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Island Insight

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Unique Past Helps Light Soar To Top

"I've been on more airplanes than I could ever imagine counting." Melissa Light, a branch chief in the Reachback Contracting Division at Army Contracting Command-Rock Island, based at the Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois had a particularly unique upbringing that cultivated a robust worldview and work ethic that has served her well in her professional life. In November, she was named the Secretary of the Army Outstanding Contracting Officer of the Year. Light is a Quad Cities native, but between the ages of 5 and 15, she, her brother and their parents were enveloped within a wholly different culture from the American Midwest. Growing up as part of a missionary family in a 200-person village in Papua New Guinea was like living in the pages of National Geographic. There were no roads, no electricity and no running water. Her family lived in a bamboo hut in a very remote part of the jungle. In order to restock supplies, the family spent two days going in and out of where they lived to travel to the city, doing so only every six months or so. ([More](#))



Upcoming Dates

- March 13-19:** Illinois Flood Awareness Week
- March 15:** Working with You Is Killing Me, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- March 15-18:** St. Patrick's Day Lunch Buffett, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- March 15:** Women's History Month Observance, Speaker: Command Sgt. Maj. Myris Callwood, CSM USAG-RIA, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 1-2 p.m.
- March 16:** RIAWC Once Upon an Apron Luncheon, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- March 16:** Island-Wide Electronic Town Hall, Facebook, [post questions now](#), town hall at 6 p.m. 🗳️
- March 17:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- March 17:** USO-Discovery Kid's Event, Iowa Army National Guard Facility, 6-7:30 p.m. 🗳️
- March 18:** MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- March 20:** First Day of Spring (Vernal Equinox)
- 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 23-24:** Got Your Back Training-SHARP, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m.
- March 24:** Newcomer's Orientation and Tour, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 8 a.m.

Two Soldiers End Distinguished Careers in Retirement Ceremony

Maj. Gen. Kevin O'Connell, commanding general, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, honored two retiring Soldiers stationed at Rock Island Arsenal during RIA's second quarterly Award, Retreat and Retirement Ceremony, here, March 9. Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Blackburn, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear non-commissioned officer, ASC, retired with 26 years of service. Blackburn, a 45-year-old Michigan native, joined the Army in 1989. He deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is also a member of the Order of the Dragon, an elite group of Soldiers within the Chemical Corps who are recognized for their moral integrity and their outstanding professional competence. ([More](#)) ([Inside the Gates](#))



DMC SGM Receives Lateral Promotion, Says Farewell

Sgt. Maj. Brian Marone, Distribution Management Center, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, was laterally promoted to command sergeant major, here, March 7, during a ceremony that celebrated his achievement and also wished him farewell. Marone has served as the DMC's sergeant major since July 2013. "It's been an honor and a privilege to work alongside such great leaders," said Marone. "This organization is about more than just coming in and punching on a keyboard; this is global logistics at its best." Marone's next assignment is Fort Hood, Texas, where he will serve as the 15th Brigade Support Battalion command sergeant major. ([More](#))



Iowa National Guard's Sustainment Training Center Catches Eye of First Army

From wheeled and tracked vehicle repair to ammunition handling, from petroleum distribution to Tactical Combat Casualty Care, the Sustainment Training Center (STC), located at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa, has become nationally-recognized as a unique, one-stop shop for all U.S. Army sustainment training needs. Army officials are intrigued with the prospect of expanding STC's training footprint in order to provide more proactive, cost-effective training for today's Total Force, encompassing the active duty Army, U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard. Within the past two months, Army Gen. Robert Abrams, the U.S. Forces Command commander and Maj. Gen. Flem B. Walker, Jr., the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics (G-4) for U.S. Army Forces Command have visited the Iowa training complex. ([More](#))



New G-1, G-8 Take Their Places at ASC

The U.S. Army Sustainment Command filled two major staff positions in January. Patty Perrigo is the new deputy chief of staff, G-1 (Human Resources), and Cheryl Vincent is the new deputy chief of staff, G-8 (Resource Management). Their promotion ceremony was held here, Feb. 29. Perrigo and Vincent both served as interim in their current positions for several months and were selected after an extensive application and interview process. Vincent first met Perrigo in 2008 when she took a job as the military personnel team lead in the G-1, but was soon placed as the Manpower Division lead. Perrigo was the civilian personnel team lead at the time. "I wanted to spend some time in the G-1," said Vincent. "I needed to understand



the personnel aspect of the organization." In 2014, the Manpower Division was moved back from G-1 to G-8. Vincent said she believes it is important for the G-8 to have a good understanding of how personnel works, given the close connection between manpower and personnel. Vincent said she was impressed with Perrigo. "Manpower is the connection between G-1 and G-8; you need the positions and the funding for those positions," she said. "I had the 'spaces,' and Patty had the 'faces.' I had immediate respect for her; it was quite obvious she had a wealth of experience. She is an extremely knowledgeable individual. ([More](#))

DoD Gives Final Go-Ahead to Open All Military Jobs to Women

After “exceptionally thorough work” by all of the services, the U.S. military is authorized to begin integrating women across all occupations and specialties immediately, according to a Defense Department statement released today. Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook briefed reporters on Defense Secretary Ash Carter’s decision and the accompanying statement. Carter “formally approved the final implementation plans prepared by the military services and U.S. Special Operations Command to integrate women into all combat roles,” Cook said. **Managing Change ‘The Right Way’** – In the statement, Carter said the department must handle the change “the right way, because the combat effectiveness of the world’s finest fighting force is paramount.” Cook noted that Deputy Defense Secretary Bob Work and Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva co-chaired an implementation group tasked with a detailed review of the plans. The review was the culmination of years of studies and reports going back to 2011, when then-Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta ordered an examination of all laws and policies governing the assignment of women in the armed forces. Carter’s seven “guiding principles” for integration shaped the implementation group’s review of the services and Socom’s final plans: transparent standards, population size, physical demands and physiological differences, conduct and culture, talent management, operating abroad, and assessment and adjustment. ([More](#)) ([Army Outlines Gender Integration Implementation Plan](#))



Military Borrowers to Receive Refunds of Student Loans Overcharges

The U.S. Education Department has told its student loan servicers to review their records in order to provide refunds to military borrowers who were overcharged in violation of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act. Student loan servicers — companies that manage loans for the government or other companies — will have to examine their records back to 2008, when the law was changed to apply a 6 percent interest rate cap to federal student loans meeting the SCRA requirements, according to a letter the Education Department sent to some senators. Under the SCRA, to receive the 6 percent interest rate cap, a loan must have been made before the service member was called to active duty, and the active-duty member must provide the lender with a written notice of eligibility of the interest rate cap, as well as a copy of the service member’s orders. This applies to Guard and reserve members while they are called to active duty, as well as to active-duty troops who received the loan before entering the military. ([More](#))



Island-Wide Electronic Town Hall

The Rock Island Arsenal-Garrison will conduct an Island-Wide Electronic Town Hall via Facebook on **Wednesday, March 16**, beginning at 6 p.m. Questions will be fielded from the Island workforce, family members, and the general public by the Garrison Commander and his staff. Questions will be [posted and answered using this Facebook thread](#). Prior to the Town Hall, questions can be posted to the thread [in advance](#); answers to those questions will be posted during the Town Hall. The type of questions that will be fielded can be of almost any subject matter, but should have something to do with the installation and/or Post operations in some way, shape or form. Always practice OPSEC! Security protocols, PII, photos, content and videos can go viral quickly. Review closely before posting to ensure the information you are providing does not give away sensitive information which if released could be harmful to an individual, organization, facility or the installation.

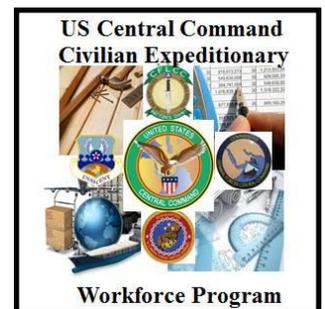


Film: The Marines of Montford Point: Fighting for Freedom

A Special Screening of the Montford Point Marines documentary, with a Q & A discussion will take place **Thursday, March 17**, at the Figge Art Museum, in the John Deere Auditorium. Sponsored by Department of Veteran Affairs Quad Cities Vet Center, the Figge Art Museum, Azubuike African American Council for The Arts, and PBS, the documentary is narrated by Academy Award winning actor Louis Gossett Jr. The Marines of Montford Point: Fighting for Freedom documentary is a PBS production that captures the legacy of the first African Americans who were recruited into the United States Marine Corps and served during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The reception starts at 5:30 p.m., complimentary appetizers will be served and the event will start at 6:15 p.m. Parking and entry to the Figge are both free to all who attend and access to the Figge's exhibits will be free until 9 p.m. that evening. ([More](#))

Civilian Expeditionary Workforce – Sign Up for the Opportunity of a Lifetime!

Use your experience and expertise to support DoD contingency operations by volunteering to deploy. The civilian deployment experience allows civilians to use their capabilities, experience, and knowledge as a crucial component of helping the DoD accomplish its mission abroad. U.S. Central Command is seeking current, permanent DoD employees with strong technical skills, competencies, and abilities with the desire to deploy as part of the Civilian Expeditionary Workforce. We provide employees the unique opportunity to serve in a dynamic environment alongside our military, allies, and coalition partners to provide a stabilizing presence, build security and conduct humanitarian assistance operations across the USCENCOM Area of responsibility. For additional resources on the USCENCOM deployment opportunities and entitlements, the USCENCOM AOR, and the application processes visit <https://cew.centcom.mil/Landing/Default.aspx> or send inquiries to: centcom.macdill.centcom-hq.mbx.ccj3-f-cew@mail.mil, or francis.m.hoeflinger.civ@mail.mil ([More](#))



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 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 & April

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**; and **April 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22**.

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**.

Free Boating Safety Classes

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi River Project announces they will be offering four different opportunities to attend a free boating safety education class. The classes will be held on the following dates: **April 2, 9, 16, and 23**. Each class will run from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and only one 8-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 any 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 Mississippi River Visitor Center at 309-794-5338.



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**.



B-17 Bomber 'Aluminum Overcast' to Visit the Quad Cities

Join us **April 28 - May 1**, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., at the Davenport Municipal Airport, for an unforgettable experience aboard one of the few remaining airworthy B-17s in the world. You won't want to miss Aluminum Overcast when it visits an airport near you. Climb aboard the 65,000-lb. B-17 bomber and step back in time to the World War II era. Feel the might of this magnificent flying machine as it soars through the sky on your mission flight where you'll discover why it's called the Flying Fortress. Stand in the footsteps of the bombardier, the navigator, and the waist gunner and relive history by experiencing this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to fly in one of World War II's most vital and magnificent aircraft. People of all ages will appreciate the history associated with this airplane that helped the Allies achieve victory. A special invitation goes out to all veterans, active military and Family/escorts. Jason's Box, a non-profit organization supporting our military men and women for the health and wellbeing, will be in attendance. ([See this page for details](#))



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 Maternity Leave Policy

The Army's new maternity leave 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 the Soldier gives birth or the mother's release from the hospital, whichever is later. However, the Army's paternity leave policy remains unchanged. The Army fully supports DOD's decision to provide women, across the joint force, up to 12 weeks of fully paid maternity leave. This policy builds on previously announced initiatives on strengthening the force of the future. The Army honors the commitment of Soldiers to serve by ensuring they have the resources to take care of their family members. This directive builds upon the authority of the unit commanders and medical providers to continue to grant convalescent leave in accordance with AR 600-8-10 based on an individual Soldier's fitness for duty. This directive does not limit convalescent leave to 12 weeks when a health professional or medical authority has deemed that such leave is warranted. Taking maternity leave does not limit career potential, assignments, performance appraisals, or selection for professional military education or training. ([More](#))

Mt. Joy Iowa Army National Guard Facility Tour

The USO of Illinois Discovery Kids Program extends a very special invitation to military families with children for a free event **Thursday, March 17, 6-7:30 p.m.**, at the Mt. Joy Iowa Army National Guard Facility (9650 N. Harrison St., Davenport). This is in partnership with WQPT's "Embracing Our Military" – there will be kid activities and food. Kids will learn about the CH47 F model Chinook (also be able to go into a Chinook) and the LUH 72 helicopters. Special guest appearance from Wyatt and Princess Presto from SuperWHY! Kids will also receive a free book. Table will be set up as you enter into the facility for check in. Cameras will be allowed for photo opportunities. Check-in is 5:30-6 p.m.; no one in after 6 p.m. as doors will be locked, because it is a military facility. Registration is mandatory; no registration – no entry. ([Registration and additional details](#)) Free tickets are available only to active duty, National Guard, Reserve, military personnel and their dependents. Questions? Call Jackie Inman at 309-782-3896.



Military Spouse Fun Night

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

Safety Spotlight



**ARMY SAFE
IS ARMY STRONG**



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. This event has been deemed a special event by the Garrison Commander and as a result the new Installation access

policy does not apply. You will simply need to present a driver's license (Illinois driver's license is acceptable) at the gate, no background check is required. ([Full menu](#)) ([Flyer](#))

First Friday Social and with Special Iron Spike Brewery Tap Handle Takeover

Join your Island colleagues **Friday, April 1**, kicking off at 3 p.m., in the Lock & Dam Lounge (Bldg. 60), for a fun evening of appetizers, drinks, networking, socializing and karaoke. This event is open to the entire RIA workforce and the general public so bring your friends, family, neighbors, mail man... whoever, just come out and have fun with us. This special First Friday will feature a handle takeover with Galesburg favorite, Iron Spike Brewery providing the malty beverages. Get an Iron Spike glass and fill it with your favorite brew of theirs or bring your 2015 Rocktoberfest stein and get \$2 off refills. Call 309-782-4372 for more info.

Spring Car Care Month Oil Change Special at the Auto Shop

The days are getting longer and gas is cheap so get those cars ready for summer road trips. All during the month of April get standard oil changes for just \$21, standard oil change includes up to five quarts of 5w20 or 5w30 oil + oil filter. Call 309-782-8631 for more info and to schedule your appointment. ([Flyer](#))

Ghost Hunters Dinner & Tour of Quarters One

It all takes place **Saturday, April 9**, starting at 5:30 p.m. where you'll be enjoying a prime rib & chicken buffet at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse and then join the Rock Island Paranormal Society for a tour of Historic Quarters One. The Paranormal Society staff have spent countless hours in this massive Italianate style mansion and will regale you with tales of the paranormal activity they have experienced there throughout the years. The cost is \$40/person and reservations can be made by calling 309-782-4372. RSVP required by **Tuesday, April 5**. This event is open to the public. Event subject to change/cancellation based on number of reservations. ([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.

- **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.

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.

Monster Jam

Monster Jam roars back into the Quad Cities at the iWireless Center for two spectacular events, the first on **Saturday, April 30**, at 7 p.m., and the second on **Sunday, May 1**, at 2 p.m. Monster Jam brings high-octane, motorsports entertainment to fans around the world. The action-packed live events feature the most recognizable trucks including Grave Digger, Max-D and many more, performing jaw-dropping displays of gravity-defying feats. This year's truck line-up includes Grave Digger driven by Morgan Kane, Max D driven by Colton Eichelberger, El Toro Loco driven by Kayla Blood, Scooby-Doo driven by Bailey Shea Williams, Blue Thunder driven by Tyler Menninga, NEA driven by Travis Groth, and Zombie driven by Tyler Groth (truck and driver lineup are subject to change). The Party in the Pits starts three hours before show time and gives fans the opportunity to get a view of the trucks up close and meet the drivers of the massive Monster Jam trucks. Leisure Travel has discounted tickets and pit passes on sale until **Friday, April 22**.

Taste of Chicago/Navy Pier Bus Trip

What is Chicago's recipe for a fantastic food festival? Chefs and musicians, combined with entertainment for all ages and several thousand tasting servings of favorite Chicago bites. Fill up on all flavors of Chicago – from classic local dishes, to specialty cuisines from ethnic neighborhood restaurants, to inspired chef creations. — or — You can't truly experience Chicago without a trip to Navy Pier. This 50-acre playground of entertainment, museums, activities, restaurants, and shops is the perfect place for some family fun time. This is a popular bus trip and fills up fast. Cost for your transportation is \$41 per person.

Event Date: **July 9**

Cubs vs. Cardinals

Leisure Travel will be offering another Cubs vs. Cardinals bus trip on **Friday, Aug. 12**. Bus trip includes transportation aboard a Tri-State Motor coach and a ticket to the game. Location of seating is in Terrace Reserved. Time of game and departure will be announced at a later date. Package is \$129 per person. Limited alcohol is allowed on the bus.

Child, Youth & School Services



Family Game Night

Parents and children, come and enjoy a great family evening on us **Thursday, April 7, 5:30-7 p.m.**, at the School Age Center (Bldg. 150), while incorporating stress relief techniques. Attend both this and the Stress Management Class on **Monday, April 4**, and receive a free family night goodie bag. RSVP by calling 309-782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

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**.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

RIA Army Community Service would like to take the time to recognize our community volunteers. "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in an election, but when you volunteer you vote about the kind of community you want to live in"(unknown source). RIA's Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 19**. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. Registered volunteers should R.S.V.P. to ACS by **Monday, March 14**. They are encouraged to bring a guest to help them celebrate their contribution to our community. Cake and Refreshments will be provided. We cannot show enough gratitude for the work that our volunteers contribute to our community, but this event is just our way of saying thank you for your selfless service and your commitment to our RIA family. To R.S.V.P. call ACS at 309-782-0829.

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](#).



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!](#))

Advanced Résumé Class

Army Community Service will conduct Advanced Résumé Class on **Friday, April 1**, 1:30-3:30 p.m., in the ACS Training Room, Bldg. 110. This class is for spouses, but open to all service members, retirees, DA civilians and their family members. Learn advanced techniques on how to tailor your résumé for federal employment. RSVP required by **Wednesday, March 30**, call 309-782-0829 or e-mail usarmy.ria.imcom-central.mbx.usag-acs@mail.mil ([Flyer](#))

Youth Summertime Activities Expo

Are you looking for activities to keep the kids busy this coming summer? Then make sure you plan to attend Rock Island Arsenal's 3rd Annual Youth Summertime Activities Expo **Saturday, April 2**, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., in the RIA Fitness Center (Bldg. 67). Businesses from all over the QC area will have booths to provide information to parents on what activities they have for youth during the upcoming summer. Participate in the vendor quiz scavenger hunt to be eligible to win some great prizes from our sponsors including a \$100 gift certificate good for Girl Scouts Summer Camp at Camp Liberty, Family Four Packs of tickets to Whitewater Junction Water Park and a Jumbie Jam Steel Drum Kit from West Music. Call 309-782-3049 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Stress Management & Parenting Class: Fostering Healthy Coping Skills in Children

This free class taking place **Monday, April 4**, 4-5 p.m., in the ACS Training Room (Bldg. 110), focuses on what stress is, what stress looks like in children, and how to help children manage stress. Attend this class and the Family Game Night event on **Thursday, April 7**, and receive a free family night goodie bag. To RSVP, call 309-782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

Gold Star Spouses Day

We invite all Gold Star Spouses to join us **Tuesday, April 5**, 1-3 p.m., at the Army Community Service Center (Bldg. 110) for an afternoon tea while meeting other Gold Star Spouses and the new SOS Financial Counselor. Afterwards we will take a tour of the RIA Museum. For more information and to RSVP call 309-782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

Employee Assistance Program



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

Grief Support Group

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

Working with You Is Killing Me

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

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

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

Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand and manage your own emotions, and those of the people around you. People with a high degree of emotional intelligence know what they're feeling, what their emotions mean, and how these emotions can affect other people. Emotional intelligence addresses five competencies; Self-Awareness, Self-Regulation, Self-Motivation, Empathy, and Effective Relationships. Upcoming class dates are **March 29, June 28, Sept. 27, and Dec. 20**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Time Management

Do you feel like there is never enough time in a day to get everything done? Would you like to learn some tips to become more organized and free up some time for more fun? Learn how to prioritize tasks and manage your time more effectively. Upcoming class dates are **April 26, July 26, and Oct. 25**, 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."

National Prescription Take Back Day

Rock Island Arsenal will participate in National Prescription Drug Takeback Day on **Wednesday, April 27**, at Memorial Field Pavilion. The drop off times will be 6-8:15 a.m. and 2-4:45 p.m. We cannot accept needles, syringes, or aerosol products including inhalers. National Prescription Drug Take-Back addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards. The Rock Island Arsenal Army Substance Abuse Program & Employee Assistance Abuse Program coordinates this initiative bi-annually. The ASAP/EAP is dedicated to excellence in providing a standard of care that

enhances the quality of life for its clients and the workforce of Rock Island Arsenal. We believe that personal, family, and workplace problems can affect an employee's well-being and job performance. The ASAP/EAP promotes healthy lifestyles. Our most important asset is our employees and we are committed to providing professional counseling, educational assistance, and intervention services in an effort to promote wellness and improve the climate of the Rock Island Arsenal. RIA EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Room 104, and are open 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment call 309-782-4357 (HELP). After hour emergencies call 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly.

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 Nov. 29**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Education/Training Review



The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: 309-782-2065 Fax: 309-782-7901. [Please visit our website to learn more.](#)

GI Bill Comparison Tool

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

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

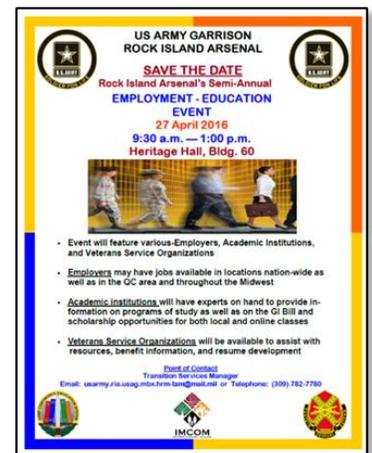
Then simply search schools for calculator results. They include tuition/fees benefits, housing allowance, book stipends, and much more. ([More](#))

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 Employment-Education Event

The Directorate of Human Resources, U.S. Army Garrison, will host the Semi-Annual Employment-Education Event on **Wednesday, April 27**, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The target audience is active duty, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers, Retirees, veterans, and Family members. Numerous employers, academic institutions and Veterans Service Organizations from throughout the Midwest will be in attendance. Employers may have jobs available in locations nation-wide as well as in the Quad Cities area. Academic institutions will have experts on hand to provide information on programs of study as well as on the GI Bill and scholarship opportunities, for both local and online classes. Veterans Service Organizations will be available to assist with resources, benefit information, and resume development. If you are searching for employment, please come ready; have resumes to hand out and be appropriately dressed. If you would like individual resume or interview training prior to attending this event, and you are an active duty or retired service member or eligible Family member, you may contact [Chris Gegenheimer](#), Army Community Services, at 309-782-0815. Any questions about the event can be directed to [Shelly Mimms](#), 309-782-7780 or [Lafayette Ausborn](#), 309-782-4799. Do something today that your future self will thank you for!



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 Thirtf 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, **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 – March 14-20

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. During the month of March 1945, the workers of Shop L (Bldg. 250) completed 310 machine guns.

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

VA Expands Hepatitis C Treatment to All Patients with the Virus

The Veterans Affairs Department will begin providing hepatitis C treatment to all veterans in its health system who have the virus, regardless of their disease stage, VA officials said Wednesday. Having received a boost in funding from Congress late last year for the costly medications needed to cure hepatitis C, the VA is now able to treat the 174,000 veterans in its health system who have

the disease, according to a VA release. VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. David Shulkin said that while the cost previously was too prohibitive to treat all but the sickest patients, VA now can treat all veterans with the virus who are eligible for VA health care, either in a VA facility or through the Veterans Choice program. “We’re honored to be able to expand treatment for veterans who are afflicted with hepatitis C,” Shulkin said. “Additionally, if veterans are currently waiting on an appointment for community care through the Choice program, they can now turn to their local VA facility for this treatment or elect to continue to receive treatment through Choice.” ([More](#))

Around the Q.C.



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- 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 17:** [Bunco at the Venue](#) (The Venue, 1405 5th Avenue, Moline)
- March 18:** [13th Annual Henry Farnam Dinner](#) (St. Ambrose University's Rogalski Center, Davenport)
- March 18:** [Friday Family Night: STARRY NIGHT](#) (Putnam Museum, 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 19-20:** [Discover the Dinosaurs](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
- 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 22:** [Super Hero Night](#) (Hy-Vee at 2200 W Kimberly Rd, Davenport)
- March 24:** [Teen Coloring Night](#) (Rock Island Public Library)
- 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 27:** [Easter Bunny Visit & Easter Brunch](#) (Hy-Vee at 2200 W Kimberly Rd, Davenport)
- 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 2:** [Fundraiser for The Quad City Food Forest](#) (Fraternal Order of Eagles #235)
- 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 22: [Fish & Fire Friendraiser/Fundraiser](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)
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 23: [River Action Day - Earth Day Clean-up](#) (Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park, Milan)
April 24: [4th Annual Earth Day Concert](#) (Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities, Davenport)
April 25: [Rock Island Parks and Recreation's Pickleball Sock Hop Fundraiser](#) (Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center, Rock Island)
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 28 – May 1: [B-17 Bomber 'Aluminum Overcast' to Visit the Quad Cities](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)
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 13-14: [Factory of Fear: INFECTED](#) (Factory of Fear, 5027 4th Ave, Moline)
May 14: [Young Life Quad Cities' 'You Were Made For This 5k' Race](#) (Ben Butterworth Parkway, Moline)
May 15: [Bears for Buddies Ride](#) (Rock Island County Court House)
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 21: [Quad Cities Craft Beer Festival](#) (Bass Street Landing, Moline)
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: [Quad Cities Comic Con](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

June 4: [College Hill District Retro Rally 2016](#) (College Hill District Rock Island)
June 10-11: [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)
June 11: [Quad Cities Cruisers Car Show](#) (SouthPark Mall)
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: [32nd Annual Ride the River: Father's Day Bicycle Ride](#) (River Action, 822 E River Dr, 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 24: [Ultra BlackOut](#) (The Col Ballroom, 1012 W 4th St, 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: Canoe & Kayak Floatilla](#) (Sunset Park, 1309 Mill St, 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: [River Action's 11th Annual Taming of the Slough](#) (Hampton, Ill.)
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. 22: [4th Annual QC Tweed Ride](#) (Freight House, Davenport)

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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