannot be overstated. KRDA's work to increase Fort Knox's economic impact is possible because of the support of our 80 investors. As you review this annual report, do so with pride in all that we accomplished together and excitement for the opportunities to come.

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Ray Springsteen

Jim Iacocca

MISSION

KRDA, through focused and cooperative engagements, will protect and promote Fort Knox to increase its economic impact on the Greater Fort Knox Region and the state of Kentucky.

VISION

A viable/thriving Fort Knox and surrounding communities mutually supporting missions, citizens, Soldiers and economic development.

VALUES

KRDA will foster an environment of dignity and respect for all people in all places. We will conduct ourselves with integrity and honor and encourage our partners to do the same. Our investors and community are essential to success; therefore we will be exceptional stewards of resources and communicate regularly to maintain awareness.



Advocate for new missions and retain existing missions at Fort Knox

Attract and retain defense-related business



Facilitate more public-public and public-private partnerships

FORT KNOX'S REGIONAL IMPACT



FORT KNOX MISSION GROWTH

Battalion Commander Assessment Program 750 OFFICERS** Colonels Command Assessment Program 325 OFFICERS**

V Corps

650 SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

\$50+ MILLION IN ANNUAL PAYROLL*

\$98 MILLION

IN ANNUAL CONSUMER SPENDING*

GROWING STRATEGIC VALUE



V CORPS Activation October 2020 One of four corps headquarters in the Army



GLOBAL TALENT MANAGEMENT

Caring for Soldiers and their families from enlistment to retirement – Army's #1 priority



WORLD-CLASS RANGES & TRAINING AREAS

Yano Range will be the only Digital Air/ Ground Integration Range east of the Rockies, estimated completion 2023



RAISING THE REGION'S PROFILE

Senator Mitch McConnell announced Fort Knox as the home of the new V Corps headquarters at a press conference hosted by KRDA.

FOSTERING PARTNERSHIPS

Partnered with Elizabethtown Community & Technical College to launch the Greater Knox Coding Academy to meet Fort Knox IT workforce needs.



CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY & FORT KNOX

Launched greaterfortknox.com to help military families moving find local resources including a first of its kind program to support military spouses looking for employment.



AT WORK

BG (Ret) Jim lacocca spoke on a panel at the Association of Defense Communities Innovation Forum.



The Greater Knox Coding Academy speaks volumes to the level of support the region provides and serves as a model for other defense communities.

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Brian Cordle, CoreSys CEO



GROWING DEFENSE-RELATED BUSINESS

NORTH SOUTH CONSULTING GROUP EXPANDS

Adding new contract to support the Army's recruiting and marketing efforts including a new call center in Radcliff.



POLY A&M OPENS IN RADCLIFF



Providing support to the Department of Defense human resource and administrative contracts and other specialty missions.

KRDA OUTREACH



KRDA 2020 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE





\$250,000+

Abound Credit Union Baptist Health Hardin

\$150,000 - \$249,999

Swope Family of Dealerships

\$100,000 - \$149,999

City of Radcliff WesBanco

\$75,000 - \$99,999

Meade County Fiscal Court Scotty's Contracting and Stone

\$50,000 - \$74,999

Bullitt County Fiscal Court The Cecilian Bank City of Elizabethtown Elizabethtown Tourism and Convention Bureau Hardin County Fiscal Court Knox Ford The Landmark Foundation LaRue County Fiscal Court Newcomb Oil Co., LLC / FiveStar Nolin RECC Tony Malito Budget Car Sales

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Brandenburg Telecom Chase Bank Curneal & Hignite Insurance Agency Heart of Kentucky Association of Realtors Louisville Water Company The Lusk Group Markham Development Company Meade County RECC / Big Rivers Electric Corp. South Central Bank Stiles. Carter and Associates. CPA's PSC Toyota of Louisville City of Vine Grove W&B Broadcasting West Point Bank Wilson & Muir Bank & Trust

\$15,000 - \$24,999

Byerly Ford Nissan, Inc. Kerr Workplace Solutions Magnolia Bank Reliable Partners, LLC Skeeters, Bennett, Wilson & Humphrey The Wright Legacy Group

INVESTORS

\$10,000 - \$14,999

Armed Forces Bank AUSA, Fort Knox Chapter Lloyd C. Hillard Jr. Hodges Auction Company / Goldstar Realty Holiday Inn Express Inn & Suites / Red Lion Inn & Suites Kentucky Farm Bureau Hardin County Agency LaRue-Carey Insurance Group Silver Gate Properties Sullivan University System

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Armag Corporation **Big Four Star Properties** Citizens Union Bank Clark Jewelers State Representative Jim DuPlessis James Fugitte Dr. Larry & Mary Lou Hall Heartland Communications Consultants L.B. Schmidt & Associates Lincoln Trail Behavioral Health System Lincoln Trail Homebuilders Association Diane Logsdon National Contracting Services Owen LaRue Financial State Senator Dennis Parrett POWER 10 Fundraising TW Shortt MG (Ret) John R. Tindall

\$500 - \$4,999

Affinity Business Solutions MG (Ret) Bill Barron Carl E. Cornelius Jr. Marilyn & Randy Ford Goldbelt, Inc. BG (Ret) Jim Iacocca Jenkins-Essex Construction Military Officers Association of America Mutual of Omaha Mortgage Dr. William Nash North South Consulting Group Ray's Ford Sky Tower Steve Rice & Associates

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*ex officio

**Posthumus: We are deeply saddened by the loss of KRDA board member and Meade County Judge/Executive Gerry Lynn. Judge Lynn's contributions to KRDA and our region will leave a lasting legacy.

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