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Island Insight

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ASC Soldier Wins DA-level Award for Antiterrorism Initiative

The U.S. Army Sustainment Command deputy provost marshal will receive the Department of the Army's 2014 Antiterrorism Honor Roll award, Feb. 6. Maj. Preston Blair, a native of Oswego, Kansas, joined the Army 18 years ago as a military policeman and has served tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan. He was nominated for the award by Col. Donald Mayer, G3/7 (logistics), ASC, for major contributions to ASC's antiterrorism effort and overall procedures in crisis situations. "Major Blair has done great work for the command," said Mayer. "His initiative and hard work in creating the command's active shooter SOP and antiterrorism plan have greatly enhanced the preparedness and safety of the command. Those documents were recognized by U.S. Army Materiel Command to be the best in the command and were distributed to AMC major subordinate commands as examples to follow." ([More](#))



Upcoming Dates

Jan. 22: Newcomers Orientation, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 8 a.m.

Jan. 23: Martin Luther King Jr., Observance Event, Heritage Hall, 1 p.m.

Jan. 24: RIA Outdoor Rec. Ice Skating Outing, River's Edge, 1-4:30 p.m.

Jan. 27: Military Spouse Fun Night - New Year's Party, Bldg. 110, 6-9 p.m.

Feb. 1: Super Bowl Party, Arsenal Club, Bldg. 60, doors open at 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 5: Installation Information Forum, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 3 p.m.

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Feb. 5: Island-Wide Social, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 4 p.m.

Feb. 11: RIA FMWR Health & Fitness Fair, Fitness Center, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Feb. 14: Valentine's Wine Dinner, Arsenal Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 16: President's Day (*Federal Holiday*)

Feb. 17: Installation AT Level 1 Training (New Employees), Bldg. 90, DPTMS Conf. Rm., B13, 8 a.m.

Feb. 19: African American/Black History Observance, Time TBD

Feb. 26: Council of Colonels, Arsenal Island Clubhouse Veranda, 11:30 a.m.

Illowa Bi-State CFC Completes Successful 2014 Campaign

Federal, military and postal employees, donated \$374,214 to local, national and international charities, through the Illowa Bi-State Combined Federal Campaign during the 2014 campaign which ran from Oct. 9 through Dec. 31. At a CFC awards ceremony here, Jan. 15, Maj. Gen. Kevin O'Connell, commanding general of Army Sustainment Command, and honorary chairperson of the local CFC, presented Rick Widdel, principal combined fund organization representative, with a check for donations made by federal employees to hundreds of charities.

"The success of the Combined Federal Campaign demonstrates the generosity of the federal workforce," said O'Connell. "We're honored to give back to those who need it more." ([More](#))



Three-Star Says Community Support 'Unprecedented'

The military is something we often take for granted -- even if we live in the shadow of the Rock Island Arsenal. We often read in this paper of our soldiers being sent to far-off places. We know their actions defend our freedoms and most are quick to embrace that. But because there is seldom a threat to this country, it's easy to take these actions for granted. One of the great things about my job is that our editorial board frequently meets with newsmakers and asks them the questions you would ask if you had the opportunity. ([More](#))



Editorial: It IS Our Arsenal; We Must All Work to Sustain It

While the Q-C can bask in the glow that no less an authority than a three-star general finds our support of the Rock Island Arsenal remarkable, it would be a terrible mistake to believe we can relax our efforts to enhance it. Consider that just one day after Lt. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, commanding general of the First Army headquartered on the island, met with our editorial board, a lobbyist who has worked to promote the installation warned the Moline City Council its future is likely to be studied in-depth two years from now. ([More](#))



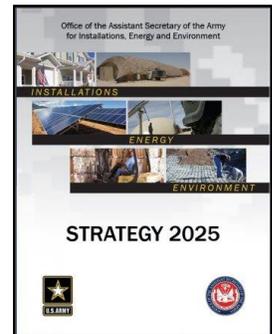
First Army Planners Sharpen Training Exercise Development Skills

Well-trained and deployment-ready Soldiers don't just happen. They become well-trained and prepared by participating in training exercises that are well-planned and well-executed by expert planners. A mobile training team from First Army's training exercise branch has been crisscrossing the nation since last summer, teaching brigade-level exercise planners how to build, coordinate and execute better training exercises. Recently, the six-member training team brought the course back to their home base at First Army headquarters on Rock Island Arsenal. The five-day Mission Command Exercise Planning course teaches First Army planners how to develop, design, plan, manage and execute staff training exercises for Army National Guard and Army Reserve units. ([More](#))



Army Releases Vision and Strategy for Installations, Energy and Environment Through 2025

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, or OASA (IE&E), released the Army's vision and strategy through 2025 to help meet future challenges and succeed in future operating environments. OASA (IE&E) Strategy 2025 is important, as it serves to guide and shape the Army's future and current actions related to Installations, Energy and Environment, as well as provide the strategic roadmap to achieve its vision. In the OASA (IE&E) Strategy 2025 foreword, Assistant Secretary of the Army (IE&E) Katherine Hammack, explained the importance of the strategy for the Army. ([More](#))



Doing Business with the Army: Opportunities Remain, Despite Shrinking Budget

Despite declining budgets and resources, the Army continues to actively do business with industry partners with the Army Materiel Command, or AMC, procuring one out of every six federal contract dollars. Lt. Gen. Patricia McQuiston, AMC's deputy commanding general, addressed the command's business opportunities with more than 200 professionals at the Association of the United States of the Army, or AUSA, Update for Industry, Jan. 16, at the Jackson Center. "We have fewer dollars available, but there are still a lot of numbers going into these business opportunities," McQuiston said. ([More](#))



Obama Gives Federal Employees Paid Family Leave

Federal employees with a new child will now be able to take up to six weeks of paid leave, according to a presidential memo released Jan. 15. President Obama will also call on Congress to give federal employees an additional six weeks of paid parental leave — raising the total time off for new parents to 12 weeks. Agencies will be able to advance federal employees six weeks of paid sick leave to care for a new child, take care of adoption proceedings or for the placement of a foster child in their home, according to a White House fact sheet. ([More](#))



Government Cuts 84,500 Federal Employees in Three Years

The federal government has shed more than 84,500 non-postal federal employees since fiscal 2011, according to numbers provided by the Office of Personnel Management. Agencies cut about 21,500 employees from fiscal 2013 to 2014 alone, according to OPM. About 66 percent — or 55,631 — were full-time employees. OPM does not track Postal Service employees. The Army has seen the biggest loss of employees at 29,592 while the Air Force came in second at 13,794. The Treasury Department has lost 13,784 employees since fiscal 2011. ([More](#))



House Member Relaunches Bill to Trim DoD Civilian Workforce

A California lawmaker has reintroduced legislation aimed at cutting the Defense Department's civilian workforce. Rep. Ken Calvert (R) said the policies laid out in his Rebalance for an Effective Defense Uniform and Civilian Employees (REDUCE) Act ([H.R. 340](#)), "are not extreme measures, but rather they responsibly adjust the numbers of the civilian staff at the DoD over a number of years." The bill would cut the DOD civilian workforce by 15 percent by fiscal 2022, and would cap the workforce at that level from fiscal 2022 through 2026. ([More](#)) ([GovExec](#)) ([GovTrack](#))



New Bill Would Give Feds 3.8 Percent Pay Raise

Federal employees would get a 3.8 percent pay raise in 2016 under legislation to be introduced Jan. 13 ([H.R.304](#) & [S.164](#)). Rep. Gerry Connolly, D.-Va, and Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, who are proposing the bill in the House and the Senate, said the legislation will help feds keep pace with private sector wage growth and help reduce attrition and boost morale. The Federal Adjustment of Income Rates (FAIR) Act, duplicates legislation introduced March 26, 2014 that would have given federal employees a 3.3 percent pay raise. That bill did not pass committee. ([More](#)) ([GovTrack](#))



New Payment Cards Available to Feds This Month

Responding to an October executive order, the General Services Administration is prepared to roll out stronger chip and PIN charge cards to help agencies meet the mandate around payment security. In the wake of several highly visible breaches at American retailers, President Barack Obama issued an order requiring all federal agencies to upgrade their payment cards and readers to ensure the government was the next victim. ([More](#))



Tax Season Is Here

Income tax filing season is here and the Rock Island Arsenal will again host a free tax assistance center. The tax center serves members of the RIA community eligible for legal assistance services - primarily active duty service members, military retirees, and family members. In a change from recent years, an appointment is required and there is no "drop-off" service. Appointments will be available weekdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., starting the last week of January through April 15. Most appointments can be expected to take about an hour, with more complex returns taking longer. In accordance with IRS guidelines, the tax center may prepare and submit most – but not all – federal and state income tax returns. For example, we cannot prepare returns for a home-based business. If you expect your return to be complex, please discuss that with us when you call, and we can advise as to whether we will be able to prepare your return. To schedule an appointment please call 309-782-8457/1894. Please bring the following to your appointment: a photo ID; your social security card (or official SSA correspondence with your SSN on it); documents showing income of any type (W-2s, 1099s, etc.); documents to support any deductions/credits; copy of last year's return; direct deposit information; dependents' birth dates.



Recycle Program on Rock Island Arsenal

Due to budgetary and operational changes, the MWR Qualified Recycle Program has been dissolved. Effective **Jan. 15**, the recycle waste will be collected by the custodial contractor. The recycle procedures will change as follows: • The Comingle Recycling Guide specifies what can and cannot be recycled. • The current recycle containers will continue to be used. Recycle is now single stream and all recycle items (paper, glass, etc.) can be comingled in the recycle containers. Continue to place cans and bottles with any residual liquids in the recycle containers near the vending machines. There are no provisions in the contract for recycling items that are identified as "Unacceptable" on the Comingle Recycling Guide (supplied to the Arsenal Island workforce via email). Generators

Comingle Recycling Guide	
Provided by Allied Waste Services	
Paper Products	
Acceptable	Unacceptable
Newspapers, magazines, & Catalogs	Disposable diapers, table cloths
Computerized notebook	Plastic bags, packing crates
Clean pizza boxes, telephone books	Food & beverage pizza boxes
Grey telephone, covered & shoe boxes	Carded box liners, pet food bags
Cartons, junk mail, paper bags	Shis, closed front food boxes
Paper/ther cartons, cardboard boxes	Tissue paper, wrapping paper
Clean Metal	
Acceptable	Unacceptable
Aluminum food containers	Paint and aerosol containers
Aluminum foil, tin pans, trays, cans	Plastics and chemical containers
Metal jar lids	Iron, steel and batteries
Aluminum window frames, chairs	Car parts, oil filters
Plastic (types 1-7)	
Acceptable	Unacceptable
Milk and juice jugs	Plastic bags
Margarine and ice cream tubs	Metal oil containers
Veggie trays	Plastics and chemical containers
Pop and Water Bottles	Plastic with seal a recycling symbol
Cooking oil containers	Prescription bottles
Shampoo Bottles	Unsanitary containers
Laundry bottles	Styrofoam
Link and liquid soap bottles	Medical supplies
Black and detergent containers	
Household cleaning containers	
Glass	
Acceptable	Unacceptable
Milk jugs and bottles	Mirror and window glass
Juice bottles	Drinking glasses
Pop and water bottles	Crown, wine and beer caps
Beer bottles	Ceramic, cups and plates
Wine and liquor bottles	Light bulbs and thermoses

of these wastes are responsible for proper disposal. • Dell and HP toner cartridges can be delivered to the Base Supply Store, Bldg. 104 courtyard, for recycling, POC: Zoie Forsythe, 309-786-1353. • Paint, aerosol, pesticides, and chemical containers should be disposed of through the Directorate of Public Works. • Computer equipment and unserviceable furniture should be turned-in to the Logistic Readiness Center, POC: Melanie Lewis, 309-782-1462. The points of contact for recycle questions are [Quilla Bennett](#), 309-782-0834; and [Chris Mills](#), 309-782-5785.

Free EAP 2015 Calendar Log Books Available

The Employee Assistance Program still has an abundance of the 2015 calendar log books to provide to anyone wanting some for themselves and their RIA coworkers. They are free of charge and can be picked up in the ASAP/EAP office located in Bldg. 60, Room 104a. You may also call 309-782-4357 to request that some be mailed to you (limit of 10 to be mailed, please.) Stop by and pick up one or a few of these high quality 2015 calendar log books at your earliest convenience as they are available on a first-come, first-served basis only. If you have any questions, please contact me at 309-782-4357.

Company Kitchen Card Discount

We hope you enjoyed the introductory Company Kitchen card discount. As of **Jan. 1**, this discount will no longer be in effect. As market costs rise we strive to keep our customers in mind. In order for us to continue to serve you a quality product we need to make adjustments to match the marketplace. Removing the 10 percent discount, as well as increasing some prices, allow us to do this. I would like to apologize to those that did not receive this information before the change took place. I will not let this happen again. Information will be made available at least one week before any scheduled changes. Thank you for your continued patronage. – [Treat America Food Services, Rock Island Arsenal Manager](#)



Upcoming AtHoc System Changes

On **Jan. 20**, the [RIA Network Enterprise Center](#) will update the AtHoc client on all installation workstations currently managed by the NEC. This installation will occur after hours on Tuesday, **Jan. 20**. The installation will be seamless to the user. There is no action required from users at this time. Guidance on updating your information with the new client will be sent out separately after installation has been confirmed. The purpose of the software update is to move from a local mass warning notification system to an enterprise system. The Department of the Army is now funding AtHoc for mass notification at Army Installations CONUS-wide. The AtHoc client is a simple yet effective tool for RIA senior leaders and emergency managers to communicate with the RIA workforce en masse, and ensure that critical information reaches all intended personnel. Ultimately, the AtHoc client is a critical tool in protecting the safety of all employees and enabling the mission of Rock Island Arsenal.

CIF Wall to Wall

The [Rock Island Central Issue Facility](#) will be closed **Jan. 26 – 30** to finalize relocation and annual inventory. Services will resume in the new CIF facility, Bldg. 145, on **Feb. 2**, at 11:30 a.m., and normal operating hours thereafter.

Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room (first floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, Feb. 13 & 20, 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 **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 211) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on Jan. 29.** To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor. **DMC** will host a blood drive **1-4:30 p.m., on Feb. 5**, in the MVRBC Donor Bus parked at Bldg. 350. To donate, please contact Sgt. First Class Jared Clapper at 309-782-5485 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 1554 to locate the drive. You may also email SFC Clapper at jared.d.clapper.mil@mail.mil.



Charlie Corpuscle asks, "How many units of blood were donated for patients at our local hospitals through blood drives held on Arsenal Island in 2013?" Answer: 969. FYI – Each of those donations can touch the lives of as many as four patients in need!

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.](#)

VIOS Schedule for February, and March

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government passport and command photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **Feb. 10, 11, 12;** and **March 10, 11, 12.** Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the [VIOS site](#) 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: 1. Schedule a passport photo appointment at the [RIA VIOS website](#). 2. Go to transportation to obtain a printed DA Form 3903, Multi-Media/Visual Information Work Order, signed by the passport agent in Block 14. 3. Present that DA Form 3903 to the photographer before the passport photo is taken. You will receive two 2" x 2" passport photos. All scheduled dates can be found on the [RIA VIOS website](#) FAQ.



Arsenal Traffic/Construction



Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians

"Sidewalk Closed" signs have been erected at either end of the Rock Island Viaduct sidewalk. These signs were placed because of the tripping hazard that the condition of the sidewalk presents. Attached illustration indicates the suggested alternative route (STR276 American Discovery Trail and Pedestrian Bridge) during the closure.

Upstream Sidewalk Closure on Government Bridge

Until further notice, the "upstream" sidewalk on the Government Bridge, Structure 320, is closed because of damages caused by a barge. The bridge is only able to turn in a single direction and must return to the same position for closing. This will lengthen the amount of time the bridge is open for each barge and will increase delays for pedestrians, cars, and train traffic. The pedestrian gates for this sidewalk are "Closed," caution tape is on those gates, and a "Sidewalk Closed" sign has been positioned at the Davenport end of that same sidewalk. The "downstream" sidewalk on the Government Bridge is open and safe to use.

Future Ft. Armstrong Construction

In the upcoming construction season, Rock Island Arsenal will be performing work on the intersection of Ft. Armstrong Drive and Rock Island Drive. This work will result in a full vehicle closure for the Installation's Rock Island Gate and Rock Island Viaduct, as well as restricting vehicles crossing the Government Bridge to "Installation-only" traffic. The American Discovery Trail will remain open. Construction is expected to last approximately two months, barring major weather delays. The exact construction start date is currently unknown. However, we have been coordinating with external agencies in an effort to minimize impact to the surrounding communities.

Building/Space Closures



There are no announcements at this time.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone



New DTMS Improves Training Management, Tracking Soldiers' Training Records

Improvements to the Army's premier training management tool make it easier for commanders to plan exercises and keep track of their Soldiers training records. The new version of the Digital Training Management System, or DTMS, launched at the end of 2014. "Version 7 of DTMS reflects the changes that Soldiers and commanders wanted. DTMS is more powerful and is easier to use," said Maj. Tripp Smith, project manager and help desk lead. "The new version helps commanders at each step of the training management process from plan and prepare to execute and assess. It also maintains a Soldier's training history from hire to retire." DTMS allows users to communicate and coordinate across the chain of command. It also features calendars to plan and schedule training.

[\(More\)](#)

Military Spouse Fun Night, New Year's Party

Military Spouse Fun Night is Back -- Join us Tuesday, **Jan. 27**, 6-9 p.m., in Bldg. 110, to welcome in the New Year with food, fun, and friendship. We will be making wine charms to celebrate the New Year. Bring a dish to share if time permits. This activity is open to all active duty military

spouses. (No couples or kids) For information: Call Jan at 309-782-4736/0829 or janice.n.saito.civ@mail.mil. ([Flyer](#))

Military Families Urged to Be Cautious but Not Fearful On Social Media

Lt. Col. Mary Constantino remembers the days when social media was a lifeline. “I used it when I was deployed. You Skype. You Skype home, you see the family, you maintain that connectivity,” said Constantino. That didn’t mean she connected with everyone, though, “I had a couple of friend requests from people in Afghanistan,” said Constantino. “I was deployed to Afghanistan. I didn’t recognize the names, I didn’t know who they were, I just didn’t accept their friend request. It made sense not to make my information available to them.” ([More](#))

After ISIS Twitter Threat, Military Families Rethink Online Lives

One military wife recalls staying up all night and deleting every Facebook picture of her children, every post that mentioned them or where they went to school. She Googled herself, trying to figure out how easy it would be to find where the family lived. In the morning, she went to her car and scraped the military decal off the front window. As the spouse of a Special Forces soldier, she's always tried to be conscious of how much she advertises that she and her three young children are a military family. ([More](#))

Military Suicides Up Slightly In 2014

Suicides among members of the active-duty military personnel rose slightly in 2014, led by increases in the number of sailors and airmen who took their own lives, new Defense Department figures show. There were fewer suicides by Army soldiers and Marines, the two services that have seen the most combat in Iraq and Afghanistan during the past decade. ([More](#))



Safety Spotlight



**ARMY SAFE
IS ARMY STRONG**



Ready... or Not?

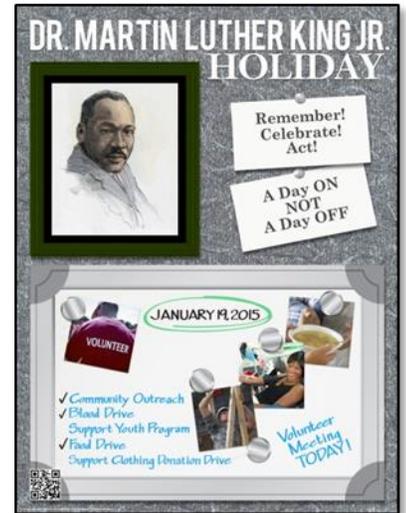
Every two years, the Army releases a new safety campaign intended to promote individual responsibility and engagement on all fronts — among Leaders, Soldiers, Civilians, Families and peers — to help prevent fatalities and injuries throughout the year. The new two-year safety campaign is entitled Ready ... or Not? It is designed to heighten awareness of risk factors by causing individuals and Leaders to ask themselves one simple question, “Are you and/or your organization ready for what is about to happen?” The campaign will include four seasonal mini-campaigns throughout the year — beginning with autumn and then running through winter, spring and summer. The mini-campaigns serve to raise awareness of the increased hazards associated with the different seasons, but also provide safety and information on accident prevention issues that apply year-round, such as distracted driving and home safety. Ready ... or Not? will help kick off the Army Safe Autumn Safety Campaign that runs through early December 2014. Topics include sports and recreation, private motor vehicles, privately owned weapons and aviation. ([More](#))

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance Event

The U.S. Army Sustainment Command Equal Opportunity Office invites you to our Martin Luther King Jr. holiday observance, Thursday, **Jan. 23**, 1-2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. Our guest speaker will be Vera Kelly, NAACP president, Davenport. Register in [TEDs](#) using the keyword "2015 Martin." For any additional information or accommodations please contact [Sgt. First Class Marion Wilson](#) at 309-782-3021. Each year, America sets aside a day to remember a giant of our Nation's history and a pioneer of the Civil Rights Movement. During his lifelong struggle for justice and equality, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., gave mighty voice to the quiet hopes of millions, offered a redemptive path for oppressed and oppressors alike, and led a Nation to the mountaintop. Behind the bars of a Birmingham jail cell, he reminded us that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." On a hot summer day, under the shadow of the Great Emancipator, he challenged America to make good on its founding promise, and he called on every lover of freedom to walk alongside their brothers and sisters. ([More](#))



Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs.

Island Oasis Café Relocated for Renovation

During the period of **Jan. 12–26** the Island Oasis Cafe located inside the Fitness Center will be temporarily relocated to allow for renovations and improvements. During this time the cafe will operate from the lobby of Bldg. 68 (First Army Headquarters) and will have a limited menu. The hours of operation will be 7-9 a.m. for breakfast and 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. for lunch. Customers will be able to access this location by going through the Fitness Center. For more information please call 309-782-8603.

Arsenal Island Clubhouse, Newcomer's Orientation and Tour

Are you new to the Arsenal or do you have new employees or service members in your organization? Make sure to get them/yourself signed up for our next Newcomer's Orientation and Tour taking place Thursday, **Jan. 22**, starting at 8 a.m. The briefings and info on the tour will include everything a new employee needs to know to successfully transition to the Rock Island Arsenal and the surrounding Quad Cities and make their new home feel like home. This free service includes breakfast and lunch courtesy of our sponsor, Rock Island Arsenal Federal Credit Union and

free childcare is also available but you must RSVP for care by **Jan. 15**. To RSVP for care call Leslie 309-782-6793. Space is limited so call 309-782-0829 for more info and to reserve your spots. ([Flyer](#))

Youth Indoor Soccer League Now Forming

Registration is now open for our new youth indoor soccer league. This league is for 3-9 year-old boys and girls and games will be played at the School Age Center (Bldg. 150) as well as the Two Rivers YMCA. Cost is \$20 for 3-5 year olds and \$27 for 6-9 year olds and all participants receive a shirt. The season will run from **Jan. 26 - March 7** and participants must be registered with CYSS and have a sports physical prior to the season starting. [Register](#) or call 309-782-0511 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Paintless Dent Repair Service at the Auto Shop

Back by popular demand, the paintless dent repair technician will be available for repairs on **Jan. 29**. If you have small dings, dents and other imperfections in your vehicle it may be possible to have them fixed without the excessive costs of more traditional body work. Call 309-782-8631 for more information and to schedule an appointment. ([Flyer](#))

Superbowl Party at Bldg. 60 Bar

Whether you watch for the commercials or the hard hitting gridiron action, The Bldg. 60 bar is the place to watch the Superbowl, Sunday, **Feb. 1**, 3:30 p.m. Come watch the best in the AFC battle the best in the NFC for the title of Superbowl XLIX Champions. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the game starts at 5:30 p.m. There will be lots of food and drink specials. Call 309-782-4372 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Installation Information Exchange & Island-Wide Social

Join your Island colleagues Thursday, **Feb. 5**, at 3 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse for an informational update on what's going on at Rock Island Arsenal immediately followed by a fun evening of appetizers, drinks, networking, and socializing. This event is open to the entire RIA workforce. Call 309-782-8603 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Fitness Center, Self Defense Class

Learn basic self-defense tactics Saturday, **Feb. 7**, 8-10 a.m., and tips to avoid becoming a target from our Primary Master Combatives certified instructor. Class is \$30/participant and is open to all eligible patrons 18 years and older. Call 309-782-6787 for more info and to sign up. ([Flyer](#))

Fitness Center, RIA FMWR Annual Health Fair

Brought to you through sponsorship by Unity Point Health-Trinity, the RIA Fitness Center's annual health fair, taking place Wednesday, **Feb. 11**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., is a great place to obtain lots of helpful information and advice about your health. Stop by the Fitness Center to visit the various exhibitors who will have a myriad of information on a wide spectrum of health related topics including cardiology, chiropractic and cancer treatment to name just a few. There are always lots of goodies and freebies available as well. Our [free shuttle running this route](#) makes it convenient to get to the fair and back without walking in the cold and/or looking for parking close to the Fitness Center. Call 309-782-6789 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Valentine's Day Wine Tasting Dinner & Dancing

Treat your sweetheart Saturday, **Feb. 14**, at 6 p.m., to a delightful evening of fine dining & wine at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse and then dance the night away to the romantic live music of local duo, Central Standard Time. Cost is \$45/person which includes a delectable five course meal perfectly paired with 5 fine wines. ([Full menu & Flyer](#)) Reservations must be made by 12 p.m. on **Feb. 11** for guaranteed seating. Call 309-782-4372 for more info and to make your reservations.

Group Fitness Punch Cards Now Available at the Fitness Center

According to the University of Scranton Journal of Clinical Psychology it is estimated that only 64 percent of New Year's resolutions make it into February before being abandoned. Don't be a part of that other 36 percent, take advantage of our new punch card program that saves money and eliminates the hassle of stopping to pay at the front desk for every class. Buy a 12 class punch card for \$35 (civilians) or \$18 (military & dependents). Punch card not valid for yoga classes. Try out your new card on our newest class offering, CrossCamp, which is a time efficient training using Boot Camp & CrossFit type exercises to tone you up and slim you down. Not sure if you'll like a class and don't want to waste money to find out? Come try any (or all) of the classes at the below link and your first class is on us. Visit www.riamwr.com/community-recreation/fitness-center-adult-sports for full class schedule & more info or call 309-782-6787.

Lunch Services Suspended at Arsenal Island Clubhouse

Effective Tuesday, Jan. 6, daily dining will be unavailable at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. We will re-open for daily lunch service when the Arsenal Island Golf Course re-opens on or about **April 1**. The Clubhouse is still open for pre-booked/catered events so please call 309-782-4372 to make special event reservations.

MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

Ice Skating Outing at River's Edge Indoor Ice Rink

Join Outdoor Recreation for a fun, family friendly afternoon of ice skating Saturday, **Jan. 24**, 1 - 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$5/person and you will pay at the door but please call ahead to 309-782-8630 so that we can let the rink know how many people to expect. Skate rental is \$3/pair at River's Edge or save a couple bucks and rent them ahead of time from Outdoor Rec for just \$1/pair. The Figure Skating Club of the Quad Cities will be on hand to help you learn some basic skating skills. Call 309-782-8630 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Ski and Snowboard Outing at Snowstar

Get your friends and family together and come carve up the snow at Snowstar Winter Sports Park at steep discounts off regular ticket prices. Cost is \$13/person for lift tickets and \$12 for equipment rental if you need it. The outing is Friday, **Feb. 6**, 4-9 p.m., but you must pre-register and pay by **Jan. 27**. Lessons are also available for beginners for \$5 (skiing) and \$10 (snowboarding). Call 309-782-8630 for more info and to register. ([Flyer](#))

2015 Iowa/Illinois Regional Auto Show

Leisure Travel Office has free tickets to the 2015 Auto Show that will be held at the RiverCenter Convention Center **Feb. 6-8**. Limit six per person. First come first served.

www.QuadCityAutoShow.com for more information.

Time: **10 a.m.**

Shen Yen

Leisure Travel has discounted tickets to both nights, **Feb. 17-18**. Set to dazzling animated backdrops, timeless ethnic and folk dances fill the stage with color and energy. The leaps and flips of Shen Yun's aerial masters, thundering battle drums, and singers' soaring voices converge in an unforgettable experience. Based in New York, Shen Yun has become a global sensation, reviving China's 5,000 years of divinely inspired culture, once almost lost. Seats on sale for \$115, \$95 and \$85. Tickets on sale until **Feb. 9**.

Time: **7:30 p.m.**

Les Miserables – the Broadway Sensation

Les Miserables is an epic and uplifting story about the survival of the human spirit. Includes the classic songs "I Dreamed a Dream," "Master of the House," "On My Own," and more. Leisure Travel has discounted seats available for \$46 per person. On sale until **Feb. 20**.

Date: **Saturday, March 7**

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

Church Basement Ladies (The Last Potluck Supper)

All new show – the latest and final installment in the uproarious series, the lovely ladies of the church kitchen serve up a rib-tickling panorama of the Church's changes, without spilling a drop of their egg coffee. Leisure Travel has discounted tickets on sale until **April 11**. This is a show that always sells out.

Date: **Saturday, April 25**

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

Cubs vs. Cardinals Bus Trip

MWR Leisure Travel has a Cubs vs. Cardinals bus trip scheduled. Cost will be \$99 per person to include transportation and ticket to game. Seats are located in Upper Deck Box Outfield. Departing from RIA at 6 a.m. from the COL Davenport Pavilion. Limited alcohol permitted on chartered bus. Coolers must fit under the seats and not block the aisle. No glass bottles. No smoking permitted on motor coach. Estimated return time will be 8 p.m.

Date: **Saturday, Sept. 19**

Time: **12:05 p.m.**

Davenport Cinemark 53rd 18 + IMAX Theatre

Leisure Travel is selling Platinum Supersaver Prepaid Admission Tickets to Davenport Cinemark 53rd 18 + IMAX theatre (formally 53rd cinemas and RAVE cinemas) These tickets have no restrictions or expiration date.

Child, Youth & School Services



Parents vs. Kids Dodgeball Tournament & Pot Luck Dinner

Come join us for our 4th Annual Parents vs Kids Dodge Ball and Pot Luck on **Feb. 21**; please bring a dish to share. Participants must be registered with CYSS and must wear tennis shoes to participate in dodge ball. This year we are going to break you down into smaller teams and do a tournament style event. Please RSVP NLT **Feb. 6** at 5 p.m. and include names of everyone in your group. To RSVP or if you have any questions please contact at 309-782-1651. ([Flyer](#))

Summer Day Camp 2015

With winter just starting, it's time to start thinking about Summer Day Camp. The Summer Day Camp Program is for registered patrons in grades K-7th. The lottery applications will be available from **Jan. 5-30**. You must be registered and have an active pass with CYSS by **Dec. 19** in order to participate in the lottery. If you have any questions, please call the School Age Center at 309-782-5019.

2015 Military Child of the Year Award – Recognizing Young Patriots

Operation Homefront is pleased to present the Military Child of the Year Award to outstanding military children who demonstrate resiliency, leadership and achievement. Recipients representing each service branch are recognized at a Washington, DC Gala celebration in April each year. The seventh annual award will be presented **April 16** at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, near Washington, DC. In addition to the trip to our nation's capital, recipients are awarded a laptop computer and a \$10,000 award. To learn more about Operation Homefront and the Military Child of the Year Award, please go to: www.militarychildoftheyear.org

Covenant Cottage Child Development Home

[Covenant Cottage Child Development Home](#) is available for backup, emergency, and hourly care for ages four weeks through 12 years. The home is located on post and is open from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Army Family Covenant Guidelines state deployed Soldiers are entitled to 16 hours free respite childcare per child, per month. For reservations call 309-782-6793. We encourage you to call as far in advance as possible because spaces fill quickly.

Army Community Service



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.

10 Great Dates Class for Couples

Bring your significant other Monday, **Feb. 9**, 4:30-6 p.m., to Bldg. 110, and come learn how to energize your relationship while having fun spending time together. This class has a minimum sign up requirement and RSVP should be made to 309-782-0829 or chassity.r.morse.ctr@mail.mil. ([Flyer](#))

Employee Assistance Program



There are no announcements at this time.

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.](#)

NDIA Lifetime Achievement Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the Lt. Gen. (Ret) Lawrence Skibbie award for Lifetime Contributions to National Defense, the Maj. Gen. (Ret) William Eicher award for Lifetime Contributions to the Weapons Industrial Base and the Maj. Gen. (Ret) Paul Greenberg award for Lifetime Contributions to the Ammunition Industrial Base. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 12. Send nominations to Jimmy Morgan, 289 Niabi Zoo Road, Coal Valley, IL 61240 or jimcmorgan@aol.com. Application details at www.ndia-ia-il.org.

Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club Scholarship

The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club Scholarship applications are now available at the Thrift Shop and Education Center. There are two applications: high school seniors and continuing education students. The merit-based scholarship is open to applicants who have not previously received an RIAWC scholarship and who meet the RIA affiliation qualifications set forth in the application. Completed applications must be postmarked by **March 16**. Questions can be sent to scholarship chair Nicole Kirschmann at RIAWCScholarships2015@yahoo.com. Information for the 2015 RIAWC Scholarship can be found at www.facebook.com/RIAWC and <https://sites.google.com/site/rockislandarsenalwelcomeclub>.

Army Emergency Relief Announces Opening of Scholarship Application Period

Army Emergency Relief has announced the opening of its scholarship application period. Applications will be accepted from **Jan. 2** until **May 1**. AER supports both the Spouse Scholarship Program, as well as the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for dependent children. Scholarship specifics and the applications are available on [AER's website](#). The Spouse Scholarship can be used for full or part-time students, while the Ursano Scholarship is only for full-time students. Last year AER awarded 3,637 scholarships, totaling more than \$8.8 million to Spouses

and Children of Soldiers. “The entire scholarship process is on line,” said Tammy LaCroix, manager for AER’s scholarship programs. “Last year we found that the on line process worked best for those who downloaded the step-by-step instructions and used them as a checklist.” “Applicants are able to create their own profile, submit their documentation online, and check their status,” added LaCroix. “This proved to be a huge time saver for both the applicants and the scholarship staff.”

Area Schools to Visit RIA

The [Army Continuing Education Systems Rock Island Arsenal](#) is coordinating with Quad-City area schools to have them visit with eligible Ed Center patrons where they will meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities. These visits will take place in Bldg. 56, Room 121, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The schedule for this fiscal year is: • Ashford University, **Jan. 22, April 21, and July 23**; • Black Hawk College, **April 9 and July 9**; • Eastern Iowa Community College, **Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6 and Sept. 3**; • Kaplan University, **Feb. 12, May 14, and Aug. 13**; • Saint Ambrose University, **April 16, and July 16**; • Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, **Feb. 19, May 21, and Aug. 20**; • Upper Iowa University, **Feb. 11, May 13, and Aug. 12**.

Inaugural Eastern Iowa / Western Illinois Veterans Conference

On Wednesday afternoon, **Feb. 25**, St. Ambrose University will host the inaugural Eastern Iowa / Western Illinois Veterans Conference. There will be a noon [keynote speaker](#) followed by film and panel presentations. Training will be offered concurrently for faculty, staff and others on military culture, and a resource fair will be offered to registered attendees. The conference will conclude with a late afternoon networking social. The event is a collaboration between St. Ambrose University, Black Hawk College, Eastern Iowa Community College District and Western Illinois University Quad Cities. For more information or to register, please visit www.sau.edu/veteranservices.

KHAN Academy SAT Prep

The College Board has partnered with KHAN Academy to provide no cost SAT Preparation tutoring. Download and take a real, full-length practice test. Watch videos showing step-by-step solutions to problems you missed or found challenging, and get even more practice with unreleased questions from real SATs provided by College Board. After all that practice, it wouldn't hurt to take the full-length test again so you can get used to the feeling of answering all of the questions correctly. ([More](#))

Defense Commissary Agency / PX



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The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only. There are exceptions for select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The 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](#))

Exchange Opens Earlier, Serves Breakfast

The Exchange located on Rock Island Arsenal began opening at 7 a.m. Oct. 1. Also effective Oct. 1, the Exchange began featuring heat-and-eat breakfast items at the front of the store. "We will be running these hours for two months to make sure that there will be demand to be open at 7 a.m.," said Carl Wolfe, store manager, Rock Island Exchange. "We are really hoping with the Exchange having an entire new 'Heat and Eat,' that we will cater to the Soldiers coming on the Island in the morning and we know a lot of them have PT in the mornings and this will give them a chance to grab something before they go in the office for the day." The new open-to-close store hours are 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; and 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The "Heat and Eat" items being sold in the mornings will include: Breakfast Tornadoes, Breakfast Deli Express sandwiches, Cappuccino, and coffee, Roller Bites, and Breakfast Style Pizza. The Exchange will also have a lunch menu to include: Tornado's, Deli Express hot and cold sandwiches, hot dogs, Polish sausage, jalapeno sausage, Roller Bites, egg rolls, and pizza. In addition, the Exchange will also have microwaveable meals, soup, and Asian noodles for sale all day long.



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 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Jan. 19-25

Col. Adelbert Rinaldo Buffington assumed command of RIA on Jan. 21, 1892.

Healthbeat

RIA Health Clinic Closure

The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic will close at 12 p.m. on **Jan. 30** for mandatory training.

New Program Helps Service Members Break Addictions, Avert Crisis

While the abuse of illegal drugs among service members has decreased in the last decade, substance abuse is still an issue in the military, health experts say. Service members under stress are more likely to abuse other substances: alcohol, tobacco and prescription drugs. "This really is a priority issue that rises to the top," Daniel Evatt, Ph.D., Deployment Health Clinical Center (DHCC), told a group of federal health professionals. Not only is alcohol a very expensive addiction, but it is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, he said. That's why staff at DHCC, a Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury center, is helping to

address the issue with a new approach to screening, one that takes into account the reluctance service members may feel to seek help. ([More](#))

Tricare Tip of the Week

Are Routine Eye Exams Covered under TRICARE? A routine eye exam checks your vision and eye health. You can visit an optometrist who is in the network. You won't need a referral or authorization. If seen by an ophthalmologist you would need a referral and/or authorization, depending on your plan. • You'll get a prescription for glasses or contacts if you need them. • A routine eye exam is more than the simple vision screening test your primary care doctor may do with a standard eye chart. In general, TRICARE covers routine eye exams at no cost (\$0): • As needed for active duty service members to maintain fitness for duty. • Once a year for active duty family members. • Every two years for all other TRICARE Prime beneficiaries (e.g. retired service members, their families, etc.) • Once a year for diabetic patients in TRICARE Prime. Well-Child Eye Exams – TRICARE covers well-child eye exams from an optometrist as provided the optometrist is in the network. Again you won't need a referral or authorization. If seen by an ophthalmologist, you would need a referral and/or authorization, depending on your plan. • Every two years • Between the ages of three and six • Includes screening for amblyopia (lazy eye) and strabismus (crossed eyes) • No cost for well-child exams, regardless of plan.

Notes for Veterans

Wounded Veterans Starting Federal Jobs Would Get Sick Leave Under New Bill

Wounded veterans hired by the federal government would start their jobs with a stockpile of paid sick leave under a new bill introduced in Congress this week. The bipartisan measure would give service-disabled veterans 104 hours of paid sick time after they enter the federal workforce; non-veteran employees begin with none and accrue hours over time. ([More](#))

Hagel Initiatives Enable Veteran, Military Support Organizations

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has set policy emphasizing the importance of relationships with veteran and military service organizations, as well as military support nonprofits, through initiatives to give the groups access to service members and their families. The defense secretary signed two policy memorandums in December directing Defense Department leaders to implement standardized procedures to allow veteran, military and military-support nonprofit organizations better access to provide support to troops and military families. ([More](#))

The Veterans Employment Center

The Veteran Employment Center is an online portal that combines elements of standard job boards and professional connection media (e.g. LinkedIn) to provide a single solution for meeting the needs of both veteran job-seekers and employers seeking to hire our veterans. The VEC is accessible from the Veteran's Administration's e-Benefits website. Soldiers, veterans, and family members are encouraged to create a VEC profile early! Their Soldier for Life -Transition Assistance Program offices, career counselors, and Department of Veteran Affairs benefit advisors can assist in getting started with the VEC and job search related skills training. The eBenefits portal is a safe, secure, and centralized resource for benefits associated with pre-separation, employment assistance, relocation, education and training, health and life insurance, finances, Reserve

affiliation, disabled veterans, and retirement. Navigating to the VEC provides access to the career tools, employment resources, and services for the job seeker. ([More](#))

Car Pooling Announcements



Submit carpooling 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.

Did You Know?

The [AMTBP \(Army Mass Transportation Benefit Program\)](#) is a program where Army employees can qualify for up to \$130 in reimbursements for use of mass transportation (to include van pooling). ([More](#))

Carpool:

➤ **Carpool:** Carpool from Rio, Ill., looking for people to carpool with along 150. Please call 309-782-5472.



Around the Q.C.



Feb. 14: [Valentine Walk](#) (Watchtower Lodge, Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island)

Feb. 12-15: [Outdoor Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)

Feb. 20-22: [RV & Camping Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)

Feb. 21: [Iowa Freedom Rock Chili Cook-off](#) (Road House, 701 N Cody Rd, LeClaire, Iowa)

Feb. 25: [Eastern Iowa/Western Illinois Veterans Conference, 12–5 p.m.](#) (Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University, Davenport)

March 2-8: [3rd Annual Quad Cities Restaurant Week](#) (Greater Quad Cities)

March 13: [Gathering of the Clan Luncheon](#) (TBD)

March 14: [St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) (The District, Rock Island & Downtown Davenport)

May 16: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (6-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimber Rd.)

March 26-29: [QCCA Flower and Garden Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)

April 25: [March of Dimes March for Babies](#) (Rock Island Arsenal, Memorial Park)

April 25: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (3-6 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimber Rd.)

May 2: [Festival of the Arts' Village in Bloom](#) (Village of East Davenport)

May 9-10: [Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)

May 9-10: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figue Art Museum Plaza, Downtown Davenport)

May 25: [50th Annual Quad Cities](#) Criterium (Village of East Davenport)

June 1-6: [25th Annual Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (1800 3rd Ave, Rock Island)

June 3, 4: U.S. Army & NDIA Small Business/APBI Symposium (iWireless Center)

June 5-6: [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Ill.)

June 6: [QC Pridefest](#) (Downtown Davenport)

June 12-13: [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)

June 13: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In Carshow](#) (4-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimber Rd.)

June 13-21: [Quad Cities Museum Week](#) (Greater Quad Cities)

June 17-20: [Rally on the River](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

June 21: [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Mississippi River bike paths, Iowa & Illinois)

June 28: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Deere family homes, Moline)

July 3: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (The District, Rock Island & Downtown Davenport)

July 2-4: [Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, downtown Davenport)

July 4: [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (Run starts at 7:30 a.m. with the parade at 1 p.m., East Moline)

July 4: [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (parade at 10 a.m.)

July 6-12: [John Deere Classic PGA TOUR](#) (TPC Deere Run golf course, Silvis, Ill.)

July 9-11: [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (Iowa 80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)

July 11: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (6-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimber Rd.)

July 15-19: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (Fairgrounds, East Moline)

July 24-25: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (2nd Street in downtown Davenport)

July 25: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)

July 30-Aug. 2: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (RiverCenter/Adler Theatre, Davenport)

Aug. 4-9: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)

Aug. 7-8: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Aug. 8: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (6-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimber Rd.)

Aug. 13-15: [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)

Aug. 15: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)

Aug. 28-29: [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Aug. 28-30: [World Series of Dragracing](#) (Cordova Dragway, Cordova, Ill.)

Sept. 5-6: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

Sept. 5-7: [Labor Day Weekend Pow Wow](#) (Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island)

Sept. 12: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, downtown Davenport)

Sept. 12: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)

Sept. 12: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (6-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimber Rd.)

Sept. 12-13: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Sept. 18-19: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

Sept. 19: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Sept. 19-20: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)

Sept. 27: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (downtown Moline)

Sept. 25-27: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)

Oct. 10: [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (Mississippi River in Moline)

Oct. 10: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (3-6 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimber Rd.)

Oct. 11: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)

Oct. 29: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Oct. 24: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)

Nov. 20-29: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

Nov. 21: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Nov. 21: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)



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