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Island Insight



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INCLEMENT WEATHER OPERATING STATUS

Federal Fund Raiser Completes

Successful 2012 Campaign: Federal, military and postal employees, donated \$610,191 to 960 local, national and international charities, through the Illowa Bi-State Combined Federal Campaign during the recently-completed 2012 campaign. At a recent CFC awards ceremony, Brig. Gen. Duane Gamble, deputy commanding general of Army Sustainment Command, and acting honorary

chairperson of the local CFC, presented Rick Widdell, principal combined fund organization representative, with a check to the hundreds of charities designated by employees. "CFC has always been part of my Army career, but I didn't know all that federal civilian employees do to make it happen, until now," said Gamble. "I commend all of those who made this campaign successful." The Combined Federal Campaign is the only authorized

solicitation of federal and postal employees in the workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. Employees donate to CFC charities to make a lasting difference in people's lives in Quad City Area and beyond. ([More](#))



ASC Helps Area Schools via Computers for Learning Program:

During this time of economic turnaround, demand continues for a federal government program that donates computers to America's schools. To help meet this demand, the Army Sustainment Command is doing its part to provide technology to areas schools. In 1996, former President Bill Clinton signed an executive order mandating that the federal government donate excess and outdated computers to schools ranging from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade and to non-profit organizations. ([More](#))



Program Executive Officer for Ammunition visits JMC

Headquarters/Iowa AAP: The Joint Munitions Command hosted the Program Executive Officer for Ammunition Brig. Gen. John J. McGuiness during a two-day trip to Rock



Island Arsenal, Ill., and Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Middletown, Iowa. The Jan. 16-17 trip represented McGuiness's first to Rock Island since becoming PEO-Ammunition. "I really do look forward to working closer (with JMC)," he said. "Looking at ways on how we can mutually support one another." ([More](#))

CSA Warns of Budgetary 'Perfect Storm': Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno said the greatest threat to

America's national security is fiscal uncertainty and potential shortfalls that could



"hollow" out the force. Odierno spoke Jan. 24 to a packed house of Association of U.S. Army members during a monthly Institute of Land Warfare breakfast meeting. He said the Joint Chiefs of Staff penned a letter to House and Senate leaders Jan. 14 voicing their concerns over future readiness of the armed forces and stating that three budget conditions are creating a "perfect storm." ([More](#))

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>



Debt Deal May Increase Risk of Sequestration: The federal debt limit extension deal passed by House Republicans last week assures that the federal government will not default on its loans through mid-May. But that might not be good news for Pentagon officials gearing up for the next showdown: sequestration. Military budget experts say the extension deal could increase the risk that the automatic budget cuts set for March 1 will kick in — at least temporarily. ([More](#))



Sequestration Effects Becoming Clear for DoD: As part of its planning for sequestration, the Department of Defense said it's getting rid of tens of thousands of temporary employees, and on Friday, it made clear that should the automatic budget cuts occur, the remainder of the civilian workforce would face furloughs of one day per week without pay for the rest of fiscal year 2013. A Pentagon memo earlier



this month gave defense components the go-ahead to terminate temporary hires and stop renewing term employees. Ashton Carter, the author of that memo, told Pentagon reporters on Friday that has largely happened. Forty-six thousand temporary workers have already been let go in anticipation of sequestration, a prospect that's been hanging over the government's head for a year and a half, but one that DoD's leadership apparently believes is increasingly likely. ([More](#))

20 Percent Pay Cut in the Cards? :

Hoping for a buyout this year? Would you gladly take early or regular retirement immediately if offered a before-deductions payment of \$25,000. If the answer is "yes," then good luck with that. The odds of you being hit with a pay cut, of up to 20 percent, are greater than your chances of a buyout. During the early years of the current recession, it was not unusual for private-sector workers to take temporary pay cuts (of a few months to a year) ranging from 5 to 20 percent. People continued to work their regular five-day shifts, but were



Upcoming Dates

- 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. 19:** USCGR 72nd Birthday
- Feb. 21:** Great American Spit Out
- Feb. 24-March 2:** National Eating Disorders Awareness Week
- Feb. 25-March 2:** Military Saves Week
- March 10:** Daylight Saving Time Begins



paid less. Even unionized groups opted for the temporary pay cut rather than layoffs. Now, temporary pay cuts may be coming to the federal workforce. ([More](#))

Campaign Rules for Federal Employees Get an Update:

Even as Congress and the White House appeared to be at a standoff over the fiscal cliff last month, lawmakers and the president were able to agree on at least one thing: an update of the Hatch Act. The 1939 law prohibits federal employees and certain state and local workers from engaging in partisan political activity on the taxpayer's dime. Violators typically have faced two types of penalties — both severe. ([More](#))



ACS-USO Open House: Join us on Thursday, Jan. 31, in Bldg. 110, 1st Floor, SE Wing, for the exciting grand re-opening of our newly renovated and expanded facility. There will be refreshments served, and door prizes drawn every



hour. The ribbon cutting will be at 1 p.m. and there will be a USO Discovery Kids Program featuring the Figge Art Museum from 4-5:30 p.m. The Figge Art Museum will be doing portraits with the kids titled: "Picture Our Littlest Heroes." There will also be free tickets available to active duty military to the [Military Appreciation Night](#) on Feb. 8 at the Quad City Mallards hockey game. Call (309) 782-0829 or (309) 782-3896 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

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.

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. [\(More\)](#)

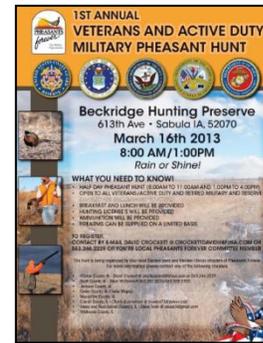
ASC Commanding General Nominated for Promotion to Major General: The Department of Defense has announced that Brig. Gen. John F. Wharton has been nominated for promotion to major general. Wharton has served as commanding general of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command (ASC), which is headquartered on Rock Island Arsenal, since September 2012. The nomination



is pending approval by the U.S. Senate. A promotion ceremony will be scheduled after the promotion is approved. The U.S. Army Sustainment Command supports United States and coalition forces around the world. [\(More\)](#)

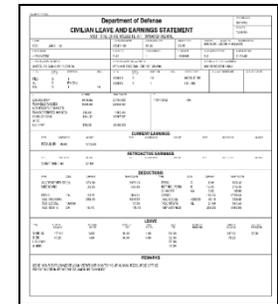
Inaugural Veterans and Active Duty Military Pheasant Hunt:

The Beckridge Hunting Preserve in Sabula, Iowa, will hold a pheasant hunt for veterans and active duty military on **March 16** at 8 a.m. / 1 p.m. Our goal is to give back to our military men, women, and veterans and thank them for all they have done by providing a fun day of camaraderie and pheasant hunting. Open to all veterans, active duty, retired and reserve military men and women in the greater Quad Cities area. This day is meant to bring together those who have served and are currently serving, to share their experiences and honor them as a community. What you need to know: • Veterans hunt for free (no charge) • Half day pheasant hunt



(your choice, 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.) • Open to all veterans, active duty, retired military and reserve. Disabled are encouraged to attend • Breakfast and lunch will be provided • Hunting licenses will be provided • Ammunition will be provided • Firearms can be supplied on a limited basis. [\(More\)](#)

Check Those Pay Statements: Even there was no general raise this month, employees should check their first pay statements of the year – the date those are issued varies among payroll providers but generally will be in the upcoming days -- to make sure that various withholdings they elected for 2013 are correct. Beginning this month are the new premium rates paid under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program—effective with the first full pay period of the year for most active employees (they were effective at the start of the month for retirees). Further, any changes in plans or levels of coverage elected in the FEHB open season also should have begun. Coverage that was elected for FEDVIP



vision-dental benefits program also should have taken effect, along with elections made under the flexible spending account program during the open season. In both programs, deductions for active employees are made from payroll on a pre-tax basis—the same is true for the large majority of actively employed FEHB enrollees. Retirees cannot make pre-tax payments toward their insurance coverage and are ineligible for flexible spending accounts. ([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](#))

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](#))

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 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.

National Testing Center Closed Feb.

12: The RIA ACES National Testing Center in Bldg. 56 will be closed on Tuesday, **Feb. 12**, as the state of Illinois honors President Lincoln's birthday. Normal operations will resume Tuesday,



Feb 19. Direct questions to the Army Education Center at (309) 782-2065.

Funeral, Inurnment, Half-staffing of Flag:

The funeral for Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf will be held at the United States Military Academy at West Point in New York, Thursday, **Feb. 28**, 12:30 p.m. (EST), at the Cadet Chapel.

Inurnment to immediately follow at the West Point Cemetery with full military honors. As a mark of respect to the memory of Gen. Schwarzkopf, the national flag will be flown at half-staff at all installations, activities, and vessels of the Department of the Army in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its territories and possessions, from reveille to retreat on the day of inurnment, **Feb. 28** ([ALARACT 020/2013](#)). ([More](#)) ([Inurnment](#))



Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop &

Boutique: The Attic Thrift Shop now has "Gift Certificates." They make a great last minute gift or a Valentine surprise for someone. Remember, we're

open every Tuesday, Thursday and 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Located in Bldg. 60 Basement. Visit Arsenal Attic on Facebook. POC: (309) 782-6977.

POTUS Second-Term Portrait Available for Chain-of-Command Photo Boards:

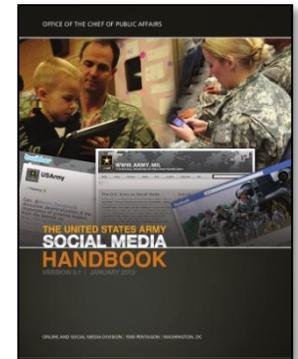
This photograph matters. Presidential portraits are hung in the 294 U.S. embassies around the world as well as all federal government buildings across the country. The photo chosen ends up symbolizing the president in absentia, defining both a man and a country. The framing is far from accidental; it is the handiwork of the official chief White House photographer, Pete Souza. This is the New Bedford, Massachusetts, native's second tour at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave; he was Reagan's official photographer in that storied second term. But Souza has developed real rapport with Obama, following his rise from the Senate to the White House as a photographer for the Chicago Tribune. The man behind the



camera has become something of a silent celebrity himself as the subject of a National Geographic documentary, "The President's Photographer." This shot contains all Souza has learned about the presidential image. ([Download Here](#))

Army Releases 2013 Social Media

Guide: The Army has released the latest version of its social media handbook. The guide provides extensive social media guidance for Army leaders and their families, including operations security tips, branding, checklists, regulations and frequently asked questions. ([More](#))



VIOS Schedule for February: Official

DA studio photography (DA, government passport and command photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal **Feb. 12, 13 and 14**. Appointments may be



scheduled online by submitting a DA3903 Work Request using the Visual Information Ordering Site www.vios.army.mil for these available times: Tuesday, Feb. 12, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 14, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 56, Basement, by elevator). Priority is: 1. active duty Soldier's DA photos 2. Official government passport photos 3. Official command photos 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders-command photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. To obtain an official government passport photo: 1. Schedule a passport photo appointment at the RIA VIOS website. 2. Go to Transportation to obtain a printed DA Form 3903, Multi-Media/Visual Information Work Order, signed by the passport agent in Block 14. 3. Present that DA3903 form to the photographer before the passport photo is taken. You will receive two 2"x2" passport photos. All scheduled dates can be found on the RIA VIOS website FAQ.

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 March 22**. 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 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.



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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.

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

USAPHC Web-Based Courses Save Money, Satisfy Demand: In an era of decreasing budgets and limited funds for travel, managers have struggled to find



ways to ensure they keep a highly-trained and competent workforce. But experts in the U.S. Army Public Health Command Occupational Health Sciences Portfolio are making it easier for Army workers to maintain credentials through use of an online training system called Blackboard Learn. The system, employed at various institutions of higher learning across the U.S., is becoming a preferred training tool for many Army industrial hygiene and safety personnel. With this Web technology, subject-matter experts are able to deliver graduate-level training in 15 courses that are focused on core competencies in the Army safety and occupational health career program. ([More](#))

Deployment Dental Health: I admit, when I was a sailor on deployment I would neglect my dental health ~~sometimes~~ often. Long hours of flying, plus even longer hours doing post-flight paperwork or aircraft maintenance lowered “take care of teeth” on my list of priorities. It’s fortunate that I didn’t suffer tooth aches or inflamed gums when I was forward deployed, but I’m sure my lack of care contributed to the two cavities I had to have filled last year. ([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



Campus Fire Documentary Shows

Aftermath: "A lot of students have already left for the spring semesters at college already but the message in the link on "[9 Fires](#)" is so important that I feel everyone should know some of these important facts," said Patrick Behr,



fire inspector, Rock Island Arsenal Fire Department. "Not only does it cover the college and university campus issues, it also has the off campus fires. These fires also support automatic sprinkler installation in all buildings and the importance of treating all fire alarms as real alarms. The truths are hard to ignore. The Arsenal Fire Department would like everyone to heed these warnings, be aware of your surroundings, the fire protection features around you, and your exit strategies home and away. Seconds do count." —

∞ [Nine campus-related fires occurred

within a three-week period in January and February of 2012, causing loss of life, injury, and property damage. Through eyewitness stories of student victims, fire officers, school officials, and parents, the aftermath of the fires is revealed in the documentary "[9 Fires](#)." The fires occurred in on- and off-campus housing and in laboratories, and details clearly show the benefits of automatic sprinkler systems in all facilities. Students and staff were allowed back into sprinklered buildings within hours of the incident, as opposed to months with unsprinklered buildings. School officials must constantly address the reliability of the student population to take audible alarms seriously since pulling alarms is often a "prank" on college campuses. Relying on audible alarms to wake up sleeping occupants or to be in working order, especially in off-campus housing, is also problematic. The 20-minute video is available free online and for download for use in public and campus fire safety education, but no hard copies are being made. [Other resources available](#) through the [Minger Foundation](#) include posters, handouts, a quarterly newsletter, and more videos.]

What Does Hurricane Sandy Have in Common With Us?: Hurricane Sandy

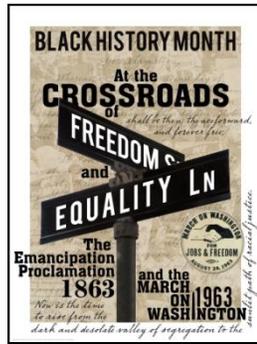
may go down as the most destructive storm in east coast history. The damage inflicted on New York City and other major cities along the east coast was unprecedented. Sadly, more than one hundred lives were lost and property damage is estimated to be more than \$60 billion. This historic storm left nine million customers without power, completely destroyed homes and businesses, caused major inland flooding and dumped wet snow up to three-feet deep in the mountains of West Virginia and Kentucky, causing seven deaths. So the question is ... what does Hurricane Sandy have in common with us? The answer is preparedness! Some people were prepared for the hurricane with weather disaster plans and kits, but most were not. Although the National Hurricane Center provided accurate warnings of the damage that would occur, many people did not heed the warnings to evacuate. Some of these people perished. Disasters can strike anywhere at any time. Remember the Groundhog Day blizzard, the Parkersburg, and Galva tornadoes? That is why it's important for every business and family to have a weather emergency plan and disaster kit. Instructions on how to make a plan and build a kit is available on the [FEMA "Ready" website](#). Your Quad Cities NWS will



continue to provide you with the very best severe weather warnings possible. However, we can only do so much to keep you safe. We work in a partnership with you. It's up to you to be prepared and heed warnings before a disaster strikes. ([More](#))

Equal Opportunity Focus

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



Defense Department Expands

Women's Combat Role: Following a unanimous recommendation by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta today announced the end of the direct ground combat exclusion rule for female service members. Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the Joint Chiefs chairman, joined Panetta at a Pentagon news conference in announcing the

policy change. The secretary also announced that the service branches will continue to move forward with a plan to eliminate all unnecessary gender-based barriers to service. The change is intended to ensure that the best qualified and most capable service members, regardless of gender, are available to carry out the mission, Panetta said. ([More](#))

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)

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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](#))



Trivia Night: Get up to seven of your smartest friends together and get signed up for our next multi-media trivia night on Thursday, **Feb. 7**, at 6 p.m. The new lower cost is just \$5/person or \$30/table of eight. The questions start at 6 p.m. in the Arsenal Club (Bldg. 60) Call (309) 782-6319 for more info or to sign up. ([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. There will be two shuttle busses running routes to get you to the Fitness Center that day, the route map can be [found here](#). Call (309) 782-6789 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Beer Pairing Dinner: Do you enjoy beer? Do you enjoy it even more when it is perfectly paired with fine cuisine? If you said yes to either one of those questions you need to call and make your reservations today for our Beer Pairing Dinner at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse on Friday, **Feb. 15**, at 7 p.m. Enjoy seven samples of Goose Island's craft brews that have been carefully selected to complement and



enhance the seven courses of fine cuisine prepared by our executive chef. The cost is \$50/person which includes a Goose Island stemmed beer glass which is yours to keep. 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.

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.



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.



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**.

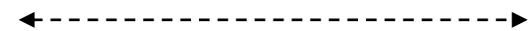
Movie Night Gift Cards at Leisure

Travel: Stop by the Leisure Travel Office and pick up a gift card for \$26 that is redeemable at the Regal Moline Stadium Theater for two adult movie tickets and \$10 in concessions. These make great Valentine's Day presents. The Leisure Travel Office also is once again selling discounted single movie tickets for \$8.50. Call (309) 782-5890 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

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.



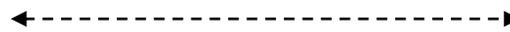
Child, Youth & School Services



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



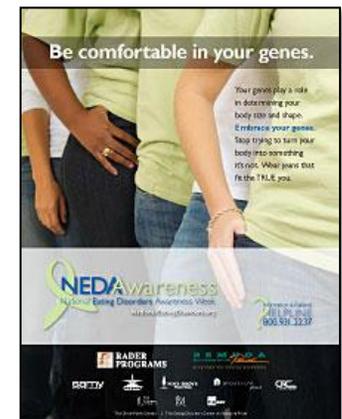
Employee Assistance Program



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.

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.

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week – February 2013: We've all seen the ads, if only you had this diet pill, exercise device, or meal plan you would feel attractive and happy. It can be tempting to think that changing your weight can solve the problems in your life. However, for the millions of people who struggle with eating disorders each year their initial diet or weight loss tricks spiraled out of control into a mess of isolating rituals, despair, and medical complications. Organizations across the U.S. are working to raise awareness of



eating disorders and their prevention during [National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Feb. 24 - March 2](#). The Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program would like to help you increase your personal awareness by reminding you of confidential counseling available to you and your dependent family members. Master-level counselors offer short-term counseling and referral assistance. The EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East Wing and appointments are available Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program staff hopes you will take advantage of this free and confidential service because eating disorders are treatable and you can feel better. ([InfoGraphic](#))

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.

Tillman Military Scholars Program:

The application period for the Tillman Military Scholars is now open and will remain open until 11:59:59 p.m. (PST) on Friday, **Feb. 15**. The Tillman Military Scholars program supports our nation's active and veteran servicemembers and their spouses by removing financial barriers to completing a degree program of choice. The scholarship funds cover not only direct study-related expenses such as tuition and fees, but also other needs, including housing and child care. Go [to their website](#) to learn more about the criteria and application, learn about the benefits and expectations, meet a few of the current and network scholars and learn more about the Tillman Community.

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](#))

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.

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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**



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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](#).

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Jan. 28-Feb.3:

Burial ceremony for Col. David King was held at Arsenal Island on Jan. 30, 1932. Col. King joined Gen. Rodman as the only two RIA commanders to be buried on Arsenal Island. In February 1918, the first battalion of the 10th U.S. Infantry arrived for guard duty at the Rock Island Arsenal. The battalion comprised nearly 1,000 Soldiers. On Feb. 1, 1958, the Ordnance Management Engineering Training Program was transferred from the RIA and assigned as a special mission support activity of the Headquarters of Ordnance Weapons Command. The forerunner to AMETA. On Feb. 3, 1966, the commanding officer of Springfield Armory requested that two mechanical engineers and four armorers from RIA be trained to support the National Match activities at Camp Perry. Boresighting method of targeting rifles adapted at RIA in February 1920.



Healthbeat

The Heart Truth® National Wear Red Day® is Feb. 1:

Red is always in fashion, but there is no better time to wear your favorite red dress, red tie, or pair of red shoes than on National Wear Red Day, Feb. 1. Each year, the first Friday of



February is a day when we call attention to the #1 killer of women: heart disease. Taking good care of your heart means controlling your risk factors for heart disease, such as high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, physical inactivity, and being overweight. Having just one risk factor increases your risk of developing heart disease, and your risk skyrockets with each added risk factor. You can find [more information about the risks for heart disease here](#).

FDA Approves Colon Cancer Drug Combo:

Food and Drug Administration says it approved a new use of Avastin in combination with oxaliplatin chemotherapy for those colorectal cancer. Dr. Hal Barron, chief medical

officer and head of Global Product Development at Roche, said the approval would allow patients who received Avastin, or bevacizumab, plus an irinotecan or oxaliplatin -- cancer drugs -- containing chemotherapy as an initial treatment for people with metastatic colorectal cancer, or cancer that had spread, to continue to receive Avastin plus a different irinotecan or oxaliplatin containing chemotherapy after their cancer worsens. "The majority of people diagnosed with metastatic colorectal cancer receive Avastin plus chemotherapy as their initial treatment," Barron said in a statement. "These people now have the option to continue with Avastin plus a new chemotherapy after their cancer worsens, which may help them live longer than changing to the new chemotherapy alone. ([More](#))"

Health Clinic Announcement: Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. Clinic closed **Feb. 18** (President's Day). Clinic closed staff meeting/training **Feb. 22** 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

DoD, VA Improve eBenefits Portal:

The departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs recently released improvements to eBenefits, a joint, self-service web portal that allows service members and veterans to access benefits information. According to the American Forces Press Service, the new version allows for easy navigation of the online disability compensation claim submission process using a new interface. Users can also pre-populate the application with information from a veteran's record in VA's secure database. "The increasing capabilities of eBenefits give veterans and service members greater flexibility in securing the information they are looking for," said Allison Hickey, the undersecretary of veterans affairs for benefits. ([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. 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. 9:** [Quad Cities Bicycle Club Open House - RAGBRAI for Rookies](#) (Davenport

- Public Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport)
- 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:** [Mel Foster Color the Quads 5K](#) (Cumberland Square, Bettendorf)
- 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)

Island Insight



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SAFE CELEBRATING

- Be a good host and have plenty of healthy snacks, low-alcohol and alcohol-free drinks available.
- If you plan to drink, have a designated driver.
- Have a fire extinguisher nearby when cooking or using a grill in case there's a flare-up.

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