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# Island Insight

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## Intern Boot Camp Educates New Employees at ASC

Nineteen newly hired U.S. Army Sustainment Command interns and employees began an eight-week training program designed to familiarize them with how the Army and ASC operates, here, Jan. 11-15. The program, called an intern boot camp, is part of the Army's push to prepare the next generation for leadership. Gen. Mark Milley, Army chief of staff, said in his first message to the force in August 2015 that developing the Army of the future was one of his foremost priorities. Gen. Dennis Via, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, and Maj. Gen. Kevin O'Connell, commanding general, ASC, have similar priorities. "The intern boot camp comes out of an ASC initiative to revitalize the workforce," said Lisa Schuldt, training specialist, G-3/5/7 (Operations). "This is our first rendition of this program." Schuldt said that new employees and interns should strive to understand the command soon after being hired. "I think it is very important to give these interns a good basic understanding of [ASC]," said Schuldt. ([More](#))



## Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 25-29:** DA Photos, Bldg. 90, Basement, B11, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
- Jan. 26:** Military Spouse Fun Night, ACS/USO spaces, Bldg. 110, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 28:** Council of Colonels, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- Jan. 28:** Newcomer's Orientation and Tour, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 8 a.m.
- Jan. 30:** Self Defense Seminar, RIA Fitness Center, 9 a.m.
- Feb. 2:** Military Spouse Night Celebrating USO's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday, USO Center, Bldg. 110, 6-8 p.m.
- Feb. 2:** Groundhog Day
- Feb. 3:** USO's Geo-Bachelor/Bachelorette and Singles Night 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Spaghetti Dinner, USO spaces, Bldg. 110, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 4:** USO 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony, USO Center, Bldg. 110, 12 p.m.
- Feb. 5:** Frank 'n Friday, USO Center, Bldg. 110, lunch period
- Feb. 5:** First Friday Social, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 3-7 p.m.
- Feb. 7:** Super Bowl Party, Lock and Dam Lounge, Bldg. 60, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5:** Advanced Résumé Class, ACS Training Room, Bldg. 110, 1:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9:** Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday
- Feb. 10:** RIA MWR Health and Fitness Fair, RIA Fitness Center, 10 a.m.
- Feb. 10:** Tenant Senior NCO Meeting, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 11:** Black History Month Potluck, Baylor Conf. Rm., Bldg. 103, 3rd Floor, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## First Army Hosts MLK Jr. Day Observance

A woman who fought on the front lines of the civil rights movement shared her experiences with audience members during a Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance on Jan. 19 at Heritage Hall on Rock Island Arsenal. The First Army Equal Opportunity Office hosted the observance. During her remarks, Patti Miller talked about her memories of King, her work with him, and his legacy. While attending Drake University in 1964, Miller traveled to Mississippi to participate in the Freedom Summer for Voting Rights. "I was 21 and I saw a brochure and I said, 'This is something I can do something about.' Along with 700 other college students, I went to Mississippi, which was the most deeply segregated state and the most impossible to bring about any change," Miller said. "It was a very frightful place to live if you were an African-American, and a very frightful place to go if you were a civil rights worker." ([More](#))



## Defense Department Enacts New Limits on Troop, Civilian Emails

Trimmed budgets has the Defense Department's IT overlords telling service members to trim their email inboxes. This month, the Pentagon began enforcing inbox size limits in response to increasing storage needs, according to an Army press release. In addition to the expense of storing that much data, the increasing volumes have affected performance and efficiency of email software. "Since February 2015, the number of Defense Enterprise Email mailboxes [with] more than four gigabytes had been increasing at a rate of approximately 4,000 accounts per month," said John Howell, Army product director for enterprise content collaboration and messaging. That growth has been deemed too costly and unsustainable, so the Defense Information Systems Agency (the Pentagon's IT wing) intervened. Mailboxes now generate warnings as the limit is approached or reached. Once the inbox exceeds limits, users will lose the ability to send or receive emails. ([More](#))



## How OPM Will Build a Federal Workforce of the Future

Aging is a fact of life. An aging workforce, however, can pose a real challenge. The Office of Personnel Management has struggled to address the challenge for a number of years now, as the percentage of federal employees eligible for retirement increases. The risk is one of sheer numbers, of course, but it's also one of vibrancy, of tapping the new skills and approaches that younger generations can offer. As part of the Federal Times 50th anniversary campaign that spotlights government transformation past and future, acting OPM Director Beth Cobert offered Editor Jill Aitoro her thoughts on the federal workforce evolution currently underway. Are we facing a crisis? Cobert seems to see it more as an opportunity. Tap a new generation, and agencies will be more inspired to modernize processes, shed dated policies, and use technology to be more efficient and competitive with the private sector market. Change is hard. But here's what we do know: the federal workforce of today is very different than the federal workforce of 50 years ago. Looking ahead, the federal workforce of tomorrow could be even more unfamiliar. But if Cobert's vision proves true, then that might be a powerful thing. ([More](#))



## Developing Leaders in the Army Civilian Corps

I am a member of the Army Civilian Corps. The Army Civilian Corps was established in 2006, formalizing a 230-year record of service as a critical component of the total Army force structure. Army civilians serve in all theaters and are deployed worldwide in support of the Army mission. As the Army's missions have evolved and become more complex, so have the roles of Army civilians. The Army Operating Concept drives how future Army forces operate to accomplish campaign objectives and protect U.S. interests. The vision for the future must drive change to ensure Army forces are prepared to prevent conflict, shape the security environment, and win wars. Army civilians serve as a vital part of the Army team to support the defense of our nation. We are trusted to make decisions that produce high-quality results by applying technical knowledge and managing human, financial, and information resources, while operating and accomplishing objectives in unknown, unknowable, and constantly changing environments. ([More](#))



## DoD's New Climate Change Policy Heats Up Roles Across All Components, Services

Despite the opinions of some, the Defense Department isn't taking any chances when it comes to climate change. A new policy integrates climate change considerations into all aspects of the department. In the memo signed on Jan. 14, but not made public until Jan. 19, the Pentagon requires DoD components to assess the effects of climate change on the department's mission and to take into account those effects when developing plans and implementing them. That means climate change now will be a constant consideration in how DoD goes about its war mission, acquisition programs, readiness plans, construction projects and security judgements. "The DoD must be able to adapt current and future operations to address the impacts of climate change in order to maintain an effective and efficient U.S. military," the Jan. 14 directive stated. ([More](#))



## Pentagon Civilian Workforce Cuts On-Target, Contracting On the Rise

The Defense Department is meeting its goal to cut spending on its civilian workforce. However, it's spending more on contractors, despite pressure from Congress to reverse that trend. DoD plans to increase spending on contracting this year and is projected to meet only half of its contractor workforce reduction goals. DoD cut its contractor spending by \$3.2 billion between fiscal 2012 and 2014, meeting 80 percent of the sequestration goal of \$4.1 billion. But between fiscal 2014 and 2016, DoD plans to increase its spending by \$1.2 billion. The Government Accountability Office, meanwhile, reports that the Pentagon is on track to cut its civilian workforce by 6.8 percent from fiscal 2012 to 2017, under congressionally mandated sequestration cuts. ([More](#))



## Involve Employees More in Performance Evaluations, Agencies Told

OPM in another memo has told agencies that they should better engage the employees who are being rated in the performance evaluation process. The ratings, commonly performed on an annual cycle, are used in decisions ranging from discipline to promotions and awards, although they often have been criticized as creating work—and stress—disproportionate to how much they actually influence such decisions. OPM said that while some private employers are backing away from the

traditional type of rating process that federal agencies use, “we believe they play a role in helping to deliver good performance management and accountability to the public”—and are in fact required by law in the government. ([More](#))

### **New Federal Office Will Take the Lead on Background Checks**

The Obama administration plans a new office to handle background checks for federal security clearances, according to the Office of Personnel Management. The National Background Investigations Bureau will operate under OPM and absorb the Federal Investigative Service, which had previously handled more than 1 million security clearance and suitability investigations a year. The new office will be responsible for all background investigations for the federal government. “As the world’s technologies continue to evolve and our economy becomes ever more digitally connected, the federal government’s tools, systems, and processes for managing such sensitive information and conducting background investigations must keep pace with these advancements in order to better anticipate, detect, and counter malicious activities, as well as threats posed by trusted insiders who may seek to do harm to the government’s personnel, property, and information systems,” OPM officials said in a statement. ([More](#))



### **Check Those Next Pay Statements**

Federal employees will want to take a close look at their next pay and leave statements. The average 1.3 percent general schedule pay raise that was effective in the first full pay period of the year, covering January 10-23 for most, should be showing up in the next pay distributions, which will reflect that period (blue collar employees receive their raise at differing times of the year, varying by location). Note that 1.3 percent is only an average; actual raises vary by locality from about 1.2 to 1.5 percent. A raise also may trigger higher coverage under FEGLI Basic and Option B, for those who have them, with a corresponding increase in the premium costs (both types of coverage are based on salary rounded to the next \$1,000). ([More](#))

### **Senators Seek To Cut Federal Administrative Leave**

Tales of federal employees languishing on administrative leave for long periods could come to an end under legislation introduced this week by a group of bipartisan senators. The Administrative Leave Act of 2016 is designed to “cut down on excessive, abusive, expensive leave and protect whistleblower employees who are put on leave in retaliation for their actions,” according to a news release issued by Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa). He introduced the bill along with Sens. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Tom Carper (D-Del.) and Jon Tester (D-Mont.). Johnson and Carper are the top-ranking members of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs committee that oversees the federal workforce. Tester also is on that committee. ([More](#))



### **OPM Loosens Reins on Incentive Payments**

OPM has loosened the controls on the so-called “3Rs” of incentive payments—recruitment, retention and relocation incentives—which were capped at 2010 levels through 2015. Agencies may now pay above their 2010 levels based on a “critical agency need.” The 3Rs are considered a key tool in hiring and retaining valued employees—including preventing them from quitting when their agency wants to transfer them elsewhere. They are especially used in high-demand occupations where basic

government salaries may not be competitive with the private sector's, such as IT, health care, and engineering, and also are concentrated by agency, particularly Defense and VA. ([More](#))

### **Annual Weingarten Rights Reminder – Employees Rights to Be Represented By an Exclusive Union in an Appropriate Bargaining Unit**

The Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute ([5 USC Chapter 71](#)) gives employees in units represented by an exclusive labor organization the right to request union representation at any examination by a representative of the agency in connection with an investigation if the employee believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action. Section 7114(a) of 5 USC Chapter 71 states that: An exclusive representative of an appropriate unit in an agency shall be given the opportunity to be represented at any examination of an employee in the unit by a representative of the agency in connection with an investigation if the employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee and the employee requests representation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your labor relations specialist or ombudsman.



### **Rock Island Chapter of AUSA Grants \$10,000 to 11 Local Organizations**

The Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of AUSA (Association of the United States Army) provided \$10,000 worth of community grants to eleven local organizations in order to show support. These organizations are improving the lives of servicemen and woman, and veterans, in the Quad Cities. Many of the beneficiaries of these organizations include the homeless, the disabled, the hungry, the wounded and the proud men and women who are, or who have served our nation in harm's way. Without the organizations like those with us today, many would go forgotten. Quite simply, these organizations change lives. ([website](#))

### **Time to File Your Taxes**

Income tax filing season is here, and Rock Island Arsenal operates 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 are available weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., **Jan. 25 through April 18**. Most appointments last 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, the tax center cannot prepare returns for a home-based business. If you expect your return to be complex, please discuss it with your tax preparer when you call to make an appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 782-8457/1709. 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 deductions/credits; copy of last year's return; direct deposit information; and dependents' birth dates.

## 2016 Elections Season Is Upon Us

Whether you are a Soldier or family member far from home, or a local resident of Illinois or Iowa, the Rock Island Voting Assistance Office can help with voter registration, absentee ballot requests and finding local polling locations. Stop by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Bldg. 56, or call 309-782-8780, for all your voting needs. The Iowa Caucuses are scheduled for **Feb. 1**. As the caucuses are run internally by the political parties, and not by the state, voters will not go to their normal polling locations, but instead alternate sites of the parties' choosing. The Scott County election website has more information on finding your caucus site:

[www.scottcountyiowa.com/auditor/election-central/caucuses](http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/auditor/election-central/caucuses). Additionally, while the caucuses are only open to registered voters of the appropriate party, forms will be available for on-site registration the day of the event. The Illinois Primary Election is scheduled for **March 15**, and will be held at regular polling locations.

As an open primary, voters may request to vote for a presidential candidate in any party. If you are not registered to vote 28 days prior to the election, special registration and voting procedures will apply under the state's "grace period" rule, so visit the Rock Island County election website for more information <http://rockislandcounty.org/Elections/Home>. Service members and dependents can visit [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for further information on their voting rights, and to access online voter registration and absentee ballot request forms. Iowa residents can now register online, using the state's new website <https://mymvd.iowadot.gov/VoterRegistration>, while Illinois residents can visit <https://ova.elections.il.gov>.



## Historic Clock Tower Building and Eagle Watch Tours

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District's Mississippi River Visitor Center at Locks and Dam 15 on Arsenal Island is offering free eagle watches and Clock Tower Building tours select weekends in **January** and **February** at 9:30-11 a.m. and 12-1:30 p.m. The tours will last approximately 1½ hours and will be guided by a Corps Park Ranger. Learn about the Historic Clock Tower Building as you climb the stairs to the top. Waiting there is a spectacular view of the Mississippi River where you will have the opportunity to see Bald Eagles who visit the area during the cold winter months. The tours will begin at the Mississippi River Visitor Center, located on the western end of Arsenal Island at Locks and Dam 15. You must check in with the ranger staff upstairs in the Visitor Center when you arrive for the tour. The tour is outside for a short duration of time so plan and dress accordingly; good walking shoes are also recommended as the tour will involve walking up 12 flights of stairs at a moderate pace. The tours are free of charge and everyone is invited to attend. An adult must accompany children younger than 12 years of age. Space is limited and reservations are required by calling 309-794-5338. Visit <http://go.usa.gov/c9AZF> for more information.



## Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the room outside the Lock and Dam Lounge (in Bldg. 60), on **Friday, Feb. 12 and 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email [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 **3<sup>rd</sup> shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 211) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on Feb. 11 & 25**. 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. Corps of



Engineers Blood Drive: The Rock Island District, Corps of Engineers will host a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, **Feb. 11 and on March 23**. The drive will be held in the Clock Tower Building Annex, Bldg. 217, in Conf. Rm. ABC. To donate, please contact 309-794-4200 or visit [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org) and use code 030 to locate the drive. Vista Technical Services Blood Drive: Vista will host a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, **Feb. 17**. The drive will be held on the MVRBC Blood Donor Bus, parked in front of Bldg. 350. To donate, please contact Paula Johnson at 309-782-0562 or visit [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org) and use code 1841 to locate the drive. **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 January and February**

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **Jan. 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29**; and **Feb. 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26**.

Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7:20 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. 90, Basement, Room B11). 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. All scheduled dates can be found on the [RIA VIOS website](#).

### **Wounded Warrior J.R. Martinez to Speak in the Quad Cities**

Vera French Community Mental Health Center will be having several educational events the week of **Feb. 15-20** to increase community awareness of the challenges of mental illness and the need for community support for the services provided by the Vera French Community Mental Health Center. This year they have the honor of presenting wounded U.S. Army veteran, J.R. Martinez as their signature inspirational speaker on Saturday, **Feb. 20**, at 7 p.m., at the Bettendorf High School Performing Arts Center. J.R. Martinez was wounded in Karbala, Iraq, April 5, 2003, by a roadside bomb that burned more than 34 percent of his body. ([More](#))

### **Marine Corps JROTC Trivia Night**

A trivia night event will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall (Upper Level) at 1111 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street in Davenport on **Feb. 20** at 6 p.m. to benefit the Davenport North High School Marine Corps JROTC. Doors open at 6 p.m., trivia begins at 7 p.m. \$10 per person/\$80 per table (teams of eight preferred – pay at the door) limited amount of tables-please make reservations early. For reservations and information please contact Greg Hingtgen at 563-370-5199 or email [dnjrotctrivia@hotmail.com](mailto:dnjrotctrivia@hotmail.com). Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 50/50 raffles & more.

### **Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts**

*The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees —* **Infinity Salon & Spa**: Located at 220 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. in Davenport, we offer 15 percent off services for military and the Arsenal Island workforce. We are a full service salon: hair, manicure, pedicures, massage, waxing, facials, for men, women, and children. Eligible personnel only need to show a military or work ID. **The Venue**: Located at 1405 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Moline, we would like to say thank you to all Rock Island Arsenal personnel – bring in your Arsenal ID/badge on Mondays and receive a 20 percent discount

on food and soda (this excludes family feast special). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Bettendorf. **Chocolate Manor:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off their total purchase on any of our award winning homemade chocolates at 110 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Davenport, just show your ID. **Roosters Sports Bar and Grill:** All military and civilian's get 10 percent off their bill. Come head down for lunch at 2130 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

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## 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.

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## Building/Space Closures



*There are no announcements at this time.*

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## Active Duty/Reserve Zone



### **Army Secretary Nominee Vows to Reverse Troop Cuts**

President Barack Obama's nominee to be the next Army secretary told the Senate on Thursday that he would reverse plans to shed 40,000 soldiers during the next two years. During his confirmation hearing, Eric Fanning said he is worried about the size of the force and its ability to fight foes such as the Islamic State group while fielding pointed questions from lawmakers on the Senate Armed Services Committee about troop cuts. Fanning's nomination comes in the Obama administration's last year, after it was held up briefly by the Senate. Yet, the Pentagon insider could still exert major influence on the Army as it re-evaluates some of its plans announced last summer to reduce its active-duty strength from 490,000 to 450,000. "If confirmed, I would look for ways to reverse as many of the combat cuts that the Army made last year as possible," Fanning told the committee.

The cuts would hit military bases in Georgia, Texas, Alaska, Washington and Hawaii. The service also could cut 10,000 civilians. ([More](#))

### **Army Spouses, Kids Can Apply Now For Millions of Dollars in Scholarships**

Spouses and military kids can apply now for scholarships through Army Emergency Relief. The deadline is May 1 for the Spouse Scholarship Program and the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for dependent children. The scholarship process is available online on AER's website. "This is a valuable opportunity for the children and spouses of Soldiers," Tammy LaCroix, manager for AER's scholarship programs, said in an Army news release. "We saw an increase in the number of applications last year and hope this trend continues this year." The scholarships are only available for students pursuing their first undergraduate degree. Last year, AER granted 4,245 need-based awards totaling \$9 million, with individual scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$3,300, according to its website. The applications and supporting documents — including academic transcripts through the fall 2015 semester — can all be submitted online until the May 1 deadline. Full or part-time students can apply for the Spouse Scholarship; only full-time students will receive the Ursano Scholarship. Awards will vary depending on the number of qualified applicants, funds available and need based on a Student Aid Report from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as FAFSA. If the sponsoring soldier is active duty, his or her Leave and Earnings Statement should also be submitted. ([More](#))

### **Military Spouse Fun Night/USO 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

Join other Military spouses **Tuesday, Feb. 2**, 6-8 p.m., ACS/USO (Bldg. 110), for this special edition of the monthly Military Spouse Fun Night to celebrate the USO's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday. There will be food drink provided by the USO. Please RSVP by calling 309-782-0829. Activities include craft nights, games, trivia, and other fun activities providing an opportunity to relax and have fun. For more information contact Jan Saito at Army Community Service at 309-782-4736/0829 or [janice.n.saito.civ@mail.mil](mailto:janice.n.saito.civ@mail.mil).

### **Geo-Bachelor/Bachelorette & Singles Night, Highlighting USO's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration with Spaghetti Dinner**

Help celebrate the USO's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on **Wednesday, Feb. 3**, at 5 p.m., in the USO spaces, Bldg. 110. The menu will include spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, as well as make your own birthday ice cream sundaes. In addition, the event will include door prizes. Interested individuals need to RSVP to Jackie Inman, 309-782-3896, or [jinman@usoofillinois.org](mailto:jinman@usoofillinois.org).



### **Military Spouse Fun Night**

Military spouses are invited to join us **Tuesday, Feb. 23**, 6-8 p.m., ACS/USO (Bldg. 110), on the last Tuesday of each month for a chance to meet other spouses in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Activities include craft nights, games, trivia, and other fun activities providing an opportunity to relax and have fun. For more information contact Jan Saito at Army Community Service at 309-782-4736/0829 or [janice.n.saito.civ@mail.mil](mailto:janice.n.saito.civ@mail.mil). ([Flyer](#))

# Safety Spotlight



ARMY SAFE  
IS ARMY STRONG



## Winter Road Rules

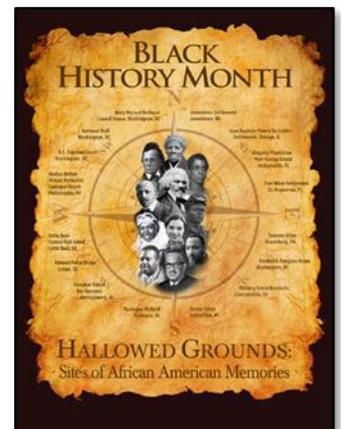
Whether you're a newly licensed driver or an experienced 88M with a "gazillion" miles logged, reduced traction from snow, ice and rain can make driving during the winter months especially dangerous. However, while winter weather does pose additional risks to drivers, they don't have to result in an accident. There are several things drivers can do to operate their tactical vehicles safely when weather conditions take a turn for the worst. - Maintenance - Conduct maintenance checks per the preventive maintenance checks and services in your vehicle's technical manual. It is especially important to ensure the antifreeze level and protection is adequate for the winter environment. Also, make sure the windshield washer reservoir is filled with a washer fluid that provides proper cold weather protection. Because visibility is vital for safe driving, it's also a good idea to have new wipers installed. In addition, make sure your battery is in good condition and all lights — especially headlights and tail lights — are working properly. - Operation - To improve visibility, snow and ice should be cleared from a vehicle's windows, mirrors, hood, roof, turn signals, tail lights and headlights before operation. If you're driving on ice and snow, reduce your speed and maintain a safe stopping distance. When climbing hills, accelerate slightly as you approach the hill and maintain a steady speed going up. This will allow the momentum of the vehicle to help carry you up the hill. Check the vehicle's TM for the proper gear settings for climbing and descending hills on ice or snow. Also be aware of black ice, which is an invisible, thin layer of ice on road surfaces, including bridges and overpasses. (Editor's note: For more on black ice, see the info box below.) Of course, you should always wear a seat belt and drive defensively regardless of the weather conditions. ([More](#))

# Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



## RIA African American/Black History Month Observance

Army Sustainment Command EEO will host a African American/Black History Month Observance on **Tuesday, Feb. 16**, 1-2 p.m. in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The guest speaker for the event will be Lametta Wynn, the first African American mayor of Clinton, Iowa. The Presidential proclamation for Black History Month in 2015 read: "As we mark National African American History Month, we celebrate giants of the civil rights movement and countless other men and women whose names are etched in the hearts of their loved ones and the cornerstones of the country they helped to change. We pause to reflect on our progress and our history—not only to remember, but also to acknowledge our unfinished work. We reject the false notion that our challenges lie only in the past, and we recommit to advancing what has been left undone." For additional information or accommodations please contact Sgt. First Class Jose Vazquez, First Army, EOA, 309-782-9761; or Sgt. First



Class Marion Wilson, ASC, EOA, 309-782-3021.

### **African American/Black History Month Potluck**

Army Sustainment Command Equal Opportunity invites you to the African American/Black History Month Potluck on **Thursday, Feb. 11**, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., in the Baylor Conference Room, Bldg. 103, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. The guest speaker will be George Eaton, Army Sustainment Command, Historian. If you would like to bring a dish please contact Sgt. First Class Marion Wilson at 309-782-3021 or Sgt. First Class Debbie King at 309-782-0284. To sign up in [TEDs](#) use search word: "Black History."

### **Mark Your Calendars**

On **Tuesday, May 3**, First Army EEO will host a Holocaust Days of Remembrance Observance from 1-2 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Felix Weil, a survivor of the Holocaust.

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# Morale, Welfare & Recreation



## **Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)**

Visit the MWR website at [www.riamwr.com](http://www.riamwr.com) for information on all MWR programs.

### **MWR Text Alerts**

Grab your mobile phone and text **EZZHV32984 4** to the number **313131** to join our text list and have all the latest and greatest MWR news delivered right to your phone. We'll keep you up to date with all the fun and exciting upcoming MWR events and programs as well as coupons and special offers available only to text alert subscribers. Message and data rates may apply and you can opt out at any time by replying "**stop**" to **313131**. Check out the flyer for a quick and easy QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to automatically generate the message for you. ([Flyer](#))



### **Newcomers Orientation and Tour**

Are you new to the Arsenal or do you have new employees or Service Members in your office? Make sure to get them/yourself signed up for our next Newcomer's Orientation and Tour taking place **Thursday, Jan. 28**, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. 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 courtesy of our sponsor, Rock Island Arsenal Federal Credit Union. Space is limited so call 309-782-0829 for more info and to reserve your spots. ([Flyer](#))

### **Self Defense Seminar**

Learn basic self-defense tactics and tips from our Primary Master Combatives certified instructor **Saturday, Jan. 30**, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the RIA Fitness Center, to avoid becoming a target. Class is \$50 per individual or \$90 per couple/pair and is open to all eligible patrons 18 years and older. Call 309-782-6787 for more info and to sign up. ([Flyer](#))

### **First Friday Social**

Join your Island colleagues **Friday, Feb. 5**, 3-7 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse, for a fun evening of appetizers, drinks, networking, socializing and karaoke. This event is open to the entire RIA workforce and the general public so bring your friends, family, neighbors, mail man... whoever, just come out and have fun with us. There will be \$1 happy hour drafts from 3-5 p.m. and bring your Rocktoberfest Stein and get \$2 off re-fills. Steins are still available for \$10. Call 309-782-4372 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

### **Super Bowl Party**

Come watch the best in the AFC battle the best in the NFC **Sunday, Feb. 7**, 5:30 p.m., in the Lock & Dam Lounge, for the title of Super Bowl 50 Champions on multiple big screen TVs. There will be beer specials and an \$8 all you can eat nacho & chili bar. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the hard-hitting gridiron action starts at 5:30 p.m. Call 309-782-4372 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

### **RIA FMWR Fitness Center's Annual Health and Fitness Fair**

The RIA Fitness Center's annual health fair, taking place **Wednesday, Feb. 10**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., in the RIA Fitness Center, 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 is always lots of goodies and freebies available as well. Call 309-782-6789 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

### **Valentine's Wine & Spirit Pairing Dinner**

Show your special someone how much they mean to you by treating them to a romantic evening at the historic Arsenal Island Clubhouse on **Friday, Feb. 12**; doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. This delightful evening will include drinks, dinner and dancing to live music. Each course of delectable cuisine will be perfectly paired with a spirit or wine to create a gastronomic experience you won't soon forget. Local favorites, The Whoozdads will provide the musical entertainment for the evening. Professional photographs by Ferguson Photography will be available (extra fee applies). Full menu can be found here: [www.riamwr.com/event/valentines-wine-spirit-tasting-dinner](http://www.riamwr.com/event/valentines-wine-spirit-tasting-dinner) Cost for this all-inclusive dinner is \$130/couple and reservations are required by calling 309-782-4372. Event subject to cancellation if minimum reservations are not met. This event is open to the public and due to the new base access policy all visitors must pass a background check and receive a visitor's pass. More information on the new policy and the simple process to obtain a pass can be found here: [www.usagria.army.mil/AccessRequests](http://www.usagria.army.mil/AccessRequests) ([Flyer](#))

### **Lunch Service at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse**

Has it been a while since you've had lunch at the Golf Clubhouse? If so come back Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and give it another try because we've got some exciting new options that are sure to fit your appetite and schedule. Try the daily soup, salad and sandwich buffet featuring a delicious house made soup du jour and fresh baked breads for just \$9/person. ([menu is available here](#)) ([daily buffet items here](#))

# 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](#))

## Outdoor Recreation Ski Gear

Come check out the great new downhill ski gear at Outdoor Recreation. These skis and other winter equipment are available for you to checkout at a great savings. There is a lot of winter left, get out and enjoy it. For more information, phone Outdoor Recreation at 309-782-8630.

## Leisure Travel Office Discounts for Shows in February

Visit Leisure Travel in Bldg. 333 (next to the Exchange) to save money on some great shows coming to the Quad Cities in early 2016 including:

- **Feb. 20:** Phantom at Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse

Check out the flyers for the [Phantom](#), or call Leisure Travel at 309-782-5890 for more info and to reserve your discount tickets.

## Circa 21: Presents Phantom

A timeless tale. A haunting score. A stunning production. The mesmerizing Phantom is a sensation that enraptures with beautiful songs and characters more richly developed than in any other version, including the original novel. The story traces the obsession of the disfigured composer who falls in love with his protégé only to be undone by his passion. A theatrical rendition of Gaston Leroux's classic novel. Leisure Travel has discounted seats on sale until Tuesday, **Feb. 2**. All seats are \$46.

## Snowstar Winter Sports Park, Ski & Snowboard Outing

Join Outdoor Rec Friday, **Friday, Feb. 19**, 5-9 p.m., for a fun evening of skiing and snowboarding at Snowstar in Andalusia, Ill. Prices vary depending on your required combination of lift ticket, equipment rental and lesson options. Please see the flyer for complete pricing details.

Transportation to Snowstar is not included, participants will meet there. Call 309-782-8630 for more info and to register. RSVP and payment are required by Wednesday, **Feb. 10**. ([Flyer](#))

## A Timeless Tale. A Haunting Score. A Stunning Production.

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Event Date: **Saturday, Feb. 20**

Event Time: **5:45-9 p.m.**

## WWE Returns to the Quad Cities Road to Wrestlemania

See your favorite WWE superstars Sunday, **March 6**, at 1 p.m., including: John Cena, Alberto Del Rio, Bray Wyatt, Kane, Dudley Boyz, The Wyatt Family, The Divas and many more (card subject to change). Leisure Travel has tickets on sale until **March 2**. Section B row 1 seats 1-8, Row 2 seats 6-

12 \$111; Section 113 Row 3 & 4 seats 3-12 \$69.50; and Section 113 row 8 seats 3-11 row 16 seats 1-16 \$56.

### **Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage Concert Tour 2016**

This lavish production includes an impressive live symphony orchestra and international special solo instruments. People of all ages and backgrounds will experience the franchise's groundbreaking and wildly popular musical achievements while the most iconic Star Trek film and TV footage is simultaneously beamed in high definition to a 40-foot wide screen. The concert will feature some of the greatest music written for the franchise including music from Star Trek: The Original Series, Star Trek: The Motion Picture, Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan, Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home, Star Trek: Insurrection, Star Trek: The Next Generation, Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, Star Trek: Voyager and much more. This never-before-seen concert event is perfect for music lovers, filmgoers, science-fiction fans and anyone looking for an exciting and unique concert experience. MWR Leisure Travel has discounted seats on sale now. Stop by the office located in Bldg. 333 or call 309-782-5890.

Date: **Friday, March 22**

Time: **7 p.m.**

### **Shear Madness**

Quad City Premiere – America's favorite comedy whodunit delights audiences with its unique blend of madcap improvisation and spine-tickling mystery **April 9** at 5:45 p.m. Shear Madness takes place in a hairstyling salon and is chock full of up-to-the-minute spontaneous humor. During the course of the action, a murder is committed and the audience gets to spot the clues, question the suspects, and solve the funniest mystery. The outcome is never the same, which is why many audience members return again and again to the scene of the mayhem. This is the longest running comedy in history. It has played for more than 30 consecutive years in Boston and 26 years at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC. Leisure Travel has discounted seats available until **March 26**.

### **MWR Inaugural Pirate and Princess Family Event**

This inaugural Pirate and Princess Family Event, will take place Saturday, **April 16**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. We will be serving lunch (chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, fruit cocktail and a cookie) prepared by the Arsenal Clubhouse. Activities to include: craft table, coloring table, two separate picture taking areas, and a movie with popcorn and juice box. Cost is \$20 for one adult/one child. Each additional person is \$8. RSVP with payment no later than **April 8** to 309-782-5890.

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## **Child, Youth & School Services**



### **Summer Day Camp Registration is Open**

We're busy preparing another awesome Summer Day Camp program for 2016. Parents, please check with Parent Central Services at 309-782-0791 to make sure that your registration is current for your children; after that pick up your application for the 2016 Summer Day Camp program at the School Age Center, Bldg. 150, before Friday, **Jan. 29**. Call the School Age Center at 309-782-7544 for more info. ([Flyer](#))



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# Army Community Service



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**.

## Advanced Résumé Class

This class, taking place **Friday, Feb. 5**, 1:30-3:30 p.m., in the ACS Training Room (Bldg. 110), is intended for spouses but is open to all service members, retirees' DA civilians and their family members. Learn advanced techniques on how to tailor your résumé for federal employment. RSVP required by **Jan. 29**. Call 309-782-0829 or e-mail [usarmy.ria.imcom-central.mbx.usag-ac@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ria.imcom-central.mbx.usag-ac@mail.mil) ([Flyer](#))

## Military Saves Lunch & Learn

Military personnel and spouses are invited to this free seminar **Wednesday, Feb. 24**, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Arsenal Island Clubhouse that will give you some great tips on personal financial management. Set a Goal, Make a Plan, and Save Automatically. Please RSVP by **Friday, Feb. 19** by calling 309-782-0829 or [usarmy.RIA.imcom-central.mbx.usag-ac@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.RIA.imcom-central.mbx.usag-ac@mail.mil) ([Flyer](#))

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# Employee Assistance Program



ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> floor; visit our [ASAP/EAP website](#) or phone 309-782-4357 or 309-782-HELP. Office hours are from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After Hour Emergencies: 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly. In addition, [a list of our classes & groups with dates, locations, and times, is located here](#). [Find us on Facebook click here](#).

## ASAP Calendar Date Log Books Available

The Army Substance Abuse Program/Employee Assistance Program has 2016 Calendar Date Log Books available. Please call 309-782-4357 or stop by the EAP office, Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 104, if you would like one. EAP POC is Melissa Hoye at 309-782-4357.

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# 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](#).

### **Gilda's Club Scholarship**

Gilda's Club and CCKMA are teaming up to present the first Cancer Kickin' Scholarship. Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students impacted by cancer – whether it is themselves, a parent, sibling, other relative or friend with the diagnosis. Students must be current high school juniors/seniors or currently in their first or second year of college to apply. Applicants must reside in Scott, Rock Island, Muscatine County or Henry County. Application submissions are due **Feb. 1**. Scholarship forms are available online at [CancerKickinScholarship.com](http://CancerKickinScholarship.com), at Gilda's Club (1234 East River Drive, Davenport) or by calling Kelly Hendershot at 563-326-7504. Recipients will be recognized on **April 9** at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual CCKMA Event. ([More](#))

### **Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA and SGT Paul Fisher Scholarships**

The Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA is now accepting applications for NDIA and SGT Paul Fisher scholarships for academic year 2016-2017. Value of each scholarship is \$2,000. Applications may be downloaded from the front page of the chapter's web site, [www.ndia-ia-il.org](http://www.ndia-ia-il.org). Eligibility requirements are shown on the first page of the application. Applications must be postmarked by midnight **March 24**. Questions should be directed to the scholarship chair, John Masengarb, 563-650-3252.

### **Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club Scholarship Applications**

Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club Scholarship Applications are now available. Applications can be picked up at the Arsenal Attic Thirft Shop, Bldg. 60 basement; or the Education Center, Bldg. 56. You can also [access the applications online here](#). The applications list the specific eligibility requirements for applicants. Please note that all RIA active duty military, civilians, and contractors, and all of their dependents, are eligible to apply, as well as those who regularly volunteer on the Arsenal. Please email RIAWC Scholarship Chair Nicole Kirschmann at [RIAWCScholarships@yahoo.com](mailto:RIAWCScholarships@yahoo.com) with any questions.

### **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, **March 17**, and **June 16**; • Black Hawk College, **April 14**, and **July 14**; • Eastern Iowa Community College, **Feb. 4**, **March 3**, **April 7**, **May 5**, **June 2**, and **July 7**; • Kaplan University, **Feb. 18**, **May 19**, and **Aug. 18**; • Saint Ambrose University, **April 21**, and **July 21**; • Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, **Jan. 28**, **April 28**, and **July 28**; • University of Dubuque, **Feb. 11**, **May 26**, and **Aug. 11**; and • Upper Iowa University, **March 10**, and **June 9**. Meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities.



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](http://www.commissaries.com) ([Facebook](#))**

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## 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](#))**

### **Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society February Meeting**

The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on **Thursday, Feb. 4**, in the Veranda Room of the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. The menu for the dinner includes a garden salad, top sirloin with mushroom gravy, garlic mashed potatoes with vegetable medley, and apple cake for dessert. All dinners include rolls and breadsticks, coffee, tea and water. The total cost is \$14 including tax and tip. Our event is open to members and non-members. Interested parties may choose to attend only the program portion of the meeting at 7 p.m. at no cost. The guest speaker will be Dr. William Hampes, professor emeritus of psychology/sociology from Black Hawk College. His presentation will be focused on the COL Davenport House. For reservations call Monica 563-650-4349 or Linda 563- 355-6165 or email [chiicaliinda@aol.com](mailto:chiicaliinda@aol.com). Reservations are due by Noon on **Monday, Feb. 1**. Cancellations must be made by the reservation deadline or you will be liable for cost incurred and billed accordingly. If further clarification is required on this notice, please call Kris Leinicke at 309-782-3518.

### **This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Jan. 18-24**

Col. Adelbert Rinaldo Buffington assumed command of RIA on Jan. 21, 1892. Col. David King, one of two RIA Commanders buried on the Island, died Jan. 27, 1932.

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## Healthbeat

### **How Much Do You Know About HPV and Cervical Health?**

January is Cervical Health Awareness month and what a great time to focus on the prevention of cervical cancer. Focusing on preventing the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) can go a long way in preventing cervical cancer and promoting overall cervical health. Many people do not know that HPV is one of the leading causes cervical cancer; thankfully there is a vaccination that can help prevent this virus, thus reducing the risk for cancer. There are approximately 150 different types of HPV, of which, about 40 affect the genital area. "Most sexually active people will come into contact and be infected with HPV at some point in their lifetime," says Eileen Gawryls, Nurse Practitioner, OB/GYN, Tripler Army Medical Center. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports that 14

million people will be infected with HPV in the next year alone. Most people won't even know they are infected with this common condition and most of the time the virus clears up in a couple of years. Unfortunately, sometimes it persists and gets worse and, if left undiagnosed and untreated, certain types of HPV can lead to cervical cancer and other HPV related cancers in both women and men. The most recent statistics available from the CDC show that in 2009 approximately 34,788 new HPV-related cancers were diagnosed in the United States. ([More](#))

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## Notes for Veterans



*There are no announcements at this time.*

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## Around the Q.C.



**Jan. 26:** ["Iran from the Inside Out: Culture and Literature through the Lens of Politics," presented by Dr. Cyrus Zargar](#) (Bettendorf Public Library)

**Jan. 30:** [Quad Cities Bicycle Club's RAGBRAI for Rookies](#) (Davenport Public Library, 6000 Eastern Ave.)

**Jan. 30:** [Hand in Hand Chili Cook-Off](#) (Mississippi Valley Fair Center, Davenport)

**Jan. 30:** [Bridal Expo](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

**Feb. 1:** [35<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Parts Swapmeet for the Harley Enthusiast](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)

**Feb. 5:** [Bacon and Beer Festival](#) 2016 (RiverCenter, Davenport)

**Feb. 5-7:** [37<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Builders and Remodelers Outdoor](#) Show (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)

**Feb. 6:** [Frozen Fat Fondo Fest](#) (Credit Island, Davenport)

**Feb. 6-8:** [Quad Cities Home Builders Home Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)

**Feb. 9:** [Rajun Cajun Food Fest](#) (Figge Art Museum, Davenport)

**Feb. 11:** [Dad & Daughter Sweetheart Date Night](#) (Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center)

**Feb. 12-13:** [Factory of Fear Presents from the Factory with Love](#) (5027 4th Ave., Moline)

**Feb. 12-14:** [IA-IL Regional Auto Show](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

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

**Feb. 18:** [HAVlife Martini Shake Off](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

**Feb. 21:** [CBRC Chili Chase 4 Mile Run/Walk](#) (Duck Creek Park, Davenport)

**Feb. 25-28:** [Regional Firearms Auction](#) (Rock Island Auction Company, 7819 42nd St W, Rock Island)

**Feb. 26-28:** [QCCA RV/Camping Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)

**Feb. 27:** [Havana Daydreamn' by the Quad City Parrot Head Club](#) (Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)

**Feb. 29-March 6:** [4<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad Cities Restaurant](#) Week (greater Quad-City area)

**March 4-6:** [Big Bore Enterprise Gun Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

**March 5:** [QCMiB 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling Craft & Vendor Show](#) (The Viking Club, Moline)

**March 6-8:** [Quad Cities Antique Spectacular](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)

**March 10-13:** [Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament](#) (iWireless Center)

**March 12:** [CASI's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day 5k Race, 1 Mile Family Fun Run and the Tot Trot](#) (Downtown Davenport)

**March 12:** [St. Patrick's Day Grand Parade XXXI](#) (Downtown Rock Island & Downtown Davenport)

**March 12:** [8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Crafts & More Show](#) (The Camden Centre, Milan)

**March 16-19:** [Gathering of the Green](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

**March 18:** [13<sup>th</sup> Annual Henry Farnam Dinner](#) (St. Ambrose University's Rogalski Center, Davenport)

**March 19:** [Spring Equinox Run](#) (Credit Island Club House, Davenport)

**March 20:** [Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Illinois](#) (Wick's Lake, Jumer's Casino, Rock Island)

**March 26:** [Easter Egg Scramble 5K Road Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)

**April 1-3:** [QCCA Flower and Garden Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)

**April 2:** [QCH3 Red Dress Run](#) (The Venue, Moline)  
**April 11:** [18<sup>th</sup> Annual In-Fisherman Swap Meet](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)  
**April 23:** [Bandits Race to Home 5K](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)  
**April 23:** [Gilda's Run for Laughs & Roseannadana Dash](#) (The District of Rock Island)  
**April 23:** [Moline Kiwanis "Fling into Spring" Bags Tournament](#) (Historic Lot by Bad Boyz, Moline)  
**April 30:** [35<sup>th</sup> Annual CBRC 24 Hour Run](#) (North Scott High School Track, Eldridge, Iowa)  
**April 30:** [Steve's Old Time Tap Spring Chaser](#) (223 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Downtown Rock Island)  
**May 1:** [MIP Arts & Crafts Fair](#) (Eriksen Chevrolet-Buick, Milan)  
**May 6-7:** Davenport Central High School JROTC Blue Raider Challenge (Navy Operational Support Center Rock Island)  
**May 7:** [Village in Bloom](#) (Village of East Davenport)  
**May 7:** [3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cinco De Mayo Nacho Ordinary 5K](#) (Ganzo's Davenport)  
**May 7-8:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figue Art Museum)  
**May 8:** [Quad Cities Distance Classic](#) (Augustana, Rock Island)  
**May 10-11:** [Scott County Kennel Club AKC Dog Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)  
**May 14:** [Young Life Quad Cities' 'You Were Made For This 5k' Race](#) (Ben Butterworth Parkway, Moline)  
**May 21:** [The Wild 5, Running Wild](#) (Unity Point - Trinity, Bettendorf)  
**May 21:** [Color the Quads 5K Run & Kids Fun Run](#) (Cumberland Square, Bettendorf)  
**May 21:** [LiveFit with Lupus Race & Festival](#) (Pebble Creek Golf Course, LeClaire, Iowa)  
**May 30:** [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Village of East Davenport)  
**May 31-June 4:** [Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (1800 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Suite 304, Rock Island)  
**June 3-4:** [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Ill.)  
**June 10-11:** [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)  
**June 18:** [The Micro Brew Mile and 6K Road Race](#) (5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline)  
**June 18:** [Quad Cities Triathlon 2016](#) (West Lake Park, Davenport)  
**June 18-26:** [Quad Cities Museum Week](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)  
**June 19:** [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**June 25:** [Royal Ball Run For Autism](#) (Hyvee, Milan)  
**June 25-26:** [Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)  
**June 26:** [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)  
**June 26:** [Hemmings Motor News Great Race - San Rafael, Calif. to Moline, Ill.](#) (Moline)  
**July 4:** [Red, White & Boom!](#) (Rock Island & Davenport)  
**July 4:** [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (East Moline)  
**July 4:** [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July](#) (Downtown Bettendorf)  
**July 14-16:** [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (I-80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)  
**July 19-23:** [Rock Island County Fair](#) (fairgrounds in East Moline)  
**July 29-30:** [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**July 30:** [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**Aug. 2-7:** [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)  
**Aug. 4:** [Freedom Run 5K](#) (733 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., East Moline)  
**Aug. 4-7:** [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)  
**Aug. 8-14:** [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.)  
**Aug. 11-13:** [Tug Fest, LeClaire](#) (Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)  
**Aug. 13:** [Case Creek Obstacles 5K Mud Run](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)  
**Aug. 19-20:** [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)  
**Aug. 20:** [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)  
**Aug. 26-27:** [River Roots Live](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)  
**Aug. 27:** [Vettes on the River](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)  
**Aug. 27:** [Silvis Family Run](#) (Schadt Park, Silvis, Ill.)  
**Sept. 3-4:** [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)  
**Sept. 10:** [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)  
**Sept. 10:** [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)  
**Sept. 10-11:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**Sept. 16-17:** [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park (Davenport)  
**Sept. 17:** [Taming of the Slough](#) (Empire Park in East Moline)  
**Sept. 17:** [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park (Davenport)  
**Sept. 17-18:** [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park (Village of East Davenport)

**Sept. 23-24:** [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Rock Island County Fairgrounds (East Moline))  
**Sept. 25:** [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)  
**Oct. 1:** [GiGi's Super Hero Run](#) (Bettendorf)  
**Oct. 2:** [Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic](#) (Rock Island)  
**Oct. 7-9:** [Big Bore Enterprise Gun Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)  
**Oct. 9:** [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire)  
**Oct. 27:** [Fright Night](#) (The District (Rock Island))  
**Oct. 29:** [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)  
**Oct. 29-30:** [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo (Coal Valley (Ill.)))  
**Oct. 29:** [Witches Walk & Costume Parade](#) (Downtown LeClaire)  
**Nov. 12:** [Black Hawk College 5k Hustle](#) (Black Hawk College (Moline))  
**Nov. 18-27:** [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter (Davenport))  
**Nov. 19:** [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**Nov. 19:** [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)  
**Nov. 24:** [Scott County Family Y McCarthy Bush Turkey Trot](#) (Downtown YMCA (Davenport))

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