



# Current FACts

FAC News to Use

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## Kentucky State Flag Flies High Over Forward Operating Base Qrgun-E, Afghanistan

Submitted by Gerald Brownlee, Dept. for Facilities & Support Services

When Tammy Hall, a lady who works in the Health Services Building in Frankfort where I'm maintenance superintendent asked if I'd give a Kentucky state flag to a group of soldiers from the 629<sup>th</sup> Forward Surgical Team, I was somewhat skeptical. Why would this group of soldiers want a Kentucky flag to fly over the Afghanistan base where they were based?



Above: Gerald Brownlee with flag and certificate.  
Photo by Kevin Kinnaird, COT.

After thinking it over a bit, and given my experience serving in the Kentucky Air and National Guard, I thought this was one small thing I could do for fellow military men and women.

To my surprise, the flag made it back to me on Sept. 16 with a very nice Certificate of Authenticity from the Commander of that outfit, CPT E. Stephen Lewis. This really made my day because I myself had just missed the first deployment back in 1991 when the U.S. first went over to Iraq. Just to know that this was the "right thing to do," that in itself brought back fond memories of

when I had to train for service over there but never made it because my service time ran out in 1992.

But, my name and flag made it, which is why I decided to send the flag to begin with. It just goes to show that when you do something for your country, no matter how big or small, it will eventually come back to you. I was very pleased with that thoughtfulness and I will also cherish the flag.

The flag flew during Combat Operation ISO Operation Enduring Freedom, Forward Operating Base Qrgun-E, Afghanistan, 18 December 2011 to 17 November 2012.

*Gerald Brownlee is the Maintenance Superintendent for the Health Services Building, 275 E. Main Street, Frankfort.*

## CONGRATULATIONS

### WEEK 2 WINNER!!!

### KECC PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT CHALLENGE

#### GLENN KLAYER

DEPT. OF REVENUE

OFFICE OF PROPERTY VALUATION



**Answer:** Transportation parking structure.

\$10 will be donated to KECC in Glenn's name from the Secretary's Office.

**This week's challenge on Page 2!**

## FAC General Counsel, Jeff Mosley, Tapped to Lead Economic Development for Louisville

After nearly 16 years with state government, Jeff Mosley is heading off for a new phase in his career. Beginning Oct. 16 he will serve as the director of economic development for the city of Louisville.

For Mayor Greg Fisher it was an easy choice.

"Jeff knows the art of economic development -- and he knows how to execute deals," Fischer said. "His experience in Frankfort has prepared him well for his new role."

Mosley began his state government career as general counsel for the Transportation Cabinet. Prior to joining the Finance Cabinet, he's also served in the Governor's Office for Agriculture Policy, Education and Workforce Development Cabinets.

"Jeff has been a tremendous asset to our efforts at the Finance Cabinet," said Secretary Lori Flanery. "We will miss his candor and innate ability to quickly discern what needed to be done and how best to go about doing it."

"Congratulations on your new challenge," she added. "Mayor Fisher could not have picked anyone better for this job."

## Surplus Property's First Online-Only Auction a Success

The Div. of Surplus Property conducted a nearly month-long online-only auction to sell equipment from the fuel lab that garnered \$2.14 million dollars. This basically recovered the entire cost of the equipment purchased six years earlier.

"To say the least, we are extremely happy that the taxpayers of Kentucky were made whole with this auction," said Danny Ford, director of Surplus Property.

The auction ran from Aug. 24 to Sept. 17. There were 692 registered bidders from all around the United States. Marketing materials and direct mailers were sent to various industry sectors, primarily oil and fuel refineries.



"Danny Ford and the staff at Surplus Properties did a great job with this sale," said Sam Ruth, commissioner of the Dept. for Facilities and Support Services. "For several years we've offered items for auction on eBay. However, this was the state's first auction that was completely online."

## Blood Drive for American Red Cross Sept. 27

The Kentucky Safety Program and the Personnel Cabinet are pleased to sponsor the American Red Cross (ARC) blood drive. ARC will be accepting donations on **Friday, Sept. 27, 2013**, from **8 a.m. – 2 p.m.** In the State Office Building auditorium.

Appointments to donate may be scheduled on the American Red Cross website at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). The sponsor code for this drive is 0245636. Priority will be given to those with scheduled appointments. All donors will receive a \$5 Subway gift card provided by ARC.

[Click here](#) for details.

## KECC Photo Scavenger Hunt— Week 3 Challenge

*Pictures from Frankfort area state-owned/leased properties*

### This is a photo of what in Frankfort?

Send your answer to Robin Morley at [robin.morley@ky.gov](mailto:robin.morley@ky.gov)



Week 3 winner announced Sept. 26 in Current FACTs.

Photo by Tim Depenbrock, Landscape Branch

## Get Your KECC Pledge form in by Sept. 20 To be Entered in \$100 Visa Gift Card Drawing

If you're planning on giving to KECC, you may want to go ahead and submit your completed pledge form by close of business, Friday, Sept. 20. Everyone who pledges will have their name entered into the drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card.

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