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Island Insight



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OPERATING STATUS

Installations Remain Army Strong Despite Hiring Freeze:

Army installations will continue to hire the critical career fields from firefighters to child care workers, Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, commander of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, announced Jan. 29. Earlier this week, Headquarters, Department of the Army, provided guidance regarding a department-wide hiring freeze and release of term and temporary civilian

personnel. In that guidance, authority to approve exceptions to the hiring freeze was delegated to commanders of Army commands, Army service component commands, direct reporting units and the administrative assistant to the secretary of the Army for Headquarters, Department of the Army, and its field operating and staff support agencies. The above authority delegates hiring authority to the commanding general, U.S. Army Installation Management

Command. "I am authorizing the hiring to continue in the following program areas to ensure we continue to provide programs and services in support of critical missions, national security, safety of human life and the protection of private property," Ferriter said. Garrisons are given approval to hire firefighters, security guards, civilian police, air traffic controllers, lifeguards,



Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program staff (permanent and term), Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program counselors, and -- regardless of funding source -- Child, Youth and School Services staff in accordance with IMCOM Command and Headquarters, Department of the Army, hiring guidelines. ([More](#))

Arsenal USO Reopens: Military families now have a place to relax and socialize on the Rock Island Arsenal. The USO celebrated its expanded facility Thursday with a ribbon cutting attended by a standing-room-only crowd of about 100 people. U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-East Moline, said she was honored to speak at the event, considering the new facility is only the USO in Illinois outside of the Chicago area, where there are five. ([More](#))



Outfitting ACC-RI's Officers: On Jan. 25, Army Contracting Command-Rock Island Acting Executive Director, Col. John P. Hannon, presented Matthew J. Rosebrough,



Acting Chief of Supply and Services, Directorate of Logistics, Army Sustainment Command, with an SES coin from former ACC-RI Executive Director, Michael R. Hutchison. ([More](#))

Department of Army Inspector General Sees New Technology at JMTC: The Department of Army

Inspector General, Lt. Gen. Peter M. Vangjel, made a quick stop by the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center today during a visit to the installation. During his visit, he received an overview briefing from RIA-JMTC Commander, Col. James O. Fly, Jr., and a short tour. ([More](#))



ASC Honors 3 In Quarterly Retirement & Retreat Ceremony:

Three Army Sustainment Command personnel were recognized for their career achievements culminating 75 years of service in a retirement & retreat ceremony here Jan. 31. James E. Salter



Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 1-7:** National Patient Recognition Week
- Feb. 3-9:** Burn Awareness Week
- Feb. 4:** USO 72nd Birthday
- Feb. 4:** World Cancer Day
- Feb. 4-10:** World Salt Awareness Week
- Feb. 5:** Army Emergency Relief 73rd Birthday
- Feb. 5:** National Patient Recognition Day
- Feb. 5:** National Weatherman's Day
- Feb. 7:** National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- Feb. 7-14:** Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week
- Feb. 10-16:** National Salute to Veteran Patients
- Feb. 10-16:** Children of Alcoholics Week
- Feb. 10-16:** Cardiac Rehabilitation Week
- Feb. 11:** National Inventors' Day
- Feb. 11-15:** Random Acts of Kindness Week
- Feb. 12:** President Abraham Lincoln's 204th Birthday
- Feb. 12:** Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)
- Feb. 12:** Darwin Day
- Feb. 14:** Valentine's Day
- Feb. 14:** National Donor Day
- Feb. 14:** National Pet Theft Awareness Day
- Feb. 17-23:** National Engineers Week
- Feb. 17-24:** Military Saves Week
- Feb. 17-24:** Eating Disorders Awareness Week
- Feb. 18:** *Presidents' Day (Federal Holiday)*
- Feb. 18-24:** Sexual Health Awareness Week
- Feb. 19:** USCGR 72nd Birthday
- Feb. 21:** Great American Spit Out
- Feb. 21:** Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day
- Feb. 22:** President George Washington's 281st Birthday
- Feb. 24-March 2:** National Eating Disorders Awareness Week
- Feb. 25-March 2:** Military Saves Week
- Feb. 26:** Spay Day USA
- March 2-8:** National Consumer Protection Week
- March 10:** Daylight Saving Time Begins



Jr., Sgt. 1st Class Robert B. Haxton III, and Staff Sgt. Raphinette K. Quinn were bade farewell by the command and well-wishers in a ceremony hosted by Brig. Gen. Duane A. Gamble, ASC deputy commanding general, held in Building 60. In his opening remarks, Gamble who served as the reviewing officer, said the retirees were going to "bigger and better things" and acknowledged those that helped them in their professional life -- family, friends, partners, and co-workers. ([More](#))

Quad City Mallards' Military

Appreciation Night: The Quad City Mallards are hosting Mallards' Military Appreciation Night on Friday, **Feb. 8**, puck drop at 7:05 p.m., at the iWireless Center, as the team recognizes those who serve in our armed forces. Active duty military (including Guard & Reserve) can get up to two free tickets to the game courtesy of AUSA; eligible individuals can pick up your free tickets at the ACS/USO Open House in Bldg. 110 on **Jan. 31**, 12-5 p.m. or call (309) 782-4420. DoD Civilians, contractors, retirees, and vets can purchase



discounted tickets at the arena ticket window for \$8 (upper bowl) or \$13 (lower bowl). Children who would like to participate clearing the ice after "Chuck-a-Puck" are to sign-up at the Fan Accommodation Table. Fans will be able to purchase \$1 hot dogs and \$1 beer at iWireless Center concession stands **Feb. 8** as part of College Night co-promotion that night. ([More](#))

SecArmy Orders 'Ready and Resilient Campaign':

Secretary of the Army John McHugh Monday directed that programs from resilience training to suicide prevention be part of a wide-ranging "Ready and Resilient Campaign" plan, which will launch later this month. During a press conference at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., McHugh said he's looked at 47 recommendations from an Army-wide Behavioral Health Task Force, which he stood up last year. ([More](#))



View From OCA: Defense Cuts Risk Nation's Security, RIA:

It is important for members of Congress to know that they are risking our national security by failing to address, in a timely manner,

the fiscal needs of our defense forces. Recently, the Army's Chief of Staff, Gen. Ray Odierno, spoke at the Association of the United States Army's (AUSA) January Institute of Land Warfare breakfast in Washington, DC, and his message was quite clear -- our national security is at risk because of the fiscal uncertainty that we face today. ([More](#))

Even With Furloughs, Army May Not Be Able to Make Payroll Under Sequester:

Even if the Army furloughs every one of its more than 250,000 civilian employees for the maximum of 22 days this year, the service may fall short of meeting budget sequestration targets, briefing documents show. The documents, obtained by AOL Defense, show Army leaders believe that unless Congress grants them the authority to shift money around in budget accounts, they may run out of money to pay some civilians in the event of sequestration. The sequester, cutting funds across all federal agencies, is scheduled to go into effect at the beginning of March unless Congress acts to stop it. ([More](#))



Memo Says Sequester Would Destroy BCT Training:

Almost 80 percent of the Army's brigade combat teams will see months-long delays in training if sequestration goes into effect and Congress funds the Defense Department with a continuing resolution for the rest of the year, according to an Army document. The document, obtained by Defense News, a sister publication of Army Times, paints a dire picture of how soldiers might be affected by the looming budget cuts, including an \$18 billion shortfall in the Army's operation and maintenance account alone. ([More](#))



Civilian Agencies Set to Release Sequestration Details to Employees:

Civilian federal agencies are expected to begin telling employees how automatic budget cuts set to go into effect in March will impact them, according to federal employee unions who were briefed by Obama administration officials. ([More](#))



Obama Calls on Congress to Avoid Sequestration:

President Barack Obama today called on Congress to avoid deep, across-the-board spending cuts looming March 1 under a "sequestration" mechanism in budget law and to take a balanced approach to America's debt problems. If sequestration happens, hundreds of thousands of Defense Department civilian employees could be furloughed and readiness of the military force will plummet, Pentagon officials have said. ([More](#))



Joint Chiefs Chairman: Civilian DoD Employees 'Not a Bunch of White-Collar Bureaucrats':

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey is firing back at those who are downplaying the impact of furloughs on the military's civilian employees. In televised interviews over the weekend, Dempsey said despite public perception, less than a quarter of defense civilian employees



work in the Washington area. All civilian DoD workers are facing salary cuts of up to 20 percent this year if Congress can't reach a deal to avoid massive budget cutbacks set to trigger March 1. ([More](#))

Inaugural Veterans and Active Duty Military Pheasant Hunt:

The Beckridge Hunting Preserve in Sabula, Iowa, will hold at pheasant hunt for veterans and active duty military on **March 16** at 8 a.m. / 1 p.m. Our goal is to give back to our military men, women, and veterans and thank them for all they have done by providing a fun day of camaraderie and pheasant hunting. Open to all veterans, active duty, retired and reserve military men and women in the greater Quad Cities area. This day is meant to bring together those who have served and are currently serving, to share their experiences and honor them as a community. What you need to know: • Veterans hunt for free (no charge) • Half day pheasant hunt (your choice, 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.) • Open



to all veterans, active duty, retired military and reserve. Disabled are encouraged to attend • Breakfast and lunch will be provided • Hunting licenses will be provided • Ammunition will be provided • Firearms can be supplied on a limited basis. ([More](#))

Historic Clock Tower and Eagle

Watch Tours: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Mississippi River Project announces that the Visitor Center at Locks and Dam 15 is inviting guests to come



participate in a Historic Clock Tower and Eagle Watch Tour. Relive the early days of the Rock Island Arsenal as you climb your way up the historic corridor of the Clock Tower Building which has been a Quad City landmark for more than 100 years. Waiting at the top is a spectacular view of the Mississippi River where you could have the opportunity to see bald eagles who visit our area during the cold winter months. Visitors are invited to join these tours every Saturday and Sunday beginning **Jan. 19**, and running through **Feb. 10**. There will be two tours offered each day that will begin at 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The tour will be approximately 1½ hours

long and be guided by a Visitor Center park ranger. The tour will begin at the Mississippi River Visitor Center, located on the west end of Arsenal Island at Locks and Dam 15. This program is free of charge and everyone is invited to attend. Advance registration is recommended. An adult must accompany children under 12 years of age. All persons over age 16 must carry a photo ID to enter the island. Vehicles are subject to search and participants should allow 15 minutes extra to ensure proper arrival time for the tour. For more information or to sign up for the program, please contact the Visitor Center at (309) 794-5338. ([Eagle Watching on the Mississippi River](#))

Career Fair: The Quad-City Times Career Fair 13 will be 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, **Feb. 13**, at the Quad-Cities

Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State St.,

Bettendorf. More than 30 employers will be present to meet with potential employees. There will be representatives of manufacturing firms, media companies, retailers, auto dealers, colleges and the military, among others. All participants are encouraged to dress



professionally and to bring copies of their resumes and references. Admission is free. ([More](#))

Garrison Job Fair: The Rock Island

Arsenal-Garrison will host a Job Fair in the Baylor/Jordan/Schull Conference Center, 3rd

floor, Bldg. 104 (tentative location) on Wednesday, **April 17**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. In support

of this effort, the

Garrison Manager asks that Arsenal Island organizational leaders, commanders and first sergeants encourage our transitioning Soldiers, Civilians and Family members to attend this important job opportunity event. Details regarding expected participating employers and jobs will follow as plans firm up.



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DLA Document Services Bldg. 108:

DLA document services is open. Even though Bldg. 108 is closed in the front, you can visit the print shop by way of the SW corner in the rear of the building. Or call (309) 782-1430/1431 for assistance with your document needs.



Funeral, Inurnment, Half-staffing of

Flag: The funeral for Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf will be held at the United States Military Academy at West Point in New York, Thursday, **Feb. 28**, 12:30 p.m. (EST), at the Cadet Chapel. Inurnment to immediately follow at the West Point Cemetery with full military honors. As a mark of respect to the memory of Gen. Schwarzkopf, the national flag will be flown at half-staff



at all installations, activities, and vessels of the Department of the Army in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its territories and possessions, from reveille to retreat on the day of inurnment, **Feb. 28** ([ALARACT 020/2013](#)). ([More](#)) ([Inurnment](#))

RIA Force Protection Challenges

Arsenal Island Workforce: As World tensions rise, RIA Force Protection is challenged with providing measures of protection to our workforce. We are asking individuals to keep an eye on their surroundings and report any suspicious activity. 1. Ensure protective measures are in place to mitigate known vulnerabilities. 2. Increase physical security awareness and Implement organizational Random Antiterrorism Measures. 3. Re-emphasize suspicious activity reporting. Report any suspicious activity to the RIA police Department at (309) 782-6116/iWATCH. What activities to report: (including, but not limited to) People drawing or measuring important buildings. Strangers asking questions about security procedures. Suspicious



packages left unattended. Cars or trucks left in No Parking zones in front of important buildings. Intruders found in secure areas. Chemical smells or fumes that worry you. A person wearing clothes that are bulky and/or too hot for the weather. Information to report: • Date and Time • Where it happened • What you witnesses • A description of who was involved ... Male or female? How tall? Build? Hair color, skin color, age? English speaking or another language? • Was there a car? Note the license plate number. • Have you seen this activity in your area before? To report suspicious activity, call central dispatch at 9-1-1, or report the information to iWATCH. As a reminder if you are dialing from a cell phone the call will go to an off island dispatch center, you will need to let the dispatcher know you are calling from the Rock Island Arsenal so the call can be transferred to our on-post dispatch. Please address questions and comments to [Mike Luchner](#), RIA Antiterrorism Officer, (309) 782-4577.

Newcomers – Level I Antiterrorism

Training: The USAG-DPTMS will be offering the mandatory Antiterrorism Level I training on **Feb. 21**. The training is offered Arsenal wide and enrollment is encouraged thru [TEDs](#). Course Title:



Garrison Antiterrorism Level I training (New Employees), then enroll under the appropriate date. For tenants without [TEDs](#) access, the briefing will be in Bldg. 90, Basement - room 14 (under stairway), 8-9 a.m. For more information, contact the USAG-ATO (309) 782-4577.

Augustana Basketball Night: All RIA employees and their families are invited to attend Augustana basketball games on Saturday, **Feb. 9**, at the Carver Center. The women's game begins at 5 p.m. with the men's game to follow at 7 p.m. Just show your ID card for free admission for up to four people.



Ash Wednesday Service: Service held in the Arsenal Club, Bldg. 60. Father Brothersen will conduct the service and offer Catholic Mass for RIA. Protestants are welcome to attend and receive the imposition of ashes. [Contact local chaplain's office for more information.](#)



Date: **Wednesday, Feb. 13**
Time: **11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

VIOS Schedule for February: Official DA studio photography (DA, government passport and command photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal **Feb. 12, 13 and 14.**



Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA3903 Work Request using the Visual Information Ordering Site www.vios.army.mil for these available times: Tuesday, Feb. 12, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 14, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 56, Basement, by elevator). Priority is: 1. active duty Soldier's DA photos 2. Official government passport photos 3. Official command photos 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders-command photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. To obtain an official government passport photo: 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 DA3903 form to the photographer before the passport photo is taken. You will receive two 2"x2" passport photos. All scheduled dates can be found on the RIA VIOS website FAQ.

National Testing Center Closed Feb. 12: The RIA ACES National Testing Center in Bldg. 56 will be closed on Tuesday, **Feb. 12**, as the state of Illinois honors President Lincoln's birthday. Normal operations will resume Tuesday, **Feb 19**. Direct questions to the Army Education Center at (309) 782-2065.

Blood Drive: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the [Caisson Room](#) (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A **2nd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning



at **6:15 p.m. on March 22**. A **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on Feb. 16**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor.



Charlie Corpuscle Says, "On behalf of the patients we serve, Thank You to all of our Arsenal Blood Donors! Not a donor? New donors are always welcome!"

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](#).

Corps of Engineers' Park Rangers at Outdoor Show and RV Camping

Shows: If you have a love for the outdoors and winter is keeping you from participating in your favorite recreational activities then come visit with our ranger staff at the QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island, and get geared up for summer while the cold air is still blowing outside. The Outdoor Show will be held **Feb. 14-17** and our



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rangers will be on hand to provide information on all the recreational opportunities our project has to offer. We will even have annual day use passes available for sale so that boaters can get ready for the season by purchasing their boat ramp sticker early. The RV Camping Show will be the following weekend **Feb. 22-24** and rangers will be on site to answer questions and provide information on all our camping and recreational areas. For more information on these shows check out the website www.qccaexpoenter.com.

Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique:

The Attic Thrift Shop now has "Gift Certificates." They make a great last minute gift or a Valentine surprise for someone. Remember, we're open every Tuesday, Thursday and the third Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Located in Bldg. 60 Basement. Visit Arsenal Attic on Facebook. POC: (309) 782-6977.

Jason's Box Save the Date – Treating Today's Servicemen & Women:

Understanding Deployment, the War Zone Experience and Homecoming: Thursday, **March 14**, in the Gold Room, Hotel Blackhawk, Davenport, 6-6:30 p.m.; registration, buffet dinner, cash bar

from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The presentation will be presented by John Mundt, Ph.D., licensed clinical psychologist and national trauma-informed treatment expert with special guest speaker U.S. Army Maj. Jeffrey Hall, PTSD Survivor. For more information, contact Stephanie Burrough at (309) 779-3077.

Telework Week: Now Is Your

Chance: If you have not been part of the teleworking crowd, this year's annual Telework Week may provide you with an opportunity to try it out. In its third



year, Telework Week 2013 runs from **March 4 to March 8**. The event is sponsored by Telework Exchange, a public-private partnership that works to increase the use of telework and development of a more mobile workforce. It promotes Telework Week to encourage greater adoption of telework by asking agencies, organizations and individuals to pledge to telework for any period of time during that work week. ([More](#))

Yankee Candle Deal for Arsenal

Island Employees: Buy one get one free at Yankee Candle ... bring in your employee ID and take advantage of this



great offer available for all Arsenal Island employees. Buy one large jar, get one large jar free. Good **Feb. 4-20**.

Arsenal Traffic/Construction

Government Bridge Closures
Wednesday, Thursday: RIA-DPW plans a "full road closure" across the Government Bridge during "non-peak traffic hours" 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Wednesday/Thursday, **Feb. 6 & 7**. There are at least 12 "roadway lighting fixtures" burned out on the Government Bridge. Approximately 30 percent of these need new ballasts which will require the fixture to be disassembled for replacement of the ballasts. Due to the location of the fixtures along the "center line" of the bridge roadway between both lanes of traffic, it is not safe to do this work out of any type of lift (Scissor or JLG) with traffic transiting between Iowa and Illinois. DPW will coordinate the closure with Rock Island and Davenport. Signs and barricades will be used for traffic control. Arsenal traffic will be able to access/egress the Island via the Rock Island and Moline Gates during the closure periods. DPW POC for this action is Dana Johnson, (309) 782-2446.

North Avenue Repair & Closures

Update: Directorate of Public Works is postponing storm sewer and paving work on the intersection of North Avenue and Gillespie until **March-May** due to weather concerns. Minor work on Phases 1 and 2 is expected to be completed within the next two weeks. Please avoid walking through the newly backfilled areas, as these areas are soft and pose a potential safety hazard. POC: Joe Gumpert, (309) 782-1389.

Building/Space Closures

Closure of Third Floors in Bldg. 61, Bldg. 62: The Directorate of Public Works plans to close Bldg. 61 3rd floor and Bldg. 62 3rd floor, East and South Wings, **Sept. 10 - 3rd week in May** to execute projects. Closure is to prevent individuals from entering the work area and to preclude any potential accidents. Plastic enclosures will be installed from the passenger elevator in Bldg. 62 to the eastern most stairwell in Bldg. 61 so employees in Bldg. 62/3/W have an entry/exit pathway. Entries will be marked with signage and barriers to prevent entry.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone

SMA On Budget: 'Priority to Warfighters': Sequestration is a "huge concern for us," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III. If sequestration kicks in, a lot of programs could be affected, he told about 50 sergeants major who were attending a new legal orientation course at The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center & School on the campus of the University of Virginia, Jan. 29. Sequestration, part of the Budget Control Act of 2011, includes deep cuts to defense that could begin March 1 if Congress cannot come to agreement on budget cuts required by their vote last year. ([More](#))

Army Must Complete Analysis Before Opening Jobs To Women: Last month, the Secretary of Defense announced an end to the Direct Ground Combat Exclusion Rule for female Soldiers. But the Army wants commanders in the field to know that it will be some time before they'll be able to make any changes in their units. "There will be no immediate changes," said Col. Linda Sheimo, chief of the Command Programs and Policy Division at the Human Resources Policy Directorate, Army G-1. ([More](#))



AP Sources: Pentagon Extending

Benefits for Gays: The military is poised to extend some benefits to the same-sex partners of service members, U.S. officials said Tuesday, about 16 months after the Pentagon repealed its ban on openly gay service. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has not made a final decision on which benefits will be included, the officials said, but the Pentagon is likely to allow same-sex partners to have access to the on-base commissary and other military subsidized stores, as well as some health and welfare programs. ([More](#))

RIA Tax Center is Here for You This Tax Season:

The Rock Island Arsenal Tax Center is here to assist you with your Federal and State returns. As in years past, the Tax Center principally uses a drop off service. Drop off and follow-up appointments should be coordinated with [Laura McSparin](#), (309) 782-8327. The Tax Center hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. If your circumstances necessitate special accommodations, we're happy to adjust our standard operations try to



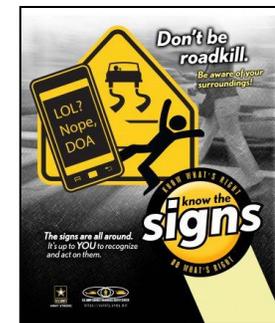
accommodate you but this requires prior coordination. In order to assist you with your tax returns, you will need to obtain and provide documents detailing all sources of income, as well as, those necessary to support eligible deductions and credits. You should be on the lookout for W-2s, 1099s and interest and dividend statements, which should show up in your mailbox or your online accounts. Required documents are outlined in greater detail in the [RIA Tax Client Letter](#). In addition to required substantiating documentation, clients will need to complete the [RIA Tax Center Client Intake](#). If this is your first time using the RIA Tax Center, please make sure you have your social security number or your tax identification number, the social security cards for any claimed dependants, and a copy of your last year's tax return and all accompanying documents. If you are an Iowa resident and intend to file a state return, we cannot complete your return unless we have your 2011 Federal and State return into order to complete this year's tax return for you. If you intend to claim the American or Lifetime Learning education credits for yourself or a dependant, a recent change suggests you will need to provide a copy of your 2011 and 2012 1098E showing amounts paid and any scholarship funds received.

These can be downloaded from most college or university websites. You will also need the name and complete mailing address for each college and university attended. The Tax Center is located in Bldg. 390, 1st floor, Suite 102, Room 102B. If you are unfamiliar with Bldg. 390, please note that it is a controlled access facility. If you do not have access to Bldg. 390, you will need to call the Tax Center upon arrival using one of the access phones located at the east, south, and west entrances (dial extension 2-8327; alternate extensions 2-8076/ 2-6978).

Safety Spotlight

Texting Fail, the Perils of Distracted

Walking: Thanks to smartphones and the Internet, videos of people walking and texting their way into an embarrassing adventure aren't difficult to find. While they may provide a laugh, distracted walking accidents can hurt or even prove fatal. According to Dr. Joe MacFadden, research



psychologist, Human Factors Directorate, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center, Army data doesn't currently show a trend in texting while walking accidents. That's doesn't mean, however, they don't happen.

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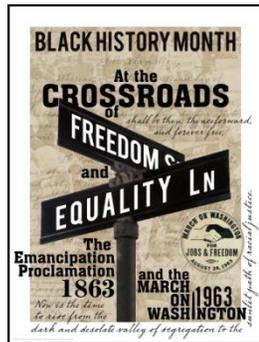


Equal Opportunity Focus



African American/Black History

Month Observance: The Army Sustainment Command will be hosting Rock Island Arsenal's 2013 African American/Black History Month Observance on **Feb. 11**, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., at Heritage Hall in Bldg 60. Please come and help the Rock Island Arsenal's EO offices celebrate. The guest speaker will be the Executive Director of the Martin Luther King Center, Rock Island, Reverend Dwight L. Ford. Reverend Ford will be speaking on this year's theme "At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington." African



American/Black History Month had its beginnings in 1926 in the United States, when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week". This week was chosen because it marked the birthday of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Woodson created the holiday with the hope that it eventually be eliminated when Black history became fundamental to American history. Negro History Week was met with enthusiastic response; it prompted the creation of Black history clubs, an increase in interest among teachers, and interest from progressive whites. Negro History Week grew in popularity throughout the following decades, with mayors across the United States endorsing it as a holiday. In 1976, the federal government acknowledged the expansion of Black History Week to Black History Month by the leaders of the Black United Students at Kent State University in February of 1969. The first celebration of Black History Month occurred at Kent State in February of 1970. Six years later during the bicentennial, the expansion of Negro History Week to Black History Month was recognized by the U.S. government. Gerald Ford spoke in regards to this,

urging Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." For more information on the theme or African American/Black History Month please visit the [Association for the Study of African American Life and History](#). The observance is available in [TEDs](#) to sign up using keyword "African American/Black History 2013." POC: [Sgt. First Class Raymond Gonzalez](#), ASC Equal Opportunity Advisor, (309) 782-3021. ([StandTo!](#)) ([Presidential Proclamation](#))

Save the Date: There will be a Women's History Month observance on Thursday, **March 7**, at 11 a.m., in Bldg. 60 (Heritage Hall). Information about the speaker and other details will be forthcoming.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)



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(MWR): Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs. Also [click here](#) to become a fan on Facebook and stay up



to date on all the great MWR offerings here at the Arsenal.

Trivia Night: Get up to seven of your smartest friends together and get signed up for our next multi-media trivia night on Thursday, **Feb. 7**, at 6 p.m. The new lower cost is just \$5/person or \$30/table of eight. The questions start at 6 p.m. in the Arsenal Club (Bldg. 60) Call (309) 782-6319 for more info or to sign up. ([Flyer](#))

RIA MWR Fitness Center Annual Health Fair: The RIA Fitness Center's annual health fair is a great place to obtain lots of helpful information and advice about your health. Stop by the Fitness Center on **Feb. 13**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 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. The Garrison Manager has authorized one hour of admin leave for Garrison personnel to attend the fair, however employees are reminded to get approval from their supervisor to ensure mission requirements are met. There will be two shuttle busses running routes to get you to the Fitness Center that day, the route

map can be [found here](#). Call (309) 782-6789 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Beer Pairing Dinner: Do you enjoy beer? Do you enjoy it even more when it is perfectly paired with fine cuisine? If you said yes to either one of those questions you need to call and make your reservations today for our Beer Pairing Dinner at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse on Friday, **Feb. 15**, at 7 p.m. Enjoy seven samples of Goose Island's craft brews that have been carefully selected to complement and enhance the seven courses of fine cuisine prepared by our executive chef. The cost is \$50/person which includes a Goose Island stemmed beer glass which is yours to keep. Call (309) 782-4372 for more info and to reserve your seats. ([Flyer](#))



No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Deep Stack Tournament: See if you can bet, bluff and win to the top on Saturday, **March 2**. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the tournament starts at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 with a \$20 add-on. First place is guaranteed to walk away \$1,000 and payouts to the rest of the top 10 percent. Call (309) 782-4372 to register. ([Flyer](#))

Arsenal Island Golf Course

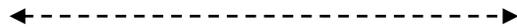
Clubhouse Reopening: Due to the ongoing construction and renovation projects at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse we will not be re-opening for lunch until **March 5**. All previously scheduled events including the football party, beer pairing dinner and poker tournament will not be affected and will happen as planned. Additionally, all previously booked private parties in the Clubhouse will not be affected. We thank you for your patience as we improve our facility and hope that when you visit us for lunch after we re-open you'll agree that it was worth the wait. Please call (309) 782-6319 with any questions or concerns.

MWR Garden Plot Signups: The sign up dates for this year's Garden Plots are: Active Duty Military **March 4**, Retired Military **March 11**, RIA Civilians **March 18**. Cost is \$25 per plot and a \$100 cleaning deposit per household. For details contact Outdoor Recreation at (309) 782-8630.

Electronic Marquee Outage: The operating system used to update the outdoor marquee signs on either side of the Island has become obsolete and inoperable. Consequently no requests



for messages can be fulfilled and the signs have been shut off at this time. The Garrison is working towards a solution and a future message will be sent out as information becomes available about whether the signs can be repaired or replaced.



MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 60. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., (309) 782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

February Vendor Fair: Stop by Heritage Hall in Bldg. 60 and see what several of the vendors have to offer. Maybe find an early *Valentine's Day* gift.
Date: **Thursday, Feb. 7**
Time: **9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**



Hank Williams-Lost Highway: Follow Williams' rise from his beginnings on the Louisiana Hayride to his triumphs on the Grand Ole Opry to his eventual self-destruction at twenty-nine. This show serves up classic country with the edges raw and the energy hot. Seats on sale until **Feb. 9** at \$43.50. ([Flyer](#))
Date: **Saturday, Feb. 23**

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

Scooby-Doo LIVE! Musical Mystery

(Adler Theatre): A trouble-making ghost is haunting a local theater and Shaggy, Fred, Daphne, Velma and Scooby-Doo are on their way to help solve it! This hilarious live theater show brings everyone's favorite animated series to life. LTO has limited discounted seats at \$27 on sale until **Feb. 15** or while supplies last.

Date: **Saturday, March 2**
Time: **2 p.m.**

How I Became a Pirate: Aaaaaaarr you ready for fun on the high seas? Based on the acclaimed children's book of the same name, How I Became a Pirate is a new musical adventure about a young boy named Jeremy Jacob who gets recruited by the friendly Captain Braid Beard and his mates. Seats only \$8. On sale until **March 3**. ([Flyer](#))
Date: **Saturday, April 13**
Time: **10 a.m.**

Rock of Ages (Adler Theatre): In 1987 on the Sunset Strip, a small town girl met a big city rocker and in LA's most famous rock club, they fell in love to the greatest songs of the '80s from Journey, Night Ranger, Styx, Poison, Pat Benatar,

Twisted Sister and many more. On sale until **Feb. 26** for \$59.50
Date: **Wednesday, April 24**
Time: **7:30 p.m.**

Monster Jam: Monster Jam returns to the iWireless Center. Leisure Travel has discounted tickets for **April 27** at 7 p.m. and **April 28** at 2 p.m. Adult tickets lower bowl are \$20.50/upper bowl \$17.50. Children under 12 only \$12.50. Discounted seats on sale until **April 1**.

Movie Night Gift Cards at Leisure

Travel: Stop by the Leisure Travel Office and pick up a gift card for \$26 that is redeemable at the Regal Moline Stadium Theater for two adult movie tickets and \$10 in concessions. These make great *Valentine's Day* presents. The Leisure Travel Office also is once again selling discounted single movie tickets for \$8.50. Call (309) 782-5890 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

MWR Outdoor Recreation:

Remember Outdoor Recreation for all of your winter outdoor recreation activities. Downhill skis, Cross country skis, snowboards, ice skates, snowshoes and many other items are available for you to check out and enjoy this winter season.

Time: **8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**



MWR RV Storage and Storage Units:

MWR has several openings for RV storage and Indoor Storage units. For more information or to sign up, please contact Outdoor Recreation at (309) 782-8630.

Time: **8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Free Universal Military Only: Active duty and retired members of the military can receive a free three-day, park-to-park ticket with valid military identification. Admission is valid for up to 14 days from first use. Tickets are available for pick up until **March 31** and must be redeemed by **June 30**. Contact LTO at (309) 782-5890.

Child, Youth & School Services

CYSS Lunch 'n Learn: Safety Learn important safety information from CYSS Nurse Karol Tubbs. Topics include: Shaken Baby Syndrome, Car seat safety, Baby proofing, Lifting children ... and more. Join us Wednesday, **Feb. 20**, at 11am in the CYSS training room Bldg 110. Two parent participation points awarded to each parent. Dessert will be provided. For more info call (309) 782-165.

Army Certified Family Child Care

Provider: Would you, or someone you know, be interested in becoming an Army Certified Family Child Care provider for the Arsenal? We are always looking to bring more FCC providers into our program. You would be doing childcare out of your home with access to our lending closet for borrowing supplies, as well as certified training provided through the Arsenal. For questions or more details contact our FCC director Nancy Lawson at (309) 782-0813.

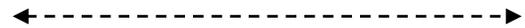
Covenant Cottage Child Development Home:

[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)



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; Visit our [ACS website](#) or phone (309) 782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. Find us on Facebook [click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: (309) 229-8412



Employee Assistance Program



For free, confidential counseling assistance or for information on services that are available, call (309) 782-4357. Normal business hours are from 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For additional information on the Employee Assistance Program see [our website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#). The new location for the EAP/ASAP is Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East.

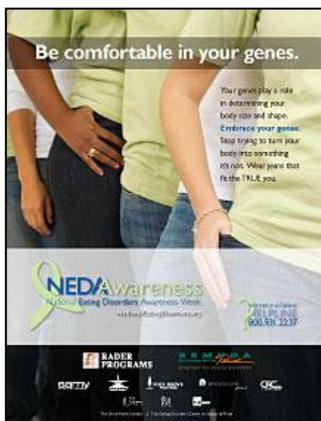
PTSD Support Groups: Are you or a loved one experiencing symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder? The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic and Employee Assistance Program are



sponsoring support groups to assist you through this difficult challenge. Contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552 for more details.

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

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week – February 2013: 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. 24 - March 2](#). 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, 1st floor, East Wing and appointments are available Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 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. ([InfoGraphic](#))

Education/Training Review

The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: (309) 782-2065 Fax: (309) 782-

7901. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more.

Get Ready, Get Set, Go-Go-Go To School!: Seeking or Pursuing a College Degree? Have Questions? The Army Education Center welcomes visits from the following schools. • **Feb. 4, March 4:** Upper Iowa University • **Feb. 13, March 13:** Kaplan University • **Feb. 20, March 20:** St. Ambrose University • **Feb. 7, March 7:** Eastern Iowa Community College (Scott, Clinton, and Muscatine, IA) • **Feb. 28:** Ashford University. Military personnel, family members, and DoD civilians are welcome to stop by. No appointments are necessary. Augustana College, Black Hawk Community College, and Trinity College of Nursing and Health Sciences representatives are available by appointment only at this time. All scheduled times are 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., in Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Room 120. Education Center POC: [Stephanie Allers](#), (309) 782-5895.

Rock Island Army Education Center Publishes Newsletter: The latest edition of the Rock Island Army Education Center's quarterly newsletter is available through their [RIA Intranet site](#). This quarter's edition of the newsletter features a listing of the upcoming school



visits to the center, information about the ACES Education Fair coming up on March 21, and articles about the Blong Technology Center's job opportunities March 1 and "Making Careers More 'Portable,' Achievable for Spouses."

Tillman Military Scholars Program:

The application period for the Tillman Military Scholars is now open and will remain open until 11:59:59 p.m. (PST) on Friday, **Feb. 15**. The Tillman Military Scholars program supports our nation's active and veteran servicemembers and their spouses by removing financial barriers to completing a degree program of choice. The scholarship funds cover not only direct study-related expenses such as tuition and fees, but also other needs, including housing and child care. Go [to their website](#) to learn more about the criteria and application, learn about the benefits and expectations, meet a few of the current and network scholars and learn more about the Tillman Community.

NDIA Scholarships: The Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA is now accepting applications for its scholarship program. Scholarship applications and eligibility criteria may be found at www.ndia-ia-il.org under Scholarships. Applications

must be postmarked NLT **March 31**. For more information, call (563) 650-3252.

Sgt. Paul Fisher Scholarship: The Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA is now accepting applications for its scholarship program. Scholarship application and eligibility criteria may be found under Scholarship by clicking www.ndia-ia-il.org. Application submission must be postmarked NLT than midnight **March 31**. For more information, call (563) 650-3252.

Women in Defense Scholarship: WID is now accepting applicants for its scholarship program. Scholarship application and eligibility criteria may be found under Scholarship by clicking <http://wid.ndia.org/chapters/IowaIllinoisChapter/Pages/default.aspx> Application submission must be post marked no later than midnight **April 13**. For more information, call (309) 792-4102.



Commissary / Exchange

● **The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only, with the exception of select items (mainly consumable) at**

the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you! Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [HERE](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com ([Facebook](#))

Your Commissary Celebrates Heart Healthy Promotions in February: In support of the American Heart Association's National Heart Health Month, your commissary offers shoppers a myriad of special events and in-store promotions highlighting health, nutrition and great savings. "Take a look around your commissary in February and you'll find what we call healthy 'bundling' promotions," said Chris Burns, DeCA sales director. "Companies are combining their efforts to offer shoppers even better savings. An example of this is having name-brand breakfast cereals positioned next to fresh fruit." Throughout February, DeCA's industry partners - vendors, suppliers and brokers - are collaborating



with commissaries to offer discounts beyond everyday savings. Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs.

Food Safety Alerts: For information about the latest food-safety alerts and product recalls affecting military commissaries, visit www.commissaries.com and click on the Food & Product Recalls under the Quick Links box on the front page. For general food-safety information, visit the website and choose Food Safety at the bottom of the page.

Sales Flyers: Patrons can visit the [AAFES website](#) and sign up to receive free online sales flyers.

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.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Feb. 4-10: Construction of

the second phase of Project REARM began in February 1986.

RIA Museum Website: The Army's second oldest museum, the [Rock Island Arsenal Museum](#), has a new website created in conjunction with the RIA Historical Society. The Museum first opened to the public on July 4, 1905, and continues its primary mission to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Rock Island Arsenal and Arsenal Island by focusing on "People, Processes, and Products." Immerse yourself in history and celebrate the heritage of Fort Armstrong, Rock Island Arsenal, and the Quad Cities here on Arsenal Island via its new home, [here on the Internet](#).



Healthbeat

National Patient Recognition Week: National Patient Recognition Week is celebrated annually Feb. 1-7 throughout the country and recognized officially with events on National Patient Recognition Day, Feb. 3. This presents an excellent opportunity for Army leaders and medical providers to honor

the patients, trusted to the care of Army Medicine. The Army will extend the recognition, to its patients, throughout the entire month of February, while remaining committed to the highest standards in patient-centered care. The theme for 2013 is "Patients - The Heart of Army Medicine." ([More](#))

Protect Your Heart During Winter

Weather: Every year, heart attacks claim thousands of lives during harsh winter weather. Heart disease is the number one killer of both men and women in the United States. Winter weather and winter weather activities, particularly shoveling snow, increase a person's risk of a heart attack due to overexertion. Cold weather, combined with a sudden change in physical activity, increases the heart's workload. February is American Heart Month and a good time to learn how to prevent or react to a heart attack, particularly during the winter months. It's important to know your risk factors for a heart attack. The elderly and those with heart disease are at highest risk. Being male or having a family history of heart disease also puts you at a greater risk. Some risk factors are within your control to change by adjusting your lifestyle or taking medications. These include quitting smoking, exercising regularly,



maintaining a healthy weight and controlling high blood pressure or cholesterol. This winter, before heading out to shovel snow, consider your risk factors and take appropriate precautions. Taking certain precautions can be the difference between life and death. ([More](#))

Handwashing: The 'Do-It-Yourself' Vaccine: Handwashing with soap is an affordable "do-it-yourself" vaccine that effectively prevents disease. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that proper handwashing could eliminate half of all cases of food-borne diseases. Scientific research shows that handwashing with soap prevents disease in a more straightforward and cost-effective way than any single vaccine or medical treatment. Hands touch so many things and must be washed frequently throughout the day. Frequent handwashing with soap is necessary and good handwashing practices must be a part of a daily routine. ([More](#))

Condoms: Personal Protection for Sexual Health: "No glove, no love." "Respect yourself, protect yourself." These common slogans are used when referring to condom use. Condoms are commonly used to prevent pregnancy.

However, proper use of condoms can protect against human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, and sexually transmitted infections, or STIs. ([More](#))

Health Clinic Announcement: Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. Clinic closed **Feb. 18** (President's Day). Clinic closed staff meeting/training **Feb. 22** at 11:30 a.m. For any issues or concerns with the RIAHC clinic please call our customer support line (309) 782-0721.

Notes for Veterans

DoD, VA to Speed Integration of Health Records: The secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs announced their departments will speed implementation of the Integrated Electronic Health Record program, allowing service members and veterans better access and more importantly, better medical care. "This approach is affordable, achievable, and if we refocus our efforts we believe we can achieve the key goal of a seamless system for health records between VA and DoD on a greatly accelerated schedule," said Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta following a meeting with Secretary of

Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki at VA headquarters here. ([More](#))

Car Pooling Announcements

Submit car pooling announcements via the [Island Insight submission page](#). Please use that page to contact Garrison Public Affairs to take your announcement off once you have found a ride.

Car Pool:

- **Car Pool:** New hire with flexible hours seeking to pay for ride from Moline 9th & 53rd, (Franklin School area) (309) 757-5755.
- **Carpool:** Commuter traveling from Rio, Ill. on Route 150. Meet in Alpha, Ill. each day. If interested contact me at (309) 782-5472 or [email](#).
- **Car Pool:** Looking to join a car pool from Albany or south along Illinois 84 southbound to Bldg. 102. If interested contact me at (309) 782-0841.
- **Car Pool:** Looking to join a car pool or ride and pay. IL 84 southbound Fulton/ Albany/ Cordova area. Interested text me at (563) 650-8791.



Around the Q.C.

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Feb. 8: [Quad City Mallards Military Appreciation Night](#) (iWireless Center)
Feb. 8-10: [37th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley Snowbird Softball Classic -- Men's Tournament](#) (The Dugout Sports Complex)
Feb. 9: [Quad Cities Bicycle Club Open House - RAGBRAI for Rookies](#) (Davenport Public Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport)
Feb. 8: [Iowa/Illinois Regional Auto Show](#) (River Center, Davenport)
Feb. 14: [Valentine Walk](#) (Watchtower Lodge, Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island)
Feb. 14-17: [2013 Outdoor Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
Feb. 21: [Martini Shake Off](#) (River Center, Davenport)
Feb. 22-24: [RV & Camping Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
Feb. 23: [Day of Dance for Your Health](#) (River Center, Davenport)
Feb. 24: [CBRC Chili Chase 4 Mile Run/Walk](#) (Duck Creek Park Lodge, Davenport)
March 1-3: [Antique Spectacular](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
March 2: [American Red Cross Family Safety Day](#) (River Center, Davenport)
March 2-3: [2013 KWQC Women's Health & Lifestyle Fair](#) (River Center, Davenport)
March 16: [St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) (downtown Rock Island to downtown Davenport)
March 22-24: [Flower & Garden Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)

March 23: [Quad-Cities Comic Book Convention](#) (Ramada Inn, Bettendorf)
April 6: [Bandits Race to Home 5K](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)
April 7: [Gilda's Run for Laughs](#) (Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)
April 20: [Earth Week Fair](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
April 27: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
May 4: [Derby Day Party](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse)
May 4: [Venus Envy](#) (Bucktown Center for the Arts, Davenport)
May 11-12: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figue Art Museum plaza, Davenport)
May 25: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
May 27: [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
June 1: [Mel Foster Color the Quads 5K](#) (Cumberland Square, Bettendorf)
June 1-2: [QC Pridefest 2013, Bursting With Pride](#) (Mary's on 2nd, 832 West 2nd Street, Davenport)
June 7-8: [Gumbo Ya Ya - Mardi Gras in The District](#) (The District, Rock Island)
June 12-15: [Rally on the River](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
June 14: [Greek Cultural Festival](#) (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, East Moline)
June 16: [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Davenport to Moline)
June 22-23: [27th Annual Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)
June 23: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)
June 25-29: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (Fairgrounds, East Moline)

June 27-29: [Antique Automobile Club of America Grand National Show](#) (John Deere Commons, Moline)
July 3: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (The District, Downtown Davenport)
July 4-6: [Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
July 8-14: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis)
July 19-21: [USA BMX National Championships](#) (East Moline BMX Speedway)
July 19-20: [Heartland Jam](#) (Centennial Park, Downtown Davenport)
July 26-27: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 27: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 30-Aug. 4: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)
Aug. 1-4: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (LeClaire Park and RiverCenter)
Aug. 8-10: [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa and Port Byron, Ill.)
Aug. 9-10: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Aug. 10-17: [ISC Men's Fastpitch World Tournament](#) (Greenvalley Sports Complex, Moline)
Aug. 16-17: [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Aug. 17: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)
Aug. 24: [Quad Cities Irish Festival](#) (Rock Island)
Aug. 22-25: [World Series of Drag Racing](#) (Cordova Dragway)
Aug. 31-Sept. 1: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)



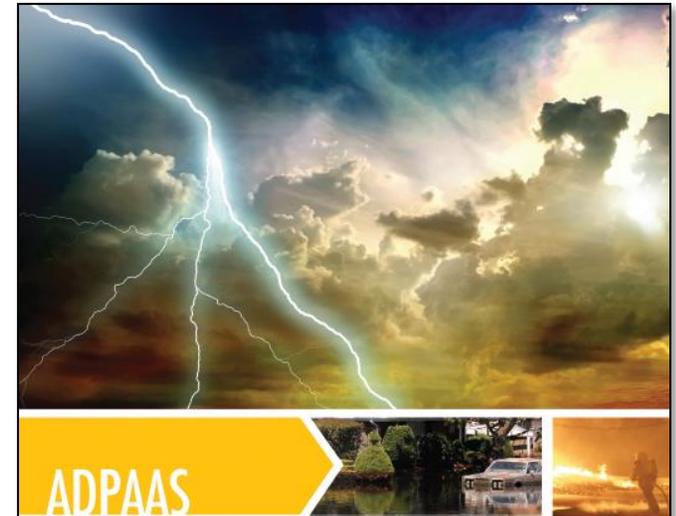
Sept. 7: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 7: [¡VIVA! Quad Cities](#) (Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf)
Sept. 7-8: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 21: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Sept. 21: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
Sept. 21-22: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Sept. 22: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)
Sept. 27-29: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)
Oct. 12: [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (On the Mississippi River in Moline)
Oct. 24: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Oct. 26: [Witches Walk](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Oct. 26: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Sylvan Island)
Oct. 26-27: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo, Milan)
Nov. 15-24: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
Nov. 16: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 16: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons and Holiday Pops Concert](#) (Downtown Moline)
Dec. 1: [19th Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

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Island Insight



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Report

Suspicious Activity



Indicators:

- People drawing or measuring important buildings.
- Strangers asking questions about security or building security procedures.
- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack, or package left behind.
- Cars or trucks left in No Parking zones in front of important buildings.
- Intruders in secure areas where they are not supposed to be.
- A person wearing clothes that are too big and too hot for the weather.
- Chemical smells or fumes that worry you.
- People asking questions about sensitive information such as building blueprints, security plans, or VIP travel schedules without a right or need to know.
- Purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials

Also Report Situations Where:

- Individuals have isolated themselves or are emotionally withdrawn from friends/community
- Individuals are absent from the workplace for seemingly no reason
- Individuals with apparent grievances

Primary Reporting Methods

- Law enforcement official or agency
- Security force or guard members

Alternative Reporting Methods

- DA Civilians/Soldiers: your chain of command
- Spouses: your military member/FRG Leader
- Children: your parents or teachers
- Contractors: contract agency or COTR

What to Report

- When did suspicious activity occur
- Where did activity occur
- How many people involved
- How many vehicles involved
- What type of activity
- Describe what you saw
- Provide pictures if you took any

Report to: [RIA Central Dispatch](#)
Phone No.: [9-1-1](#)
Website: www.ria.army.mil/sites/riapo

Organized team or lone wolf, foreign or home-grown, targeting many places or just one, using available technology or weapons made with their own hands—the fluid, obscure nature of the terrorist threat demands that we know what to look for and where to look. Familiarize yourself with indicators of suspicious activity and be ready to report such activity to proper authorities.

Always Ready, Always Alert
Because someone is depending on you

