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Island Insight



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Twelve Members of Arsenal

Community Retire: Among family, friends and coworkers, four Department of the Army civilians and eight Soldiers received decorations and gratitude during a March 29 retirement and retreat ceremony held at Constitution Square on Rock Island Arsenal. Brig. Gen. Brian Layer, Army Sustainment Command deputy commanding general for sustainment, hosted the ceremony and extended his personal appreciation and

admiration to the retirees. Referencing "The Army Song," Layer compared the U.S. Army to the Mississippi River, which flows past the Arsenal, as both keep rolling along. "No matter what happens to it, or what we ask of it, it keeps rolling along", he said. "When these 12 march away this afternoon, 330 years of experience, 330 years of wisdom, 330 years of friendship, of sacrifice and memories will roll along with them." When asked what she will

miss most from her career, This said she would miss all of the people she has met along the way. "I will miss all of the fun we had, despite all of the work." In retirement, This plans to spend her time focused on volunteering. Specifically, she will help adults learn to read. She also plans to spend more time with family and to



enjoy time on the river, boating during the summer months. ([More](#))

ASC Soldier Mentors Local Boy Scouts:

Brig. Gen. Thomas Harvey, Army Sustainment Command deputy commanding general for operations, spoke to members of Boy Scout Pack 664 from Davenport, Iowa, and their advisors on March 31. Harvey shared his own Boy Scout badges he earned from years ago and explained how the program taught him how to become a great leader. The gathering concluded with the group participating in the flag retreat ceremony with several ASC Soldiers at the Rock Island Arsenal flagpole. ([More](#))



Oldest Man in U.S. Celebrates 111th

Birthday: Shelby Harris, the oldest man in the United States, celebrated his 111th birthday with his family and friends March 31 at the Rock Island Rehabilitation Center. Brig. Gen. Thomas Harvey, Army Sustainment Command deputy commanding general for operations, presented Harris with a certificate and a "piece of the rock" from Rock Island Arsenal. ([More](#))

FEHB to Add New Plans in 2013: The Federal Employees Health Benefits Program will offer 10 new plans in the 2013 contract year, an Office of Personnel Management official told attendees of the FEHB Program Carrier Conference in Arlington, Va. "This is more new plans entering the FEHB than the last five years combined," OPM Director of Health Care and Insurance John O'Brien said in a March 29 speech at the event. "This is significant development, which I hope to see more of next year." ([More](#))



Congress' Message to DOD: No BRAC for Now, But Cut More in

Europe: Overcoming stiff opposition on Capitol Hill to any new round of U.S. base closures and realignments could hinge on how ambitious Pentagon plans are for closing more military facilities in Europe. The bolder the proposals for Europe, the better the chances of persuading lawmakers to endure two rounds of base realignments and closures (BRAC) at



Upcoming Dates

- 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 15-21:** National Volunteer Week
- April 15-21:** Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness Week
- April 15-21:** National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week
- April 16:** Tax Day
- April 16:** Secure Your ID Day
- April 16:** Emancipation Day
- April 16:** National Healthcare Decisions Day
- April 16:** FourSquare Day
- April 19:** Oklahoma City Bombing 17th Anniversary
- April 21:** National Record Store Day
- April 22:** Earth Day
- April 22-28:** Nat. Work Zone Awareness Week
- April 25:** 114th Anniversary of the Spanish-American War
- April 25:** Administrative Professionals' Day
- April 27:** Arbor Day
- April 28:** Nat. Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
- April 30-May 6:** Screen-Free Week



home as proposed for 2013 and 2015, some military experts say. ([More](#))

FT: Job Classification Mess Another Reason to Replace GS System:

The government is spending roughly \$100 billion annually on General Schedule salaries with no assurance that this spending complies with Title 5. Under the law, Chapter 51 to be precise, jobs are classified to a salary grade based on the definitions of the work at each grade level. That statute defines a static job hierarchy and the basis for classifying jobs. The problem is that there is no assurance jobs are assigned to the correct GS grade. ([More](#))



Support Grows for Domestic Partnership Benefits Bill:

More lawmakers are supporting a bill to open federal employees' benefits to their same-sex partners. Twenty senators — all Democrats — have signed on to the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act, which was introduced by the Senate Governmental Affairs



Committee leaders. "This legislation is about equality for the gay community, pure and simple," said Committee Chairman Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.), in a release on his Senate website. He sponsored the bill with Sen. Susan Collins (R- Maine). ([More](#))

Feds Need to Think Twice About Political Activity:

Election season means a bit of extra business at the Office of Special Counsel, since some federal employees forget what they can and can't do under the Hatch Act. "The most common violation we see, especially as we move now into the election season, has to do with political activity on-duty or in the federal workplace," said Ana Galindo-Marrone, chief of the Hatch Act unit of the Office of Special Counsel. "Mostly, it's driven by people's email activity." ([More](#))



How Hatch Act Applies to Social Media:

The Office of Special Counsel, which enforces the Hatch Act political activities restrictions on federal employees, has posted information regarding how the law applies to the use of social media. For a closer look, go to

www.fedweek.com in the hot free info section of our website. ([More](#))

U.S. Army Tops List of Most Engaging Agency Twitter Feeds:

Twitter is a popular way for federal agencies to share updates on their organization and to converse with inquiring citizens. Yet a healthy Twitter presence is about more than just an impressive band of followers. Various other factors impact how effective a given Twitter feed may be, including replies, mentions, and outgoing tweets. One of the most important metrics to help determine whether a Twitter account is serving its purpose is the elusive re-tweet. It takes a lot of work to cultivate a healthy and engaging online presence, and retweets can be an effective method for determining the impact of an organization's messaging. ([More](#)) ([Rock Island Arsenal on Twitter](#))



Official Studio Photography to Be Offered in April:

Official Department of the Army Studio Photography will again be offered on Rock Island Arsenal during the first week in April.



Appointments can now be made for April 3, 4 and 5, 7 a.m. – 3:40 p.m., using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#). Additional hours may become available on **April 2 and 6** depending on availability of photographer. Studio photography includes DA, official government passport and official command photographs (head and shoulders). Photography appointments will only be accepted through the VIOS for RIA. There will be no walk-in appointments. Photographs will again be taken in the VI photo studio, Bldg. 56, basement, across hall from elevator. Priority is for active duty Soldier's DA photos, official government passport photos, and RIA command photos, followed by DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). In order to obtain an official government passport photo, all personnel need to present to the photographer a printed [DA Form 3903](#), Multi-Media/Visual Information Work Order, signed by the Passport Agent in Block 14. This is in addition to scheduling the passport photo appointment in the online VIOS system. The next regularly scheduled dates in May for official studio photography will be announced in the Island Insight and VIOS Frequently Asked Questions.

Garrison POC is Don Swanson (309) 782-6390.

Coming Soon--USA Staffing: During FY11 and 12, the Department of the Army is transitioning to a new automated, job application system called USA Staffing. The Rock Island Arsenal Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will transition to USAS on Monday, **April 23**. In the interim, all RIA (Army) vacancies are posted on both armycivilianservice.com and usajobs.gov. USAS is fully integrated with USAJobs, so start building your account and resume in USAJobs now if you haven't already done so. Please take a moment to visit the following links for additional information; [Application Manager Introduction](#) and [Tips for Applicants Brochure](#). Stay tuned for additional announcements regarding this transition.



ATM Withdrawal Fee to Increase on Travel Card: The fee for ATM cash withdrawals using the Government Travel Charge Card will increase to 2.2 percent **July 11**. That's up from the current 2 percent. If you withdraw \$100 in cash using your travel card after the

fee increases, it will cost you \$2.20, versus the \$2 you pay now. Per the DoDFMR, Vol 9, comptroller.defense.gov/fmr/09 Chapter 3, paragraph 030305 ATM withdrawals for cash are for out-of-pocket expenses. Out-of-pocket expenses are those that cannot be charged (see paragraph 030602). Therefore, you may withdraw (cash) in an amount equal to the daily incidental expense (IE) rate of \$5 CONUS and \$3.50 OCONUS. For example, if your TDY is 10 days long your ATM cash withdrawal allowed is \$50 (10 days x \$5 IE). The fee reimbursement is \$1.10 (\$50 x 2.2 percent). The 2.2 percent fee for cash withdrawal can be reimbursed on your travel voucher. You may also be reimbursed the fee charged by the financial institution that owns the ATM.

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.

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 **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on May 4**. 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.](#)

Good Friday Service: First Army Chaplain Office in coordination with ASC/JMC chaplains will host a protestant Good Friday Service at the Caisson Rm., Bldg. 60. Service will be on last seven words of Jesus. POC is First Army Chaplain Office, (309) 782-9690
Date: **Friday, April 6**
Time: **12-12:30 p.m.**



Antiterrorism Awareness Theme - Integrating Antiterrorism & Operations Security into the Contract Support Process: Recent attacks remind us that terrorists do not distinguish between combatants and noncombatants and may select targets specifically to effect military operations. To achieve successful attacks, terrorists seek to exploit gaps in security -- Army contract support services represent one such

possibility. Terrorists posing as contractors or exploiting a security gap in a contracted service could attack Army operations at unsuspected times and locations. Additionally, contractor employees may also become targets for terrorist attack. Given the threat of terrorism, the 3Q/FY12 antiterrorism awareness theme seeks to close the gap in the contract support process to mitigate the risk of terrorist activities. ([More](#))

Travel Warning – Israel, the West Bank and Gaza: The Department of State warns U.S. citizens of the risks of traveling to Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip, and about threats to themselves and to U.S. interests in those locations. The Department of State urges U.S. citizens to remain mindful of security factors when planning travel to Israel and the West Bank and to avoid all travel to the Gaza Strip. Military and DoD employees traveling outside the United States are required by regulation to attend an Area of Responsibility



briefing within 90 days of travel. Contact your commands respective Antiterrorism Officer for further information. The JMC ATO can be reached at (309) 782-1823 and the ASC ATO can be reached at (309) 782-5809. The USAG-ATO can be contacted at (309) 782-0116. For tenants without ATO's on the installation, it is their responsibility to contact someone in their respective chain of command.

2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament "Reds White & Blue" to Benefit Jason's Box:

A golf tournament to benefit [Jason's Box](#), a local organization that sends "care packages" to improve the health and well being U.S. troops



overseas, will be at 1 p.m., Friday, **May 18**, at the



Golfmohr Golf Club, 16724 Hubbard Rd., East Moline, Ill. Price for the

tournament is \$65 per golfer and \$60 per team of four, which includes greens fee, cart, tee package and dinner. POC: Craig DeVrieze, (563) 940-6094 for details about the event.

Quad-City Area Scam Alert: Please be aware of a scam involving people posing as government or utility workers who

ask for entrance into your home. The intent of this scam is to keep the homeowner occupied so another individual can enter through another door to burglarize your home. Several reports have been received in the immediate Quad City area about men wearing clothing that appears to be from a legitimate company. A recent complaint came from Eldridge where an unidentified man told the resident that he was with the government and needed to conduct a walkthrough of the house. Fortunately, the homeowner did not allow the men into the house, and they departed the area. All residents are reminded never to allow an unknown individual into their residence regardless of their appearance or request. In the event that the Rock Island Housing Office needs access to an on-post or leased residence, they will contact the family first. Any worker that needs access to either the outside or inside of the residence will always have proper credentials and a specific reason for needing access. On-post or leased housing homeowners should always confirm by phone any work or service call you have not requested or received through the Rock Island Arsenal Housing Office. The same is applicable for private homeowners; if in doubt, ask for a phone number and call the

company the individual represents. Anyone who suspects this type of suspicious behavior is asked to try to get a vehicle description and license plate number and general description of the individuals and call their local police department immediately. All local police departments are available by calling 9-1-1.

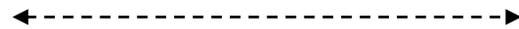
NDIA Awards: NDIA is accepting nominations for lifetime contributions to the national defense, the weapons industrial base and the ammunition industrial base. See link at www.ndia.org and Iowa/Illinois Chapter. Send submissions to: Jimmy Morgan at jimcmorgan@aol.com.
Date: **Sunday, April 15**
Time: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

Think spring cleaning. Now is the time to bring your consignments to the Thrift Shop. Before you shop for summer clothing, come see our selection of shorts, tops, sandals, and women's Capri pants. We're a great place to save money. POC: (309) 782-6977



Arsenal Traffic/Construction



There are no traffic/construction announcements at this time.



Building/Space Closures



There are no building/space closure announcements at this time.



Active Duty/Reserve Zone



Soldiers Seek Return to Traditions, Discipline:

Soldiers can expect tighter standards and discipline, changes to professional military education and doctrine, more coaching and mentoring, and a return to Army traditions and events as a result of the service's

yearlong Profession Campaign. The Army Profession Campaign report, released April 2, follows a year of surveys, focus groups, blogs and forums to give the Army a chance to examine itself and determine what it means to be a profession and for soldiers to be professionals, said Col. Sean Hannah, director of the Center for Army Profession and Ethic, which is part of the Combined Arms Center. ([More](#))

DoD Implements Changes to Sexual Assault Response:

The Defense Department has refined new methods to aid sexual assault victims whether reporting a crime or seeking assistance as they transition from service, the director of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office said here March 30. "We have several new options for victims of sexual assault," said Air Force Maj. Gen. Mary Kay Hertog. "First, if you've been a victim of sexual assault in the military you now have the option of requesting an expedited transfer. We signed that into effect in December." ([More](#))

Bill Would Strengthen Child Custody Protections:

Sixty-three members of the House Armed Services Committee are backing legislation to protect the child custody rights of service members, but it

is unclear if their support is enough to get the protections into law. Six times, the House has approved child custody provisions that would prevent a court from making a permanent change in child custody arrangements while a service member is deployed and would prohibit a state court from deciding someone is an unfit parent solely because of their military service. It has passed five times as a provision attached to the annual defense policy bill and once as a stand-alone measure. ([More](#))

Officials Complete New Tuition Assistance Policy Memo:

When a new policy takes effect -- probably this summer -- schools will need to have a signed memorandum of understanding to participate in the Defense Department's Tuition Assistance Program, Pentagon officials said. A 90-day extension that expired March 30 allowed DOD officials to work with stakeholders to address issues associated with the memorandum, and a revised memorandum now is complete, officials said. When the new policy takes effect, schools that provide education programs through the DOD Tuition Assistance Program must agree to the new memorandum and have a signed copy on file with the Defense Department for service members receiving tuition



assistance approval to attend their institution, officials said. The revised memorandum and the policy implementation date will be announced on the Defense Department's Memorandum of Understanding Web page, <http://www.dodmou.com>. ([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.

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Safety Spotlight

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2012 Army Spring/Summer Safety Campaign Kicks Off: The long days and warm temperatures of spring and summer are finally here, and Soldiers throughout your formations will be eager to take advantage of their downtime by heading outdoors. As Leaders and safety professionals, it should never be far from your minds that this time of year is historically the most risky for our Soldiers off duty. In fact, off-duty fatalities during the months between April and September have risen nearly 20 percent during the past three fiscal years, a trend that can't

be curbed without your help. That's why we're asking you to take advantage of the materials in this year's Army Safe Spring/Summer campaign, which runs from April through September, to raise awareness of common seasonal hazards. The complete toolkit includes posters, videos, informative articles and a presentation template perfect for weekend or holiday safety briefs. Please distribute this information and ensure all your Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians and their Family members are prepared for both the fun and hazards of the warmer seasons. ([More](#))

Motorcycle Safety Course: The USAG Safety Office will be sponsoring upcoming Motorcycle Rider Courses. This cycle rider safety training program will be certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The courses are designed to help riders manage their risk and increase their skills through riding and classroom instruction. Per DODI 6055.4, DoD Traffic Safety Program, military personnel who operate motorcycles must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways and must have successfully completed an approved rider or operator safety course meeting the MSF-based State-approved curriculum. Any Soldier operating a motorcycle on the Rock



Island Arsenal must be in possession of an MSF card when they ride to verify completion of required training. The next one-day Experienced Rider Courses are scheduled to be conducted on **July 17, 18 or 19**. Additionally, there are still a few openings for the two-day Basic Rider Course scheduled for **May 1 & 2**. Registration for all courses is through the web-based AIRS system at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS>. For further information, please contact [Michael Chaplin](#), IMRI-SO, at (309) 782-2314/1380, or [Nancy Carlson](#), IMRI-SO, at (309) 782-2309.

Equal Opportunity Focus

Arsenal Celebrates Women's History Month: Dr. Jane E. Simonsen reacted upon receiving a plaque from the Army Sustainment Command presented by Brig. Gen. Thomas Harvey, ASC deputy commanding general for mobilization and reserve affairs, and ASC Command Sgt. Maj. James E. Spencer, at Rock Island Arsenal Women's History Month observance March 28 at Heritage Hall. The theme for this year's event was "Women's Education " Women's Empowerment." Simonsen is an associate professor of history specializing in women's studies at

Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. ([More](#))

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.

April is Month of the Military Child:

Join MWR in celebrating and honoring our military children and the sacrifices that they make every day. We invite you to join us for some of the great events that we have lined up for next month including a build your own birdhouse craft project sponsored by the Home Depot, **April 6**, and a family friendly concert by the [Little Nashville](#) musical group on **April 26**. For a complete listing of all events, [check out the calendar of events](#) or the flyers: [Home Depot Flyer](#) and [Little Nashville](#) for more info or call (309) 782-2165.

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. ([Flyer](#))

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.**

Change in Hours of Operations at the Island Oasis Café:

Still haven't tried the new Island Oasis Café located in the Fitness Center? Well there is no better time than right now because effective April 2, we will be fine tuning our hours of operation to better serve you. Stop in for a quick breakfast sandwich, omelet or breakfast burrito between 6:30 & 9 a.m., or try one of our fresh made deli sandwiches, salad, or bowl of delicious homemade soup during the hours of 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check out the [full menu here](#).



New Sessions of Fitness Center

Classes: Effective the week of March 26 all of the fitness classes began a new six-week session. The classes being offered presently are Rowing, Spinning, Total Body Conditioning, and Strength Conditioning. Check the [MWR Fitness Center website](#) for fees, times and days for each of the classes. Zumba and Yoga will be offered in the near future and more information to follow. Get in shape for the summer and bring a friend. Call (309) 782-6789 for more info.

April is Spring Car Care Month at the Auto Skills Shop:

Make sure your ride is ready for those summer road trips. Stop in for our Pre-Season Motorcycle Service Special, bring in your bike, engine oil and filter and we will service it and perform a safety check all for only \$15. There is also a Spring Vehicle Inspection on Saturday, **April 21**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. where we'll check all the fluid levels, belts and drive systems, tire pressure and much more to make sure you're ready to go for summer. Also during the whole month of April, enjoy a full service oil change for just \$21. For an appointment or more info please call (309) 782-8631 or stop by the shop in Bldg. 351. ([Flyer](#))

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.

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.](#)

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.

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](#))

Six Flags Great America: Leisure Travel has 2012 Six Flags Great America one-day general admission tickets now in stock. Two big parks for one low price; all the thrills your nerves can handle with 14 roller coasters ... 20 acres with 30 waterslides. Discounted tickets are \$48, children under two are free.

Jordan Creek Mall Bus Trip: Want to spend the day shopping at Jordan Creek Mall? We can help with that. The Leisure Travel Office is offering a bus trip to Jordan Creek Mall on Saturday, **April 14**. Cost is \$30/person (transportation only). Please call (309) 782-5890 for more information.

Lincoln Park Zoo Bus Trip: Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! The Leisure Travel Office will be making a bus trip to Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, Saturday, **June 16**. Cost in only \$39/person (transportation only). Please call (309) 782-5890 for more information.

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)**

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.**

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)**



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.**

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.**



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

Take Time to Honor Military Kids' Service: Children of U.S. service members around the world will be honored throughout April for their contributions to their families' well-being and sacrifices on behalf of the nation, a Defense Department official said. Each April, Americans pause to recognize the nation's 1.8 million military children during the Month of the Military Child. "It's really important to recognize that military children also serve," Barbara Thompson, director of military community and family policy, children and youth, told the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service. It's also important, Thompson said, to take time to let military children "know how proud we are as Americans that they ... are supporting mom or dad in uniform, who is making great



sacrifices for this country.” While frequent moves and school transitions can be challenging, Thompson said she believes the most challenging endeavor a military child has to endure is a parental separation due to deployment. ([More](#)) ([OurMilitary](#)) ([StandTo!](#))

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

Army Emergency Relief Kicks Off 2012 Campaign: AER begins its annual fundraising drive. The theme of this year's Campaign is "A Strong Tradition of Soldiers Helping Soldiers." The money is used to fund grants, scholarships and gift cards for Wounded Warriors. Organizational key persons will begin contacting our Military personnel soon. For more information or to make a donation, contact ACS.

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](#).

Alcohol Awareness Month: April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Alcohol is the most commonly used drug in the United States (National Institute on Drug Abuse). Alcohol is popular, socially accepted, and legal. Yet it is the most frequent cause of individual and family pain and suffering. Alcohol Awareness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about



alcohol misuse and encourage people to make healthy, safe choices. During this month, take time to educate yourself and your loved ones about the dangers of alcohol misuse. One way to educate yourself about your own drinking is to take the anonymous alcohol use self-assessment online at DrinkingIQ.org. The Survey is free and can give you feedback about your drinking and if you may be at risk. If you would like to learn more about alcohol or have any questions, please call the EAP at 2-HELP (4357) or look for an EAP staff member at your lunch cafeteria in April.

Anonymous Online Mental Health Screening – April 2012: Good news.

Did you know that a glass of wine with dinner or beer on Friday night with friends might be good for you. A compilation of research detailing the health benefits of moderate alcohol use suggests that it can reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, dementia, and even the common cold (*Hanson, 2007*). However, this research leads us to ask, what is moderate alcohol use? It is important to distinguish between moderate and heavy alcohol use, as consuming excessive amounts of alcohol can lead to many problems. In the short term you may be more likely to have an accident, commit a violent act (alcohol

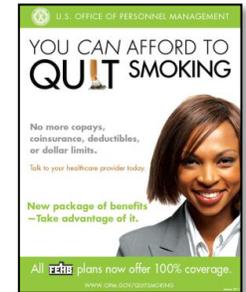
use is associated with two out of three incidents of intimate partner violence), or engage in risky sexual behavior that you would normally avoid. Long term health problems, including increased risk of stroke, dementia, depression, high blood pressure and certain cancers are well known for being consequences of heavy alcohol use (*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2008*). To help you know if you are using alcohol moderately rather than in a way that is hazardous, the Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program is honoring National Alcohol Screening Day, **April 5**, by offering you the opportunity to complete a free, anonymous screening for alcohol use disorders. The screenings are available at [HERE](#) in keyword ASAP. We here at the Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program hope that you will raise your glass in the name of good health and take a quick check of your drinking habits to help ensure your good health stays that way.

PTSD Support Groups: You don't have to go through this alone. 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: Need help to quit smoking?

Good news ... the Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational support group for people who would like to be smoke-free. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., at the EAP office located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor, SE wing.



Education/Training Review



The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: (309) 782-2065 Fax: (309) 782-7901. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more.

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](#))

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.

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**.

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

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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](#))

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.

Commissaries Spring into Savings for April: Commissary customers can celebrate the start of spring with

discounted products, especially for their children, which take their benefit well beyond the average savings of 32 percent. "Even though we cherish our 'younger' shoppers year round, in April we offer even better savings for our military families in celebration of the Month of the Military Child," said Chris Burns, the Defense Commissary Agency's director of sales. "It's important to DeCA that we offer everything children need to eat smart, explore various food choices and grow up healthy."

Child Hunger Ends Here: From **April 12-25**, commissary customers can help ConAgra Foods donate meals to help feed hungry children. When customers purchase specially marked ConAgra Foods packages and enter a package code at ChildHungerEndsHere.com, they activate a meal donation. Customers will then get a "bounce back" coupon to spend on their next purchase. For more information on this initiative and online coupons, go to conagracommissarydeals.com. Shoppers can also donate meals by redeeming a ConAgra Foods commissary coupon provided in stores via tear pads on specially marked case cards. For each coupon redeemed, \$1 will be donated to Feeding America® (feedingamerica.org)



- up to \$10,000, which equals 80,000 meals. Feeding America® has a network of more than 200 food banks nationwide supplying food to more than 37 million Americans each year, including 14 million children.

Vitality Every Day: From **April 12-25**, Unilever and Advantage Continental will host its 5th annual Vitality promotion for military children by offering discounted prices on some of Unilever's top brands such as Dove and Axe products, Hellmann's, Skippy Peanut Butter, Popsicles, Q-Tips, Breyers Ice Cream and TRESemme hair items. Shoppers will also be able to enter to win 300 "Vitality Every Day" gift packages in recycled grocery totes, which include an Eating Well Magazine, an eco-friendly bib apron, a lunch cooler and a bamboo cylinder complete with a serving spoon, strainer spoon and a spatula. Commissary customers can also visit Unilever's military specific website, OperationInTouch.com, for healthy tips and recipes, as well as a giveaway entry form.

Win It for Wellness Giveaway: **April 12-May 9**, Nestlé will provide opportunities for 178 stateside shoppers (one from every commissary) to win a prize: 25 grand-prize winners will each

receive a Kinect for Xbox 360 gaming system along with a variety of games, and 153 first-prize winners will each receive a \$50 Commissary Gift Card. Customers will see in-store promotional posters, stand-up ballot boxes and high-value coupons linked to promotion.

Update on Lean Finely Textured Beef Process (Aka: Pink Slime): As we deliver the commissary benefit, nothing is more important to us than our customers. We work every day to meet your needs by providing a variety of quality products at cost. Since the recent news reports on ground beef additives, we've heard feedback from many of you that this is not a product you wish to buy. Although the USDA continues to assure us this approved process is safe, your concerns are important to us, so we will be modifying our contracts to phase out these products and require that our ground beef suppliers only sell us products not treated with this process.

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 – April 2-8: Congress passed a special act on April 2, 1844, that granted Col. George Davenport the right to acquire 157.81 acres of land on Rock Island for \$1.25 an acre. On April 3, 1871, ground breaking work for the building of Shop E (Bldg. 106) had begun. In the Spring of 1904, five foreman, 12 inspectors, 10 toolmakers and machinists, 13 millers and drillers, nine filers, five drop forgers and temperers, and 10 operators from Springfield Armory transferred to the Rock Island Arsenal. They came to assist in the establishing a small arms armory at Rock Island. Only 13 of these workers returned to Springfield. The rest became permanent workers at RIA. The United States entered World War I on April 6, 1917. The Chief of Ordnance ordered the design of a semi-automatic shoulder rifle at RIA on April 7, 1909. It was to weigh no more than 11 lbs. On April 8, 1832, Black Hawk led his band



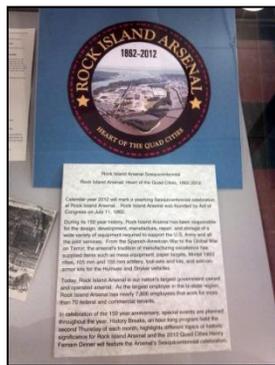
across the Mississippi River and back into Illinois in violation of his treaty with the United States Government. This incident sparked the Black Hawk War.

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**, 12-1 p.m., 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

Natick Study Looks at How Soldiers'

Bodies Cool Down: Seventeen years after four Soldiers died from hypothermia during the final phase of Ranger School, researchers at the U.S.



Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine at Natick Soldier Systems Center continue to study how the human body cools down, in hopes of one day developing medical techniques to help prevent such tragedies. "You can't design possible countermeasures -- pharmacological treatments, perhaps -- until you know mechanisms," said Capt. David DeGroot, Ph.D., a research physiologist in USARIEM's Thermal and Mountain Medicine Division, who is leading the study. "You've got to understand the basic mechanism before you (say), 'Okay, now how do I target it?'" ([More](#))

Health Clinic Announcement: Health Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. TRICARE Office Closed Friday, **April 6**. Clinic closed Staff Meeting/Training **April 27** 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

Vietnam Veterans Welcomed Home -- Finally: Friends were reunited; stories were told, and memories were honored on a day that many Vietnam veterans never thought they'd see -- a day set aside specially for them to be properly

welcomed home -- almost 40 years later. "It was hell over there," James 'Quincy' Collins, retired Air Force colonel and former prisoner of war, told the crowd. "And it was even worse when we came home to a nation who didn't appreciate us or what we did over there. Spending over seven years as a prisoner of war I truly know what freedom is really about. And today is a day for us." ([More](#))

VA Says New Tool Will Help Clear Disability Claims Backlog: The Department of Veterans Affairs is on its way to fixing its disability claims backlog, according to the department's top official. VA secretary Eric Shinseki said the department aims to use a newly developed automated system to make sure no claim goes over 125 days, according to the American Forces Press Service. For the past two years, VA has been developing the tool to help VA claims staff complete claims determinations faster and more accurately, he said. ([More](#))

Bon Jovi Heads New Government Challenge: Entertainer Jon Bon Jovi, a member of the White House Council for Community Solutions joined Department of Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary Scott Gould and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Shaun

Donovan to announced the Project REACH developer challenge on Monday. "This contest taps the talent and deep compassion of the Nation's developer community," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki. ([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)
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](#) (Greenvally 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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We need to motivate everyone to take positive action to reduce child abuse and neglect.

The safety and health of the Army's children rest in all of our hands.

Recognize the signs ... report abuse and neglect.



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