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Island Insight



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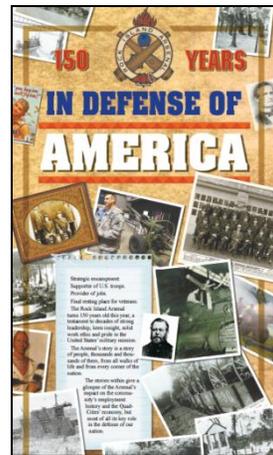
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The Arsenal at 150: A long effort to establish an armory at Rock Island on the Mississippi River in Illinois was rewarded on July 11, 1862, when President Abraham Lincoln signed an act creating a national arsenal there. In the 150 years that have followed, the Rock Island Arsenal has had a major

impact on the Quad-Cities and the military personnel it has supported around the world. To commemorate the Arsenal's rich history and sesquicentennial, The Dispatch, The Rock Island Argus and the Quad-City Times have collaborated to produce this site, a special print section and DVD. Special thanks go to

the Arsenal historians, civilian and military personnel who provided invaluable assistance and resources, and to the project's platinum sponsor, the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce. ([More](#))



Rock Island Arsenal at a Crossroads:

As it marks its 150th anniversary, the Rock Island Arsenal is once again searching for its place in a post-war world of budget cuts and declining demand for its products. Congress has approved \$487 billion in defense spending cuts over the next decade and another \$500 billion in cutbacks are scheduled to begin in January unless lawmakers reach agreement on specific budget targets. ([More](#))



Tales of Life on Arsenal Island: The Arsenal that helped protect our nation left life-changing impressions on thousands of Quad-Citians. Today, we share excerpts of readers' recollections, sent as letters to the Quad-City Times, the Dispatch and Rock Island Argus. ([More](#))



Rock Island Arsenal Museum Offers History In One Spot: Every museum has a focal point, a centerpiece that draws the most attention from visitors.

In the case of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum, it's the 1,200 guns that line the glass-enclosed, locked walls. "It's like that scene in 'The Matrix' where they see all those weapons," said Mark Kane from the Garrison Public Affairs Office at the Arsenal. "Most people want to come in and see the small arms. That's the wow factor when they come in the museum," said Jodean Murdock, the curator of education. "When kids come in, it's like, 'Oh, those guns!'" ([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



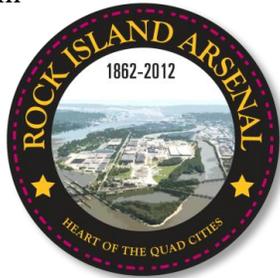
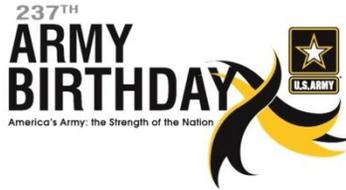
Upcoming Dates

- 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
- July 8-13:** National Fraud Awareness Week
- July 11:** 150th Anniversary - Rock Island Arsenal Established by Act of Congress
- July 20:** 43rd Anniversary of the Moon Landing
- July 21:** 68th Anniversary of Guam Liberation From Japanese Occupation
- July 21:** 82nd Veterans Administration Birthday
- July 22:** National Parents Day
- July 23:** 65th AMVETS Birthday



are "America's Army: The Strength of the Nation." ([More](#)) ([Secretary McHugh](#)) ([Army Chief of Staff](#))

A General Invitation: On June 14, we celebrate the 237th birthday of one of America's most trusted institutions. Our Army — your Army — honors those soldiers past and present, serving our homeland and in more than 90 countries worldwide, and their families who have endured and sacrificed so much for us. From across the Arsenal, we unite with the Quad-Cities to celebrate our Army's past, our 237 years of progress, and our future. Challenges lie ahead, however your Army leaders remain confident that we will sustain our strength, readiness and commitment as America's vanguard. The strength of our Army is found in America's sons, daughters, fathers and mothers guided by our core values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service,



honor, integrity and personal courage. The dedication and perseverance of our soldiers, families and civilians — stands in testament of your Army's excellence. Completion of our Iraq mission and progress in Afghanistan highlight the successes of our soldiers, Marines, airmen, sailors and civilians. Clearly, significant threats remain. Rest assured that your Army stands ready to safeguard the freedoms we hold as absolutes. As the senior leaders of Rock Island Arsenal, we ask you to pause and reflect with pride to honor and recognize the greatness that is America's Army — the strength of our nation. We also extend to you an invitation to join us at Rock Island Arsenal's 150th anniversary celebration July 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. here on the Arsenal. Please save the date. We hope to see you there. - Lt. Gen. Mick Bednarek, First Army; - Maj. Gen. Pat McQuiston, Army Sustainment Command; - Brig. Gen. Kevin O'Connell, Joint Munitions Command ([More](#))

Sequestration Equals Meat Clever To National Defense: For the past year, our leaders have been at odds concerning the best way to balance our nation's budget. The enactment of the Budget Control Act of 2011 was intended to resolve the impasse and included spending cuts. It

RIA 150th Anniversary Celebration

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

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

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

Event for the Whole Community

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

No animals allowed at event (except for service animals)

Fun Activities for all Ages

WELCOME



also required a congressional super committee to agree on at least \$1.2 trillion in budget cuts or face a mandate of across the board cuts, or sequestration effective January 2013. ([More](#))

Senate Committee Passes Measures to Increase Workload at Rock Island Arsenal

Arsenal: U.S. Senators Mark Kirk (R-IL), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Tom Harkin (D-IA) announced that major portions of their bill to help increase the workload and help ensure the long-term health of Rock Island Arsenal were included in report language that is part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. ([More](#))



Commerce Relies on the Corps: As the Rock Island Arsenal celebrates its 150th anniversary, a part of that history involves the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a longtime tenant on the island. The history of the U.S. Corps of Engineers dates back more than 200 years. But locally, Corps presence was established in the 1870s, and later the Rock Island district



oversaw the building of the entire lock and dam system on the Mississippi River. “The Corps came here to work on the navigational channel,” said Ron Dice, a historical archeologist with the Corps, based at the Arsenal. “They originally were sent to Keokuk.” ([More](#))

Senate Panel Advances Bill With No Provision For Pay Raise

A Senate panel has approved a spending bill that contains no pay raise for 2013. The bill passed Tuesday by the Senate subcommittee on financial services and general government funds a variety of agencies, including the IRS and the General Services Administration. The annual spending bill typically contains a provision raising federal employees’ pay. A Senate source familiar with the legislation could not explain why the bill contained no pay raise provision or whether it might be added later in the process. The Senate Appropriations Committee is scheduled to consider the bill Thursday. President Obama proposed a 2013 budget that includes a 0.5 percent pay raise for federal employees. ([More](#))



Further Defense Cuts Could Reach \$100B, Levin Says

If a deficit-reduction deal is reached, it could include \$100 billion more in defense cuts over the next decade, according to the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. That would be in addition to the \$487 billion the Pentagon is already shaving off its projected spending over the next 10 years. However, it is far less than the additional \$500 billion in automatic cuts that would be enforced under sequestration. ([More](#))

DoD Freezes Conferences, Associated Travel

The Defense Department has ordered a freeze on all large-scale conferences and conference-related travel, pending a sweeping review that aims to cut travel costs across the department. The order, signed on June 3 by Deputy Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, orders the military service chiefs to review all upcoming conferences costing more than \$100,000 to ensure that they “significantly further the Department’s mission.” ([More](#))



Army Civilian Training, Leader

Development: The Army G-37/TR - Civilian Training and Leader Development Division is responsible for providing the strategy, policy, resourcing and programming for the Army Civilian Corps training and leader development programs. The division strives to ensure civilians have the opportunity to pursue the training, education and operational experiences necessary to develop leader competencies and enhance their functional and technical capabilities essential to the accomplishment of the Army mission. ([More](#))

TSP Executive Director Gives Update On Data Breach:

It's been nearly three weeks since the Thrift Savings Plan board announced a data breach of 123,000 TSP accounts, and since then, the board has been fielding questions from participants, Congress and the media. One of the most common questions: Is my account safe? ([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.

Safety Awareness Day: To better promote Safety Awareness among our soldiers, civilians and families, the Rock Island Arsenal Garrison is hosting a "Safety Awareness Day" on Thursday, **June 28**, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bldg. 60 cafeteria. 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.

ARMY SAFE IS ARMY STRONG

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.

CHRA Award Ceremony Invitation:

CHRA's North Central Region has been honored with consecutive year Kushnick Award winners. Ed Kall won this prestigious honor in 2011 and Nancy Lane was this year's award recipient. The William H. Kushnick award was established in 1968 by a group of prominent citizens who had served on the staff of the Secretary of War during World War II. This annual award recognizes the most outstanding singular achievement of an Army employee in Civilian Human Resources. Please join us in congratulating Ed and Nancy on **June 28**, 2-3 p.m., in the North Central Regional Conference Room, Bldg. 104, first floor, where cake and punch will be served.



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**)

Blood Drive: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the **Arsenal Club** (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, June 15, 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](#).

Cpl. Joshua D. Palmer Tribute & Remembrance Ride: AUSA is sponsoring the Cpl. Joshua D. Palmer Tribute & Remembrance Ride on Saturday, **June 23**, at The Annex, 710 E. Main St., LaHarpe, Ill. Sign-up/donations will be 8-9 a.m.; ride kick-

off at 10 a.m. A donation dinner and auction will take place at 5 p.m. POC: Doug & Carol Palmer (309) 652-3383 or (309) 313-3771. Proceeds to benefit the Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of AUSA supporting Wounded Warriors, Veterans, and active duty.

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.

Wolfpack Semi-Pro Football:

Davenport's 5th rated semi-pro football team will have a second home game on **June 23**, at Brady Street Stadium, Davenport. A portion of each ticket will be donated to Kings Harvest Capital campaign. King Harvest provides food and shelter to the homeless in the Quad City area. Come and cheer them on. Time: **5 p.m.**

Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop &

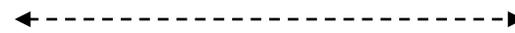
Boutique: Thrift Shop is closed **June 8 until July 17** for Summer Break. One exception, the shop will open to celebrate the Arsenal 150th Anniversary on **July 7**. After that, we reopen for our new season at 9 a.m. on **July 17**. Add these dates to your calendar. See you then. POC: (309) 782-6977.

Esprit de Corps Toastmasters: This is the last meeting of the Toastmasters

year, however it could be the first meeting of your Toastmasters year. While our 2011-2012 officers transition to our new ones, you can transition to new friends, new skill with your visit to and or joining our club. We welcome all, prospects Island, town or contractors.

Date: **Wednesday, June 20**

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



Arsenal Traffic/Construction



Various Weekend Closures -

Government Bridge: June 1 – July 1:

The Government Bridge will be closed on the weekends listed below for touchup painting and maintenance. Commuters should also expect Intermittent Lane Closures during "non-peak" traffic hours (8:30 a.m. - 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: • Friday, **June 22**, beginning at Noon thru Sunday, **June 24**, at Midnight • Friday, **June 29**, beginning at Noon thru Sunday, **July 1**, at Midnight. "Backup" (Inclement Weather and/or optional) Weekend Closure(s): • Friday, **July 20**, beginning at Noon thru Sunday, **July 22**, at Midnight • Friday, **Aug. 3**, beginning at Noon thru Sunday, **Aug. 5**, at Midnight

Davenport River Drive Closure: On Tuesday, May 29, Davenport Public Works closed River Drive from Iowa Street to Oneida Ave to begin underground utility improvements and re-surfacing. This is Phase I of a three Phase project. Phase I will close River Drive until **mid to late July**. Phase II and III are not expected to close the road completely. We expect to have one lane



open in each direction. Those phases will not start until Phase I is complete. Overall, River Drive is not going to be a commute of choice for several months and detours will be in place.

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

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

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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Soldiers Who Don't Re-Enlist Could Face Involuntary Early Separation:
The Army is expanding its Enlisted Involuntary Early Separation Program.

Jim Bragg, the chief of retention and reclassification branch at Army Human Resource Command says the move "is a readiness program, not a force reduction program." Under the program, enlisted soldiers who choose not to re-enlist could be subject to involuntary early separation. The program affects soldiers who have more than three years active duty service but less than six years total service. ([More](#))

Proposed Changes to GI Bill Focus On Preparing Veterans For College:

Another year, another major overhaul for veterans' GI Bill benefits. Lawmakers and veterans groups are again pushing for improvements to the post-9/11 GI Bill, a 3-year-old benefit that was itself a dramatic update to the traditional post-military education offerings. The benefit allows any veteran with at least three years' service since late 2001 to complete a four-year degree program at state public colleges free of charge. It also includes a monthly living stipend and provisions to transfer unused education funds to veterans' spouses or children. ([More](#))

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.

Safety Spotlight

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Safety Awareness Day: To better promote Safety Awareness among our soldiers, civilians and families, the Rock Island Arsenal Garrison is hosting a "Safety Awareness Day" on Thursday, **June 28**, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bldg. 60 cafeteria. 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.



Summer Fire Safety: Summer is upon us and the Rock Island Arsenal Fire Department wishes you a fun and action packed season. Before you go out, we would like you to take the time to review some important information. Many of your outdoor activities will involve grilling, fireworks and camping in parks and resorts throughout the country. Large areas at this time are going thru some of their driest summers to date and already have forest fires affecting those areas. When you travel be aware of conditions and keep informed of changes. Wild fires can travel at great speeds and engulf entire hillsides in a moment's notice. Forest fires can easily jump over roadways and smoke will reduce visibility for you as well as others. Follow all emergency directions immediately for your protection. Grilling is a national past time, it is also associated with many injuries and fire loss. Have children and pets away from all cooking, grilling and campfires without proper supervision. With summer weather we bring the risk of severe storms often with lightning and thunder. I have included some tips to inform you of their dangers. Also have a weather radio available when out. No Fourth of July celebration would be complete without

fireworks. We ask that you be very careful with them. The potential for harm is great. Follow some of these simple rules and they will light up your night and not yourself. Do download these fact sheets and take them with you. Have a wonderful summer and a safe summer from the Rock Island Arsenal Fire Department. - *Pat Behr, Fire Inspector, Rock Island Arsenal*
([Fireworks Safety](#)) ([Brush, Grass or Forest Fires](#)) ([Grilling Safety](#)) ([Lightning Safety](#))

Motorcycle Safety Course: The USAG Safety Office will be sponsoring upcoming Motorcycle Rider Courses. This cycle rider safety training program will be certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The courses are designed to help riders manage their risk and increase their skills through riding and classroom instruction. Per DODI 6055.4, DoD Traffic Safety Program, military personnel who operate motorcycles must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways and must have successfully completed an approved rider or operator safety course meeting the MSF-based State-approved curriculum. Any Soldier operating a motorcycle on the Rock Island Arsenal must be in possession of an MSF card when they ride to verify

completion of required training. The next one-day Experienced Rider Courses are scheduled to be conducted on **July 17, 18 or 19**. Registration for all courses is through the web-based AIRS system at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS>. For further information, please contact [Michael Chaplin](#), IMRI-SO, at (309) 782-2314/1380, or [Nancy Carlson](#), IMRI-SO, at (309) 782-2309.

Equal Opportunity Focus

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](#))

Federal Government Falling Short On Hiring Disabled:

The federal government is not meeting its goal of becoming a model employer for hiring people with disabilities, according to a Government Accountability Office report. In 2010, President Obama signed an executive order calling for federal agencies to hire 100,000 workers with disabilities over the next five years; two years later, only 20,000 employees with disabilities are now working feds.

([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.

Friday, July 6, Rock Island Arsenal 150th Anniversary Golf Tournament:

Get your foursome together and see if your game is good enough to be crowned Arsenal Champs. This four

person, best-ball style tournament is \$65/player (\$50 for annual pass holders) and includes golf, cart, a lunch buffet, and lots of prizes and giveaways. Call (309) 793-1604 for more info and to sign-up. ([Flyer](#))

New Session of Fitness Center Classes Begin Week of June 18:

We have added additional sessions of Zumba on Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:45-6:45pm. Also come check out our new power yoga class. It will change your perception of yoga, bring a towel because you are going to sweat! Complete [class schedule](#) or (309) 782-6787.

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.

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](#))

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.

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**



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**

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)**



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.

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.**



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 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.

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.

Army Substance Abuse Program

Snapshot: The Army Substance Abuse Program would like to announce the addition of its licensed clinical addictions specialist, Consuela Rogers, MSW, CCS, LCSW, LCAS, effective Jan. 1. She comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in ASAP, domestic violence, child protective services, community mental health, state psychiatric hospitalization of co morbid disorders, and a general love of working with people. She will provide clinical services for all service members who have issues with alcohol and drugs through self, command, medical, chaplain, and medical referrals, etc. She is located in Bldg. 56, office 112. She can be reached at (309) 782-2553 (office) or (309) 206-6563 (BlackBerry®). She covers Rock Island Arsenal and Fort McCoy, Wis. She is more than happy to assist you with your



needs. Please use the following procedures: ★ Complete the 8003 referral form and email it to Consuela.rogers@us.army.mil or bring it with you to the appointment; services cannot be provided without it. The form must be signed by your command. • Call for an intake appointment (paperwork to be completed on site. Please do not use the 7099 online). Please have the service member's full name and social security number when you call. ★ The Soldier must be present for an appointment (make sure he/she has numbers and an email for your command). • The service member will complete all paperwork taking anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour, depending on service member's comprehension, physical disposition, and mental status. Assessment to follow (approximately one hour depending on circumstances). The service member does not have to be escorted unless command is unsure they will make it or be punctual. ★ Immediately following the appointment, a Rehabilitation Team Meeting must occur with Rogers, Soldier, and the unit commander and/or first sergeant. ★ RTM consists of discussion of assessment, feedback from command, feedback from service member, enrollment decision, testing requirements, expectations of each



party, and next appointment. ★ All Soldiers enrolled in the program will undergo mandatory testing at the unit. Testing for ASAP must be coded RO, which means testing in addition to unit testing. Enrollment does require mandatory testing once a month (may be more depending on the drug utilized and therapeutic concerns). ★ Regulation supporting the ASAP is 600-85. Please familiarize and govern yourselves accordingly. ★ Hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at RIA. Rogers travels to Fort McCoy a minimum of two - three days a month. During those times, she can be reached on her BlackBerry®. There will usually be a message on her phone and an email indicating her travel status.

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.

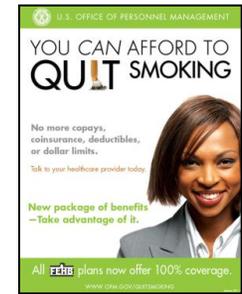


Relocation of EAP, ASAP: The Employee Assistance Program/Army Substance Abuse Program relocated to Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East. The EAP/ASAP office provides short-term counseling and referral services for individuals, families, and couples. Master's level counselors provide free,



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: Do you want to learn effective ways to kick the habit? 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 wing.



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.**

RIA AUSA Scholarship Application: The Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the



Association of the United States Army thanks you for your scholarship application to further your education. This scholarship is open to applicants meeting the eligibility criteria stated in the instructions. Previous recipients of any of our scholarships are not eligible for consideration. Please ensure your application is complete before mailing. The application may be disqualified if any required item is not included. The envelope must be postmarked no later than **June 30**. ([Application](#))

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.

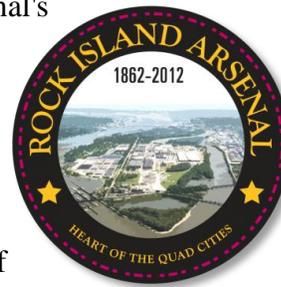


Arsenal Archive

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

Anniversary, **June 14**, 12-1 p.m., George Eaton, ASC Historian, will present "Battles of Credit Island and Campbell's Island, War of 1812." Sponsored by the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society, these lunch and learns will be held the second Thursday of each month in 2012. Join us in the



Caisson Room, Bldg. 60, first floor, south wing, 12-1 p.m. As these presentations occur during lunchtime, you may bring a brown bag lunch or purchase food at the adjacent food court. Employees can sign up for these professional development opportunities in [TEDs](#) (Search Term "History Breaks"). If you don't have access to [TEDs](#), please call Kris Leinicke at (309) 782-3518 to make a reservation. Due to the size of the Caisson Room, participation is limited to 50. Upcoming presentations include: **July 12**, George Eaton, ASC Historian, will present a "History of Rock Island Arsenal" and **Aug. 9**, Benny Wild, will present "Historical Modernization of Rock Island Arsenal Buildings."

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



This Week in Rock Island Arsenal

History – June 11-17: On June 11, 1907, William H. Taft, the future 27th President of the U.S., visited the RIA while serving as Secretary of War. On June 12, 1917, Congress appropriated \$1,500,000 for a new proving grounds to be located on 13,000 acres of land near Savanna, Ill. On June 13, 1871, the stone construction began on Shop D (Bldg. 61). In June 1962, radio station WHBF sponsored a luncheon in the RIA Cafeteria to commemorate the RIA Centennial Anniversary. Arthur Godfrey was the guest of honor. On June 14, 1871, Congress cited Rock Island as a government reservation according to Major D. W. Flagler's "Ordnance Memoranda No. 20, A History of the Rock Island Arsenal." On June 15, 1871, Maj. Daniel W. Flagler assumed command of the RIA. He relinquished his command on April 30, 1886. In June 1917, Miss Nellie Cue became the RIA's first forelady. She was forelady in the cloth department of the harness shop. On June 17, 1967, the Ramsey Test Track for combat vehicles was dedicated. The testing facility is 6,487 feet in length and laid out in figure-eight configuration. The track was designed to road test as many as four vehicles, weighing up to 6½ tons each, at one time.

Healthbeat

Sexually-Transmitted Superbug Could Be Major Crisis: A major public health crisis is emerging, in the form of a sexually-transmitted disease that doesn't respond to antibiotics, World Health Organization officials said Wednesday. Gonorrhea is one of the most common sexually-transmitted infections. It is spread through oral, vaginal and anal sex. About 106 million people worldwide become infected every year. "Once this organism develops full resistance to this last antibiotic that we have, we have nothing else to offer to these patients," says Dr. Manjula Lusti-Narasimhan, scientist at the Department of Reproductive Health and Research at WHO. The organization has just released a global action plan encouraging greater awareness and advocacy, research, increased prevention efforts and monitoring of gonorrhea treatment failure. The same sorts of prevention messages apply for gonorrhea as for HIV/AIDS: Practice safe sex - correct and consistent use of condoms - and limit the number of sexual partners. ([More](#))

Health Clinic Announcement: Health Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. Clinic closed June 15 for mandatory training. Clinic closed Staff Meeting/Training June 29 at 11:30 a.m. For any issues or concerns with the RIAHC clinic please call our customer support line (309) 782-0721.

Notes for Veterans

VA Launches Virtual Hiring Event For Veterans: The Department of Veterans Affairs is taking its jobs fair to Detroit later this month — Just don't call it a jobs fair. VA calls it a hiring event, because employers will be equipped to make job offers on site. And it won't be accessible only in Detroit June 25-29. But servicemembers at five bases will have virtual access. VA will offer teleconferencing at Fort Drum, N.Y., Fort Knox, Ky., Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Fort Riley, Kans. Mary Santiago, VA's director for employment services, said the hiring event will have 21 thousand jobs available. She says at a similar event in D.C., 14 percent of the attendees ended up with jobs. ([More](#))

Pentagon Soon to Spend More On Vets' Benefits Than Active Personnel, Study Says: A new bipartisan study



projects that by 2014 the Pentagon will spend more on veterans' benefits than on active duty servicemembers, according to a story in U.S. News & World Report. As a decade of war slows down, the Bipartisan Policy Center report expects health care and other retirement benefit costs to pick up speed in a few years. According to the article, military retirement cost \$52.2 billion last year; by 2035, that cost is expected to more than double to \$116.9 billion. ([More](#))

VA Medical Article Discusses Specialized Iraq and Afghanistan Veteran Health Care Needs:

Department of Veterans Affairs clinicians offer a comprehensive review of the health concerns of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans and practical management guidelines for primary care providers in an article entitled Post Deployment Care for Returning Combat Veterans, and published in Journal of General Internal Medicine (JGIM). "We at VA are always seeking ways to improve the quality of health care we provide to our Veterans," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "This article provides valuable insight into the fastest-growing segment of the Veteran population at a time they are

currently returning from combat." ([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 13-16: [Sturgis Mississippi River Motorcycle Rally](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
July 14: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
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: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
Aug. 11-12: [11th Annual Illinois Renewable Energy & Sustainable Lifestyle Fair](#) (Oregon, Ill.)
Aug. 15: [Quad Cities Pink Heals Tour](#) (Faye's Field, Bettendorf)
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: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
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: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
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)



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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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