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Island Insight



This publication is published weekly and contains information about, for, and of interest to the Island Workforce. This document is also available on the Island Intranet under "Information" and on the installation website at www.ria.army.mil under "About USAG-RIA" and then "News" and "Local News."

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INCLEMENT WEATHER
OPERATING STATUS

ASC Inducts Its First NCO Into

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club: The Army Sustainment Command hosted its first Sergeant Audie Murphy Club induction ceremony Jan. 17 at Heritage Hall in Bldg. 60. Sgt. 1st Class Matthew C. Favory was inducted into the prestigious noncommissioned officer-only association and serves as the provost marshal sergeant for ASC. Favory, 27, a native of Fort Wayne, Ind., enlisted two days after his high school

graduation from Norwell High School in Ossian, Ind., in 2003. Since then he has held numerous leadership and operations positions, including team leader, squad leader, platoon sergeant and drill sergeant. He has served at Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; and Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Favory is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Homeland Security and Emergency Management from Ashford University in Clinton, Iowa. Favory is the recipient

of the Purple Heart; Meritorious Service Medal, the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge and Combat Action Badge. The SAMC recognizes Army noncommissioned officers in the ranks of corporal through sergeant first class who display exemplary leadership, characterized by



personal concern for the needs, training development and welfare of Soldiers. ([More](#))

Maj. Gen. Ruark Visits ACC-RI During Rock Island Arsenal Stop:

Leaders from Army Contracting Command-Rock Island welcomed U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Robert R. Ruark, U.S. Central Command director for logistics and engineering, here on Jan. 16. ACC-RI Acting Executive Director, Col. John P. Hannon, and other ACC-RI leaders briefed Ruark on the contracting work associated with the Reachback and LOGCAP missions, as well as the general support capabilities that ACC-RI provides to CENTCOM. ([More](#))



Army Freezes Hiring, Cuts Base Ops, Reduces Training:

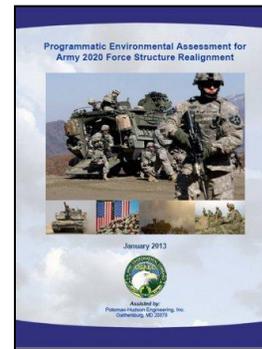
In advance of possible extreme budget cuts that could arrive in March, Army leadership has called for an immediate hiring freeze and spelled out other pre-emptive measures meant to help the service prepare for a



fiscal cliff. In a memo dated Jan. 16, Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno laid out 15 "near-term" actions to help the Army "reduce our expenditure rate and mitigate budget execution risks in order to avoid even more serious future fiscal shortfalls." ([More](#))

Report: Bases Could Face Downsizing as Army Reshapes to Smaller Force:

Numerous Army installations across the U.S. could face significant downsizing in the coming years as the service reshapes into a smaller force, but for now the possibility of more troop reductions overseas has "been eliminated from further review," according to an Army report. In the Army's [Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Army 2020 Force Structure Realignment](#), the impact for overseas installations was not included in the analysis, which instead focused on 21 U.S. facilities. However, the report noted that any additional reductions



Rock Island Arsenal Winter Weather Awareness



Soldiers, their Families, DA Civilians, contractors and visitors of RIA can visit the website below for information during severe winter weather. No CAC needed!

http://www.ria.army.mil/sites/inclement_weather

- The Garrison Installation Operations Center monitors current and projected hazardous weather conditions and advises the Garrison Manager.
- RIA closures, delays and early dismissals will be made by the Senior Commander, Garrison Manager and other key leaders.
- Information will be sent through command channels as soon as a decision is made and will be posted to the RIA Inclement Weather Operational Impact Page.
- Organizations are encouraged to use the RIA Inclement Weather Operational Impact Webpage to post their organizations status during inclement weather.

Post closures will include closing of all non essential garrison services (e.g. CYSS, Dining Facilities, Gym etc.)



<http://readyarmy.ria.army.mil>



overseas would not offset the demand for more downsizing in the U.S. ([More](#))

Army Military, Civilians, Contractors Can Take Advantage of Microsoft Home Use Program to Obtain Microsoft Office, Other Products at Low Cost: The Army, along with the Air Force and Defense Information Systems Agency, have access to the newest versions of Microsoft products, including Microsoft Office 2013, SharePoint 2013 and Windows 8, under a \$617 million joint enterprise license agreed to in December 2012. ([More](#))



Bracing for Furloughs: DoD, Others Begin Detailed Sequester Planning: Federal agencies are girding for mass furloughs and other cutbacks as across-the-board budget reductions loom in barely a month. “Hundreds of thousands” of employees face unpaid time off if those cuts take effect, Jeff Zients, acting chief



of the Office of Management and Budget, wrote in a Jan. 14 memo. ([More](#))

Defense Workforce Caps Put Key Skills at Risk: For the past two years, the Defense Department has mandated a cap on its civilian workforce in a bid to cut overhead costs. But in a new report, the Government Accountability Office questions whether DoD has done enough to ensure core competencies and key skills aren't lost or left unfilled as the department complies with the workforce caps. ([More](#))



House Vote to Block Federal Workers' Pay Raise Postponed: Republican leaders have postponed a vote planned for this week on a bill to block President Obama's proposed across-the-board pay increase for federal workers in 2013. The measure, sponsored by Rep. Ron DeSantis, R-Fla., would prevent a 0.5 percent pay raise set in April for federal employees, which is



Upcoming Dates

Jan. 24: Women's Healthy Weight Day
Jan. 27: National Eosinophilia Day
Jan. 27-Feb. 2: Tobacco-Free Awareness Week
Jan. 28-Feb. 1: No Name-Calling Week
Jan. 28-Feb. 3: National Drug Facts Week
Jan. 29: Thomas Paine Day
Feb. 1: National Wear Red Day
Feb. 1: National Freedom Day
Feb. 1-7: National Patient Recognition Week
Feb. 2: Groundhog Day
Feb. 2: National Junior Achievement Groundhog Job Shadow Day
Feb. 3: Super Bowl Sunday (Super Bowl XLVII)
Feb. 3-9: Burn Awareness Week
Feb. 4: USO 72nd Birthday
Feb. 4: World Cancer Day
Feb. 4-10: World Salt Awareness Week
Feb. 5: Army Emergency Relief 73rd Birthday
Feb. 5: National Patient Recognition Day
Feb. 5: National Weatherman's Day
Feb. 7: National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
Feb. 7-14: Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week
Feb. 10-16: National Salute to Veteran Patients
Feb. 10-16: Children of Alcoholics Week
Feb. 11: National Inventors' Day
Feb. 11-15: Random Acts of Kindness Week
Feb. 12: Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)
Feb. 12: Darwin Day
Feb. 14: Valentine's Day
Feb. 14: National Donor Day
Feb. 14: National Pet Theft Awareness Day
Feb. 17-24: Military Saves Week
Feb. 17-24: Eating Disorders Awareness Week
Feb. 18: Presidents' Day (*Federal Holiday*)
Feb. 24-March 2: National Eating Disorders Awareness Week
Feb. 25-March 2: Military Saves Week
March 10: Daylight Saving Time Begins



estimated to cost about \$11 million a year. No new date for floor action on the vote has been set – but it would not occur until next month at the earliest. House members are likely to adjourn on Wednesday until Feb. 4. ([More](#))

Obama: U.S. to Maintain Global Presence:

Taking the oath of office Monday, President Obama pledged to maintain America's power abroad while declaring that "a decade of war is now ending." Obama's speech was wide-ranging but light on specific details, with a heavy focus on domestic policy. International affairs received only a short mention in the roughly 20-minute speech. ([More](#))



Next Four Years Crucial for Federal Workforce:

President Obama begins his second term with a solid series of accomplishments related to the federal workforce, but with more crucial questions facing federal employees than at any time in the past four years. He didn't mentioned



federal workers specifically in his inaugural address Monday, but he closed with words that could have a special meaning for them: "With common effort and common purpose, with passion and dedication, let us answer the call of history, and carry into an uncertain future that precious light of freedom." ([More](#))

OPM Tells Sick Feds to Stay Home,

Telework: In the face of an unusually [brutal flu season](#), the Office of Personnel Management reminded feds of the many options they have if they do come under the weather. OPM Director John Berry [sent a memo on Jan. 18](#) to chief human capital officers encouraging agencies to use a number of "workplace flexibilities" if employees get the flu virus. He told feds to look into taking sick leave and using telework options and alternative work schedules to help combat possible downtime from illness. The memo was an update to [guidance released in September](#), when OPM recommended that federal employees and contractors take the flu vaccine to minimize the risk of transmitting the virus. ([More](#))



Federal Employees Won't Be Affected by Hurricane Sandy Relief Package:

The House has passed a \$50.7 billion Hurricane Sandy relief bill, but it won't come with any negative impact to the federal workforce. Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R-SC) had recently filed two amendments to the bill that would have required cuts of 1.63% for all federal agencies and would have eliminated the mass transit benefit for federal employees. These failed to pass by vote of 258-162. ([More](#))



Quad City Mallards' Military

Appreciation Night: The Quad City Mallards are hosting Mallards' Military Appreciation Night on Friday, **Feb. 8**, puck drop at 7:05 p.m., at the iWireless Center, as the team recognizes those who serve in our armed forces. Active duty military (including Guard & Reserve) can get up to two free tickets to the game courtesy of AUSA; eligible individuals can pick up your free tickets at the ACS/USO Open House in Bldg.



110 on **Jan. 31**, 12-5 p.m. or call (309) 782-4420. DoD Civilians, contractors, retirees, and vets can purchase discounted tickets at the arena ticket window for \$8 (upper bowl) or \$13 (lower bowl). Children who would like to participate clearing the ice after "Chuck-a-Puck" are to sign-up at the Fan Accommodation Table. Fans will be able to purchase \$1 hot dogs and \$1 beer at iWireless Center concession stands **Feb. 8** as part of College Night co-promotion that night. ([More](#))

ACS-USO Open House: Join Army Community Service and USO for the exciting grand re-opening of our newly renovated and expanded facility at our ACS-USO Open House, **Jan. 31**, 12-5 p.m., in Bldg. 110, 1st floor (SE Wing). The event will include door prizes drawn every hour, refreshments, an official program and ribbon cutting at 1 p.m., and USO Discovery Kids featuring Figge Art Museum 4-5 p.m. Call (309) 782-0829/3896 for more information. ([Flyer](#))



America's Army - Our Profession: America's Army - Our Profession is a

yearlong education and training program intended to reaffirm our understanding of the Army Profession and to motivate our recommitment to upholding the Army ethic. The program, created by U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's Combined Arms Center, consists of three major efforts: professional development training, Army Profession seminars and Master Army Profession and Ethic Trainer courses. ([More](#))

Historic Clock Tower and Eagle Watch Tours:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi River Project announces that the Visitor Center at Locks and Dam 15 is inviting guests to come participate in a Historic Clock Tower and Eagle Watch Tour. Relive the early days of the Rock Island Arsenal as you climb your way up the historic corridor of the Clock Tower Building which has been a Quad City landmark for more than 100 years. Waiting at the top is a spectacular view of the Mississippi River where you could have the opportunity to see bald eagles who visit our area during the cold winter months. Visitors are invited to join these tours



every Saturday and Sunday beginning **Jan. 19**, and running through **Feb. 10**. There will be two tours offered each day that will begin at 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The tour will be approximately 1½ hours long and be guided by a Visitor Center park ranger. The tour will begin at the Mississippi River Visitor Center, located on the west end of Arsenal Island at Locks and Dam 15. This program is free of charge and everyone is invited to attend. Advance registration is recommended. An adult must accompany children under 12 years of age. All persons over age 16 must carry a photo ID to enter the island. Vehicles are subject to search and participants should allow 15 minutes extra to ensure proper arrival time for the tour. For more information or to sign up for the program, please contact the Visitor Center at (309) 794-5338. ([Eagle Watching on the Mississippi River](#))

Garrison Job Fair:

The Rock Island Arsenal-Garrison will host a Job Fair in the Baylor/Jordan/Schull Conference Center, 3rd floor, Bldg. 104 (tentative location) on Wednesday, **April 17**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. In support of this effort, the



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Garrison Manager asks that Arsenal Island organizational leaders, commanders and first sergeants encourage our transitioning Soldiers, Civilians and Family members to attend this important job opportunity event. Details regarding expected participating employers and jobs will follow as plans firm up.

Inaugural Arsenal Island Quarterly After-work Social:

First Army invites you and your organization to attend the Inaugural Arsenal Island Quarterly After-work Social. Each command and tenant organization will have the opportunity to host this quarterly event for our Arsenal Island teammates.

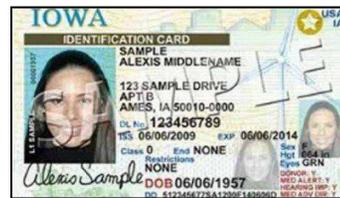


This is the First Island-wide Social event to bring us closer together as a community and workforce. We anticipate lots of fun getting to know other comrades from various commands and organizations on the Arsenal. This quarterly social is being held at the Arsenal Island Golf Course clubhouse in the main ballroom, on Friday, **Feb. 1**, beginning at 4 p.m.; clubhouse specials start at 3:30 p.m. This after work event is for all military and civilian employees

on Arsenal Island. Bring your teammates with you and support the effort by enjoying an afternoon of fun, free spirit, and relaxation. You can look forward to an hour of free popcorn, 35¢ hot wings, \$2 domestic canned beer 3:30-4:30 p.m., music, line dancing, and more. First Army looks forward to hosting this event, along with the clubhouse staff, and eagerly anticipates enjoying this evening with the rest of the Rock Island Arsenal military and civilian workforce. It is always good to know we can come together for an evening of fun and entertainment after work to foster camaraderie, social networking, and support Arsenal Island. Your personal and collective participation and support is greatly anticipated and appreciated.

Iowa Implementing National REAL

ID Cards: Anyone trying to get through airport security or access to a government facility in Iowa will eventually be required to have a national [REAL ID identification card](#). The federal identification card system is a reality for Iowa that started Jan. 15.



That's the deadline for all states to be in compliance with the REAL ID Act. Starting then, Iowa residents will have the option of getting a REAL ID non-motorist identification card or a REAL ID driver's license if they meet state requirements for driving. Having either a Real ID or a license and passport to board a plane will not go into effect until Dec. 1, 2014. There are two different compliance dates if you choose to get a Real ID. If you were born after Dec. 1, 1964, the compliance date is Dec. 1, 2014. Anyone born on or before Dec. 1, 1964 the compliance date is Dec. 1, 2017. ([More](#))

Funeral Scheduled for Gen.

Schwarzkopf: The funeral for Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf will be held at the United States Military Academy at West Point in New York. A West Point spokesman said Tuesday that the retired general's family has scheduled the funeral & internment for **Feb. 28**. Schwarzkopf was a 1956 graduate of the academy. ([More](#)) ([Internment](#))



Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop &

Boutique: Attention Attic consignors, you can now bring in unlimited items.



Attic shoppers, we have great items, great prices, come visit us. Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. New photos on Facebook, search for Arsenal Attic. POC: (309) 782-6977.

Blood Drive: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A **2nd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **6:15 p.m. on Jan. 25**. A **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on Feb. 16**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor.



Charlie Corpuscle Says, "On behalf of the patients we serve, Thank You to all of our Arsenal Blood Donors! Not a donor? New donors are always welcome!"

The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information click here.

Augustana Basketball Night: All RIA employees and their families are invited to attend Augustana basketball games on Saturday, **Feb. 9**, at the Carver Center. The women's game begins at 5 p.m. with the men's game to follow at 7 p.m. Just show your ID card for free admission for up to four people.



Corps of Engineers' Park Rangers at Outdoor Show and RV Camping

Shows: If you have a love for the outdoors and winter is keeping you from participating in your favorite recreational activities then come visit with our ranger staff at the QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island, and get geared up for summer while the cold air is still blowing outside. The Outdoor Show will be held **Feb. 14-17** and our



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rangers will be on hand to provide information on all the recreational opportunities our project has to offer. We will even have annual day use passes available for sale so that boaters can get ready for the season by purchasing their boat ramp sticker early. The RV Camping Show will be the following weekend **Feb. 22-24** and rangers will be on site to answer questions and provide information on all our camping and recreational areas. For more information on these shows check out the website www.qccaexpoenter.com.

Weingarten Rights – Employees Rights to be Represented by an Exclusive Union in an Appropriate Bargaining Unit: The Federal Service

Labor-Management Relations Statue (5 USC Chapter 71) gives employees in units represented by an exclusive labor organization the right to request union representation at any examination by a representative of the agency in connection with an investigation if the employee believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action. Section 7114(a) of 5 USC Chapter 71 states that:



An exclusive representative of an appropriate unit in an agency shall be given the opportunity to be represented at any examination of an employee in the unit by a representative of the agency in connection with an investigation if the employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee and the employee requests representation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Labor Relations Specialist or Ombudsman.

EITC Awareness Day Friday, Jan. 25:

Did you know that workers eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit, can receive up to \$5,981 by claiming the credit on their 2013 federal tax returns? They can receive even more if they live in a state with a similar credit. Think of the financial boost EITC provides working people and the impact that influx of cash brings to your local economy. What's amazing is there are potentially eligible people who miss this credit because they don't file a federal tax return. Four out of five people claim and get the EITC they earned, but that leaves millions of



people who miss boosting their income by claiming EITC. If you worked and earned less than \$50,000, find out if you are eligible for EITC. See if you qualify at www.irs.gov/eitc.

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, 2013:

Presidential Proclamation – This month, we rededicate ourselves to stopping one of the greatest human rights abuses of our time. Around the world, millions of men, women, and children are bought, sold, beaten, and abused, locked in compelled service and hidden in darkness. They toil in factories and fields; in brothels and sweatshops; at sea, abroad, and at home. They are the victims of human trafficking -- a crime that amounts to modern-day slavery. [\(More\)](#) [\(Army Combating Trafficking in Persons\)](#) [\(DoD Combating Trafficking in Persons\)](#) [\(Article: DoD Heightens Training, Prevention to Target Human Trafficking\)](#)



Jason's Box Save the Date – Treating Today's Servicemen & Women: Understanding Deployment, the War

Zone Experience and Homecoming: Thursday, **March 14**, in the Gold Room, Hotel Blackhawk, Davenport, 6-6:30 p.m.; registration, buffet dinner, cash bar from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The presentation will be presented by John Mundt, Ph.D., licensed clinical psychologist and national trauma-informed treatment expert with special guest speaker U.S. Army Maj. Jeffrey Hall, PTSD Survivor. For more information, contact Stephanie Burrough at (309) 779-3077.

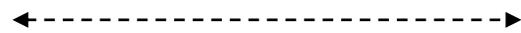
Telework Week: Now Is Your Chance:

If you have not been part of the teleworking crowd, this year's annual Telework Week may provide you with an opportunity to try it out. In its third year, Telework Week 2013 runs from **March 4 to March 8**. The event is sponsored by Telework Exchange, a public-private partnership that works to increase the use of telework and development of a more mobile workforce. It promotes Telework Week to encourage greater adoption of telework by asking agencies, organizations and individuals to pledge to telework for any period of time during that work week. [\(More\)](#)



Golden Retriever Needs a Temporary Home:

Active Duty Soldier looking for a temporary home for her Golden Retriever, while she is deployed January 2013 until March 2014. Rocky is a great dog, he is very calm and obedient. If you're interested and able please [email](#) or call (347) 628-2149.

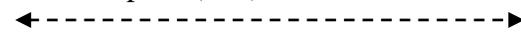


Arsenal Traffic/Construction



North Avenue Repair & Closures

Update: Directorate of Public Works is postponing storm sewer and paving work on the intersection of North Avenue and Gillespie until **March-May** due to weather concerns. Minor work on Phases 1 and 2 is expected to be completed within the next two weeks. Please avoid walking through the newly backfilled areas, as these areas are soft and pose a potential safety hazard. POC: Joe Gumpert, (309) 782-1389.



Building/Space Closures



Closure of Third Floors in Bldg. 61, Bldg. 62: The Directorate of Public

Works plans to close Bldg. 61 3rd floor and Bldg. 62 3rd floor, East and South Wings, **Sept. 10 - 3rd week in May** to execute projects. Closure is to prevent individuals from entering the work area and to preclude any potential accidents. Plastic enclosures will be installed from the passenger elevator in Bldg. 62 to the eastern most stairwell in Bldg. 61 so employees in Bldg. 62/3/W have an entry/exit pathway. Entries will be marked with signage and barriers to prevent entry.



Active Duty/Reserve Zone



DoD Focuses on Financial Health of Military Families:

Since it can directly affect force readiness, the financial health of service members and their families is a high priority for the Defense Department, and a senior DOD official emphasized that January is a great time for military families to take stock of their financial situation. As part of a Department-wide effort to encourage military families to avoid debt by creating a workable spending plan, Barbara Thompson, director of the Pentagon's office of Family Policy/Children and Youth outlined steps families can take and the resources

that are available to them for achieving financial stability. ([More](#))

RIA Tax Center is Here for You This Tax Season:

The Rock Island Arsenal Tax Center will open on **Jan. 28**. As in years past, the Tax Center will principally use a drop off service. Drop off and follow-up appointments should be coordinated with [Laura McSparin](#), (309) 782-8327. The Tax Center hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. If your circumstances necessitate special accommodations, we're happy to adjust our standard operations try to accommodate you, but this requires prior coordination. In order to assist you with your tax returns, you will need to obtain and provide documents detailing all sources of income, as well as, those necessary to support eligible deductions and credits. You should be on the lookout for W-2s, 1099s and interest and dividend statements, which should show up in your mailbox or your online accounts. Required documents are outlined in greater detail in the "RIA Tax Client Letter," [available at this website](#). In addition to required substantiating documentation, clients



will need to complete the "RIA Tax Center Client Intake," also [available at this website](#). If this is your first time using the RIA Tax Center, please make sure you have your social security number or your tax identification number, the social security cards for any claimed dependants, and a copy of your last year's tax return and all accompanying documents. If you are an Iowa resident and intend to file a state return, we cannot complete your return unless we have your 2011 federal and state return into order to complete this year's tax return for you. If you intend to claim the American or Lifetime Learning education credits for yourself or a dependant, a recent change suggests you will need to provide a copy of your 2011 and 2012 1098E showing amounts paid and any scholarship funds received. These can be downloaded from most college or university websites. You will also need the name and complete mailing address for each college and university attended. The Tax Center is located in Bldg. 390, first floor, Suite 102 / Room 102B. If you are unfamiliar with Bldg. 390, please note that it is a controlled access facility. If you do not have access to Bldg. 390, you will need to call the Tax Center upon arrival using one of the access phones located at the East, South, and West entrances (dial

extension 2-8327; alternate extensions 2-8076/ 2-6978).

Safety Spotlight

Changing With the Times: Around the time I joined the Army in 1981, IBM released its first personal desktop computer. Those little boxes, along with their counterparts from Apple, completely changed the way the world does business. Now, more than 30 years later, technology keeps getting better, faster and smaller. As an Army, we have to keep up or get left behind — a fact that touches everything we do, including the way we give you information. Beginning this July, Knowledge content will be housed exclusively online. This decision was driven by both fiscal constraints and the changing media environment. Producing a full-color magazine with a subscription base in the tens of thousands has become prohibitively expensive, especially in this era of funding shortfalls. We're not the only organization in the Army or the Department of Defense to take this route; in fact, it's becoming the norm in DoD media. ([More](#))

Equal Opportunity Focus

Save the Date: There will be an African-American Heritage Month observance on Thursday, **Feb. 7**, at 11 a.m., in Bldg. 60 (Heritage Hall). Information about the speaker and other details will be forthcoming.

Save the Date: There will be a Women's History Month observance on Thursday, **March 7**, at 11 a.m., in Bldg. 60 (Heritage Hall). Information about the speaker and other details will be forthcoming.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR): Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs. Also [click here](#) to become a fan on Facebook and stay up to date on all the great MWR offerings here at the Arsenal.

\$20 Oil Change Special at the Auto Crafts Shop: Now through the end of January, bring your vehicle into the Auto Crafts Shop for a \$20 full service,



standard oil change. Call (309) 782-8631 to make an appointment.

Football Party at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse:

Whether you watch the big game for the hard hitting football action or all the great commercials, get your friends together and get down to the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse on **Feb. 3**. There will be a \$5 all-you-can-eat chili bar and lots of drink specials. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. for a 5:30 p.m. kickoff. Call (309) 782-4372 for more info. ([Flyer](#))



RIA MWR Fitness Center Annual Health Fair:

The RIA Fitness Center's annual health fair is a great place to obtain lots of helpful information and advice about your health. Stop by the Fitness Center on **Feb. 13**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., to visit the various exhibitors who will have a myriad of information on a wide spectrum of health related topics including cardiology, chiropractic and cancer treatment to name just a few. There are always lots of goodies and freebies available as well. The Garrison Manager has authorized one hour of admin leave for Garrison personnel to attend the fair, however employees are

reminded to get approval from their supervisor to ensure mission requirements are met. Call (309) 782-6789 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Beer Pairing Dinner: Join us for our 2nd Beer Pairing event at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse on **Feb. 15** at 7 p.m. We will be pairing seven courses with seven beers from Goose Island Brewery. Cost is \$50, which includes all meals, drinks and a Goose Island glass. Call (309) 782-4372 for more info and to reserve your seats. ([Flyer](#))

No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Deep Stack Tournament:

See if you can bet, bluff and win to the top. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the tournament starts at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 with a \$20 add-on. First place is guaranteed to walk away \$1,000 and payouts to the rest of the top 10 percent. Call (309) 782-4372 to register. ([Flyer](#))

Date: **Saturday, March 2**

New MWR Website: Come check out our new and improved MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all things MWR. We hope that this new layout will make it easier for you to navigate to the information that you need. Please bear with us as we continue to transition all of the files and

links from the old web server. If you cannot find the information that you are looking for or just need help navigating the new layout please feel free to call the MWR marketing office for assistance at (309) 782-4420.

Electronic Marquee Outage: The operating system used to update the outdoor marquee signs on either side of the Island has become obsolete and inoperable. Consequently no requests for messages can be fulfilled and the signs have been shut off at this time. The Garrison is working towards a solution and a future message will be sent out as information becomes available about whether the signs can be repaired or replaced.

Saturday, Dec. 22 Through Thursday, Jan. 31, Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse Closed:

During the above period the Golf Clubhouse will close for regular lunch operations to make building renovations. All pre-booked functions will be unaffected by the closure. Call (309) 782-6319 for more info.



MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 60. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., (309) 782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

MWR Outdoor Recreation:

Remember Outdoor Recreation for all of your winter outdoor recreation activities. Downhill skis, Cross country skis, snowboards, ice skates, snowshoes and many other items are available for you to check out and enjoy this winter season.

Time: **8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

MWR RV Storage and Storage Units:

MWR has several openings for RV storage and Indoor Storage units. For more information or to sign up, please contact Outdoor Recreation at (309) 782-8630.

Time: **8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Hank Williams-Lost Highway: Follow Williams' rise from his beginnings on the Louisiana Hayride to his triumphs on the Grand Ole Opry to his eventual self-destruction at twenty-nine. This show serves up classic country with the edges raw and the energy hot. Seats on sale until **Feb. 9** at \$43.50. ([Flyer](#))

Date: **Saturday, Feb. 23**

Time: **5:45 p.m.**

Scooby-Doo LIVE! Musical Mystery

(Adler Theatre): A trouble-making ghost is haunting a local theater and Shaggy, Fred, Daphne, Velma and Scooby-Doo are on their way to help solve it! This hilarious live theater show brings everyone's favorite animated series to life. LTO has limited discounted seats at \$27 on sale until **Feb. 15** or while supplies last.

Date: **Saturday, March 2**

Time: **2 p.m.**

How I Became a Pirate: Aaaaaaarr you ready for fun on the high seas? Based on the acclaimed children's book of the same name, How I Became a Pirate is a new musical adventure about a young boy named Jeremy Jacob who gets recruited by the friendly Captain Braid Beard and his mates. Seats only \$8. On sale until **March 3**. ([Flyer](#))

Date: **Saturday, April 13**

Time: **10 a.m.**

Rock of Ages (Adler Theatre): In 1987 on the Sunset Strip, a small town girl met a big city rocker and in LA's most famous rock club, they fell in love to the greatest songs of the '80s from Journey, Night Ranger, Styx, Poison, Pat Benatar,

Twisted Sister and many more. On sale until **Feb. 26** for \$59.50

Date: **Wednesday, April 24**

Time: **7:30 p.m.**

Monster Jam: Monster Jam returns to the iWireless Center. Leisure Travel has discounted tickets for **April 27** at 7 p.m. and **April 28** at 2 p.m. Adult tickets lower bowl are \$20.50/upper bowl \$17.50. Children under 12 only \$12.50. Discounted seats on sale until **April 1**.

Free Universal Military Only: Active duty and retired members of the military can receive a free three-day, park-to-park ticket with valid military identification. Admission is valid for up to 14 days from first use. Tickets are available for pick up until **March 31** and must be redeemed by **June 30**. Contact LTO at (309) 782-5890.

MWR Outdoor Recreation Seasonal Entrance Change:

With the end of the summer season, Outdoor Recreation patrons are asked to use the South Entrance to the Equipment Checkout Center in Bldg. 333.



Child, Youth & School Services



Army Certified Family Child Care

Provider: Would you, or someone you know, be interested in becoming an Army Certified Family Child Care provider for the Arsenal? We are always looking to bring more FCC providers into our program. You would be doing childcare out of your home with access to our lending closet for borrowing supplies, as well as certified training provided through the Arsenal. For questions or more details contact our FCC director Nancy Lawson at (309) 782-0813.

Covenant Cottage Child Development

Home: [Covenant Cottage Child Development Home](#) is available for backup, emergency, and hourly care for ages four weeks through 12 years. The home is located on post and is open from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Army Family Covenant Guidelines state deployed Soldiers are entitled to 16 hours free respite childcare per child, per month. For reservations call (309) 782-6793. We encourage you to call as far in advance as possible because spaces fill quickly.

Army Community Service (ACS)



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; Visit our [ACS website](#) or phone (309) 782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. Find us on Facebook [click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: (309) 229-8412



Employee Assistance Program



For free, confidential counseling assistance or for information on services that are available, call (309) 782-4357. Normal business hours are from 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For additional information on the Employee Assistance Program see [our website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#). The new location for the EAP/ASAP is Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East.

Martin Luther King Day of Service –

January 2013: Beat the post-holiday blues this month by helping your community and yourself. The King Day of Service on Martin Luther King Day,

Jan. 21, offers you the opportunity to spend a day helping your community in a direct way. The social connection and sense of shared purpose that one gains from community service can often help one feel better. However, if you haven't been feeling well lately and nothing seems to help, consider scheduling a free, confidential counseling session offered by the Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program. Master-level counselors provide short-term counseling and referral assistance. Call the EAP at (309) 782-4357 to schedule an appointment. The EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, East Wing and convenient hours are available 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Rock Island Arsenal EAP hopes you have a great start to the New Year. If you would like to learn more about King Day of Service please visit www.mlkday.gov.

PTSD Support Groups: Help is available if you or a loved one is experiencing symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic and Employee Assistance Program are sponsoring support groups to assist you through this difficult challenge. Contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552 for more details.



Smoking Cessation Group: Do you want to learn effective ways to kick the habit? The Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational support group for people who would like to quit smoking. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., at the EAP office located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East wing.



Education/Training Review



The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: (309) 782-2065 Fax: (309) 782-7901. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more.

NDIA Scholarships: The Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA is now accepting applications for its scholarship program. Scholarship applications and eligibility criteria may be found at www.ndia-ia-il.org under Scholarships. Applications must be postmarked NLT **March 31**. For more information, call (563) 650-3252.

Sgt. Paul Fisher Scholarship: The Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA is now

accepting applications for its scholarship program. Scholarship application and eligibility criteria may be found under Scholarship by clicking www.ndia-ia-il.org. Application submission must be postmarked NLT than midnight **March 31**. For more information, call (563) 650-3252.

Women in Defense Scholarship: WID is now accepting applicants for its scholarship program. Scholarship application and eligibility criteria may be found under Scholarship by clicking <http://wid.ndia.org/chapters/IowaIllinoisChapter/Pages/default.aspx> Application submission must be post marked no later than midnight **April 13**. For more information, call (309) 792-4102.



Commissary / Exchange



The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only, with the exception of select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you! Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for

fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [HERE](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com ([Facebook](#))

Your Commissary Rings in 2013 With Super Savings:

A new year allows commissary patrons to resolve to save more by taking advantage of special in-store promotions and coupons, according to the Defense Commissary Agency's director of sales. "Your commissary is always here to help you eat healthier and also save even more on all your favorite name-brand products," said Chris Burns, DeCA's sales director. "It's also football playoff season, and your local commissary offers the greatest savings for party snacks, beverage mixers and fresh U.S. Department of Agriculture Grade-A Choice beef. Everything you need for a Super Bowl party!" Throughout January, DeCA's industry partners - vendors, suppliers and brokers - are collaborating with commissaries to offer discounts beyond everyday savings. Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs. "The Defense Commissary Agency sends out



New Year wishes to all of our military shoppers to have a healthy, safe and prosperous 2013," Burns said. "Your commissary is always there for the military and their families year-round, providing the very best savings possible. Your commissary is worth the trip!" ([More](#))

Food Safety Alerts: For information about the latest food-safety alerts and product recalls affecting military commissaries, visit www.commissaries.com and click on the Food & Product Recalls under the Quick Links box on the front page. For general food-safety information, visit the website and choose Food Safety at the bottom of the page.

Sales Flyers: Patrons can visit the [AAFES website](#) and sign up to receive free online sales flyers.

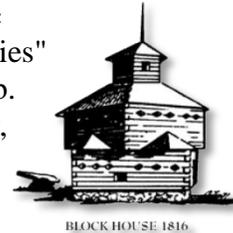
Arsenal Archive

Information for the *Arsenal Archive* is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday

after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free.

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Meeting:

Dr. Curt Roseman will talk about "Historic Bridges of the Quad Cities" at the Arsenal Golf Club. If you join us for dinner, advanced reservations must be made with Linda at (563) 355-6165, by **Feb. 4**. The 7 p.m. program is free and open to the public. Date: **Thursday, Feb. 7** Time: **6 p.m. Dinner, and 7 p.m. Speaker**



RIA Museum Website: The Army's second oldest museum, the [Rock Island Arsenal Museum](#), has a new website created in conjunction with the RIA Historical Society. The Museum first opened to the public on July 4, 1905, and continues its primary mission to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Rock Island Arsenal and Arsenal Island by focusing on "People, Processes, and Products." Immerse yourself in history and celebrate the heritage of Fort Armstrong,



Rock Island Arsenal, and the Quad Cities here on Arsenal Island via its new home, [here on the Internet](#).

Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation Annual Meeting:

The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation invites the public to their Annual Meeting on Sunday, **Jan. 27**, at the Arsenal Island Golf Club. The program begins at 2 p.m. and there is a catered dinner buffet afterwards. Elizabeth "Beth" Carvey will talk about Sauk and Meskwaki life and her new book *Twelve Moons: A Year with the Sauk and Meskwaki, 1817-1818*. Carvey partnered with artist and cartographer Tom Willcockson who designed and illustrated the look at life of local Native American tribes. Carvey has been director of the Hauberg Museum at the [Black Hawk State Historic Site](#) in Rock Island since 1981. The cost to attend the CDHF Annual Meeting is \$20 per person and advanced reservations are required. Call Jessica Waytenick at (309) 737-4280 by Tuesday, **Jan. 22**. For more information on CDHF events, membership, volunteer opportunities, and the Colonel Davenport House, [visit their website](#).



This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Jan. 21-27: Col. Adelbert Rinaldo Buffington assumed command of RIA on Jan. 21, 1892. Col. David King, one of two RIA Commanders buried on the Island, died Jan. 27, 1932.

Healthbeat

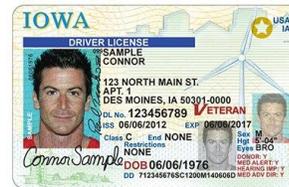
Just Suppose You Could Avoid The Flu, Help Others to Avoid It Too, Before The Flu Gets You!: You really can avoid the flu this year, and help those around you from getting it as well, before the flu gets you. Successfully avoiding the flu involves getting immunized. And getting someone to get an immunization involves successful and effective communication. I'm talking about using a specific, proven, time-tested communication technique involving truth and logic. You may have been the target of this communications approach in the past without even knowing it. The key to this communication method's success is in the unfolding of understanding of the facts; and in this case, the facts about the need for getting the influenza vaccination. ([More](#))

Health Clinic Announcement: Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. Clinic closed staff

meeting/training **Jan. 25** at 11:30 a.m. For any issues or concerns with the RIAHC clinic please call our customer support line (309) 782-0721.

Notes for Veterans

Iowa Drivers Licenses to Get "Veteran" Designation: A new Iowa law will allow veterans to have a "veteran" designation put on their driver's license or ID card. The Iowa Department of Transportation implemented the law Jan. 15, nearly six months earlier than is required, to demonstrate the state's support for its veterans. The designation is a voluntary initiative designed to assist Iowa veterans. "There are thousands of businesses throughout Iowa and the United States, including restaurants, hotels and even home improvement stores that give discounts to veterans. Some of those businesses require proof of veteran status. Iowa legislators responded to the veterans' needs and authorized the DOT to include veteran status on DLs and nonoperator IDs so they don't have to carry official military papers to prove



their veteran status," said Iowa DOT Motor Vehicle Division Director Mark Lowe. To get the designation, an honorably discharged veteran must present a copy of their DD 214 or applicable discharge document to their [county Veterans Affairs office](#). That office will complete an [Iowa DOT form](#) and confirm the applicant's veteran status, which authorizes the Iowa DOT to place the designation on the individual's DL or nonoperator ID. The veteran must then take the completed form to any Iowa DL issuance location and request that the veteran designation be added to his or her DL or nonoperator ID card. ([More](#)) ([Status of Other State IDs](#))

Veterans' Disability Costs Climb: What the nation owes each year to veterans who are disabled by war and service has more than doubled since 2000, rising from \$14.8 billion to \$39.4 billion in 2011, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The toll of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, where troops served repeatedly in combat zones, is a key contributor to escalating costs of individual disability payouts, said Alison Hickey, VA undersecretary for benefits. ([More](#))



My Next Move for Veterans: On [My Next Move for Veterans](#) veterans will find a simple and quick search engine where they enter their prior military experience (branch of service and military occupation code or title) and link to the information they need to explore information on civilian careers and related training, including information they can use to write resumes that highlight related civilian skills. In addition, My Next Move for Veterans contains a link to an online assessment, the O*NET Interest Profiler, which provides results comparable to the Strong Interest Inventory being used in the new Transition Assistance Program (TAP). Veterans who have not received an interest assessment as part of TAP can access and take this interest assessment online from a link in the lower right-hand corner of My Next Move for Veterans or directly at: www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip.

Veterans Job Bank: The Veterans Job Bank Search Widget is the latest tool developed by NRD.gov to help streamline the job search process for the military and Veteran communities. An easy to implement feature that can be added to any website, the Veterans Job Bank Search Widget gives users the ability to search for jobs from thousands

of military-friendly employers worldwide based on keyword, military occupation code (MOC) and/or location. As with the NRD State Widget and Search Widget, the Veterans Job Bank Search Widget is maintenance free and automatically updates as jobs are posted by employers. ([More](#))

Car Pooling Announcements

Submit car pooling announcements via the [Island Insight submission page](#). Please use that page to contact Garrison Public Affairs to take your announcement off once you have found a ride.

Car Pool:

- **Car Pool:** New hire with flexible hours seeking to pay for ride from Moline 9th & 53rd, (Franklin School area) (309) 757-5755.
- **Carpool:** Commuter traveling from Rio, Ill. on Route 150. Meet in Alpha, Ill. each day. If interested contact me at (309) 782-5472 or [email](#).
- **Car Pool:** Looking to join a car pool from Albany or south along Illinois 84 southbound to Bldg. 102. If

interested contact me at (309) 782-0841.

- **Car Pool:** Looking to join a car pool or ride and pay. IL 84 southbound Fulton/ Albany/ Cordova area. Interested text me at (563) 650-8791.

Around the Q.C.

- Jan. 25-27:** [37th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley Snowbird Softball Classic -- Co-Ed Tournament](#) (The Dugout Sports Complex)
- Jan. 26:** [Davenport Jaycees Bridal Expo](#) (River Center, Davenport)
- Jan. 30-Feb. 1:** [Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley Putt-A-Round](#) (River Center, Davenport)
- Feb. 2:** [Quad City Parrot Head Club - Havana Day Dreamin' 2013](#) (River Center, Davenport)
- Feb. 8:** [Quad City Mallards Military Appreciation Night](#) (iWireless Center)
- Feb. 8-10:** [37th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley Snowbird Softball Classic -- Men's Tournament](#) (The Dugout Sports Complex)
- Feb. 8:** [Iowa/Illinois Regional Auto Show](#) (River Center, Davenport)
- Feb. 14:** [Valentine Walk](#) (Watchtower Lodge, Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island)
- Feb. 14-17:** [2013 Outdoor Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
- Feb. 21:** [Martini Shake Off](#) (River Center, Davenport)
- Feb. 22-24:** [RV & Camping Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)



Feb. 23: [Day of Dance for Your Health](#) (River Center, Davenport)
Feb. 24: [CBRC Chili Chase 4 Mile Run/Walk](#) (Duck Creek Park Lodge, Davenport)
March 1-3: [Antique Spectacular](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
March 2: [American Red Cross Family Safety Day](#) (River Center, Davenport)
March 2-3: [2013 KWQC Women's Health & Lifestyle Fair](#) (River Center, Davenport)
March 16: [St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) (downtown Rock Island to downtown Davenport)
March 22-24: [Flower & Garden Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
March 23: [Quad-Cities Comic Book Convention](#) (Ramada Inn, Bettendorf)
April 6: [Bandits Race to Home 5K](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)
April 7: [Gilda's Run for Laughs](#) (Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)
April 20: [Earth Week Fair](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
April 27: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
May 4: [Derby Day Party](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse)
May 4: [Venus Envy](#) (Bucktown Center for the Arts, Davenport)
May 11-12: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figge Art Museum plaza, Davenport)
May 25: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
May 27: [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
June 1-2: [QC Pridefest 2013, Bursting With Pride](#) (Mary's on 2nd, 832 West 2nd Street, Davenport)
June 7-8: [Gumbo Ya Ya - Mardi Gras in The District](#) (The District, Rock Island)

June 12-15: [Rally on the River](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
June 14: [Greek Cultural Festival](#) (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, East Moline)
June 16: [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Davenport to Moline)
June 22-23: [27th Annual Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)
June 23: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)
June 25-29: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (Fairgrounds, East Moline)
June 27-29: [Antique Automobile Club of America Grand National Show](#) (John Deere Commons, Moline)
July 3: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (The District, Downtown Davenport)
July 4-6: [Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
July 8-14: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis)
July 19-21: [USA BMX National Championships](#) (East Moline BMX Speedway)
July 19-20: [Heartland Jam](#) (Centennial Park, Downtown Davenport)
July 26-27: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 27: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 30-Aug. 4: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)
Aug. 1-4: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (LeClaire Park and RiverCenter)
Aug. 8-10: [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa and Port Byron, Ill.)
Aug. 9-10: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Aug. 10-17: [ISC Men's Fastpitch World Tournament](#) (Greenvalley Sports Complex, Moline)
Aug. 16-17: [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Aug. 17: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)
Aug. 24: [Quad Cities Irish Festival](#) (Rock Island)
Aug. 22-25: [World Series of Drag Racing](#) (Cordova Dragway)
Aug. 31-Sept. 1: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
Sept. 7: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 7: [¡VIVA! Quad Cities](#) (Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf)
Sept. 7-8: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 21: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Sept. 21: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
Sept. 21-22: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Sept. 22: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)
Sept. 27-29: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)
Oct. 12: [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (On the Mississippi River in Moline)
Oct. 24: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Oct. 26: [Witches Walk](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Oct. 26: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Sylvan Island)
Oct. 26-27: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo, Milan)
Nov. 15-24: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)



Nov. 16: [Festival of Trees Parade](#)
(Downtown Davenport)

Nov. 16: [Lighting on the John Deere
Commons and Holiday Pops Concert](#)
(Downtown Moline)

Dec. 1: [19th Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth
Center, Moline)

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