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Island Insight



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Symposium Aims to Link Large,

Small Businesses: Networking and matchmaking are the goals of the Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium on Wednesday and Thursday at the iWireless Center. The idea is to connect larger businesses with smaller ones so they can potentially partner in government contracting endeavors at the Rock Island Arsenal, said Al Wilson of Coal Valley, a member of the National Defense

Industrial Association, Iowa/Illinois chapter, and a retired garrison manager at the Arsenal. The symposium is three major contracting events combined into one conference and includes three former individual events: the contracting symposium, the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing Technical Center Industry Days and the Army Sustainment Command's Advance Planning Briefing to Industry. A total of 103 vendors are scheduled to set up

booths. Several workshops and messages are scheduled throughout the two-day event, Wilson said. Last year, there were 84 vendors. He said more than 600 attendees had signed up as of Monday, compared with 480 in 2011. "So, it has grown substantially," he said. According to the local association, there is \$9 billion in acquisitions available through the EAGLE, or Enhanced Army Global

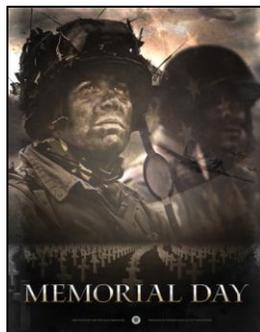


Logistics Enterprise, program. ([More](#)) ([Website](#))

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.



Memorial Day Ceremony: A Memorial Day Ceremony will begin at **10:45 a.m., Monday, May 28**, at [Rock Island National Cemetery](#). There will be no parking



at the cemetery for these ceremonies except for individuals who are wheelchair bound. Parking for all others will be behind Memorial Park. Buses will be transporting people from the parking lot to the cemetery and will run 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors should arrive early to ensure enough time to park their vehicles and be transported to the cemetery. Memorial Park is located off of the main island road, Rodman Avenue at the corner of East Street. The public must enter the Arsenal through the Moline gate. Anyone more than 16 years of age must have current photo identification and vehicles may be subject to search. If anyone, over the age of 16, in a vehicle does not have current picture identification they will not be allowed to enter Rock Island Arsenal. For more information, call (309) 782-2094.

Three ACC-RI Employees Honored: Army Contracting Command recently named the [2011 ACC Award winners](#), including three ACC-RI employees: Debby Broyles, Adelaide Tkatch and Melanie Johnson. The awards will be presented on May 16 in Huntsville, Ala. ACC-RI Executive



Upcoming Dates

May 19-25: National Safe Boating Week
May 20-26: Emergency Medical Services 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 25: National Missing Children's Day
May 27: 67th Gold Star Wives Anniversary
May 28: Memorial Day (*Federal Holiday*)
May 29: World No Tobacco Day
June 1-3: Free Fishing Weekend (Iowa)
June 1-7: National CPR & AED Awareness Week
June 1-2: National Family Recreation Week
June 2: National Trails Day
June 2: National Family Recreation Day
June 2-10: National River Clean Up Week
June 2-10: National Fishing and Boating Week
June 3: National Cancer Survivors Day
June 3-9: Great Outdoors Week
June 3-9: National Tire Safety Week
June 4: 70th Anniversary Battle of Midway
June 6: 68th Anniversary of D-Day
June 8-11: Free Fishing Weekend (Illinois)
June 12: 237th U.S. Merchant Marines Birthday
June 14: 237th U.S. Army Birthday
June 14: Flag Day
June 15: Army & RIA 150th Anniversary Celebration Ball
June 16: 237th U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Birthday
June 17: Father's Day
June 20: First Day of Summer
July 4: Independence Day (*Federal Holiday*)
July 7: Rock Island Arsenal 150th Celebration



Director Michael Hutchison said he is thrilled that the employees were named award recipients. "They are all outstanding examples of employees that go above and beyond the work that is required of them," said Hutchison. "They seek out opportunities and excel at the work that is assigned to them." ([More](#))

ASC Announces Best Warrior Competition Winners:

After a grueling week-long competition spanning more than one-hundred miles and two states, the Army Sustainment Command announced its Best Warrior Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier May 18. Sgt. 1st Class Jay Denton, a pre-deployment training equipment specialist for ASC, with more than 15 years of service in the Army, was chosen as the ASC Best Warrior NCO of the Year. ASC's Best Warrior Soldier of the Year for 2012 is also last year's winner. Spc. Calvin Williams, a food service specialist currently working in the ASC Headquarters and Headquarters Company orderly room. ([More](#))



Farewell from RIA Top Commander:

✂ "The time has come for me to retire and leave Rock Island Arsenal. It is with mixed emotions that my wife and I pack our bags. Although our tour here has been brief, we will miss our friends here in the Quad-Cities area. I cannot say enough about the generosity and caring exhibited not just toward Debbie and me, but toward all of the civilian and military members of the Rock Island Arsenal family. While we are looking forward to retirement, we will never forget our time here." – *Brig. Gen. Thomas Harvey, Army Sustainment Command* ([More](#))

Iconic Arsenal Buildings Legacy of R.I. Man's Ancestor:

Michael Lee Davis of Rock Island sees the handiwork of one of his ancestors each time he's at the Rock Island Arsenal. He sees it when he goes by the Clock Tower, completed in 1867, and Quarters One, completed in 1871. Mr. Davis, a private contractor on the island, was the fifth-generation of his family to be employed at the Arsenal when he retired in 2003. His great-great-





Save the Date
& Join Us for...

RIA 150th Anniversary Celebration



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

ALL
WELCOME

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





grandfather, William Channon, was the first civilian employee at the Arsenal when he was hired in 1863. Mr. Channon was a master craftsman, according to Mr. Davis. He worked on the construction of both the Clock Tower and Quarters One under the guidance of Col. Thomas J. Rodman, the installation's second commander and considered the "father of the Arsenal." ([More](#))

River Bandits Fans Honor U.S.

Military: Fans at the Quad-Cities River Bandits game Saturday got to be a part of thanking all U.S. military members past, present and future for their service. The patriotic fanfare included the swearing in of new Army recruits, political speeches and the signing of the Quad-Cities Military Covenant by political, business and military related leaders. ([More](#))



Official DA Studio Photography:

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, government passport and command photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal **June 5, 6, 7.**



Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site \(VIOS\)](#) for these available times: Tuesday, **June 5**, 7-7:40 a.m. & 1-3:40 p.m.; Wednesday, **June 6**, 7 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.; Thursday, **June 7**, 7 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on Frequently Asked Questions for more information. Walk-in Appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 56, basement, by elevator). Priority is: • Active duty Soldier's DA photos • Official government passport photos • Official command photos • DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). 8"x10" head and shoulders-command photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. To obtain an Official Government Passport Photo: • Schedule a passport photo appointment at the RIA VIOS website. • Go to Transportation to obtain a printed DA Form 3903, Multi-Media/Visual Information Work Order, signed by the Passport Agent in Block 14. • Present that DA3903 form to the photographer before the passport photo is taken. You will receive two 2"x2" Passport photos. Scheduled dates for July will be announced in the Island

Insight and on the RIA VIOS website FAQ.

JMC Change of Command

Ceremony: Headquarters, Joint Munitions Command, will execute a change of command ceremony with [Lt. Gen. \(P\) Dennis Via](#), deputy commanding general, Army Materiel Command, presiding. [Brig. Gen. Kevin O'Connell](#) will assume command from [Brig. Gen. \(P\) Gustave Perna](#), on **June 5**, at 9 a.m., on Memorial Field, Rock Island Arsenal. Inclement weather location will be in Bldg. 299. POC: (309) 782-1514.



Army Civilian Training, Leader

Development: To improve access to information and increase participation in Army Civilian training and leader development opportunities, the Army G-3/5/7 Civilian Training and Leader Development Division launched a one-stop website consolidating information about career program, occupational and functional



training, competitive professional development and leader development opportunities, as well as application procedures and course registration links. Check it out at civiliantraining.army.mil. The division has also established a Facebook page as an additional communication channel with Army civilians and leaders. Become a Fan today at facebook.com/armyciviliantraining to stay up-to-date on course application deadlines, civilian leader development tips and more. Army Civilian Training and Leader Development Division DSN 865-430.

Military, Public Invited to Paddle on the Mississippi River: Military personnel and their families, as well as the public, are invited to a Summer of Paddling 2012 event on Thursday, **June 7**, 1-4 p.m., at Sylvan Slough on the grounds of the Moline Rowing Club in Moline. Participants will learn paddling techniques and have an opportunity to kayak or canoe in Sylvan Slough, a backwater area of the Mississippi River. To register for the event, call Jovita at (309) 794-5505 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. or [email](mailto:). To learn more about this Summer of



Paddling event visit SOP2012.org. For more information about the Summer of Paddling program, call Sue Clevestine at (309) 794-5839 or [email](mailto:).

Army Retirement Services: Army Retirement Services, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA), provides information on benefits and entitlements to active duty Soldiers and families preparing for retirement and to retired Soldiers and families through Army Retirement Services Officers. In accordance with AR 600-8-7, Army Retirement Services develops Army policy and procedures for the Survivor Benefit Plan program publishes the HQDA bulletin for the retired Soldier, Army Echoes develops policy for the operation of the Army Retirement Services Program and administers the Army Chief of Staffs Retiree Council. ([More](http://))



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](http://)) (847) 688-5708.

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](mailto:), (309) 782-5552



Blood Drive: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, June 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A **2nd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **6:15 p.m. on May 25**. A **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on July 13**. To sign up for a blood drive



held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor.



Donation Has It's Rewards!

*With Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day holidays, summer can be an especially challenging time in terms of keeping our blood supply stable. To create awareness of this need, and to thank donors who take the time to donate during the summer season, the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be holding a daily drawing for a \$50 gas card starting Monday, **May 21** and running through Saturday, **Sept. 8**. Any donor who gives at Arsenal Island Blood Drives **May 25 - Aug. 31** will automatically be entered into the daily drawing..*

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](#).

Volunteer for the 2012 Race For The Cure: The 2012 Komen Quad Cities Race for the Cure will be held on Saturday, **June 9**, and we need your help. Volunteers are critical to the

success of the race. Many hours of work, a lot of energy and your talents are required to ensure that the race runs smoothly. Year after year, the same high quality volunteers return to provide us with their expertise, which enables our race to be one of the best organized races in the Quad Cities. All volunteers will receive a special Race for the Cure volunteer t-shirt. To volunteer go to www.komenquadcities.org and click on the "volunteer today" button in the upper right corner.

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](#))

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.

St. Alban's Trivia: St. Alban's Trivia celebrates its 4th year of summer trivia. Come play with us at 7 p.m., **June 9**, teams of up to 8, \$10 per person. winnings, door prizes, 50-50 raffle. 3510 W. Central Park, Davenport. BYOB and snacks. Goodies for sale. Reservations:



George Eaton, eatongeo@msn.com, (563) 359-5975.

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

Changes to Traffic at Moline Exit:

The City of Moline will be doing repairs

to the bottom of the 14th Street overpass effective May 21. This will require closure of the two eastbound lanes of River Drive in Moline. During this closure, the River Drive Ramp for outbound Arsenal traffic will be right turn only. Traffic wishing to go east towards I-74 should follow the detour signs that will be placed by the City of Moline. The estimated duration of this closure will be one week.

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: 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 began effective 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.

Building/Space Closures



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



Active Duty/Reserve Zone



Soldier-musicians: MWR Offers Chance to Open for REO

Speedwagon, Styx, Blue Oyster Cult:

A Soldier will open the show for REO Speedwagon, Styx and Blue Oyster Cult when they perform at Fort Knox, Ky., June 23, as part of the Army Concert Tour. Through a partnership with Army Entertainment and The Midwest Rock 'n' Roll Express, one solo guitar artist will be selected by the promoters to showcase their talent in front of an audience of thousands in the "Rock Star for a Day" contest. "The contest helps us promote the tour at Fort Knox, and gives us the opportunity to showcase Soldier talent," said Scott Radosevich, Army Concert Tour Program Manager, "When we approached the artists' management, they loved the idea, especially given that fact Fort Knox is the only military date on the entire 26-city tour." ([More](#))

Palmer College Offers Tuition

Assistance to Veterans, Free Clinic

Care to Military Personnel, Vets: May is National Military Appreciation Month, and Palmer College of Chiropractic is proud to serve our nation's military personnel and veterans through the Yellow Ribbon tuition

assistance program and by providing complimentary care in the Palmer Chiropractic Clinics to active-duty military personnel and their families, as well as disabled veterans. The Palmer Chiropractic Clinics located in Davenport, Iowa, Moline, Ill., San Jose, Calif., and Port Orange, Fla., offer free chiropractic care to active-duty military personnel and their families, including those in the National Guard or Reserves who are without any other chiropractic benefits. Veterans classified as 20 percent or more disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a result of injuries or illness during military service also are eligible for complimentary services. These include chiropractic examinations, adjustments, X-rays and rehabilitative services. More information on Palmer's Yellow Ribbon Program is available on the Palmer website at palmer.edu/yellowribbon.

Exception to Female Assignment

Policy: The Department of Defense's Direct Ground Combat Assignment Rule (DCGAR) prohibits women Soldiers from serving in units below the brigade level whose primary mission is to engage in direct combat on the ground. The Department of Defense Women in the Services Restrictions Review report released to Congress in February 2012

granted an exception to this policy. The exception to the DCGAR effectively permits an exception to Army Female Assignment Policy, opening select Army positions to women in direct combat units at the battalion level in open military occupational specialties, totaling approximately 755 Army positions across nine brigade combat teams (BCTs). On May 14, 2012, the Army will implement this change to policy and begin a six-month assessment period of the impact of this change. ([More](#))

Service Members, Families Get Free Pass to National Parks:

Service members and their families will be able to enter all of America's national parks free of charge for a year under an initiative announced today. The pass – the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Annual Pass, which normally costs \$80 – will become available to service members and their dependents on Armed Forces Day, May 19. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar made the announcement this morning, along with National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis, at a ceremony at Colonial National Historical Park in Yorktown, Va., the site of the last major battle of the Revolutionary War. The area



surrounding the park hosts installations from all the military services, including the world's largest naval base. ([More](#))

New Partnership Links Soldiers to

Employers: The Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces (EPAF) is a Department of Defense program created to link Americas employers with some of Americas finest employees - service members and their families. The free partnership program helps leverage military training and experience for better career opportunities in today's civilian job market and is available to all military reserve members, veterans, and their families. Geographically dispersed Program Support Managers help Soldiers find suitable employment by posting information about job fairs and offering assistance with job applications, resume creation and interview skills improvement. ([More](#))

Army STARRS: Soldier Health

Outcomes Study: Army STARRS Soldier Health Outcomes Study (SHOS) is one part of the larger Army STARRS study. SHOS itself is divided into smaller studies, and this STAND-TO deals with study B. In SHOS-B, civilian researchers compare information about Soldiers who died by suicide to information about a control group of

healthy Soldiers. By looking at both groups, researchers hope to find areas of risk and resilience. The civilian research team will interview families, loved ones and Army supervisors about many topics including the Soldiers social and work life, mental health history, physical state and experiences. Supervisors may be contacted about a deceased Soldier or about a healthy control Soldier. ([More](#))

Joint Air Operations Command and Control Course:

The Joint Air Operations Command and Control Course, or JAOC2C, is a 13-day course that teaches Soldiers how to integrate joint air support with ground operations. This U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command course presents joint command and control processes such as joint air support, airspace management, and air and missile defense. Those processes and systems are used for planning, producing, and executing an air tasking order and airspace control order. The target training audience includes Soldiers assigned to Army service component command/corps/division/brigade combat team staffs, Army air and missile defense command staffs, battlefield coordination detachments, ground/reconnaissance liaison

detachments, and observer-controller-trainers assigned to the Mission Command Training Program, maneuver combat training centers and TRADOC centers of excellence. ([More](#))

Safety Spotlight

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



Motorcycle Safety Course: The USAG Safety Office will be sponsoring upcoming Motorcycle Rider Courses.

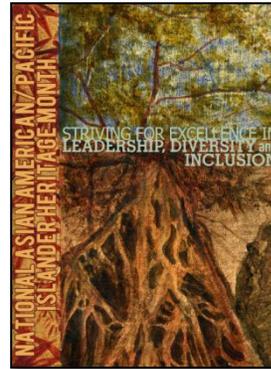


This cycle rider safety training program will be certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The courses are designed to help riders manage their risk and increase their skills through riding and classroom instruction. Per DODI 6055.4, DoD Traffic Safety Program, military personnel who operate motorcycles 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

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.

Weekend Bar Operations in the

Mixed Grill Have Resumed: Weekend golf warriors have no fear, the bar in the mixed grill at the Arsenal Island Golf Course clubhouse have resumed weekend operations effective May 19. Stop in for a refreshing beverage and a light snack (hot dogs, brats, chips, popcorn, etc.) after a hot round of golf. The bar will be open from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer golf season.

Location for the Island Oasis Grill

During Inclement Weather: Still haven't tried the new Island Oasis Café located in the Fitness Center? Well there is no better time than right now because we have fine tuned our hours of



operation to better serve you. Stop in for a quick breakfast sandwich, omelet or breakfast burrito 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. As the weather is getting nicer, we will run this food operation out of the Fitness Center during inclement weather and look for us outside at the grill when the weather is nice. ([Full Menu](#))

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.**

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](#))

Outdoor Recreation Holiday Closing:

Outdoor Recreation will be closed on Monday, **May 28**, for the Memorial Day Holiday. All items checked out on the **May 24 or 25** can be returned on Tuesday, **May 29**, at the weekend rate.

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: Effective 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.

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: **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**

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)**



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.**



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](#))

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

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

☪ Army Birthday Ball Childcare:

Childcare will be provided for Active Duty Military families for the Army Birthday Ball to be held on **June 15**. Care will be provided from 5:30-11 p.m. at the Child Development Home, Bldg. 85 (Covenant Cottage). Children are required to be registered with Child, Youth and School Services for this special event. Children must be between the ages of six weeks-13 years. Families are required sign up and pay no later than **May 31**. The cost per child is \$30 for the first child and \$25 each additional child. Fees must be paid at the time of sign-up. We will accept reservations on a first come first served basis. To sign up for care active duty military can call (309) 782-0791 or visit the CYSS Office, Bldg. 110. The number of children Covenant Cottage can accommodate that night is limited, a



minimum of five children must sign up by **May 31** to hold this event or childcare will be cancelled. For more information call (309) 782-0791.

☪ 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: Start the summer with a healthy plan to quit smoking. The Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational support group for people who would like to quit smoking. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., at the EAP office located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East.



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, held 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.

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

Education/Training Review

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

Explore Education Options at GradCenter Night: The QC Graduate



Studies Center is hosting GradCenter Night at the iWireless Center. Ten member institutions will be available to discuss graduate degrees and certificates offered locally. For more information, contact the Army Education Center POC stephanie.e.allers.civ@mail.mil or visit gradcenter.org.

Date: **Tuesday, June 26**

Time: **4-6 p.m.**

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

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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](#))

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](#).

Sales Flyers: Patrons can visit the [AAFES website](#) and sign up to receive free online sales flyers.

Arsenal Archive

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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.

Arsenal Island Before Military: "The Rock Island Arsenal, located on an island, in the Mississippi, wasn't an arsenal until the Civil War. In 1854 the island had two dams with sawmills, two shingle shops, a bed factory; a sash and blind factory, a steam planing mill, several lumber yards and the Dimock & Gould tub and pail manufactory, 12 homes, some stables, two warehouses and many smaller buildings," said the book, "Always Lumber." In 1837 D.B. Sears, J.W. Spencer, Spencer H. White and Calvin Ainsworth built the first dam across the river between the island and the Illinois shore. (Further research indicated it was Calvin Ainsworth and not Charles Ainsworth as in last week's column.) Jonathan Huntoon was the miller for the sawmill built at the dam in 1841. Due to the volume of water turned into the main channel by the dam,



steamboats could pass more safely over the nearby rapids, according to the "Portrait and Biographical Album of Rock Island Co." Due to this benefit, the government allowed Sears to buy 37 acres on the upper end of the island for \$1.25 per acre. ([More](#))

Building Remains Legacy to RI Man's Ancestor: Michael Lee Davis of Rock Island sees the handiwork of one of his ancestors each time he's at the Rock Island Arsenal. He sees it when he goes by the Clock Tower, completed in 1867, and Quarters One, completed in 1871. Davis, a private contractor on the island, was the fifth generation of his family to be employed at the Arsenal when he retired in 2003. His great-great-grandfather, William Channon, was the first civilian employee at the Arsenal when he was hired in 1863. Channon was a master craftsman, according to Davis. He worked on the construction of both the Clock Tower and Quarters One under the guidance of Col. Thomas J. Rodman, the installation's second commander and considered the "father of the Arsenal." ([More](#))

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – May 21-28: On May 24, 1870, the stone construction work for RIA Commander's Quarters One began.

On May 25, 1934, Col. Alexander Gillespie received command of the RIA.

Healthbeat

Army to Review Its Handling of Psychiatric Evaluations: The Army said Wednesday that it had ordered a service-wide review of how its doctors diagnose psychiatric disorders, indicating that complaints about unfair diagnoses at a sprawling base in Washington State have been echoed on installations around the country. ([More](#))

Health Clinic Announcement: Health Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. Clinic closed after 11:30 a.m., **May 25** for training. Clinic Closed **May 28**, Memorial Day holiday. For any issues or concerns with the RIAHC clinic please call our customer support line (309) 782-0721.

Notes for Veterans

Background on DoD, VA Chicago Announcement on Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record, Integrated Electronic Health Record: "I'm asking the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to work

together to define and build a seamless system of integration with a simple goal: when a member of the Armed Forces separates from the military, he or she will no longer have to walk paperwork from a DoD duty station to a local VA health center; their electronic records will transition along with them and remain with them forever." - *President Barack Obama April 9, 2009* In the three years since President Obama announced the Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) initiative – a groundbreaking vision for the future of electronic health data sharing – the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs have taken important steps to expand information sharing and eliminate gaps between health and administrative systems. ([More](#))

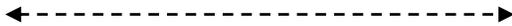
Car Pooling Announcements

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 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)
- May 31:** [Sherrard Public Library Military Appreciation Month Event](#) (Sherrard Library)
- 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 9:** [Quad Cities Cruisers - 30th Open Run Car Show](#) (South Park Mall, Moline)
- June 13-16:** [Sturgis Mississippi River Motorcycle Rally](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
- June 15:** Army & RIA 150th Anniversary Celebration Ball
- 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. 19-21: [Upper Mississippi River Conference](#) (TBD)
Sept. 21-22: [Our Big Fat Greek Festival](#) (St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Rock Island)
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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Memorial Day 2012

Memorial Day is among the most revered of holidays in our Army. We remember those who have fallen before us, and during this era of persistent conflict, honor the memory of those now absent from our formations. Thank you for your continued service, which ensures their sacrifices will never be forgotten.

From this weekend through Labor Day, countless members of our Army Family will venture outdoors and onto America's highways to enjoy the summertime weather and downtime from work. Fun can come with a tragic price, however, as these next few months are historically the deadliest time of year for Soldiers off duty. Accidents in privately owned vehicles, privately owned motorcycles and personal watercraft pose the greatest risk, and we must all remain vigilant for ourselves and each other. Indiscipline remains our Army's top off-duty safety issue, and we urge Leaders at all levels to engage with their Soldiers on risky behavior. No single individual is immune to indiscipline, even those who rigidly adhere to the standards on duty. Small lapses in judgment — failing to buckle a seat belt on a "short" trip or driving after only a "couple" drinks — can be just as deadly as deliberate misconduct, and it is imperative that all Soldiers understand the consequences of these and other poor decisions.

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center stands ready to assist you in your accident prevention efforts. The annual Army Safe Spring/Summer Campaign is underway on our website, <https://safety.army.mil>, and comes complete with media tools perfect for safety presentations to both large and small groups. Our Army will also recognize National Safety Month beginning June 1, so be sure to visit <https://safety.army.mil/NSM2012> for unique materials focused on Civilian injury prevention, ground operations, aviation operations and driving safety. There is no better time than now to focus all our efforts on safety, so take advantage of all the tools available to ensure your Soldiers stay out of harm's way.

Thank you again for all you do every day for our Army and our nation. We may be beginning the critical days of summer, but remember that risk doesn't keep a calendar — every day is critical in our fight against preventable accidents. Enjoy your summer, and always play it safe!

Army Safe is Army Strong!

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