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Island Insight



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32 From Palos Clan Log 542 Years at Arsenal: Judy (Palos) Reger chuckled politely and boasted humbly of her family. "If there is another that has served the Rock Island Arsenal with 32 members, I am not aware of it," said Reger, of Silvis. "If there is, it would be amazing. I think what has happened with our family is awfully special. But the Arsenal is a special place." Since 1950, nine of the 11 children of the late John and Virginia Palos of Moline, and

23 of their other descendants or spouses of their descendants have worked at the Arsenal, for a combined 542 years of service (to date). Seven of John and Virginia's children retired from the Arsenal with 30 or more years of service. Five spouses of the Palos siblings also recorded 25 or more years of service with the Arsenal and/or the U.S. military. It all began with Paul Palos, who heeded the advice of his father and began a 39-year career of

government service in 1950. The following year, he became the first American of Mexican descent enrolled in the Arsenal's four-year maintenance apprenticeship program. He would also travel worldwide to train soldiers in the field on artillery. ([More](#))



Army Ball Scheduled For June 15:

The U.S. Army Sustainment Command on Rock Island Arsenal will host the annual Army Birthday Ball on Friday, **June 15**, at the Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf. All members of the public and the Arsenal community are invited to attend. The event, which celebrates the 237th anniversary of the establishment of the U.S. Army, begins with a social hour and receiving line at 5:30 p.m. Other activities will include a champagne toast, birthday cake cutting ceremony, and streamer ceremony. Guests will enjoy a full-course dinner, featuring a choice of beef and chicken duet or salmon entrees, and dancing to the music of the Spirit of USO Band of Illinois. Cost is \$50 per person, with discounts available for military personnel in pay grades E-6 and below and civilian employees in the pay grade GS-7 and its equivalents and below. Reservations are requested by **June 1**. To make a reservation, and for more information, call the ASC Protocol Office at (309) 782-2410.



Symposium Offers Small Business a Bridge to Government Contracts:

It is all about helping small business thrive by connecting them with larger companies. Such networking was apparent Wednesday during the Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium at the i wireless Center, Moline. The symposium is designed to connect large and small businesses working toward acquiring government contracts at the Rock Island Arsenal. There are more than 100 booths, along with numerous speakers. Registration for the two-day event, which continues today, was \$189 a person. ([More](#))

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 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



Upcoming Dates

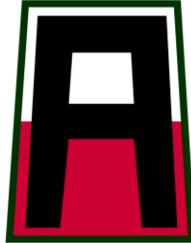
- May 29:** World No Tobacco Day
- June 1-3:** Free Fishing Weekend (Iowa)
- June 1-7:** National CPR & AED Awareness Week
- June 1-2:** National Family Recreation Week
- June 2:** National Trails Day
- June 2:** National Family Recreation Day
- June 2-10:** National River Clean Up Week
- June 2-10:** 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:** National Marina Day
- June 8-11:** Free Fishing Weekend (Illinois)
- June 11-17:** National Men's Health Week
- June 12:** 237th U.S. Merchant Marines Birthday
- June 13:** National Get Outdoors Day
- June 14:** 237th U.S. Army Birthday
- June 14:** Flag Day
- June 14:** World Blood Donor Day
- June 15:** 237th Army Birthday Ball
- June 16:** 237th U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Birthday
- June 17:** Father's Day
- June 17:** Bunker Hill Day
- June 18:** National Summer Learning Day
- June 19:** Juneteenth
- June 19:** 6th Anniversary of Army Civilian Corps
- June 20:** First Day of Summer
- June 20:** National Daylight Appreciation Day
- June 20:** Ride Your Motorcycle to Work Day
- June 23:** 68th Anniversary of President Roosevelt's Signing of the Original GI Bill
- June 23:** US Coast Guard Auxiliary 73rd Birthday
- June 23:** Great American Backyard Campout
- July 4:** Independence Day (*Federal Holiday*)
- July 7:** Rock Island Arsenal 150th Celebration



required of them," said Hutchison. "They seek out opportunities and excel at the work that is assigned to them." ([More](#))

First Army Training Mission Ensures Readiness For Future Contingencies:

AUSA's Institute of Land Warfare has recently released a new publication. "First Army: Training for Today's Requirements and Tomorrow's Contingencies" (Torchbearer Issue Paper, April 2012) explores the Army's three-star command whose core competency is sustaining the operational readiness of the reserve component (RC) in conjunction with the Army National Guard and Army Reserve. The Army has come to rely upon its reserve component as an operational reserve to preserve hard-earned expertise gained over a decade of war and to be able to expand capabilities rapidly if demand suddenly rises. ([More](#))



Hundreds Honor 8 Fallen Hero Street Soldiers:

The annual Memorial Day weekend observance at Hero Street took an especially moving turn Saturday with a performance by retired opera singer Tonio DiPaolo. The world-class tenor

sang several patriotic songs, bringing many in the crowd of about 200 people to tears. He referred to his appearance as his way of "giving back" to small communities. Having lived and worked in several of the country's major cities, DiPaolo now lives in Taylor Ridge. ([More](#))

Cyberattack Exposes 123,000 TSP

Accounts: A sophisticated cyberattack on the computer of a third-party Thrift Savings Plan contractor compromised the personal information of tens of thousands of TSP participants. The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board and Serco Inc., a contractor that provides services to the TSP, learned in April of a July 2011 attack on a Serco computer. The FBI told Serco and the board that the incident led to "unauthorized access" to accounts of as many as 123,000 TSP participants and other recipients of TSP payments. ([More](#))



BRAC Fight May Not Be Over, DoD

Official Says: The Defense Department is still pushing for two more rounds of base realignments and closures despite opposition from Congress, according to



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

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

WELCOME





a senior Pentagon official. Dorothy Robyn, deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment, said it's typical for Congress to reject DoD requests for a BRAC on the first try. The Defense Department requested in its fiscal 2013 budget two new rounds of base closures — one in 2013 and one in 2015. ([More](#))

Senate Committee's Defense Bill Plans Civilian Cuts to Match Military Downsizing:

The Senate Armed Services Committee unveiled a \$631 billion draft of the annual defense authorization bill Thursday, setting the stage for a spending showdown with House lawmakers pushing for a few billion more in military funding next year. Last week, the House passed its version, authorizing an additional \$4 billion in spending despite White House and Pentagon objections. ([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.

RIA 150 T-Shirts: Rock Island Arsenal Sesquicentennial (150th)

Commemorative T-Shirts may be special ordered in the Rock Island Arsenal Museum gift shop. If you wish to have your shirt before **July 7**, the day of the Rock Island Arsenal 150th Anniversary Celebration, order by **June 15** for pickup on **June 29 or 30**. The gift shop is open during museum operating hours of Tuesday – Saturday, 12-4 p.m. All orders must be paid for when placed.

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.

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.

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](#). To learn more about this Summer of Paddling event visit SOP2012.org. For more information about the Summer of Paddling program, call Sue Clevenstine at (309) 794-5839 or [email](#).



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 Aug. 24**. 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.

Sam's Club Item of Workforce

Interest: Sam's Club is offering a \$15 gift certificate to active and retired military, veterans and their spouses for joining or renewing a membership to Sam's Club. Sam's Club pharmacy now accepts TRICARE and Express Scripts.

Result of the 2011 Campaign: Across the U.S., many generous federal, postal and military personnel donated a total of \$272.7 million dollars in 2011 to local, national and international charities. Over the course of 50 years of existence, donations to the [Combined Federal Campaign](#) have surpassed \$7 billion dollars. This is something for which all government employees should



be very proud. Please take note that our 2012 Campaign is just around the corner.

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Meeting:

The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, **June 7**, at the home of member Jolene Keeney, who will conduct a tour of her Ball-Rosborough House, 1235 11th Avenue, Moline. Dinner will follow at the River House Bar and Grill, 1510 River Dr., Moline. Time: **6 p.m. Dinner; 7 p.m., Speaker**

Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop &

Boutique: Thrift Shop will close **June 8 until July 17** for Summer Break. One exception, the shop will open to celebrate the Arsenal 150th Anniversary on **July 7**. After that, we reopen for our new season at 9 a.m. on **July 17**. Add these dates to your calendar. See you then. POC: (309) 782-6977.

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



Various Weekend Closures -

Government Bridge - June 1–July 1:

The Government Bridge will be closed on the weekends listed below for touchup painting and maintenance. Commuters should also expect Intermittent Lane Closures during "non-peak" traffic hours (8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.) occasionally throughout the workweek over the course of the closure period. Flagmen will be present at all times to direct traffic. Entry/exit to and from the Rock Island Arsenal will

remain available 24/7 via the Moline and R.I gates. * The Davenport Gate will be closed Friday afternoons during the designed Weekend Closure period(s). Traffic control devices will be placed along Rodman Avenue to direct those traveling West to turn onto Sylvan Drive to exit the Island via the Rock Island Gate. ** Signs and barricades will also be positioned at the ends of the bridge during Intermittent Lane Closures to direct bicyclists and pedestrians transiting between Iowa and Illinois to the "designated walkway". These entry points will be completely barricaded during the designated Weekend Closures when the Swing Span is placed in the "Open to Navigation" position to allow painting and maintenance work to be preformed. ***Weekend Bridge Closure Schedule:*** Friday, **June 1**, beginning at Noon thru Sunday, **June 3** at Midnight Friday, **June 8**, beginning at Noon thru Sunday, **June 10** at Midnight Friday, **June 22**, beginning at Noon thru Sunday, **June 24**, at Midnight Friday, **June 29**, beginning at Noon thru Sunday, **July 1**, at Midnight. ***"Backup" (Inclement Weather) Weekend Closure(s):*** Friday, **July 20**, beginning at Noon thru Sunday, **July 22** at Midnight Friday, **Aug. 3**, beginning at Noon thru Sunday, **Aug. 5** at Midnight.

Davenport River Drive Closure: On Tuesday, May 29, Davenport Public Works closed River Drive from Iowa Street to Oneida Ave to begin underground utility improvements and re-surfacing. This is Phase I of a three Phase project. Phase I will close River Drive until **mid to late July**. Phase II and III are not expected to close the road completely. We expect to have one lane open in each direction. Those phases will not start until Phase I is complete. Overall, River Drive is not going to be a commute of choice for several months and detours will be in place.

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



Spouses Seeing More Choices in Jobs:

Exciting changes are underway for military spouses that could affect families who serve for generations to come. It used to be, in the not-so-distant past, that a decision to marry into the military was a decision to not have a career of your own. Even if a spouse could juggle the demands of military home life plus a paid position, who would hire her (95 percent are female, according to Defense Department figures) knowing she would be gone in a couple of years due to a forced military relocation? And how would she even get to the point of applying for a job if she had to renew her professional license – nurse, teacher, realtor, therapist, just to name a few with such requirements -- in every new state? ([More](#))



Safety Spotlight



New CPSC Data Show Child Drownings In Pools and Spas Still A

Leading Cause of Death: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) kicked off the summer swimming season and the third year of the Pool Safety: Simple Steps Save Lives campaign. This year, Pool Safety's focus is on populations most at risk of drowning, including children younger than 5 years old who represent nearly 75 percent of child drowning fatalities and African American and Hispanic children between the ages of 5 and 14 who drown at higher rates than white children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ([More](#))

Off Duty Safety Awareness

Presentation: The Off Duty Safety Awareness Presentation (ODSAP) is a highly informative safety presentation containing statistics, contributing factors and other relevant information regarding off-duty accidents. Developed for use at battalion level and below, the presentation comes complete with embedded videos and speaker notes. The speaker notes may be used as is or modified to fit a particular presentation style or reflect unit-specific accident trends. ([More](#))

Electrical Safety Awareness Program:

The Electrical Safety Awareness Program is designed to raise awareness



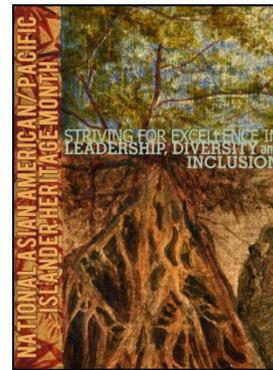
of electrical risks and help keep Soldiers, family members and civilians safe at home and on the job. The Department of Defense Electrical Safety Working Group and U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center launched the program in October 2011 and began official observations in May 2012, with each subsequent May being designated Electrical Safety Awareness Month. ([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**. 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

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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)

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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](#))

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](#))

Noah's Ark Waterpark: Wisconsin Dells America's largest water park, with 49 water slides and dozens of other various attractions. Leisure Travel has discounted one-day admission tickets for \$30.

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](#))

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

Illinois Operation: Military Kids June Camp: OMK Camp, **June 10-15,** at Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, Iowa.



Children ages 9-16 with a parent in the military who are looking for a camp that combines the great outdoors, fun camp experiences, and the camaraderie of other military youth are invited to register for this OMK Camp we are hosting near Waterloo, Ill. ([Register Online](#)) ([POC: Lorna Wilson](#))

Illinois Operation: Military Kids July Camp: Camp & Canoe the Current River Adventure, **July 15-20**, for teens 14-18 years. This adventure begins and ends at Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, Ill. ([Register Online](#)) ([POC: Lorna Wilson](#))

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



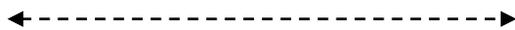
additional child. Fees must be paid at the time of sign-up. We will accept reservations on a first come first served basis. To sign up for care active duty military can call (309) 782-0791 or visit the CYSS Office, Bldg. 110. The number of children Covenant Cottage can accommodate that night is limited, 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.



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](#).

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.

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 – June 2012: If you are like many men, you may drink alcohol occasionally. Or, like others, you may drink moderate amounts of alcohol on a regular basis. But did you know that drinking more than the moderate levels - even occasionally- may put you at risk for serious health problems? Although alcohol affects everyone differently, excessive drinking can negatively affect a man's health regardless of age, race, marital status, income level, profession, or lifestyle. Common medical problems that can be caused by excessive drinking include heart disease, arthritis, liver cirrhosis, high blood pressure and

various cancers. In support of National Men's Health Week®, **June 11-17**, the Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program (EAP) invites you to take advantage of free, anonymous online mental health self-assessments for alcohol problems, depression, and anxiety disorders. Please [click here](#) and enter keyword ASAP to complete a simple online questionnaire. You will receive immediate, customized feedback as well as the opportunity to schedule an appointment for further evaluation if necessary.

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Education/Training Review

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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](#))

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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](#))



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

Arsenal Archive

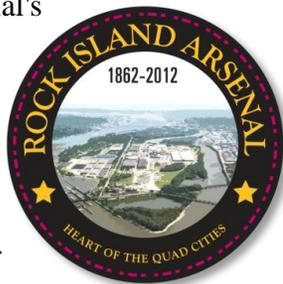
Information for the *Arsenal Archive* is made available by the [Rock Island Arsenal Museum](#). The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 pm. Closed Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free.

RIA 150 History Break: Think about taking a "History Break" to celebrate Rock Island Arsenal's 150th

Anniversary, **June 14**, 12-1 p.m., George Eaton, ASC

Historian, will present "Battles of Credit Island and Campbell's Island, War of 1812."

Sponsored by the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society, these lunch and learns will be held the second Thursday of each month in 2012. Join us in the Caisson Room, Bldg. 60, first floor, south wing, 12-1 p.m. As these



presentations occur during lunchtime, you may bring a brown bag lunch or purchase food at the adjacent food court. Employees can sign up for these professional development opportunities in [TEDs](#) (Search Term "History Breaks"). If you don't have access to [TEDs](#), please call Kris Leinicke at (309) 782-3518 to make a reservation. Due to the size of the Caisson Room, participation is limited to 50. Upcoming presentations include: **July 12**, George Eaton, ASC Historian, will present a "History of Rock Island Arsenal" and **Aug. 9**, Benny Wild, will present "Historical Modernization of Rock Island Arsenal Buildings."

RIA 150 T-Shirts: Rock Island Arsenal Sesquicentennial (150th) Commemorative T-Shirts may be special ordered in the Rock Island Arsenal Museum gift shop. If you wish to have your shirt before **July 7**, the day of the Rock Island Arsenal 150th Anniversary Celebration, order by **June 15** for pickup on **June 29 or 30**. The gift shop is open during museum operating hours of Tuesday – Saturday, 12-4 p.m. All orders must be paid for when placed.

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

p.m., Thursday, **June 7**, at the home of member Jolene Keeney, who will conduct a tour of her Ball-Rosborough House, 1235 11th Avenue, Moline. Dinner will follow at the River House Bar and Grill, 1510 River Dr., Moline. Time: **6 p.m. Dinner; 7 p.m., Speaker**

Requiem For a Son of the South: The soldier-straight gravestones at the Rock Island Prisoner of War Camp Cemetery on Arsenal Island all stand alike ... chalk-white, awaiting the call of taps. I am haunted by these lost souls — all 1,961 of them. Most died of smallpox while Confederate Army inmates of the island's Civil War prison camp. All died without knowing the outcome of their war. ([More](#))

Old Weather Records From Fort Armstrong Remarkably Accurate: The keepers of the oldest known official Illinois weather records relied on glass thermometers and observations, but recent research finds their data to be remarkably accurate. State climatologist Jim Angel and an assistant recently researched the records. They were recorded in the 1820s and '30s with quill and ink at what was once known as Fort Armstrong on Arsenal Island in Rock Island. ([More](#))



WWII-Era Nurse Treated Polio While Working on Arsenal Island: Petite, pretty Molly Harksen remembers what it was like to work at the Rock Island Arsenal during World War II. Now 90, Molly was a registered nurse in 1945, living in a boarding house on 4th Street in Davenport. She was waiting for her new husband, Karl, to arrive home from his duties with the U.S. Army. The couple had married in 1943, and Molly traveled with Karl as much as she could before he was shipped overseas. During the later years of the war, Molly moved to Davenport, where Karl's parents lived. ([More](#))

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – May 28-June 3: On June 1, 1919, the enlarged hydro-electric power plant began operations. On June 1, 1942, construction of a new assembly shop (Bldg. 208) had begun. In June 1876, the construction of Shop A (Bldg. 102) was completed. On June 3, 1899, the Tri-City Railway Co. was granted a license to extend their single track street car tracks onto Arsenal grounds. On June 3, 1871, W.A. Steel of Joliet, Ill., was awarded the contract for limestone used in construction of Shops D (Bldg. 62) and E (Bldg. 106).

Healthbeat

Frequent Cooking Will Help You Live Longer: In advanced economies, households generally cook less than half of their meals leading to an increased concern among nutrition policy makers that fewer meals are being cooked at home. Reasons for this are varied and include lack of skills and confidence, little access to basic food commodities, cooking facilities and the availability of commercial alternatives. The food security of some vulnerable groups, like the aged, can be compromised as a result, although programs like Meals-on-Wheels can alleviate the risk. In the study a team of Taiwanese and Australian researchers looked at the cooking practices of a group of free-living elderly Taiwanese people aged 65 and over. The researchers found that nearly half (43 per cent) of the study population never cooked; 17 per cent cooked 1-2 times a week; 9 per cent cooked 3-5 times a week and 31 per cent cooked up to 5 times a week. ([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

New VA Form Available for Ordering Veterans' Grave Marker Medallion: The Department of Veterans Affairs has streamlined the process for families of deceased Veterans to receive a medallion which can be affixed to grave markers at private cemeteries and indicates the Veteran status of the deceased. "This new form streamlines the ordering process, making it easier for families to order the medallion," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "The families want everyone to know that their loved one was a Veteran. We should help them do that in any way we can." ([More](#))

VA Continues Long-Term Study on Gulf War Era Veterans: For the third time since the 1990-1991 Gulf War, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) researchers will contact Gulf War-era Veterans as a part of a long-term study of their health. "Our message to our Gulf War Veterans is clear: We are not forgetting you, we are listening to you, and we are acting," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "This



Gulf War follow-up study provides an important long-term look at how Gulf War Veterans are faring, and will provide essential data to guide the care of these Veterans.” ([More](#))

VA, American Heart Association’s “Go Red For Women” Fight Heart Disease in Women Veterans: The Department of Veterans Affairs and the American Heart Association have entered into a formal agreement to raise awareness of heart disease and strokes among women Veterans and Servicemembers, and wives of Veterans and military members. “This exciting collaboration bolsters VA’s ongoing efforts to prevent cardiovascular disease,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “This is an important issue for women Veterans, and we need to do everything we can to address it.” ([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:

- **Ride Wanted:** Looking for ride to/from Bettendorf and Island starting immediately. Work day shift and hours are flexible. I am unable to drive due to medical condition. Willing to pay for gas. Email or call (309) 782-7256 or cell (815) 757-4477.
- **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 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: 237th Army Birthday 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 22: [Countryside Community Theater](#) (North Scott HS, Eldridge, Iowa)

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 13: [Countryside Community Theater](#) (North Scott HS, Eldridge, Iowa)



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](#) (Greenvally Sports Complex, Moline)
Aug. 30-Sept. 2: [Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Sept. 1: [8th Annual Labor Day Ride For Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma](#) (The District)
Sept. 1-2: [Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)
Sept. 1-2: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

Sept. 3: [Bettendorf Rotary 18th Annual Run with Carl 5K](#) (Life Fitness Center, Bettendorf)
Sept. 6: [13th Annual Senior Golf Cart Tour of RiverWay Trails](#) (Multiple Locations)
Sept. 7-16: [East West Riverfest](#) (Quad Cities)
Sept. 8: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park)
Sept. 8-9: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 15: [Taming of the Slough](#) (Sylvan Island)
Sept. 15: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park)
Sept. 15: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
Sept. 15-16: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park, Village of East Davenport)
Sept. 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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