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# Island Insight



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## Rock Island Arsenal 150<sup>th</sup>

**Anniversary Celebration:** The Rock Island Arsenal 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, including performances by the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, the USO band and the Circurious acrobatic troupe, will take place Saturday, **July 7**, at the Rock Island Arsenal.



Bring your chairs and enjoy lots of fun for the whole family! The celebration is free and open to the public and will begin with a parade at 10 a.m.; a USO show at 12, 2, & 4 p.m.; and tours of Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, Locks and Dam 15, the Navy Operational Support Center, COL Davenport House, and Quarters One; as well as

narrated bus tours of Arsenal Island. Gates open at 9 a.m. Driver's license or state IDs will be required for those over the age of 16. Potential access limits to foreign nationals. No animals allowed except for a service animal. A copy of the brochure detailing the event is located at [www.aschq.army.mil/supportingdocs/150thAnniversary.pdf](http://www.aschq.army.mil/supportingdocs/150thAnniversary.pdf) ... [www.facebook.com/events/344653262267023/](https://www.facebook.com/events/344653262267023/) and <http://ria150.army.mil>



**Loebsack, Schilling Honor Rock Island Arsenal's 150 Years of Service to Nation:** Congressmen Dave Loebsack (IA-02) and Bobby Schilling (IL-17) today introduced a bipartisan Resolution in the House of Representatives to recognize the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rock Island Arsenal and its ongoing contributions to our nation's security and the Quad Cities economy. On July 11, 1862, President Lincoln signed into law legislation that established the Arsenal. Over the years, the workforce of the Rock Island Arsenal has equipped our men and women in uniform, and the Arsenal has long played a key role in job creation and economic development throughout the Quad Cities. "The men and women who have worked at the Arsenal over the past 150 years have one thing in common- dedication to our nation's defense and providing for those who wear our nation's uniform," said Loebsack. "Since it was first established, Rock Island Arsenal has played a critical role in our nation's defense and in job creation and economic development in the Quad



Cities. As we mark this historic occasion, I will continue to work with the Quad Cities community and the bipartisan, bicameral congressional delegation to ensure that Rock Island Arsenal continues its 150 year tradition of playing a central role for the Army, in equipping our troops, and in the Quad Cities." "The Rock Island Arsenal and its hard working employees have made remarkable, vital contributions to our national security and our area's economy in the 150 years since its establishment," said Schilling. "As I've said before, the Arsenal is truly a national treasure that should be preserved and protected. It's an honor to represent the Arsenal and the men and women it employs, and I will continue to be a strong advocate along with the folks from the Quad Cities area so that the Arsenal can be around for another 150 years." A copy of the full resolution can be [found here](#). ([Senate resolution](#))

### **District Welcomes New Commander:**

Command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, changed hands today during a ceremony on Arsenal Island at



**US Army Corps of Engineers®**  
Rock Island District

## Upcoming Dates

- July 3:** National Stay Out of the Sun Day
- July 4:** Independence Day (*Federal Holiday*)
- July 4:** Earth at Aphelion
- July 7:** **RIA 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration** 🏰
- July 8-13:** National Fraud Awareness Week
- July 11:** 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Rock Island Arsenal Established by Act of Congress
- July 11:** World Population Day
- July 15:** National Ice Cream Day
- July 15-21:** Captive Nations Week
- July 16:** National Hug Your Kids Day
- July 20:** 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Moon Landing
- July 21:** 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Guam Liberation From Japanese Occupation
- July 21:** 82<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Administration Birthday
- July 22:** National Parents Day
- July 23:** 65<sup>th</sup> AMVETS Birthday
- July 24:** National Tell An Old Joke Day
- July 24:** 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia
- July 26:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Americans With Disabilities Act
- July 26:** 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of U.S. Army Desegregation
- July 26:** National Aunt and Uncle Day
- July 27:** National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- July 28:** World Hepatitis Day
- July 29:** Army Chaplain Corps 237<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- July 30:** 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Medicare and Medicaid
- Aug. 1-7:** National Farmers Market Week
- Aug. 3-4:** Iowa Tax Free Weekend 🏰
- Aug. 4:** U.S. Coast Guard 222<sup>nd</sup> Birthday
- Aug. 5:** Patriot Guard Riders 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Aug. 5:** Friendship Day
- Aug. 5:** National KidsDay
- Aug. 6:** Anniversary of Voting Rights Act of 1965



Historic Quarters One. Col. Mark Deschenes became the 47<sup>th</sup> Rock Island District commander, assuming command from Col. Shawn McGinley who served in the position since July 2009. Maj. Gen. John Peabody, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division commander, officiated the ceremony. ([More](#))

**Military Noted With JDC 'Honor Walk'**: Many military personnel have walked thousands of miles during active duty, working to protect the shores of the United States and our freedom that others before them have fought for. At this year's John Deere Classic DEERE RUN PGA Tour event, some of those men and women will get a chance to walk a special 500 yards. During pro-am play on Wednesday at TPC Deere Run, military personnel will get a chance to make the "Hero's Walk." On the 15<sup>th</sup> hole, selected servicemen and women will get to caddie for the pro in each group — carrying the bag from the tee to the green before being able to enjoy the rest of the day in a hospitality tent, according to Clair Peterson, JDC tournament director. He said that those



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chosen to caddie will be selected locally by First Army on the Rock Island Arsenal. ([More](#))

**ASC Honors 12 Army Members**: The Army Sustainment Command at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., bid farewell to 12 Army members during an afternoon award, retirement and retreat ceremony held June 28 on Constitution Square. The members -- nine Soldiers and three civilians -- were honored for their service to the command, the Army, and the nation. The longest working retiree was Valerie Ruiz, a budget analyst, Resource Management, who began her federal career in 1974 as a summer aide/summer hire while still in high school. Remarks were given by Maj. Gen. Patricia E. McQuiston, ASC commanding general, and Sgt. Maj. Duane Strong, Distribution Management Center, served as the commander of troops. ([More](#))



**Senior Corps Leaders Discuss Fiscal Future with FORSCOM, IMCOM**: Due to projected budget cuts and a change in military strategy, the Army is preparing to operate with 80,000 fewer Soldiers and billions fewer dollars. To



Save the Date & Join Us for...



**RIA 150<sup>th</sup> 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**





mitigate the cuts, the two Army major commands in charge of forces and installation management held three joint meetings to discuss the challenges ahead at installations of varying sizes with varying missions. June 26, general officers from U.S. Army Forces Command, or FORSCOM; U.S. Army Installation Management Command, or IMCOM; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Bragg, N.C., and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., partnered at Club Hood for the corps-level joint Installation Management Mini-Rehearsal of Concept Drill, known as a ROC drill. [\(More\)](#)

**Senate Panel OKs New Hatch Act Punishments, Excess Property Bill:** A Senate committee on Friday passed a bill that would provide a wider range of possible punishments for Hatch Act violators. Federal employees who violate the Hatch Act, which restricts political activity in the federal workplace, can now only be fired or suspended for 30 days. This bill would give the Merit Systems Protection Board, which adjudicates Hatch Act complaints, more flexibility to hand out punishments that in some cases are lighter. [\(More\)](#)



**Congress Approves Phased Retirements:** Federal employees will gain the ability to ease into retirement on a part-time basis under a bill that Congress passed Friday. Congress approved a conference report on the Transportation authorization bill that contains a semi-retirement option for most federal employees. It was expected to be signed by President Obama. [\(More\)](#)

**Civilian Workers Still Face Dangers In Iraq:** Volatile security conditions have forced the State Department to continue to employ a large number of contractors to protect personnel in Iraq after the shift from a military to civilian-led mission, several senior federal officials told a House committee Thursday. "It is accurate our personnel have security concerns," said Mara Rudman, U.S. Agency for International Development assistant administrator for the bureau for the Middle East. Rudman spoke at a hearing before the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's national security subcommittee. "The security environment in Iraq is improving but is



still not a normal security environment." [\(More\)](#)

**OMB Defends Its Progress Weeding Out Federal Websites:** The Office of Management and Budget is rebutting a charge from Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., that the Obama administration has fallen short on its promises to eliminate obsolete agency websites as part of its Campaign to Cut Waste. On June 7, Coburn asked the Congressional Research Service to examine the administration's progress on the anti-waste campaign launched with some fanfare in June 2011 by Vice President Joe Biden. The plan, built on an executive order from President Obama, set up a new Government Accountability and Transparency Board and promised regular Cabinet-level attention to press for such cost-cutting moves as selling excess properties, using data to combat fraud and taking down outmoded agency websites. [\(More\)](#)



**Deadline Nears for Expanded Homeowners Assistance Program:** Eligible military members and federal civilian employees who face financial



loss when selling their primary residence may receive compensation, provided they apply for the Expanded Homeowners Assistance Program by Sept. 30. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages HAP on behalf of the military branches. The HAP, initially created by Congress in 1966, provides financial assistance to qualifying homeowners when a closure or significant change in operations at a military base leads to severe losses in the local real estate market. ([More](#))

## **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Fun Run – Soldiers, Civilians, Families**

**Invited:** There will be a Fun Run that will take place on Arsenal Island this Friday morning, **July 6**, and all Arsenal Island tenant units are invited to participate, to include Soldiers, civilians and their Families. Details are: • 6:15 a.m.: Form up at Memorial Field right off of East Avenue • 6:15-6:25 a.m.: Stretch out on your own • 6:30 a.m.: Reveille • 6:35 a.m.: Start run The run will proceed west on Rodman Avenue to the JMTC, then through the factory and exit following two buildings. It will then take a right on Rodman going back towards East Avenue to return to the Memorial Field and perform cool down. The run will be approximately two miles at a 12-minute-mile pace. Immediately

following cool down, the CGs of First Army and ASC will have closing remarks to the Soldiers, civilians and their Families.

## **RIA 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf**

**Tournament, Friday, July 6:** 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](#))

## **Colonel Davenport House Offers Free Admission For 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration;**

With the help of Colonel Davenport's son, Bailey, the Rock Island Arsenal was established by an Act of Congress in 1862. The Rock Island Arsenal is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, July 7. This celebration is free and open to the public. The Colonel Davenport House, located on Arsenal Island, is open extended hours that day from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the house is also waived on July 7 in honor of the celebration. Donations are appreciated. ([More](#))

## **RIA 150<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:namon.l.howell.civ@mail.mil), fax: (309) 782-8305 (**no later than June 21**)

## **Navy Band at Moline Township:**

Moline Township Activity Center will present the U.S. Navy Liberty Band, **July 9**. Come help us celebrate our gratitude for the United States Military. Our celebration will be casual with the Liberty Band entertaining. In true mid-western tradition, the Activity Center will provide an inexpensive picnic lunch beginning at 11 a.m. The Activity Center is located at 620 18<sup>th</sup>, Moline, Ill. ([More](#))

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Joel Brunsvold Memorial Golf Outing:**

Tuesday, July 10, at the Arsenal Island Golf Course, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. \$50/per golfer, \$200/per team; 36 team limit. Lunch will be provided at check-in. Wrap-up event at clubhouse. Hors d'œuvre and drinks. Proceeds from the Joel



Brunsvold Memorial Golf Outing to benefit Honor Flight of the quad Cities. Contact [Margie](#) at the Honor Flight office at (563) 388-3592.

**2012 American Society of Military Comptrollers Golf Outing:** Preferred ball format (8 a.m. shotgun start) held at Glynns Creek Golf Course in Park View, Iowa. The cost is only \$55 for ASMC members, \$60 for non-members and includes golf, ½ cart, prizes and lunch. We are limited to the first 36 teams. If interested, please contact Jennifer Baden, (309) 782-6651.  
Date: **Friday, July 20**  
Time: **8 a.m.**

**VIOS Schedule for July:** Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal, **July 10, 11 and 12.** Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for these available times: • Tuesday, **July 10**, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.; Wednesday, **July 11**, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.; Thursday, **July 12**, 7:20 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: 1. Active Duty Soldier's DA Photos 2. Official Government Passport Photos 3. Official Command Photos 4. DA Photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 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.

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, Antiterrorism Theme - Know Your Surroundings:** The primary areas to focus on throughout the quarter include: understanding the threat environment, the importance of situational awareness and individual protective measures, and ensure you are and those around you are familiar with the iWATCH program and suspicious activity reporting procedures. Please,

refer to the RIA Ready Reference guide for detailed information. Be vigilant of what is going on around you at all times. Be prepared for the unexpected. If necessary, leave the area and report suspicious activity or behavior to local authorities. If you see something suspicious, on or off the installation, report it to 9-1-1. As a reminder, if you are dialing from a cell phone the call will go to an off island dispatch center, you will need to let the dispatcher know you are calling from the Rock Island Arsenal so the call can be transferred to our on-post dispatch. The POC for questions is Michael Luchner, Antiterrorism Officer, USAG - RIA, (309) 782-4577. ([More](#))

**Blood Drive:** The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the [Caisson Room](#) (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, July 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail [SHoegerl@mvrbc.com](mailto:SHoegerl@mvrbc.com) with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A **2<sup>nd</sup> shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **6:15 p.m. on Aug. 24.** A **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor.



**Donation Has It's Rewards!**  
*With Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](#).**

**Tribute to Our Fallen (formerly Healing Fields):** To honor our brave

military men and women who have paid the price for our freedom, and all veterans who have worn the uniforms of this Great Nation. Tribute to Our Fallen (formerly Healing Fields) will take place **Aug. 24–26** at Davenport Memorial Park Cemetary (behind Runge Funeral Home/Crematory). Opening ceremonies begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, **Aug. 24**, with closing ceremonies beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday, **Aug. 26**. As the Tribute to Our Fallen field is open continuously around the clock from Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon, there is ample time for visitors to tour the site and talk with veterans and others on hand or just quietly reflect. ([More](#))

**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.

**Colonel's Croquet Party:** Teams of two are encouraged to don their croquet whites (not required) for the casual, round robin tournament at Quarters One to play the same game of croquet you play in your backyard. Hors d'œuvres and wine tasting included. Tickets: \$25 adults; \$11 kids. Support the historic Colonel Davenport House. ([More](#)) ([Site](#)) [www.davenporthouse.org](http://www.davenporthouse.org)  
Date: **Saturday, Aug. 18**  
Time: **3-7 p.m.**



**Thomson Causeway Photo Contest Returns:** The Annual Mississippi River Project Photo Contest is returning for its 21<sup>st</sup> year. Effective May 25 amateur photographers were eligible to submit photos in three separate categories: Wildlife, Recreation, or Landscape. Photos must be 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.

### **Women In Defense Golf Tournament:**

11<sup>th</sup> Annual WID Golf Tournament, Friday, **Aug. 3**, at Glynn's Creek Golf Course. Shotgun tee times, continental breakfast and lunch included. Contact Brenda Hanes at (309) 794-0115 or see [WID website](#) for registration form. Time: **8 a.m.**

**St. Alban's Trivia July 14:** St. Alban's Trivia celebrates its fourth year of summer trivia. Come play with us at 7 p.m., **July 14**, teams of up to eight, \$10 per person. Winnings, door prizes, 50-50 raffle. 3510 W. Central Park, Davenport. BYOB and snacks. Goodies for sale. POC: is George Eaton Time: **7-10 p.m.**

**Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique:** Thrift shop opens Tuesday, **July 17**, at 9 a.m. Mark your calendar. Also open Saturday, **July 7**, for the Arsenal Celebration. POC: (309) 782-6977.

**Housing Needed - QC Jr. Flames Hockey:** Billet homes are needed for QC Jr. Flames Hockey players for the upcoming season. If you've ever thought

of housing a foreign exchange student, this is much better. Visit [HERE](#) and click on the Housing Tab for more information, or call (309) 738-1236.

**St. Alban's Trivia Aug. 11:** St. Alban's Trivia celebrates its fourth year of summer trivia. Come play with us at 7 p.m., **Aug. 11**. 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. POC: is George Eaton Time: **7-10 p.m.**

**2012 Cards for the Troops:** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cards for the Troops, Arsenal Island Golf Club - join us for a fun evening of stamping cards for our deployed troops to mail home to loved ones. RSVP-[mssipple1@gmail.com](mailto:mssipple1@gmail.com). No stamping experience necessary. Please bring one roll of Scotch double-tape. Optional dinner at 5 p.m.; request with RSVP. Date: **Tuesday, Sept. 25** Time: **6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

## Arsenal Traffic/Construction

**Various Weekend Closures - Government Bridge: July 20 – Aug. 5:** Due to recent inclement weather and initialization of a contractual option the

back-up closure periods will be used to complete the painting project for the Government Bridge. Those closure periods are as follows ... 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 August**. 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.

## Building/Space Closures

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



## Active Duty/Reserve Zone



### **DoD Releases Do's, Don'ts For Military Voters:**

With election season fast approaching, the Department of Defense published a set of guidelines June 19, for military personnel detailing what's allowed and what's restricted when participating in political activities. The four-page DOD memorandum, signed by Deputy Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter, opens with an urging to service members to vote and exercise their civic ability. However, the document also cautions military personnel about how their public behavior could reflect positively or negatively on the military. ([More](#))

### **Thursday-Sunday, July 12-15, Free John Deere Classic Tickets for Military:**

The John Deere Classic and the Rock Island Arsenal chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) is once again proud to offer free admission for Military (to include Guard and Reserve Troops) to the John Deere Classic. Military members can pick up a free ticket plus one for a guest (good for one-day admission) at the Leisure Travel Office in Bldg. 60 or you can show your Common Access Card (CAC) at the gates at the tournament

and pick up your tickets there. Come watch Steve Stricker attempt to enter the history books as one of only four golfers in history to win the same event in four straight years. Call (309) 782-5890 for more info.

### **What Health Care Decision Means For Tricare:**

The Supreme Court's decision Thursday upholding the Affordable Care Act has little impact on Tricare beneficiaries, who will see no change to their benefits. The ruling, which upholds the individual mandate under the government's right to tax, will have no impact on Tricare customers because the program not only was omitted from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, it later was protected under separate legislation. The Tricare Affirmation Act was signed in 2010 to quell concerns about health care reform among Tricare users after the Affordable Care Act passed. ([More](#))

### **Thousands of Soldiers' Moss to Be**

**Reclassified:** The latest realignment of the Army's job classification system will translate into coding changes and several skill reclassification actions for thousands of soldiers. Promotion-related aspects of the changes begin late this summer, so the first promotions for reclassified soldiers will occur Oct. 1,

the beginning of fiscal 2013. While the major overhaul of the military occupational specialty coding system that began in 2001 was completed last year, the system continues to evolve, generating job code additions and deletions based on force-structure changes and the introduction of new equipment and operational capabilities. ([More](#))



## Safety Spotlight



### **Independence Day Holiday Safety**

**Message:** This Fourth of July we mark the 236<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the statement of values and beliefs that launched our country. These values—equality, liberty and freedom—are as strong and inspiring for us as when the words were first put to paper. As we celebrate our nation's birthday, let's give thanks for the blessings and opportunities of freedom, and honor the dedication, bravery and sacrifices of all those who have made freedom possible. The Fourth of July is a great holiday for bringing people together, with all the parades, concerts, barbecues and fireworks. Just remember to keep safety priority No. 1. Throughout the "101



Critical Days of Summer," stay focused on preparedness and prevention, especially as you head out onto the road or water. Use your safety equipment and take precautions against overexposure to the sun and heat. If you drink, drink sensibly, and always designate a driver. Leaders and first-line supervisors, you can make a difference when you practice safety and teach others about safety. Talk with your Soldiers and Civilians—remind them that accidents don't take a holiday and ensure that they include risk management in their plans, on- and off-duty. Check the U.S. Army Combat Readiness / Safety Center website at <https://safety.army.mil> for more information on summer safety, including the travel risk reduction tool TRiPS. CSM Rice and I thank you for making every day Independence Day for the United States of America and wish you and your Families a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July. Army Strong! - Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter

### **Arsenal Fire Department 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

**Message:** The Fourth of July is fast approaching and with it is the anticipation of fireworks and sparklers in the night air. We at the Arsenal Fire Department wish you and your family a safe and joyful time. Please review the fireworks safety information before you

celebrate. You may also want to review other safety messages from the [CPSC](#), [NFPA](#), [Home Safety Council](#), etc. Just a few precautions for your safety. – Pat Behr, Rock Island Arsenal Fire Department

### **Past July 4<sup>th</sup> Drownings Serve as a Warning this Independence Day -- Chairman Urges Parents, Children to Enjoy the Pool But 'Pool Safely' Over Holiday:**

As the Independence Day holiday approaches and families enjoy time together in pools across the country, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is sharing some sobering statistics on the number of drownings during previous July 4<sup>th</sup> holidays. CPSC Chairman Inez Tenenbaum is reminding parents and caregivers to pool safely during upcoming pool parties and celebrations with family and friends. "Along with fireworks, spending time in the pool is a traditional July 4<sup>th</sup> activity for many families," Chairman Tenenbaum said. "Child drownings are a preventable tragedy, so we encourage all families who are planning to spend time in pools and spas over the Independence Day holiday and all summer to adopt as many safety steps as possible. You never know which safety step will save a life—until it does." ([More](#))

**Motorcycle Safety Course:** The USAG Safety Office will be sponsoring upcoming Motorcycle Rider Courses. This cycle rider safety training program will be certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The courses are designed to help riders manage their risk and increase their skills through riding and classroom instruction. Per DODI 6055.4, DoD Traffic Safety Program, military personnel who operate motorcycles must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways and must have successfully completed an approved rider or operator safety course meeting the MSF-based State-approved curriculum. Any Soldier operating a motorcycle on the Rock Island Arsenal must be in possession of an MSF card when they ride to verify completion of required training. The next one-day Experienced Rider Courses are scheduled to be conducted on **July 17, 18 or 19**. Registration for all courses is through the web-based AIRS system at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS>. For further information, please contact [Michael Chaplin](#), IMRI-SO, at (309) 782-2314/1380, or [Nancy Carlson](#), IMRI-SO, at (309) 782-2309.

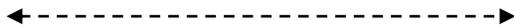
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**Equal Opportunity Focus**





## **Pentagon Marks Gay Pride Month for First Time:**

The U.S. military celebrated gay pride month at the Pentagon for the first time on Tuesday, with officials praising the services for smoothly adapting to a law that permits homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. "As recently as three years ago, it would have been hard for many of us, including me, to believe that in the year 2012, a gay man or woman in the armed forces could be honest about their sexual orientation," the Pentagon's top lawyer, Jeh Johnson, said in a keynote address. ([More](#))



## Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)



### **Morale, Welfare & Recreation**

**(MWR):** Visit the MWR website at [www.riamwr.com](http://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.

### **2012 John Deere Classic PGA**

**Exhibition:** Need some tips on your golf game? Come check out the 2012 John Deere Classic PGA Exhibition and get some tips from PGA Tour Pros!

Exhibition will be held on Tuesday, **July 10**, at the Arsenal Island Golf Course driving range from 9-11 a.m. Event is free and open to the public.

**Electronic Marquee Outage:** The operating system used to update the outdoor marquee signs on either side of the Island has become obsolete and inoperable. Consequently no requests for messages can be fulfilled and the signs have been shut off at this time. The Garrison is working towards a solution and a future message will be sent out as information becomes available about whether the signs can be repaired or replaced.

### **Friday, July 6, Rock Island Arsenal 150<sup>th</sup> 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](#))

**Time for Bootcamp:** The Fitness Center will be offering an exciting new class called bootcamp every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 6-7 a.m. This

military inspired strength and conditioning class focuses on total body fitness. Exercises and conditioning drills used by the U.S. Army and the National Academy of Sports Medicine are the basis of this program as well as short distance running, sprints, free weights, kettle bells, resistance bands, TRX, ropes and other exercise equipment. Not only will this class get you into shape, it will reinforce teamwork, camaraderie and communication amongst class members. This class is led by a retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant who is a NASM Certified Personal Trainer. Call (309) 782-6787 for more info.

**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.



## 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](#))

**Tuesday, July 10, 9-11 a.m., John Deere Classic PGA Tour Professional Exhibition:** Need some tips on your golf game or just want to hear about life on the tour straight from PGA professionals who play on it? Join us at the Arsenal Island Golf Course driving range for the 2012 PGA Pro Exhibition. Iowa PGA professionals will provide free lessons to Soldiers from 9-10 a.m. and the tour pros will hit the range from 10-11 a.m. to hit some balls, talk about life on tour and answer some of your questions. This event is free and open to the public. Please call (309) 793-1604 for more information. ([Flyer](#))

**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 \$38, children under two are free.

### **Outdoor Recreation 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

**Special:** In celebration of Independence Day all equipment checked out from Outdoor recreation on Tuesday, **July 3**, and returned on **July 9** will be charged only the weekend rate.

### **RIA 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf**

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### **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: **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](#))

### **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.

### **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.

**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)**

### **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**

### **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.**



### **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**

### **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**

**Need a Vacation?:** Do you need help planning your vacation - let the leisure travel staff help turn your vacation into a dream vacation. Stop by or call our office at (309) 782-5890. Let us do the work.

## Child, Youth & School Services

**Illinois Operation: Military Kids 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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



**Music as Therapy:** Did you know you can use music for therapy and sound for healing? Do you have a favorite song or genre of music that you enjoy listening to that helps you relax and brings back wonderful memories? That is the basis of Music Therapy! That positive effect that music has on people in general is also tied to healing and is now being used to help with pain management, to help ward off depression and increase mental well-being, to promote movement, to calm patients, to ease muscle tension, and for many other benefits that music and music therapy can bring. Music therapy has been used to help wounded Soldiers since at least World War I, and is currently used at Walter Reed as an effective rehab tool, stress reliever, and to alleviate boredom for our wounded veterans returning from the Iraq and Afghanistan combat zones. Music Therapy is an accredited and nationally certified college degree program offered at numerous colleges and universities throughout the U.S. The Quad Cities is lucky to have vibrant music therapy programs offered at different agencies, group homes, hospitals, and other facilities serving individuals with special needs. GiGi's Playhouse offers a music therapy program each [Tuesday](#). West Music also offers various music therapy services

that can be [catered to fit your needs](#). These programs are not an endorsement of the organizations providing these services, but are provided only as information and community awareness. For more information on programs, services, or activities for our Special Needs Families or the Exceptional Family Member Program, contact Jan Saito, Army Community Services, at (309) 782-4736 or [Janice.n.saito.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Janice.n.saito.civ@mail.mil).



## 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, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, East.**

**Anonymous Online Mental Health Screening – July 2012:** Summer is here and your commute to work is filled with sites of pretty gardens, sunny sidewalks and children playing. You cannot help but smile, but after a few seconds you

start thinking about the risk that the kids will become dehydrated, sunburned or get hit by a car. Do you go through the day filled with exaggerated worry and tension? Do you anticipate disaster and are overly concerned about health issues, money, family problems, or difficulties at work? A little dose of daily worrying is merely human, but if your worry becomes uncontrollable or disproportionate to the problem, you may be suffering from an anxiety disorder. This summer, breathe a little easier. The Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program invites you to take advantage of free, anonymous online mental health self-assessments. If you are concerned that you or someone you know may be depressed or suffering from an anxiety disorder visit [www.mentalhealthscreening.org/screening](http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/screening) 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.

**PTSD Support Groups:** You don't have to go through this alone. The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic and Employee Assistance Program are sponsoring support groups to assist you



through this difficult challenge. Contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552 for more details.

**Smoking Cessation Group:** Need help to quit smoking? The Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational support group for people who would like to be smoke-free. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., at the EAP office located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, East Wing.



## Education/Training Review

**The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

### **Education Fair for Veterans & Other Military Scheduled in Davenport:**

Veterans and members of the Military who want to explore their educational

opportunities are invited to an Education Fair on Monday, July 9, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. The event will be held at the American Legion Hall Post 26 located at 702 W. 35th Street in Davenport. The Education Fair is sponsored by the Quad Cities College Consortium, which is comprised of non-profit colleges and universities which serve the Quad Cities.

Representatives from Black Hawk & Scott Community Colleges will be in attendance along with Western Illinois University, St. Ambrose University, Upper Iowa University, the University of Iowa and Trinity School of Nursing. Additionally, representatives from Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehab, the Scott County Department of Veterans Affairs, Iowa Workforce Development Veterans Department, QC Vets Center, Iowa National Guard Family Assistance Center Specialist for Eastern Iowa, Army Community Services and the USO will also be attending. For more information contact Susan McPeters, Black Hawk College, at (309) 796-5027 or [McPetersS@bhc.edu](mailto:McPetersS@bhc.edu).

### **First Lady Calls for Military Spouse Professional Licensure Transfers:**

On June 26, First Lady Michelle Obama joined Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn in Chicago where the governor signed the “Military Family Licensing Act” into

law. Illinois became the 23<sup>rd</sup> state to sign the Act, which facilitates the transfer of military spouses’ professional licenses. In Mrs. Obama’s words, “Every time our country asks [Military spouses] to pick up their families and move across the country at a moment’s notice, they do it and they do it with pride... so we owe it to these individuals to get this licensing issue right.” The first lady said she intends to renew the call to action for all U.S. states to join the cause. Getting states to ease the transfer of professional licenses for military spouses is a key issue for the “Joining Forces” campaign Obama started last year with Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden. They’ve set a goal of having all 50 states ease the burden of accepting military spouses’ out-of-state licenses by 2014. Of working military spouses, one-third work in fields that require licenses. Licenses are required for those in medical occupations, teaching, social work, cosmetology and other fields. Currently, requirements vary from state to state. Some new laws allow military spouses to transfer an out-of-state license with an endorsement of the office that issued it. Other states accept licenses with appropriate validation documents, and yet others issue temporary licenses for spouses to do



business. Military spouses whose work requires a license should be prepared in advance of a move by having a copy of their current license, as well as any documents needed to show the license is in good standing. License transfers and approvals usually happen in the state's division of occupational licensing, as part of a consumer protection office, or a state board of health or education.

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## 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](http://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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**The Rock Island Civil War Prison: Andersonville of the North?** Saturday, July 7, Rock Island Arsenal Museum Theater, shown every hour on the hour from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free and open to



the public. The 30-minute documentary tells the story of the prison using dramatic photos and other high-definition images. It documents the life of prisoners using their own words from diaries and letters and demonstrates that the death rate at Rock Island was much lower than the astonishing death rate at Andersonville Prison in Georgia. This first public showing of the documentary is in conjunction with the Rock Island Arsenal's 150th anniversary celebration. The documentary on DVD will be available for purchase for \$10 at the Arsenal Museum Gift Shop. ([More](#))

**RIA 150 History Break:** Think about taking a "History Break" to celebrate Rock Island Arsenal's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, **July 12**, 12-1 p.m., George Eaton, ASC Historian, will present a "History of Rock Island Arsenal." 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: On **Aug. 9**, Benny Wild, will present "Historical Modernization of Rock Island Arsenal Buildings."

**This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – July 2-8:** In July 1916, employment at the RIA numbered 2,226 and reached a maximum WWI figure of 13,263 employees in July 1918. Col. George Davenport was murdered by bandits at his Rock Island estate on July 4, 1845. In July 1878, excavation work for Shop K (Bldg. 68) began. On July 6, 1978, a ceremony was held at RIA to celebrate the completion of the first two of 19 M198 155mm towed howitzers to be manufactured and assembled at the RIA. In July 1962, the RIA acquired from Watertown Arsenal the responsibility for support development, industrial engineering, manufacture, and maintenance engineering on carriages, mounts, recoil mechanisms, and loaders for towed anti-aircraft guns: and

carriages, recoil mechanisms, limbers and wagons for field guns and towed howitzers of calibers larger than the 155mm gun and eight-inch howitzer.

## Healthbeat

**Army Research Looks at New PTSD Treatment:** While there are no simple cures for post-traumatic stress disorder, a leading military researcher said progress is being made with a new treatment method and a number of recent studies. Col. Carl Castro, director of the Military Operational Medicine Research Program, has been funding studies into post-traumatic stress disorder, known as PTSD, over the past five years, and he said the results are beginning to come in. ([More](#))

**Health Clinic Announcement:** Health Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. Lab closed **July 2-3**. Radiology closed **July 5-6**. Clinic closed holiday **July 4**. Clinic closed Staff Meeting/Training **July 27** at 11:30 a.m. clinic closed. For any issues or concerns with the RIAHC clinic please call our customer support line (309) 782-0721.



## Notes for Veterans

☉ **Thousands of Vets Flock to Detroit for Job Fair:** Staff Sgt. Michael Burton's 20-year Army career has taken him all over the globe — from Panama to Somalia, and Haiti to Iraq. In 45 days, however, the 40-year-old Detroit resident will be a former member of the U.S. military. And that means he needs a job. The soon-to-be- retiree was one of thousands of veterans who flocked to a downtown convention hall this week for a first-of-its-kind gathering designed to help America's warriors on a number of fronts: a job fair, a small business conference and an open house. The job fair got under way Tuesday, and, according to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs official Mary Santiago, it's "the largest hiring event that the VA has ever done." ([More](#))

**VA Extends Verification Term for Veteran Entrepreneurs:** The Department of Veterans Affairs is doubling the amount of time before the owners of service-disabled, Veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSB) and Veteran-owned small businesses (VOSB) must re-verify with VA that they are, in fact, owned and operated by qualified Veterans and other legal requirements. "The community of

Veteran-owned businesses and businesses owned by service-disabled Veterans is a vital partner with VA and the federal government," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "To ensure we have improved our verification policies and processes, I have directed that VA simplify the verification process immediately and move from an annual to a biennial re-verification – every two years." ([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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Pay period. [Email](#) or call (309) 782-5472.

## Around the Q.C.

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- July 3:** [Red, White & Boom!](#) (Rock Island & Davenport)
  - July 4:** [30<sup>th</sup> Annual Genesis Firecracker Run](#) (East Moline)
  - July 4:** [Recycled Float Race](#) (Rock Island)
  - July 7:** [Rock Island Arsenal 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration](#) (Rock Island Arsenal)
  - July 9:** [Navy Band at Moline Township](#) (Moline Township Activity Center)
  - July 9-15:** [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run)
  - July 11:** [21<sup>st</sup> Annual YouthFest](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
  - July 13:** [Countryside Community Theater](#) (North Scott HS, Eldridge, Iowa)
  - July 14:** [Watershed Festival](#) (Freight House Complex, Davenport)
  - July 14:** [28<sup>th</sup> Annual Moonlight Chase](#) (Eldridge)
  - July 16-21:** [Rock Island County Fair](#) (East Moline Fairgrounds)
  - July 20:** [American Cancer Society Relay For Life Over Night Event](#) (Black Hawk College, Moline)



**July 20-21:** [Heartland Jam](#) (LeClaire Park)  
**July 27-28:** [41<sup>st</sup> 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. 4:** [14<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Center Drill Team Showdown](#) (Rock Island High School)  
**Aug. 9-11:** [Great River Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa / Port Byron, Ill.)  
**Aug. 10-11:** [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District)  
**Aug. 11:** [Xstream Cleanup](#) (Quad Cities)  
**Aug. 11:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)  
**Aug. 11-12:** [11<sup>th</sup> 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:** [Inaugural Colonel's Croquet Party](#) (COL Davenport House, RIA)  
**Aug. 18:** [River Action's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Floatzilla](#) (Lake Potter)  
**Aug. 23-26:** [World Series of Drag Racing](#) (Cordova Dragway)  
**Aug. 24-26:** [Tribute to Our Fallen](#) [formerly known as 'All Era Veterans Healing Field Of The Quad Cities'] (Davenport Memorial Park Cemetary)

**Aug. 25:** [Quad Cities Irish Festival](#) (Rock Island)  
**Aug. 25:** [RIBCO's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual River City Beer Festiv-ale](#) (The District)  
**Aug. 28-Sept. 5:** [ASA Girls 12U Fastpitch Tournament](#) (Greenvally Sports Complex, Moline)  
**Aug. 30-Sept. 2:** [Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)  
**Sept. 1:** [8th Annual Labor Day Ride For Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma](#) (The District)  
**Sept. 1-2:** [Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)  
**Sept. 1-2:** [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)  
**Sept. 3:** [Bettendorf Rotary 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Run with Carl 5K](#) (Life Fitness Center, Bettendorf)  
**Sept. 6:** [13<sup>th</sup> 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:** [17<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)  
**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)

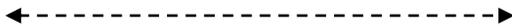


**Dec. 1-14:** [Season of Light-Star of Bethlehem](#) (Augustana College Planetarium)

**Dec. 2:** [19<sup>th</sup> Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

**Dec. 7:** [Gallery Hop!](#) (The District)

**Dec. 8-9:** [131<sup>st</sup> Annual Performance of Handel's Messiah](#) (Centennial Hall, Augustana College)



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# Take 5

for Fireworks  
Safety

- *Never point or throw fireworks at another person.*
- *Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire.*
- *Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when igniting the fuse, and stay a safe distance away after lighting.*
- *Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully. Douse spent devices with water before discarding.*
- *Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks, and always have an adult supervise fireworks activities.*
- *Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using.*

*Take 5 ... then take action.*



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