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Island Insight

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List of Secondary Forms of ID Expanded To Access Army Installations

In accordance with recent updates to Army Real ID Act Guidance on additional acceptable forms of Secondary Identification Documents, the following documents will be accepted in addition to a driver's license from Illinois,



Minnesota, Missouri, and Washington State to obtain access to Rock Island Arsenal: • Vehicle registration with name and address • State of Illinois Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) card • Veterans Health Identification Card issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs • PIV Card (Personal Identification Verification) issued by the federal government • PIV-1 Card (Personal Identification Verification - Interoperable) issued by the federal government • DHS "Trusted Traveler" cards (Global Entry, Nexus, SENTRI, FAST) • Driver's license issued by the U.S. Department of State • U.S. military identification card for military members, dependents and retirees; • U.S. Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship (Form N-550) This

Upcoming Dates

- March 8-9:** SFL-TAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., 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 11:** MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- March 12:** Ghost Hunters Dinner & Tour of Quarters One, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.
- March 13:** Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 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 17:** St. Patrick's Day
- March 18:** MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. – 2 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.
- March 24:** Newcomer's Orientation and Tour, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 8 a.m.
- March 24:** Council of Colonels, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- March 26:** RIA Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Field, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

is in addition to the previously listed acceptable forms of secondary IDs. That list, and additional information about the Real ID Act is available at www.usagria.army.mil/AccessRequests/RealID.aspx. ([More](#))

ARDEC Engineers Visit Davenport West High School

Three female engineers from Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center-Rock Island visited Davenport West High School on Feb. 16 to assist in teaching an all-girl class in Introduction to Engineering and Design. Each of the ARDEC engineers came well qualified and equipped with their own unique degree; Jessica Brauer, with a biomedical degree, Ryane Pappa, with a chemical and biomolecular degree, and Lynn Smith, with a mechanical degree.

ARDEC's three engineers met with the class to discuss their experiences, challenges, and passion in their engineering careers with the class that day. The class, taught by teacher Jason Franzenburg, is made up of 20 girls who are part of the one-of-a-kind class that started this school semester in an effort to get more girls interested and into the engineering field. Right now women make up less than 20 percent of college engineering students. ([More](#))



Civilian Employees, Soldiers Must Be Cautious Of Political Activity on Social Media

Most federal employees -- military and civilian -- who have served through at least one election cycle know of the limits on political activity imposed by The Hatch Act and service-specific rules, but the ever-growing popularity of social media has raised many new questions over what political activity is permissible. The Hatch Act, passed in 1939, restricts the political activity of civilian employees serving in a variety of federally funded programs, but it was amended in 1993 to allow most employees to engage in certain types of political activity while in their personal capacity. "While The Hatch Act

allows most federal employees to participate in some types of political activity, the act prohibits political activity while on duty, while wearing an official uniform or insignia, while using a government vehicle, and in any federal workplace," said Sarah Green, senior ethics attorney, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. "The ease of accessing one's personal social media and email though have made it much easier for federal employees to unknowingly violate the law." ([More](#))



QC Honor Flight Sign Up Now Open for Vietnam Vets

The Quad-City Honor Flight Hub has announced it is now accepting Vietnam veterans for the group's third and fourth flights this year. Applicants must have served between **Feb. 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975**, to be considered a Vietnam War Era Veteran. The program operates on donations from individuals and organizations. Volunteers plan and coordinate the flight events. All flights depart on a non-stop charter from the Quad City International Airport to Washington D.C., and return at approximately 10 p.m. the same day. Trained guardians are assigned to the veterans to ensure they have a safe, memorable, and rewarding experience. Vietnam veterans within a 75 mile radius of the Quad Cities are encouraged to apply. They must submit an application along with a copy of their DD-214 (available at <http://honorflightqc.org/application-forms>). Applicants are cell 4-8 weeks prior to the honor flight date to advise them they have been selected for the next scheduled flight. Applications are dated in the order they are received.



Additional information is available on the Internet at www.HonorFlightQC.org or by calling 563-388-3592. Upcoming Honor Flights will take place **Thursday, April 21**, and **Thursday, May 26**.

Trumpeters Sound Final Call Honoring Military, Veterans

It takes less than a minute to play the 24 somber notes that honor the life of a departed service member. "But that minute, filled with anticipation and emotional distractions, is one of the most difficult jobs for an Army musician," said Staff Sgt. Jeremy Morrison, a trumpet player with the Army Materiel Command Band. Morrison has sounded the taps at hundreds of military funerals and memorials. He rendered the difficult honors in Afghanistan, where the grief of units was raw. He trumpeted from the flight line while flag-draped coffins were loaded for their stateside destination. ([More](#))



OPM Wants Some FEHB Benefits Expanded

OPM is seeking to expand some FEHB benefits while again emphasizing cost-reduction steps such as wellness programs, controls over prescription medicine costs, and better coordination with Medicare for enrollees also in that program. The annual "call letter" in which OPM outlines the coverage features it wants for the following year tells carriers: to cover applied behavior analysis for treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder; to reduce the use of out-of-network services within network hospitals at increased costs; to continue to focus on financial and other incentives for enrollees to participate in wellness programs; and to propose changes for enrollees with both FEHB and Medicare coverage such as reduced cost sharing and improved coordination of pharmacy benefits. ([More](#))



Proposals for Cuts Likely to Repeat

The House budget plan often further calls for certain additional savings and contains suggested ways, although not specific language, to achieve them. Those commonly have included reducing the workforce by 10 percent by attrition, with exceptions for national security functions; capping the increase in the government's share of FEHB premiums to general inflation, which is typically below the rate of increase in premiums; and ending the FERS special retirement supplement, a benefit add-on paid to many who retire before age 62. ([More](#))



Nearly 1 In 5 DoD Facilities Now In 'Failing' Condition After Years Of Maintenance Cutbacks

The number of facilities that are so poorly maintained that they now meet the Pentagon's definition of "failing" has more than doubled in just the past year, a result of conscious decisions to make building upkeep a low priority during a period of constrained budgets. At this time last year, the Pentagon reported that 7 percent of its facilities were in failing condition. As of this week, the figure stands at 18.9 percent, a reflection of budget decisions that officials have previously acknowledged would require the acceptance of "significant risk" in facility maintenance in order to preserve scarce operating and maintenance funds for training and to make up for other military readiness shortfalls. ([More](#))



Congress Approves Hiring Reform Bill

The House has joined the Senate in passing S-1580, designed to speed up the process of filling federal vacancies by allowing agencies to select candidates from another agency's "best qualified" list of applicants, rather than having to build their own lists. The bill is meant to reduce administrative work for agencies, and waiting time for applicants who have already undergone a competitive assessment process and are certified as eligible for selection. Currently, agencies that have similar hiring needs cannot share applicant information with one another, sponsors say. The bill has support from federal employee and management organizations, as well as from outside groups including the Partnership for Public Service. ([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. **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



Army Directive 2016-09: Maternity Leave Policy

The Army Directive 2016-09 regarding the Army's new maternity leave policy, was signed by Acting Army Secretary Patrick Murphy, March 1, 2016, is in line with a DOD-wide policy announced, Jan. 28, by Defense Secretary Ash Carter. The policy grants eligible regular Army or Reserve component Soldiers 12 continuous weeks of non-chargeable maternity leave following a birth event. The 12-week leave period starts immediately after a birth or the mother's release from the hospital, whichever is later. ([More](#))

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
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Annual Army Safe Spring/Summer Campaign

The annual Army Safe Spring/Summer Campaign promotes individual responsibility and engagement on all fronts among leaders, Soldiers, Family members and civilians to help prevent fatalities and injuries during the spring and summer seasons. The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center launches the annual Army Safe Spring/Summer Campaign each March to raise awareness of the increased hazards associated with spring and summer activities. The campaign, which runs through September, emphasizes prevention and vigilance and is driven by a theme asking all audiences to make safe decisions wherever their adventures take them. Multimedia products including feature articles, posters and videos covering topics like boating and watercraft safety, heat injury prevention, Private Motor Vehicle safety and many more are available through the campaign website. ([More](#))

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 Observance

Army Sustainment Command EEO will host a Women's History Month Observance on **Tuesday, March 15**, 1-2 p.m. in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The guest speaker for the event will be [Command Sgt. Maj. Myris Callwood](#), Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal. She came to Rock Island Arsenal from the headquarters of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., where she was the senior personnel service sergeant. She entered the Army in July 1987 and has served in Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn and Operation Enduring Freedom. Sign up using keyword "2016 Womens History" in [TEDs](#). March is National Women's History Month, and the U.S. Army joins the nation in an amplified celebration of women contributions to this nation and its Army. The Army community honors the sacrifices and accomplishments of women who not only have helped shape the service but also the country. During this time, both women in military and civil service are honored for their support and strength, and willingness to sacrifice everything for the freedom and liberty cherished by all Americans. The national theme this year is, Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government. For additional information or accommodations please contact Sgt. First Class Marion Wilson, ASC, EOA, 309-782-3021. ([StandTo!](#))



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.

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](#))



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](#))

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 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.

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 inquires 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](#))

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. ([StandTo!](#))

Employee Assistance Program



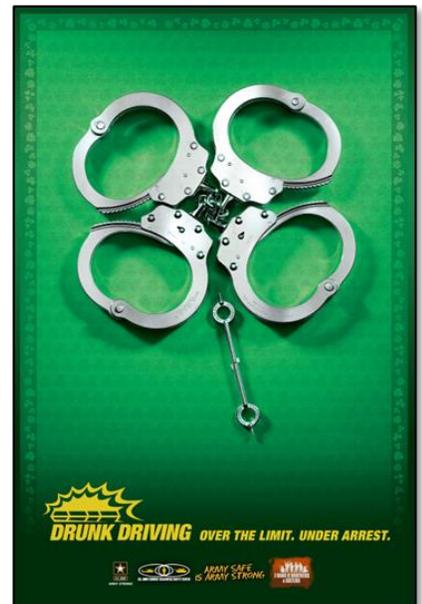
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ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor; visit our [ASAP/EAP website](#) or phone 309-782-4357 or 309-782-HELP. Office hours are from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After Hour Emergencies: 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency 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.](#)

Spring Season Drinking and Driving Prevention

Don't Depend on Dumb Luck—Designate a Sober Driver Before the Party Begins

For many Americans, St. Patrick's Day has become a popular night out to celebrate with friends and family. Unfortunately, due to the large number of buzzed and drunk drivers, the night out has also become very dangerous. On St. Patrick's Day 2010, 37 percent of the drivers and motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or above, according to statistics by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Additional NHTSA statistics show that in 2010, there were 103 crash fatalities on St. Patrick's Day. Out of that number, 39 people were killed in traffic crashes that involved at least one driver or motorcyclist with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. The RIA Army Substance Abuse Program recommends the following easy steps to keep in mind as you celebrate any event. • Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin; • Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home; • If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely; • If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact your local law enforcement. • And remember, if you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.



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**, at 10:30 a.m. 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."

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."

The RIA Employee Assistance Program Presents: Real Colors

Want to enhance your communication skills? Real Colors offers 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 difference in others. Real Colors has proven to be an effective tool to increase understanding, empathy and effective communication in the workplace. Location: Bldg. 56, Room 122, Sign up in [TEDs](#) (Search key word "Real Colors" or contact Lori Griffin at 309-782-2551 Additional dates: **Aug. 9, Nov. 8.**

Event Date: **May 10**

Event Time: **8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

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.](#)

Veteran Resume Workshop

A workshop just for veterans is taking place **Tuesday, March 8**, at 1 p.m., at IowaWORKS, 902 W. Kimberly Rd., Suite 51, Davenport. Learn valuable information in the job application process and creating your resume. • Resume Writing • What you need to know • Types of Resumes • Tips for writing your resume • Translating your military experience and awards • Resources Space is limited to 30 veterans, to register call 563-445-3200 and choose Option 2 for job seekers. You can also stop by our office and get registered in the Skills Lab at 902 W. Kimberly Road, Suite 51 — Davenport.

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](#))

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, **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, **May 12**, 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.

Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange

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](#))

St. Patrick's Day & Easter

It's just about time for all you Irish, and not so Irish, people to get your fixings for the traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner, **March 17**. Your local commissary has it all; corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and anything else you may want to throw in. May the luck of the Irish be with you all year round. Easter Sunday is **March 27**, so hop on over to the commissary to stock up on all your goodies and special dinner needs.

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.

Special Orders

We offer special orders on any item in the store just give us a 48-hour notice for perishable and non-perishable items such as paper product, detergents etc. We offer fruit and vegetable trays in two different sizes. Need a gift for the person who has everything? How about a fruit basket? Need a special cut of meat? Just ask one of our meat guys, they are more than willing to help. You can also call us to put in a special order at 309-782-4614. Produce and meat items... a 24-48 hour notice is appreciated.



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 Friday, 12-4 p.m. Closed weekends, Mondays, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Feb. 29-March 7

During the first week of March 1918, Col. L. T. Hillman assumed command of the RIA. In March 1875, RIA Commander Maj. D. W. Flagler ordered 288,000 lbs. of old horseshoes be salvaged as scrap iron. The recycled iron was used for the construction of some of the shop columns. In March 1932, Col. Herman Schull assumed command of the RIA. In March 1878, the RIA began construction of Shop H (Bldg. 66) & Shop I (Bldg. 110). In March 1881, construction of Shop K (Bldg. 68) began. In March 1960, RIA was engaged in research and development work with the design of the 115mm artillery-type rocket launcher, XM70 for the U.S. Marine Corps. In March 1873, RIA Commander Major D. W. Flagler prepared a list of regulations to govern uses of and conduct on the Government Bridge from Rock Island to Davenport.

Healthbeat



Brain Injury Awareness

A Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is a disruption of function in the brain resulting from a blow or jolt to the head or a penetrating head injury. Causes of traumatic brain injuries may include falls, contact or collision during sports, motor vehicle crashes, assaults, and combat events such as blasts. TBIs are classified at the time of injury as mild, moderate, severe, or penetrating. The majority of traumatic brain injuries that occur in the U.S. Army are mild TBIs, also known as concussions. Early identification and treatment following a concussion are essential to optimal recovery. The Army will continue to aggressively educate all Department of Army personnel about TBI, conduct vital research, provide evidence-based TBI care, and track patient outcomes. Through educating the force, the Army anticipates to affect a cultural change about better understanding about concussion. The Army will continue to collaborate with numerous partners ranging from those in the Department of Defense to academic institutions to deliver the best TBI care possible. The desired end-state is to deliver responsive, reliable, and relevant TBI care for the Soldiers and their Family members. ([More](#))

Notes for Veterans



Ailing Vietnam Vets Hunt Through Ships' Logs to Prove They Should Get Benefits

During the Vietnam War, hundreds of U.S. Navy ships crossed into Vietnam's rivers or sent crew members ashore, possibly exposing their sailors to the toxic herbicide Agent Orange. But more than 40 years after the war's end, the U.S. government doesn't have a full accounting of which ships traveled where, adding hurdles and delays for sick Navy veterans seeking compensation. The Navy could find out where each of its ships operated during the war, but it hasn't. The U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs says it won't either, instead choosing to research ship locations on a case-by-case basis, an extra step that veterans say can add months — even years — to an already cumbersome claims process. Bills that would have forced the Navy to create a comprehensive list have failed in Congress. As a result, many ailing vets, in a frustrating race against time as they battle cancer or other life-threatening diseases, have taken it upon themselves to prove their ships served in areas where Agent Orange was sprayed. That often means locating and sifting through stacks of deck logs, finding former shipmates who can attest to their movements, or tracking down a ship's command history from the Navy's historical archive. ([More](#))

Organization Seeks Veteran's Stories

The University of South Carolina and StoryCorps, a non-profit agency specializing in oral history, are calling on veterans to share their stories March 6-8. StoryCorps is a public company that records stories from everyday people and stores the recordings in the Library of Congress for historical documentation of all angles. Too many times history is written from "the top down, but we want to show it from the bottom up," said Sylvie Lubow, program manager with StoryCorps Military Voice Initiative. "The reasons why Service members enlisted are different," she added. "We must understand the context (of each person's experiences) that makes each story unique." One of the

reasons the project is reaching out to veterans is the how the media perceives veterans. The media tends define veterans as either "victims, villains or heroes," Lubow said. The company has seen veterans' stories are "a lot more complicated than that and have many twists and turns. We want them to tell their story in their own words." StoryCorps is hoping to attract female vets because they "haven't recorded a great number of female veterans over the years." ([More](#))

First Lady to Women Veterans: 'Tell Your Story'

First Lady Michelle Obama had a message for women veterans today: "Tell your story." The first lady and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of vice president Joe Biden, attended an annual Women's History Month reception, honoring women veterans and hosted by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi at the Capitol's National Statuary Hall. Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught was singled out for honors at the reception. The first woman comptroller selected for the rank of brigadier general, Vaught served after her military retirement as president of the board of directors for the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation Inc. until January of this year. ([More](#))



Around the Q.C.



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

March 9: [Davenport Parks and Recreation's Senior Coffee](#) (Vander Veer Botanical Park, 215 W Central Park Ave, Davenport)

March 9: [Soundtrack to the Hopocaplyse](#) (Radicale Effect Brewerks, 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: [St. Patrick's Day Festivities in The District](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

March 12: [Empowering Girls & Women](#) (Butterworth Center & Deere-Wiman House)

March 12: [Dry lowish Stout Tapping](#) (Great River Brewery, Davenport)

March 12: [K9 Kindness Rescue's Bowling for Dogs](#) (30 Lanes, 3812 N Harrison St, Davenport)

March 12: [Read to a Dog](#) (Rock Island Southwest Branch Library)

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 19: [Rock Island Parks and Recreation's Spring Egg Hunt](#) (Lincoln Park, 11th Ave & 38th St, Rock Island)

March 19: [Moline Parks and Recreation's Spring Egg Hunt](#) (Riverside Aquatic Center, 3300 5th Ave, Moline)

March 19: [Chug into Spring- Garden Railroad Opening](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)

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 22: [Visit the Strollin' Colon](#) (Genesis Medical Center - West Central Park, Davenport)

March 22: [Quad City Moms Blog's Easter Playgroup](#) (Chick-fil-A, 2945 E 53rd St, Davenport)

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

March 26: [The Great Easter Keg Hunt](#) (Great River Brewery, Davenport)

March 26: [Camp Abe Lincoln Easter Egg Hunt](#) (YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln, 1624 W Front St, Blue Grass, Iowa)

March 28: [Noodles & Company Give Back Night to Quad Cities Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation](#) (Noodles & Company, 5345 Elmore Ave, Davenport)

March 31: [Living Lands & Waters Tree Wrapping](#) (Transportation Garage of the East Moline School District, 2025 Morton Drive, East Moline)

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 9: [Mother Daughter Weekend 2016](#) (YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln)

April 9: [Global Glamour Gala: A Red Carpet Evening](#) (Hotel Blackhawk, 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: [Stout Wars](#) (Rock Island Brewing Company, Rock Island)

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 29: [Grains to Growlers](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)

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: [Rev it up for Awareness Ride](#) (Eagles Lodge, 4401 W Locust St, Davenport)

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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