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Island Insight

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U.S. Army Reserve Soldier Inducted Into Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe

Lt. Col. Jim Carmichael, a U.S. Army Reserve Officer, was officially inducted into the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe during a ceremony held, here, Feb. 19. "It is a real honor and privilege for me to bestow the Samuel Sharpe Award to you," said Brig.



Gen. Steven E. Farmen, commanding general, Joint Munitions Command. "It is one of the highest awards in the Ordnance Corps. I want to thank you, Jim, for all the great work that you've done, and everything you did to earn this. Obviously, you made a huge difference providing ammo to our Warfighters." The Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe is a prestigious recognition, presented to individuals who have provided selfless contributions to the United States Army Ordnance Corps. First introduced in May 1994 by the United States Army Ordnance Corps Association, the Order of Samuel Sharpe recognizes ordnance personnel, nominated by their peers, who have demonstrated integrity, moral character and professional competence during their federal careers. ([More](#))

Upcoming Dates

Feb. 28-March 5: Illinois Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Feb. 29-March 3: SFL-TAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Rm. 122

March 1: Overseas (OCONUS) Briefing, ACS, Bldg. 110, 9:30 a.m.

March 1, 10 a.m.: Illinois Tornado Drill Day

March 3: ACC-RI Industry Day, Bldg. 60, Heritage Hall, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

March 4: Sponsorship Training, ACS, Bldg. 110, 12 p.m.

March 8-9: SFL-TAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Fl., Rm. 122, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

March 8: CHPC Social Resiliency Work Group, Bldg. 90, Rm. 25, 1 p.m.

March 9: Tenant Senior NCO Mtg., Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.

March 9: RIA Quarterly Retirement & Retreat Ceremony, Bldg. 60, Heritage Hall, 2 p.m.

March 12: Ghost Hunters Dinner & Tour of Quarters One, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

March 13-19: Illinois Flood Awareness Week

March 15-18: St. Patrick's Day Lunch Buffett, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

March 16: RIAWC Once Upon an Apron Luncheon, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

March 21-25: DA Photos, Bldg. 90, Basement, B11, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.

March 23: MVRBC Blood Drive, Conf. Rm. ABC, Clock Tower Building Annex, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Soldiers Served Honorably Despite Racism, Said Historian

The U.S. Army Sustainment Command Equal Opportunity Office hosted a potluck and historical lecture in honor of Black History Month in the Baylor Conference Room, here, Feb. 10. George Eaton, ASC historian, was the keynote speaker. Eaton discussed an overview of black history in the U.S. Army from the Revolutionary War to the present. He focused on black history on Arsenal Island. Eaton discussed the controversial Dred Scott Supreme Court decision, which was an indirect catalyst for the Civil War by ruling the Missouri Compromise unconstitutional. Dred Scott, an enslaved African-American man, attempted to sue for his freedom on the grounds that he had lived in free states. The Court declared that Scott had no standing to sue because he was property and was not a citizen. ([More](#))



Rock Island Arsenal Inside the Gates: Captain Pete Tzomes

There is a true legend living among us here in the Quad Cities. He challenged the system and did something that was unheard of half a century ago. In this week's edition of Rock Island Arsenal: Inside the Gates, military leaders tell Local 4's Emily Scarlett how this legacy is still breaking barriers, even today. "It was the mid-1950's when now retired Captain Pete Tzomes decided to pursue the Navy, but a junior high school counselor questioned his goals. "Just very pointedly said to me, 'Pete,' he says, 'Don't you understand Negroes can't go to the Naval Academy? You need to think about doing something more reasonable,'" said Tzomes. Still, Pete pushed forward, and not only joined the U.S. Navy, but became the first African-American to command a U.S. submarine. Garrison Commander, Colonel Elmer Speights Jr., tells Local 4, "I tell Captain Tzomes a lot, you are living history." ([More](#))



Army Leaders to Congress: Give Us another Round of BRAC, Please

Ongoing budget cuts have forced the Army to only focus on the fights it might face today, the service's top leaders said Wednesday on Capitol Hill. "Ignoring readiness shortfalls puts our nation at great risk. The choice to focus on near-term readiness has risk," said Acting Army Secretary Patrick Murphy. "We're mortgaging our future readiness because we have to ensure success in today's battles." Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley, who testified alongside Murphy, agreed, saying that "while the Army prefers investment in both future and current readiness," it is focused on the threats or contingencies the force might face in the short-term. In their remarks to the Senate Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on defense, Murphy and Milley cited the growing threat of radical terrorism, a revanchist Russia, a rising China and provocative North Korea as reasons why there are more than 190,000 soldiers committed in 140 countries around the world. ([More](#))



BRAC
Base Realignment
and Closure

The Pentagon's 'Force of the Future' Plan Just Got Trashed In Congress

Defense officials' hopes for sweeping personnel reforms were crushed by Senate Republicans on Thursday who attacked the ideas as "an outrageous waste of time" and the Pentagon's pick to implement them as unfit to serve. Brad Carson, the nominee to serve as undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness for nearly 11 months, received blistering criticism from members of the Senate Armed Services Committee for his work over the past year on the Force of the Future plan,

work aimed at updating the military's personnel system to better compete with civilian business benefits. The 49-year-old former congressman and Iraq War veteran worked as the personnel office's acting head for most of 2015, becoming the public face for the reform plans. But senators accused him of presuming confirmation and failing to inform them about the proposed historic changes, many of which would require dramatic legislative changes. ([More](#))

Bill Would Give Federal Employees a 5.3 Pay Raise in 2017

Federal employees would receive an across-the-board pay raise of 5.3 percent next year under a Democratic-sponsored bill introduced Tuesday. The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va., would provide feds with a 3.9 percent boost, plus a 1.4 percent bump in locality pay for 2017. The figure is more than three times President Obama's proposed 1.6 percent pay raise for federal workers in 2017.

"No other group has been asked to sacrifice more than our federal workforce, who have endured years of pay freezes, increased retirement contributions, no locality pay, sequestration cuts and a government shutdown," Connolly said. "This bill is a down payment on trying to help restore some of the losses that have been incurred by our dedicated federal employees, and I hope demonstrates we value their public service." The Virginia Democrat last year sponsored a similar bill, which would have given federal workers a 3.8 percent raise in 2016. Instead, they received the 1.3 percent increase that Obama supported. ([More](#))



FSA Grace Period Reminder

Federal employees who had dependent care flexible spending accounts last year and who did not spend down all the money in those accounts still have until March 15 to charge eligible expenses against last year's accounts. Money not used by the end of the grace period is "use or lose." Reimbursement claims related to expenses to be charged to last year's accounts must be filed no later than April 30. This generally is not a common consideration for dependent care accounts because expenses charged against such accounts, such as day care fees, are largely predictable and set. It used to be a more common consideration for the less predictable kinds of expenses chargeable to health care FSAs, but effective with the 2015 plan year, there no longer is a grace period for them. ([More](#))



DoD Set to Begin Rollout of New Rating System

DoD has issued guidance on the phase-in of a revised performance appraisal system that is to start in April with a number of relatively small, mostly headquarters, components. The large majority of civilian employees of the department, the government's largest employer, eventually will fall under the new Defense Performance Management and Appraisal Program, mainly joining over the next two years. The Pentagon announced that the first components into the program will be the Office of the Secretary of Defense; Department of the Army- Civilian Human Resources Agency; Department of the Navy-Office of Civilian Human Resources Headquarters; Defense Information Systems Agency; National Defense University; Washington Headquarters Services; Defense Legal Services Agency Headquarters; Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency; Defense Security Cooperation Agency; Defense Technology Security Administration; Office of Economic Adjustment; and the Pentagon Force Protection Agency. ([More](#))



DoD Describes Workforce Plans

Meanwhile, in a budget document DoD has raised the possibility of hiring freezes and early retirement offers ahead as it seeks to reduce its civilian workforce.

Although the projected 2017 workforce is only 5,000 below the estimated 2016 level of 738,000, the document says that the mix of skills it needs is changing as the military side also downsizes. “The force structure that emerges from the new defense strategy will require a properly aligned infrastructure from which to operate, deploy, and train,” it says. The need for some skills, such as cyber, ship maintenance, disability evaluation, sexual-assault prevention, and auditing, will increase, it says, but others such as those supporting depot maintenance and base support for military personnel will decrease, as will headquarters-level positions. ([More](#))



Fiscal '17 Budget Request Starts to Fund Defense Needs, Chairman Says

The fiscal year 2017 defense budget request is a good start -- but only a start -- toward maintaining a military capable of fighting and winning today's wars and producing a military capable of winning in the future, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee today. “I don't believe we ought to ever send Americans into a fair fight,” Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. said in his testimony on the \$582.7 billion budget request. The United States must maintain a joint force that has the capability and credibility to reassure allies and partners, deter aggression and overmatch any potential adversary, the general said. “This requires us to continually improve our joint warfighting capabilities, restore full spectrum readiness and develop the leaders who will serve as the foundation for the future,” he said. ([More](#))



Common Access Card (CAC) Certificates

On Feb. 1, the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) moved forward in the issuance of new DOD Certificate Authorities - CA 33 and 34 for newly issued CACs. Some customers that have received a new CAC have reported that it does not function properly. The ID/CAC Office researched the issue and was notified by DMDC that the customers will need to contact their system administrators or Service Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Help Desk for certificate support and application compatibility questions. In an effort to speed up the processes, the NEC-RIA has been notified of the updates and is working to resolve the issues.

RIA Quarterly Retirement & Retreat Ceremony

Major General Kevin G. O'Connell cordially invites you to attend the 2nd Quarter FY16 Award, Retirement & Retreat Ceremony on **Wednesday, March 9**, at 2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, in honor of Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Blackburn, ASC; Sgt. 1st Class David Hickman, First Army; and Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Jones, First Army. Uniform for personnel not participating in ceremony – military: duty uniform and civilian: casual.

Lunch Live Action Stations at Bldg. 350 & 60

Looking for something different for lunch? Come join our chefs 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday in Bldg. 350, 6th Floor Cafe and every Wednesday in the Bldg. 60 Food Court for a live action station! The menus and prices will vary. Come check us out! ([Bldg. 350 Flyer](#)) ([Bldg. 60 Flyer](#))

Time to File Your Taxes

Income tax filing season is here, and Rock Island Arsenal operates a free tax assistance center. The tax center serves members of the RIA community eligible for legal assistance services - primarily active duty service members, military retirees and family members. In a change from recent years, an appointment is required and there is no "drop-off" service. Appointments are available weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., **Jan. 25 through April 18**. Most appointments last about an hour with more complex returns taking longer. In accordance with IRS guidelines, the tax center may prepare and submit most - but not all - federal and state income tax returns. For example, the tax center cannot prepare returns for a home-based business. If you expect your return to be complex, please discuss it with your tax preparer when you call to make an appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 782-8457/1709. Please bring the following to your appointment: a photo ID; your social security card (or official SSA correspondence with your SSN on it); documents showing income of any type (W-2s, 1099s, etc.); documents to support deductions/credits; copy of last year's return; direct deposit information; and dependents' birth dates.



2016 Election Season Is Upon Us

Whether you are a Soldier or family member far from home, or a local resident of Illinois or Iowa, the Rock Island Voting Assistance Office can help with voter registration, absentee ballot requests and finding local polling locations. Stop by the 3rd Floor of Bldg. 56, or call 309-782-8780, for all your voting needs. The Illinois Primary Election is scheduled for **March 15**, and will be held at regular polling locations. As an open primary, voters may request to vote for a presidential candidate in any party. If you are not registered to vote 28 days prior to the election, special registration and voting procedures will apply under the state's "grace period" rule, so visit the Rock Island County election website for more information <http://rockislandcounty.org/Elections/Home>. Service members and dependents can visit www.fvap.gov for further information on their voting rights, and to access online voter registration and absentee ballot request forms. Iowa residents can now register online, using the state's new website <https://mymvd.iowadot.gov/VoterRegistration>, while Illinois residents can visit <https://ova.elections.il.gov>. ([DoD Election 2016 Special Report](#))



Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the room outside the Lock and Dam Lounge (in Bldg. 60), on **Friday, March 11 and 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119. Corps of Engineers Blood Drive: The Rock Island District, Corps of Engineers will host a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Thursday, March 23**. The drive will be held in the Clock Tower Building Annex, Bldg. 217, in Conf. Rm. ABC. To donate, please contact 309-794-4200 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 030 to locate the drive. Marine General Support Maintenance Company Blood Drive: Marine General Support Maintenance Company will host a community blood drive from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on **Saturday, March 5**, at Navy Operational Support Center Rock Island, Bldg. 218, in conjunction with their weekend drill. The drive will be



held on the drill deck. To donate, please contact First Sgt. Andrew Suthers at 309-782-6044, ext. 301, or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 368 to locate the drive. Walk in donors will be 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](#).**

VIOS Schedule for March

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **March 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25**. Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the [VIOS site](#) for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 90, Basement, Room B11). Priority is: 1. Active Duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official Government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - Command Photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. All scheduled dates can be found on the [RIA VIOS website](#).

SHARP "Got Your Back" Training

We are excited to announce an upcoming Army Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) training opportunity here at RIA called "Got Your Back" from **March 23-24**, in Heritage Hall from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. each day. This training opportunity is open to all RIA employees. As a reminder, this training event can be attended in lieu of SHARP Part 2 online training. However, if employees have already completed the SHARP online training, they are still welcome to attend this event. "Got Your Back" is a dynamic, interactive training that uses audience interaction to explore scenarios where bystander intervention is warranted to stop potential sexual violence and challenge victim blaming attitudes. This incredible training opportunity is created by Catharsis Productions, and has received great reviews. All employees are required to attend a SHARP Part 1 face to face training session and then for SHARP Part 2, all employees must either complete SHARP online training through the Army Learning Management System (ALMS) or attend a "Got Your Back" session. Please go into [TEDs](#) and search for "Got Your Back - SHARP Training" and register for one of the session dates/times. Please register for "Got Your Back" training soon as sessions will fill up quickly. If you do not wish to attend a "Got Your Back" session, you can search "2016 SHARP Training - PART 2" in [TEDs](#) and complete the online training. For commands who do not utilize [TEDs](#), there will be sign in rosters at the events where employees can sign in. Completed rosters will be disseminated to installation training coordinators to ensure that employees who attend receive credit appropriately.



American Legion Fish Fry

The American Legion Post 569 is hosting a Fish Fry every Friday between **Feb. 5 and March 25**, 5-8 p.m. They are located at 515 W. 1st Ave., in Milan. The menu includes catfish, Pollock, shrimp, frog legs, chicken strips, pork tenderloins, and side orders. Children's menu and carryouts will also be available.

Fish Fry and More Every Friday

American Legion Post 1233, 312 Broadway Street, Colona, Ill., is having a fish fry every Friday evening from 5-8 p.m., up and to include Good Friday, **March 25**. Come enjoy a variety of entrees from steak sandwiches, fish and chicken dinners, to sides and hors d'oeuvres; very reasonably priced. Proceeds go to veterans; their families; and other veteran organizations. For more information, call Anna DeFrieze at 309-792-8934.

Executive Resilience and Performance Course

The dates and times for the upcoming Executive Resilience and Performance Course, which will be conducted by HQ-DA Resiliency Team, are out. This training is open to all Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians and Family members. Attendance at this course meets the DA directed annual training (28 hours) requirement for all Soldiers. Maximum participation is requested. This course has been uploaded in [TEDs](#) and is available for sign up with the KEYWORD: Executive Resilience. This executive level resiliency course will be conducted over a two-day period and will take place here on Rock Island Arsenal in Bldg. 60 in Heritage Hall. The first day is **Tuesday, March 29** (two sessions) which is open to all military and civilian employees regardless of rank/grade. • **March 29, 7:30-11:30 a.m.;** • **March 29, 12:30-4:30 p.m.** The second day is **Wednesday, March 30** and is reserved for GO/SES, COL/LTC, GS15/14, CW5/CW4, CSM/SGM/1SG/MSG; **March 30, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** and **1-2 p.m.** (an hour break for lunch and then return for the final hour of the course). POC: [Master Sgt. Touissant Lancina](#), 309-782-1943.



2016 Community Support Application

The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club community support chairperson is accepting funding requests from local nonprofit organizations until **Thursday, March 31**. Money for the Community Support Fund is raised through club activities such as the Arsenal Attic and other fundraisers. All nonprofit organizations are welcome to apply applicants must show how grant will benefit service members and families. Additional sheets are allowed for information that does not fit on this form. Only one specific purpose should be listed per form additional forms are available at <https://sites.google.com/site/rockislandarsenalwelcomeclub>. This completed form should be mailed to the below address and postmarked no later than **Thursday, March 31**. Organizations selected for funding will be notified late **April 2016**.

Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Parade

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters 776, 669 and 299, VFW 828, and MAVA Chapter Hero Street are sponsoring the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Parade taking place **Saturday, May 21**, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The start of the parade will be in the city of Rock Island and will end in the city of Davenport at Veterans Memorial Park.

RIAWC Golf Tournament

The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is proud to partner with the Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium to host this 2016 charity golf outing on **Tuesday, May 24**, at the Arsenal Island Golf Course; an event open to all who want to have fun and support RIAWC. Registration is 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The banquet dinner is 6-8 p.m. in the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. Cost is \$125 a player. Registration includes green fees, cart, range balls, drink coupons, lunch, and dinner. Registration is open until all teams have been filled. Non-players can register for "dinner only" for \$25. The golf tournament format is a 4-man scramble (best ball).

There will be awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers along with prizes for designated holes. To register for golf, or RSVP for the "dinner only," please contact Wendy Truckenbrod at 563-726-9567 or at riawcfundraiser@yahoo.com. Note: If you're interested in sponsoring or donating to this event, please contact Wendy.

Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — **Sunset Lakes**

Resort: Located near Hillsdale Illinois at I-88 Exit #6, we offer free campsites for those who currently serve and veterans; call 1-800-747-5253 for reservations. Complete details on both military weekends at www.sunsetlakesresort.com under our news section. **Infinity Salon & Spa:** Located at 220 W 3rd St. in Davenport, we offer 15 percent off services for military and the Arsenal Island workforce. We are a full service salon: hair, manicure, pedicures, massage, waxing, facials, for men, women, and children. Eligible personnel only need to show a military or work ID. **The Venue:** Located at 1405 5th Ave. in Moline, we would like to say thank you to all Rock Island Arsenal personnel – bring in your Arsenal ID/badge on Mondays and receive a 20 percent discount on food and soda (this excludes family feast special). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 18th Street in Bettendorf. **Chocolate Manor:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off their total purchase on any of our award winning homemade chocolates at 110 E. 2nd St., Davenport, just show your ID. **Roosters Sports Bar and Grill:** All military and civilian's get 10 percent off their bill. Come head down for lunch at 2130 3rd Ave., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*



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.



Building/Space Closures



There are no announcements at this time.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone



March Geo-Bachelor/Bachelorette and Singles Night

The USO's March Geo-Bachelor/Bachelorette and Singles Night will take place **Wednesday, March 2**, at 5 p.m., in the USO Center, in Bldg. 110. The menu will include corn beef and cabbage, beef stew, loaded baked potatoe casserole, rolls, and Irish desert. Please RSVP to [Jackie Inman](#) or call 782-3896 by **Monday, Feb. 29**.



Military Spouse Fun Night

Join us **Tuesday, March 29**, 6-8 p.m., in the Army Community Service/USO (Bldg. 110), on the last Tuesday of each month for a chance to meet other spouses in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Activities include craft nights, games, trivia, and other fun activities providing an opportunity to relax and have fun. For more information contact Jan Saito at Army Community Service at 309-782-4736/0829 or janice.n.saito.civ@mail.mil. (Flyer)

Safety Spotlight



**ARMY SAFE
IS ARMY STRONG**



Motorcycle Riding Courses

The Garrison Safety Office is offering Motorcycle Riding Courses for military personnel. The motorcycle rider training program is certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The courses are designed to help riders manage their risk and increase their skills through riding and classroom instruction. Per DODI 6055.4, DOD Traffic Safety Program, military personnel who operate motorcycles must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways and must have successfully completed an approved rider or operator safety course meeting the MSF-based State-approved curriculum. Any military member operating a motorcycle on or off Rock Island Arsenal must be in possession of a MSF card when they ride to verify completion of required training. The motorcycle training courses at RIA are scheduled as follows:

May

- Basic Motorcycle Rider Course: **May 17-18** (two eight-hour days)
- Experienced Rider Course: **May 19** (one eight-hour day)
- Military Sport Bike Rider Course: **May 20** (one eight-hour day)

July

- Basic Motorcycle Rider Course: **July 12-13** (two eight-hour days)
- Experienced Rider Course: **July 14** (one eight-hour day)
- Military Sport Bike Rider Course: **July 15** (one eight-hour day)

September

- Basic Motorcycle Rider Course: **Sept. 20-21** (two eight-hour days)
- Experience Rider Course: **Sept. 22** (one eight-hour day)
- Military Sport Bike Rider Course: **Sept. 23** (one eight-hour day)

Registration for courses is through the web-based "AIRS" system at

<https://imc.army.mil/airs/default.aspx>

Note: Each course is limited to 12 riders. If a minimum number six of riders is not realized or if a need for a particular class is greater than the number of classes scheduled, a class may be cancelled or shifted. If you need further information please contact either [Nancy Carlson](#) or [Michael Chaplin](#) via phone extension 309-782-1380.

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



Women's History Month

The Army dedicates each March to highlighting individual and collective stories of female Soldiers. Their stories are inextricably woven into the essential fabric of the nation's history and the history of the U.S. Army. This year, the Army acknowledges the accomplishments and contributions of pioneering women from the past and recognizes their impact on the force of today. The theme for this year's observance is: Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government. The Army is proud of today's outstanding women who serve with distinction and are role models for future generations. Women like Lt. Gen. Flora D. Darpino, the first woman Judge Advocate General of the Army, Maj. Chrissy Cook, who led her Bradley crew to "Top Gun" status, and Pfc. Jessica Jones, one of the first female Soldiers to graduate the Artillery Mechanic course, are just such Soldiers. These women and countless others cleared the road for an Army that will soon see female Soldiers serving in more jobs and specialties than in any other time in the history of the U.S. Army. Their acts of leadership and courage have ensured equal access and opportunity to succeed in the Army, based on ability, talent and merit, rather than on gender. As the Army fields the future force, the U.S. Army's Soldier 2020 initiative aims at the selection of the best Soldiers through universal standards for each occupational specialty in a deliberate, measured and responsible manner. Women's History Month stands as a further reminder of strength the Army has gained, and will gain through having a high-quality diverse All-Volunteer Force, standing ready to answer the nation's call.



Mark Your Calendars

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

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

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

First Friday Social

Join your Island colleagues **Friday, March 4**, beginning at 3 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse for a fun evening of appetizers, drinks, networking, socializing and karaoke. This event is open to the entire RIA workforce and the general public so bring your friends, family, neighbors, mail man... whoever, just come out and have fun with us. There will be \$1 happy hour drafts from 3-5 p.m. and bring your Rocktoberfest Stein and get \$2 off re-fills. Steins are still available for \$10. Call 309-782-4372 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Now You Can Use Your Discover® Card For MWR Purchases

MWR is happy to announce that we are now accepting Discover® credit cards at all our facilities at Rock Island Arsenal. ([Flyer](#))

MWR Text Alerts

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



Lunch Service at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse

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

St. Patrick's Day Lunch Special

Get a little taste of Ireland all week, Tuesday - Friday, **March 15-18**, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., in the Arsenal Island Clubhouse, at the lunch buffet at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. The hot item on the buffet will be corned beef and cabbage all week (Tuesday - Friday, 11-1:30 p.m.). The buffet is just \$9/person and includes your drink. ([Flyer](#))

Paintless Dent Repair Service Available

The always popular paintless dent repair technician will be available Wednesday, **March 16**, at the Auto Skills Shop, for repairs. 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](#))

Newcomer's Orientation and Bus Tour

Are you new to the Arsenal or do you have new employees or Service Members in your office? Make sure to get them/yourself signed up for our next Newcomer's Orientation and Tour **Thursday, March 24**, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. The briefings and info on the tour will include everything a new employee needs to know to successfully transition to the Rock Island Arsenal and the surrounding Quad Cities and make their new home feel like home. This free service includes breakfast & lunch courtesy of our sponsors, Rock Island Arsenal Federal Credit Union & USAA. Space is limited so call 309-782-0829 for more info and to reserve your spots. ([Flyer](#))

Easter Egg Hunt

Get all the kids and join us at Memorial Field & Pavilion for the 2016 Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 26**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. There will be golden egg hunts for kids up to 12 years old, free keepsake pictures with the Easter Bunny, a Teddy Bear Clinic (bring your favorite stuffed friend for a check-up from the Health Clinic staff, food & drink, balloon animals by Zany Janie & prize drawings including a \$50 Toys-R-Us gift card courtesy of our sponsors the Rock Island Arsenal Federal Credit Union & AT&T (no official U.S. Army endorsement of sponsors is implied). ([Flyer](#))

Easter Brunch Buffet

Bring the whole family **Sunday, March 27**, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., and enjoy a delicious Easter Brunch at the historic and beautiful Arsenal Island Clubhouse. Cost is \$21.95/adult & \$10.95/child (12 & under). Call 309-782-4372 for more info and to make your reservations. ([Full menu](#)) ([Flyer](#))

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](#))

Discount Tickets for Upcoming Local Shows at the Leisure Travel Office

Leisure Travel which is located in Bldg. 333 (next to the PX) has discount tickets for the following upcoming shows. Contact them at 309-782-5890 or visit their webpage:

www.riamwr.com/community-recreation/leisure-travel for more information.

- **March 6:** WWE: Road to Wrestlemania at the iWireless Center
- **March 22:** Star Trek the Ultimate Voyage Concert Tour
- **April 9:** Shear Madness at Circa 21 Dinner Theatre

Outdoor Recreation Ski Gear

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

WWE Returns to the Quad Cities Road to Wrestlemania

See your favorite WWE superstars Sunday, **March 6**, at 1 p.m., including: John Cena, Alberto Del Rio, Bray Wyatt, Kane, Dudley Boyz, The Wyatt Family, The Divas and many more (card subject to change). Leisure Travel has tickets on sale until **March 2**. Section B row 1 seats 1-8, Row 2 seats 6-12 \$111; Section 113 Row 3 & 4 seats 3-12 \$69.50; and Section 113 row 8 seats 3-11 row 16 seats 1-16 \$56.

Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage Concert Tour 2016

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

Date: **Tuesday, March 22**

Time: **7 p.m.**

Shear Madness

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

MWR Inaugural Pirate and Princess Family Event

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

Child, Youth & School Services



There are no announcements at this time.

Army Community Service



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

Immediate Volunteer Position Opening

Army Community Service Volunteer Program is looking to recruit a Social (Digital) Media Outreach Volunteer – ACS is in search of a person with extensive social media skills to maintain the digital presence of ACS. Some of the duties include posting flyers, program information, and field research to Facebook, as well as other online forums. Assist with fielding inquiries made via social media. Maintain website accuracy, design and generate reports on usage. For more information please call ACS at 309-782-0829 or [apply online here](#).



Overseas (OCONUS) Briefing

Are you on orders to PCS out of the country? If so make sure to attend the Overseas Orientation Briefing held on the first Tuesday of every month and learn specifics and tips about your new duty location. The next one will be Tuesday, **March 1**, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in the Army Community Service Training Room, Bldg. 110. Call to RSVP: 309-782-0829. Individual relocation counseling is also available by appointment, call 309-782-0829 to schedule your appointment. ([Flyer](#))

Sponsorship Training

Have you been appointed to sponsor a new incoming Soldier/civilian? Make sure to attend our monthly sponsorship training session Friday, **March 4**, 12-1 p.m., Army Community Service Training Room, Bldg. 110, before your new Soldier/civilian arrives so that you can help them adjust to their new duty station quickly and hit the ground running. Training is held on the first Friday of every month from 12-1 p.m. at Army Community Service (Bldg. 110) and lunch will be provided for all service members courtesy of the USO. Registration is required by calling 309-782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

10 Great Dates

Learn to energize your relationship Wednesday, **March 9**, 4:30-6 p.m., Army Community Service Training Room, Bldg. 110, while having fun spending time together. RSVP for this class at 309-782-0829 or samantha.m.mathew.ctr@mail.mil. This class has a minimum sign-up requirement. Parents can earn two participation points with CYSS for attending. ([Flyer](#))

RIA's AER Campaign, March 14 – April 29: "Never Leave a Soldier in Need"

Over the last several years AER has made significant changes to meet the needs of today's Army, adding new categories of assistance, expediting the assistance process and increasing grants by 30 percent. Last September AER made a policy change which allows all Soldiers, regardless of rank, direct access to AER assistance. "Never Leaving a Soldier in Need is in keeping with the Army's core values," said AER's Director, retired Army Lt. Gen. Robert Foley. "Whether the need is money for a Soldier's emergency leave, new brakes for the family car or to cover the initial rent deposit on a new apartment, AER is there. To maintain this level of assistance today, donations from Soldiers, active and retired, are essential to ensure the legacy of Soldiers Helping Soldiers." For information on the local campaign, contact Army Community Service at 309-782-0815.

Employee Assistance Program



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

Grief Support Group

Have you been struggling with the recent loss of a loved one? The EAP welcomes you to attend confidential group sessions to share your feelings with others who are experiencing the same emotions and challenges to daily living. Participants will receive support and companionship from others while learning about the grieving process. Groups will be held each **Thursday** from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the EAP in Bldg. 56, Room 104; to RSVP call 309-782-4357.

Working with You Is Killing Me

The workplace can be a volatile environment where people can sometimes rub each other the wrong way. This workshop will help you manage difficult personalities on the job and take control of what you can control in the workplace: You. This workshop will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. You can register on [TEDs](#) or call 309-782-4357.

Event Date: **March 15** (additional class date: **May 26**)

Event Time: **10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand and manage your own emotions, and those of the people around you. People with a high degree of emotional intelligence know what they're feeling, what their emotions mean, and how these emotions can affect other people. Emotional intelligence addresses five competencies; Self-Awareness, Self-Regulation, Self-Motivation, Empathy, and Effective Relationships. Upcoming class dates are **March 29, June 28, Sept. 27, and Dec. 20**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above

class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Time Management

Do you feel like there is never enough time in a day to get everything done? Would you like to learn some tips to become more organized and free up some time for more fun? Learn how to prioritize tasks and manage your time more effectively. Upcoming class dates are **April 26, July 26, and Oct. 25**. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Improving Workplace Relationships

Relationships in the workplace are very much like relationships in our personal lives. Therefore they require many of the same skills we use with those who are closest to us. Learning these skills makes sense because many of us spend more time with our co-workers than with our family members. Skills learned are based on research based concepts and address issues of communication, conflict, respect and trust. Upcoming class dates are **May 5, June 7, and Aug. 2**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Community Resiliency Academy Announcement

The RIA Employee Assistance Program will present Real Colors, a workshop offering you a peek into human personality. It will provide you with a better understanding of human behavior and help you recognize, accept and learn to value the differences in others. Real Colors has proven to be an effective tool to increase understanding, empathy and effective communication in the workplace. The Real Colors workshop will be offered on **May 10, Aug. 9, and Nov. 8**, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. Sign up is in [TEDs](#) (search key word "Real Colors") or for more information contact Lori Griffin at 309-782-2551.

Assertiveness Training

Learn strategies to communicate with effectiveness and enhance yourself personally and professionally. Upcoming class dates are **May 24, Aug. 23, and Sept. 29**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

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.](#)

GI Bill Comparison Tool

Learn about education programs and compare estimated benefits by school. Whether you want to apply your GI Bill benefits to college classes or an on-the-job training program, [this tool](#) will help you make the most of them.

- Step 1 – Tell Us About Yourself (military status, which GI Bill are you using, and cumulative Post 9-11 active duty service).
- Step 2 – About Your School (will you be taking classes online, then enter a city, school or employer name).

Then simply search schools for calculator results. They include tuition/fees benefits, housing allowance, book stipends, and much more. ([More](#))

Army Education Benefits Rule Updated For First Time Since 1992

The Army regulation governing soldier education benefits has been updated to include information on the Montgomery GI Bill, the Army College Fund, the Post-9/11 GI Bill, policies unique to the reserve components, student loan repayment programs and the health professional stipend programs. The revised AR 621-202 (Army Education Incentives and Entitlements) was published Feb. 8, and will take effect March 8. The previous edition of this regulation was issued Feb. 3, 1992, well before the law that expanded benefits for National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers, and established an entirely new benefits program, the Post-9/11 GI Bill, for veterans who signed up after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. ([More](#))

Home Base Iowa Virtual Career Fair

We understand the value that military personnel and their families bring to the workforce – and we thank you for your service. Now it's time for us to serve you. To give military job seekers the opportunity to network with Iowa employers, we are excited to invite you to participate in the Home Base Iowa Military Online Career Fair **Wednesday, March 9**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., hosted by DirectEmployers Association, the National Association of State Workforce Agencies and the State of Iowa. During this free event, you will have the opportunity to engage with recruiters from various Iowa employers looking to hire veterans, transitioning service members and their families in quick, text-based chat conversations - all from the comfort of your home, office, smartphone or tablet. ([Registration Link](#))

Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA and SGT Paul Fisher Scholarships

The Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA is now accepting applications for NDIA and SGT Paul Fisher scholarships for academic year 2016-2017. Value of each scholarship is \$2,000. Applications may be downloaded from the front page of the chapter's web site, www.ndia-ia-il.org. Eligibility requirements are shown on the first page of the application. Applications must be postmarked by

midnight **March 24**. Questions should be directed to the scholarship chair, John Masengarb, 563-650-3252.

Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club Scholarship Applications

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

Area Schools to Visit RIA

The [Army Continuing Education Systems Rock Island Arsenal](#) is coordinating with Quad-City area schools to have them visit with eligible Ed Center patrons where they will meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities. These visits will take place in Bldg. 56, Room 121, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The schedule for this fiscal year is: • Ashford University, **March 17**, and **June 16**; • Black Hawk College, **April 14**, and **July 14**; • Eastern Iowa Community College, **March 3**, **April 7**, **May 5**, **June 2**, and **July 7**; • Kaplan University, **May 19**, and **Aug. 18**; • Saint Ambrose University, **April 21**, and **July 21**; • Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, **April 28**, and **July 28**; • University of Dubuque, **May 26**, and **Aug. 11**; and • Upper Iowa University, **March 10**, and **June 9**. Meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities.



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

Commissary May Case Lot Sale

The Rock Island Arsenal Commissary is having its May Case Lot Sale on **Friday, May 20**, and **Saturday, May 21**, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. both days.



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 – March 2016 Meeting

The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on **Thursday, March 3**, in the Veranda Room of the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. The menu for the dinner includes a garden salad, grilled chicken with tomato-mushroom relish, rice, steamed broccoli, and chocolate mousse all prepared by the clubhouse kitchen. Dinner includes rolls and breadsticks, coffee, tea and water. The total cost is \$14 including tax and tip. Our event is open to members and non-members. Interested parties may choose to attend only the program portion of the meeting at 7 p.m. at no cost. The program will be Anne Prinz and Alice Spencer who are members of the Davenport Zither Ensemble at the German American Heritage Center. For reservations call Monica at 563-650-4349 or Linda at 563-355-6165 or email chiicaliinda@aol.com. Reservations are due by noon **Monday, Feb. 29**. 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.

Rock Island Arsenal Museum Reducing Collection

An upcoming reduction in staff means about 3,200 artifacts will be removed from the roughly 13,000-piece collection at the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. Museum staffers are responsible for maintaining and inventorying the collection, developing exhibits, giving tours and helping people conduct research, Steven Carr and Jodean Meleski, of the Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Directorate, said. In the last few years, the government has dropped the museum staff from five people to three, and this year it will drop to one, they said. To help keep museum operations manageable, about 25 percent of the collection is to be moved. The directorate is overseeing the transition. What will remain largely will be items directly related to arsenal history, Mr. Carr said. ([More](#))

Change to Hours at Rock Island Arsenal Museum

Effective **Monday, Feb. 15**, the hours of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum to change: the museum will be open to the public Tuesday - Friday, Noon to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed weekends, Mondays, federal holidays, the day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. The change to hours comes as a result of Army wide changes in manpower and force structure. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is the Army's second oldest museum. It first opened to the public on July 4, 1905. The primary mission is to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Rock Island Arsenal and Arsenal Island. By focusing on "People, Processes, and Products," the exhibits tell the story of the people involved in Arsenal Island's history, the manufacturing processes used at Rock Island Arsenal, and the military equipment that was produced at Rock Island Arsenal. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is nationally recognized for its large and impressive small arms collection. More than 1,200 U.S., foreign, civilian, and military small arms are on permanent display.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Feb. 22-28

RIA received its first order of 1,000 M1897 French 75mm recuperators on Feb. 27, 1918.

Healthbeat



Zika Virus

Zika is a mosquito-borne virus closely related to yellow fever, dengue, and West Nile viruses. Discovered in Uganda in 1947, the current outbreak of Zika virus in Brazil began in early 2015 and has spread to over 20 other countries in the Americas, including Mexico and Puerto Rico. Although only 20 percent of people infected will have symptoms, the virus has been associated with an increased risk of Guillain-Barr Syndrome, a neurological disorder, and microcephaly, a birth defect characterized by smaller than normal head size. As a result, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a level 2 travel alert, Practice Enhanced Precautions, for areas where Zika virus transmission is ongoing, recommending that all pregnant women postpone travel to these areas. The World Health Organization advised that the recent cluster of microcephaly cases and other neurologic disorders reported in Brazil constitutes a public health emergency of international concern. Army Medicine is tracking this outbreak to assess the risks to the Soldiers and their Families. All Army medical facilities have been notified of the concerns surrounding Zika infections and are prepared to assist patients who may have been infected. The DoD will assist other government agencies in developing a vaccine against Zika, new vector control agents, and improved diagnostic tests. Army Medicine will continue to educate all personnel and beneficiaries about Zika virus and provide updates as they arise. With ongoing operations around the world, the Army continues to strive to protect the health and readiness of total force and their families. ([More](#))

Notes for Veterans



VA Announces Additional Changes to Improve Veterans Crisis Line

Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Deputy Secretary Sloan Gibson today announced improvements to enhance and accelerate progress at the Veterans Crisis Line, which serves as a life-saving resource for Veterans who find themselves at risk of suicide. Today, during his third trip to the Crisis Line in a year, Mr. Gibson announced that the Crisis Line would form a stronger bond with VA's Suicide Prevention Office and Mental Health Services. This partnership includes VA's National Mental Health Director for Suicide Prevention as well as several hubs of expertise, including one Center of Excellence focusing on suicide prevention research and education located at the same medical campus as the Crisis Line responders in Canandaigua, NY. Mr. Gibson also announced that the Veterans Crisis Line would now be under the direction of VA's Member Services, which has many efforts underway across the nation to restructure portions of VA that have direct contact with Veterans. This brings an expertise in ensuring that staff in these vital roles have more streamlined processes, adequate training and resources at their fingertips, to better serve Veterans. These structural changes build on key hires made in the last year to lead the Crisis Line, including a director with extensive clinical social work background. ([More](#))

DoD and VA kick off new Interagency Coordination of Complex Care Effort

The Departments of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced its ongoing effort to ease the transition for service members who require complex care management as they transition from the DoD system of health care to VA or within each system. The effort is designed to ease the burden for service members and Veterans, who have suffered illnesses or injuries so severe as to require the expertise provided by multiple care specialties throughout both Departments. “More than a decade of combat has placed enormous demands on a generation of service members and Veterans – particularly those who have suffered wounds, injuries, or illnesses which require a complex plan of care,” said Dr. Karen Guice, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, and Co-chair of the DoD-VA Interagency Care Coordination Committee (IC3). “These individuals require the complex coordination of medical and rehabilitative care, benefits, and other services to successfully transition from active duty to Veteran status, and to optimally recover from their illnesses or injuries.” ([More](#))

Around the Q.C.



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- Feb. 29:** [Adult Coloring Night](#) (Rock Island Main Library, Rock Island)
- Feb. 29-March 6:** [4th Annual Quad Cities Restaurant Week](#) (greater Quad-City area)
- March 3:** [Cupcakes & Cocktails -- Winter 2016](#) (re-fresh lounge, 1514 5th Ave, Moline)
- March 3:** [Bettendorf Park Band Spring Concert](#) (Bettendorf Public Library)
- March 4-6:** [Big Bore Enterprise Gun Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
- March 5:** [KWQC-TV6 & Genesis 25th Annual Women's Health & Lifestyle Fair](#) (Great River Hall, RiverCenter, Davenport)
- March 5:** [QCMIB 5th Annual Spring Fling Craft & Vendor Show](#) (The Viking Club, Moline)
- March 5:** [Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois' What Do You Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo, Coal Valley, Ill.)
- March 6:** [World of Wheels Car Show 2016](#) (Car Shop Inc, Moline)
- March 6:** [Chicago World of Wheels Car Show](#) (Donald E Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, Ill.)
- March 6:** [Davenport Parks and Recreation Mother Son Formal](#) (Davenport Parks and Recreation, 700 W River Dr, Davenport)
- March 6:** [Your Walk Their Water: Destination Niger, Africa](#) (Miltown Coffee, Moline)
- March 6:** [Milan Legion Riders - Breakfast Buffet](#) (American Legion Riders Post 569, 515 W 1st Ave, Milan)
- March 6-8:** [Quad Cities Antique Spectacular](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
- March 10:** [Progress to Type None: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation One Walk Kickoff](#) (Black Hawk College, Moline)
- March 10-13:** [Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament](#) (iWireless Center)
- March 11:** [Gathering of the Clan Luncheon](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
- March 11:** [QuarterMania](#) (American Legion, East Moline)
- March 11:** [2016 Competitive Cheer & Dance Nationals](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
- March 12:** [CASI's 34th Annual St. Patrick's Day 5k Race, 1 Mile Family Fun Run and the Tot Trot](#) (Downtown Davenport)
- March 12:** [St. Patrick's Day Grand Parade XXXI](#) (Downtown Rock Island & Downtown Davenport)
- March 12:** [Post St. Patrick's Day Parade Bash](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
- March 12:** [8th Annual Spring Crafts & More Show](#) (The Camden Centre, Milan)
- March 12:** [March Kids in the Kitchen-National Nutrition Month](#) (West Kimberly Hy-Vee)
- March 15:** [Polar Plunge Fundraiser](#) (Harris Pizza, 3903 14th Ave, Rock Island)
- March 16:** [Civil War Fathers](#) (Rock Island Main Library, Rock Island)
- March 16-19:** [Gathering of the Green](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
- March 18:** [13th Annual Henry Farnam Dinner](#) (St. Ambrose University's Rogalski Center, Davenport)
- March 19:** [Spring Equinox Run](#) (Credit Island Club House, Davenport)
- March 19:** [WQPT's Imagination Station](#) (Western Illinois University-Quad Cities, Moline)

March 19: [City of Davenport Corridor Cleanup](#) (throughout Davenport)
March 19: [11th Annual Environmental Film Fest](#) (Olin Center, Augustana College, Rock Island)
March 19: [Scott Community College Easter Egg Hunt](#) (Scott Community College)
March 20: [Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Illinois](#) (Wick's Lake, Jumer's Casino, Rock Island)
March 22: [Paint Night with Picasso's Palette](#) (Great River Brewery, Davenport)
March 26: [Easter Egg Scramble 5K Road Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)
March 26: [The Great Easter Keg Hunt](#) (Great River Brewery, Davenport)
April 1-3: [QCCA Flower and Garden Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)
April 1-30: [Quad Cities Live Month](#) (Greater Quad Cities area)
April 2: [QCH3 Red Dress Run](#) (The Venue, Moline)
April 4: [Taste of ProStart for Davenport Community Schools ProStart program](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
April 7: [Recycle the Runway 2016](#) (Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Rock Island)
April 8: [Genesis Cancer Care Institute & Gilda's Club Quad Cities Presents 7th Annual Intimate Conversations fundraiser](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
April 9: [Moline Centre's 12th Annual Cabin Fever Pub Crawl](#) (Bent River Brewing, Moline)
April 9: [3rd Annual Churches United Big Bacon Bonanza](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
April 9: [Quad City Symphony Orchestra Family Music Carnival](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
April 10: [Quad City Symphony Orchestra Family Side-By-Side](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
April 11: [18th Annual In-Fisherman Swap Meet](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
April 14: [Stylin' Against Breast Cancer Educational Symposium](#) (iWireless Center)
April 14: [11th Annual Stylin' Against Breast Cancer Runway Fashion Show](#) (iWireless Center)
April 15: [QCMiB Quarter Auction](#) (Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Rock Island)
April 15: [10th Anniversary Family Resources Opening Doors Gala](#) (Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)
April 16: [Quad Cities on Tap](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)
April 16: [PFA Tower Climb and Zip Lining Adventure](#) (YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln)
April 16: [Gilda's Run for Laughs](#) (The District)
April 16: [Alzheimer's Benefit Bazaar](#) (Rock Island First Church of the Nazarene, 2921 38th St, Rock Island)
April 23: [Bandits Race to Home 5K](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)
April 23: [Gilda's Run for Laughs & Roseannadana Dash](#) (The District of Rock Island)
April 23: [Moline Kiwanis "Fling into Spring" Bags Tournament](#) (Historic Lot by Bad Boyz, Moline)
April 23: [VRIF's Be Victorious Fashion Show](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
April 23: [Walk MS: Quad Cities](#) (Veterans Memorial Park, Bettendorf)
April 27: [Protecting Against Identity Theft](#) (Rock Island Main Library, Rock Island)
April 28: [Child Abuse Council Quad Cities' Lifesaver Celebration 2016](#) (CACQC, 524 15th St, Moline)
April 30: [35th Annual CBRC 24 Hour Run](#) (North Scott High School Track, Eldridge, Iowa)
April 30: [Steve's Old Time Tap Spring Chaser](#) (223 17th Street, Downtown Rock Island)
April 30: [Rock Island Conservation Club's Community Yard Sale/Flea Market](#) (Rock Island Conservation Club, 2421 Big Island Pkwy, Milan)
April 30: [City of Davenport 6th Annual Cleanup and Greenup](#) (Emeis Park, Davenport)
May 1: [MIP Arts & Crafts Fair](#) (Eriksen Chevrolet-Buick, Milan)
May 6: [Leadercast 2016 - Architects of Tomorrow](#) (Leadercast Quad Cities, 2018 Grant St, Bettendorf)
May 6-7: Davenport Central High School JROTC Blue Raider Challenge (Navy Operational Support Center Rock Island)
May 7: [Village in Bloom](#) (Village of East Davenport)
May 7: [3rd Annual Cinco De Mayo Nacho Ordinary 5K](#) (Ganzo's Davenport)
May 7: [Quad Cities Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Blooming Basket Event](#) (Advance Auto Parts, 3813 18th Ave, Rock Island)
May 7-8: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figge Art Museum)
May 8: [Quad Cities Distance Classic](#) (Augustana, Rock Island)
May 10-11: [Scott County Kennel Club AKC Dog Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
May 14: [Young Life Quad Cities' 'You Were Made For This 5k' Race](#) (Ben Butterworth Parkway, Moline)
May 21: [The Wild 5, Running Wild](#) (Unity Point - Trinity, Bettendorf)
May 21: [Color the Quads 5K Run & Kids Fun Run](#) (Cumberland Square, Bettendorf)
May 21: [LiveFit with Lupus Race & Festival](#) (Pebble Creek Golf Course, LeClaire, Iowa)
May 30: [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Village of East Davenport)
May 31-June 4: [Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (1800 3rd Avenue, Suite 304, Rock Island)

June 2: [Living Lands and Waters' 2016 Barge Party](#) (Schwiebert Riverfront Park, Rock Island)
June 3-4: [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Ill.)
June 4: [College Hill District Retro Rally 2016](#) (College Hill District Rock Island)
June 10-11: [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)
June 18: [The Micro Brew Mile and 6K Road Race](#) (5th Avenue, Moline)
June 18: [Quad Cities Triathlon 2016](#) (West Lake Park, Davenport)
June 18: [3rd Annual Micro Brew Mile Craft Beer Festival](#) (Downtown Moline)
June 18-26: [Quad Cities Museum Week](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)
June 19: [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Downtown Davenport)
June 24: [American Red Cross' Picnic on the River 2016](#) (Schwiebert Riverfront Park, Rock Island)
June 24: [Mud, Sweat & Cheers Obstacle Challenge](#) (Credit Island Park, Davenport)
June 25: [Royal Ball Run For Autism](#) (Hyvee, Milan)
June 25-26: [6th Annual BBQ & Craft Brew event](#) (Credit Island Park, Davenport)
June 25-26: [Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)
June 26: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)
June 26: [Hemmings Motor News Great Race - San Rafael, Calif. to Moline, Ill.](#) (Moline)
July 1-2: [31st Annual Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
July 4: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (Rock Island & Davenport)
July 4: [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (East Moline)
July 4: [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (Downtown Bettendorf)
July 14-16: [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (I-80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)
July 15-17: [Radish Magazine's 2016 Yoga Fest](#) (Holiday Inn, Rock Island)
July 16: [Rivers Edge Homebrew Festiv-ale](#) (The District Plaza, Rock Island)
July 16: [Insane Inflatable 5K Quad Cities](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
July 19-23: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (fairgrounds in East Moline)
July 29-30: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 30: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Aug. 2-7: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Aug. 4: [Freedom Run 5K](#) (733 15th Ave., East Moline)
Aug. 4-7: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)
Aug. 6: [2nd Annual BBQ n' Blues Fest](#) (Rolling Smoke, 1228 30th St, Rock Island)
Aug. 8-14: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.)
Aug. 11-13: [Tug Fest, LeClaire](#) (Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)
Aug. 13: [Case Creek Obstacles 5K Mud Run](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)
Aug. 13: [13th Annual Xstream Cleanup](#) (Greater Quad Cities)
Aug. 19-20: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Aug. 20: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)
Aug. 26-27: [River Roots Live](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Aug. 27: [Vettes on the River](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)
Aug. 27: [Silvis Family Run](#) (Schadt Park, Silvis, Ill.)
Sept. 3-4: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
Sept. 10: [¡VIVA! Quad Cities](#) (Isle of Capri Casino Parking Lot, Bettendorf)
Sept. 10: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Sept. 10: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)
Sept. 10-11: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 16-17: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park (Davenport)
Sept. 17: [Taming of the Slough](#) (Empire Park in East Moline)
Sept. 17: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park (Davenport)
Sept. 17: [2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Quad Cities](#) (iWireless Center)
Sept. 17-18: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park (Village of East Davenport)
Sept. 23-24: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Rock Island County Fairgrounds (East Moline)
Sept. 25: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)
Oct. 1: [GiGi's Super Hero Run](#) (Bettendorf)
Oct. 2: [Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic](#) (Rock Island)
Oct. 7-9: [Big Bore Enterprise Gun Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Oct. 9: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Oct. 27: [Fright Night](#) (The District (Rock Island)

Oct. 29: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)

Oct. 29-30: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo (Coal Valley (Ill.))

Oct. 29: [Witches Walk & Costume Parade](#) (Downtown LeClaire)

Nov. 12: [Black Hawk College 5k Hustle](#) (Black Hawk College (Moline)

Nov. 18-27: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter (Davenport)

Nov. 19: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Nov. 19: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)

Nov. 19: [City of Davenport Garbage Gobble Creek Cleanup](#) (Davenport)

Nov. 24: [Scott County Family Y McCarthy Bush Turkey Trot](#) (Downtown YMCA (Davenport))

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