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Island Insight



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A Call to Duty, Retired Soldier Continues to Serve His Local Community:

Retired Lt. Col. Bill Carter's normal workday consists of enabling and resourcing medical training for our Nation's Army Reserve and National Guard formations mobilizing and training under First Army before deploying overseas. However, once his First Army duty day ends Carter transforms from First Army trainer into a volunteer firefighter - on call to fight

fires or rescue those in need from crashed cars or burning buildings. Carter began firefighting about four years ago in Georgia while still serving on active duty. "I became a firefighter as a way to help my community, as well as doing something unique," Carter said. Today, Carter serves as a nationally certified firefighter, who volunteers in honor of the 343 firemen and paramedics who lost their lives during the 9/11 terrorist attacks. "I'll never be a firefighter like

those heroes, but I'll never forget what they did on that day," Carter added. Carter retired from the Army after 26 years of service, and was hired as a First Army Department of the Army Civilian almost a year ago. Carter began looking for opportunities to volunteer as a firefighter once he and



First Army transitioned to Rock Island Arsenal in the Quad Cities. ([More](#))

2nd Annual RIA Prayer Breakfast:

The RIA Religious Support Team will be hosting their 2nd Annual Prayer Breakfast. The breakfast will be held at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. There is no cost to attend. For more information and tickets, please contact the ASC/JMC/First Army Chaplain's Office: (309) 782-0910/2737/9690. Date: **Wednesday, May 9** Time: **6:30-8 a.m.**



Family Ready to Make History at Arsenal, Again:

A third generation of the Minnis family could soon attach its name to the Rock Island Arsenal's machinist apprentice program. Gene Minnis, 75, went through what was a program of the Arsenal Operations Directorate as one of the first black men, graduating in 1971. He was followed by his daughter, Carla Walker, 51, who graduated from the four-year program in



1984, followed by her brother, Roy Minnis, 49, in 1992. Roy Minnis' son will take the apprenticeship test next month. The Minnises are believed to be the only father-daughter-son combination to graduate from the program, and Walker the first black woman to graduate, according to a 1992 feature story on the family published in The Target, the Rock Island Arsenal newspaper. "The family really made history, with a father, son and daughter," Gene Minnis said. ([More](#))

SecArmy: Civilian Workforce Critical to Army's Success:

Throughout my professional career - at the local, state and federal level - I've been fortunate to work alongside tireless, dedicated employees committed to their communities and the people they serve. That's why I'm grateful and honored by this opportunity to recognize them and say thank you during Public Service Recognition Week. At the risk of being a bit parochial, I think the Army stands as one of the proudest examples of what an honorable and important profession public service is and can be. Our entire



Upcoming Dates

- May 4-10:** National Nurses Week
- May 6-12:** Public Service Recognition Week
- May 6-12:** North American Occupational Safety & Health Week
- May 6-12:** Wildfire Awareness Week
- May 6-12:** Arson Awareness Week
- May 6-12:** National Drinking Water Week
- May 7-11:** National Teacher Week
- May 7-13:** Be Kind to Animals Week
- May 8:** 67th Anniversary of V-E Day
- May 11:** Military Spouse Day
- May 12:** USPS Stamp Out Hunger Day
- May 12:** National Train Day
- May 12-19:** AmeriCorps Week
- May 12-20:** Armed Forces Week
- May 12-20:** National Travel and Tourism Week
- May 13:** Mother's Day
- May 13-19:** National Women's Health Week
- May 13-19:** National Police Week
- May 17:** World Hypertension Day
- May 18:** National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day
- May 18:** National Defense Transportation Day
- May 18:** National Bike/Walk to Work Day
- May 19:** Armed Forces Day
- May 20-26:** National EMS Week
- May 20-26:** National Dog Bite Prevention Week
- May 20-26:** World Trade Week
- May 20-26:** National Eosinophil Awareness Week
- May 20-26:** National Public Works Week
- May 20-26:** National Small Business Week
- May 21:** National Kids to Parks Day
- May 21:** Endangered Species Day
- May 21:** Unnecessary Quotation Marks Day
- May 22:** National Maritime Day
- May 28:** Memorial Day (*Federal Holiday*)
- June 4:** 70th Anniversary Battle of Midway
- June 6:** 68th Anniversary of D-Day
- July 7:** Rock Island Arsenal 150th Celebration
- June 14:** 237th U.S. Army Birthday



Army family - Soldiers, Family members and civilians - display a level of commitment and selfless service that is inspiring. ([More](#))

Firms Gearing Up For More BRAC:

The dust has hardly settled on a Pentagon base realignment and closure initiative that bulked up local bases Fort Meade and Fort Belvoir, and already the Defense Department is gearing up for consolidation once again, putting local companies and lobbying firms on alert. Earlier this year, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta proposed new rounds of what's commonly dubbed BRAC, arguing that despite the controversy that normally surrounds such moves, "it is the only effective way to achieve infrastructure savings." ([More](#))

Military Appreciation Night at Modern Woodmen Park - Quad City River Bandits Game - May 12:

In appreciation of our military men and women, please come salute those who serve. All military personnel (Active, retired, National Guard, reserve and other branches), veterans, and immediate families may receive free



bleacher or berm seating tickets to the QC River Bandits game on **May 12**. Tickets are available at the MWR Travel and Leisure Office at the Rock Island Arsenal in Bldg. 60, River Bandits Ticket Office or by contacting info@ria-ausa.org. Tickets may be upgraded at the ticket office. Schedule of **May 12th** events: • 5:30 p.m. - Gates open • 6:30 p.m. - Pre-game ceremonies/signing of the Military Community Covenant • 7 p.m. - QC River Bandits vs. Cedar Rapids Kernels postgame fireworks.

Vote for the Arsenal Museum: It's on ... Vote! Vote! Vote! The Illinois Office of Tourism chose the Rock Island Arsenal Museum as one of 64 state attractions vying for the title of Illinois Fan Favorite.

Effective May 7, you have a chance to vote for the Arsenal Museum in the "Illinois History" category and you'll have a chance to win an Illinois getaway. Spread the word! ([Click Here to Vote](#)) In addition to the Arsenal Museum, several Quad Cities attractions are in the running to be named an Illinois Fan Favorite. In the Illinois History category, Black Hawk State



RIA 150th Anniversary Celebration 

Save the Date & Join Us for... **July 7th**

- ★ 10 am - Parade on Rodman Ave
- ★ 11 am - Opening Ceremonies
- ★ 11:15 am - 4:45 pm - USO Carnival & Entertainment
- ★ 11:30 am - 4:30 pm - Tours 
- ★ Noon/2 pm/4 pm - "Midnight Circus" Performs
- ★ 5 pm - Closing & Flag Retreat Ceremonies

For More Information call: (309) 782-0212
Parade information: (309) 782-9473
Static Displays: (309) 782-3921

Event for the Whole Community

Those 16 years and above must show Photo ID at the Arsenal Gate

No animals allowed at event (except for service animals)

Fun Activities for all Ages

ALL WELCOME



Historic Site, the Arsenal Museum, and Bishop Hill State Historic Site are in the running. The John Deere Pavilion is competing in the Museums & Architecture category. The other two categories are Great Outdoors and Family Fun. With a bracket-like format, the attractions with fewer votes will be eliminated each week in this statewide showdown until four attractions have earned the title of Illinois Fan Favorite. [Vote Arsenal Museum!](#)

May Sesquicentennial History Break:

Think about taking a "History Break" to celebrate Rock Island

Arsenal's 150th Anniversary.

May 10, 12-1

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Independent

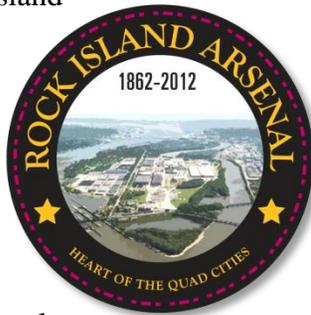
Scholar, and

Kris Leinicke,

Rock Island Arsenal

Museum, will present a program on the history of Fort Armstrong and the Fort Armstrong Centennial Celebration.

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.

Moline Public Library We Salute

You! Arsenal Appreciation Night: The Moline Public Library, in conjunction with Quad Cities Military Appreciation Week, is having an Arsenal Appreciation Night, Thursday, **May 17**, 6-8 p.m. Our goal is to make our service men and women and their families aware of library and community services that are available to assist them, particularly as many have and will be returning from overseas deployment, as well as many newer residents from First Army this past year. Representatives from local organizations and libraries will be on hand that evening to share information about their services, register participants for library cards and provide activities for family fun. Each of us knows first-hand what a great quality of life that Moline and our Quad City area provides. We want to ensure that our

neighbors on the Arsenal know how much we appreciate them and to ensure that they know about these services. POC: [Lisa Powell Williams](#), Moline Public Library, (309) 524-2473

Flag Placement: Cemetery volunteers are needed for placement and removal of American flags. The

[Rock Island National Cemetery](#)

is seeking

volunteers to place

American flags at

the headstones of

fallen servicemembers in honor of

Memorial Day. Work to place the flags

will begin at 4 p.m., Thursday, **May 24**.

In the event of severe weather, flag

placement will be 4 p.m., Friday, **May 25**.

Work to remove the flags begins at

7:30 a.m., Tuesday, **May 29**, weather

permitting. All volunteers need to show

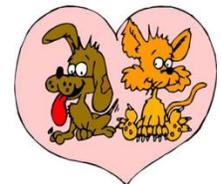
up inside the cemetery to receive flags

and instructions. For more information,

call (309) 782-2094.

Great Lakes VTF Vaccine Clinic:

There will be an animal vaccine clinic for active duty and retired service members at RIA Fire Department on **May 31**, 1-6 p.m.; **and June 1**,



8-11 a.m. Cash and checks accepted.
([Additional Info](#)) (847) 688-5708.

Reduced Operating Capacity of CAC/Military ID Office:

On Monday, **May 21**, and Tuesday, **May 22**, the CAC/Military ID Office will be operating at reduced capacity. DoD will be on-site to install new hardware over those two days. The automated appointment scheduler has been adjusted to reflect that reduced capacity and we do not anticipate any issues with those individuals who have scheduled appointments. The office will however, be operating with only one vs. the usual three workstations for those two days so it will be very difficult to accommodate significant walk-in traffic. If you would ordinarily walk in to the office without an appointment, please keep that in mind and adjust accordingly. If you need additional information on this issue, please call (309) 782-0597.



Physical Security Entrance for Public:

The Physical Security Office/Badging is now located in Bldg. 225 North, 1st



floor. The only way the public can access this area is through the entrance on the Northwest corner. POC: [Angie Scriven](#), (309) 782-5552

Water System Notice: For three weeks running from **May 1 to May 21**, the Rock Island Arsenal Water Treatment Plan will switch to chlorination as its means of water disinfection. The change, which has been approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, will allow maintenance, including the annual flushing of the water distribution system, to go forward. Since the 1990s, the plant has used a process known as "choramination," a combination of chlorine and ammonia, as a disinfection method. Users should notice no difference in the quality of their drinking water as a result in the change to using chlorine. The annual flushing process, done via the on-post fire hydrants, may cause visible changes to the water coming from resident's faucets. In the past, the flushing process has caused material in the pipes to be stirred up. Most of this sediment flows through the nearest fire hydrant, but some may transport into the lines providing water service to buildings or residences at the Arsenal. Water could



be cloudy or have a rusty color. Although this water will still be safe to drink, it is unappetizing. If this occurs, please allow the water to run for five minutes to allow the line to clear. POC: [Christian Hawkinson](#), (309) 782 0689

Official DA Studio Photography:

Official DA Studio Photography will be offered at Arsenal Island on **May 9 and 10**. Studio photography includes DA photos, official government passport photos and official command photos (head & shoulders). Appointments can be scheduled at the following times: **May 9-10**, 7 a.m.-3:40 p.m. There will be no walk-in appointments. Reservations can only be made by submitting a [DA3903 Work Request](#) at the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) ... click on Frequently Asked Questions, item #2, instructions for scheduling photo appointments in VIOS. Scheduled photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio, Bldg. 56, basement, across hall from elevator. Bring your command flag if required. Priority is: 1. Active duty Soldier's DA Photos 2. Official government passport photos 3. Official command photos 4. DA photos for Army Reserve & Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active



duty). To obtain an official government passport photo, all personnel need to: 1. Schedule a passport photo appointment at the [VIOS website](#). 2. Go to transportation to obtain a printed [DA Form 3903](#), Multi-Media/Visual Information Work Order, signed by the passport agent in block 14.3. Present this DA3903 form to the photographer before the passport photo is taken. You will receive two 2"x2" passport photos. 8"x10" head and shoulders-command photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. Scheduled dates for **June 2012** official studio photography will be announced in the Island Insight, VIOS frequently asked questions and the Defense Visual Information website for the RIA VI Facility. POC is Don Swanson (309) 782-6390.

Esprit de Corps Toastmasters: Its spring, time to clean house for the summer. Part of our housecleaning can be getting rid of old fears about public speaking and assuming a leadership roles. Come to Toastmasters the first and third Wednesdays of each month to sweep out those cobwebs of fear.
Date: **Wednesday, May 16**



Time: **11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

MWR Scramble Spring Golf

Tournament: Get your foursome together and see if your game is good enough to be crowned the MWR champs. This four-person best-ball style tournament is \$65/player (\$50 for annual pass holders). Entrance includes greens fees and cart, box lunch, hors d'œuvres buffet and lots of prizes. Call (309) 793-1604 to register. ([Flyer](#))
Date: **Friday, May 18**
Time: **10 a.m.**



Blood Drive: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, May 11, 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](#).

Volunteers Needed for John Deere Classic Transportation Committee: **July 9-15** drivers are needed for the John Deere Classic transportation committee for the Friday before tournament week through Monday after tournament. For more information, contact Kippy Nelson (Cell) (309) 945-6478 or (309) 944-6113 ([website](#))

Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique: The Thrift Shop will be open this Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3



p.m., and will also be open on Saturday, **May 19**. Visit our store and our website at www.riamwr.com/attic.htm for consignor forms. Also on Facebook, search for Arsenal Attic and see our photos. POC: (309) 782-6977

Free Tours of Locks and Dam 15: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Mississippi River Project announces they will be offering free tours of Locks and Dam 15 starting Memorial Day



weekend and running each weekend through Labor Day. Corps of Engineers Park Rangers will offer free lock and dam tours each Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (weather permitting). Participants must wear shoes with enclosed toes and backs, tennis shoes are preferred. Cameras and pictures are not allowed on the tour but they are allowed in the Visitor Center. Walking is required. Pre-registration is also required and the group size is limited.

Thomson Causeway Photo Contest

Returns: The Annual Mississippi River Project Photo Contest is returning for its 21st year. Beginning on **May 25** amateur photographers will be able to submit photos in three separate categories:

Wildlife, Recreation, or Landscape. Photos must be taken on pools 11-16 of the Mississippi River. Participants have until Friday, **Aug. 24**, to submit photos to the Thomson Ranger Office. If you would like more information regarding the contest, contact the Thomson Ranger Office at (815) 259-3628.

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.

RIAWC 2012 Charity Golf

Outing: The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is partnering with the Iowa/Illinois Chapter of the



National Defense Industry Association in hosting the 2012 Charity Golf Outing during the Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium on Tuesday, **May 22** at the Arsenal Island Golf Course. Proceeds will help fund the club's charitable work supporting the military and their families on the Arsenal and surrounding Quad-Cities Communities. [Registration](#) will be 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. A recognition dinner will follow 6:30-8:30 p.m. Registration deadline is **May 17**. Cost is \$100/player before May 1; on or after May 1 is \$110. ([More](#))

Esprit de Corps Toastmasters:

Summer is almost upon us, kids getting out of school. For parents of high school grads, how about a parent child activity of joining Toastmasters together? Give the student a head start of leadership and speaking skills needed in college and boost your own as well. The student can transfer membership without any extra fees.

Date: **Wednesday, June 6**

Time: **11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

Esprit de Corps Toastmasters: This is the last meeting of the Toastmasters year, however it could be the first meeting of your Toastmasters year. While our 2011-2012 officers transition



to our new ones, you can transition to new friends, new skill with your visit to and or joining our club. We welcome all, prospects Island, town or contractors.

Date: **Wednesday, June 20**

Time: **11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**



Arsenal Traffic/Construction



Repairs to Lot OG, Bldg. 67, Fitness Center, Parking Lot, Are Underway:

The IJO includes storm drain work, sidewalk work, new concrete curb and gutter, asphalt repaving and landscaping. The project is scheduled to be completed by **July 1**. The proposed schedule is weather dependent. When completed, spaces in this lot will be designated handicapped parking to better satisfy accessibility requirements. POC: [Joe Gumpert](#), (309) 782-1389.

New Parking Lot Starting May 6:

A new parking lot is scheduled to be constructed on the east side of Bldg. 52, location of old water tower. Preliminary site work has begun, to include temporary fencing to secure the water plant and removal of the top layer of sod. Full construction is scheduled to begin on **May 6**. During construction, the east portion of lot OJ, all of lot OK

and the entrance between lot OJ and OK will be closed. Once completed, the new lot will provide for an additional 80 spaces of parking. The project is scheduled to be completed by **May 30**. This schedule is weather dependent. POC: [Joe Gumpert](#), (309) 782-1389.

Parking Lot Restriping On-Going:

USAG-RIA DPW has contracted for 59 parking lots to be repainted and restriped on Rock Island Arsenal beginning **April 28 through May 30**. Currently there is no set schedule as most work is expected to be completed on weekends or evenings when parking areas are unoccupied. The contractor will provide necessary traffic control. If there are areas that are frequently occupied and not accessible, DPW may request a temporarily closure, but will provide timely notification before closure. Period for completing work may be extended depending on weather conditions. POC: [Randy Brockhouse](#), (309) 782-2153.

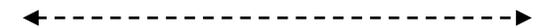
Bridge Closures - Annual Bridge Maintenance (Washing), Moline Bridge, Government Bridge, and R.I. Viaduct:

The following is this year's bridge washing schedule. Bridge Closures for Annual Bridge Washing will be **May 3-9**. R.I. Viaduct /

Underneath R.I. Viaduct, & Pedestrian Bridge: **May 7, 8, & 9**, closure time is from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. to help avoid causing traffic backups during peak hours. One lane of traffic will be maintained across the bridge throughout the washing schedule.

Quad Cities Event Impact to Government Bridge Traffic:

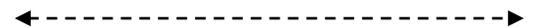
Saturday, **May 19**, the annual Quad Cities Heart Walk will be held. The Government Bridge will remain open to vehicular and pedestrian traffic from 9-11 a.m. After this time river navigation will resume and commuters using the Government Bridge to transit between Iowa and Illinois can expect occasional delays as river traffic passes through the main lock at Locks and Dam 15.



Building/Space Closures



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



Active Duty/Reserve Zone



National Military Appreciation

Month: The Senate first passed a



resolution in 1999 designating National Military Appreciation Month. That declaration encouraged U.S. citizens to observe the month in a symbol of unity, to honor the current and former members of the armed forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace. The Army has consistently honored the contributions and sacrifices of our Soldiers, family members, civilians and veterans. The theme of this years commemoration is Resiliency - honoring the perseverance of Soldiers, Family members, Civilians and Veterans since the birth of our Nation. The month of May is characterized by six national observances highlighting the contributions of each segment of the Army community. This month ties in many Army themes, including physical fitness, Public Service Recognition, loyalty to the nation and remembrance of our veterans. Through the years, our Army has answered this nations call, and our Soldiers, families and civilians have never wavered in their support and patriotism, despite the many challenges they have faced. ([More](#))

Army Tightens Rules on Hair, Tattoos, Makeup: Senior leaders are putting the final touches on 17 grooming regulation changes that cover everything

from tattoos and makeup to cellphones and civilian attire. And soldiers will likely face punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice if they fail to get squared away. The pending changes include: • Shorter sideburns. • Soldiers must be clean shaven on and off duty, even during leave. • Women will be allowed to put hair into ponytails during physical training. ([More](#))

Safety Spotlight



Motorcycle Safety Awareness Event:

There will be a Motorcycle Safety Awareness Event on **May 17**, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the parking lot north of Bldg. 339, northwest

of Bldg. 350.

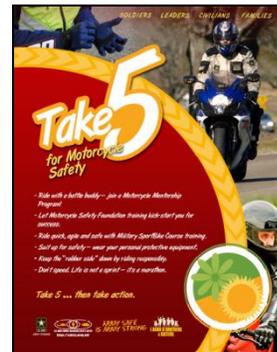
Military: Sign up with your supervisor and in [TEDs](#)

(Keyword: motorcycle)

Civilians: Sign up in [TEDs](#)

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motorcycle) JMC will use [TEDs](#) to register for motorcycle safety. Military riders include those assigned to the Arsenal as well as reservists and members of local recruiting commands.



DoD civilians who wish to participate during duty hours will need their supervisor's approval and take leave. Contractors or other non-DoD civilians who wish to participate will need approval of their supervisors and arrange for any time off. Riding portions are only available to riders who are properly licensed, endorsed, insured, attired (required PPE), and whose motorcycle meets basic safety and regulatory requirements. **Riders participating in the event are required to bring and use their personal motorcycle.** The event will include two main stages, one to include safety and motorcycle related discussions as well as riding exercises and demonstrations designed to refresh or improve riding skills. The second stage will feature an organized group ride. In the event of inclement weather, the date of the event will shift to **May 18**.

Military Rider: The Department of

Defense marks the start of prime motorcycle riding weather by designating each May as Motorcycle Safety Month.



This special report highlights DoD and service-related efforts to enhance the safety and overall riding experience for service members and veterans through training, mentorship and education. Support driver safety programs to the maximum extent ... be a Military Rider - acquire the Right Skills, the Right Training, the Right Attitude. Spread the word! www.Defense.gov/militaryrider

Check Your Home for These Recalled Recreational, Home Products Now That Spring is Here: Spring has sprung. Warm weather means kids are playing outside and families are firing up their grills and working on the lawn. Before you use spring-related products this season, check to see if they have been recalled. It could save your family's lives. You can find out more about these recalls at www.cpsc.gov. ([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

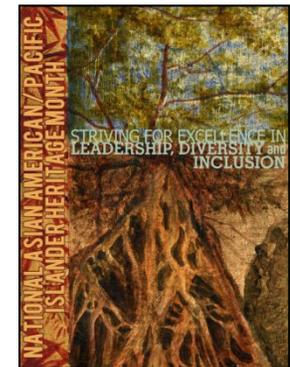
Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Observance: The Asian Pacific American Heritage Month



Observance will be **May 10**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Golf Course clubhouse. Dr. Albert Chan Professor at St. Ambrose University will be the guest speaker for the event. This year's theme is "Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity, and Inclusion." Come join us for performances and food sampling. Point of contact is [Sgt. First Class Evadne Benson](#), First Army, (309) 782-9060.

2012 National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Observance: The Department of Defense will celebrate National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month during the month of May. The 2012 national theme is "Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion." It recognizes the significant contributions Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPis) have made to our Nation through government, education, and leadership. Throughout history, AAPis have contributed in significant ways to the DoD mission and all aspects of



society; military service men and women have defended the United States from threats at home and abroad, while serving our Nation with valor. Our civilian trailblazers have also played a vital role in our Nation's economic and technological growth by their contributions to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics and other critical mission areas and are serving in positions of leadership within the government now more than ever before. ([More](#)) ([Presidential Proclamation](#)) ([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.

MWR Scramble Spring Golf Tournament: Get your foursome together and see if your game is good enough to be crowned the MWR champs. This four-person best-ball style tournament is \$65/player (\$50 for annual pass holders). Entrance includes

greens fees and cart, box lunch, hors d'œuvres buffet and lots of prizes. Call (309) 793-1604 to register. ([Flyer](#))
Date: **Friday, May 18**
Time: **10 a.m.**

Demo Day: Join us for a demo day at the Arsenal Island Golf Course. Reps from Ping, Cleveland and Srixon will be available to answer questions and help you find the best club to fit your playing style. Event will be held at the driving range. Please call (309) 793-1604 for more information. ([Flyer](#))
Date: **Friday, May 25**
Time: **2-6 p.m.**

Mothers Day Champagne Brunch: Sunday, **May 13**, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., show mom how much you care by treating her to a delectable champagne brunch at the Arsenal Island Golf Course clubhouse. This all you can eat, buffet style brunch is \$22.95/adult, \$10.50/child (4-12) and children three and under eat free. Call (309) 793-1601 to make your reservation.



New Session of Fitness Center Classes: The new session of fitness

classes will begin the week of **May 7**. Yoga is back and we are also now offering Zumba. Yoga will be offered: • Monday/Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Fees \$8 per class • Tuesday / Thursdays, 5:45-6:45 a.m. • Fees \$10 per class • Register for each class at the front desk; Zumba will be offered: • Monday / Wednesday, 5-6 p.m.; Program fees: \$30 for six week session / \$25 military; Drop in fees: \$3; For more info and class descriptions for these and all of our other great classes, please visit [our website](#).

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 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](#))

Community Recreation Division's Fee Increases: Due to rising costs and extreme budget constraints, it is necessary that fee increases be initiated with an implementation date of **May 30**. User fees have been increased for the Fitness Center, Outdoor Recreation Center, and Auto Skills Facility. Your continued support of our Quality of Life programs at RIA is appreciated. Thank you.

Change in Outdoor Recreation

Entrance: Starting **May 9**, patrons may enter Outdoor Recreation through the warehouse door on the Southside of Bldg. 333. The North door will be closed. This is to speed up the process of customers picking up and returning equipment during the summer months. For more info please call (309) 782-8630.

MWR Yard Sale: MWR Yard Sale will take place at the Memorial Field Pavilion. If you are interested in participating it costs \$5 per table. Yard sale takes place rain or shine. For more information contact LTO (309) 782-5890. ([Flyer](#))
Date: **Saturday, May 19**

Time: **8 a.m.**

Free Camping for Active Duty

Military: The Corps of Engineers are offering free camping for active duty military at Fisherman's Corner, Grant River, Thompson Causeway, Shady Creek and Clark's Ferry Campgrounds. Complete information is listed in the "Along the River" brochure. You may pick up a copy at Outdoor Recreation or the Mississippi River Visitor Center at Locks and Dam 15.

Ghost Hunters' Dinners at Historic Quarters One:

The ever-popular Ghost Hunters' Dinners are back for 2012. Enjoy a gourmet meal at the Clubhouse followed by a presentation by the Rock Island Paranormal Society on the haunted history of Historic Quarters One. After the presentation, armed only with flashlights, guests are invited to search this beautiful building for evidence of the paranormal. The dates planned for 2012 are: **May 10, June 21, July 13, Aug. 17, Oct. 1, Oct. 13, and Oct. 31**. Cost is \$45/person and reservations are strongly recommended as these fill up fast. Call (309) 793-1601 for more info and to reserve your spots. ([Flyer](#))



Taste of Chicago Bus Trip: Join the Leisure Travel Office on their bus trip to the Taste of Chicago to enjoy the sights, sounds, and food of the Windy City. Cost is \$39/person (transportation only). For more information, please call 309-782-5890.

Date: **Saturday, July 14**

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)**



Downtown Chicago Shopping Bus

Trip: Join MWR for a fun day of shopping on Michigan Ave. and the magnificent mile in beautiful downtown Chicago. Price is \$39/person and includes transportation only. Call (309) 782-5890 for more info and to sign up.
Date: **Saturday, July 28**



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.

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)**



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. ([Flyer](#))

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.**

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: 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.

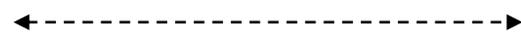
Need a Vacation?: Do you need help planning your vacation - let the leisure travel staff help turn your vacation into a dream vacation. Stop by or call our office at (309) 782-5890. Let us do the work.

Child, Youth & School Services

Covenant Cottage Child Development Home: [Covenant Cottage Child Development Home](#) is available for backup, emergency, and hourly care for ages four weeks through 12 years. The home is located on post and is open from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through



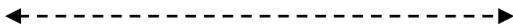
Friday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Army Family Covenant Guidelines state deployed Soldiers are entitled to 16 hours free respite childcare per child, per month. For reservations call (309) 782-6793. We encourage you to call as far in advance as possible because spaces fill quickly.



Army Community Service (ACS)



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



Employee Assistance Program



For free, confidential counseling assistance or for information on services that are available, call (309) 782-4357. Normal business hours are from 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday -

Friday. For additional information on the Employee Assistance Program see [our website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#). The new location for the EAP/ASAP is Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East.

Relocation of EAP, ASAP: The Employee Assistance Program/Army Substance Abuse Program relocated to Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East. The EAP/ASAP office provides short-term counseling and referral services for individuals, families, and couples. Master's level counselors provide free, confidential assistance. Services can be accessed by calling (309) 782-4357. To learn more about the EAP/ASAP [visit our website](#), or visit the program on [Facebook](#).



Smoking Cessation Group: Want to join a supportive group of individuals with a common goal to quit smoking? The Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational support group. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., at the EAP office



located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor, SE wing.

PTSD Support Groups: Is the quality of your life being affected by Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder? The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic and Employee Assistance Program are sponsoring support groups to assist you through this difficult challenge. Contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552 for more details.

Anonymous Online Mental Health Screening – May 2012: We would rather not talk about it. We do not want to be the ones to deal with it, but suicide among youth is a reality, and it is more common than we might think. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among 15 to 24 year olds, claiming more lives than any single disease or condition. Fortunately, the emotional crises that so often precede suicides are both recognizable and treatable, and good prevention tools can help parents identify a problem before it's too late. In honor of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, **May 6-12**, the Rock



Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program invites you to take advantage of the Brief Screening for Adolescent Depression, a new online screening tool that lets parents assess their children's risk for depression and suicide and determine whether to seek further help. The teenage years can be tumultuous – new relationships, decisions about the future, and even physical changes can be difficult to handle. Take advantage of this free, anonymous tool and find out how your children are coping. Visit this [website](#) and enter keyword ASAP. Warning signs of suicide: Call 9-1-1 or seek immediate help from a mental health provider if you notice the following: • Someone threatening to hurt or kill him/herself, or talking of wanting to hurt or kill him/herself; • Someone looking for ways to kill him/herself by seeking access to firearms, available pills, or other means. Seek help by contacting a mental health professional or calling 1-800-273-TALK for a referral should you notice anyone exhibiting one or more of the following: • Hopelessness • Rage, uncontrolled anger, seeking revenge • Acting reckless or engaging in risky activities, seemingly without thinking • Feeling trapped - like there's no way out • Increased alcohol or drug use • Withdrawing from friends, family and

society • Anxiety, agitation, inability to sleep or sleeping all the time • Dramatic mood changes • Excessive interest, talk, or writings focused on death, dying or suicide • No reason for living; no sense of purpose in life.

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.

President Signs Executive Order: Establishes Principals of Excellence for Educational Institutions Serving Service Members, Increases Awareness of Unethical Targeting Tactics of For-Profit Institutions:

President Obama has recently signed an Executive Order to ensure all service members, veterans, spouses, and dependents can more readily make informed educational decisions. The order will also create an awareness of any aggressive or deceptive targeting by for-profit institutions. DoD, Veterans Affairs, and education are to establish

principles of excellence, which will apply to all institutions receiving federal military and veterans' educational funds. The principles will include stricter rules and procedures for access to military installations and access to a personalized "Know Before You Owe" fact sheet that links to a centralized complaint system for military and veteran students. ([More](#)) ([Know Before You Owe factsheet](#))

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](#))

Defense Commissary Agency / PX

The [Rock Island Commissary](#) makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you! Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information



[HERE](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com (Facebook)

Commissaries Announce Coupon Policy Changes:

Effective May 1, the Defense Commissary Agency has changed how its commissaries handle coupons and product returns without receipts, among other things, as the agency enacts customer service policy changes to protect the commissary benefit. "The average coupon user might not notice the policy changes because they are aimed at preventing possible misuse of the commissary benefit - primarily using coupons to get large amounts of cash back," said Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA director and CEO. Commissary shoppers are big users of coupons, as evidenced by DeCA's consistent ranking among the top 10 grocery retailers in coupon redemptions over the past several years. Commissaries welcome coupon usage, and to acquaint customers with the changes in the coupon acceptance policy, it has been posted on the [agency's website here](#) and on [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.

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.

Gen. Rodman Liked His Guns, Homes Big:

Gen. Thomas J. Rodman, commander of the Rock Island Arsenal from 1866-1871 was an artilleryist, inventor, ordnance specialist and career U.S. Army officer. He liked his artillery and his homes large in scope. During the Civil War he was stationed at the Watertown Arsenal at Watertown, Mass.

While there he built a 15-inch Columbiad. It was a large caliber, smoothbore, muzzle loading cannon able to fire heavy projectiles at both high and low trajectories. Its overall length was 15 feet, 10 inches. The bore length was 13 feet nine inches and capable of firing shell or shot. Its design was completed in 1859. Later at Watertown he built a larger 20-inch gun that was never used. ([More](#))

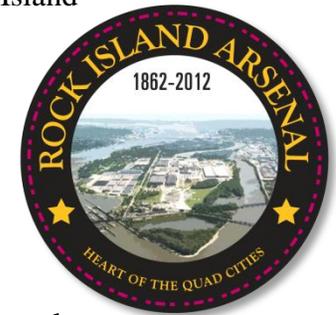
May Sesquicentennial History Break:

Think about taking a "History Break" to celebrate Rock Island

Arsenal's 150th Anniversary.

May 10, 12-1 p.m., 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. 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.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal

History – May 7-13: On May 8, 1945, the Allied nations celebrated V-E Day, victory in Europe. On May 9, 1898, the RIA received a war production order for the manufacture of 102 field carriages and limbers, 17 battery wagons and forges. The dam of Locks and Dam 15 was completed on May 9, 1934. On May 10, 1864, the remains of Col. George Davenport were removed from Arsenal Island and taken to Chippiannock Cemetery in the city of Rock Island. Excavation work for the construction of Shop D (Bldg. 61) began on May 11, 1871. Col. Thomas Baylor was appointed commanding officer of the RIA on May 12, 1886.



Healthbeat



Womens Health Month: As the Army recognizes National Womens Health Month during the month of May, it provides an opportunity to encourage women to visit health care professionals to receive or schedule a checkup and promotes regular checkups as vital to the early detection of various diseases. Army Medicine seeks to raise awareness about and encourages preventive proactive behaviors to enhance womens health. With 14 percent of the Army active duty fighting force and 46 percent of (Army affiliated) eligible Tricare beneficiaries being female, the health of these women plays a vital role in overall Army readiness. Army medicine recognizes the magnitude and impact of womens health and appreciates the unique challenges of being a woman in the Army whether Soldier, family member, or veteran. In order for women to be fully integrated and effective members of the team, we must ensure their unique health needs are being considered and met. [\(More\)](#)

18 Most Sickening Food Ingredients:

News about gross-out ingredients like pink slime and ammonia (more about both later) got us thinking: What other surprises lurk in the food we eat? We put that question to food safety as well as food manufacturing experts, and it

turns out all kinds of things go into refined and processed foods that you wouldn't willingly put in your mouth. Here's a few...read at your own risk! That's not to say it isn't safe to eat. The Food and Drug Administration and other agencies spend lots of time and energy to make sure you're not eating stuff that will kill you. But the idea that something seems "just plain wrong" often isn't part of the calculation. Here's a list of food ingredients that rate high in the yuck factor. [\(More\)](#)

Health Clinic Announcement: Health Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. Behavioral Health closed **May 29 – June 15**. X-Ray closed **May 2-11**. Clinic closed after 11:30 a.m., **May 25** for training. For any concerns with the RIAHC clinic please call our customer support line-(309) 782-0721.



Notes for Veterans



VA Testing Whether Meditation Can

Help Treat PTSD: Seeking new ways to treat post-traumatic stress, the Department of Veterans Affairs is studying the use of transcendental meditation to help returning veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. Veterans Affairs' \$5.9 billion system for mental-health



care is under sharp criticism, particularly after the release of an inspector general's report last month that found that the department has greatly overstated how quickly it treats veterans seeking mental-health care. ([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.

May 11: [Gallery Hop!](#) (The District)
May 12: [Military Appreciation Night](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)
May 12: [10th Annual "Doin' it for Deb" 5K Walk Miles for Melanoma](#) (Carver P.E. Center, Augustana College, Rock Island)
May 12: [Master Gardener's Plant Sale](#) (Dave Copeland Center, Rock Island County Fairgrounds, East Moline)
May 12: [Canoe, Kayak and Bike Swap](#) (Credit Island Lodge, Davenport)
May 12: [Mountain Biking 101 at Sunderbruch Park](#) (4500 Telegraph Rd., Davenport)
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 14: [QC TAG Bicycle Commuter Breakfast](#) (Bechtel Park, Davenport)
May 17: [Moline Public Library We Salute You! Arsenal Appreciation Night](#) (Moline Public Library)
May 19: [Start! Heart Walk](#) (Great River Plaza, Rock Island)
May 19: [St. Ambrose University Wine Festival](#) (St. Ambrose University)
May 20: [Bicycle Rodeo Hosted by Casa Guanajauto's Healthy Family Day](#)
May 22-24: [6th Annual JMTC Industry Day & Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium](#) (iWireless Center, Moline)
May 26: [Running Wild's The Wild 5](#) (Gold's Gym, Davenport)

May 28: [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Rock Island)
May 28: [QCBC's Great Big Bike Rodeo](#) (Rock Island)
May 28: [Roger De Langhe Youth 2-10 Trike & Bike Races](#) (Rock Island)
June 2-3: [QC Pridefest](#) (Downtown Davenport)
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 7: [Rock Island Arsenal 150th Celebration](#) (Rock Island Arsenal)



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 27: [Cardiology at the Bix](#) (Radisson Quad City Plaza, Davenport)
July 28: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 31-Aug. 5: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Aug. 2-5: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (LeClaire Park & Hotel Blackhawk)
Aug. 9-11: [Great River Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa / Port Byron, Ill.)
Aug. 10-11: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District)
Aug. 17-18: [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Aug. 18: [River Action's 3rd Annual Floatzilla](#) (Lake Potter)
Aug. 23-26: [World Series of Drag Racing](#) (Cordova Dragway)
Aug. 25: [Quad Cities Irish Festival](#) (Rock Island)
Aug. 25: [RIBCO's 3rd Annual River City Beer Festiv-ale](#) (The District)
Aug. 28-Sept. 5: [ASA Girls 12U Fastpitch Tournament](#) (Greenvalley Sports Complex, Moline)
Aug. 30-Sept. 2: [Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Sept. 1: [8th Annual Labor Day Ride For Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma](#) (The District)

Sept. 1-2: [Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)
Sept. 1-2: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
Sept. 3: [Bettendorf Rotary 18th Annual Run with Carl 5K](#) (Life Fitness Center, Bettendorf)
Sept. 6: [13th Annual Senior Golf Cart Tour of RiverWay Trails](#) (Multiple Locations)
Sept. 7-16: [East West Riverfest](#) (Quad Cities)
Sept. 8: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park)
Sept. 8-9: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 15: [Taming of the Slough](#) (Sylvan Island)
Sept. 15: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park)
Sept. 15: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
Sept. 15-16: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park, Village of East Davenport)
Sept. 15-16: [Our Big Fat Greek Festival](#) (St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Rock Island)
Sept. 19-21: [Upper Mississippi River Conference](#) (TBD)
Sept. 22-23: [Quad Cities Kite Festival](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
Sept. 23: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)
Sept. 27-29: [Mississippi Valley Quilters Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Sept. 28-30: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)
Sept. 29: [17th Annual Killer Bee 5K Run/Walk](#) (Rogalski Center Lawn, St. Ambrose Campus)

Oct. 5-6: [Midwest Clown Association Convention](#) (Clarion Hotel Conf. Center, Davenport)
Oct. 6: [Hilltop Campus Village 3rd Annual Fall Music Festival](#) (Hilltop Park, Davenport)
Oct. 7: [Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic Gone Running 5K Run/Walk](#) (Schwiebert Park, Rock Island)
Oct. 13-14: [Gun Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Oct. 23-28: [FLW National Guard Walleye Tournament](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
Oct. 25: [Fright Night](#) (The District)
Oct. 26: [Bucktown's Deadstock](#) (Bucktown)
Oct. 27: [Witches Walk](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Oct. 27: [Daiquiri Factory's Boneyard Boogie](#) (The District)
Oct. 27-28: [Rock and Gem Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Nov. 11: [Doll Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Nov. 16-25: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter)
Nov. 17: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 17: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons & Holiday Pops Concert](#) (Downtown Moline)
Dec. 1-14: [Season of Light-Star of Bethlehem](#) (Augustana College Planetarium)
Dec. 2: [19th Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)
Dec. 7: [Gallery Hop!](#) (The District)
Dec. 8-9: [131st Annual Performance of Handel's Messiah](#) (Centennial Hall, Augustana College)





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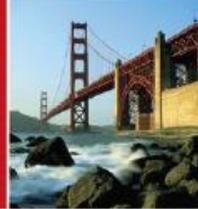
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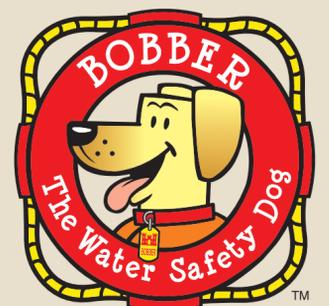
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