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# Island Insight

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## ASC Honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In Observance

Few seats were empty in Heritage Hall for Rock Island Arsenal's Martin Luther King Jr. observance here, Jan. 23. The event began with the national anthem, sung by Linda Robertson. After the invocation, lead by Chaplain (Maj.) Terry Jarvis, Joint Munitions Command, a video presentation entitled, "If I Had Sneezed," was shown. In the video, King speaks about being stabbed, and how the wound was so close to his heart that if he had sneezed it would have killed him. The guest speaker, Carmen Ausborn, equal employment opportunity specialist/disability employment manager, U.S. Army Garrison - RIA, gave an emotional speech, bringing some audience members to tears. Ausborn, a native of Detroit, Michigan, spoke about her personal connection with King and the civil rights movement. "My family migrated from the South," she said. "They moved north from Mississippi to find work, to what they thought was the promise land. Coming to the North, to what they



## Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 1:** Super Bowl Party, Arsenal Island Clubhouse
- Feb. 2:** CIF Facility Opening Ceremony, 10 a.m.
- Feb. 5:** Installation Information Forum, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 3 p.m.
- Feb. 5:** Island-Wide Social, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 10:** Community Special Events Meeting, Heritage Hall, 1 p.m.
- Feb. 10-12:** DA Photos, Bldg. 56, Basement, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
- Feb. 11:** RIA FMWR Health & Fitness Fair, Fitness Center, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Feb. 11:** Tenant Senior NCO, Arsenal Island Clubhouse Veranda, 11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 11:** JMC Change of Responsibility Ceremony, 1 p.m. (Location TBD)
- 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. 21:** Annual Kids vs Parents Dodge Ball, Bldg. 150, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Feb. 23-27:** SFL-TAP Workshop, Bldg. 56, Rm. 122, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 26:** Council of Colonels, Arsenal Island Clubhouse Veranda, 11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 26:** Newcomers Orientation, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Feb. 26:** Council of Colonels, Arsenal Island Clubhouse Veranda, 11:30 a.m.

thought was the promise land, they found that there was work but there were still challenges. There was still discrimination, and there was still segregation." ([More](#))

### **First Army Welcomes New Headquarters Staff Commander**

First Army Commanding General Lt. Gen. Michael S. Tucker welcomed one outstanding officer while saying goodbye to another during the First Army's Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment change of command ceremony on Jan. 20. Capt. Jeff R. Sudbeck replaced Capt. Joseph C. Pauley, who served as HHD commander for the past 18 months. Sudbeck served as aide-de-camp for several First Army deputy commanding generals since June 2013, prior to assuming command of HHD. ([More](#))



### **Dempsey: Sequestration is 'Absolutely Crazy'**

Sequestration is "absolutely crazy," will hurt national security and make it "impossible" for the United States to meet its global commitments, according to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The world has changed dramatically since sequestration was passed into law in the Budget Control Act of 2011, Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey said. Dempsey spoke Thursday, in an interview aboard his plane as he returned to Washington following a European trip focusing on threats to the continent. ([More](#))

### **Italian Troops on the Rock Island Arsenal**

When the U.S. entered World War Two, Italy was one of our opponents. But when Italy surrendered to the allies, captured Italian troops being held in America, still couldn't go home until the war was over. They had a choice, stay in camps, or go to work helping with the American war effort. And, some of those men ended up at the Rock Island Arsenal. Italy had surrendered, but World War II raged on, and the Rock Island Arsenal was intensely busy. So the arrival of captured Italians, willing to work, was welcome news. "They were here from July of 1944 until September of 1945, they filled the gap that was needed because we didn't have the workers in the local community any longer. Kris Leinicke, Rock Island Arsenal Museum. ([More](#))



### **A Deeper Look into Social Media Awareness**

Opportunists and terrorist organizations, to include the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS, Al-Qaeda and various extremists around the globe, use social media to gain personally identifiable information, knowledge on living and work places of users and other sensitive information that could possibly imperil a person's life. The danger social media sites present should lead everyone to examine what they post, before making it public for the world to see. ([More](#))

### **Rock Island's Flying Ace Gets WWII Honor 70 Years Later**

In 1945, Flight Officer Bernard "Barney" Young served in the China Burma India Theater of World War II, flying a plane that carried fuel from India to China over the "Hump" of the Himalayan Mountains. Nearly 70 years later, he was recognized for his achievements with the Army Air Corps Distinguished Flying Cross on Saturday night during a ceremony at the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club. "I never dreamed that anything like this would ever happen to me," said Mr. Young, 95, before the ceremony. ([More](#))



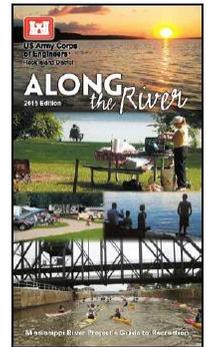
## New Bill Slashes 10 Percent from Federal Workforce

The federal workforce would be slashed by 10 percent - or more than 200,000 employees - over the next two years under legislation introduced Jan. 23. The Federal Workforce Reduction Through Attrition Act would limit agencies to just one new hire for every three employees that quit or retire, according to the bill. Reps. Cynthia Lummis, R-Wy., and Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C., who introduced the bill, believe it would achieve the 10 percent cut by Sept. 30, 2016. Lummis said the national debt has hit \$18 trillion because of out-of-control spending and a "bloated" federal government and that the bill would save \$35 billion over five years. ([More](#))



## New 2015 Along The River – Guide to Recreation

Each year the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District's Mississippi River Project publishes a new updated guide to camping and recreation areas along the banks of the Mississippi River that are managed by the project. This year's 2015 edition will be available soon and offers information on reserving a campsite, buying a boat ramp pass, campground amenities, and has a list of many things to see and do from Potosi, Wisconsin, all the way to Saverton, Missouri. If you would like to receive a free copy of this annual publication, please e-mail your name and address to [mvrodmn15@usace.army.mil](mailto:mvrodmn15@usace.army.mil) and we will mail it to you as soon as they become available. A digital copy will also be available in PDF format on our website [www.missriver.org](http://www.missriver.org).



## Mississippi River Visitor Center Eagle Watch / Clock Tower Tour

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District's Mississippi River Visitor Center will be conducting eagle watches and Clock Tower Tours on Saturday, **Jan. 31** and **Feb. 7**, at 9:30-11 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m. These are combination eagle watches and historical Clock Tower Building tours. Reservations are required; group size is limited. For more information or to make reservations call the Visitor Center at 309-794-5338.



## Weingarten Rights

In accordance with law, this agency is required to post an annual notice of bargaining unit employee rights, under 5 USC 7114(a)(2)(b), to union representation during investigations. These rights, commonly referred to as "Weingarten Rights." These rights include the following: (2) An exclusive representative of an appropriate unit in an agency shall be given the opportunity to be represented at-- (b) any examination of an employee in the unit by a representative of the agency in connection with an investigation if--(i) the employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee; and (ii) the employee requests representation.

## Tax Season Is Here

Income tax filing season is here and the Rock Island Arsenal will again host a free tax assistance center. The Rock Island Arsenal Tax Center, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of Bldg. 390, will be operational beginning on Wednesday, **Jan. 28**. 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.

### **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. 56, Room 104. 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](#)



### **Souper Bowl Special**

Treat America Food Services is having a chili bread bowl promo in Bldg. 60 and Bldg. 350 cafeterias on Thursday, **Jan. 29**, your choice of Buffalo Chicken Soup or Southwestern Chili for \$7.99 + tax. These bread bowls will feature Panera bread bowls and come with a fountain drink.

### **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.

### **Geo-Bachelor Dinner**

USO of Illinois Rock Island, with the support of Rock Island Arsenal, is sponsoring the first Geo-bachelor dinner of 2015, Wednesday, **Feb. 4**, 5-6:30 p.m., at the USO Rock Island Center, Bldg. 110. RSVP with Jackie Inman, director, USO of Illinois Rock Island, at 309-782-3896. Active duty, Reserve & National Guard geo bachelors and singles assigned to Rock Island Arsenal are eligible.

## 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](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 Jan. 29.**

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. **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](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org) and use code 1554 to locate the drive. You may also email SFC Clapper at [jared.d.clapper.mil@mail.mil](mailto: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.

## Save the Date – RIAWC to Host First Denim & Diamonds Auction

The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is hosting their first Denim & Diamonds Auction on Friday, **April 10**, 6-10:30 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse. Point of contact is Norricia Speights, vice president, RIAWC, at 309-206-4763, [RIAWCVP@yahoo.com](mailto:RIAWCVP@yahoo.com).

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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.

### 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.

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## Building/Space Closures



*There are no announcements at this time.*

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## Active Duty/Reserve Zone



### Applications Open: Be a General's Enlisted Aide

Applications are being accepted for a program that prepares noncommissioned officers in the ranks of promotable sergeant through master sergeant to serve as enlisted aides to general officers. The fiscal 2015 selection panel is scheduled to convene April 20 at the Human Resources Command, Fort Knox, Ky. The application deadline is April 10. Candidates who were not selected by previous enlisted aide panels, or who have previously served as aides, can submit a packet for review by the upcoming board. ([More](#))

### Research Team Shapes Future of Combat Rations

What kinds of rations might the military be using to feed its warfighters 15 years from now? Seeking to provide a window into the future of combat feeding, the Consumer Research Team, or CRT, working on behalf of the Combat Feeding Directorate of the Natick Soldier Research,

Development and Engineering Center, developed an online questionnaire for current and former military members. A more detailed version of the questionnaire can be completed by Department of Defense personnel whose work involves military field feeding. ([More](#))

### **Soldier for Life: Instructor Draws Inspiration from Transitioning Soldiers**

When veteran William McLaurin left the Army in 1985 he never imagined that he would have another opportunity to serve twenty seven years later. "I am extremely grateful," said McLaurin, Heating, Ventilating, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration instructor with the United Association's Veterans In Piping program at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA. As one of the Army's industry partners, the program provides Soldiers an opportunity to learn a new skill prior to leaving the service and offers entry to paid apprenticeship programs in welding, plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration. "It's a great opportunity for me to help our Soldiers transition into the real world; I feel like I'm still serving," said McLaurin. ([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](mailto:janice.n.saito.civ@mail.mil). ([Flyer](#))



### **Knowledge Magazine**

Knowledge is the official safety magazine of the U.S. Army, published online monthly by the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center (USACRC). Developed in January 2007, Knowledge provides a forum for Soldiers, leaders and safety professionals to share their best practices and lessons learned through personally submitted articles on a variety of aviation, ground, driving and off-duty safety topics. In addition to the online version, Knowledge releases a weekly newsletter highlighting various safety issues as well as seasonal campaigns and USACRC tools and programs. ([More](#))

### **Motorcycle Program Provides Guidance for Riders**

The Motorcycle Mentorship Program keeps Soldiers sharp and safe on the roads with their two- and three-wheeled vehicles by assigning a mentor to familiarize riders with the area and safety protocols. Commanders assign mentors to the Soldiers, said Shawn King, Maneuver Center of Excellence safety and occupational health specialist and MMP contracting officer representative. A mentor is always a rider, usually a senior NCO, and has years of safe riding experience, making him the most competent rider of his command, King said. Mentors keep records, hold refresher training for riders in their area and are accountable for all riders in their area. ([More](#))

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# Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



*There are no announcements at this time.*

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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.

### **Date Night Dance Classes**

Come join local dance group, QC SoDa (QC Social Dancing), every Thursday, at 7 p.m., in Heritage Hall (Bldg. 60), for a fun evening of dance lessons in various styles including Swing, Salsa and more. Classes are \$8/person/class or \$35/individual or \$60/couple for the full six week session. Sign up and pay the first night you attend class. ([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](http://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](#))

## 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](#))

## Free Tickets to 2015 Iowa-Illinois Regional Auto Show

MWR has free tickets for all Arsenal personnel and their families to the 2015 Iowa-Illinois Regional Auto Show which will be held **Feb. 6-8** at the River Center Convention Center in Davenport. Free tickets can be picked up at the Leisure Travel Office (now located in Bldg. 333, next to the Exchange), Army Community Service (Bldg. 110), or the Auto Skills Shop (Bldg. 351). Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Limit six per person. First come first served.

[www.QuadCityAutoShow.com](http://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 53<sup>rd</sup> 18 + IMAX Theatre**

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



### **Tiger Woods Foundation Tuition Scholarships for Military Families**

For the past four summers the Tiger Woods Learning Center in Anaheim, California, has hosted a week-long overnight camp for children of active duty military and underserved youth from the Southern California area. The Summer Academy is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for children ages 11 – 13 to participate in our unique S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and math) and golf programs. Summer Academy participants will spend an action-packed and educational week building robots, conducting chemistry experiments, designing video games, racing cars and golfing at the beautiful Tiger Woods Learning Center campus in Southern California. The Tiger Woods Foundation will be offering a limited number of tuition scholarships for military families. Detailed information about the camp and how to apply for a military scholarship. ([More](#))

### **Parents vs. Kids Dodgeball Tournament & Pot Luck Dinner**

Come join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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, 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 Resume Class

This free class, Friday, **Feb. 6**, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., will help you touch up your resume and get it into the format used for Federal employment. The class is intended for spouses but is open to all Service Members, DA civilians, retirees and family members of all the above. RSVP by **Feb. 2** by calling 309-782-0829 or [usarmy.RIA.imcom-central.mbx.usag-acs@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.RIA.imcom-central.mbx.usag-acs@mail.mil)

## 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](mailto:chassity.r.morse.ctr@mail.mil). [\(Flyer\)](#)



# Employee Assistance Program



## National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

We've all seen the ads, if only you had this diet pill, exercise device, or meal plan you would feel attractive and happy. It can be tempting to think that changing your weight can solve the problems in your life. However, for the millions of people who struggle with eating disorders each year their

initial diet or weight loss tricks spiraled out of control into a mess of isolating rituals, despair, and medical complications. Organizations across the U.S. are working to raise awareness of eating disorders and their prevention during National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, **Feb. 22-28**. The Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program would like to help you increase your personal awareness by reminding you of confidential counseling available to you and your dependent family members. Master-level counselors offer short-term counseling and referral assistance. The EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, East Wing and appointments are available Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 309-782-4357 to schedule an appointment. The Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program staff hopes you will take advantage of this free and confidential service because eating disorders are treatable and you can feel better. Learn more about eating disorders at <http://nedawareness.org>. You can also access an anonymous mental health screening at [www.militarymentalhealth.org](http://www.militarymentalhealth.org).

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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.](#)**

### **NDIA Scholarship**

The Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA is accepting applications for its one-year \$2,000 scholarship. This scholarship is available to high school senior students of the NDIA chapter members and civilian and military employees on Arsenal Island. Scholarship applications can be found at [www.ndia-ia-il.org](http://www.ndia-ia-il.org). Applications must be postmarked no later than **March 24**. Call John Masengarb, 563-650-3252, for additional information.

### **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](mailto:jimcmorgan@aol.com). Application details at [www.ndia-ia-il.org](http://www.ndia-ia-il.org).

### **Sgt. Paul Fisher Scholarship**

The Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA is accepting applications for its one-year \$2,000 Sgt. Paul Fisher Scholarship. This scholarship is available high school seniors of active military, reserve, National Guard, or veteran in zip codes 61200-61699 in Illinois and 50000-52899 in Iowa. Scholarship applications can be found at [www.ndia-ia-il.org](http://www.ndia-ia-il.org). Applications must be postmarked no later than **March 24**. Call John Masengarb, 563-650-3252, for additional information.

### **Update: CLEP & DSST Testing Now at WIU-QC**

CLEP/DSST testing will no longer be offered at the National Testing Center on post. Western Illinois University - QC will now be administering the exams at the Riverfront campus in Moline.

Spring 2015 Testing Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Saturday: by appointment. POC: Leslie Mose, Site Administrator. WIU - QC Testing Center, 3300 River Drive QC Complex - Room 2215, 309-762-3999 Ext 64567, LA-Mose@wiu.edu wiu.edu/qc

### **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](mailto:RIAWCscholarships2015@yahoo.com). Information for the 2015 RIAWC Scholarship can be found at [www.facebook.com/RIAWC](http://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, **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](http://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](#))



**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](#))**

### **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 Tornados, 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.



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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 Upcoming Meeting

The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, **Feb. 5**, in the Veranda Room of the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu for dinner is romaine salad tossed with Dijon vinaigrette, fresh vegetables, braised beef brisket with tomato glaze, roasted mashed new potatoes and steamed broccoli, cream caramel. All dinners include rolls, breadsticks, coffee, tea and water. The total cost is \$14 per person including tax and tip. Our event is open to both members and non-members. Interested parties may choose to attend only the program portion of the meeting at 7 p.m. at no cost. Guest speakers will be First Army staff judge advocate, Col. Jim Patterson. He plans to discuss the book he co-wrote: Fighting Today's Wars: How America's Leaders Have Failed its Warriors. 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. 2**. 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. Visit the RIA Historical Society's Website: [www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org)

## This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Jan. 26-Feb. 1

Col. David King, one of two RIA Commanders buried on the Island, died Jan. 27, 1932. Burial ceremony for Col. David King was held at Arsenal Island on Jan. 30, 1932. Col. King joined Gen. Rodman as the only two RIA commanders to be buried on Arsenal Island. In February 1918, the first battalion of the 10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry arrived for guard duty at the Rock Island Arsenal. The battalion comprised nearly 1,000 Soldiers. On Feb. 1, 1958, the Ordnance Management Engineering Training Program was transferred from the RIA and assigned as a special mission support activity of the Headquarters of Ordnance Weapons Command. The forerunner to AMETA.

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# Healthbeat

## RIA Health Clinic Closure

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

## Why Sitting Will Kill You, Even If You Exercise

One of your favorite activities may actually be killing you. Our entire modern world is constructed to keep you sitting down. When we drive, we sit. When we work at an office, we sit. When we watch TV, well, you get the picture. And yet, a new study that's running in the Annals of Internal

Medicine found that this kind of sedentary behavior increases our chances of getting a disease or a condition that will kill us prematurely, even if we exercise. ([More](#))

### **TRICARE Tip of the Week**

Has the TRICARE Pharmacy Copay Increased? Yes, the pharmacy copays are going to increase as outlined in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2015. Your costs depend on where you get the prescription filled and the type of drug: generic formulary, brand name formulary or non-formulary. Non-formulary drugs are not available in a military pharmacy, but beneficiaries should call to see if their non-formulary drug is in stock. The new copays start **Feb. 1** and are listed on the following page along with the latest information about the increases, please visit [www.tricare.mil/pharmacycosts](http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacycosts). Have a great TRICARE day!

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## Notes for Veterans

### **VA Announces Single Regional Framework under MyVA Initiative**

The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced that it is taking the first steps under the MyVA initiative to realign its many organizational maps into one map with five regions to better serve Veterans. The new regions under the MyVA alignment will allow VA to begin the process of integrating disparate organizational boundaries into a single regional framework to enhance internal coordination. “We want every Veteran to have a seamless, integrated, and responsive VA customer service experience every time. This regional alignment is the first step in empowering Veterans to interact with one VA – MyVA,” said Secretary Robert McDonald. “Ultimately, this reform will improve the Veteran experience by enabling Veterans to more easily navigate VA and access their earned care and benefits.” ([More](#))

### **Streamlining Medic Training For Vets Aim of Senate Bill**

U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Mike Enzi (R-WY) renewed their efforts to help increase job opportunities for returning veterans. The senators reintroduced their bipartisan legislation – the Veterans to Paramedics Transition Act – that would streamline civilian paramedic training for returning veterans who already have emergency medical experience as a result of their military service, making it easier for them to secure jobs as paramedics. The bill would also help reduce the shortage of much-needed emergency medical personnel in rural communities across the country. ([More](#))

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# 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.



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# 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:** [3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4-10:** [Navy Week Quad Cities](#)
- May 9-10:** [29<sup>th</sup> Quad City Air Show, featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)
- May 9-10:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figge Art Museum Plaza, Downtown Davenport)
- May 25:** [50<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Village of East Davenport)
- June 1-6:** [25<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (1800 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 20:** [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Micro Brew Mile & 6K Road Race](#) (Moline)
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](#) (2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 6:** [Freedom Run 5k](#) (Moline)  
**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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