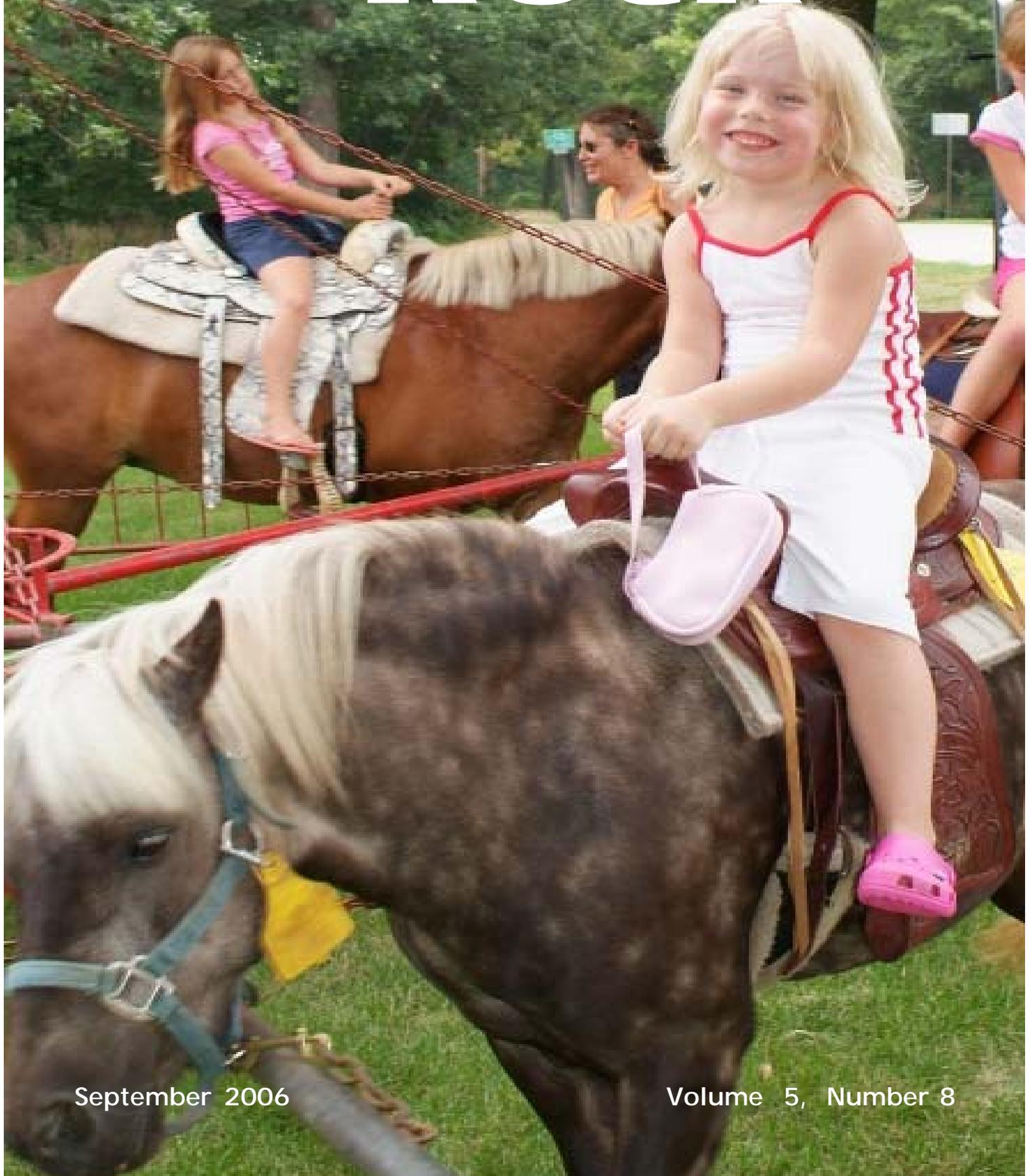


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Later this month, we'll hold a ceremony celebrating the official establishment of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command. The ASC stand-up event will mark the beginning of a new organization with a challenging mission - an organization that will use some different and exciting ways of doing business to meet its challenges and accomplish its mission.

In a nutshell, ASC's mission will be to serve as the "Face to the Field" for the Army Materiel Command and all AMC components. This means we'll be directly engaged with combat units fighting and training in the field, providing them with a single, synchronized point of entry into America's arsenal.

ASC will be the key link between the warfighter and the total logistics system, connecting front-line units to the resources that assure combat readiness and effectiveness. We'll be expected to deliver support wherever and whenever it is needed, on time and without fail. Anything less will simply be unacceptable, and possibly fatal for the Soldiers who will count on us to get them what they need to win on the battlefield.

This is a tremendous responsibility, and it's one we're taking on at a time when resources are limited. ASC will need to get the most out of everything we are provided and every asset at our disposal. That's where you can make a difference.

If you're part of the ASC team, you'll need to be innovative, creative, hard-working and dedicated. You'll need to understand our mission, appreciate its importance, and recognize how it fits into the Army's

overall warfighting mission. You'll need to adapt quickly and stay several steps ahead of change, and become a leader in your own area of expertise.

Because of our Command's role as a key link in the logistics chain, ASC team members will also need to possess outstanding communication skills and a willingness to share ideas and information. We need to establish and maintain close connections with other AMC commands and components, and with organizations outside of AMC as needed. ASC cannot go it alone - we've received outstanding support from the rest of AMC as we've built our Command, and we'll rely on continued cooperation and mutual assistance as we perform our mission.

I see the Army Sustainment Command as the leader in logistics transformation, in partnership with our sister commands in AMC. As the Army transforms itself, so will we. ASC was specifically designed to support the Army's modular combat units, a new concept that is still evolving. This puts us on the leading edge of change, and places us in a position where we can influence the Army's future direction - but only if we're flexible and adaptable enough to take advantage of our opportunities.

ASC will be a great place to be for those who look for opportunities to improve and who aren't afraid of facing challenges. From its first day, our Command will have a team of highly skilled, highly motivated professionals in place. This team is our greatest strength, and we hope to build on it in the future.

It's truly a privilege for me to be



Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson

the first to lead the ASC team. We're going to do some great things together, and I'm looking forward to it. To those of you who helped plan, organize and execute Team RIA Appreciation Day, thank you very much for your hard work! Though I'm sorry that I couldn't be there myself due to urgent business, I know that you put on an event that was memorable, and was a whole lot of fun for everyone who participated.

Team RIA Appreciation Day was held to build teamwork and camaraderie, and to let all of you know how much we appreciate what you do every day and how well you do it. As we go about the business of supporting an Army at war, we've all been under a lot of pressure and put forth a lot of effort to get our jobs done. Team RIA Appreciation Day was designed to give you a well-deserved break, and to let you know that your excellent performance has not gone unnoticed.

So please keep up the good work, and please know that it is always noticed and appreciated!

CFC Campaign to kick off in October



The local Illowa Bi-State Combined Federal Campaign will kick off this year with its third annual Workplace Olympics at the Fitness Center from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on October 4. Teams from a variety of federal agencies on and off island will compete and local non-profit organizations funded through the

CFC will have displays and booths.

The CFC is the annual fund-raising drive for charity conducted by federal, postal and military employees in their workplaces each fall. Each year these employees donate millions of dollars through the CFC that benefit thousands of non-profit charities around the world.

CFCs are organized geographically, not organizationally. The Illowa Bi-State CFC covers all federal, postal

and military employees in the 12-county area of: Henry, Knox, Mercer, Rock Island and Whiteside counties in Illinois; and Clinton, Des Moines, Henry, Lee, Louisa, Muscatine and Scott in Iowa. It is managed by a Local Federal Campaign Committee (LFCC) comprised of campaign chairpersons from the major federal organizations in the campaign and union representatives. For more information visit the website at www.illowacfc.org or call (309) 782-2512.

Part of my column this month is my take off of the Bill W undram column in the Quad-City Times, "Is there anybody out there? Does anybody care?" Some people are not very observant as they go about their day-to-day routine, but I try to pay attention to people and what they're doing. As I drive around Arsenal Island, I notice things. I can't help but to wonder if we're so preoccupied with life that we can't follow simple rules or be courteous.

When did littering become okay? People want to throw their cigarette butts or other material out of the car window or put the cigarette out on the ground and leave it there. Why not pick them up and put them in the proper cigarette receptacle. People can be cited for littering on the Arsenal. And I have noticed the 50-foot smoking rule which states no smoking within 50 feet of windows or doors, seems to be ignored; especially during inclement weather. Folks, let's follow the rules.

This one observation is something that I know I need to be more diligent on obeying myself. What does S-T-O-P on a red octagon sign mean? It doesn't mean to roll through the intersection. STOP means the wheels of the vehicle come to a complete rest and the driver can then proceed once it is safe to do so. At a red light a right turn is allowed, where permitted, once the vehicle comes to a complete stop and it is safe to make the right turn. So many of us are just rolling through the stop sign.

Also as a reminder, it is unlawful to drive while using a hand-held cell phone on Arsenal Island and I still see some folks on their cell phones while driving.

The speed limit on most of the installation is 25 mph and many Arsenal motorists are not adhering to that limit, especially in the housing area by the school age center. This is

important for everyone's safety. Many people are dropping off and picking up their children and some children cross the street between the center and the housing area.

There is a traffic light in that location, please be observant. The reasons we have these "Rules of the Road" is to prevent accidents.

I take great pride in this installation and I hope everyone else does also. We have one of the most beautiful installations in the Army. Please be proud of it.

BREAK/BREAK

On July 27, employees from across the Island joined together for an afternoon of fun with their families and co-workers at Team RIA Appreciation Day. The purpose of the day was to show our appreciation to the military members and Arsenal employees who have deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Many times we go about our daily jobs and never think about why we do it or if anyone really cares. Someone does appreciate all that you do. No matter what your job, it is a key element in the Army's mission and that of the Nation. I would like to thank the Appreciation Day committee and volunteers for a job well done in organizing the day's events for the approximate 4,000 people who attended.

Also, Congratulations to the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center for being the first in the Department of the Army to win the Gold Shingo Prize Public Sector Award for work on the Forward Repair System. Col. Bruce Elliott, commander of RIA-JMTC, accepted the award on behalf of RIA-JMTC on Sept. 7 at the second annual Shingo Prize Public Sector Conference in Las Vegas.

We are very proud of RIA-JMTC for their accomplishments. Keep up the good work. Hooah!



Alan G. Wilson
Garrison Manager

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Across from Memorial Field

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Ashtyn Hutcheson, daughter of Teresa Hutcheson, Garrison Rock Island Arsenal, enjoys a pony ride during the Team RIA Appreciation Day July 27.

For more photos, see page 4.

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Col. Robert Sinkler Assumes Command

By Mark A. Kane

Col. Robert A. Sinkler assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in a change of command ceremony, July 21, at the Davenport River Center Concourse in Davenport, Iowa. Col. Sinkler replaced Col. Duane P. Gapinski, former commander, who completed his three-year term as district engineer from July 11, 2003, through July 21. Col. Gapinski will retire on Dec. 31, after serving 24 years in a rewarding military career with the U.S. Army. The Rock Island District is one of six districts in the Mississippi Valley Division and covers 78,318 square miles, which includes most of Iowa and Illinois, and portions of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Missouri. As district engineer, Sinkler is responsible for planning, engineering and constructing water resource projects in this five state area and administering laws for the protection of navigable waterways and regulatory actions for Illinois and Iowa. He oversees approximately 950 employees in the operation and maintenance of 20 lock and dam sites on the Mississippi and Illinois rivers and three flood protection and recreation reservoirs in Iowa.

Sinkler began his military career in the Illinois National Guard where he served with the 682nd Engineer Battalion. Since receiving a commission in the Corps in 1983 from the Eastern Illinois University Reserve Officer Training Corps program, he has served in a variety of engineer positions with the 1st, 3rd and 4th Infantry Divisions, the 1st Armored Division, and V Corps. Sinkler was the assistant division engineer for Multi-National Division North in Bosnia-Herzegovina during Operation Joint Guard. He commanded the 5th Engineer Battalion during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and his most recent assignment was in the Operations Directorate of the U.S. Central Command Headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. He has served on the faculty and staff of the U.S. Army Engineer School and his military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff Course, the Advanced Military Studies Program, the Joint Warfighting Course and the U.S. Army War College.

Sinkler holds a bachelor's degree in Geology from Eastern



Col. Robert Sinkler (right), receives the Corps flag and command of the Rock Island District from Brig. Gen. Robert Crear, commanding officer, Mississippi Valley Division, shortly after Col. Duane Gapinski had relinquished command of the District at the Change of Command ceremony July 21.

Illinois University, a master's degree in Geographic Information Systems from Kansas State University, a master's degree in Administration from Central Michigan University, a master's degree in Military Art and Science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

He is a member of the Society of American Military Engineers and the Army Engineer Association. The following is a link to Col. Robert Sinkler's [command photo](#). (Mark Kane is a public affairs specialist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District Headquarters.)

Garrison Assesses Needs of Incoming Soldiers

(Rock Staff Report) The Army Field Support Command, headquartered at Rock Island Arsenal, will be transforming to the Army Sustainment Command in fiscal year 2007. As part of the transformation, an additional 250 Soldiers will be coming to Rock Island Arsenal by spring 2007. With the addition of more Soldiers comes a need for affordable rental housing in the local area.

Although the Arsenal does have on-post housing for military, there is not enough housing to

meet the demand of Soldiers arriving within the next eight months.

"We have a tremendous opportunity for the Quad City and Rock Island Arsenal communities to work together to take care of our newly arriving Soldiers," said John Curry, Deputy Garrison Manager.

The Garrison - Rock Island Arsenal is working with local realtors to find affordable, quality rental housing. A website has been established by the housing office that lists available housing in the local area. This will give incoming Soldiers

the opportunity to search for housing before actually arriving at Rock Island Arsenal. Upon their arrival they will have a list of possible rental housing.

Child and Youth Services of five has also been working to make the transition easier for the new Soldiers and their children by determining their childcare needs prior to arriving and helping place children in the Child Development Center, increasing the number of Family Child Care Providers in the community in both Iowa and Illinois, and promoting the Youth Sponsorship program. Approximately 29 Soldiers had arrived at press time.

Motorcycle Operator Course is Now Mandatory

By: Alexandra Castellanos

July 28, marked the date of the fourth motorcycle operator safety course of fered at Rock Island Arsenal.

Studies show that since 9-11 more American troops have died in off-duty motorcycle accidents than fighting in Afghanistan. According to safety records kept by each service, nearly 350 military personnel have died from motorcycle accidents since the 2001 terrorist attacks compared to 259 killed while serving in Afghanistan.

There are more than 34,800 registered motorcycle riders in the Army. Approximately two percent of those riders die in motorcycle accidents each year. That's roughly one out of every 500 accidents Army wide. Army motorcycle fatalities have drastically increased from eight in 2000 to 45 in 2006. George Eaton, AFSC/JMC command historian said,

"A big part of the problem comes when Soldiers return from war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan with months of tax-free salaries and extra pay for combat and overseas service. They buy high-powered motorcycles and hit the streets to burn off adrenaline and boredom." Dying on American roads after months or years of combat abroad seems to be cruel irony to survivors and many by-standers. As a result, the Army chief of staff issued a memo urging experienced riders to cut the accident rate by taking beginner riders under their wings. He also established the requirement for all DOD Soldiers and civilian personnel to complete a motorcycle riding course before being allowed to ride their motorcycles on Department of Defense (DOD) installations.

The purpose of the four-hour Motorcycle Safety course, taught by William Hilburn of Illinois State University, is to ensure that all motorcyclists increase their skills and education in accident prevention. Currently, neither Iowa nor Illinois require the use of helmets "although,



Motorcyclist learn safe riding procedures during the Motorcycle Training on Rock Island Arsenal

there have been many debates on whether or not both states should mandate that motorcyclists wear helmets," said Michael Chaplin of the Garrison Safety Office. "But different motorcycle clubs and random motorcyclists say that helmets are not needed, despite the many fatal accidents that occur each year." This is surprising because helmets are by far the motorcycle rider's most important piece of safety equipment - protecting against injuries to the head and brain if an accident were to occur.

In the event of an accident, the most important factor in reducing injury severity is the use of personal protective equipment. Therefore, participants in the motorcycle riding course must have and use the required proper personal protection equipment to participate. This includes reflective equipment, such as clearly visible, brightly colored outer upper garment during the day and reflective upper garment or vest during the night, full fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle, long sleeved shirt or

jacket, long pants or trousers, proper sturdy footwear such as leather boots or over the ankle shoes, impact or shatter resistant eye protection or full face shield properly attached to the helmet, and helmets that meet Department of Transportation (DOT) standards. These PPE are required when riding on DOD installations, including Rock Island Arsenal. For further questions or research, motorcycle operators should read DODI 6055.4, Chapter E.3.2 and A R 385-55, Chapter 3 and Appendix B.

On completing the motorcycle operator course, motorcyclists are issued a motorcycle safety course completion card. More importantly, motorcyclists are given the opportunity to learn to ride more skillfully and safely.

The next motorcycle training course of fered at Rock Island Arsenal will be October 20-21. Contact the Garrison Safety Office at (309) 782-1380 or via email at AMS TA-RI-SF@ria.army.mil for further information. (Alexandra Castellanos is a public affairs intern at Army Field Support Command.)

Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center

Helping scholars through the
Science and Engineering
Apprentice Program.

By Louise Paradis

Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center-Rock Island site is jump-starting the career paths of young scholars through the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program. The Department of the Army program provides students the opportunity to complete summer research projects and to gain in-house engineering experiences.

Quad City area high school students Anthony Pham of Assumption High School, Davenport, Iowa; Justin Allen, John Kalantari and Zachery Klenske all recent graduates of Davenport High School, recently completed the eight-week program in August. These students were selected based on academic accomplishments, interests in science and engineering, their application to George Washington University and interviews with ECBC staff. The program provides the apprentices with one-on-one mentoring with engineers and hands-on work experience that is consistent with their college and career goals and is designed to increase student understanding of scientific processes through direct experience.

"Each intern is assigned a special research topic, we try to assign projects that interest each student" said Mary Hollis, SEAP

Program Coordinator. The apprentices completed research and prepared manuals for the following areas: "Chemical Warfare Agent Technical Manual;" "Chemical & Biological Defense Equipment Test Comparisons;" "Unique Identification Processes;" and "How to use Microsoft Office to Improve Productivity." "The students do some of the things that we don't have time to do. Their work saves us a lot of man hours as they come up with information that is viable for us," Hollis said.

When asked about the benefit of the program, Kalantari said "The SEAP program gives you an edge for the future". It will be extremely beneficial to have this internship on my resume, especially when applying for future internship programs." Allen said "The internship provided me with a sense of independence, and the opportunity to see good work ethics that will make me stronger"

The program concluded with a trip to Washington D.C. Where the interns had the opportunity to present their research finds to more than 500 SEAP students from around the Nation. ECBC is the only site in the Midwest to participate in the program.

The Department of Army can use this as a tool to establish a pool of talented, experienced young people with first-hand exposure to career opportunities in science and engineering. "It is also a great way for us to give back to the community" said Hung Pham, Deputy for Sustainment, ECBC-RI. For more information about the SEAP program, call (309)782-3015.



POW/MIA Recognition Luncheon

September 14, 2006
11:30 a.m.
Heritage Hall
\$9 per person

Call your organization's POC or
the Garrison Protocol Office at 782-2512 for additional information.

U.S. Army Announces Installation Management Command Activation

The Army is reorganizing its structure for managing installations into an integrated command in early fiscal year 2007 with the activation of the Installation Management Command (IMCOM). The current structure includes, as separate entities, components of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management offices, the Installation Management Agency, the Army Environmental Center, and the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. This initiative is part of the Army's efforts to reorganize its commands and specified headquarters to obtain the most effective, efficient command and control structure for supporting the Modular Force. The new Modular Force structure identifies three types of headquarters; Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands (ASCCs), and Direct Reporting Units (DRUs).

As a Direct Reporting Unit (DRU), the IMCOM is accountable to the Chief of Staff of the Army for effective garrison support of mission activities, and serves as the Army's single authority and primary provider of base support services. It is the Army's intent that the IMCOM will be commanded by a lieutenant general who will also retain the position of Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management on the Army staff. However, that will not occur until that officer is nominated by the President and then confirmed by the Senate. CFSC and AEC will remain separate entities as subordinate commands under IMCOM. The new command will also consolidate the four U.S.-based IMA regions into two to be located at Fort Sam Houston, Texas and Fort Eustis, Va.

"This new command is the next logical step in the evolution of Army installation management," said Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson, the ACSIM. "It will dramatically improve our ability to effectively and efficiently manage this critical function with agility to support commanders, Soldiers and their families."

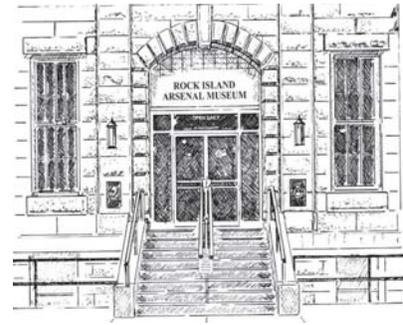
The new command, most of which is currently based in Virginia and Maryland, will relocate to Fort Sam

The Rock Island Arsenal Museum Resource Center Opens

The Rock Island Arsenal Museum opened its 10,524 square foot Resource Center as an enhancement of customer service on August 21. The resource center is located in a newly renovated lower level space beneath the museum in Building 60. The Resource Center is divided into two areas, front and back. Located in the front area are the offices of the museum staff, work stations for volunteers and an open conference area for researchers. The back area, also referred to as "the stacks", houses the museum's resource holdings. Three additional rooms within the Resource Center serve as a supply closet, a storage room for archival and exhibit supplies, and a break room used for meetings and lunches.

Renovation of the space was completed in January. Once the remodel was finished, four months were spent relocating the museum's resource holdings from several storage rooms in both the basement and attic. Careful planning and layout before and after the move provided an opportunity to better organize the holdings. Future plans include a searchable database that will prove invaluable for both inventory and information requests.

The resource holdings include more than 100,000 historic photographs; glass plate negatives; 10,000 technical manuals; 1,300 standard nomenclature lists; 2,500-book reference library; annual histories; maps, drawings and blueprints of the Arsenal Island and its historic landmark buildings; monthly periodicals from WWII to present; microfilm copies of Rock Island Barracks records; microfilm copies of historical correspondence; and WWII green book series. Recent projects which have utilized the Resource Center's holdings include digitization of 240 pages of the Surgeon General's Weather Report at Fort Armstrong for an Illinois State climatologist; digitization of work diary entries from 1877 to 1883 belonging to John Gamble, a guard stationed at Rock Island Arsenal; and scanned historic photographs provided to create a graphic display for the newly restored Garrison headquarters building, originally built in 1873 as a soldiers' barracks. A long term project in progress is the conversion of approximately 380,000 early 20th century ordnance drawings from microfilm to digital format. To help ensure the longevity of the resources for future researchers, a



specialty designed climate control unit was installed to maintain optimal temperature and humidity. As an added layer of protection, a state-of-the-art Sapphire fire suppression system was installed in the back area of the Resource Center. The Sapphire system houses a non-toxic chemical suppressant that looks and feels like water but dries completely within thirty seconds, causing no damage to paper or electronics. The Resource Center is the first facility on Rock Island Arsenal to have a Sapphire system installed. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum's Resource Center is open for researchers Tuesday through Friday, 0800 to 1500. The Resource Center closes at 1600. Since it is a closed stacks facility, appointments can be scheduled by calling 309-782-5021 (DSN 793-5021). The staff also welcomes information requests via phone or email. Email requests should be forwarded to leinicke@ria.army.mil.

ILSC director visits Rock Island

The director of the Integrated Logistics Support Center, Janet Bean, toured the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center during her visit to TACOM LCMC Rock Island Jul. 31-Aug. 2.

During the factory tour, Ms. Bean saw items being manufactured for TACOM LCMC including the Forward Repair System, small arms gages, machine gun pedestals, howitzer cradles, recoils and mounts, and chemical, biological protected systems. TACOM LCMC is RIA-JMTC's biggest customer.

(right) Janet Bean, ILSC director, prepares for a factory tour of the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center with Tim Bolyard, (left), RIA-JMTC deputy commander. The tour was part of Ms. Bean's orientation visit to the facility.

