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# Island Insight



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## **Civilian Record Brief Provides**

**Snapshot of Employee's Data:** The Army has developed a Civilian Record Brief for civilian employees and their supervisors. The one-page Civilian Record Brief, or CRB, provides a snapshot of an employee's official data pulled from various sources: MyBiz, Defense Civilian Personnel Data System, Notices of Personnel Actions (SF-50s), and Army Training Requirements and Resources System.

By consolidating data onto a single page, employees will be able to easily review their personnel data, ensuring the official database information is accurate and complete. Installation Management Command leadership emphasizes the importance of civilian employees taking ownership of their careers and ensuring their records are correct. The CRB will serve as a vehicle to correct and update missing or outdated information such as training, awards, performance histories

and education. Civilians will be able to use MyBiz to self-certify and update degrees, professional licenses, occupational certifications, professional military education and technical training. It will also enable supervisors and managers to better mentor employees. A side benefit of the CRB is the ability to use it as a foundation for and/or attachment to



resumes and Individual Development Plans, known as IDPs. ([More](#))

## **House Approves Federal Pay Freeze Through 2013:**

The House voted Feb. 1 to freeze federal pay, including lawmakers' own, through 2013. The vote, 309-117, came just hours after a contentious floor debate on the legislation. Rep. Sean Duffy (R-Wis.), who introduced the pay freeze extension, said lifting the federal pay freeze amid the current economic climate doesn't make sense and is unfair to private-sector workers. Private-sector workers "have been forced to take concessions with regard to pay" and work fewer hours to keep their jobs, he said. ([More](#))



## **Bill Would Prohibit Step Increases For Rest of Year:**

Federal employees would receive no more step increases for the rest of the year under a budget-cutting bill sponsored by Rep. Martha Roby, R-Ala. HR 3844, the Honest Budget Act, would prohibit all step increases between the time of the bill's passage



and Dec. 31. The bill covers both periodic step increases most federal employees receive every one, two or three years and other kinds of step increases, such as quality step increases, that managers award at their discretion. Roby introduced the bill Jan. 31. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., last October introduced a similar bill in the Senate that also contains the step increase prohibition. ([More](#))

## **Senators Propose Civilian Pay Freeze Through 2014:**

A handful of Republican senators introduced a plan Thursday that would delay Defense Department spending cuts required under sequestration by extending the current pay freeze for civilian employees through June 2014 and cutting the federal workforce by 5 percent. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is leading the charge to delay budget cuts to DoD that would come from sequestration, which imposes automatic cuts on federal discretionary spending in January 2013 if Congress fails to cut \$1.2 trillion in deficit spending. For the Pentagon, sequestration would take an additional \$500 billion from the



## Upcoming Dates

**Feb. 5-11:** Burn Awareness Week

**Feb. 6-12:** Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week [📅](#)

**Feb. 6-10:** National School Counseling Week [📅](#)

**Feb. 6-12:** World Salt Awareness Week [📅](#)

**Feb. 7:** Great Central U.S. ShakeOut [📅](#)

**Feb. 7:** Nat. Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day [📅](#)

**Feb. 8:** Susan B. Anthony Day

**Feb. 11:** National Inventors' Day

**Feb. 12:** Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

**Feb. 12:** Darwin Day

**Feb. 12-19:** Children of Alcoholics Week

**Feb. 13-17:** Random Acts of Kindness Week

**Feb. 14:** Valentine's Day

**Feb. 14:** National Donor Day

**Feb. 14:** National Pet Theft Awareness Day

**Feb. 19:** 71<sup>st</sup> USCGR Birthday [📅](#)

**Feb. 19:** 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Battle of Iwo Jima

**Feb. 20:** Presidents' Day (*Federal Holiday*)

**Feb. 20:** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First American Orbiting the Earth

**Feb. 19-25:** National Engineers Week [📅](#)

**Feb. 21:** Mardi Gras / Fat Tuesday

**Feb. 19-26:** Military Saves Week [📅](#)

**Feb. 23:** 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Desert Storm

**Feb. 23:** Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day

**Feb. 24:** Great American Spit Out [📅](#)

**Feb. 26-March 3:** National Eating Disorders Awareness Week [📅](#)

**Feb. 28:** Spay Day USA

**Feb. 28:** National Tooth Fairy Day

**Feb. 29:** Leap Year Day

**March 1-7:** Return the Borrowed Book Week

**March 2:** Read Across America Day

**March 3:** 97<sup>th</sup> USNR Birthday [📅](#)

**March 3:** National Anthem Day

**March 4:** National Grammar Day

**March 4-10:** National Consumer Protection Week



Pentagon's base budget over the next 10 years. ([More](#))

## **Lawmakers Continue Battle Over Federal Retirement Benefits:**

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee has reported out legislation that would make federal employees contribute 1.5 percent more of their salaries to their pensions and end the Federal Employees Retirement System annuity supplement for people who retire before age 62. This is just the latest attempt by Republican lawmakers to overhaul a federal pension system that they describe as "bloated" and "expensive." Americans are "rightfully outraged by the pension benefits guaranteed to a federal workforce that has grown too large," said Rep. Dennis Ross (R-Fla.), who sponsored the bill. "This is not at all a swipe at any federal employee. There is no vilification going on here. The reality is we have to change the way we do business." ([More](#))



## **Austin Sworn In As Vice Chief of Staff:**

Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III was sworn in as the Army's 33rd vice chief of staff during a ceremony here, Jan. 31. Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh administered the oath of office and then

thanked the general for his outstanding service and dedication to the Army. ([More](#))

## **Federal Employees Will Gain Roth Investment Option This Spring:**

Proposed rules set for publication on Wednesday lay the groundwork for a major change in the investment choices available to federal employees through the Thrift Savings Plan with the addition of a Roth alternative. The TSP is a 401(k)-style retirement savings program open to federal and postal employees as well as to members of the uniformed services and retirees. Traditionally, the plan has allowed only pre-tax investments that are taxable along with the earnings on withdrawal. Investments through a Roth design would be made with after-tax money that, along with its earnings, will be tax-free on withdrawal if certain conditions are met: The participant must be at least 59½ years old, disabled or deceased, and the first Roth contribution must have been in the account at least five years. ([More](#))



## **CNN Headline News to Be Discontinued on VBrick:**

Effective Feb. 1, CNN Headline News will no longer be available from the Rock Island Arsenal VBrick System. Broadcast of both the Pentagon Channel and the Training and Information Channel will continue without interruption. These channels are available to Rock Island Arsenal personnel and can be viewed [HERE](#).

## **Arsenal Island Sesquicentennial History Breaks:**

At Noon, Feb. 9, in the Caisson Room in Bldg. 60, George Eaton, the ASC Historian, will present the history of Quarters One as part of the monthly Rock Island Arsenal Sesquicentennial "History Break" series. Sponsored by the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society, these lunch and learns will be held the second Thursday of each month in 2012. Join us in the Caisson Room, Bldg. 60, first floor, south wing, from 12-1 p.m. As these presentations occur during lunchtime, you may bring a brown bag lunch or purchase food at the adjacent food court. Employees can sign up for these professional development opportunities in [TEDs](#). If you don't have





pledge to Build Wealth – Not Debt!  
Visit: [militarysaves.org](http://militarysaves.org) ([Proclamation](#))

## **Serving Abroad - Through Their Eyes:**

If you are an active or former member of the U.S. military, Foreign Service or Civil Service, you may submit up to ten of your best images taken abroad since 2000 for consideration. Submissions must be received by **Feb. 20**. The Best in Show honorees will be recognized in Washington D.C. this Fall with images crafted into video artwork by renowned artist Lincoln Schatz that will be displayed Nov. 30 at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. The exhibit will then travel to the Pentagon, the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, and other prominent national and international locations. To Enter: [www.ourmilitary.mil/their-eyes/serving-abroad-through-their-eyes/](http://www.ourmilitary.mil/their-eyes/serving-abroad-through-their-eyes/) or [www.art.state.gov/anniversary.aspx](http://www.art.state.gov/anniversary.aspx)



**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad Cities Henry Farnam Dinner - Celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rock Island Arsenal:** Friday, **March 9**, at Jumer's Casino and Hotel. The main part of the evening's program will feature two illustrated presentations on the history of

the Arsenal and the Island. Regena Schantz, expert on Fort Armstrong and the life and career of Colonel Davenport, will discuss Fort Armstrong and the Island before the Arsenal. Featured speaker Leslie Jensen, Curator of Arms and Armor at the West Point Museum in New York, will present the Rock Island Arsenal, Reflection of an Army 1862-1920. The 2012 Farnam Dinner will also feature numerous displays relating to the Arsenal, the Island, the River, and other historical topics. Reservations are required - dinner and program is \$40 per person; \$375.00 for a reserved table of 10. For further information or to receive a formal invitation, contact Curt Roseman, (309) 764-6122 or [croseman@usc.edu](mailto:croseman@usc.edu). ([Facebook](#))

**Blood Drive:** The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail [SHoegerl@mvrbc.com](mailto:SHoegerl@mvrbc.com) with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A 3<sup>rd</sup> shift blood drive will be held



in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on Feb. 10**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor.



*Need for New Donors: Stop by the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center's booth at the Arsenal Health Fair on **Feb. 15** with any questions you might have about donating blood.*

**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](#).**

## **Power Outage - Buildings 60, 61, 62:**

Public Works has scheduled a power outage for buildings 60, 61 & 62 for **Feb. 12**. The outage will begin at 7 a.m. with a duration of 5-8 hours. This is in support of the Advanced Metering Project for US Army Corps of Engineers.



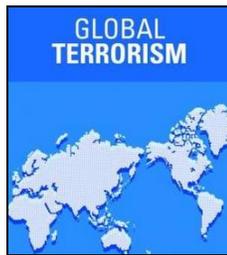
## **Rock Island Arsenal Educational**

**Interest Survey:** An Educational Interest Survey has been sent to your Leadership, NCO Coordinators and all RIA Training Coordinators to be



disseminated to the workforce. All RIA personnel should be receiving this Survey soon. All responses will be tallied and taken into consideration when making decisions regarding education choices at RIA. To best meet your educational needs, it is strongly suggested you take the time to complete the survey. Your opinion counts. Drawings will be held from completed submissions received and a token gift will be rewarded to the name drawn bi-weekly. If you want to be considered for the drawings, please provide your name and email address when completing the survey. If you need a copy of the survey or have questions, please contact [Michelle Beck](#), RIA-U.S. Army Garrison Workforce Development Specialist, (309) 782-0965 or [Stephanie Allers](#), ACES Guidance Counselor, RIA-U.S. Army Garrison, (309) 782-5895.

**Worldwide Caution:** The Department of State has updated a Worldwide Caution to update information on the continuing threat of terrorist actions and violence against U.S. citizens and interests throughout



the world. U.S. citizens are reminded to maintain a high level of vigilance and to take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness. The Department of State remains concerned about the continued threat of terrorist attacks, demonstrations, and other violent actions against U.S. citizens and interests overseas. Current information suggests that al-Qaida, its affiliated organizations, and other terrorist organizations continue to plan terrorist attacks against U.S. interests in multiple regions, including Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. These attacks may employ a wide variety of tactics including suicide operations, assassinations, kidnappings, hijackings, and bombings. For additional information open [THIS LINK](#). Military and DoD employees traveling outside the United States are required by regulation to attend an Area of Responsibility briefing within 90 days of travel. Contact your commands respective Antiterrorism Officer for further information. The JMC ATO can be reached at (309) 782-1823 and the ASC ATO can be reached at (309) 782-5809. The USAG-ATO can be contacted at (309) 782-0116. For tenants without ATO's on the installation, the USAG-ATO will serve as your point of contact.

**Talk Up Toastmasters:** Do you want to develop leadership skills and earn respect and recognition as a leader and communicator? Come to our Feb./March special Toastmasters meetings and see how we can train you in a fun and friendly atmosphere. First and third Wednesdays of each month 11:45 a.m. - 12:34 p.m. at the Clock Tower Bldg. Date: **Wednesday, Feb. 15**



**Supply Chain Management Day in the Quad Cities March 6:** Western Illinois University's Department of Management and Marketing is partnering with several regional community colleges to offer the first-ever "Discover Supply Chain Management Day," Tuesday, **March 6**, in the Quad Cities. The programming, in partnership with Black Hawk College and Eastern Iowa Community Colleges, will be held at the new WIU-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus in Moline. The event is designed to provide a networking opportunity between WIU and its partners with employers, companies, students, faculty and area high school business faculty and staff. Corporate partners will be given the chance to meet with students from WIU



and the community colleges, as well as learn about each company's career or internship opportunities. ([More](#))

## **Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique:**

The Thrift Shop is now accepting unlimited consignments. New items coming out every week. Open every Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Parking for shoppers and drop-off is available. Tickets are available for the RIAWC "Tour of Homes" Attic. POC: (309) 782-6977.

## **Arsenal Island Employee Discount:**

Quad City Rain Barrels will be offering a discount for all RIA employees who order a rain barrel or composter during the month of February. Stop by our booth at the Healthy Living Fair for details.



## **Arsenal Traffic/Construction**

### **Traffic Change at the Davenport Gate:**

Effective Jan. 16, all southbound (Illinois-bound) traffic crossing the Government Bridge will be required to stop at the intersection with the Davenport Gate regardless of the time of

day. This change is not anticipated to significantly affect inbound Arsenal traffic flow given the extremely short queue space for traffic entering the Davenport Gate. Outbound Rock Island Arsenal traffic will remain unchanged.

## **Building/Space Closures**

**Restroom Closure(s):** Public Works in conjunction with their contractor has scheduled the temporary closure of Bldg. 350 Restrooms 6N and 4N. The restrooms will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 17 thru Monday, **Feb. 27** for complete renovation. Please excuse any inconvenience this may cause. Other facilities are located south of the affected restroom(s) on each floor.

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**Closure:** There will be construction projects requiring closure of the archway opening with man doors on basement level of Bldg. 102 and 104, northwest corner of the respective courtyard entrances by passenger elevators. Alternative routes for entering and leaving the buildings will need to be used for approximately 2-3 weeks. Construction began Jan. 23. Time: **7 a.m.**

**Bldg. 60 SW Stairwell Closure:** Bldg. 60 SW stairwells, basement to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor will be closed for cleaning and construction improvements from Dec.27 through **March 31**. Notifications will be posted on all entries to the stairwell by Dec. 19. POC is Amy Henry at (309) 948-1020.

## **Active Duty/Reserve Zone**

### **Service Discharges; DD Form 214**

**Explained:** From time to time I am asked by commanders, Non-Commissioned Officers, Soldiers, and others entitled to legal assistance, about DD Form 214 and the effects various types of discharges can have. This article attempts to give you some basic information that you can review prior to



asking more questions or seeking more guidance. Many sources claim that there are five levels or grades of discharges. These would be in descending order from most favorable to least favorable; Honorable, General (under Honorable Conditions), Other Than Honorable, Bad Conduct Discharge, and Dishonorable Discharge. My experience has shown that there are actually six. This sixth type of discharge is called an Entry Level Discharge. An ELD is given to Soldiers within the first 180 days of an initial enlistment, and is given for any number of reasons ... failure to conform, participate, mental health issues, physical issues, or others. This ELD is called a non-characterized discharge because the type of service is not characterized. The holder of such a discharge cannot expect to receive any veteran's benefits. ([More](#))

### **Secretary of the Army Reaffirms Support for Soldiers, Families:**

Secretary of the Army John McHugh reaffirmed the Army's support to Soldiers and families during a visit to the headquarters of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, mid-January. Although there will be many changes coming to the Army, said McHugh, "What won't change is our commitment to taking care of Soldiers

and families." Following a morning visiting with Wounded Warriors at Brooke Army Medical Center, McHugh met with Installation Management Command, or IMCOM, Commanding General Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter and other top IMCOM officials at Fort Sam Houston to discuss installation issues. IMCOM oversees all facets of installation management including Soldier and family morale, welfare and recreation programs within its family and MWR Programs division. Additional responsibilities of the organization range from construction to public works on installations around the world. ([More](#))

### **Emergency Aid Expanded for National Guard and Reserve Families:**

Operation Homefront today announced that it will be able to fill unmet needs in specific local communities and nationwide as a result of \$175,000 in special funding from Walmart. Four community grants will help meet basic needs like food assistance and rent in Seattle, WA; Fenton, MO; Charlotte, NC; and San Diego, CA, for all eligible service members. On the national level, Operation Homefront is using the contribution to serve the families of National Guardsmen and Reservists for

longer periods before and after active-duty deployments. ([More](#))

**Rock Island Arsenal Tax Center:** It's that time again, as the New Year begins so does tax season. Your Rock Island Arsenal Tax Center is

here to help. Below are a few tips that can prepare you for this tax season: •

First, begin gathering your records. You will need to bring forms and/or other documents supporting income or deductions you are taking on your return and a cancelled check or document that has your account and routing number if you want to receive your refund electronically. You should be on the lookout for W-2s, 1099s and interest and dividend statements, which will show up in your mailbox or your online accounts. • Second, according to DFAS, Annuitant and Retiree 1099s are available on MyPay, as are civilian (DoD and non-DoD) W-2s. Reserve component W-2s became available Jan. 6 and Active Duty Soldier's W-2 became available Jan. 24. Visit <https://mypay.dfas.mil> for more information and to access MyPay. • Third, if you filed your taxes last year with the Rock Island Arsenal Tax Center, we should have your



information in our system but we will still need proper identification. If this is your first time filing with us please make sure you have your Social Security Number or your Tax Identification Number with you and bring a copy of your last year's tax return and all accompanying documents. We can prepare your state tax returns for you; but we must have all of your state tax information. If you are an Iowa Resident, we must have your 2010 Federal and State return into order to complete this year's tax return for you. • Finally, the Rock Island Arsenal Tax Center is continuing with its drop off service. The drop off service streamlines the process for both you and your tax preparer. Our location is in Bldg. 390, in the paralegal suit of the Office of Counsel. We opened as of Jan. 17; you can call (309) 782-8327 with questions.

## Safety Spotlight

**Playing the Game:** To the outside observer, safety may seem like a numbers game of statistics and comparisons. But those of us in Army safety know those numbers represent something very real: Soldiers who have died in accidents and will never return to their units or Families. We've been

fortunate during the past several years that our numbers have been on a downward trajectory — smaller totals mean good news for the Soldiers, Family members and Civilians doing our Army's hard work every day. Engaged leadership has paid dividends for the safety and well being of our force, and Soldiers are getting better and better at taking care of each other both on the front line and at home. [\(More\)](#)

## Equal Opportunity Focus

**National African American History Month:** *Presidential Proclamation* -- The story of African Americans is a story of resilience and perseverance. It traces a people who refused to accept the circumstances under which they arrived on these shores, and it chronicles the generations who fought for an America that truly reflects the ideals enshrined in our founding documents. It is the narrative of slaves who shepherded others along the path to freedom and preachers who organized against the



rules of Jim Crow, of young people who sat-in at lunch counters and ordinary men and women who took extraordinary risks to change our Nation for the better. During National African American History Month, we celebrate the rich legacy of African Americans and honor the remarkable contributions they have made to perfecting our Union. [\(More\)](#) [\(StandTo!\)](#) [\(DoD Special\)](#)

**Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity Creating App:** The Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity is working to create an app that provides youth and others with easy access to documents about DoD. Items such as Service Academy guidebooks can inform about options, processes and requirements. If you have ideas for what type of information people should have easily available in one source, please share them. [\(More\)](#)

## Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

**Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR):** Visit the MWR website at [www.riamwr.com](http://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.

## **Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse Re-Opened for Lunch Effective Feb. 1:**

Hungry? Make sure to come check out some of our delicious new menu items like the Cajun chicken Philly sandwich or hand-breaded & house-made chicken tenders. Chef Brian's Daily Special, served Wednesday through Friday offers a quick, affordable solution to those short lunch breaks, and of course all sandwiches still come with your choice of house made chips or hand cut French fries. Lunch is served Tuesday - Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call in your order at (309) 793-1601 for a quick take-out option. The lunch menu is available [HERE](#). The bar at the clubhouse will resume operations with the start of the golf season. In the interim the bar in Bldg. 60 will be open on Thursdays and Fridays at 2:30 p.m. Please call (309) 782-6319 for more information.

## **MWR Get-n-Go Grill Moving**

**Location:** The MWR Get-n-Go Grill currently located in Bldg. 110 will be relocating across the street to the Fitness Center (Bldg. 67), on **Feb. 16**, and will now be called the Island Oasis Cafe. You will still be able to get all of your favorite smoothies from the smoothie

bar plus a wide assortment of breakfast and lunch items including egg sandwiches, omelets, sandwiches, burgers, soups, salads and much more. Breakfast will be available from 6-8:30 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Make sure to stop by the Health Fair, Feb. 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and try some free samples from the new Island Oasis Café menu. Call (309) 782-6319 for more information.

**February Trivia Night:** Call up to nine of your smartest friends and join us for our monthly trivia at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. Cost is \$10 per player with mulligans and double bonuses available. Food & drink available. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place. Open to everyone. Call (309) 782-6319 for details.

Date: **Thursday, Feb. 16**

Time: **6 p.m.**

## **No Limit Texas Hold 'Em**

**Tournament:** Head on down to the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse on Saturday, **March 10**, for the No Limit Texas Hold Em' Tournament. Entry fee is \$40 per player, which includes lunch. Please register in advance by calling (309) 782-4372 or (309) 793-1601.

Time: **12 p.m.**

## **2012 RIA Fitness Center Health Fair:**

The annual RIA Fitness Center Health Fair is the place to gather helpful information on every aspect of your physical, mental, and emotional well being. 80+ exhibitors will be present with information on various topics such as heart and cardiovascular health, neurology, chiropractic care, and much more. There will be a free shuttle bus on the day of the health fair to get you to the Fitness Center without having to walk in the cold. The map for the bus route & stops [can be found here](#). The flyer with vendor list [is available here](#). Call (309) 782-6789 for more information. ([Flyer](#))

Date: **Wednesday, Feb. 15**

Time: **10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Arsenal Club Bar:** The bar in the Arsenal Club (Bldg. 60) will be open Thurs. and Fri. evenings at 2:30 p.m., effective Jan. 12. Please call (309) 782-6319 for more information.

## **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](#))



**Sleeping Beauty Ballet:** Quad Cities Presents: Sleeping Beauty. Performance will be at the Adler Theatre. Tickets on sale for \$27.

Date: **Saturday, May 19**  
Time: **7 p.m.**

### **Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee**

**Brewers:** Hey Cubs and Brewer fans. Do we have a deal for you. Let us provide the transportation to Milwaukee, Miller Park, and a game ticket for only \$84 per person. Seats on sale now.

For more information contact the Leisure Travel Office.

Date: **Saturday, May 12**  
Time: **12:05 p.m. (game time)**



**CATS:** An all time favorite returns to the Cadillac Palace Theatre. The longest continuously touring show in American theatre history is coming to Chicago. Limited seats available for \$132 on sale until **March 5**.

Date: **Saturday, May 5**

### **Warrens Wisconsin Cranberry**

**Festival:** This festival features over three miles of shopping and over 1,300

booths. Arts & crafts, flea market, antiques and the farmers market. Seats are \$72 (includes Marsh tour) on sale until **Sept. 1**.

Date: **Saturday, Sept. 1**

**Cubs vs. Cardinals:** The Chicago Cubs will be taking on the defending World Series Champion St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium. The bus will **depart at 8 a.m.** from the COL Davenport Pavilion area. Seats on sale now for \$104 per person.

Date: **Saturday, July 21**  
Time: **3:05 p.m. (game time)**



**Circa 21: Spreading It Around:** An upbeat comedy about a well-to-do widow living in a retirement community in Florida. Tired of handling out money to their neglectful, unappreciative children, Angela Drayton and her friends set up an organization which gives to those really in need. Discounted seats are \$43.50

Date: **Saturday, May 26**  
Time: **5:45 p.m.**

### **Grease at Circa 21: This is the 1950s**

**Rock 'n Roll Musical:** Rydell High's spirited class of '59 captures the look and sound of the 1950's in a rollicking musical. Grease is one of the longest running shows in Broadway history. It is a lively and funny musical which includes such favorites as "Summer Lovin," "Beauty School Dropout," "Greased Lightening," "We Go Together" - all of the '50s favorites that made this musical a Broadway and film blockbuster. Discounted tickets are \$43.50. Please call (309) 782-5890 or visit the Leisure Travel Office in Bldg. 60 to purchase tickets.

Date: **Feb. 18**

### **LA Angels vs. Chicago**

**White Sox:** Let us provide the transportation to and from the game at Chicago's U.S. Cellular Field on a charter bus. This will be an evening game. Cost per person is \$86. For more information please contact LTO at (309) 782-5890.

Date: **Saturday, Aug. 4**  
Time: **6:10 p.m.**



**Heartland Jam:** More than half of the national acts are in place for the first Heartland Jam country music festival,



**July 20-21.** We have discounted ticket available for 1 day at \$34 and two days for \$49. Limited amount of tickets.

## **Outdoor Recreation is Your Winter**

**Sports Equipment Headquarters:** The snow is finally here and whether you need a pair of skis (Nordic or Alpine), a snowboard, snow shoes or ice skates, Outdoor Recreation located in Bldg. 333 has you covered with our large selection of high quality and affordable equipment rentals. A complete listing of all available equipment can be found [HERE](#). Call (309) 782-8630 to reserve your equipment or for more info.

**Adler Theatre: Damn Yankees:** This is the story of a 1950s middle-aged baseball fanatic who trades his soul to the Devil for a chance to lead his favorite team in the pennant race against The New York Yankees only to realize the true worth of the life (and wife) he's left behind. Discounted seats are \$46.

Date: **Friday, March 23**  
Time: **7:30 p.m.**

## **Adler: Red Green's Live Wit &**

**Wisdom Tour:** It is time to bring out the flannel shirt, find those suspenders, dig out the duct tape and join Red Green for a famous Possum Lodge meeting.

Ticket on sale now for \$47.50 (Floor Seating)

Date: **Tuesday, May 1**  
Time: **7 p.m.**

**Discount QC Mallards Tickets:** Visit Leisure Travel in Bldg. 60 to get your discount tickets to watch the Quad City Mallards dominate the rink all season long. Tickets are available in the lower bowl for every home game this season for only \$15. Call (309) 782-5890 for more info.



## **Iowa Barnstormers vs. Chicago Rush:**

Leisure Travel has discount seats for this upcoming AFL game at the iWireless Center. Call the office for more details (309) 782-5890.

Date: **Saturday, Feb. 25**  
Time: **7 p.m.**

## **Circa 21: Southern Crossroads:**

Southern Crossroads tells the tale of a hilarious traveling family of singers and musicians during the Great Depression, trying to eke out a living with their musical talents. Enjoy live musicians and such great classic hits as "Keep It on the Sunny Side", "I'll Fly Away", "Midnight Special" and many more!

Date: **Saturday, April 14**

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

## **Skiing, Snowboarding & Snow Tubing Outings:**

Join Outdoor Recreation for a fun day of Skiing, Snowboarding, and Snow Tubing at Snowstar Winter Sports Park in Andalusia, Ill. on **Feb. 17**. Cost is \$13/person for snow tubing. Skiing & Snowboarding lift tickets are \$12, with equipment rental being \$12 at Snow Star. Need to get a quick lesson before hand? Beginning Ski Lesson \$5 per person (ages 7 and up only), Beginning Snowboard Lesson \$10 per person (ages 7 and up only) If carving up the slopes over and over again is not your idea of fun, then grab a cup of hot cocoa and cozy up to the bonfire at the bottom where you'll have a great view of all the activities. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from Snowstar and should meet there no later than 4 p.m. Outing goes till closing time at 10 pm. Please call (309) 782-8630 to sign up. Minimum of 15 people required to sign up or outing will be cancelled. ([Flyer](#))

**Need a Vacation?:** Do you need help planning your vacation - let the leisure travel staff help turn your vacation into a dream vacation. Stop by or call our



office at (309) 782-5890. Let us do the work.

## Child, Youth & School Services

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**Martial Arts:** SKIESUnlimited is offering Martial Arts for ages 6-18 years old. The winter session is Dec. 1 – **Feb. 28**. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-5:55 p.m. Please contact (309) 782-5969 for additional information.

**Dance:** SKIESUnlimited is offering Dance for ages 3-5 years old. The winter session is Dec. 5 – **Feb. 27**. Classes will be held on Mondays, 9:30-10 a.m. Please contact (309) 782-5969 for additional information.

**Tumbling/Gymnastics:** SKIESUnlimited is offering three sections of tumbling for ages 3-5 years old. Beginning tumbling will be held on Mondays 9-9:30 a.m. Intermediate Tumbling will be held on Mondays 10-10:50 a.m. and Thursdays 9:30-10 a.m. Please contact (309) 782-5969 for additional information.

**German Language:** SKIESUnlimited is offering German Language classes for

the winter session, Dec. 5 – **Feb. 27**. Class for 3-5 years will be held on Mondays 3-3:30 p.m. Class for 5-18 years will be held on Mondays 4-4:45 p.m. Please contact (309) 782-5969 for additional information.

**Spanish Language:** SKIESUnlimited is offering Spanish Language classes for the winter session, Dec. 1 – **Feb. 23**. Classes for 3-5 years old will be held on Thursdays 3-3:30 p.m. Classes for 5-18 years old will be held on Thursdays 4-4:45 p.m. Please contact (309) 782-5969 for additional information.

**Child Care Spaces Still Available:** Are you looking for top quality, affordable and convenient child care? Child, Youth & School Services currently has spaces available for Full & Part-time Preschool age care. Call (309) 782-0791 for more info and to reserve your space.

## Army Community Service (ACS)

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ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Special Needs Informational Forum:** Join us for an open forum on the topic of Building Success in All Environments; Home School and Community. Mary Allen, MS-Special Education, will discuss the continuum of care needed for special needs children to be successful. The location is Bldg. 150, School Age Center. A free snack dinner and limited child care is available for children registered in CYSS. RSVP for child care by **Feb. 21** to (309) 782-4736/6515. For more information [email](#).

### **Military Saves Campaign 2012 – Weathering Tough Economic Times:**

Tough economic times have taken a toll on many Americans over the last couple of years, but making sound financial decisions and saving for the future can help you weather financial storms. The start of a new year is a great time to take stock of your finances, so the FINRA Investor Education Foundation has put together these 12



practical tips that can help keep your finances on course in 2012. ([More](#))

## Employee Assistance Program

**Employee Assistance Program:** For free, confidential counseling assistance or for information on services that are available, call (309) 782-4357. Normal business hours are 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For additional information on the Employee Assistance Program, go to [www.riamwr.com](http://www.riamwr.com) or [Facebook](#).

**Anonymous Online Mental Health Screening -- February 2012:** 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, February 26- March 3. The Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program would like to help you increase your personal awareness by making confidential online screenings for eating disorders, as well as other common mental health conditions, available to you. If you find that you aren't doing things you normally would because of your diet, exercise habits, or because you don't feel attractive, consider taking a free screening at the link [HERE](#) and type in keyword ASAP. You will receive immediate feedback and next steps you can take if you are concerned about your results. The Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program staff hopes you will take advantage of these screenings because eating disorders are treatable and you can feel better.

**Smoking Cessation Group:** Want to join a supportive group of individuals with a common goal to quit smoking? 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. 110, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, SE.

**PTSD Support Groups:** Is the quality of your life being affected by 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.

## Education/Training Review

**New Location, New Resources for Army Education Center:** The Rock Island Army Education Center has moved. We remain in Bldg. 56, but our new office location is on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor at the west end of the building. Please stop by to say hello, meet our staff, and see what we have to offer. Our brand new Multi-Learning-Facility has computer access available to all ID card holders. We offer military and education exams, with access to the National Testing Center on site. Staff is available to provide military and DoD civilian personnel with education and career advice, as well as resource referrals and



information on local colleges and universities. Military testing available includes: Army Personnel Tests, language & aptitude tests, classification tests, the Test of Adult Basic Education, and the American Language Course Placement Test/Defense Language Institute English Language Center. We also proctor exams, at no charge, for online academic courses, and the National Testing Center offers College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests options. Our office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: (309) 782-2065 Fax: (309) 782-7901. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more.

**SAME Engineering and Construction Camp:** The Rock Island Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is looking to send high school students (currently in grades 9-11) to one of three Engineering and Construction Summer Camps. Applications are due by **March 16**. For application and POC details click [HERE](#).

**Women in Defense:** WID is now accepting applicants for its scholarship program. Scholarship application and eligibility criteria may be found under Scholarship by clicking [HERE](#).

Application submission must be post marked no later than midnight **April 13**. For more information, call (309) 792-4102.

**Defense Acquisition University Email:** Until further notice, DAU employees cannot receive emails from Arsenal Island personnel. If you need to speak to a DAU employee, please call (309) 782-0454 for assistance.

**RIA Welcome Club Announce Applications For Scholarships:** The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is now accepting applications for the 2012 Community Support Grants. This grant program is open to those applicants meeting the eligibility and deadline criteria. Most grants are project specific and the receiving organization must use the funds for the requested/approved purpose or return the funds to RIAWC. The RIAWC's fundamental principle is to generate funds to support philanthropic endeavors to military, local and national charities. Interested applicants may download an application from the [RIAWC website](#). Applications are also available at the RIAWC Arsenal Attic on Tuesday's or Thursday's from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Once the application is completed, it should be sent to: Rock Island Welcome Club, ATTN:

Community Support Chairperson, P.O. Box 3186, Rock Island, IL 61204-3186. Applications must be completed in its entirety, mailed together in ONE envelope and be postmarked by **March 27** to be considered for funding, no exception. The RIAWC Community Support Committee will consider each request they receive based upon substantial need and the amount of funds available for distribution. The RIAWC Community Support Grants Committee reserves the sole right to determine that each applicant meets the eligibility criteria. If you have any questions concerning the application packet or would like further information please email your questions to [RIAWCGRANTS@aol.com](mailto:RIAWCGRANTS@aol.com) attention: Community Support Grant. RIAWC is a private, not for profit non-federal entity. It is not a part of the Department of Defense or any of its components and it has no governmental status.

**Richard C. Maguire Scholarship:** The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will again sponsor the \$1,000 Richard C. Maguire scholarship; being offered to an individual studying for a Master's degree or Doctorate in history or a related field. Applications are available upon request at [rimahoch@aol.com](mailto:rimahoch@aol.com). Return by **May 1**.



**NDIA Scholarships 2012-2013:** The NDIA Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for its \$1,500 scholarships. Scholarship applications and eligibility criteria may be found by clicking on the scholarship application line at [www.ndia-ia-il.org](http://www.ndia-ia-il.org). Applications must be postmarked by **March 31** or earlier. For additional information call (563) 650-3252.

**Sgt. Paul Fisher Scholarships:** NDIA is now accepting applications for the awarding of two \$1,500 Sgt. Paul Fisher scholarships. Scholarship applications and eligibility criteria may be found by clicking on the scholarship application line at [www.ndia-ia-il.org](http://www.ndia-ia-il.org). Applications must be postmarked by **March 31**. For additional information call (563) 650-3252.

**AER Scholarships for 2012-13 Available On-line:** Army Emergency Relief (AER) scholarship on-line applications for spouses and dependent children are now available through April 2012 at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) and look under the Education Assistance button. For more information call (309) 782-0815 or [jon.c.cook.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jon.c.cook.civ@mail.mil).

## Defense Commissary Agency / PX



**The [Rock Island 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](http://www.commissaries.com) ([Facebook](#))**

**February Means More Than Valentines:** Candy treats for Valentine's Day just scratch the surface of the variety of items available at significant savings in February for commissary customers. Throughout the month DeCA's industry partners – vendors, suppliers and brokers – are hosting many in-store promotions and are providing extra savings on numerous items focused around Valentine's Day. We're not just talking candy. Check out the variety of health and beauty items that shouldn't be overlooked by those who want to look and feel their best for their Valentine's date. And there's more because February is Heart Healthy Month and National Canned Food

Month, and there's also a lot of excitement about the Year of the Dragon.

**Extreme Couponing:** If you're an extreme "couponer" and need a large quantity of an item, please [email](#), call, or ask and we can put in a special order for you. You will need to give us a couple days to get the item in so about 72 hours notice is the best. If you are unsure about the coupon policy at the commissary just check us out on [Facebook](#). We also take special orders in the meat and produce departments. POC: (309) 782-4614

**May Case Lot Sale:** Our May Case Lot Sale will be held on **May 18 and 19**, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., both days. If you are new to Rock Island our case lot sales are held in the building, so weather will not affect us at all. We learned that the hard way. If there's something you just can't find in our store just bring in the UPC and we will see if we can get it here for you. You may have to take the whole case unless it is an item that is being requesting by other patrons.

**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 Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays and major holidays. Admission is free.

**Arsenal Island Sesquicentennial History Breaks:** At Noon, **Feb. 9**, in the Caisson Room in Bldg. 60, George Eaton, the ASC Historian, will present the history of Quarters One as part of the monthly Rock Island Arsenal Sesquicentennial



"History Break" series. Sponsored by the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society, these lunch and learns will be held the second Thursday of each month in 2012. Join us in the Caisson Room, Bldg. 60, first floor, south wing, from 12-1 p.m. As these presentations occur during lunchtime, you may bring a brown bag lunch or purchase food at the adjacent food court. Employees can sign up for these professional development opportunities in [TEDs](#). If you don't have

access to [TEDs](#), please call Kris Leinicke at (309) 782-3518 to make a reservation. Due to the size of the Caisson Room, participation is limited to 50. See the following information to search for the course in [TEDs](#). Course: Sesquicentennial History Breaks; Course Description: Various "Lunch and Learn" type history overviews in celebration of the Rock Island Arsenal's Sesquicentennial; Search Term: *History Breaks*. Upcoming presentations include: • **March 8:** Keri Pleasant, JMC Historian will present the history of the Davenport House. • **April 12:** Paul Ferguson, JMC Archivist will present, "RIA by RAIL: Bridging the Mississippi."

**This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Feb. 6-12:** In January 1957, development work on the Honest John and Little John rocket launchers continued at the RIA. On Jan. 8, 1917, private contractors erected seven nitrate and eight ammunition storehouses on Rock Island. The mission of the RIA was significantly expanded in Jan. 11, 1962, when several of the tool and equipment engineering and assembly functions formerly performed by Rossford Ordnance Depot were transferred to the Rock Island Arsenal. Initially the Rock Island Ordnance

Depot received this mission but in May 1962 the RIA established a Tool and Equipment Division that assumed responsibility for tool and equipment engineering activities. In January 1976, Army Management Engineering Training Agency (AMETA) personnel took possession of Storehouse "K" (Bldg. 56). The remodeled building became the AMETA Annex, housing offices, and classrooms.

## Healthbeat

**Patient Recognition Month:** National Patient Recognition Week, celebrated annually the first week in February and recognized officially with special events on National Patient Recognition Day, Feb. 3, presents a golden opportunity for the Army leaders and medical providers to honor the patients trusted to our care—our Soldiers, family members, retirees and all other eligible military health system beneficiaries. Taking it one step further, Army Medicine has chosen to recognize its beneficiaries throughout the month of February. The Army and Army Medicine remain committed to the highest standards in patient-centered care. The theme for 2012 is We Are Patient Centered. ([More](#))



**Great American Spit Out: Quit For a Day or Quit For Good:** Do you know of someone who uses spit tobacco and has talked about quitting? If so, the Great American Spit Out on Feb. 23 provides an opportunity to quit for a day or, hopefully, quit for good. Let's look at some reasons to quit spit tobacco (also called chew, dip, snuff, smokeless tobacco). Spit tobacco, like all tobacco products, contains nicotine. Nicotine is an addictive substance and, over time, a person can become physically dependent and emotionally addicted to nicotine. Addiction to nicotine controls your schedule and how you spend your money (two cans of spit per week costs about \$280 annually). Nicotine impacts the ability to perform mission by reducing stamina, harming vision and slowing wound healing. In addition, nicotine affects the sperm and reduces the sperm count, reducing a man's chances of being able to have children. ([More](#))

**Take Care of Your Heart, It Will Take Care of You:** Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States in men and women. Heart disease affects millions of Americans. The American Heart Association estimates that about every 34 seconds someone will have a heart attack. Let's repeat

that--every 34 seconds. So if you are a slow reader, that means several people had heart attacks while you were reading this article. Research about heart disease risk factors suggests that making even small lifestyle changes can reduce the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, stroke and other serious cardiovascular conditions. ([More](#))

**Beware of the Risk of Gum Disease:** Clean and healthy teeth and gums are more important than for just an attractive smile. Gum diseases are serious infections that can lead to tooth loss. Unfortunately the beginning stages of gum disease are not painful and often go unnoticed. Many people develop gum disease to a varying degree in early adulthood due to hormonal changes that persists depending on the health of the teeth and gums. Gum or periodontal disease begins when the bacteria in plaque, the sticky colorless film that is constantly being formed on the teeth, causes the gums to be infected and swollen. If the plaque is not removed, it turns into a hard deposit called tartar that is trapped at the base of the tooth and irritates the gums. ([More](#))

**Health Clinic Announcement:** Sick Call Hours 7-8 a.m. Clinic Closed **Feb. 20** (President's Day). Clinic closed Staff

Meeting/Training **Feb. 24** 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

**Some Parents Can Now Be Buried Alongside Vets:** The Veterans Affairs Department has announced new burial rules to make parents of some deceased veterans eligible for interment in national veterans cemeteries. The policy, announced Tuesday in a notice in the Federal Register, implements the Corey Shea Act, passed by Congress in 2010 as part of a comprehensive veterans benefits bill that allows parents to be buried alongside a service member who had no surviving spouse or children at the time of death. No more than two parents could be buried alongside a veteran, meaning plots could not be used for two parents plus an adoptive stepparent, for example. The bill is named for Army Spc. Corey M. Shea, who died in Iraq on Nov. 12, 2008. He was 21 years old when he was shot by an Iraqi army soldier, and his mother, Denise Anderson, pressed Congress to allow her to be buried alongside her son when she dies. ([More](#))



## Quinn Hopes to Help Veterans Find Jobs:

In his State of the State Address, Governor Pat Quinn made the issue of hiring veterans a priority. "We will provide a significant tax credit for every unemployed veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan that a company hires," Quinn told the legislature during his address. If passed, companies would be eligible for a 5,000 dollar tax credit if they hire a veteran this year. "I'm very excited about that because I'm in the process myself of trying to get another job, James Harris, a veteran of the Army, told KWQC. ([More](#))

## Car Pooling Announcements

Submit car pooling announcements via the [Island Announcements](#) page. Please use that page to contact ROCK-RIA-PA to take your announcement off once you have found a ride.

## Car Pool:

- **Carpool:** Commuter living in Silvis looking for a ride to Bldg. 60. Employee works from 6:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday off. Willing to pay for ample gas. Contact [elizabeth.m.urbaniak3.civ@mail.mil](mailto:elizabeth.m.urbaniak3.civ@mail.mil) or (309) 782-2817.

## Around the Q.C.



- Oct. 22-March 24:** [Quad City Mallards](#) (iWireless Center)
- Feb. 10-12:** [QC Home Builders Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
- Feb. 10-12:** [Iowa/Illinois Regional Auto Show](#) (RiverCenter)
- Feb. 16-19:** [Outdoor Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
- Feb. 18:** [3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Terry Lunardi Memorial Play Hearts for Hearts Tournament](#) (Putnam Museum, Davenport)
- Feb. 24-26:** [RV Camping Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
- March 23-25:** [Flower & Garden Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
- April 14:** [In-Fisherman Swap Meet](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
- March 3-4:** [KWQC-6 Women's Health & Lifestyle Fair](#) (RiverCenter)
- May 12-13:** [Scott County Kennel Club AKC Dog Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
- March 14-17:** [Gathering of the Green](#) (RiverCenter)
- June 24:** [6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hennepin Hustle 5K Fun Run/Walk](#) (Colona, Ill.)

## Island Insight



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**2012 MILITARY SAVES WEEK**

by the  
**Garrison Manager, US Army Garrison, Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, personal and household savings is fundamental to America's stability and vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate emergency savings, retirement funds, and safe debt-income ratios are critical components of personal financial security; and

**WHEREAS**, personal financial security of Service Members is a crucial aspect of military readiness; and

**WHEREAS**, Military Saves is a national marketing campaign to persuade, encourage, and motivate Service Members and their families to take financial action in building wealth through saving money and reducing debt;

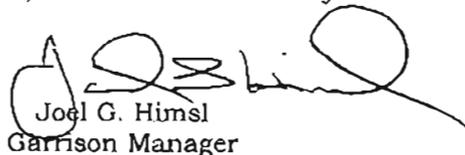
**WHEREAS**, Rock Island Arsenal is a partner in the Military Saves campaign and is committed to helping its (Service) Family, including Officers, (Sailors, Airman, Soldiers), family members, retirees, and civil servants take immediate financial action to build wealth, not debt;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Joel G. Himsl, Garrison Manager for Rock Island Arsenal, do hereby proclaim the week of February 19 – 25, 2012 as:

**MILITARY SAVES WEEK**

**I HEREBY** call upon all members of our Military Family to set a personal savings or debt reduction goal, make a simple savings plan, and take action on that plan, or take another positive wealth-building action during MILITARY SAVES WEEK, and pledge to sustain that action during the following year.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this date:

  
Joel G. Himsl  
Garrison Manager