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Army Boss – 'No Plans' to Close

Arsenal Factory: U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said Tuesday he was encouraged by a conversation he had with Army Secretary John McHugh about the future of the Rock Island Arsenal's Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, or JMTC. Durbin said McHugh "assured us there are no plans to close or transfer the JMTC or any part of the Rock Island Arsenal." The JMTC employs 1,700 people and is

a key piece of the installation, the area's largest employer. The words were encouraging to Arsenal backers. The Army said last week it was conducting a review of Army Materiel Command operations and no decisions about the Arsenal have been made. Durbin reiterated that Tuesday in an interview with the Quad-City Times after the phone call, saying he has been told the JMTC "is being reviewed with everyone" within the Army Materiel

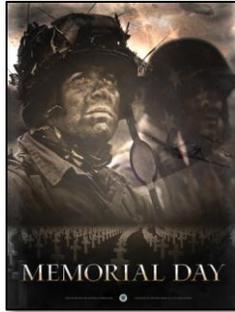
Command. Still, the assurance the factory isn't already on a list is an improvement over rumors that began circulating last week that the JMTC might be on a list for possible closure. After the rumors surfaced, the area's congressional delegation sought an immediate meeting with McHugh and Gen. Ann Dunwoody, AMC's top



officer. Tuesday's phone call was a result of the effort. Durbin asked that McHugh put his assurances in writing and said he would continue monitoring the situation. All members of the area's congressional delegation have signed letters raising concerns about such a move. ([More](#)) ([Additional coverage](#))

Arsenal Crowd Honors Veterans at Annual Service:

Decked out in red, white and blue gear, three little ones squinted in the bright sunshine Monday, standing in a sea of straight-backed white headstones. "Are we here to honor the soldiers?"



their grandmother, Lisa Hoffman of East Moline, asked the 4-year-old twins, Melodie and Josiah, and 2-year-old Isabelle. They nodded their heads "yes" as busloads of people kept arriving in waves for the annual Memorial Day service at the Rock Island National Cemetery on Arsenal Island, where visitors placed flowers on graves and listened to speakers, music and prayer. Keynote speaker Joel Himsl, garrison manager of the U.S. Army Garrison at

the Rock Island Arsenal, apologized to the crowd for some delays in busing people from the designated parking areas to the ceremony, explaining that security procedures slowed down the transport process. ([More](#)) ([ASC Soldiers speak at Memorial Day Events](#))

RIA Welcome Club Awards

Scholarships to Seven Students: Seven students received scholarships from the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club at a ceremonial luncheon May 18 at Arsenal Island Golf Course clubhouse.



Receiving the scholarships were high school graduates Sophie Brown, West High School; Adam Hay, Moline High School; Anna Pienta; Rock Island High School; and Micaela Terronez, Alleman High School. Continuing education recipients of the scholarships were Ann Abney, Carroll University; Andrea Mickelson, Drake University; and Megan Reilly, Eastern Illinois University. Maj. Gen. Yves Fontaine, commander of Army Sustainment Command, presented coins and shook hands with the scholarship recipients. ([More](#))

Upcoming Dates

- May 31:** World No Tobacco Day [📅](#)
- June 1:** Partial Solar Eclipse [📅](#)
- June 1:** National Running Day [📅](#)
- June 1-4:** NSC Safety Month Kickoff [📅](#)
- June 1-7:** National CPR & AED Awareness Week [📅](#)
- June 1-7:** National Family Recreation Week [📅](#)
- June 3-5:** Iowa Free Fishing Weekend [📅](#)
- June 4:** National Trails Day [📅](#)
- June 4:** National Family Recreation Day [📅](#)
- June 4-12:** National Fishing & Boating Week [📅](#)
- June 4-12:** National River Clean Up Week [📅](#)
- June 5:** World Environment Day [📅](#)
- June 5:** National Cancer Survivors Day [📅](#)
- June 5-11:** Preventing Overexertion Week [📅](#)
- June 5-11:** Great Outdoors Week [📅](#)
- June 5-11:** National Tire Safety Week [📅](#)
- June 5-11:** National Pet Appreciation Week [📅](#)
- June 5-11:** National Sun Safety Week [📅](#)
- June 6:** 67th Anniversary of D-Day (Invasion of Normandy) [📅](#)
- June 10-13:** Illinois Free Fishing Weekend [📅](#)
- June 11:** National Get Outdoors Day [📅](#)
- June 11:** National Marina Day [📅](#)
- June 12:** 236th U.S. Merchant Marines Birthday [📅](#)
- June 12-16:** National History Day [📅](#)
- June 12-18:** Teen Driving Safety Week [📅](#)
- June 13-19:** National Men's Health Week [📅](#)
- June 14:** 236th U.S. Army Birthday [📅](#)
- June 14:** Flag Day [📅](#)
- June 14:** World Blood Donor Day [📅](#)
- June 16-23:** National Nursing Assistants Week [📅](#)
- June 19-25:** Lightning Safety Awareness Week [📅](#)
- June 19-25:** Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls Week [📅](#)
- June 23:** National Olympic Day [📅](#)
- June 25:** Great American Backyard Campout [📅](#)
- June 26-30:** On the Road, Off the Phone Week [📅](#)
- June 26-July 2:** National Mosquito Control Awareness Week [📅](#)



Davenport Dedicates Veterans

Memorial Park: The city of Davenport topped of Memorial Day events Monday with a dedication of the new Veterans Memorial Park.



Hundreds attended the ceremony on the riverfront near Marquette street landing. City officials are calling the park dedication a milestone in the city's 175th year. It's a tribute to service members past and present, those who came home and those who did not because they paid the ultimate price. "Just thinking of all the soldiers that have passed on and all the soldiers that are deployed. This is for you guys," said Sharon Kraft whose son is currently serving in Afghanistan. [\(More\)](#)

Obama Taps Dempsey, Winnefeld as Chairman, Vice Chairman:

President Barack Obama announced his choices as chairman and vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during a Rose Garden ceremony May 30. Obama intends to nominate



Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey as chairman and Navy Adm. James A. "Sandy"

Winnefeld Jr., as vice chairman. Dempsey currently is the Army chief of staff and



Winnefeld is the commander of U.S. Northern Command. Dempsey will replace Navy Adm. Mike Mullen when his term ends Sept. 30, and Winnefeld will replace Marine Gen. James "Hoss" Cartwright when his term ends in July. [\(More\)](#)

Rightsizing Debate Should Include

Feds and Contractors: The debate over what is the right size of the federal workforce is expanding. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle agree that federal contractors need to be a major part of the discussion. But members of the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy have not yet come to terms with whether the debate is about just raw numbers or having the right number



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of employees doing an amount of work they can handle. ([More](#))

House Eliminates Raises For Underperforming DoD Civilians:

Underperforming Defense Department civilian employees would lose some pay raises until they shape up, under the 2012 Defense



authorization bill passed by the House May 26. The bill, [HR 1540](#), would prohibit employees rated "below satisfactory" from receiving the nationwide adjustment to General Schedule pay scales Congress usually approves. The House Armed Services Committee said in its report on the bill that about 1 percent of Defense's roughly 700,000 employees rate below satisfactory, but receive raises. ([More](#))

House Passes \$690 Billion Defense

Bill: War-weary Republicans and Democrats on Thursday sent the strongest message yet to President Obama to end the war in Afghanistan as the commander in chief decides how many U.S. troops to withdraw this summer. A measure requiring an accelerated timetable for pulling out the

100,000 troops from Afghanistan and an exit strategy for the nearly 10-year-old conflict secured 204 votes in the House, falling just short of passage but boosting the hopes of its surprised proponents. "It sends a strong signal to the president that the U.S. House of Representatives and the American people want change," Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., said shortly after the vote. ([More](#))

Pentagon Would Pursue Performance Pay Under House-Passed

Authorization: The Defense Department should link pay to performance in its new personnel appraisal system, according to House lawmakers. Legislation authorizing Defense funding for fiscal 2012, passed by the House on Thursday, would encourage the department to use employee performance rather than job tenure to determine incentive pay under its new performance management system. ([More](#))



Locks & Dam 15 Tours Begin: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi River Project will offer free tours of Locks & Dam 15 each weekend between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Corps of Engineers rangers conduct tours at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 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 are allowed in the Visitor Center. Pre-registration is required and group size is limited. For more information or to make a reservation, call (309) 794-5338.

AFGE - Congressional Town Hall:

American Federation of Government Employees locals 15/2119, will be holding/hosting an open question and answer session on **June 7 at 3 p.m.** with Congressional leaders and AFGE President John Gage in the cafeteria of Bldg. 60. Armed Services Committee members [Rep. Bobby Schilling](#) (R-IL-17) & [Rep. Dave Loebsack](#) (D-IA-2), as well as various Congressional staffers will be in attendance. [Rep. Bruce Braley](#) (D-IA-1) has also been invited. AFGE national president [John Gage](#) and AFGE district vice presidents Dorothy James (District 7) and Jane Nygarrd (District 8) will also be in attendance. All federal government employees are encouraged



to attend and ask questions from our Congressman, regarding potential job losses, pay and step increase freezes, and increased cost to our medical coverage and changes in our retirement. Questions should be limited to our employment as federal employees. ([AFGE Local 15 on Social Media](#)) ([Event on FB](#))

Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins Today; Are You Prepared?: The 2011 Atlantic hurricane season began June 1 and goes through Nov. 30.

While this does not directly apply to the Rock Island Arsenal, many employees may be taking vacations in places that are vulnerable to hurricanes. That is why it is important to know a little about the upcoming hurricane season and what to do in the event of a hurricane. The National Hurricane Center predicts that this season will be above average with 12 to 18 named storms, six to 10 hurricanes, and three to six major hurricanes which are category three and above. It is vital for anyone traveling to a hurricane prone area to have a personal plan in place. For information



on how to be prepared if a hurricane strikes [click HERE](#).

FLTCIP Open Season: (FLTCIP) Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program Open Season: **April 4 - June 24.**

To apply during FLTCIP Open Season please visit the Apply section of [FLTCIP's website](#) to download or complete online FLTCIP Open Season application. 1 (800) LTC-FEDS (582-3337) TTY: 1 (800) 843-3557



Newcomers' Orientation Tour: Do you know...? The answers to these questions and others are answered on the Newcomers' Orientation Tour. (That's right, it is a tour again.) Plus you get to know more about Garrison programs and facilities that make your time here more enjoyable. Held monthly on the fourth Thursday, except November and December. You will be introduced to "The Rock" and take a walking tour of Kingsbury Manufacturing Center (also known as Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center). The orientation is open to all military, civilians,



contractors and military Family members. Duty time is not automatically authorized, so please check with your supervisor. Seating is limited so [register online](#). For questions, call (309) 782-0829.

Blood Drive: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the [Caisson Room](#) (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, June 10, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** **Give Blood.**



If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the [Cafeteria](#) (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on July 8**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor.



The Truth About Donating Blood! Excuse: Plenty of people donate, they don't need my blood. Truth: The fact is that plenty of people don't donate. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Unfortunately, of the 38 percent of the U.S. population that is



eligible to donate blood, less than 10 percent do annually.

The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information see:

www.cpol.army.mil/library/permis/5012b.html

Calling All Golfers – TACOM's Last Golf Playday:

Open to all Island Employees and their guests. Friday, **June 17**, 8 a.m. shot gun start, 7:30 a.m. arrival, at the Arsenal Island Golf Course. Cost is \$60/person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and lunch at 1 p.m. in the Arsenal Island Golf Course clubhouse. \$10 Mulligans/team available at registration. The format is four-person preferred ball. Fun events will be mixed in with the golf — you don't have to be a good golfer to participate. Please join and help TACOM employees enjoy a day of fun in the sun. To register use one of the following contacts: email or (309) 782-0712/6023/1997. Deadline for sign up is **June 3**. ([Flyer](#) and registration)



Bldg. 56 Fire Alarm Testing:

Fire Alarm testing will take place in Bldg. 56, **June 2**, 5-6:30 p.m. Please ignore the audio alarms during this time. POC: mark.h.berendes.civ@mail.mil (309) 782-0276

Rock Island Arsenal Celebrates the 236th Army Birthday:

The Army Birthday Ball will be held on Friday, **June 17**, at 5:30 p.m., at the Quad Cities Waterfront Event Center in Bettendorf. The Rock Island Arsenal community and the general public are invited to attend. Maj. Gen Yves Fontaine, commanding general of the Army Sustainment Command, will host the annual Army Birthday Ball. Tickets are \$50 per person for the general public; \$38 per person for Active Duty E6/GS-7/WG-5/NF2 and below; \$25 per person for E5/GS-5 and below. To purchase tickets or for general information, please contact the ASC protocol office at (309) 782-2410. RSVP no later than **June 8**. Since its establishment on June 14, 1775, the United States Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of our nation. The Army Birthday Ball is designed to honor the



proud history and heritage of America's Army and to celebrate the Army's 236th birthday.

Wreath Laying - Hero Street

Monument During Navy Week: The United States Navy cordially invites you to attend a wreath laying ceremony commemorating the service of our veterans from all military branches at the [Hero Street Monument](#) in Silvis, Ill., Sunday, **June 19**, at Noon. Quad Cities Navy Week celebration 2011 gives area residents an opportunity to meet some of the Navy's Sailors and learn about the Navy's mission and its broad-ranging capabilities. For more information on the 2011 Quad Cities Navy Week, you are invited to visit [our website](#).



Car & Bike Show:

The Rock Island VFW Post 1303, celebrating their 76th year of service to veterans and the community, is hosting a car & bike show on Saturday, **June 4**, 2-10 p.m. at 3715 9th St., Rock Island. Come see street rods to include customs and motorcycles. Music



by Tangent, ballroom open all day, and a portion of the donations and proceeds benefit Fisher House charities.

Blue Grass Pancake Breakfast: Blue Grass American Legion Post 711 serves an all you can eat pancake breakfast for \$6. The menu includes pancakes, biscuits & gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes, homemade cinnamon rolls, milk and juice. 106 South Juniata St., Blue Grass, Iowa. ([More](#))
Date: **Saturday, June 4**
Time: **6-9:30 a.m.**

Save the Date: 10th Annual Women In Defense Golf Outing Friday, **Aug. 5**, at Glynn's Creek Golf Course. Shotgun Tee Time 8 a.m. For more information call Brenda Hanes at (309) 794-0115



Annual Red Cross Golf Outing at TPC Deere Run: Mark your calendars now for this premier golf fundraiser in the Quad Cities. For information & registration, go to www.qcredcross.org or contact Kasey at (309) 277-4027 (kellykas@usa.redcross.org)
Date: **Monday, Sept. 19**
Time: **1 p.m.**

10% Yankee Candle Military/Arsenal Discount: Yankee Candle at Northpark Mall is offering a 10 percent discount on all purchases to military & Arsenal Island personnel **May 9 - June 7**. Show your ID at time of purchase. Plus: "like" [Northpark Mall \(IA\) on Facebook](#) & you will find a BOGO free coupon in their images.

Force Protection Thought of the Month: The events of 9/11 have changed international travel. Americans traveling abroad, now more than ever, need to be more concerned about personal safety. Unfortunately, you can be a victim of crime anywhere, at home or abroad. Your risk may increase when you travel, particularly in lesser developed countries. Use common sense. If you wouldn't go out at night in an unknown neighborhood at home, don't do it while traveling overseas. Be Aware. Be aware of your general travel environment, as well as social, political or medical conditions in the countries you are visiting. Blend In. Don't dress like a tourist - leave the baseball hat, team jackets and Hawaiian shirts at home. Stay at a reputable hotel, know



where you are going - get directions at your hotel. When travelling: Avoid discussing travel plans and personal information avoid using rank and military address on tickets, travel documents and reservations avoid travel in uniform - dress conservatively. Travel resources: [U.S. Department of State Travel Warnings and Consular Information](#).

Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique: Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique "End of Season Sale" – four days ... Tuesday, May 31, through Friday, June 3, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Many items ½ price or 25¢. Come take advantage of our "deals." POC: (309) 782-6977.

5th Avenue Café Discount: The 5th Avenue Café is offering a 10 percent discount for all Arsenal Island military and government workers. The 5th Avenue Café is located at Heritage Place, Downtown Moline, at 1515 5th Ave. They're open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. ([More](#))

Arsenal Traffic/Construction

Partial Closure of R.I. Viaduct: There will be a one lane closure of the R.I.



Viaduct beginning **June 13**. The one lane closure is due to concrete repair to the curb and sidewalk surfaces of the bridge structure. Work will be from the hours of 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The project will last from six to eight week, weather permitting. Flagmen and traffic control will be provided. POC: randall.l.brockhouse.civ@mail.mil, (309) 782-2440.

Partial Lane Closure of Fort Armstrong Ave and Rock Island Drive and Complete Closure of Bike Path: Since May 2, the intersection at Ft. Armstrong Ave. and Rock Island Dr. began a one lane closure until further notice. The lane closure is 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. each day. Also since May 2, the bike path was temporarily closed.

Building/Space Closures

Bldg. 390 Restroom Renovations: As part of the restroom renovation project in Bldg. 390, the 2nd floor restrooms closed May 17. The 3rd floor restrooms have been completed and opened simultaneously. It is anticipated the 2nd floor restrooms will be ready for use on or about **June 17**.

Bldg. 104 Exterior Stair Closure: On April 13, construction began on the replacement of the southeast exterior stairs of Bldg. 104. The exterior stairs closed entirely and use of alternative stairs for entry into the building is required. The construction will take approximately two months depending on the weather. The contractor is using heavy equipment, so please use caution when in the area. POC: joseph.e.gumpert@us.army.mil, (309) 782-1389

Active Duty/Reserve Zone

Chiropractic Care for Disabled Veterans: Palmer College of Chiropractic also treats any disabled veteran and there family with a disability rating of 20 percent or more, free of charge. Services include exams, x-rays and adjustments. The college has two locations, Davenport (563) 884-5801 and Moline (309) 764-4901. Copy of disability rating is all that is required. Time: **8:30 a. m. - 6 p.m.**

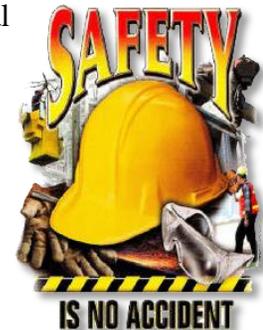
Chiropractic for Military Personnel and Their Families: Palmer College of Chiropractic treats all active duty military personnel as well as their

families for free. Services include examinations, x-rays if needed, and chiropractic adjustments. You may be seen in Davenport or Moline. Palmer's way of taking care of our military families for taking care of us. Contact Staff Sgt. Jordan at (262) 327-4300.

Pet Vaccination Clinic: The Great Lakes Veterinary Treatment Facility will be holding a vaccination clinic at the RIA fire station on Thursday, **June 2**, 1-6:30 p.m.; and Friday, **June 3**, 8-11:30 a.m. POC: [email](mailto:), (847) 688-5740

Safety Spotlight

Safety Awareness Day: To better promote Safety Awareness among our Soldiers, civilians and families, the Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program and the Garrison Safety Office are hosting a "Safety Awareness Day" on Wednesday, **June 8**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. Please join us for safety information dealing with motorcycles, boats, automobiles,



holiday celebrations, house fires and various other summer safety activities. All are welcome. For more information call (309) 782-1380.

Pool Safely – Simple Steps Save Lives:

Four families show how simple steps, like installing a 4-foot fence and a door alarm, or like learning CPR and having safety drain covers installed in your pool, can save your children from drowning. ([More](#))

Fire It Up Safely – CPSC Recommends Safety Check Before Grilling This Summer:

Summer officially kicked off this past weekend and millions of Americans began celebrating with cookouts. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) urges consumers to check their grills and "fire it up safely" to prevent fires and carbon monoxide poisoning. Before lighting the grill, do a safety check. * Has your grill been recalled? Check SaferProducts.gov. If the grill has been recalled, contact the manufacturer and stop using it until you get a repair or replacement. * Visually inspect the hoses on a gas grill for cracking, brittleness, holes and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing and that all connections are secure. Replace if necessary. * Check

for propane gas leaks. Open the gas supply valve fully and apply a soapy solution with a brush at the connection point. If bubbles appear, there is a leak. Try tightening the tank connection. If that does not stop the leak, close the gas valve and have the grill repaired by a qualified professional. * Is the grill clean? Regularly cleaning the grill, as described in the owner's manual, and also cleaning the grease trap, will reduce the risk of flare-ups and grease fires. ([More](#))

Motorcycle Class Registration Now

On-Line: The [U.S. Army Installation Command Registration system \(AIRs\)](#) is a web-based scheduler and tracking tool for the Army Traffic Safety Training Program. [AIRs](#) allows military and civilian personnel to [electronically register](#) for traffic safety courses (Motorcycle Safety Classes and Intermediate Driver Training Classes) conducted at IMCOM garrisons. ⚡ The two-day Basic Rider Motorcycle Course is scheduled for **June 28 and 29**; the one-day Experienced Rider Motorcycle Course is scheduled for **June 30, and Aug. 10 or 11**; two sessions of the Intermediate Driver Training Course are scheduled for **Aug. 9**. ([More](#))

Equal Opportunity Focus



Prevention of Sexual Harassment Training (POSH) for New Hires:

Prevention of Sexual Harassment Training will be offered by the Garrison EEO Office for new hires. The location will be the Blackhawk Conf. Room, Bldg. 108, 3rd Floor, new hires at 8:30 a.m. on the following days: **July 12, and Oct. 11**. To sign up for this mandatory training, please register through [TEDs](#); key word: "posh for new hires." POC for POSH training (or to receive special accommodations) is mary.gale@us.army.mil at (309) 782-5024.



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.

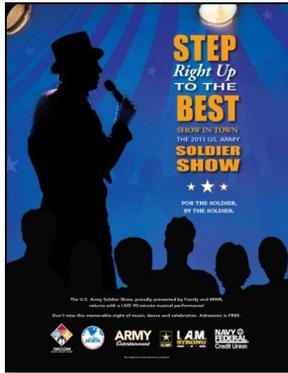


2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show: The U.S. Army Soldier Show, presented by Family and MWR, returns with a 90 minute live musical performance. See talented

Soldiers explore music genres and cultures from around the world. Don't miss this memorable night of

music, dance and celebration on **June 28**, 7 p.m., Adler Theatre, Davenport. Admission to the show is free on a first-come, first-seated basis. Visit the [Army Entertainment website](#) for information; or call (309) 782-1230; linda.s.rice.naf@mail.mil.

No Factory Tour at This Year's FMWR Employee Appreciation Day Picnic: Due to other opportunities to tour the factory the tours of the factory will not be offered this year at the annual Employee Appreciation Day Picnic on **July 21**. Tours will be offered at JMTC's Industry Day on **Aug. 4**. Please call (309) 782-5759 for more information.



2011 Army Arts & Crafts Contest:

The 2011 Arts and Crafts contest began May 1. Calling all artists ... submit your original artwork in a variety of categories including: ceramics, drawings, wood, digital art (new category), fibers and textiles, water base painting, glass, oil base painting, metals and jewelry, mixed media - 2D and/or mixed media - 3D for a chance at Army-wide fame. For information and guidelines visit the [Army MWR website on the Arts and Crafts page](#) or call (309) 782-1230.

Arsenal Island Golf Course

Clubhouse B3 Deal: The B3 Deal at the Golf Course/Clubhouse Golf season is here and if you need to hit the driving range and find your swing again do we have a deal for you. Purchase the B3 deal at either the Golf Shop or the restaurant/bar and you'll get a basket of balls, a burger basket, and a beer for just \$10. That's a 20 percent savings. Call (309) 793-1604 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Racquetball Court Locker Room

Renovation: The renovations to the racquetball court locker rooms are now complete. Stop into Bldg. 351 and see our newly remodeled locker rooms and pop in to see all the great offerings at the

Auto Skills Shop while you're there (it's in the same building). Reservations for the racquetball courts can be made by calling the Fitness Center at (309) 782-5124.

Change to the Process for Submitting Messages to the Outdoor Electronic Marquees:

Effective immediately, requests should now be made by visiting www.riamwr.com and clicking on the Electronic Marquee Info link on the right side of the page. Due to the loss of public folders we will not have access to the ROCK-SIGN e-mail address so any requests sent here will not be received. For more info please call (309) 782-1183.

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, anna.winters@us.army.mil, <http://riamwr.com/BusPgms/special.htm>

Outdoor Recreation Maquoketa River

Canoe Outing: Join Outdoor Recreation for a fun day of canoeing on the Maquoketa River. This year's trip will start at Canton, Iowa and end at the



Royertown Bridge. Cost is \$40 per canoe or \$13 per inner tube. Sign up at the Leisure Travel Office or call (309) 782-8630 for more information. ([Flyer](#))

Date: **Saturday, June 18**
Time: **9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

White Sox vs. Red Sox:

The Chicago White Sox take on the Boston Red Sox. One of this seasons popular game. Seats are \$91. Price includes transportation and ticket to game. On sale now.

Date: **Saturday, July 30**
Time: **6:10 p.m.**



Cardinals vs. Cubs: Seats on sale for \$99 for the Cards vs. Cubs bus trip on Saturday, **Sept. 24.** This game will be at Busch Stadium. Departure time is 5:30 a.m. from Col Davenport pavilion area. Six seats per customer, no seats will be put on hold. No alcohol allowed on bus.



New Outdoor Recreation Checkout/In Procedure: To better serve our patrons, customers may now drive directly onto the back dock to pick up or return items. During the summer months the front

door will not be used. For further information please call (309) 782-8630.

Entrance to Outdoor Recreation Moved to the Back of the Building:

For your convenience and to expedite the check-out process, the entrance/check-out desk for Outdoor Recreation has moved to the back of the building on the loading dock. Please call (309) 782-8630 with any questions or to reserve items. A list of items available to check out can be found [HERE](#).

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie: When a boy shares his snack with a hungry, demanding mouse, he learns a hilarious lesson about cause-and-effect. This adorable children's play is based on the popular children's book. Show-only, concessions will be available prior to show.

Date: **Saturday, July 16**
Time: **10 a.m.**

Cruises: Have you been dreaming of taking a well deserved vacation or Cruise? Not sure where to begin? Call the Leisure Travel Office and set up an appointment and let's talk.

Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park: Lose yourself in an ancient world as you

brave four thrilling lands. Thirty-seven steep and slippery slides. Six hair-raising roller coasters and eight curve-hugging go-kart tracks. Wrist bands available for the 2011 season (**May 28 – Sept. 5**) Discounted price is \$25. A savings of \$14.99.

Quad City Stallions: The Quad City Stallions are in their third season this year. A member of the Midwest Football Alliance Games run from **May thru July.** The Quad City Stallions is a semi-pro football team in the Midland Football League. Season Pass is \$20 single game tickets \$5 and kids under 12 are free.

Danube Group Cruise: From the splendor of Prague to the Gypsy violins of Budapest, you'll treasure every moment of this memorable Danube River cruise. Enjoy guided sightseeing. Experience the music, art, culture and historical sites. More than \$1,000 savings per person when booked through Leisure Travel Office. Contact LTO to schedule an appointment for this cruise offer.
Date: **Friday, Oct. 21**

QC River Bandits: Discounted box seat tickets available for all home games. All



tickets are \$8. Enjoy Thirsty Thursdays and Firework Fridays.

Circa 21 Presents – Hairspray: Take a trip back to 1962 with Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big dreams and even bigger hair. This Tony Award-winning musical is filled with laughter, romance, dancing, unforgettable tunes, and is a joyous tribute to the 60s Seats on sale until July 7 at a discounted \$43.50.

Date: **Saturday, July 16**

Time: **5:45 p.m.**

Hotels & Attraction Tickets: Check out Leisure Travel at www.riamwr.com to see what we have to offer for discounted attractions and hotels.

July Downtown/Loop Shopping Trip:

Join us for a day of shopping in downtown Chicago. Here you'll find department stores such as Bloomingdale's, Lord & Taylor and Nordstrom, Crate & Barrel and Pottery Barn, jewelers such as Tiffany and Van Cleef & Arpels, big name boutiques and indoor shopping malls, such as Water Tower Place. \$39 per person.

Date: **Saturday, July 16**

Time: **6:30 a.m.**

Taste of Chicago Bus Trip: The Taste of Chicago is the world's largest food

festival, held annually. Every year, millions of Chicagoans and tourists from around the world flock to Grant Park to enjoy the variety of food prepared by Chicago's most popular restaurants.

Date: **Saturday, June 25**

Time: **6:30 a.m.**

Six Flags Great America: Visit this amazing theme park with awesome rides, great shows, and incredible attractions, plus Hurricane Harbor. Discounted admission tickets available for the 2011 season. Tickets are \$36 for Adult/Child.

Pavilions: Planning a graduation party, family reunion or special event? Need an outside shelter? Leisure Travel can help. We rent Memorial Field, Sports Complex and Col. Davenport Pavilion. Stop by the office or give us a call for more information.

Child, Youth & School Services

British Soccer Camp: Child, Youth & School Services is proud to once again host Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp **July 11-15**. This camp is open to all children (not restricted to children of Arsenal employees) ages 4-16. All

participants receive a free t-shirt and soccer ball with registration. Register online at www.challengersports.com or call (309) 782-7544 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Lead the Way: SKIESUnlimited is offering Lead the Way summer sessions in June and July. All sessions are held for three days from 9 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. Extended afternoons are an option. Registered patrons may enroll at www.riamwr.com/cys or call (309) 782-0791 to schedule registration. Please call SKIESUnlimited at (309) 782-5969 with any questions.

Date: **Tuesday, June 14**

Army Community Service (ACS)

ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; Visit our [ACS website](#) or phone (309) 782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. Find us on Facebook [click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: (309) 229-8412

Special Needs Informational Forum: Network, Network, Network! Join our



group to share what you know and learn from others about special needs community resources such as recreational and cultural programs, enrichment activities, summer camps, and much more. Free snack dinner for attendees. Please RSVP to (309) 782-4736/6515 or jan.saito@us.army.mil.
Date: **June 9**
Time: **5:30–7:30 p.m.**

Employee Assistance Program

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Employee Assistance Program: For free, confidential counseling assistance or for information on services that are available, call (309) 782-4357. Normal business hours are 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For additional information on the Employee Assistance Program, go to www.riamwr.com or [Facebook](#).

Anonymous Online Mental Health Screening -- June 2011: Man, what are you drinking? Or more importantly, how much? 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? ([More](#))

Save A Life Tour – High Impact Alcohol Awareness Program Coming to RIA and JMTC:

Rock Island Arsenal has chosen to do something about a problem that kills or injures more than 500,000 people each year ... drinking and driving. RIA will be hosting the National Save A Life Tour which travels around the U.S. to spread its vital message. This six hour high impact media event features "no holds barred" video presentations coupled with multi-million dollar features and offers a drinking and driving simulation experience like nothing you have ever seen or experienced. Come join us on **June 8**, in Heritage Hall (Bldg. 60 Cafeteria) from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., or **June 9**, at Bldg. 212 Loading Docks, from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Smoking Cessation Group: Make this the summer you quit smoking. The Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational support group for

people who would like to be smoke-free. The group meets each Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. at the EAP office located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor, SE wing.

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

EAP Offers Grief Group: The RIA EAP is now offering a new service – Grief Group. This group discusses the latest research on bereavement and coping with loss. Topics include divorce, aging, deployment, retirement, and much more. The group meets every Wednesday from 3-4:30 p.m. at the EAP office, Bldg. 110, 1st Floor, SE Wing.

Education/Training Review

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Army Continuing Education Services: The Army Continuing Education Services office, located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, has a new Education Service



Officer, Alison Hemmert. The Education Center has new hours of operation. The office is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office at (309) 782-2065.

National Testing Center: Western Illinois University in Bldg. 56 operates the National Testing Center. The national testing center offers CLEP or DSST on-line test, with immediate results. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. and every other Friday. Please call (309) 558-6444 to schedule a test. Tests are free for Soldiers the first time for each test. Tests are available to civilian for an additional fee.

Defense Commissary Agency / PX

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

Commissaries, visit:
www.commissaries.com

Commissary Scholarship: Follow the link to read more about the scholarship program at the commissary
<http://www.militaryscholar.org>

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 Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays and major holidays. Admission is free.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – May 30-June 5: 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). On June 4, 1984, the protestors failed to shutdown the RIA on "Project Disarm" day. Last of 100 Mark VIII Tanks assembled at the RIA was completed on June 5, 1920. The order for 100 tanks was completed in 286 days.

Healthbeat

Scott County Residents Encouraged to Check Measles Immunization Status: Scott County Health Department encourages all Scott County residents to check their measles immunization status. A higher than usual number of cases have been seen in the US this year and there is now a confirmed case of measles in Dallas County, Iowa. Measles is one of the most highly contagious infectious diseases and will occasionally cause severe illness and death. ([More](#))

Notes for Veterans



VA Honors Military Sacrifice on Memorial Day:

From parades to somber ceremonies and moments of silence, on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, Americans will honor the sacrifices of military men and women who paid the ultimate price in their service to our nation. "The fallen warriors we honor on Memorial Day cherished liberty and freedom enough to lay down their lives to preserve our way of life," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. ([More](#))

Car Pooling Announcements

Submit car pooling announcements via the [Island Announcements](#) page. Please use that page to contact ROCK-RIA-PA to take your announcement off once you have found a ride.

Car Pool:

- **Carpool:** Looking for someone to carpool with from the Sterling-Rock Falls area, 3rd shift, 10:15 p.m.-6:15 a.m., john.b.mitchell1@us.army.mil
- **Carpool/Ride:** Looking to carpool with someone from Fulton area along Rte. 84 to Bldg. 390. Contact Carole.Mitchell@us.army.mil or (309) 782-1892.

- **Carpool/Ride:** Commuter living in downtown Davenport looking for a ride across the bridge to Bldg. 350. Employee works anytime between 6-8 a.m. Willing to pay for ample gas. POC is Tom: (563) 650-3540.
- **Carpool:** Looking to carpool with anyone from the Western Illinois University Macomb Campus for the 2010/2011 school year. Call Nicole Suthard at (815) 345-1360, nicole.suthard@us.army.mil.
- **Carpool:** Current carpool looking for additional driver/rider with reliable vehicle. Commuting from Galesburg/ surrounding areas along Interstate 74 to RIA. Contact (309) 782-5688 for details.

Around the Q.C.

- **June 3:** [Trivia Night](#) (Schwiebert Riverfront Park, Rock Island)
- **June 3:** [History's Night Out w/ Dr. Ann Collins](#) (Afro-American Heritage Center, Rock Island)
- **June 3:** [Blue Grass Homecoming Days 5k Run/Walk](#) (Blue Grass, Iowa)
- **June 4:** [QC Pride Fest](#) (2nd & Warren streets, Downtown Davenport)
- **June 4:** [Spring Pops](#) (Adler Theatre, Davenport)
- **June 4-5:** [American Pickers Weekend](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)

- **June 9:** [Former Officer of STAR GATE, the Army Remote Viewing Program](#) (6:30 p.m., Bettendorf Public Library)
- **June 10-11:** [Gumbo Ya Ya - Mardi Gras in The District](#) (The District, Rock Island)
- **June 11:** [Susan G. Komen Quad Cities Race for the Cure](#) (iWireless Center)
- **June 14:** [Flag Day Ceremony & Celebration](#) (Moline Memorial Cemetery)
- **June 15-18:** [Sturgis Mississippi River Motorcycle Rally](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
- **June 16-22:** [Quad Cities Navy Week](#) (throughout the QC) 🚢
- **June 17:** [Army 236th Birthday Ball](#) (Waterfront Convention Center)
- **June 17-18:** [Rock The District](#) (The District, Rock Island)
- **June 17-18:** [Greek Cultural Festival](#) (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, East Moline)
- **June 18:** [Juneteenth](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
- **June 18:** [12th Annual Quad Cities Triathlon](#) (West lake Park, Davenport)
- **June 18:** [Healthy Living Fair](#) (Next to the downtown Davenport Freight House Farmer's Market)
- **June 18-19:** [Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)
- **June 19:** [Ride the River](#)
- **June 21:** [Midwest League All-Star Game](#) (Modern Woodman Park)
- **June 22-25:** [Quad City Senior Olympics](#) (Augustana College, Rock Island)
- **June 26:** [5th Annual Car Show & Hennepin Hustle 5K Fun Run/Walk](#) (Colona, Ill.)
- **June 26:** [QC Jewish Feast-ival](#) (Tri-City Jewish Center, Rock Island)
- **June 26:** [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Moline)



June 28: [Soldiers Show](#) (Adler Theatre, Davenport)
July 1-3: [IH Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
July 2: [Red, White, and Boom](#) (Rock Island & Davenport)
July 4: [28th Annual Genesis Firecracker Run](#) (East Moline)
July 4-10: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis)
July 6: [John Deere Classic Pro Exhibition](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course)
July 9-10: [Village Summer Stroll](#) (Village of East Davenport)
July 11: [Rhythms Along The River](#) (Brady Street Stadium, Davenport)
July 14: [First Army "Uncasing of the Colors"](#) (Arsenal Club, Bldg. 60)
July 17: [Classic Car Show](#) (Village of East Davenport)
July 19-24: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (East Moline)
July 21: [Family and MWR Employee Appreciation Day](#) (Memorial Park & Field)
July 21-24: [Train Festival 2011](#) (Schwiebert Riverfront Park, Rock Island)
July 29-30: [40th Annual Wells Fargo Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 30: [RAGBRAI Ends in Davenport](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 30: [37th Annual Quad-City Times Bix 7](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Aug. 2-7: [The Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Aug. 4: [RIA-JMTC Industry Day](#) (Rock Island Arsenal)
Aug. 4-7: [Bix Beiderbecke Jazz Festival](#) (Hotel Blackhawk, Davenport)
Aug. 6: [Crime Stoppers 5K Run](#) (Moline)
Aug. 7: [Heartland British Auto Fest](#) (Village of East Davenport)

Aug. 11-13: [25th Annual Great River Tug Fest](#) (Port Byron, Ill. & LeClaire, Iowa)
Aug. 12-13: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Aug. 14-20: [International Softball Congress World Fastball Tournament](#) (Greenvalley Complex, Moline)
Aug. 19-20: [River Roots Live](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Aug. 20: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)
Aug. 25-28: [World Series of Dragracing](#) (Cordova Dragway)
Aug. 26-28: [All Era Veterans Healing Field of the Quad Cities](#) (Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery)
Aug. 27: [Quad Cities Irish Festival](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
Aug. 27: [Silvis Family Run](#) (Silvis, Ill.)
Sept. 3-4: [17th Annual Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Sept. 5: [Run with Carl](#) (Bettendorf)
Sept. 10-11: [Beaux Arts Festival](#) (Figge Plaza, Davenport)
Sept. 10: [¡Viva Quad Cities!](#) (Bass Street Landing)
Sept. 10: [Run for ¡VIVA!](#) (Bass Street Landing, Moline)
Sept. 10: [Quad-City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Sept. 17: [WQPT Brew-HaHa](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Sept. 17: [Celtic Highland Games of the Quad Cities](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
Sept. 17: [Taming of the Slough](#) (Sylvan Slough & Island)
Sept. 17: [VanderVeer Park Fall Festival](#) (VanderVeer Park, Davenport)
Sept. 17-18: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Art](#) (Lindsay Park, Davenport)

Sept. 23-25: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)
Sept. 24-25: [Quad Cities Kite & Family Fun Festival](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
Sept. 25: [Quad Cities Marathon & Festival](#) (John Deere Commons, Moline)
Sept. 25: [QC Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)
Oct. 8-9: [Four Kingdoms Renaissance & Pirate Fest](#) (Camelot KOA Campgrounds, Rock Island)
Oct. 8: [Killer Bee](#) (St. Ambrose Campus, Davenport)
Oct. 9: [Mississippi Valley Welcome Center's Apple Festival](#) (LeClaire)
Oct. 23: [CBRC Pumpkin Dash](#) (Credit Island, Davenport)
Oct. 27: [Fright Night](#) (The District)
Oct. 29: [Witches Walk](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)
Nov. 12: [Hawk Hustle](#) (BlackHawk College, Moline)
Nov. 18-27: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
Nov. 19: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 19: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Moline)
Nov. 19: [Holiday Pops Concert](#) (Downtown Moline)
Nov. 24: [25th Annual Scott County Y Turkey Trot](#) (Downtown YMCA, Davenport)
Sept. 7-16, 2012: [East West Riverfest](#)



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A photograph of a man in a grey t-shirt and sunglasses grilling food on a large outdoor grill. The background is a blue wall with the text "SOLDIERS LEADERS CIVILIANS FAMILIES" written in red. A large, stylized "Take 5" graphic is overlaid on the image, with "before the cookout!" written below it in a smaller font.

Take 5
before the cookout!

Good BBQ

- Perform a thorough safety inspection before lighting the grill
- Never use a grill in an enclosed space
- Only use an approved charcoal lighter fluid to start a charcoal-fired grill, and never add any flammable liquid to a burning fire
- Follow the instructions for lighting your gas grill
- Keep grills away from houses, fences, trees and anything else with a propensity for burning
- Don't wear loose clothing when cooking on a grill
- Keep all flammable materials away from the grill
- Make sure the fire is out when you are done

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