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Island Insight



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INCLEMENT WEATHER OPERATING STATUS

IMCOM Promise: World-Class

Customer Service: Every day across our installations, members of Team IMCOM are working hard to provide world-class customer service and make it a great day to be a Soldier, Family member or Army Civilian. A prime example is when a 71-year-old retired sergeant first class visited the Fort McCoy ID card office to renew his card. Ken Quade, a separation and retirement services specialist, noticed the retiree

needed a different kind of card. He was not receiving all the benefits he should have. Quade could see the customer needed help, and so he took corrective action. Incredibly, with Quade's help, the retiree was eventually able to recover more than \$41,000 in back pay and receive other benefits he had earned. Just imagine the impact of this on the Sgt. First Class and his wife. They returned to the office to tell Quade in person what a big difference it made in

their lives. We in the Installation Management Command are charged with delivering the majority of installation services and Soldier and Family programs, and we know that a critical element of service delivery depends on our people. World-class customer service depends on making connections with the customers across the counter--listening to them, working



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to find solutions, and saying thank you. ([More](#))

Rock Island Arsenal Participates in Multi-state Table Top Exercise:

On March 7, 65 representatives from 49 Quad Cities responding organizations converged on the new Scott County

Emergency Operations Center to take part in a three-hour table-top exercise. Participants said the exercise improved the flow of information the coordination of various emergency agencies in the event of an actual emergency. "By continuing to exercise new potential threats, it keeps the material fresh and the participants on their feet," said Shelly Chapman, Rock Island County Board executive assistant. "It makes you think out of the box while still utilizing the general principles that we are all comfortable with." ([More](#))



ASC Historian Speaks To High School Students:

High school students here learned about the origins of World War I, and the horrors faced by those who fought in the "War



to End All Wars," during a March 9 presentation by U.S. Army Sustainment Command's historian. ASC historian George Eaton gave the presentation at Moline High School. The 40-minute presentation, made in the school's auditorium, was attended by about 150 freshman students from history and social studies classes. ([More](#))

As the Government Bridge Turns:

River navigation season is about to kick into high gear once again with the re-opening of downstream locks on the Mississippi River. With river navigation season comes a



drastic increase in the turning of the Government Bridge here at Arsenal Island. The Corps of Engineers' locks at [Lock 16, 17, 18, and 21](#) re-opened to river navigation on March 2, while [Locks 25](#) and [Lock 27](#) remain under repair until **March 15**, but will have intermittent openings scheduled to allow traffic through. Barge traffic will make its way upriver and the Government Bridge here at Locks and Dam 15 will soon be turning to accommodate it. *Resources to keep a pulse on river navigation:* ([Barge Traffic Report](#))

Upcoming Dates

- March 12:** World Kidney Day
- March 12-16:** Illinois & Iowa Flood Safety Week
- 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 (Vernal Equinox)
- March 20:** National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- March 21:** National Kick Butts Day
- March 25:** Medal of Honor Day
- March 25-31:** Nat. LGBT Health Awareness Week
- March 26-31:** Nat. Youth Violence Prevention Week
- March 27:** National Passport Day
- March 30:** Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day
- April 1:** April Fool's Day
- April 1-7:** National Window Safety Week
- April 2:** World Autism Awareness Day
- April 2-6:** Iowa Severe Weather Awareness Week
- April 2-8:** National Public Health Week
- April 2-9:** National Cell Phone Recycling Week
- April 4:** 63rd Birthday of NATO
- April 4:** National Start! Walking Day
- April 6:** 95th Anniversary of U.S. Entry into WWI
- April 6:** Stock Market Closed (Good Friday)
- April 9:** National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day
- April 14:** Pan American Day
- April 16:** Tax Day
- April 22:** Earth Day
- April 25:** Administrative Professionals' Day



[\(Locks and Dam 15 Cam\)](#) [\(Mississippi River Lock Conditions/Status\)](#)
[\(QCTimes\)](#)

Streamlined Health Benefit Process

Partners First Army With VA: As Reserve and National Guard troops return from overseas deployments, Soldiers now register for their medical benefits via an online partnership established between First Army and the Department of Veterans Affairs, (VA) Health Eligibility Center. The online application replaces the traditional paper application and is helping thousands of returning troops to receive their health benefits during the demobilization process. [\(More\)](#)



Joint Munitions Command Begins

ISO 9001:2008 Certification: The future is now for the Joint Munitions Command headquarters workforce as far as quality is concerned. Employees with JMC headquarters participated in introductory



training to ISO 9001:2008 standards in the area of Quality Management System. The three-plus-hour long training sessions began in late January and will continue into March. In an email to the workforce, Brig. Gen. Gustavo Perna, commanding general, JMC, stated the importance of the certification. [\(More\)](#)

ASC Maintains Program, Despite Budget Cuts:

Recent budget cuts have left some programs and organizations throughout the Army with less funding. However, despite this short-fall, students and recent graduates from colleges across the United States are gaining real world experience through the Minority College Relations Program. According to Jerry De La Cruz, deputy chief of staff for Resource Management and Army Sustainment Command MCRP senior advisor, recent funding constraints have required ASC to find a different way to manage the program without a full-time program coordinator. The MCRP coordinator served as the team's synchronizer and Contractor Officer Representative for the program. But that hasn't slowed them down. [\(More\)](#)



Senate Rejects Pay Freeze Amendment to Transportation Bill:

The Senate has defeated an amendment to a transportation bill that would have extended the federal pay freeze through 2013. In a 57-41 vote, lawmakers rejected the amendment, introduced last week by Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.). The measure needed 60 votes to pass. The Roberts amendment would have extended the current two-year pay freeze for an additional year as part of a special deficit-reduction trust fund to help pay for expired tax provisions and promote gas exploration on federal lands. [\(More\)](#)



Congress Urged to Slow Down on Pay, Benefits Reforms:

The flurry of recent congressional proposals to cut federal pay and benefits could damage recruitment and retention if changes are not slowed and allowed to settle, Office of Personnel Management Director John Berry said Tuesday. Though not all the bills are motivated by the desire to attack federal workers, Berry said he has



been working both sides of the aisle to impress upon lawmakers that “the private sector knows that if you tweaked retirement every week, you wouldn’t be able to recruit” top employees. ([More](#))

Defense Officials Present Case For 2 More Rounds of Base Closures:

The Defense Department's top installations official pressed lawmakers Wednesday to approve for two new rounds of base closures — one in 2013 and one in 2015.

Dorothy Robyn, deputy undersecretary of Defense for installations and the environment, said the five rounds of base closures from 1991 through 2005 avoid \$12 billion annually in spending on base support, leasing and personnel — enough to buy 300 Apache attack helicopters or four submarines every year. ([More](#))



Congress Hears Army Needs More

BRAC: The Army needs two more rounds of base realignment and closure, known as BRAC, to align its infrastructure with a



downsizing force, the assistant secretary responsible for installations told lawmakers this week. "The Army does support the DOD request for BRAC authority for 2013 and 2015," said Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, "because changes in force structure will necessitate evaluation of our facilities to optimize usage and capability." ([More](#))

Defense Doesn't Need Congress' Blessing to Close Bases:

If Congress fails to approve the Obama administration's request for a second round of military base closures, then the Pentagon will close them through a process more detrimental to local communities, Defense Department officials told House lawmakers this week. The warning came in response to widespread criticism of the administration's recent proposal for another Base Closure and Realignment Commission process. During a Thursday hearing, members of the House Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee argued further base closings would do little to save money and could leave the



military inadequately prepared to meet future threats. ([More](#))

Lawmakers Unveil Hatch Act Update:

A group of lawmakers has proposed an update to the law governing federal employees' political activity. The Hatch Act Modernization Act of 2012, introduced by Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii) and Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.), exempts state and local employees from a ban on running for political office and would allow for a range of penalties other than automatic suspension for minor violations. "These are common-sense changes that will clarify the law and make it easier to enforce," Cummings said. A number of senators have also joined the legislation as co-sponsors. ([More](#))



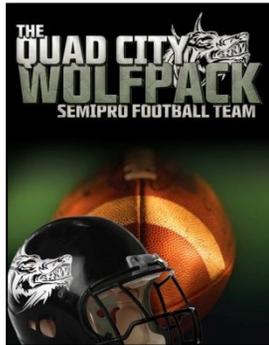
Army's First SMA Dies: The first sergeant major of the Army, William O. Wooldridge, died March 5, in El Paso, Texas, at age 89. When Wooldridge beat out 4,700 candidates in 1966 for a new position



created by the chief of staff of the Army, he had been serving for a year as 1st Infantry Division sergeant major in the Republic of Vietnam. ([More](#))

Minor League Football Team to Practice at Arsenal's Cannon Flats:

A new not-for-profit organization composed of local athletes wanting to play outdoor, NFL rules football, has formed the Quad City WolfPack and has been added to the Alliance Football League (AFL). The team will be practicing at Cannon Flats starting **March 20** in preparation for its 2012 inaugural season representing the Quad Cities. MWR will be marking the field this week to have it football ready. Those who are interested can come out and the team practice 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Games will begin for the WolfPack on **May 5**; the location of the games are to be determined. Additional information about the team can be found at qewolfpack.com, alliancefootballleague.org, and on [Facebook](#).



Explore Your Education Options:

Rock Island Arsenal Army Continuing Education Services is presenting an Education Fair, Thursday, **March 22**, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. In support of the RIA U.S. Army Garrison's commitment to education, we invite you to join us. Military personnel, DoD civilians, & family members will have the opportunity to learn more about educational opportunities afforded them at local & online colleges & universities. School & Military/VA Service representatives will be available to provide information on degree programs, financial assistance & other resources. Sponsored by RIA ACES, POC: Stephanie Allers, stephanie.e.allers.civ@mail.mil, (309) 782-2065.

Business Supply to Close for

Inventory: The Arc QCA Business Supply store will be conducting a physical inventory at the end of this month. The store will be closed at 12 p.m, Thursday, **March 29**, and all day, Friday, **March 30**. Our systems will be down due to maintenance on



these days, so we will be unable to process transactions. You will still be able to fax order requests to (309) 782-0376 or place order requests online at arcbusinesssupply.org. We apologize for any inconveniences. The store will be open for business normal business hours Monday, April 2. Thank you for all your support.

New Scheduling Software for the

Baylor: Customers can now request room reservations for Baylor conference rooms and training rooms through the new scheduling software, Virtual EMS. This software replaces Meeting Room Manager when requesting reservations for the Baylor, Jordan and Schull conference rooms as well as the Baylor Classrooms. Request assistance or report any issues with EMS to Garrison IMO staff by [email](#), or phone, (309) 782-0516. Virtual EMS is accessed [online at the following address](#). A sample procedure for requesting reservations in [Virtual EMS can be found HERE](#). Garrison POC: [Craig Deitz](#), (309) 782-2042.

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.**

Fire Alarm Testing, Buildings 62 and 104: Fire alarm testing will be conducted for Bldg. 62, 1st floor NE and SE at 5 p.m. on **March 15**. Following Bldg. 62, testing will be conducted in Bldg. 104, 1st floor south. The Fire Department will have personnel onsite during testing.

RIA CIF Annex to Perform

Inventory: The Rock Island Arsenal, Directorate of Logistics needs to inform everyone that the RIA CIF Annex will be performing its annual inventory **April 16-20**. During this week no items will be turned-in by or issued to requesting personnel. Please schedule an appointment the weeks prior or weeks after this inventory process. The Central Issue Facility is located in the basement of Bldg. 56 and normal operating Hours are 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, by appointment only. Please make appointments by contacting your supply sergeants, per normal operating procedures.

Charity Golf Outing & Dinner: The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is proud to partner with NDIA to host the 2012 Charity Golf Outing & Dinner as part of the Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium on Tuesday, **May 22**, at the Arsenal Island Golf Course clubhouse. Registration will be from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; shotgun start at 1 p.m.; recognition dinner 6:30-8:30 p.m. ([More](#))

Blood Drive: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, March 16, 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](#).

Level I Antiterrorism Training: The USAG-DPTMS will be offering the mandatory Antiterrorism Level I training on **March 29**. The training is offered Arsenal wide and enrollment is encouraged thru [TEDs](#). Course Title: Garrison Antiterrorism Level I training (New Employees), then enroll under the appropriate date. For more information, contact the USAG-ATO at (309) 782-0116.



Spring Break Force Protection: With Spring Break soon approaching, please take a minute and update your family protection and travel plans. The following are some tips from the Garrison Force Protection staff to assist you in your planning. ([More](#))

NDIA Awards: NDIA is accepting nominations for lifetime contributions to the national defense, the weapons industrial base and the ammunition industrial base. See link at www.ndia.org and Iowa/Illinois Chapter. Send submissions to: Jimmy Morgan at jimcmorgan@aol.com.
Date: **Sunday, April 15**
Time: **4 p.m.**

Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique: The Thrift Shop will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and on Saturday, **March 17**. We continue to get new items in daily. Visit our store or [our website](#) for consignor forms. [Also on Facebook](#). POC: (309) 782-6977.

Arsenal Traffic/Construction

Emergency Repairs to Beck Avenue: USAG-RIA DPW will be conducting emergency repairs to Beck Ave. Due to

road deterioration, beginning at 4 p.m., Wednesday, **March 14**, and lasting until 5:30 a.m., **March 19**, Beck Ave will be closed to through traffic between Gillespie St. and Sylvan Drive. The closure is necessary make repairs to the failing roadway. For those employees who utilize parking lot 2F access will from the east on Beck to Flagler. Employees that utilize parking lot 2G south of Bldg. 212 will be required enter from the west on Beck Ave. A second closure may be necessary to complete the repairs from 4 p.m., Wednesday, **March 21**, until 5:30 a.m., **March 26**. Signage and barricades will be positioned at appropriate locations.

Building/Space Closures

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

Military Services to Test for Prescription Drug Abuse: The military services will expand drug testing to include testing for commonly abused prescription drugs. The new policy will begin May 1, according to a news dispatch from the public affairs office of the Air Force surgeon general. The announcement follows a 90-day advance notice of the expanded drug testing program DoD issued on Jan. 31. The new test additions are intended to back up prohibitions against non-medical use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs that already are in effect for military service members. ([More](#))

Operation Purple Program: When you hear "Operation Purple camp" you should think: Kids Serve Too! The National Military Family Association's Operation Purple camps are a time for having fun, making friends, and reminding military kids that they are the Nation's youngest heroes. Questions regarding the Operation Purple program should be directed to OPC@militaryfamily.org. Traditional camp applications will be available beginning **March 19**. ([More](#))

Rock Island Tax Center: As the tax season winds down, the Rock Island Tax



Center is still here to help. The Tax Center will be open until **April 17**, the final day to file your federal returns without an extension. We are here to assist active duty military, retired servicemembers and their dependents prepare their tax returns. If you would like the Rock Island Tax Center to prepare your returns, remember to bring all your tax documents. This includes all W-2s, 1099s and interest and dividend statements. 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 and to verify routing and account numbers in our system. 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. 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 are open until April 17 you can call (309) 782-8327 with questions. Retirees with specific retirement tax issues can call (309) 782-8457.

Safety Spotlight

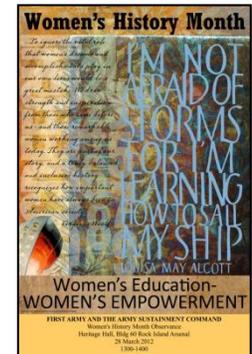
Ⓒ **USDA Uses Twitter to Issue Urgent Food Safety Alerts:** The Agriculture Department is looking for new ways to alert the public of urgent food safety issues. The latest vehicle: Twitter. A number of different feeds are up and running as of this month. "We've been communicating with consumers through our main Twitter feed for quite some time," said Dr. Elizabeth Hagen, USDA's undersecretary for food safety. USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service regulates domestic and imported meat, poultry and processed egg products. It already passes on urgent food safety information to the more than 250,000 people who follow its main Twitter feed — @USDAFoodSafety. The new Twitter feeds will offer state-specific information. ([More](#))

Equal Opportunity Focus

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Women's History Month Observance: This year's Women's History Month Observance will be at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 1-2 p.m., **March 28**.

Women's History Month: Presidential Proclamation - As Americans, ours is a legacy of bold independence and passionate belief in fairness and justice for all. For generations, this intrepid spirit has driven women pioneers to challenge injustices and shatter ceilings in pursuit of full and enduring equality. ([More](#)) ([StandTo!](#))



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.



Trivia Night: Get up to nine of your smartest friends together and come play trivia at Heritage Hall tomorrow night (**Thursday, March 15**) and win great prizes. The doors open at 5 p.m. and the questions start at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10/player and mulligans and doublers are available. Food and drink is available for purchase. Call (309) 782-6319 for more info or to sign up in advance.

March 12-16, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. St. Patrick's Food Specials at the Clubhouse:

Get into the Irish spirit with a special St. Patty's lunch special all next week. Enjoy house mad corned beef, steamed cabbage, petite sweet peas and carrots, caraway roasted red bliss potatoes, & soda bread for only \$8.



Annual Pass Sale at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Extended Through March 30:

As the weather continues to get warmer and the little snow we've had fades away it's time to start thinking about where you want to golf this summer. As an Arsenal employee, what better place than right here at the Arsenal Island Golf Course.

The perks and benefits that you receive as an annual pass holder include unlimited golf for 365 days from date of purchase (something you won't find at many other courses), 10 day advance tee times, coupons for discount cart rentals and discount golf so you can bring your friends, discounts in the Golf Shop, food and beverage discounts in the Clubhouse, and too much more to list here. See the [flyer](#) for a complete list of benefits. Effective April 1, some of our prices will be increasing so don't delay, come into the shop today and get ready for a great summer of golf. Call (309) 793-1604 for more info.

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. ([Flyer](#)) ([Menu](#))
Date: **Sunday, April 8**
Time: **10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**



NCAA Salute to the Military: Military Members can watch every game of the upcoming NCAA Men's basketball tournament for free. Check out the following link for all the details and don't miss a single second of the action this March. www.ncaa.com/armedforces

Historic Quarters One Rentals: Did you know you can reserve Historic Quarters One for your functions? This beautiful and historic building was once the home of the commanding general on RIA and was the second largest residence in the US Federal Government system, second only to the White House. This space is perfect for wedding receptions, corporate meetings, family reunions, and any other special event. Catering services are available as well. Call (309) 782-5890 for more information and to book your event. [A flyer with rental prices is available here.](#)

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Would You Like To Play Golf For Free?: Like our new facebook page for the [Arsenal Island Golf Course and Clubhouse](#) and you'll be entered into a drawing for lots of great prizes. Get a bonus double entry into the drawing if you correctly guess which day we'll open the course for the season and post your guess on the wall of the new page. [Check out the full list of prizes here.](#) As always, you are reminded to adhere to the acceptable use policy for social media. [A copy of the memorandum can be found here.](#)

MWR Army Wide Arts and Crafts Contest: Calling all artists! Get your artistic works ready for this year's Arts

and Crafts Contest. The submission period is **May 1 - June 30**. There are new and exciting categories for this year's contest including: ceramics, drawings, fibers and textiles, glass, metals and jewelry, paintings, mixed media, wood, and digital art. Full contest rules and descriptions can be found [HERE](#) or call the local point of contact at (309) 782-1230 for more info.

Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse Re-Opened 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.

MWR Garden Plot Program: Do you have a green thumb but no space of your own to pursue your gardening interest? Don't worry, MWR has you covered. Garden plots here on Arsenal Island can be reserved for the season for the low price of \$25/season (+\$100 cleaning deposit). Registration began March 5 for Active Duty, March 12 for retired military and **March 19** for DoD Civilians. See [the flyer](#) or the [info sheet](#) for more information or call (309) 782-8630.

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.

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](#))

Outdoor Recreation Survey: We want you to tell us how we can better serve you at the Outdoor Recreation Office. We have a lot of different options for outings and trips that we can organize for this summer but would like to know which ones you'd be most likely to participate in. The survey should take you no more than 2 minutes to complete. Thanks for your time. [Click here for the survey.](#)

Book Signing - Women's' History: Celebration Ethel Robinson, US Army Garrison, Military Personnel Division will be having a book signing at the Women History Celebration on **March 28**. The book costs \$15. Your support is greatly appreciated and proceeds are contributed to Earthonaut Scholarship funds and Literary Publishing - a non-profit organization.
Time: **10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Jordan Creek Mall Bus Trip: Jordan Creek Town Center brings a new level

of shopping and entertainment to Central Iowa. The Shopping District is a two level enclosed shopping center featuring a dynamic combination of upscale fashion and lifestyle retailers. Seats are filling up quickly for this bus trip. Reserve your \$30 seat today.
Date: **Saturday, April 14**
Time: **6:30 a.m.**

Monster Jam: Coming to the iWireless center once again. Following are trucks & drivers scheduled to appear: Grave Digger – Gary Porter Monster Mutt – Whit Tarlton AAP Grinder – Frank Krmel Mohawk Warrior – George Balhan Incinerator – Ryan Rice Mechanical Mischief – Jim Burns Tickets on sale now. All tickets increase \$2 day of show. No discounts available day of show
Date: **Friday, April 27**
Time: **7 p.m.**

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.

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)**



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 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.**

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.

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.**



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: 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.**

Outdoor Recreation Survey: We want you to tell us how we can better serve you at the Outdoor Recreation Office. We have a lot of different options for outings and trips that we can organize for this summer but would like to know which ones you'd be most likely to participate in. The survey should take you no more than 2 minutes to complete. Thanks for your time. [Click here for the survey.](#)

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.

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

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Summer Camp Registration Flyer:
Parents – There is now a quick reference guide to the [Summer Day Camp Program](#). To ensure that each of our military families have the opportunity to sign up for our summer camp program we are extending the sign-up date until March 30. So if you are needing care for the summer there is still time for you to sign up for services. If your child is not currently enrolled with Child, Youth and School Services, you will need to register them with Parent Central Services. You may contact Parent Central Services at (309) 782-0791.

Camp sign up is taking place at the School Age and Youth Center (Bldg. 150). Should you have program questions please contact [Tina Bevier](#) at (309) 782-7544.

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)

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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**

Special Needs Summer Camp: One of the most exciting experiences for a child is summer camp. In Iowa and Illinois, there are a variety of special needs summer camps to choose from that have been created for differently-abled children. Kids with a variety of disabilities can attend summer day camps or overnight camps. Special needs programs commonly have trained health and medical staff on site. These programs also provide special activities created to help children with special needs experience the outdoors, music, art, sports and more. Summer camps allow kids to explore the world while increasing independence, confidence and social skills. This is important for all children. For more information on summer camps and other recreational or cultural opportunities for individuals with special needs, contact Jan Saito in Army Community Service at (309) 782-4736 or Janice.n.saito.civ@mail.mil.

Employee Assistance Program

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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](#).

St. Patrick's Day Drinking and Driving Prevention:

For many Americans, St. Patrick's Day has become a popular night out to celebrate with friends and family. Unfortunately, due to the large volume of drunk drivers, the night out has also become very dangerous. In 2009, there were 103 crash fatalities on St. Patrick's Day. Thirty-seven percent of those crashes involved an impaired driver and/or motorcyclist with a (BAC) of .08 and higher. Whether meeting a few friends at the local pub after work or celebrating at your home, if you plan on drinking alcohol, please don't drive. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. If you need your car the next day, there are taxi companies that will drive you and



your car home. These are some simple things you can do to enjoy St. Patrick's Day and also be safe. For more information and tips on how to avoid drinking and driving please contact the Employee Assistance Program at 2-HELP (4357).

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: Spring is here. Start the fresh new season with a healthy plan to quit smoking. The Employee Assistance Program offers ongoing educational support 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: Help is available if you or a loved one is experiencing symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic and Employee Assistance Program are sponsoring support groups to assist you



through this difficult challenge. Contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552 for more details.



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.

Are You Familiar With the Eastern Iowa Community College Blong Technology Center (BTC)? Located in Davenport and designed for the working learner and Soldier, the BTC offers advanced programs in six areas: Electromechanical Controls, Welding, Logistics, Renewable Energy Systems Technician, Mechanical Design, and Machining. All programs are offered in eight-week blocks with attendance scheduled around students' work obligations. Every program as a certificate, diploma, and degree (AAS) option, or can be taken for non-credit and articulated back to a credit program if and when the student chooses to do

so. To find out more about the BTC, call Ryan Light at (563) 441-4392.

Explore Your Education Options:

Rock Island Arsenal Army Continuing Education Services is presenting an Education Fair, Thursday, March 22, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. In support of the RIA U.S. Army Garrison's commitment to education, we invite you to join us. Military personnel, DoD civilians, & family members will have the opportunity to learn more about educational opportunities afforded them at local & online colleges & universities. School & Military/VA Service representatives will be available to provide information on degree programs, financial assistance & other resources. Sponsored by RIA ACES, POC: Stephanie Allers, stephanie.e.allers.civ@mail.mil, (309) 782-2065.

Job Fair, Wednesday, March 28, at

Black Hawk College: Black Hawk College, in partnership with Western Illinois University-Quad Cities and the Moline Dispatch / Argus, is hosting its annual Job Fair **March 28**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., in Bldg. 3 of the Quad Cities Campus. There will be more than 70 local employers represented. More

information should be available soon at www.bhc.edu or the Moline Dispatch / Argus at www.qconline.com. POC is Marceia Duhm at (309) 796-5191 or duhmm@bhc.edu.

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 E-

Mail Update: DAU can now receive e-mail from Arsenal personnel. If you need further assistance, please contact DAU at (309) 782-0454.



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.

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 (Facebook)

'March Madness' Brings Added

Savings: Commissaries are combining the excitement of college basketball's championship tournament with product promotions throughout the month of March to help customers extend their benefit even further. "College basketball's biggest season event, NCAA March Madness, is also a prime time for our customers to save on discounted products at their local commissary," said Chris Burns, Defense Commissary Agency director of sales. "As the teams are stirring excitement on the court, our stores are stepping up their game to offer super product savings, coupons and lots of prizes!" Throughout March, DeCA's industry partners - vendors, suppliers and brokers - will host many in-store promotions and provide extra savings focused around the NCAA Basketball Championship. Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs. [Visit super sales events for the list of events that could be scheduled at your local commissary.](#)

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.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History –March 12-18: In March 1878, the RIA began construction of Shop H (Bldg. 66) & Shop I (Bldg. 110). In March 1881, construction of Shop K (Bldg. 68) began. In March 1960, RIA was engaged in research and

development work with the design of the 115mm artillery-type rocket launcher, XM70 for the U.S. Marine Corps. In March 1873, RIA Commander Major D. W. Flagler prepared a list of regulations to govern uses of and conduct on the Government Bridge from Rock Island to Davenport. On March 16, 1984, a ground-breaking ceremony was held on RIA for the multi-million dollar construction phase of Project REARM, RIA's first major construction since WWII. On March 17, 1941, the RIA organized the RIA Armament Machinist Training School. In March 1868, the old Rock Island wooden wagon bridge, purchased by the government from the City of Rock Island, was destroyed and carried away by ice.

Centennial & Sesquicentennial

Display: Calendar year 2012 will mark a yearlong sesquicentennial celebration of the Rock Island Arsenal, founded by Act of Congress on July 11, 1862. During its 150 year history, RIA has been responsible for the design, development,



manufacture, repair, and storage of a wide variety of equipment required to support the U.S. Army and all the joint services. In celebration of the 150 year anniversary, a special exhibit is now available for viewing at the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. If you haven't been to the museum in a while, please stop by. Admission is free. There are a number of souvenirs on display from the Centennial Celebration in 1962, including a medal designed by Orville "Porky" Meyers. One side depicts the Clock Tower Building and an Honest John rocket launcher. The other depicts the main entrance gate for the Rock Island Arsenal. Forty thousand medals were made for the Arsenal Open House and were given to employees and adult visitors. Did your family visit this event and do they still have a souvenir medallion? Tell us your story. Also on display at the Centennial Open House was a full size replica of the Mercury Space Capsule. A picture of the replica and a souvenir bank are included in the current exhibit. The exhibit was created by Jodean Rousey Murdock, curator of education, and Christine Powers, a volunteer intern in the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities graduate program in museum studies.

April Sesquicentennial History Break: Think about taking a "History Break" to celebrate Rock Island Arsenal's 150th Anniversary. **April 12**, Paul Ferguson, JMC Archivist will present "RIA by Rail: Bridging the Mississippi." 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: **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.

Healthbeat

Can Less Red Meat Add Up to a Longer Life?: People who eat less red meat may live longer than people who regularly eat burgers, steaks, and processed foods like bacon, hot dogs, and sausage, a new study shows. ([More](#))

Health Clinic Announcement: Health Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. Clinic closed Staff Meeting/Training **March 30** 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

More Good Employment News for Veterans: The unemployment rate for recent veterans dropped to 7.6 percent in February, the lowest it has been since September 2008 and a possible sign of success for high-profile efforts to find veterans jobs. Statistics from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that more veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan era than ever before are working in the civilian sector, up nearly 220,000 since the end of 2011. Today, nearly 1.9 million of those veterans hold private sector jobs, a number expected to rise as more troops leave the military in coming years. ([More](#))



VA Celebrates Women's History

Month: The Department of Veterans Affairs joins the Nation in observing Women's History Month in March by honoring women Veterans for their significant historical contributions and encouraging them to take advantage of the VA benefits they've earned. "VA honors women Veterans of all eras for their courage and sacrifice," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "These Veterans, and those who currently serve in uniform, are part of a proud history of women defending our Nation. Today, women Veterans are recognized for more varied roles and operations, but women have always been critical to our military." ([More](#))

VA to Distribute Personalized

Benefits Handbooks: The Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare system said it has begun to send enrollees in the VA healthcare system personalized booklets explaining their benefits. The new Health Benefits Handbooks provide customized listings of health benefits based on each vet's own eligibility. The handbooks also contain contact information for vets' local VA medical facilities, as well as information for scheduling appointments and communicating with clinicians, VA said.

The booklets contain co-pay information when applicable. ([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:** Looking for members to join carpool along the Hwy. 61 corridor from Dubuque to Rock Island Arsenal, 2nd shift 2:15-10:30 p.m. Starting in the middle April. [Email](#) or call (815) 651-4624.
- **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 Pay period. [Email](#) or call (309) 782-5472.

Around the Q.C.

Oct. 22-March 24: [Quad City Mallards](#) (iWireless 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: [Christian Care's 2nd Annual Trivia Night](#) (The Rock, Coal Valley, Ill.)

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 24: [Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge](#) (Lake Jumer, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Rock Island, Ill.)

March 25: [Bettendorf Volunteer Firefighters' Association 15th Annual Pancake Breakfast](#) (Bettendorf Middle School Cafeteria)

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: [Great River 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)
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