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Island Insight



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President Proclaims 'National Day of Honor':

On the ninth anniversary of U.S. forces moving into Iraq, President Barack Obama has proclaimed today to be "A National Day of Honor." Here's is the text of the president's proclamation: Nine years ago, members of the United States Armed Forces crossed the sands of the Iraq-Kuwait border and began one of the most challenging missions our military has ever known. They left the comforts of home and family,

volunteering in service to a cause greater than themselves. They braved insurgency and sectarian strife, knowing too well the danger of combat and the cost of conflict. Yet, through the dust and din and the fog of war, they never lost their resolve. Demonstrating unshakable fortitude and unwavering commitment to duty, our men and women in uniform served tour after tour, fighting block by block to help the Iraqi people seize the chance for a better

future. And on December 18, 2011, their mission came to an end. Today, we honor their success, their service, and their sacrifice. In one of our Nation's longest wars, veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn wrote one of the most extraordinary chapters in American military history. When highways became mine fields and uncertainty waited behind every corner,



service members rose to meet the task at hand with unmatched courage and determination. ([More](#))

ACC-RI Employee Earns Louis

Dellamonica Award: Three Army Contracting Command employees have won Army Materiel Command's 2010 Louis Dellamonica Award for Outstanding Personnel. Timothy Baker, Dorothy Bell and Sylvia Youngman were among the 10 recipients announced by AMC earlier this month. Youngman is chief of the Sustainment Contracting Division, ACC-Rock Island, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill. "I am honored to receive the prestigious Dellamonica Award," Youngman said. "It is a privilege to serve with the magnificent AMC family supporting the Soldier in the field." ([More](#))



RIA-JMTC Graduates First Arsenal Academy

Class: A mix of new and experienced supervisors -- 14 in all - took part in Rock Island Arsenal Joint



Manufacturing and Technology Center's Arsenal Academy, a 12 week course which consisted of classroom training and hands-on training with occasional guest speakers. The course was facilitated through higher education institutions and businesses in the Quad Cities. St. Ambrose University was awarded the contract in April 2011 as a conglomerate with Black Hawk College, Western Illinois and Spirit Partners, Inc. as subcontractors. The indefinite delivery indefinite quantity contract is for five years. ([More](#))

Consumer and Preventative Law -- Identity Theft on the Rise: What to Do If You Become a Victim?:

With tax season upon us, there always is a possibility of becoming a victim of identity theft. A person can file their taxes with a reputable tax firm or even file their taxes themselves and be informed by the Internal Revenue Service or a State Revenue Service that a thief has filed a tax return using their Social Security Number. While the reasons for this may be numerous, a taxpayer can often be personally blameless and be a victim of



Upcoming Dates

- March 18-24:** Nat. Poison Prevention Week [📅](#)
- March 19:** A National Day of Honor [📅](#)
- 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 8-14:** National Library Week
- April 9:** National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day
- April 10:** National Library Workers Day
- April 11:** National Bookmobile Day
- April 12:** Support Teen Literature Day
- April 14:** 64th USAFR Reserve Birthday
- April 14:** Pan American Day
- April 15:** National Buy a Gun Day
- April 16:** Tax Day
- April 16:** Secure Your ID Day
- April 16:** Emancipation Day
- April 22:** Earth Day
- April 25:** Administrative Professionals' Day



identity theft due to: garbage picking, computer hacking, computer phishing and other IT attacks. The question is what to do next? ([More](#))

Will Federal Employees Get a Pay Raise in 2013?

Will federal employees receive a raise in 2013? The most accurate answer is no one knows but there are reasons for optimism. There is a good chance that federal employees will get a raise starting in January. It may not be a large one, and it will certainly be less than what many employees think they should get. But, with deficits exceeding more than a trillion dollars each year and debt levels setting new records, high unemployment among the American workforce and at least some in Congress looking for ways to cut government spending, any raise would be welcome by many readers. ([More](#))

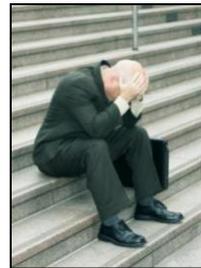


Thousands Get Guaranteed Promotions, Huge Raises: The number of federal employees getting automatic grade promotions has skyrocketed, prompting experts to ask whether managers are abandoning their responsibilities to make personnel

decisions. The number of so-called "career ladder promotions" — which can boost an employee's pay by more than \$10,000 a year, in some cases — jumped roughly 75 percent in the last three years, according to federal data. Last year, more than 108,000 employees received career ladder promotions, accounting for 35 percent of all promotions to a higher grade in the government last year. That's up from about 21 percent in 2008. ([More](#))

Budget Proposal May Include Federal Workforce Cuts:

House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) is releasing a budget blueprint for the federal government next Tuesday, March 20, and it is expected to include proposed cuts to the federal workforce. One of the goals of the budget will be to avoid defense spending cuts mandated by sequestration. This has been a primary goal of Republicans who have said they want to keep defense off of the negotiating table. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has said that further defense cuts would be devastating. Speaking recently in Louisville, Kentucky, Panetta said, "Additional



deficit reduction must be made through a comprehensive and balanced deficit reduction plan, which will involve making decisions not just on defense but on every other area of federal spending and revenue." ([More](#))

Congress Should Stop Targeting Federal Employees:

Hard-working federal employees are being squeezed by Congress again, as some of my colleagues attempt to attach an extension of the pay freeze to pending highway funding bills. This comes after Congress last month effectively cut the pay of new employees by forcing them to pay more toward their pensions — permanently — to offset the costs of just 10 months of unemployment. I strongly oppose this new habit of picking the pockets of America's dedicated middle-class public servants. ([More](#))



Public Not as Anti-Government as You Might Think: The general public is less hostile to government spending and to raising taxes than the average tea party enthusiast, but is assigning an increasingly higher priority to deficit reduction and supports such measures as



freezing federal salaries, a leading polling analyst said Friday. In a study of data from multiple national polls from the past two years, Michael Dimock, associate director of research for the Pew Research Center for People and the Press, offered a counterweight to some conventional readings of the nation's mood on the question of "how much government do people want." ([More](#))

Senate Approves Semi-Retirements:

Congress last week took a big step closer to allowing federal employees to work part time at the end of their careers while earning partial pensions. The Senate on March 14 easily passed a transportation bill containing the phased retirement provision, 74-22. The bill, S 1813, will now head to the House, where Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, has pledged to bring it up for a vote. ([More](#))



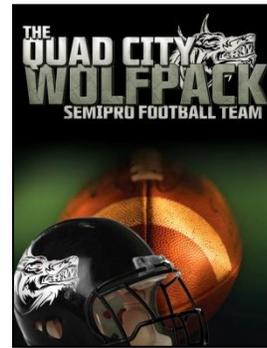
Explore Your Education Options:

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.

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 qcwolfpack.com, alliancefootballleague.org, and on [Facebook](#).

Talk Up Toastmasters:

This is the fourth Talk Up Toastmaster meeting, but not your last chance to join. Let us bring out the inner leader in you, in a fun educational, and supportive atmosphere. Our meetings are always on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, Clock Tower Building. All are welcome.

Date: **Wednesday, March 21**
Time: **11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**



Correction to Garrison IMO Mailbox for VEMS Reservation Requests:

Customers requesting room reservations for Baylor conference rooms and training rooms through the new scheduling software, Virtual EMS (VEMS), are advised that the IMO



mailbox was previously published incorrectly. Request assistance or report any issues with VEMS to [Garrison IMO staff by email](#), or phone (309) 782-0516. [Virtual EMS is accessed online HERE](#).

A sample procedure for requesting reservations in [Virtual EMS can be found HERE](#). 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.

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.

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, April 13, 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.



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.**

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Meeting: The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will meet at 6

p.m., Thursday, **April 5**, in the Veranda Room of the Arsenal Island Golf Course clubhouse. Guest speaker will be Mary Evans, Educational Specialist at the Hoover Presidential Library, West Branch, Iowa. Call Linda (563) 355-6165 for reservations by Monday, **April 2**.

Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique: All you bargain hunters, add the Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop to your list of "must see" stores. If you haven't stopped in, you don't know what you're missing. Spring and summer fashions are out. Easter decorations, books, small kitchen appliances, lamps and furniture available too. POC: (309) 782-6977.



Arsenal Traffic/Construction



Emergency Repairs to Beck Avenue: USAG-RIA DPW conducted emergency repairs to Beck Ave. Due to road deterioration March 14-19, which closed Beck Ave. to through traffic between Gillespie St. and Sylvan Drive. A second closure is scheduled 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. 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.

Revised: Emergency Repairs to Beck Avenue: After evaluating this situation, it was determined that the following would be the best and safest way for traffic to be re-routed during the construction period. The gate on Flagler Ave. will remain closed and the truck detour should now be through the gate at Gillespie St. and Kingsbury Ave., on the northeast side of Bldg 250. The POV gate at parking lot 2G, next to Bldg. 209, will be closed and the POV detour for those coming inside the fence line will be through the gate on Rodman, north of Bldg. 208. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Labor Relations Specialist or Ombudsman.



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

Army to Enforce Standards, Retain Quality Soldiers During Drawdown: During the next five years, the Army plans to reduce the active-duty force from 570,000 to 490,000 by taking a look at who should stay and who should go. Soldiers who wish to remain in the Army will need to be committed and flexible. One in 10 Soldiers currently serving will be affected by the drawdown. Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III said the drawdown will impact all ranks of Soldiers from throughout the Army. "The number one thing I want people to understand about this drawdown is that this is going to affect one in 10 people in our Army," Chandler said. "When you think about a squad, about nine people, almost one person per squad is not going to be in the Army in five years." ([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 are available effective 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

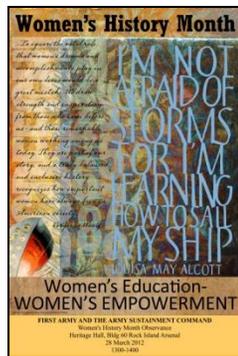
How to Dispose of Unused Medicines: Is your medicine cabinet filled with expired drugs or medications you no longer use? How should you dispose of them? Most drugs can be thrown in the household trash, but consumers should take certain precautions before tossing them out, according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). A few drugs should be flushed down the toilet. And a growing number of community-based "takeback" programs offer another safe disposal alternative. ([More](#))



Equal Opportunity Focus

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.

Spring Craft Fair: Join us on **April 4 & 5** for the 2012 MWR Spring Fair. Vendors will pack Bldg. 60, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. selling everything from handbags to home-made crafts. Please call (309) 782-5890 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.**



Golf Course Annual Pass Sale: As the weather continues to get warmer 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.

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.](#)

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.

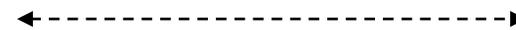
Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse Re-Opened for Lunch: Hungry? Make sure to come check out some of our delicious new menu items like the Cajun chicken Philly sandwich or hand-breaded & house-made chicken tenders. Chef Brian's Daily Special, served Wednesday through Friday offers a quick, affordable solution 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.](#)

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)**



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.**

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.**

Cubs vs. Cardinals: The Chicago Cubs will be taking on the defending World Series Champion St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium. The bus will **depart at 8 a.m.** from the COL Davenport Pavilion area. Seats on sale now for \$104 per person. Date: **Saturday, July 21**
Time: **3:05 p.m. (game time)**



Circa 21: Spreading It Around: An upbeat comedy about a well-to-do widow living in a retirement community in Florida. Tired of handling out money to their neglectful, unappreciative children, Angela Drayton and her friends set up an organization which gives to those really in need. Discounted seats are \$43.50
Date: **Saturday, May 26**
Time: **5:45 p.m.**

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**

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.

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



My Kid Just Won't Listen!: Wed., **April 4**, 11-11:45 a.m., in Bldg. 110 (CYSS Conf. Rm.) RIA CYSS is hosting an informative lunch-n-learn, "My Kid Just Won't Listen!" presented by David Harris, a community education center coordinator at Black Hawk College. Do you talk and your child just

ignores you? Do peers seem to have more influence on your kids' behavior than you do? Besides feeling like a member of the modern day parents club, what can you do? There is a solution. Love and Logic will show you how to get your kids so they want to listen and show you when you just don't need to try so hard. These are the basics for dealing with the difficult youth. Interested participants need to RSVP by **March 30** by calling (309) 782-2165.

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)



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



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 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.

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

Smoking Cessation Group: 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.



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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.

GED, ESL, Citizenship Classes, Testing, Free Study Resources: The Scott Community College Career Assistance Center Offers GED, ESL, and Citizenship classes, as well as testing and free online study sites. Call (563) 326-5319 for a schedule of classes and tests or to obtain more information. ([More](#))

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.

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.

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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'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](#). The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 pm. Closed Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free.

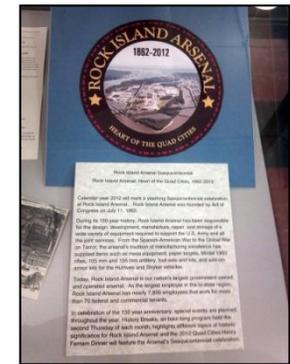
This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History –March 19-25: During the month of March 1945, the workers of Shop L (Bldg. 250) completed 310 machine guns. On March 22, 1903, RIA employees formed Local 81 of the International Association of Machinists (IAM) Union. Work on the dam of Locks and Dam 15 began in March 1932.

Rock Island Arsenal Historical

Society Meeting: The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, **April 5**, in the Veranda Room of the Arsenal Island Golf Course clubhouse. Guest speaker will be Mary Evans, Educational Specialist at the Hoover Presidential Library, West Branch, Iowa. Call Linda (563) 355-6165 for reservations by Monday, **April 2**.

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

Prevent Mosquito and Tick Bites:

Spending time together outdoors is good for the whole family. Don't let bug bites ruin your fun. Most bug bites are harmless, but some mosquitoes and ticks carry diseases. You can get serious diseases from mosquitoes, like West Nile virus, Eastern equine encephalitis, and dengue fever. Lyme disease and

Rocky Mountain spotted fever are 2 of the serious diseases you can get from ticks. The good news is that you can take easy steps to protect yourself and your family from mosquito and tick bites. ([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

Veteran Job Prospects Brighter,

Panetta Says: Veteran unemployment numbers are encouraging, but the need for jobs will increase as the services trim their ranks, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta told reporters here today. The unemployment rate for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans is down from last year's high of 12.5 percent to 7.6 percent, below the national rate of 8.3 percent. Defense budget cuts and a strategic drawdown in Afghanistan, coupled with the recent withdrawal of combat troops from Iraq, will mean more veterans leaving service and seeking civilian employment in the coming years, Panetta said. ([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 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](#) (Greenville 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)



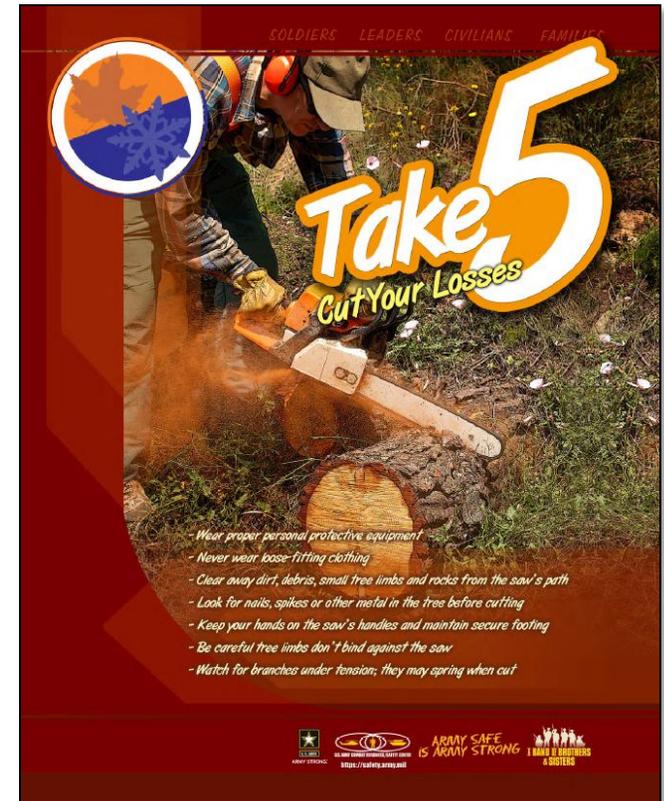
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