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Island Insight



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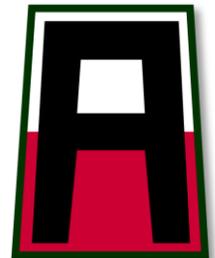
INCREMENT WEATHER OPERATING STATUS

New Army Mission Partners First Army Senior Mentors, Afghan Security Forces:

Soldiers from First Army units located across the United States began preparations in January to deploy to Afghanistan as a part of a new mission recently identified by Department of the Army that provides specialized teams, beginning this spring, will train and assist Afghan Security Forces as they assume a greater role providing security to the Afghan people.

More than 140 First Army senior officers and noncommissioned officers will train and deploy as 14 teams in three deployment rotations, February thru September 2012, to support the Army's new Security Force Assistance Team mission in Afghanistan. The hand-picked select group of senior Soldiers assigned to First Army Training Support Brigades will deploy later this spring. "Our Soldiers will mentor and assist Afghan army and police units as they

conduct security operations," said Col. William J. Schafer, First Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. "Their primary role is to mentor Afghan units and help them achieve levels of proficiency so they can lead and conduct independent security operations." First Army's multi-component teams will deploy with active component Brigade Combat



Team SFATs from the 4th Infantry Division, 101st Airborne Division and the 1st Armored Division. ([More](#))

GOP Lawmakers Question Fairness of DoD Pay, Benefit Cuts:

As Defense officials take to Capitol Hill to defend their proposed personnel budget, they're beginning to hear a common theme: Complaints that civilian employees aren't bearing their fair share of military spending cutbacks. DoD leaders got battered on both sides of the Capitol Tuesday, hearing complaints from Republican lawmakers in both the House and Senate that the military personnel proposals in President Obama's 2013 budget unfairly target the uniformed military, while leaving civilians, both inside and outside of DoD relatively unscathed. ([More](#))



Bill Would Require Finances of Many Feds to Be Posted Online:

The finances of as many as 350,000 federal employees could be posted publicly on the Internet if Congress approves pending legislation, a federal



agency says. The Office of Government Ethics (OGE) made this observation as part of a broad analysis of the pending Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act aimed at curbing insider trading among lawmakers, political appointees, military officers and senior federal employees. ([More](#))

OPM Updates Retirement Savings

Estimator: The Office of Personnel Management said it has updated its online retirement savings planning tool for federal employees. The Federal Ballpark Estimate calculator, developed by the Employee Benefit Research Institute, includes projected federal annuity and Thrift Savings Plan benefits to give feds some idea of how much they need to save to get the retirement they want. The estimator now incorporates the TSP deferral limit for 2012. ([More](#))



Panetta Urges Congress to Put All

Federal Spending on Table: The responsibility to reduce the deficit cannot be borne by defense alone, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta told the Senate Budget Committee Feb. 28.

Upcoming Dates

- 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:** 97th USNR Birthday [📅](#)
- March 3:** National Anthem Day
- March 3:** Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day
- March 4:** National Grammar Day
- March 4-10:** National Consumer Protection Week
- March 5-9:** National School Breakfast Week [📅](#)
- March 5-11:** National Sleep Awareness Week [📅](#)
- March 10:** National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day [📅](#)
- March 11:** Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 12:** World Kidney Day
- March 14:** Conjunction of Venus and Jupiter
- March 14:** Pi Day (π)
- March 15:** 93rd American Legion Birthday
- March 15:** International Day Against Police Brutality
- March 16:** Red Nose Day [📅](#)
- March 17:** St. Patrick's Day
- March 18-24:** Nat. Poison Prevention Week [📅](#)
- March 19:** 9th Anniversary of the Beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom
- March 19-25:** World Salt Awareness Week
- March 20:** First Day of Spring
- March 20:** National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- March 25:** Medal of Honor Day
- March 25-31:** Nat. LGBT Health Awareness Week
- March 26-31:** Nat. Youth Violence Prevention Week
- April 1:** April Fool's Day
- April 4:** 63rd Birthday of NATO
- April 6:** 95th Anniversary of U.S. Entry into WWI



Panetta detailed President Barack Obama's fiscal 2013 defense budget request, which puts the department on the road to reduce spending by \$487 billion over the next 10 years. ([More](#))

AFAP Delegates to Bring Eight New Issues to Army Leaders:

The annual Army Family Action Plan Conference has brought 53

delegates here this week from garrisons across the Army to discuss 51 issues important to families, wounded warriors and Soldiers.

These issues -- brought up through the AFAP process begun at the garrison level -- will be pared down over the next three days to eight, and then presented to senior Army leaders, March 2. ([More](#))



Supervisor Training Mandatory for Military and Civilian Supervisors:

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2010, Section 113, requires the services to

STAND-TO!

provide mandatory training for all new and experienced supervisors. New supervisors must complete the initial training within a year of their assignment. Experienced supervisors

must complete refresher training at least once every three years. Topics include performance management, conflict management, and prohibited personnel practices. The training is required for all military and civilian supervisors of Army civilians. ([More](#))

Army Facebook Pages Get a Facelift:

The U.S. Army has made social media news, again ... this time for being one of the first organizations to change to the NEW Facebook Page. The new interface will change the way fans engage and interact on the site. "New Facebook Pages give government agencies, lawmakers, and political campaigns more engaging ways to tell their stories, and we're excited to see branches of the U.S. military leading the way. We're eager to see others join the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard in embracing new Pages to better to connect with citizens, provide information, and deliver services," said Joel Kaplan, Vice President-U.S. Public Policy, Facebook. ([More](#)) ([Rock Island Arsenal](#)) ([First Army](#)) ([ASC](#)) ([JMTC](#)) ([Corps of Engineers](#)) ([FMWR](#)) ([CYSS](#)) ([ACS](#)) ([EAP](#)) ([EFMP](#)) ([FAP](#))



Severe Weather Week: The Rock Island Arsenal is observing severe weather week **March 5-9** to prepare for hazardous spring weather. To help you prepare we will be providing the following: daily emails that provide education on the topics for each day; rotating displays at public areas on the Island; and conduct an installation-wide severe weather drill **March 6**, at 10 a.m. All organizations are expected to participate in this drill using the Building Marshal Warden program. RIA has just implemented Operations Order 2012-001 Installation Severe Weather Exercises that requires this drill on an annual basis. This operations order will be provided to protection working group members, commanders and senior leaders. Please visit readyarmy.ria.army.mil for information to help you prepare for this and other hazards.

Studio Photography to Resume on Arsenal Island:

Studio Photography will resume on Rock Island Arsenal **Feb.**

28 through March 1.

The hours will be:

Feb. 28: 12-4 p.m.;

Feb. 29: 8 a.m.-4

p.m.; March 1: 8 a.m.-4

p.m. ([Click HERE for additional details](#))



Studio photography includes DA, official government passport, and official command photographs (head and shoulders). Photography appointments will be made through the [Visual Information Ordering System \(VIOS\)](#). There will be no walk-ins! Photographs will be taken in Bldg. 56, Basement. This is the same location as the former contract photography studio; take any entrance into Bldg. 56, take the elevator to the basement and you will be facing the photography studio door. The priority is for Active Duty Soldier DA photos, RIA personnel official government passport photos, RIA command photos, and then Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty) DA photos. All personnel needing official government passport photos will need a DA Form 3903, Multi-Media/Visual Information Work Order signed by the Passport Agent in block 14, in order to obtain a passport photo. We will be scheduling once a month 3-day photo sessions. We anticipate these sessions being scheduled at the same time each month with some sessions scheduled by exception to capture large groups of Soldiers who will be on RIA for a special event. Garrison POC: [Don Swanson](#), (309) 782-6390.

9th Annual Quad Cities Henry Farnam Dinner - Celebrating the 150th 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. ([Facebook](#)) ([Argus/Dispatch](#))

RIA Welcome Club Trivia Night: Please come to the RIAWC Trivia Night at the Arsenal Golf Club. Ten persons per trivia team - \$10 per person. Prizes awarded. Green beer & limited menu available. Contact LPero@att.net to

reserve a table for your team. RIAWC is a private, non-profit, non-federal entity with no governmental or DoD affiliation.

Date: **Saturday, March 17**
Time: **7-10 p.m.**

Blood Drive: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, March 9, 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 23**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor.



The Truth About Donating Blood! Excuse: Plenty of people donate, they don't need my blood. Truth: The fact is that plenty of people don't donate. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Unfortunately, of the 38 percent of the U.S. population that is



eligible to donate blood, less than 10 percent do annually.

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](#).

Women in Defense Annual

Leadership Training: "Leadership: The Choices We Make" to be held at Stoney Creek Inn, Moline. Sign up in [TEDs](#), click [HERE](#), or contact [Dianne Wheeler](#).
Date: **Thursday, March 8**
Time: **8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.**

Travel Warning – Colombia:

The Department of State reminds U.S. citizens of the dangers of travel to Colombia. Security in Colombia has improved significantly in recent years, including in tourist and business travel destinations such as Cartagena and Bogota, but violence by narco-terrorist groups continues to affect some rural areas and large cities. Military and DoD employees traveling outside the United States are required by regulation to



attend and Area of Responsibility briefing within 90 days of travel. To attend a brief, contact the Garrison AT/FP officer at (309) 782-0116.

Travel Warning – Mexico:

The Department of State has extended their travel warning to inform U.S. citizens traveling to Mexico about the security situation in Mexico. It is imperative that



travelers understand the risks involved in travel to Mexico and how best to avoid dangerous situations. Common-sense precautions such as visiting only legitimate business and tourist areas during daylight hours, and avoiding areas where criminal activity might occur, can help ensure that travel to Mexico is safe and enjoyable. 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-RIA ATO will serve as your POC.

Attention Travelers: The TSA has implemented some new screening procedures at the Quad City International Airport in Moline. If you are a frequent traveler or you plan on taking a trip in the near future there are a few changes you will want to be aware of. You should be at the airport 90 minutes to two hours before your flight is scheduled to leave. After you are cleared at the airline counter, you should proceed to the screening checkpoint where further screening will be conducted. Most airlines require you to be at the airline gate 20 – 30 minutes prior to departure time for boarding. All [boarding announcements](#) will be made by the airline. See the [TSA website](#) for more information on how you can make ensure your screening process is as smooth as possible. Keep in mind, the new Allegiant airline and low fares to popular destinations is an attraction for travelers who may not be as regular as some of us at the RIA. This is important because there is an influx of new travelers who are learning the screening procedures and can cause some



Transportation Security Administration



additional delays from what you would normally expect from smaller airports like ours.

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 Traffic/Construction

There are no announcements for this section at this time.

Building/Space Closures

Restroom Closure(s): Public Works in conjunction with their contractor has scheduled the temporary closure of Bldg. 350 restrooms 3M and 6N. The restrooms will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 31 thru Monday, **March 12**, for complete renovation. Please excuse any inconvenience this may cause. Signs will be posted outside these restrooms with directions to the nearest open restroom (women's, men's, or unisex).

Bldg. 60 SW Stairwell Closure: Bldg. 60 SW stairwells, basement to 3rd 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

Soldiers to Be Tested For Prescription Drug Abuse: The Army will soon begin expanded testing of Soldiers for unauthorized prescription drugs, in addition to currently tested illegal substances. "We're starting with

hydrocodone and hydromorphone as the first expansion" of testing said Lt. Col. Shaun Bailey, chief of the drug testing branch at the Army Center for Substance Abuse Programs. He explained that these two pain-killers are widely used, as they are found in Vicodin and other brand-named drugs. "We will continue to expand and increase our prescription drug-testing capabilities in the months to come," Bailey said. "We're not limiting ourselves in this initial announcement." ([More](#))

Tricare Premiums Could Double or Triple Under Administration Plan:

Florida congressmen and veterans' groups on Tuesday blasted an Obama administration plan to double or triple Tricare medical premiums for active-duty and retired military personnel. ([More](#))

Panetta Announces Another PTSD

Review: U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta Tuesday announced a new layer in the Army's investigations into a Madigan Army Medical Center behavioral health program that changed post traumatic stress disorder diagnoses for certain soldiers who were seeking medical retirements at the Army base south of Tacoma. Panetta told a Senate committee that he asked a Defense



Department undersecretary to look at whether the military is diagnosing post traumatic stress consistently. ([More](#))

Group Plans to Honor Iraq,

Afghanistan War Vets: It took almost 60 years for World War II veterans to get a monument in Washington. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial opened less than a decade after their war ended. Now with the Iraq war just over, and Afghanistan continuing, there are already plans to honor those veterans in a new National Mall tribute in the works. It wouldn't be a full-scale Iraq and Afghanistan war memorial. But the group that built the Vietnam memorial wall of names tells The Associated Press that it will expand the scope of a planned education center nearby to include service members killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their photos would be displayed alongside those of soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who died in the Vietnam conflict that ended in 1975. ([More](#))

DoD Takes Steps to Remove Spouse Employment Barriers:

The Defense Department is making "tremendous" strides in its efforts to ease employment challenges for military spouses with occupational licenses, a DoD official said here yesterday. "This year we're

having tremendous success, and expect to see even more progress next year," Ed Kringer, director of state liaison and educational opportunity for the Pentagon's office of military community and family policy, told an audience gathered for the National Credentialing Summit at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. ([More](#))

USO of Illinois Tickets for Troops and the Quad City Symphony Orchestra

Presents Benjamin Britten's -- War Requiem: The Quad City Symphony Orchestra, the University of Minnesota, School of Music, and the Hochschule für Musik in Detmold, Germany, under the leadership of QCSO Music Director Mark Russell Smith, are embarking on an international collaboration to perform Benjamin Britten "War Requiem." This epic masterwork by one of the 20th century most acclaimed composers combines the Requiem Mass with nine poems by English poet and fallen World War I soldier Wilfred Owen. The symphony was originally performed 50 years ago at the re-consecration of Coventry Cathedral in Coventry, England, rebuilt after its destruction by



the German Air Force during World War II. War Requiem was performed in Germany on Feb. 18 & 19 and at the University of Minnesota on **March 1** before concluding its historic run here in the Quad Cities on **March 3 & 4**. Military, military families and Gold Star Families are eligible for free tickets to the Saturday, **March 3** performance thanks to the generous donation of tickets from the Quad City Symphony Orchestra. Show time is 7:30 p.m. at the Adler Theater at 136 East 3rd Street, Davenport. For more information or to register visit www.uso.org/Illinois.

Safety Spotlight

SafetyGram – Distractions: They're Everywhere: As good as cell phones might be for instant communication, they contribute to bad driving. It is becoming increasingly clear that talking on a cell phone distracts a driver from seeing hazards and responding quickly. Have you ever driven behind a slow vehicle, and then passed it only to see a cell phone conversation taking place? Minutes later the driver speeds past you because he just hung up? Aggravating isn't it? It's also a serious hazard. Drivers can't afford to be distracted by cell phones or anything else. The



National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the United States says some form of driver distraction is a contributing factor in 20 to 30 per cent of vehicle crashes. ([More](#))

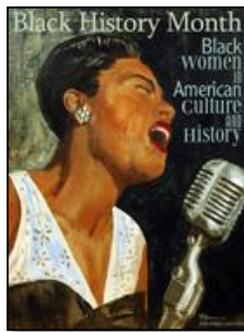
Meijer Recalls Touch Point Fan Heaters Due to Fire, Shock Hazards:

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product. ([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](#)) ([Army Tri-Signed Letter](#))

Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

Morale, Welfare & Recreation

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

Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse Re-Opens for Lunch:

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.

Easter Brunch at the Arsenal Island Golf Course:

Join us at the Arsenal Island Golf Course for brunch on Easter Sunday. Bring the whole family and enjoy a delicious meal that features carved prime rib, carved ham, oven roasted salmon and sautéed chicken breast. Cost is \$19.95/adult and \$9.95/child (12 & under). Please call (309) 793-1601 for reservations.

Date: **Sunday, April 8**

Time: **10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**



MWR Island Oasis Café: The MWR Island Oasis Café, formerly the Get-n-Go Grill, is located in the Fitness Center (Bldg. 67). You can still 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. Call (309) 782-6319 for more information.

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.**

Arsenal Club Bar: The bar in the Arsenal Club (Bldg. 60) is open Thurs. and Fri. evenings at 2:30 p.m. 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](#))

Dodgeball League: Duck, dive, and dodge your way to victory. Get your team of up to 12 players together and get signed up for the Fitness Center's 2012 adult dodgeball league. Cost for this nine-week season is \$100/team. There will be a single elimination tournament at the end of the season. Games are played on Wednesday nights beginning March 14. There will be a captains' meeting at the Fitness Center March 7 at 5:30 p.m. Call (309) 782-5124 for more info.

2012 MWR Garden Plot Program:

Sign up dates for this year's garden plot program are: Active duty military starting **March 5**, retired military starting **March 12**, RIA civilian employees starting **March 19**. For more information and complete details visit our website www.riamwr.com or phone (309) 782-8630.

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.**

Circa 21: Spreading It Around: An upbeat comedy about a well-to-do widow living in a retirement community in Florida. Tired of handing 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.**

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 more than three miles of shopping and more than 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. 29**

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)**

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.



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.**

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.**



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.

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.



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.**

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.**

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

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)

C 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



Arsenal Joins Federal, Nonprofit Partners for National Consumer Protection Week 2012: Rock Island Arsenal is

joining with federal, state, and local government agencies and national organizations to celebrate the 14th annual [National Consumer Protection Week March 4-10](#). During NCPW, organizations share tips and information that help consumers protect their privacy, manage money and debt, avoid identity theft, and avoid frauds and scams. Go to [www.ncpw.gov](#) and [www.usa.gov](#) to read, view, download and order copies of educational materials for consumer protection. More information and assistance is available



from [Army Community Service](#), (309) 782-0815.

Employee Assistance Program

C 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](#) or [Facebook](#).

Anonymous Online Mental Health Screening – March 2012: Did you sleep well last night? Your answer to this question could tell others much about your mood and energy level today. It has been found that the emotion centers of the brain are over 60 percent more reactive after missing a single night's sleep (*ScienceDaily, 2007*). To anyone who has suffered a sleepless night, these results probably aren't surprising. However, they do offer insight into the link between depression, anxiety, and sleep problems. If you find that you have more than an occasional poor night's sleep, or if you feel exhausted during the day despite sleeping through the night, it may be a



sign that you are suffering from depression, anxiety or another mental health condition. Because sleep is so important to your mental health, Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program is honoring National Sleep Awareness Week, **March 5-11**, by offering you the opportunity to complete a free, anonymous screening for depression, anxiety and other common mental health conditions. The screenings are available [HERE](#), type in keyword ASAP. We hope that you will take advantage of these screenings as a way to look at how you have been feeling and to make sure depression or another mental health condition is not getting in the way of your good night's sleep.

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. 110, 1st floor, SE wing.

PTSD Support Groups: Are you or a loved one 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.



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.

Army Continuing Education System Hosting Education Fair: On Thurs., **March 22**, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., an Education Fair will be held in Bldg. 60 Heritage Hall. Military personnel, DoD civilians, and family members are invited to meet College and VA representatives and learn more about

educational programs and benefits. POC: stephanie.e.allers.civ@mail.mil, (309) 782-5895.

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 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. 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. 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. 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 and look under the Education Assistance button. For more information call (309) 782-0815 or jon.c.cook.civ@mail.mil.

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other Commissaries, visit:

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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 requested 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](#). Currently 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.

RIA Historical Society Sponsors

Event: As part of the Quad City

Symphony Orchestra's collaborative performance of Benjamin Britten's 1962 "War Requiem" on **March 3 and 4**, the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society is sponsoring a free event on **March 2**. George Eaton, Army Sustainment Command Historian, will talk about the British trench experience in World War I and the poetry of Wilfred Owen. Owen's poems are featured in the "War Requiem." The talk will take place in the Caisson Room, Bldg. 60, Rock Island Arsenal, at 5:30 p.m. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum will be open until 5:30 p.m. that evening.

Rock Island Arsenal Museum New

Hours: The operating hours for the Rock Island Arsenal Museum will change on **March 11**. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum will be open to the public, Tuesday - Saturday, 12-4 p.m. The museum will be closed on Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Visitor entry requirements: A current photo ID is required for everyone age 16 or older. Foreign visitors must register one week ahead by calling (309) 782-2686.



March Sesquicentennial History

Break: Think about taking a "History Break" to celebrate Rock Island Arsenal's 150th Anniversary. On **March 8**, Keri Pleasant, JMC Historian, will present the history of the Davenport House. Colonel Davenport's house is a circa 1833 structure and was considered a mansion of its time. The house is located on the north side of Arsenal Island. Davenport was a settler, provider, homesteader, businessman and counselor. His history equals the Quad City's history shaping its growth and development. On a much larger scale, it reflects the settling of the West. 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, 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](#) (Search Term "History Breaks"). 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. Upcoming presentations include: **April 12**, Paul Ferguson, JMC Archivist will present "RIA by Rail: Bridging the Mississippi." **May 10**, Gena Schantz, Independent Scholar, and Kris Leinicke, Rock Island Arsenal Museum, will present a program on the history of Fort Armstrong and the Fort Armstrong Centennial Celebration.

Arsenal Historical Society Meeting:

The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will meet 6 p.m., Thursday, **March 1**, Veranda Room of the Arsenal Island Golf Course club house. Guest speaker will be Karen O'Connor, from the Davenport Library. Call Linda (563) 355-6165 for reservations by Monday, **Feb. 27**. For further clarification call Kris Leinicke at (309) 782-3518.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Feb. 20-March 4:

RIA received its first order of 1,000 M1897 French 75mm recuperators on Feb. 27, 1918. On March 1, 1876, RIA workers began cleaning and repairing small arms rifles. By June 1876, these workers had cleaned 3,700 rifles. Rock Island Arsenal had less than 500 employees on March 1898. Congress approved the

establishment of a horse drawn railway over the Government Bridge and Island on March 3, 1885. On March 4, 1897, Capt. Stanhope Blunt assumed command of the RIA.

Healthbeat

Popular But Dangerous: 3 Vitamins

That Can Hurt You: If you tuned into The Daily Show earlier this month, you would have heard Jon Stewart's guest, David Agus, a physician and author of the new best-selling book *The End of Illness*, fret about what could be called America's vitamin abuse problem. There have been 50 large-scale studies on supplements, he said, and not one has shown a benefit in heart disease or cancer. "I don't get it," he said. "Why are we taking these?" ([More](#))

How Lack of Sleep Hurts Your

Health: Is one of your favorite sayings "I'll sleep when I'm dead"? You may want to reconsider. Far from being a time-wasting, 8-hour sentence in a useless void, the research is pretty clear on this point: sleep is crucial for good health. It helps memory and mood, keeps you trim, strengthens your immune system, fights inflammation, and keeps your heart and blood vessels

in tip-top shape. "When you're sleeping you're regulating hormone levels, you're regulating insulin levels, your blood pressure is being kept under control, there are a lot of things going on, and if you're not getting enough sleep you're throwing these things out of whack," says Shelby Freedman Harris, PsyD, director of behavioral sleep medicine at Montefiore Medical Center's Sleep-Wake Disorders Center in New York City. While you're snoozing, the body repairs damaged tissue, produces crucial hormones, and strengthens memories — a process called consolidation, which helps you perform a new skill better after sleeping than you would if you spent an equivalent amount of time awake. (Take that, all-nighters!) "It's a way for the body to integrate everything that happened over the past waking day and to kind of prepare for the next day," says Virend K. Somers, MD, a professor of medicine and cardiovascular diseases at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., who studies sleep and heart health. Hopefully, you're convinced that sleep is good for you. So what happens when age-old culprits like insomnia or sleep apnea — or newer ones like a jam-packed schedule — cause you to chronically lose sleep? That's right, they may affect your health — particularly your heart. (In general, short stretches of



sleep deprivation—— when taking care of a new baby, for example — can be challenging, but aren't thought to have a long-term effect on health). ([More](#))

Health Clinic Announcement:

TRICARE closed **Feb. 27**. Clinic closed staff meeting/training **March 23** 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

VA Working to Improve Call Center Responses:

The Veterans Affairs Department has implemented new call center procedures to make sure more veterans get through to someone who can help them. Questioned during a Wednesday hearing on long-standing complaints about getting help with benefits by phone, Allison Hickey, VA undersecretary for benefits, said two initiatives are under way to make improvements. ([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:

- **Carpool:** Commuter living in Rio, Ill., looking for someone to carpool with from Galesburg/Alpha area. Employee works 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. w/RDO 1st Friday of Payperiod. Email erica.r.alexander.civ@mail.mil or call (309) 782-5472.

Around the Q.C.

Oct. 22-March 24: [Quad City Mallards](#) (iWireless Center)

March 2: [Spring Surprise](#) (Vander Veer Botanical Park, Davenport)

March 3: [Strikes and Spares Bowling Tournament](#) (Miller Time Bowling, Davenport)

March 3-4: [KWQC Women's Health and Lifestyle Fair](#) (RiverCenter)

March 9: [Henry Farnam Dinner](#) (Jumer's Casino, Rock Island)

March 9: [St. Patrick's Dance](#) (Bettendorf Comm. Center)

March 14-17: [Gathering of the Green](#) (RiverCenter)

March 16-17: [St. Patrick's Day Parade Weekend](#) (Rock Island, Davenport)

March 17: [CASI 30th Annual St. Patrick's Day 5K Race](#) (River Music Experience, Davenport)

March 17: [2-ON-2 Indoor Soccer Shootout](#) (Coolidge Gym, Moline)

March 23-25: [Flower & Garden Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)

March 23: [Gilda's Club - Cooking Up a Conversation with Curtis Stone](#) (RiverCenter)

March 24: [You Were Made For This 5K](#) (Moline High School)

March 25: [Run Buddy Run 5K](#) (Davenport Soccer Complex)

March 25: [Mother Son Formal Dance](#) (RiverCenter)

March 30: [Mom & Me Skate](#) (River's Edge, Davenport)

March 31: [Dwyers & Michaels' Big Boyz Toy Show](#) (RiverCenter)

March 31: [Spring Egg Hunt](#) (Lincoln Park, Rock Island)

March 31: [7th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza](#) (Riverside Park Field, Moline)

April 5 - Sept. 3: [Quad Cities River Bandits](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)

April 7: [24th Annual Ranch Riders Motorcycle Brotherhood Easter Egg Hunt](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

April 11-16: [Iowa Poolplayers State Championship](#) (RiverCenter)

April 14: [In-Fisherman Swap Meet](#) (QCCA Expo Center)

April 20: [River Action's 10th Annual Fish & Fire](#) (Blackhawk State Historic Watchtower Lodge)

April 21: [Earth Week Fair](#) (QCCA Expo Center)

April 21: [Earth Day Cleanup](#) (Black Hawk State Historic Site)



April 21: [Run for Renewal 5K](#) (Sr. Concetta Park, Davenport)
April 22: [Gilda's Run for Laughs & Roseannadana Dash 5K](#) (Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)
April 28: [6th Annual Steve's Old Time Tap Spring Chaser 5K](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
May 5: [Derby Day Party](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse)
May 5: [Venus Envy](#) (BucktownCenter)
May 5: [Rock Island Downtown Clean Up](#) (The District)
May 5: [31st Annual CBRC 24-hour Run](#) (North Scott High School Track, Eldridge)
May 5: [WIU Frog Hop 5K](#) (WIU, Moline)
May 11: [Gallery Hop!](#) (The District)
May 12: [MLB Pitch, Hit & Run](#) (Stephens Park Diamond, Moline)
May 12-13: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figge Art Museum)
May 12-13: [Scott County Kennel Club AKC Dog Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
May 13: [25th Annual Quad Cities Distance Classic 5K](#) (Augustana)
May 19: [Start! Heart Walk](#) (Great River Plaza, Rock Island)
May 19: [St. Ambrose University Wine Festival](#) (St. Ambrose University)
May 26: [Running Wild's The Wild 5](#) (Gold's Gym, Davenport)
May 28: [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Rock Island)
June 2: [Run for the Son 5K Run/Walk](#) (Christian Care Rescue Mission, Rock Island)
June: 8-9: [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District)
June 9: [Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure - Quad Cities 5K](#) (Davenport)
June 13-16: [Sturgis Mississippi River Motorcycle Rally](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

June 15-16: [Daiquiri Factory's Rock The District](#) (The District)
June 16: [13th Annual Quad Cities Triathlon](#)
June 17: [Ride the River](#) (RiverWay Trails, Iowa & Ill.)
June 16-17: [Greek Cultural Festival](#) (East Moline)
June 23: [Run for the Hills XC](#) (Crow Creek Park, Bettendorf)
June 23: [Royal Ball Run for Autism 5K](#) (Milan HyVee)
June 24: [6th Annual Hennepin Hustle 5K Fun Run/Walk](#) (Colona, Ill.)
June 24: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)
June 29-July 1: [Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park)
June 30: [Daiquiri Factory's Dodgeball Showdown](#) (The District)
July 3: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (Rock Island & Davenport)
July 4: [30th Annual Genesis Firecracker Run](#) (East Moline)
July 9-15: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run)
July 11: [21st Annual YouthFest](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
July 14: [28th Annual Moonlight Chase](#) (Eldridge)
July 16-21: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (East Moline Fairgrounds)
July 20-21: [Heartland Jam](#) (LeClaire Park)
July 27-28: [41st Annual MVRBC Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 28: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 31-Aug. 5: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Aug. 2-5: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (LeClaire Park & Hotel Blackhawk)

Aug. 9-11: [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa / Port Byron, Ill.)
Aug. 10-11: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District)
Aug. 17-18: [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Aug. 18: [River Action's 3rd Annual Floatzilla](#) (Lake Potter)
Aug. 23-26: [World Series of Drag Racing](#) (Cordova Dragway)
Aug. 25: [Quad Cities Irish Festival](#) (Rock Island)
Aug. 25: [RIBCO's 3rd Annual River City Beer Festiv-ale](#) (The District)
Aug. 28-Sept. 5: [ASA Girls 12U Fastpitch Tournament](#) (Greenvalley Sports Complex, Moline)
Aug. 30-Sept. 2: [Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Sept. 1: [8th Annual Labor Day Ride For Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma](#) (The District)
Sept. 1-2: [Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)
Sept. 1-2: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
Sept. 3: [Bettendorf Rotary 18th Annual Run with Carl 5K](#) (Life Fitness Center, Bettendorf)
Sept. 6: [13th Annual Senior Golf Cart Tour of RiverWay Trails](#) (Multiple Locations)
Sept. 7-16: [East West Riverfest](#) (Quad Cities)
Sept. 8: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park)
Sept. 8-9: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 15: [Taming of the Slough](#) (Sylvan Island)
Sept. 15: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park)
Sept. 15: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)



Sept. 15-16: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park, Village of East Davenport)

Sept. 15-16: [Our Big Fat Greek Festival](#) (St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Rock Island)

Sept. 19-21: [Upper Mississippi River Conference](#) (TBD)

Sept. 22-23: [Quad Cities Kite Festival](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

Sept. 23: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)

Sept. 27-29: [Mississippi Valley Quilters Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

Sept. 28-30: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)

Sept. 29: [17th Annual Killer Bee 5K Run/Walk](#) (Rogalski Center Lawn, St. Ambrose Campus)

Oct. 5-6: [Midwest Clown Association Convention](#) (Clarion Hotel Conf. Center, Davenport)

Oct. 6: [Hilltop Campus Village 3rd Annual Fall Music Festival](#) (Hilltop Park, Davenport)

Oct. 7: [Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic Gone Running 5K Run/Walk](#) (Schwiebert Park, Rock Island)

Oct. 13-14: [Gun Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

Oct. 23-28: [FLW National Guard Walleye Tournament](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

Oct. 25: [Fright Night](#) (The District)

Oct. 26: [Bucktown's Deadstock](#) (Bucktown)

Oct. 27: [Witches Walk](#) (Downtown LeClaire)

Oct. 27: [Daiquiri Factory's Boneyard Boogie](#) (The District)

Oct. 27-28: [Rock and Gem Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

Nov. 11: [Doll Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

Nov. 16-25: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter)

Nov. 17: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Nov. 17: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons & Holiday Pops Concert](#) (Downtown Moline)

Dec. 1-14: [Season of Light-Star of Bethlehem](#) (Augustana College Planetarium)

Dec. 2: [19th Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

Dec. 7: [Gallery Hop!](#) (The District)

Dec. 8-9: [131st Annual Performance of Handel's Messiah](#) (Centennial Hall, Augustana College)

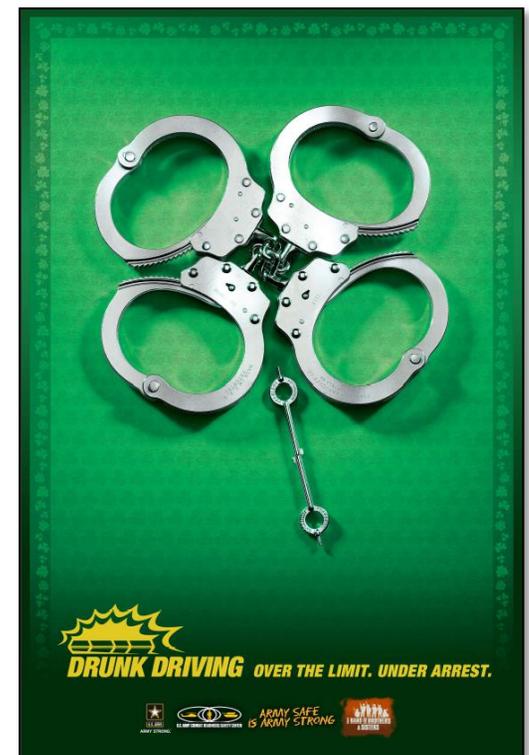
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