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Island Insight



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JMC Officially Welcomes New Commander, Says Goodbye to 'Amazing Leader':

The Joint Munitions Command held a Change of Command ceremony Tuesday at the Rock Island Arsenal's Memorial Field to bid farewell to outgoing commander Brig. Gen. Gustave F. Perna and welcome incoming commander Brig. Gen. Kevin G. O'Connell. Brig. Gen. Perna will become deputy chief of staff for Logistics and Operations at the U.S.

Army Material Command at the Redstone Arsenal in Alabama. He became commanding general for JMC on Nov. 16, 2010. Last November, Brig. Gen. Perna was approved by the U.S. Senate for promotion to major general. Many well-wishers attended Tuesday's ceremony, including Lt. Gen. Dennis L. Via, who officiated the event. After a 15-cannon salute, there was the traditional passing of the unit colors from Brig. Gen. Perna to Lt. Gen. Via to

Brig. Gen. O'Connell to symbolize the transition of command between the outgoing and incoming commander. "As the joint munition colors were passed from Brig. Gen. Perna to Brig. Gen. O'Connell, the history, traditions and achievements of this magnificent command pass with them, from one tremendous leader to another," Lt. Gen. Via said. ([More](#))

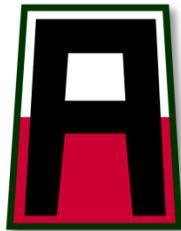


237th Army Birthday: Two hundred and thirty-seven years ago, our Nation's leaders established the Continental Army, beginning a rich heritage of successfully defending this great country and her citizens. Today, we celebrate the continued honor, loyalty and bravery of our Soldiers in this noble calling. Our Soldiers remain Army Strong with a deep commitment to our core values and beliefs. This 237th birthday commemorates America's Army – Soldiers, families and civilians – who are achieving a level of excellence that is truly Army Strong. We also celebrate our local communities for their steadfast support of our Soldiers and families. We are "America's Army: The Strength of the Nation." ([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](#))

Congressmen Warn Defense Cuts Could Mean Arsenal Job Losses:

Unless Congress acts in the next seven months, a plan to shave \$500 billion in defense spending over the next decade could cause "serious" job losses at the Rock Island Arsenal, U.S. Rep. Bobby Schilling warned Monday. The Budget Control Act of 2011 will trigger the "sequester," or cuts, in January 2013 as a result of last year's failure of a bipartisan "supercommittee" to reach consensus on ways to reduce the federal deficit. ([More](#))



Lawmakers: Defense Cuts Could

Hurt Arsenal: Quad-City area lawmakers warned at a forum Monday

Upcoming Dates

- June 2-10:** National River Clean Up Week
- June 2-10:** National Fishing and Boating Week
- 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 18-24:** National Men's Health Week
- 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
- June 26:** U.N. 67th Birthday
- June 27:** PTSD Awareness Day
- June 27:** National HIV Testing Day
- July 1-7:** National Clean Beaches Week
- July 2:** 224th Anniversary of the US Constitution Taking Effect
- July 4:** Independence Day (*Federal Holiday*)
- July 7:** Rock Island Arsenal 150th Celebration



night that looming defense cuts could hurt the military, including the Rock Island Arsenal, even as the three congressmen appearing at the event are divided about how to prevent them. Rep. Bobby Schilling, R-Ill., sponsored the forum at Western Illinois University's riverfront campus. The forum included Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, and Rep. Randy Forbes, a Virginia Republican who chairs the Readiness Subcommittee on the House Armed Services Committee. ([More](#))

DoD Workforce Cuts Sought: Civilian employment at the Defense Department could be cut by 5 percent over five years under the DoD authorization bill approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee. DoD currently has about 764,000 civilian employees, according to the Obama administration's budget document released earlier this year. The Senate bill would apply a similar reduction on the contractor side--although expressed in spending terms because agencies do not directly set the number of employees a contractor assigns to a task—and would lower the salary cap for contractor



executives while adding new whistleblower protections for contractor, although not for federal, employees. The bill further would mirror the House version by continuing and broadening several benefits for civilian employees assigned to combat zones, as well as certain special hiring authorities. Like the House bill, the Senate version backs a 1.7 percent raise for uniformed personnel. ([More](#))

House Passes Bill That Would Block Pay Raises at Defense Dept., VA:

Developments that strike at the federal workforce have been coming quickly lately. In the past few days, House Republicans proposed funding the nation's student loan program with federal retirement money, the House approved legislation that would deny proposed pay raises for more than half the government's civilian employees, and a union complained that a Pentagon policy leaves its civilian workforce "confused and anxious." ([More](#))



Long Lag-Time in Notifying TSP Participants of Breach, Explained:

The Federal Retirement Thrift



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

ALL WELCOME





Investment Board and Serco Inc. took more than six weeks to determine which Thrift Savings Plan participants were affected by the July 2011 cyberattack on a Serco computer, compromising the personal information of more than 123,000 TSP participants, a new account shows. In a response to a query from Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, last week, Greg Long, the board's executive director, provided a timeline explaining the lapse between early April, when Serco notified the board of the July 2011 incident, and late May, when TSP participants and lawmakers were notified. ([More](#))

House Bill Would Freeze Pay For 3rd Year, Increase Oversight of GSA:

The House Appropriations subcommittee on financial services and general government on Wednesday is expected to approve a 2013 spending bill that contains no federal pay raise and would beef up oversight of the General Services Administration in the wake of a spending scandal there. The financial services and general government appropriations bill typically contains a provision raising federal employees'



pay. The fiscal 2013 bill does not, meaning that if it becomes law, federal employees' pay would be frozen for a third straight year. President Obama has proposed a 0.5 percent pay raise. ([More](#))

Army Redefines Employee Eligibility For Civilian Leader Courses:

The Army has redefined employee eligibility for its complement of Civilian Education System leader development courses, as well as the rules for receiving course equivalency credit based on previous military education and training. "We wanted to eliminate any confusion and establish a clearly progressive leader development model for our civilian workforce," said Vicki Brown, chief of the Army's Civilian Training and Leader Development Division, Army G3/5/7 Training Directorate. ([More](#))



Flag Honors for Employees Can Begin:

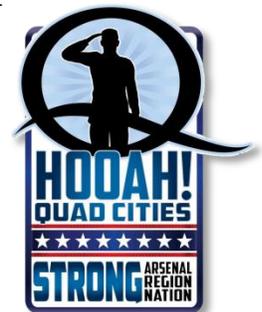
OPM has told agencies to start using authority created in a law passed last December allowing them to present American flags



to the next of kin of federal employees who die of injuries suffered in the line of duty or because of their status as federal workers. A memo said that specific rules are still to come but that for the meantime agencies can make such presentations to an employee's next of kin, or to other persons under certain circumstances. It's estimated that some 3,000 federal employees have died in the line of duty in the last 20 years, including in terrorist attacks. The flag presentation authority does not provide for military-style funeral honors. ([More](#))

Chamber of Commerce Shows Its Support For Military Community:

Hooah! — the expression often uttered by American Soldiers — can mean different things to different people. With the launch of the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce's "Hooah! Quad Cities" initiative, chamber executive vice president Paul Rumler hopes it will mean the Quad-Cities supports the military. "We are a military community," Mr. Rumler said. "We feel it's important for the Quad-Cities to talk about how we rally around our military." ([More](#))



Flowers on the River: On behalf of the Elephant Club, a Group of Ordinary Men Against Domestic Violence, you are invited to their first annual Flowers on the River event. The Flowers on the River Event is Thursday, June 14, at 5 p.m., at Schweibert Park in Rock Island. This event is a way to honor and remember all women and men who have died at the hands of a domestic batterer. It should be a beautiful evening and we are looking to have a great turnout to bring awareness to domestic violence. RIA POC: [Sgt. First Class Belinda Eason](#), Rock Island Arsenal SHARP Program Manager, (309) 782-2528.

RIA 150th Anniversary Celebration

Car Show: Saturday, **July 7**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., there will be no judging or awards for the car show. Just a chance for you to come out and show off your creation and chat with other like-minded individuals. If you're proud of it, come and show it off. Please [fill out car show entry form](#) and email/fax to: Namon Howell, 1 Rock Island Arsenal, Bldg 390, 3 FL/NE, Rock Island, IL 61299-6500; namon.l.howell.civ@mail.mil, fax: (309) 782-8305 (**no later than June 21**)

Official DA Studio Photography:

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



Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site \(VIOS\)](#) for these available times: 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.

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 Clevestine 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. Effective May 25 amateur photographers were eligible 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.

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.**

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Arsenal Traffic/Construction



Various Weekend Closures -

Government Bridge - June 8-Aug. 5:

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 Rock Island 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: **June 8**, beginning at noon through Sunday; **June 10**, at midnight Friday; **June 22**, beginning at noon through Sunday, **June 24**, at midnight Friday; **June 29**, beginning at noon through Sunday, **July 1**, at midnight. "Backup" (Inclement Weather) Weekend Closure(s): Friday, **July 20**, beginning at noon through Sunday, **July 22**, at midnight Friday; **Aug. 3**, beginning at noon through 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.

Building/Space Closures

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

Active Duty/Reserve Zone

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Armed Forces Voters Week June 27 - July 1: Voters Week is designed to create voting awareness and to motivate absentee voters to participate in the general election. Voter Assistance activities will be held at Heritage Hall, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. by Voting Assistance Officers from First Army, Army Sustainment Command and RIA Garrison. The goal is to publicize the importance of early action and planning well in advance of election deadlines by the absentee voter to obtain a ballot for the general election. For further information contact: [Lafayette Ausborn](#), (309) 782-4799 or [Sgt. Maj. Karen Kelly](#), (309) 782-9261.

Report: DoD Benefits Database Rife With Errors: The Senate Armed Services Committee wants quick action to improve the accuracy of the Defense Enrollment Eligibility and Reporting System, both to correct mistakes about beneficiaries qualified to receive health care and other benefits, and to weed out those who are not eligible. In a report filed Monday about the pending 2013 defense authorization bill, the committee



is calling for a swift response to an April 2012 report by the Defense Department inspector general that found 200,000 discrepancies in DEERS, and 2,495 instances in which Tricare health benefits were used by ineligible people. The erroneously paid health care benefits totaled \$11.2 million, according to the Senate committee report. ([More](#))

Policy Change Strips Unit

Commanders of Deciding How to

Handle Reported Rapes: A policy change that strips unit commanders of the authority to decide how to handle reported rapes marks a significant departure from military tradition and, advocates say, could mean more justice for victims. Beginning June 28, company and battalion commanders will no longer have disposition authority for reported rapes, sexual assaults and sodomy, according to the Department of Defense. Instead, senior commanders — at the level of brigade commander or Navy captain — will make the call on how to proceed. The senior officers will decide what initial action is appropriate, “to include whether further action is warranted and if the issue should be resolved by court-martial, non-judicial punishment or adverse administrative action,” according to the new policy. ([More](#))

Pentagon Orders Military Gear

Crackdown After Arizona Issues: The federal agency overseeing the distribution of surplus military gear to police agencies has launched a nationwide effort to reform the program in the aftermath of an Arizona Republic report on apparent abuses at the Pinal County, Ariz., Sheriff’s Office. Tim Hoyle, a spokesman for the Defense Logistics Agency, said new policies are being developed and a new accounting system will be employed to keep track of gear that law-enforcement agencies are able to requisition free. ([More](#))

Obama Announces Military-to-Civilian Skills Certification Program:

President Barack Obama today announced a new presidential initiative aimed at preparing service members for civilian employment. Obama provided details about the military-to-civilian certification program during his visit to a Honeywell International Inc. plant in Golden Valley, Minn. Defense contractor Honeywell reportedly has hired hundreds of military veterans at its plants and facilities since early 2011. ([More](#))

Army Enlisted Involuntary Early Separation Program: Congress

recently amended legislation that expands the Army’s authority to separate Regular Army Enlisted Soldiers prior to their contractual Expiration Term of Service (ETS), from three months to one year. With this expanded authority, the Army can address unit readiness by stabilizing enlisted Soldiers in deploying units at least six months prior to deployment. The current and expanded program apply to Soldiers with more than three years of active service but less than six years total service, assigned to deploying units who are scheduled to ETS within six months of Latest Arrival Date (LAD), have elected not to reenlist or extend, and therefore have insufficient time remaining before ETS to deploy with their units. The Army will not move immediately to a one year early separation. Instead the Army will phase implementation, based on the deploying units LAD. ([More](#))

Military Families to Get Free

National Parks Pass: Active-duty military personnel and their dependents will soon be able to enter every national park for free as part of an effort to thank service members and their families for the sacrifices they make, the Interior Department announced. An annual pass will be made available to members of the military free of charge. The



Equal Opportunity Focus



National Caribbean-American

Heritage Month: ∞ "As we reflect on the myriad ways Caribbean Americans have shaped our country, we join in commemorating the 50th anniversaries of independence in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, and we reaffirm the bonds of friendship we share with our Caribbean neighbors. This month, let us celebrate the essence of the Nation we all love -- an America where so many of our ancestors have come from somewhere else; a society that has been enriched by cultures from around the world." - *President Barack Obama* ([More](#))



DMEO: Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity - Resources:

Dozens of background and policy documents stemming from the congressionally-mandated Military Leadership Diversity Council are now

available on the ODMEO resource webpage. ([More](#))

Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

(MWR): Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs. Also [click here](#) to become a fan on Facebook and stay up to date on all the great MWR offerings here at the Arsenal.

Outdoor Grill 350: The Grill in front of Bldg. 350 will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., effective Wednesday, June 6, weather permitting.

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](#))

Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey

Circus: The circus is coming to the iWireless Center Labor Day weekend. Leisure Travel has discounted tickets on sale now. Adults tickets are \$16 and children under 12 are \$12. We have different times and dates of shows. Date: **Saturday, Sept. 1.**

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



Missoula Children's Theater to Bring Theater to Arsenal Island: The Missoula Children's Theater will be coordinating the play "A Secret Garden" at Rock Island Arsenal **June 25-30**. Local military and military connected children who have completed K-age 18 are eligible to audition to be in the play or be an assistant director. Although not all parts will rehearse all day, in order to be in the play the children must be available for rehearsals at various times between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and all day Saturday that week (they cannot miss a rehearsal). For questions about this opportunity you may contact Child, Youth & School Services at (309) 782-2165 or [email](#). Sign up ends soon and spaces are limited.

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 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.

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

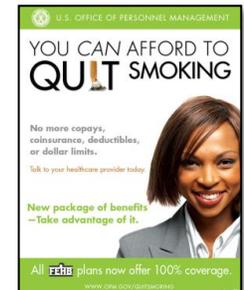


complete a simple online questionnaire. You will receive immediate, customized feedback as well as the opportunity to schedule an appointment for further evaluation if necessary.

Relocation of EAP, ASAP: The Employee Assistance Program/Army Substance Abuse Program relocated to Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East. The EAP/ASAP office provides short-term counseling and referral services for individuals, families, and couples.

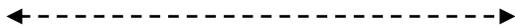
Master's level counselors provide free, confidential assistance. Services can be accessed by calling (309) 782-4357. To learn more about the EAP/ASAP [visit our website](#), or visit the program on [Facebook](#).

Smoking Cessation Group: Start the summer with a healthy plan to quit smoking. The Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational support group for people who would like to quit smoking. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4



p.m., at the EAP office located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East.

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



Education/Training Review



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

Explore Education Options at

GradCenter Night: The QC Graduate Studies Center is hosting GradCenter Night at the iWireless Center. Ten member institutions will be available to discuss graduate degrees and certificates offered locally. For more information, contact the Army Education Center POC

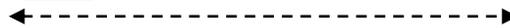
stephanie.e.allers.civ@mail.mil or visit gradcenter.org.

Date: **Tuesday, June 26**

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

GED, ESL, Citizenship Classes,

Testing, Free Study Resources: The Scott Community College Career Assistance Center Offers GED, ESL, and Citizenship classes, as well as testing and free online study sites. Call (563) 326-5319 for a schedule of classes and tests or to obtain more information. ([More](#))



Defense Commissary Agency / PX



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.

Project Healing Waters, May 31-July 25

S & K Sales Company and its participating manufacturers will sponsor this promotion to help raise money for Project Healing Waters, an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that helps wounded veterans and active-duty military recover physically and emotionally by introducing them to the skills of fly fishing. A six-page flyer containing high-value coupons will be distributed in stores during the sale. S & K has provided more than \$350,000 in support of this organization.

Soldiers' Angels Foundation, June 14-

27: Bayer Consumer Care, Glaxo/Smith/Kline Consumer Healthcare, Bausch & Lomb and Merck Consumer Care, along with their broker, Overseas Service Corporation, will sponsor this commissary sales event to help the Soldiers' Angels Foundation. For every dollar spent on participating products from **June 14-27**, the manufacturers mentioned will donate 5¢ to the "Soldiers' Angels Adopt a Soldier" program. As of May 17, there were 298 heroes waiting for adoption on the [Soldiers' Angel website](#). Soldiers'



Angels is a volunteer-led, nonprofit that provides aid and comfort to all military service members and their families. Founded in 2003 by the mother of two American soldiers, its hundreds of thousands of Angel volunteers assist veterans, wounded and deployed personnel and their families. "May No Soldier Go Unloved," encapsulates the motivation behind Soldiers' Angels.

Celebrate Summer with Family, Friends and Food Event, June 14-July 11: Commissaries worldwide will offer extra savings on a variety of ConAgra Foods' summer seasonal products. ConAgra Foods will provide store shoppers with more than 60,000 specialty coupons, each for an additional \$3 off 10 of its participating summer products. Each redeemed coupon will result in a 25¢ donation to the USO - up to \$5,000. A nonprofit, congressionally chartered, private organization, the USO relies on donations from individuals, organizations and corporations to support its activities.

Celebrate Your Pet Sale: Continuing through **June 30**, Nestle Purina Pet Care is offering discounts on pet food and litter items. Details for commissary shopping sprees will also be available on in-store displays.

Savings Spectacular: From **June 28-July 25**, Del Monte Foods will offer savings of up to 50 percent on a variety of dog snacks, and dog and cat food from 12 leading brands.

Your Pet, Your Family Picture Post Contest!: During July, Mars Pet Care will run a photo contest and present 100 winners with a \$50 Commissary Gift Card. Contest details will be available through in-store display material. To enter, patrons can email a picture of their pet and any Mars Pet product to petphoto@marmilitary.com. In support of this event, Mars will offer savings on a variety of Whiskas, Cesar and Pedigree products.



Arsenal Archive

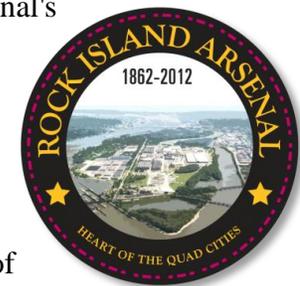
Information for the *Arsenal Archive* is made available by the [Rock Island Arsenal Museum](#). The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 pm. Closed Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free.

RIA 150 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.

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."

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**

Rock Island Arsenal Has Hosted Many Famous Visitors: Many famous individuals have visited the Rock Island Arsenal during the course of its 150-year history. Among the more notable to have visited the island are: Gen. William T. Sherman, Gen. Phillip H. Sheridan, Secretary of War William Howard Taft, Maj. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Charles Lindbergh, Arthur Godfrey, Victor

Borge, Telly Savalas, President Jimmy Carter, Sen. John Kerry, and U.S. Senator-elect Barack Obama. ([More](#))

Dad Won Merit For Arsenal

Efficiencies: It was 1938, and 24-year-old Oscar Klinkhammer, living in tiny Almena, Wis., with his wife and two young daughters, decided to answer an ad for government workers. He had no idea what the job would be or even where it would take him. Three years passed before he found out. On a Friday in March 1941, a letter appeared "out of the blue," asking him to appear for an exam the following Monday at the Rock Island Arsenal, more than 300 miles away, relates his daughter, Doris Nelson of Davenport. ([More](#))

Machinist Program a Minnis Family

Affair: A third generation of the Minnis family could soon attach its name to the Rock Island Arsenal's machinist apprentice program. Gene Minnis, 75, went through what was a program of the Arsenal Operations Directorate, as one of the first black men, graduating in 1971. He was followed by his daughter, Carla Walker, 51, who graduated from the four-year program in 1984, followed by her brother, Roy Minnis, 49, in 1992. ([More](#))

Workforce is an Ever-Changing

Landscape: The demographics, pay scales and top jobs of the Rock Island Arsenal workforce over the years offer reflections of the eras for which such statistics are readily available. Following are the statistics and some of the forces at work for several of the earlier years of the Arsenal's existence, as well as the makeup of the Arsenal's workforce in 2012. ([More](#))

Westphal Meets Those Charged With Protecting, Preserving Army History:

Under Secretary of the Army Dr. Joseph W. Westphal visited the U.S. Army Center of Military History's Museum Support Center Facility to gain situational awareness and view the impressive collection of over 16,000 pieces of American history housed in the state-of-the-art facility. Rob Dalessandro, executive director, U.S. Army Center of Military History, and Charles H. Cureton, chief of the U.S. Army Center of Military History's Museums Division, explained the role of the support center and introduced Westphal to the skilled workforce, comprised of a crew of 32 who restore and carefully manage hundreds of years of Army history. ([More](#))



This Week in Rock Island Arsenal

History – June 4-10: On June 4, 1984, the protestors failed to shutdown the RIA on "Project Disarm" day. The last of 100 Mark VIII Tanks assembled at the RIA was completed June 5, 1920. The order for 100 tanks was completed in 286 days. On June 6, 1898, the RIA commander received an order to procure from private contractors 10,000 additional outfits of cavalry and horse equipment. The Spanish-American War had caused a critical demand for equipment. On June 7, 1871, Gen. Thomas Rodman, "Father of the RIA" died. He died while in the midst of completing his grand plan for the RIA. On June 8, 1871, the first iron casting made at the RIA was for the iron columns used in the construction of Shop C (Bldg. 104). Gen. Rodman's funeral was on June 9, 1871, at the RIA. It was one of the largest funerals held in the Quad Cities.

Healthbeat

New E-Learning Catalog Offers Courses Related to Health and Medicine:

Access to hundreds of health, medical and related training courses developed for federal workers just got easier with the launch of a joint

Department of Defense and Veterans Health Affairs electronic learning initiative. The Federal Health Care Consortium catalog includes 360 courses from 14 federal agencies, including many with credit and certificate opportunities. Richard Lussier, Ph.D., from the VHA's employee education system, coordinates the interagency shared training effort. "The beauty of this catalog is it's the first time we've made all this training available at a single location, readily accessible to the learner. You can identify, select a course and then the system will take you to the server hosting the training," Lussier said. ([More](#))

High Fructose Corn Syrup Can't Disguise Itself As 'Corn Sugar,' FDA Decides:

The days of food and beverage makers hiding the gargantuan sugar content of high fructose corn syrup under the deceptive label of "corn sugar" are over following a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) decision that prohibits the common industry practice. According to recent reports, FDA regulators said they made the move to clear up any confusion about the definition of "sugar." It's a rule change that comes at a time when high fructose or high sugar content foods are

coming under increasing scrutiny by healthcare advocates and policymakers alike as one of the leading causes of the nation's obesity epidemic. ([More](#))

Health Clinic Announcement: Health Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. Clinic closed **June 15** for mandatory training. For any issues or concerns with the RIAHC clinic please call our customer support line (309) 782-0721.

Notes for Veterans

New Education Benefit for Unemployed Veterans Has Strong Response:

Within two weeks of being announced, a program to give skills training to some unemployed Veterans has garnered over 12,000 online applications, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. "VA is committed to supporting Veterans as they seek employment. This initiative will help provide education and training so that Veterans have an opportunity to find meaningful employment in a high-demand field," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "We will continue to build on the success of our initial outreach efforts to Veterans." ([More](#))



Veterans Pension Program Is Being

Abused, Report Says: A yearlong investigation into a federal pension program for low-income veterans has concluded that weak oversight and unclear rules have made the system ripe for abuse, including by financial planners and lawyers who help well-off retirees qualify for benefits by transferring or hiding assets. The report by the Government Accountability Office, to be released on Wednesday, found that more than 200 firms had sprouted up across the country to help veterans “restructure” assets so they can appear indigent and therefore eligible for tax-free pensions, which can pay more than \$20,000 a year. ([More](#))

Military Veterans: The “Got Your Six” Project:

The "Got Your Six" project links studios, networks, guilds and others with dozens of non-profits in a bi-partisan campaign to help those who served in the U.S. military. Tom Hanks, Alec Baldwin, Michael Douglas and Tracy Morgan are among the stars who will participate in public service announcements in support of the newly launched Got Your Six campaign, aimed at improving the image of America's military veterans and helping them successfully reintegrate into civilian life. ([More](#))

VOW to Hire Heroes Act 2011: Apply now for VA program to expand career and education opportunities. Visit www.benefits.va.gov/VOW to learn more about how the Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 can make a difference in your transition. The Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, provides seamless transition for Servicemembers, expands education and training opportunities for Veterans, and provides tax credits for employers who hire Veterans with service-connected disabilities. ([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.

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: [6th Annual Healthy Living Fair](#) (Freight House, Davenport)
June 16: [13th Annual Quad Cities Triathlon](#)
June 16-17: [Greek Cultural Festival](#) (East Moline)



June 17: [Ride the River](#) (RiverWay Trails, Iowa & Ill.)
June 17: [Centennial Park Summer CRAZE](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
June 20-23: [21st Annual Quad-Cities Senior Olympics](#) (Rock Island)
June 22: [Countryside Community Theater](#) (North Scott HS, Eldridge, Iowa)
June 22-24: [Midwest Mountain Bike Festival](#) (Scott County Park, Parkview, Iowa)
June 23: [Run for the Hills XC](#) (Crow Creek Park, Bettendorf)
June 23: [Royal Ball Run for Autism 5K](#) (Milan HyVee)
June 23: [Flick and Float](#) (Annie Wittenmyer Aquatic Center, Davenport)
June 24: [QC Jewish Feast-ival](#) (Tri City Jewish Center, Rock Island)
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 4: [Recycled Float Race](#) (Rock Island)
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. 3: [Flamingo Fling Art Auction & Party](#) (Quad City Botanical Center)
Aug. 9-11: [Great River Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa / Port Byron, Ill.)
Aug. 10-11: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District)
Aug. 11-12: [11th Annual Illinois Renewable Energy & Sustainable Lifestyle Fair](#) (Oregon, Ill.)
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](#) (Greenville 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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As a committed Civilian member of the Army team, I am enforcing the Army Standards of Conduct*. I am also accountable to those standards. My strength and determination are helping to eliminate Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault from within our community. I am a force in the fight to Protect My Team.



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*Joint Ethics Regulation, DODD 5500-7R, Chapter 12, Sections 3, 4, 5.