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INCLEMENT WEATHER OPERATING STATUS

Two Civilian Aides Takes Oaths of Office in Ceremony on Arsenal Island:

Natives of Rock Island and Springfield, Ill., were sworn into their new roles as civilian aides to the Secretary of the Army during an investiture ceremony here Friday. Civilian aides serve as liaisons between the Secretary of the Army and local civic groups and military communities. Retired Rear Admiral Sam Kupresin of Rock Island and former University of

Illinois professor Dr. Michael Ayers of Springfield, Ill., were sworn in by the First Army Commander, Lt. Gen. Mick Bednarek. Bednarek talked about what the aides will do in their new duties. "One of the most important roles of a civilian aide is to provide leadership and advocacy in their states and communities," Bednarek said. "They help inform community leaders and appointed and elected officials on the best ways to assist surviving family

members of Soldiers killed in combat and the severely wounded Soldiers that are returning to their homes. They assist by ensuring that we as a grateful nation honor their sacrifice and take care of them and their families." They also play a key role in recruitment, Bednarek added. "In both World Wars, civilian aides played an integral role in finding outstanding leaders for the Army. ([More](#))



JMC Employee Retires After 40

Years Of Government Service: How many people can say they have worked for the federal government for 40 years? Joint Munitions Command's Tony Rosata can. Rosata's career began in January 1973 when he entered the U.S. Air Force with security police. He will retire March 8, as a senior security specialist. In 1977, after his military stint, Rosata obtained a job at Seneca Army Depot in Romulus, N.Y., not far from his hometown of Waterloo, N.Y. ([More](#))



Farenthold Bill Offers Way to Stop Sequestration-Related Furloughs:

Congressman Blake Farenthold (R-Texas) is making a late effort to stop the furloughs of federal employees under sequestration. The chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, the Postal Service and the Census introduced the Protecting America's Civilian



Employees (PACE) Act on March 5. It would require the Office of Management and Budget to submit a plan to Congress on how they would cut spending without harming the federal workforce. ([More](#))

Dire Sequestration Warnings Set Off Debate:

The United States' top military officers have warned that sequestration would be "ruinous" for national security. They warned of an era of scant training and little maintenance on aging combat systems. And they warned that a new national defense strategy would be unworkable. To hear the top generals and admirals tell it, the U.S. military would be reduced to regional-power status. ([More](#))



Army Clarifies Exceptions to Hiring Freeze:

The Army has clarified the exceptions to its general freeze on civilian employee hiring, addressing policies including the movement of current employees within the agency. A memo dated Feb. 27 follows earlier



Upcoming Dates

- March 10-16:** Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week
- March 11-17:** Brain Awareness Week
- March 12:** World Kidney Day
- March 13:** Registered Dietitian Day
- March 14:** Pi Day (π)
- March 15:** American Legion 94th Birthday
- March 15:** International Day Against Police Brutality
- March 15:** Red Nose Day
- March 17:** St. Patrick's Day
- March 17-23:** Inhalants & Poisons Awareness Week
- March 17-23:** Health Care HR Week
- March 18-22:** Illinois & Iowa Flood Awareness Week
- March 18-24:** World Salt Awareness Week
- March 19:** 10th Anniversary of First Bombs of Iraq War
- March 20:** First Day of Spring (Vernal Equinox)
- March 20:** National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- March 23:** National Puppy Day
- March 24-30:** National LGBT Health Awareness Week
- March 25:** Medal of Honor Day
- March 25-29:** Iowa Severe Weather Awareness Week
- March 25-30:** National Youth Violence Prevention Week
- March 26:** American Diabetes Association Alert Day
- March 27:** Iowa Tornado Drill Day
- March 27:** American Diabetes Alert Day
- March 27:** National Kick Butts Day
- March 30:** Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day
- March 30:** International Doctors' Day
- April 1:** April Fool's Day
- April 1-7:** National Cell Phone Recycling Week
- April 1-7:** National Public Health Week



guidance allowing for only limited exceptions. Those mainly apply to filling vacancies deemed critical to the agency's mission and hiring persons with job-placement rights, such as those returning from an injury or overseas areas of military operations. ([More](#))

TSP Outlines Options for Furloughed

Employees: Federal employees who experience financial trouble due to a sequestration-caused furlough will have several options available through their Thrift Savings Plan accounts, but important considerations apply to each, the TSP said in guidance issued Friday. Investors in the 401(k)-style program could cut back or stop their investments, borrow against their accounts or take a special form of withdrawal. ([More](#))



Fate of Pay Freeze Uncertain: The Senate on Monday will unveil its plan to keep the government funded past March 27, and it's unclear whether it will include an extension of the federal pay freeze. A Democratic spokesman for the Senate



Appropriations Committee would not comment on the specifics of the legislation, or whether it will contain a provision prolonging the current across-the-board pay freeze for federal civilian employees and lawmakers. The House on Wednesday voted to extend the pay freeze as part of its package to keep the government open through the end of September. That legislation includes appropriations for the Defense and Veterans Affairs departments as well as a continuing resolution funding other agencies. ([More](#))

House Passes Continuing Resolution with Funding for Rest of Fiscal 2013:

The House approved Wednesday a continuing resolution that would fund the government through the rest of fiscal 2013 and would increase Defense Department readiness spending by roughly \$10 million. The chamber voted 267 to 151 for H.R. 933, a bill to fund the government through September after the current continuing resolution expires March 27. Some 53 Democrats joined all but 14 Republicans in voting for the bill. ([More](#))



Federal Workers Irked by Lost Pay, Insult of Furloughs:

The Defense Contract Audit Agency, an obscure federal entity in Hazelwood, helped save taxpayers \$4.2 billion last year by putting sharp pencils to Pentagon contracts. Nonetheless, auditors have been told to expect furloughs next month, a directive that is not going over well. "To send us home when you've got a budget crisis, you're not really thinking with your brain," said Gary Rennard, an auditor with the agency for 30 years and a local leader in his American Federation of Government Employees. ([More](#))



Federal Workers Brace for Furloughs – Government Employees Cannot

Escape Budget Cuts: First there was a two-year pay freeze. Now furloughs loom, as federal agencies make personnel costs a prime target for across-the-board budget cuts that went into effect last week. The result: anxiety and low morale in a work force often envied for its job security. "It



would certainly put a strain on things," said Jonathan Schweizer, 61, an environmental engineer at the Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago who could be forced to take up to 13 days of unpaid leave this year. "I'd probably have to run up some credit card debt or defer maintenance on my home that I'd otherwise consider important." ([More](#))

Budget Cuts Force Military to Drop

Air Shows: Even a rural festival celebrating the harvest of Georgia's famous sweet onions isn't safe from the federal budget battle 600 miles away, as automatic cuts are threatening to take away the star attraction for the Vidalia Onion Festival's popular air show: the Navy's daredevil fighter pilots, the Blue Angels. The \$85 billion in automatic budget cuts that took effect March 1 have thrown planning for the festival's air show into a tailspin, just weeks before the April 20 event that officials agreed to hold a week earlier than usual so they could book the vaunted group. The Navy plans to cancel Blue Angels shows booked next month in Vidalia and three other



cities. And there is a good chance dozens more air shows across the U.S. could get the ax as well, leaving host cities facing threats of lost tourism revenue and dwindling ticket sales. ([More](#))

Increased Scrutiny to Awards, Hiring

Ordered: In guidance to agencies, OMB has said they should apply "heightened scrutiny of certain types of activities funded from sequestered accounts." These include hiring, discretionary monetary awards to employees ("which should occur only if legally required until further notice") and incurring obligations for new training, conferences, and travel, including agency-paid travel for non-agency personnel. Agencies must also ensure that appropriate controls are in place to prevent the increased use of contractors to perform work due to any restrictions on hiring, OMB said. Several agencies, most notably the Defense Department, already had imposed hiring freezes that apply to virtually all positions with few exceptions. Also being cut back are overtime and incentives such as



recruitment and retention allowances. ([More](#))

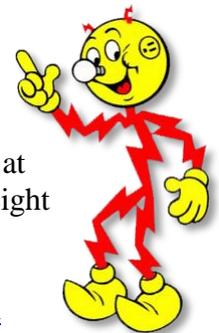
TSP Issues Warning About iPhone

App: The TSP has issued the following warning about an app available through Apple's app store: Warning: Apple App store offering TSP App not sanctioned by TSP — A free iPhone App, TSP Funds, currently being offered through the Apple App store asks TSP participants for their account login information. This app is not being offered through the TSP and the TSP does not recommend using this application to access your TSP account. Providing this information could result in a security risk to your account. ([More](#))



Power Outage Notification Buildings

108, 109, 110, 112: Public Works will be conducting a power outage for buildings 108, 109, 110, 112 on Saturday, **March 16**, at 6 a.m. Expected duration is eight hours. The purpose of this outage is to install advanced electric meters. POC is [Mark Berendes](#), (563) 349-9492.



Army Community Service/ Army Family Team Building: AFTB Level 1, **March 27-28**, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at ACS, Bldg. 110. Military members, family members, civilians and contractors can attend. Call ACS (309) 782-0829 to register. Civilians can also search "AFTB" in [TEDs](#).



Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique: Now available at the Thrift Shop: Couch and love seat, reasonable and like new. Plus coffee tables, end tables, and lamps. Many items half off. Open every Tuesday, Thursday and 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Located in Bldg. 60 Basement. Visit Arsenal Attic on Facebook. POC: (309) 782-6977.

Official DA Studio Photography: Official DA Studio Photography (DA, government passport and command photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal **March 12, 13 and 14**. Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA3903 Work Request



using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for these available times: Tuesday, **March 12**, 7 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.; Wednesday, **March 13**, 7 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.; Thursday, **March 14**, 7 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 56, Basement, by elevator). Priority is: 1. active duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders-command photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. To obtain an Official Government Passport Photo: 1. Schedule a passport photo appointment at the RIA VIOS website. 2. Go to Transportation to obtain a printed DA Form 3903, Multi-Media/Visual Information Work Order, signed by the passport agent in Block 14. 3. Present that DA3903 form to the photographer before the passport photo is taken. You will receive two 2"x2" passport photos. All scheduled dates can be found on the RIA VIOS website FAQ.

Blood Drive: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the [Arsenal Club](#) (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, March 15, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A **2nd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **6:15 p.m. on March 22**. A **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on May 10**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor. ([Blood Transfusion En Route to Trauma Center Keeps Navy Vet Alive](#))



Charlie Corpuscle Says, "We will have a drawing for a hooded sweatshirt. Any donors giving on the Arsenal during the month of March will be included in the drawing. Winner will be allowed to specify their size preference."

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](#).

Jason's Box Save the Date – Treating Today's Servicemen & Women: Understanding Deployment, the War Zone Experience and Homecoming:

Thursday, **March 14**, in the Gold Room, Hotel Blackhawk, Davenport, 6-6:30 p.m.; registration, buffet dinner, cash bar from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The presentation will be presented by John Mundt, Ph.D., licensed clinical psychologist and national trauma-informed treatment expert with special guest speaker U.S. Army Maj. Jeffrey Hall, PTSD Survivor. For more information, contact Stephanie Burrough at (309) 779-3077.

Inaugural Veterans and Active Duty Military Pheasant Hunt:

The Beckridge Hunting Preserve in Sabula, Iowa, will hold at pheasant hunt for veterans and active duty military on **March 16** at 8 a.m. / 1 p.m. Our goal is to give back to our military men, women, and veterans and thank them for all they



have done by providing a fun day of camaraderie and pheasant hunting. Open to all veterans, active duty, retired and reserve military men and women in the greater Quad Cities area. This day is meant to bring together those who have served and are currently serving, to share their experiences and honor them as a community. What you need to know: • Veterans hunt for free (no charge) • Half day pheasant hunt (your choice, 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.) • Open to all veterans, active duty, retired military and reserve. Disabled are encouraged to attend • Breakfast and lunch will be provided • Hunting licenses will be provided • Ammunition will be provided • Firearms can be supplied on a limited basis. [\(More\)](#)

Army War College Speakers to Visit Campus:

Students of the U.S. Army War College and members of the Eisenhower National Security Series will speak on current social issues and the impact on America's Armed Forces on Wednesday, **March 20**, at 7 p.m. in Centennial Hall (3703 7th Ave.). The event is free and open to the public. This is an opportunity to hear high-ranking military officers discuss



the military and how they help solve world problems of diplomacy. In addition to the lecture, members of the Eisenhower National Security Series will visit classes throughout the day. Each member serves as the team's specialist on specific national public policy issues such as defense transformation, stability, operations, peacekeeping, future threats, information warfare, international terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, cyber-attacks, the Wounded Warrior program and other topical issues. [\(More\)](#)

Garrison Employment Event: The Rock Island Arsenal-Garrison will host an Employment Event in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, **April 17**, 9 a.m. – 1

p.m. In support of this effort, the Garrison asks that our RIA organizational leaders, commanders and first sergeants encourage our transitioning Soldiers, civilians and Family members to attend this important job opportunity event. Come and meet with employers from the Social Security Administration, Business Franchise Consulting, Inc., Genesis Health Systems, APAC Customer Services, Inc., Black Hawk College and others.



Most of these organizations have vacancies and are looking for our good candidates. In addition to the potential employers, we are also anticipating representatives from several educational institutions who will be available to talk with individuals looking to resume or continue their education or change career fields. Hope to see you there!

Review Your Official Personnel Folder Before June 1:

The CPAC reminds Arsenal Island employees that there is a need for you to access your eOPF (electronic Official Personnel Folder) record in order to ensure your records are correct and complete in advance of the destruction of the hard-copy OPF, currently scheduled for June 1. Effective Oct. 31, employees should have had access to their Official Personnel Folder electronically. Please review the information and follow the instructions to gain access to view your eOPF in the links at the end of this announcement, which link to a packet that also contains a welcome letter for new eOPF users, a screen-shot guide to access, FAQs as well as password reset information. For questions or concerns with the eOPF system, please contact eOPF by calling



the Help Desk at 1-866-275-8518 or by contacting them via email at eOPF_hd@telesishq.com. ([eOPF Welcome Letter & Packet](#)) ([Additional information on eOPF](#))

Corps of Engineers' Boating Safety

Class: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi River Project will be offering five different opportunities to attend a free boating safety education class. The classes will be held on the following dates: **March 16, March 30, April 13, April 27, and May 11.** Each class will run 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and only one eight-hour class is required to complete your certification. This class is recommended for people who are new to boating on the Mississippi River, families that enjoy weekend boating adventures, or seasoned boaters who would just like to brush up on their safe boating knowledge. Anyone over the age of 12 can be certified. This is a classroom based safety course and will not include an on-the-water experience. Upon successful completion of the class and exam, participants will be issued an Illinois DNR Boat Safety certification which is honored in both Iowa and Illinois. These classes will be held at the



Mississippi River Project Office at Locks and Dam 14 in Pleasant Valley, Iowa. Pre-registration is required, space is limited, and the classes fill quickly. To register, contact the park rangers at (309) 794-5338. ([More](#))

Pure Element Arsenal Island

Discount: [Pure Element](#), a local health and wellness shop serving nutritional smoothies/shakes in Rock Island, is offering an exclusive discounted price to Arsenal Island employees. For \$5.75 Arsenal patrons will receive their meal and a 10 percent discount on their products through **April 15.**



Arsenal Traffic/Construction

North Avenue Repair & Closures Update: Directorate of Public Works is postponing storm sewer and paving work on the intersection of North Avenue and Gillespie until **March-May** due to weather concerns. Minor work on Phases 1 and 2 is expected to be completed within the next two weeks. Please avoid walking through the newly backfilled areas, as these areas are soft



and pose a potential safety hazard. POC: Joe Gumpert, (309) 782-1389.

Building/Space Closures

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

Active Duty/Reserve Zone

◉ **Funding for Tuition Assistance Stops:** Beginning today, funding for tuition assistance will cease and Soldiers cannot submit new requests for tuition assistance, according to Lt. Gen. Howard B. Bromberg, deputy chief of staff, G-1. Approval for the tuition

assistance, also known as TA, stoppage came from Secretary of the Army John McHugh, and affects Soldiers from both the active and reserve components. Those currently enrolled in courses approved for TA are not impacted and will be allowed to complete their funded coursework, however. ([More](#))

Army Suspends Tuition Assistance Program for Troops: The Army announced Friday it is suspending its tuition assistance program for soldiers newly enrolling in classes due to sequestration and other budgetary pressures. “This suspension is necessary given the significant budget execution challenges caused by the combined effects of a possible year-long continuing resolution and sequestration,” Paul Prince, an army personnel spokesman at the Pentagon, wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes. “The Army understands the impacts of this action and will re-evaluate should the budgetary situation improve.” ([More](#))

Soldier Record Brief: On March 7, the Army released a template of the Soldier Record Brief (SRB), a multi-Component report that will serve as a snapshot of each Soldier's personnel data. This report will eventually replace the Officer

and Enlisted Record Briefs and will be used by all Army components for the Army selection board process. The SRB is a significant part of the Integrated Personnel and Pay System-Army (IPPS-A) which will become the Army's one-stop-shop for personnel and pay information for all human resources (HR) professionals, leaders, and Soldiers. The Army intends to field IPPS-A's first release no later than October 2013. A view of the SRB template is now available at the IPPS-A website. ([More](#))

Army Promises Improvements in Evaluation of Soldiers With PTSD: Since last summer, the Army has been examining whether its medical professionals have been systematically underdiagnosing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder among soldiers. A report the service released Friday concludes the answer is no, but it also found plenty of room for improvement in the military's processes for handling behavioral health issues. The questions about the Army's handling of PTSD cases first arose when more than a dozen soldiers filed complaints with the Army and with members of Congress, saying they'd been initially diagnosed with PTSD but had their conditions improperly downgraded to personality disorders by



doctors at Madigan Army Medical Center near Seattle. They were then discharged. In response, Army Secretary John McHugh ordered an inspector general investigation and created a new task force to assess the Army's behavioral health evaluation processes. ([More](#))

Egg Hunt & Day of Learning:

Through the sponsorship of the Moline Foundation, the USO of Illinois Discovery Kids program would like to extend a very special invitation to military families to attend an Egg Hunt & Day of Learning at the Bettendorf Family Museum on Sunday, **March 24**. The Egg Hunt is for children ages 0-6 and starts at 12:30 p.m. The Egg Hunt for children ages 7-12 starts at 1:15 p.m. Following the Egg Hunt, families are welcome to explore the museum until 4 p.m. Musician Jim Gill will also be performing from 2-2:45 p.m. in the Great Hall. Free entrance to the special event is reserved for active duty, National Guard, Reserve military personnel, and their families only. Ticket reservations are to be made in good faith. Upon receiving your RSVP via this system, your attendance is



expected. Barring extreme circumstances, a 'no-show' at an event will place you on lock-out status from USO of Illinois event ticket reservations: 1st time = 30 days; 2nd time = 90 days. This restriction is in place to help insure that those who wish to take advantage of ticket offers have the opportunity to do so. Thank you for your understanding. [For more information and to register for this event click on this link.](#) The USO lifts the spirits of America's troops and their families. The mission of the USO is to enhance the quality of life of the U.S. Armed Forces personnel and their families and to create a cooperative relationship between U.S. military communities and involved or supporting civilian communities. The USO of Illinois is a civilian 501(c)(3) registered non-profit that is not government funded but is supported solely by the generosity of the American people.

RIA Tax Center is Here for You This

Tax Season: The Rock Island Arsenal Tax Center is here to assist you with your Federal and State returns. The Internal Revenue Service has implemented the 2013



American Tax Relief Act and is now accepting the great majority of returns, to include those including educational credits and rental property deductions. The Tax Center is scheduled to remain open through **April 10**. Against the backdrop of potential sequestration and evolving fiscal risk mitigation policies, individuals are strongly encouraged not to delay filing. If in doubt, contact the Tax Center today. As in years past, the Tax Center principally uses a drop off service. Drop off and follow-up appointments should be coordinated with [Laura McSparin](#), (309) 782-8327. The Tax Center hours of operation are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. If your circumstances necessitate special accommodations, we're happy to adjust our standard operations try to accommodate you but this requires prior coordination. In order to assist you with your tax returns, you will need to obtain and provide documents detailing all sources of income, as well as, those necessary to support eligible deductions and credits. You should be on the lookout for W-2s, 1099s and interest and dividend statements, which should show up in your mailbox or your online accounts. Required documents are outlined in greater detail in the "[RIA Tax Client Letter](#)." In addition to required substantiating documentation,



clients will need to complete the "[RIA Tax Center Client Intake](#)." If this is your first time using the RIA Tax Center, please make sure you have your social security number or your tax identification number, the social security cards for any claimed dependants, and a copy of your last year's tax return and all accompanying documents. If you are an Iowa resident and intend to file a state return, we cannot complete your return unless we have your 2011 federal and state return into order to complete this year's tax return for you. If you intend to claim the American or Lifetime Learning education credits for yourself or a dependant, a recent change suggests you will need to provide a copy of your 2011 and 2012 1098E showing amounts paid and any scholarship funds received. These can be downloaded from most college or university websites. You will also need the name and complete mailing address for each college and university attended. The Tax Center is located in Bldg. 390, first floor, Suite 102 / Room 102B. If you are unfamiliar with Bldg. 390, please note that it is a controlled access facility. If you do not have access to Bldg. 390, you will need to call the Tax Center upon arrival using one of the access phones located at the East, South, and West entrances (dial

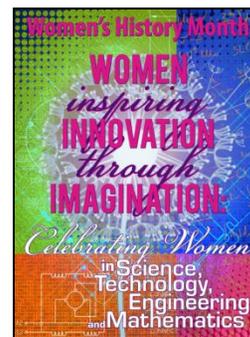
extension 2-8327; alternate extensions 2-8076/ 2-6978).

Safety Spotlight

☪ **Brief Smart:** It's March, and that means it's time for another talk about driving safety. As a leader, you know that's just what your Soldiers want to hear, right? Few things elicit more groans from Soldiers than the mandatory safety brief. I'm of the belief, however, that since safety briefings are required, we might as well make them useful and enjoyable experiences. Getting the message across in safety briefings, but keeping it fun, isn't hard. For the most part, Soldiers really aren't a tough crowd. ([More](#))

Equal Opportunity Focus

☪ **Women's History Month, 2013:** For more than two centuries, our Nation has grown under the simple creed that each of us is created equal. It is a notion that makes America



unlike any other place on earth -- a country where no matter where you come from or what you look like, you can go as far as your talents will take you. Women's History Month is a time to remember those who fought to make that freedom as real for our daughters as for our sons. Written out of the promise of the franchise, they were women who reached up to close the gap between what America was and what it could be. ([More](#)) ([StandTo!](#))

Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

☪ **Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR):** Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs. Also [click here](#) to become a fan on Facebook and stay up to date on all the great MWR offerings here at the Arsenal.

New Twitter Account for the Arsenal Island Golf Course: Although it may be hard to believe with the recent snow, golf season is right around the corner. Come follow us on Twitter [@golf1897](https://twitter.com/golf1897) for course updates and interesting golf commentary from our pro.



Arsenal Island Golf Course

Clubhouse Reopening: Due to the ongoing construction at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse we did not re-open for lunch service March 5 as previously announced. The new reopening date is unknown at this time but an announcement will be made as soon as possible. All previously scheduled events and bookings in the Clubhouse will not be affected by this delay. We thank you for your patience as we improve our facility and hope that when you visit us for lunch after we re-open you'll agree that it was worth the wait. Please call (309) 782-6319 with any questions or concerns.

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

Ghost Hunters Dinner & Tour of Historic Quarters One:

Join us, Friday, **March 22**, at 7 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse for a gourmet prime rib dinner followed by a tour of



Historic Quarters One led by the Rock Island Paranormal Society. During the tour the Paranormal Society representatives who have spent countless hours searching the residence for signs of paranormal activity will regale you with stories and accounts of the mansions' haunted history. Cost is \$40 per person. Please call (309) 782-4372 for more info and to make a reservation. ([Flyer](#))

April is Car Care Month: All month long at the Auto Skills shop you can get a \$20 standard oil change. Get your vehicle checked at the free inspection day on **April 20** and learn how to change your own oil at the oil change clinic on **April 17**. Call (309) 782-8631 for info and appointments.

Spring Vendor Fair: There will be a spring vendor fair on **April 24 & 25**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., in Heritage Hall (Bldg. 60) Some of your favorite vendors will be there selling everything from jewelry to home baked goodies and everything in between. Call (309) 782-5890 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Electronic Marquee Outage: The operating system used to update the outdoor marquee signs on either side of the Island has become obsolete and

inoperable. Consequently no requests for messages can be fulfilled and the signs have been shut off at this time. The Garrison is working towards a solution and a future message will be sent out as information becomes available about whether the signs can be repaired or replaced.



MWR Leisure Travel Office



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

BranDisa Tour (Brandon Heath & Mandisa): Collaborating to bring their celebrated sounds into one highly anticipated live experience, Dove Award winners and Grammy®-nominated artists Brandon Heath and Mandisa will perform at the Adler Theatre on Thursday, **March 21**.
Time: **7 p.m.**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our Basement -- Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse: In the latest installment, A Mighty Fortress Is Our Basement, the year is 1960 and a reformation is underway. The Church Basement Ladies are once again required to face change head-on. With



more crazy antics, more great new songs and more lessons reluctantly learned. Seats on sale until **April 6** at \$43.50. Date: **Saturday, April 20**
Time: **5:45 p.m.**

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

Gordon Lightfoot: Legendary singer-songwriter Gordon Lightfoot will bring his "50 Years on the Carefree Highway Tour" to the Adler. Lightfoot celebrates 50 years of masterful songwriting, multi-platinum albums and international hit songs. Leisure Travel has floor seats for \$46.
Date: **Tuesday, April 30**

Shedd Aquarium/Field Museum: Leisure Travel has planned a bus trip to Shedd Aquarium or the Field Museum in Chicago. We will provide round trip transportation on a chartered motor coach; ½ hour stop to and from destination. Bring snacks and beverages (no alcohol permitted) along for the ride. Cost is \$41 for transportation only.
Date: **Saturday, May 11**

Time: **6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

Movie Night Gift Cards at Leisure Travel: Stop by the Leisure Travel Office and pick up a gift card for \$26 that is redeemable at the Regal Moline Stadium Theater for two adult movie tickets and \$10 in concessions. These make great for a present for that special someone in your life. The Leisure Travel Office also is once again selling discounted single movie tickets for \$8.50. Call (309) 782-5890 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

MWR RV Storage and Storage Units: MWR has several openings for RV storage and Indoor Storage units. For more information or to sign up, please contact Outdoor Recreation at (309) 782-8630.
Time: **8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

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

Child, Youth & School Services

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

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Army Community Service (ACS)

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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



ACS Continues to Have Notary Public Service: Army Community Service

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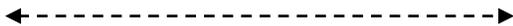


continues to have a Notary Public. I have renewed my commission for four more years. The greater Arsenal community is welcome to avail themselves of this service free of charge. Community is our middle name. POC: (309) 782-0815. www.riamwr.com/acs

Army Family Team Building: Army Family Team Building, an educational program that teaches knowledge of the military, personal growth and resiliency, and leadership skills, is once again being offered at Rock Island Arsenal.



AFTB is offered to the entire military family: military members, family members, civilians and contractors who live and work within the military community. AFTB Level 1: **March 27-28**, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; AFTB Level 2: **April 10-12**, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; and AFTB Level 3: **May 15-17**, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Classes will be held at Army Community Service, Bldg. 110, 1st Floor, SE. To register for these free classes, please call ACS at (309) 782-0829.

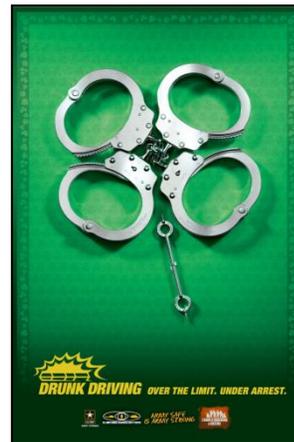


Employee Assistance Program

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

St. Patrick's Day 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 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, for a safe St. Patrick's Day. • 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. 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.

PTSD Support Groups: You don't have to go through this alone. The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic and Employee Assistance Program are



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

Smoking Cessation Group: Spring is right around the corner. What better time to kick the habit. The Employee Assistance Program offers an educational support group for people who would like to quit smoking. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., at the EAP office in Bldg. 56, 1st floor.

National Sleep Awareness – March 2013: Did you sleep well last night? Your answer to this question could tell others much about your mood and energy level today. It has been found that the emotion centers of the brain are over 60 percent more reactive after missing a single night's sleep ([ScienceDaily, 2007](#)). To anyone who has suffered a sleepless night, these results probably aren't surprising. However, they do offer insight into the link between depression, anxiety, and sleep problems. If you find that you have more than an occasional poor night's sleep, or if you feel exhausted during the day despite sleeping through the night, it may be a sign that you are suffering from depression, anxiety or another mental health condition. Contact

the EAP at (309) 782-4357 for free and confidential counseling and referral assistance. Don't let depression or another mental health condition get in the way of your good night's sleep.

Stress Management: The Rock Island Arsenal EAP is offering classes on Stress Management. Classes will be held in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, Room 122, 10:30-11:30 a.m., on the following dates: **April 9, May 7, June 11, July 9, and Aug. 13.** Class size is limited. Call (309) 782-4357 to enroll.

Understanding PTSD: The RIA EAP is offering educational classes on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Classes will be held in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, Room 122, 10:30-11:30 a.m., on the following dates: **March 19, April 23, May 21, June 25, July 23, and Aug. 27.** Call (309) 782-4357 to enroll.

Grief Support Group – For Individuals Mourning the Death of a Loved One: Effective March 5, the Employee Assistance Program is sponsoring a support group for individuals who are mourning the death of a loved one. The group will meet on Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m., in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, Room 122. Each individual grieves in their own unique way. Every

loss is different in some way but the grief process shares common features such as isolation and loneliness. Through support groups, individuals can find validation and feel like they are not alone in their journey. For more information contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at 782-2552.

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.

In-state Tuition Approved for Out-of-state Veterans: Helping to eliminate financial hardships faced by military veterans seeking new career paths, the University of Central Missouri will allow out-of-state veterans to pay in-state tuition, effective for the fall 2013 semester. The new Military Veteran In-State Tuition Policy was approved by



the UCM Board of Governors when it met on campus Feb. 22. “Many veterans leave the military hoping to begin new careers, but that usually means additional education will be needed to achieve that goal,” said UCM President Charles Ambrose. “As a military friendly institution, UCM’s commitment to those who serve this country includes seeking innovative ways to remove financial obstacles that keep veterans from attending the university. This new initiative will basically cut tuition in half for all service men and women who qualify.” ([More](#))

Post-9/11 GI Bill Transferability of Benefits Policy:

The transferability option under the Post-9/11 GI Bill allows service members to transfer unused benefits to their spouses or dependent children. The Army's Post-9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to all members of the active Army, the Army National Guard (ARNG), and the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) with at least 90 days of aggregate service after Sept. 10, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. ([More](#))

Get Ready, Get Set, Go-Go-Go To School!: Seeking or Pursuing a College

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

Rock Island Army Education Center

Publishes Newsletter: The latest edition of the Rock Island Army Education Center's quarterly newsletter is available through their [RIA Intranet site](#). This quarter's edition of the newsletter features a listing of the upcoming school visits to the center, information about the ACES Education Fair coming up on **March 21**, and articles about the Blong Technology Center's job opportunities March 1 and "Making Careers More 'Portable,' Achievable for Spouses."

SAME Engineering & Construction

Camp: The Rock Island Post of the Society of American Military Engineers is looking to send high school students (currently in grades 9-11) to one of three engineering and construction summer camps. Applications are due by **March 29**. [For application and POC details click HERE.](#)



NDIA Scholarships: The Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA is now accepting applications for its scholarship program. Scholarship applications and eligibility criteria may be found at www.ndia-ia-il.org under Scholarships. Applications must be postmarked NLT **March 31**. For more information, call (563) 650-3252.

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



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

Commissary / Exchange

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

Penguins Abound in Your Commissary This Month: Commissary frozen food sections are decorated in March for National Frozen Food Month, just one of many special promotional savings offered throughout the store, according to Joyce Chandler, DeCA's acting sales director. "Commissaries all over the world are celebrating Frozen Food Month in March," Chandler said. "Shoppers will discover everything from greater savings on frozen foods to product demonstrations and high-value coupons 'bundled up' with participating products throughout their store." DeCA's industry partners - vendors, suppliers and brokers - are collaborating with commissaries in March to offer discounts beyond everyday savings. Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs. ([More](#))

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

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

Arsenal Archive

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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.

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



Cities here on Arsenal Island via its new home, [here on the Internet](#).

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – March 11-17:

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 11Smm 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. On March 16, 1984, a ground-breaking ceremony was held on RIA for the multi-million dollar construction phase of Project REARM, RIA's first major construction since WWII. On March 17, 1941, the RIA organized the RIA Armament Machinist Training School. In March 1868, the old Rock Island wooden wagon bridge, purchased by the government from the City of Rock Island, was destroyed and carried away by ice.



Healthbeat



National Nutrition Month: The Army joins the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to commemorate March as National Nutrition Month. The campaign's focus is to educate people across the U.S., on how to make informed food choices to live a healthy and active life. The theme for this year, the 40th anniversary, is "Eat Right, Your Way, Every Day." According to the 2010 dietary guidelines for Americans, fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy products, combined with lean proteins (meats, poultry, fish, beans, eggs and nuts) are foods to include as part of a healthy diet. One should also limit foods high in sugar, salt, refined grains, cholesterol and fat. ([More](#))

Initiative Focuses on Civilian Health:

For Soldiers at Fort Benning and throughout the Army, health and overall fitness has long been a priority. Within the civilian workforce, however, the emphasis placed on one's physical fitness is often not as high. However, a new program may soon change the emphasis placed on civilian health. The [IMCOM Civilian Wellness Initiative](#) was launched in October, and will run through April. "Our health has got to be



the priority for our workforce," said Col. Jeffrey Fletcher, garrison commander. "I think that if a civilian feels healthy and is taking the appropriate steps to take care of themselves in terms of diet and exercise and it becomes part of their daily routine, then they feel good about themselves. If they feel good about themselves, that translates very nicely into the work environment." The 177 participants, who represent 17 percent of the full-time civilian workforce, in the program are allowed to take three hours of administrative leave each week to participate in wellness activities. The participants used part of that leave Feb. 13 for the initiative's "For the Health of IT!" event at Smith Fitness Center, where Fletcher congratulated them on their fitness progress before they participated in fitness activities. While the administrative leave is a major tenant of the program, this leave allowance was already allowed as part of [Army Regulation 600-63](#). This regulation, however, only allows for civilian employees to engage in command-sponsored physical fitness activities using the three hours of leave for one six-month period during a civilian career. As part of the Civilian Wellness Initiative, civilian employees are allowed to use the leave for not just physical fitness activities, but also



activities intended to improve their social, spiritual and emotional health. ([More](#))

Dental Corps Celebrates 102nd

Anniversary: On March 3, 2013, the Army Dental Corps celebrates 102 years of tradition and service to our Army. The theme for this year's anniversary - "Go First Class"- reinforces the Army's emphasis of strength to our nation, and the need to maintain the organizational stamina, individually and collectively. The most important mission of the Dental Corps is to prevent dental casualties during deployment by ensuring dental readiness and the health of the force. In addition to identifying and treating oral disease, the Dental Corps is also the Soldier's trusted agent for oral health. It creates this capacity by maintaining individual and unit-level dental readiness and advocating initiatives for dental wellness, and monitoring access to care in the military and private sector care settings. Additionally, dentists provide nutritional counseling and screen patients for harmful habits, which may lead to chronic diseases later in life. This aligns with The Surgeon General's effort of Improving Stamina through the Performance Triad of Activity, Nutrition and Sleep. ([More](#))

National Brain Injury Awareness

Month: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is a disruption of brain function resulting from a blow or jolt to the head or a penetrating head injury. Causes of TBIs may include falls, motor vehicle crashes, injuries to the head during sports, and combat-related events such as blasts. Medical providers classify TBI as mild, moderate, severe, or penetrating primarily based on neurological status at the time of injury. The overwhelming majority of TBIs are mild, also known as "concussions." Early identification and receiving prompt medical care is essential to maximizing recovery. ([More](#))

Rollin' Colon: The Rollin' Colon will be rolling into the atrium in front of the Genesis Cancer Care Institute on **March 15** from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The Rollin' Colon is a walk through, 20-foot-long, 12-foot-high inflatable colon with colorectal health features and information inside. There will be colorectal health fact sheets and brochures available from cancer institute staff. March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. If you are 50



years old, or have a family history of colon cancer, ask about a colonoscopy. ([More](#))

Health Clinic Announcement: Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. Lab Closed **March 12**. Clinic closed Staff Meeting/Training **March 29** at 11:30 a.m. For any issues or concerns with the RIAHC clinic please call our customer support line (309) 782-0721.

Notes for Veterans

New Push is on to Give 200,000

Reserve Retirees Veteran Status: Lt. Cmdr. Jack Townsend, a Navy Reserve retiree in Richmond, Va., first became aware a decade ago that he wasn't considered a military "veteran" under federal law. It's been bothering him ever since. Townsend was applying for a job when asked for a copy of his DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," to prove veteran status. Townsend, who had earned his reserve commission through the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, didn't have a DD 214 because he never had served under active duty orders. ([More](#))



Changes to Veterans' Preference: The Office of Personnel Management has issued new guidance to agencies on applying Veterans' Preference. On Aug. 29, 2008, the Hubbard Act was enacted as Public Law 110-317. The Hubbard Act, which was passed in August 2008, amended the eligibility categories for veterans' preference purposes. It establishes a new veterans' preference eligibility category for veterans released or discharged from active duty from the armed forces, after August 29, 2008, with a "sole survivorship discharge." ([More](#))

Carpooling Announcements

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

Carpool:

- **Carpool:** New hire with flexible hours seeking to pay for ride from Moline 9th & 53rd, (Franklin School area) (309) 757-5755.

- **Carpool:** Commuter traveling from Rio, Ill. on Route 150. Meet in Alpha, Ill. each day. If interested contact me at (309) 782-5472 or [email](#).
- **Carpool:** Looking to join a carpool from Albany or south along Illinois 84 southbound to Bldg. 102. If interested contact me at (309) 782-0841.
- **Carpool:** Looking to join a carpool or ride and pay. IL-84 southbound Fulton/ Albany/ Cordova area. Interested text me at (563) 650-8791.

Around the Q.C.

- March 16:** [St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) (downtown Rock Island to downtown Davenport)
- March 22-24:** [Flower & Garden Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
- March 23:** [Quad-Cities Comic Book Convention](#) (Ramada Inn, Bettendorf)
- April 6:** [SFLC's Lids for Kids 5k Powered by Exelon Nuclear](#) (Sunset Park, 18th and 31st Avenue, Rock Island)
- April 6:** [Bandits Race to Home 5K](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)
- April 7:** [Gilda's Run for Laughs](#) (Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)
- April 20:** [Earth Week Fair](#) (QCCA Expo Center)
- April 27:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)

- May 4:** [Derby Day Party](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse)
- May 4:** [Venus Envy](#) (Bucktown Center for the Arts, Davenport)
- May 11:** [11th Annual Miles for Melanoma](#) (Augustana campus)
- May 11-12:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figge Art Museum plaza, Davenport)
- May 25:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
- May 27:** [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
- June 1:** [Mel Foster Color the Quads 5K](#) (Cumberland Square, Bettendorf)
- June 1-2:** [QC Pridefest 2013, Bursting With Pride](#) (Mary's on 2nd, 832 West 2nd Street, Davenport)
- June 7-8:** [Gumbo Ya Ya - Mardi Gras in The District](#) (The District, Rock Island)
- June 8:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Open Run Car Show](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
- June 12-15:** [Rally on the River](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
- June 14:** [Greek Cultural Festival](#) (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, East Moline)
- June 16:** [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Davenport to Moline)
- June 22-23:** [27th Annual Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)
- June 23:** [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)
- June 25-29:** [Rock Island County Fair](#) (Fairgrounds, East Moline)
- June 27-29:** [Antique Automobile Club of America Grand National Show](#) (John Deere Commons, Moline)
- July 3:** [Red, White & Boom!](#) (The District, Downtown Davenport)
- July 4-6:** [Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)



July 8-14: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis)

July 13: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)

July 19-21: [USA BMX National Championships](#) (East Moline BMX Speedway)

July 19-20: [Heartland Jam](#) (Centennial Park, Downtown Davenport)

July 26-27: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)

July 27: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)

July 30-Aug. 4: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)

Aug. 1-4: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (LeClaire Park and RiverCenter)

Aug. 8-10: [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa and Port Byron, Ill.)

Aug. 9-10: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Aug. 10: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)

Aug. 10-17: [ISC Men's Fastpitch World Tournament](#) (Greenvalley Sports Complex, Moline)

Aug. 16-17: [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Aug. 17: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)

Aug. 24: [Quad Cities Irish Festival](#) (Rock Island)

Aug. 22-25: [World Series of Drag Racing](#) (Cordova Dragway)

Aug. 31-Sept. 1: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

Sept. 7: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)

Sept. 7: [¡VIVA! Quad Cities](#) (Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf)

Sept. 7-8: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Sept. 14: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)

Sept. 21: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Sept. 21: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

Sept. 21-22: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)

Sept. 22: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)

Sept. 27-29: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)

Oct. 12: [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (On the Mississippi River in Moline)

Oct. 12: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)

Oct. 24: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Oct. 26: [Witches Walk](#) (Downtown LeClaire)

Oct. 26: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Sylvan Island)

Oct. 26-27: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo, Milan)

Nov. 15-24: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

Nov. 16: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Nov. 16: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons and Holiday Pops Concert](#) (Downtown Moline)

Dec. 1: [19th Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)



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