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ASC Touts Capabilities, Achievements to AMC Leadership at Roundtable: Army Sustainment Command hosted a delegation of military and civilian senior leaders from its higher headquarters, Army Materiel Command, to showcase its many capabilities, expound upon its growing international role, and tout its day-to-day support to service members and their families worldwide. The event was

hosted by Maj. Gen. John Wharton, ASC commanding general and RIA senior mission commander. Dignitaries from AMC included Gen. Dennis Via, AMC commanding general; Lt. Gen. Patricia McQuiston, AMC deputy CG and former ASC CG; John Neger, executive deputy to the CG; James Dwyer, deputy chief of staff for Logistics; Robert Turzak, deputy chief of staff for Resource Management, and

Command Sgt. Maj. James Sims. Wharton started out by highlighting that, as AMC's executing arm, ASC is globally responsive and regionally engaged while building and sustaining combat power for combatant commands worldwide; that ASC is sustaining a Continental U.S.-



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based Army while being prepared to project our forces globally and is creating efficiencies to enhance Army capabilities while shaping logistics to support the Army into 2025 and beyond. ([More](#))

Concealed Carry Weapon Permits, U.S. Military Installations:

Even though an individual may have a concealed carry permit properly issued by a state, such a permit does not authorize an individual to carry these weapons on federal property, such as Rock Island Arsenal. There are several laws and regulations that govern the possession of privately owned weapons, which are allowed with certain restrictions, on military installations. For example military members, their families, and other authorized persons living permanently on the installation, may have privately owned weapons secured in their quarters. The weapons must be registered on the installation with the provost marshal's office or the installation police department. These weapons may be transported on and off



the installations to partake in hunting and sports shooting activities. At no time may the weapons be loaded and ammunition must be stored separately from the weapon. ([This is the link to the Installation Personally Owned Weapons policy, which also covers the carrying of concealed weapons.](#))

JMC's Security Assistance Provides Rapid Turnaround of Foreign Military Sales Materiel:

The Joint Munitions Command Security Assistance Management Directorate, Foreign Military Sales, recently completed an urgent request from the Government of Iraq to the Vice President of the United States. In response to the request, JMC's SAMD developed three urgent Letters of Offer and Acceptance for various ammunition items. A significant portion of the items were sourced from assets already located in theater which allowed the first delivery within 48 hours of the LOA implementation on some ammunition already on hand in Kuwait. ([More](#))



Upcoming Dates

- April 12:** Free Spring Vehicle Inspection, Bldg. 351 Auto Craft Center, (TBD)
- April 12:** Easter Bunny at Commissary
- April 12:** QC Bandits Race to Home 5K Run, Government Bridge, 8 a.m.
- April 16:** Tenant Senior NCO Meeting, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- April 16:** Employment/Education Event, Heritage Hall, 9 a.m.
- April 16:** QC Honor Flights, Moline International Airport
- April 17:** Sexual Assault Review Board, Bldg. 390, 10:15 a.m.
- April 18:** Good Friday Service, Time TBD
- April 19:** RIA Easter Egg Hunt at Memorial Park, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- April 20:** Easter Brunch, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- April 21:** Boundless Playground Dedication & Army Family Covenant Signing Ceremony, 10 a.m.
- April 22:** Army Earth Day [📍](#)
- April 22-24:** DA Photo Studio
- April 22-25:** JMC Pre-Command Course
- April 24:** Community Information Exchange, Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse, 9 a.m.
- April 24:** RIA Council of Colonels/Deputies Luncheon, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- April 24:** RIA Quarterly Retirement and Retreat Ceremony, Heritage Hall, 2 p.m.
- April 24-25:** CASA Forum on RIA, hosted by First Army
- April 26:** March of Dimes Walk, RIA, 9 a.m.
- April 28:** Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 11:30 a.m.
- April 29:** Safety and Occupational Health Advisory Council, Bldg. 90, Rm. 25, 10 a.m.
- April 30 & May 1:** Spring Vendor Fair, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60 [📍](#)



ASC Command Team Hosts Mayors from Quad Cities Area:

Maj. Gen. John Wharton, commanding general, U.S. Army Sustainment Command and senior mission commander of Rock Island Arsenal, hosted mayors from the Quad Cities area for a working lunch in Quarters One here, April 2. The meeting took place two days before Wharton spoke to business executives and local elected officials at a Quad Cities Chamber banquet highlighting the relevance of the Arsenal's missions, especially following the drawdown of two wars. ([More](#))



Arsenal Island Hosts Inaugural MWR Youth Expo, Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Signed: Army Sustainment Command commander Maj. Gen. John Wharton signed the Child Abuse Prevention month proclamation with Col. Elmer Speights



Jr., Rock Island Arsenal Garrison commander, and ASC Command Sgt Maj. James Spencer on Saturday, April 5. The proclamation was signed in conjunction with the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Youth Expo held Saturday at the RIA Fitness Center. ([More](#))

Ceremony Celebrates Crime Victim's Rights Legislation:

More than 40 people attended a ceremony celebrating the 30th anniversary of legislation creating crime victims' rights Monday at Rock Island Arsenal. The annual Quad Cities National Crime Victim's Rights Week ceremony took place in Arsenal Island's Heritage Hall. The event celebrated the 30th anniversary of the creation of the Victims of Crime Act signed by Ronald Reagan in 1984. ⚡ Brig. Gen. Daniel Mitchell, deputy commander of Army Sustainment Command, said the military has taken great strides in protecting the rights of crime victims. ([More](#))



Norricia Speights, spouse of the Garrison Commander, Col. Elmer Speights, Jr., speaks at the National Volunteer Week Recognition Ceremony held in Heritage Hall on April 8. Speights was the keynote speaker at the event and spoke about the importance of volunteering and its impact and role in the successes of the Rock Island Arsenal community. April 6-13 is National Volunteer Appreciation Week this year recognizing volunteering, which in the Army unifies all those who volunteer in support of Soldiers and Families by emphasizing teamwork and unity – as Army volunteers, while recognizing the individual strengths and contributions of both the volunteers and the organizations with whom they serve. As such these individuals are part of the Army Volunteer Corps, a concept that embraces existing programs, organizations, and military units that utilize volunteers. Although recognizing their autonomy, the AVC is a framework to link all volunteer organizations throughout the Army community. Whether you are a family readiness group volunteer or an Army Family Action Plan volunteer in the National Guard, a Thrift Shop volunteer on an installation, or maybe even a guide in your local museum, you are part of the Army Volunteer Corps.



ASC CG Addresses Local Business Execs, Government Officials:

The Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce hosted a breakfast for local business executives and government officials where Maj. Gen. John Wharton, commanding general of U.S. Army Sustainment Command and senior mission commander of Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., spoke about the way ahead for RIA in an iWireless Center conference room here, April 4. Wharton talked about RIA's story and what ASC's role is for the Army. ([More](#))

ASC's LOGCAP Support Comes to An End in Iraq:

The program in Iraq that sustained the U.S. military and later the U.S. Department of State, has come to a close. "Now that the Department of State has had the opportunity to put systems in place to provide for their sustainment needs, LOGCAP IV [Logistics Civil Augmentation Program IV] ended its support to the Department of State March 31," said Matt Sannito, acting program manager for LOGCAP. ([More](#))



All Cafeterias On-Post Will Be Closed:

The food operations in buildings 212, 350 and 60 closed, April 4, to allow Treat America, the new food contractor, to set-up their operation. Bldg. 212 and 350 resumed normal operations on April 7; Bldg. 60 will resume operations on **April 21**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but feel confident that when you see the enhanced capability and quality of Treat America's food service operation you will agree that it was worth the wait. For more info please call (309) 782-7008 and [browse these briefing slides describing the new operation](#).



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National Public Safety

Telecommunicators Week: The week of **April 13-19** is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This is an opportunity to honor the women and men who serve as our public safety dispatchers. They are the voice at the other end of the 9-1-1 call assisting a distraught caller and at the other end of

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the radio when police, firefighters, and medical personnel are responding to emergency situations. Often these "invisible" courageous professionals are the forgotten component of public safety. Telecommunicators Week began in California in 1981 and quickly grew to national recognition. Just ten years later, Congress designated the second full week of each April as a time to remember the critical role that Dispatchers play in keeping us all safe. If you've ever been the victim of a crime, been in a collision, reported a fire or needed emergency medical help, you've called 9-1-1 and been helped by a Telecommunicator, also known as a "dispatcher." Not being visible or always recognized in the public eye, the critical role they play between the community and first responders is essential for every public safety call for service. Our Dispatchers are the direct link to our officers and firefighters in the field. They monitor the radios, computers, phones, and more; answering thousands of calls from our community each year. Please join us in conveying a big thank you to the often heard, but not seen "first of the first responders," our Rock Island Arsenal 9-1-1 dispatchers and call takers.

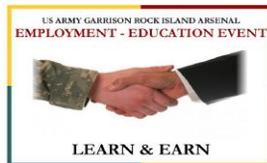


Good Friday Service: Good Friday service spiritual resiliency event will take place in the Arsenal Club, in Bldg. 60, on Friday, **April 18**, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The service will commemorate Good Friday and is open to anyone who would like to attend.



RIA Army Education Center Co-Hosting Employment-Education Event: The U.S. Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal is hosting a combined Employment-Education Event

on Wednesday, **April 16**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. If you missed our last big Event in September, mark your calendars now. This event combines our education fair with our employment event. We will have expanded employer participation, veteran service organizations to assist with resources and resume development and up to 20 local and online academic institutions in attendance to provide information regarding educational opportunities for Soldiers, veterans, family members and government employees. A brief list of



schools and organizations attending includes: Black Hawk and Scott Community colleges, Western Illinois, St. Ambrose, and Upper Iowa universities, American Intercontinental, Ashford, and Kaplan universities, Palmer School of Chiropractic and Trinity School of Nursing and Health Sciences, the U.S. Small Business Administration, Iowa National Guard Family Assistance program, and more. Please join us to learn more about educational opportunities and how they can benefit you. Point of contact: [Stephanie Allers](#), or (309) 782-5895 for further information.

Boundless Playground Dedication & Army Family Covenant Signing

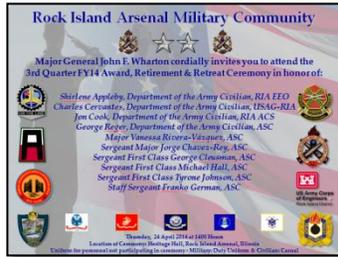
Ceremony: The Rock Island Arsenal is the new home of a "[Boundless Certified Playground](#)" providing a truly inclusive facility where children and adults of all abilities can play and learn together. The Arsenal Island workforce and Quad-Cities community is invited to the Boundless Playground dedication & Army Family Covenant signing ceremony on Monday, **April 21**, at 10 a.m., at the new Memorial Park playground area. The event is taking



place during [National Playground Safety Week](#), which takes place this year **April 21-25**, with this year's theme as "Safe Sliders!" The Boundless Playground dedication event parking will be located behind Memorial Field across the street from Bldg. 110. The new Boundless Playground provides a world of opportunity where children along with their parents, caregivers, military veterans, and family members have the opportunity to play side by side and gain the developmental and health benefits derived from unstructured play in an inclusive environment. The playground includes: ramped wheelchair access to the highest platform center, universally accessible pathways and surfacing, activity transfers that maximize accessibility, a swing with back support, elevated sand tables and activity panels, and activities for the hearing and visually impaired. A Boundless Playground provides a learning and growing environment so children develop a lifelong respect for and acceptance of individuals of all abilities. National Playground Safety Week was created by the National Program for Playground Safety, which works with national, state, and local community programs and schools to ensure children's play areas are safe and high quality. ([Flyer](#))



RIA Retirement Ceremony: Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton, Commanding General of the United States Army Sustainment Command and Rock Island Arsenal, cordially invites you to attend the 3rd



Quarter FY14 Award, Retirement & Retreat Ceremony at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, Thursday, **April 24**, at 2 p.m. We will honor our retiring Department of the Army Civilians and exercise our Soldiers' first General Order by properly relieving them of their posts. Uniform for personnel not participating in the ceremony is Military: Duty Uniform and Civilian: Casual.

VIOS Schedule for April and May:

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government passport and command photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal **April 22, 23 and 24**; and **May 6, 7, and 8** (Note changes to previous April dates). Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7 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. 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 DA Form 3903 to the photographer before the passport photo is taken. You will receive two 2" x 2" passport photos. All scheduled dates can be found on the RIA VIOS website FAQ.

Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop: Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop and Boutique where every day is "Sale Day" is open in April every Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Saturday, April 19. Visit our

store in person, on Facebook, or on our website at www.riamwr.com/attic.htm. POC: (309) 782-6977.

Blood Drives: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, April 11 & 21, 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 **6:30 p.m. on April 25**. A **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on May 16**. 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 asks, "What year did the Rock Island Arsenal begin hosting blood drives with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center?" Answer: 1974. FYI – that was also the year MVRBC was established when the Rock Island County Blood



Bank and the Scott County Blood Bank merged to form a community blood center.

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](#).

Quad Cities Armed Forces Day

Celebration: Mark your calendars, the Quad Cities Armed Forces Day Celebration will be held Saturday, **May 17**, at the Brady Street Stadium Complex in Davenport. The hours of operation will be 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. It is our opportunity for the Quad Cities to take part in Armed Forces Day Celebrations being conducted nationwide. It is our goal to establish a positive display and media campaign to reach out to the community and educate them on the military and its history. The event will include participation from all of the military branches, the local reserve components, military associations, veterans' organizations, and the Quad City area High Schools Junior ROTC Programs. The celebration will feature equipment displays, live performances, presentations and table displays with the opportunity to visit

with members from all of our nation's branches of service, including the US Coast Guard, Civil Air Patrol and local Military Explorers.

RIA 2014 Prayer Luncheon: There will be a Spiritual Resiliency Event held in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, Wednesday, **May 28**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. The special guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Charles Bailey, 24th Deputy Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army. There is no cost to attend, but you must have a ticket and register in [TEDs](#). Tickets are available at any chaplain's office. POC: [Staff Sgt. Gene Lucas](#) at (309) 782-1116.



AUSA Annual Golf Outing: Save the date -- the 2014 Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the Association of the US Army will once again have its annual golf outing "A Round For Our Soldiers" on **July 17**, at 12 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Golf Course. Proceeds support Soldiers, civilians, families, local chapter



activities, and the Army Emergency Relief Fund.

Arsenal Island Employee Local

Discounts: *The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees –* **Sears Automotive, NorthPark Mall:** Military discount of 7% off tires and services for all members of the military, as well as for Arsenal Island employees; applying to tires and automotive services.

Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:

Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount everyday to all military and veterans.

The Slice: Right off the Moline Bridge exit, is offering \$2 off their pizza buffet with drink to Rock Island Arsenal workers.

Double Tap Firearms:

Double Tap Firearms offers a 10 percent firearm discount and \$15 firearm transfer fee in Illinois to active duty and retired military personnel in the QCA

(📍). **Bennigan's Rock Island:** Arsenal employees, service men, service women you are always welcome at Bennigan's in Rock Island, and to show you how much your welcome here, we offer a 25 percent discount off your meal, any day any time (📍).

New Life Chiropractic Clinic: Arsenal Island employees, we're offering you a 20 percent discount on our services (📍). **Goebel Family**



Dentistry: Active duty members of the military receive a 10 percent discount on all services. All other Arsenal civilian employees who are new patients can receive either the free exam and x-rays or a free whitening treatment on their first visit ([📄](#)). *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

IMCOM Welcomes New

Commander: Lt. Gen. David Halverson took command of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command from Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter during a ceremony on MacArthur Parade Field, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston here, today. Halverson, who also becomes the Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, or ACSIM, came to U.S. Army Installation Management Command, known as IMCOM, from the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, where he served as deputy commanding general, for almost two years. ([More](#))



Odierno: Army Faces 'Tough' Choices In Uncertain Fiscal Times: The chief of staff of the Army told

senators "tough" choices must be made in uncertain fiscal times, and up to 46 percent of active brigade combat teams might need to be cut if full sequestration hits in 2016. Gen. Ray Odierno testified to the Senate Armed Services Committee today, at a hearing on the active Army and Reserve force mix related to the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program. ([More](#))

Parties Stake Out Dueling Positions on Federal Workforce Issues: The size of the federal workforce and the amount employees pay toward their retirement benefits will be among the issues in competing budget plans the House is set to consider starting today. A spending outline for the upcoming fiscal year approved on a party-line vote by the House Budget Committee aims to shrink the workforce by attrition and require employees to share equally with the government in funding civil service retirement benefits. However, a vote also is scheduled on a Democratic-sponsored plan that rejects both those ideas. ([More](#))

Arsenal Traffic/Construction

Future Ft. Armstrong Construction: In the upcoming construction season, Rock Island Arsenal will be performing work on the intersection of Ft. Armstrong Drive and Rock Island Drive. This work will result in a full vehicle closure for the Installation's Rock Island Gate and Rock Island Viaduct, as well as restricting vehicles crossing the Government Bridge to "Installation-only" traffic. The American Discovery Trail will remain open. Construction is expected to last approximately two months, barring major weather delays. The exact construction start date is currently unknown. However, we have been coordinating with external agencies in an effort to minimize impact to the surrounding communities.

Building/Space Closures

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No Building/Space Closure related announcements this week.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone

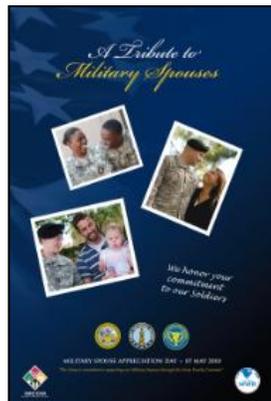
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Operation Family Time Out: Open to military kids and kids of deployed civilian ages 6 weeks to 12 years. This



past January at the Two Rivers YMCA, the kids had a 4-H science activity on magnets. They learned how to levitate objects using magnets. They had a super fun time learning how magnetic force works. Not only were they interested with the experiment but they had many questions about the topic. Frank, a 4-H volunteer, engaged the children in interactive, hands-on learning. We hope you can join us for another new science experiment and other educational programs that are coming up. Upcoming Programs will meet at the following YMCAs, 1-5 p.m. Upcoming programs are as follows: • **April 12** at the Davenport YMCA • **May 10** at the Two Rivers YMCA.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day:

Friday, **May 9**, is National Military Spouse Appreciation Day, a day to recognize the efforts of all our military spouses. On that day, the Army Community Service is holding an observance event for National Military Spouse Appreciation Day 1-4 p.m., at the



Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. Featured speaker is Mrs. Rebekah Wharton, Installation and Army Sustainment Command Senior Leader Spouse. Featured entertainment will be provided by the Rivermont Collegiate Girls Choir. The event will also feature a ceremonial cake cutting by Senior Military Spouses, Laura Spencer of Army Sustainment Command and Bill Dempkowski, of Rock Island Arsenal Garrison Command. For more information about the event please call event coordinator Norricia Speights or Tere Pouch at Army Community Service (309) 782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

Ready and Resilient: Post-Deployment Health Reassessment:

The Post Deployment Health Reassessment (DD Form 2900), commonly known as the PDHRA is the third and final deployment health assessment administered to Soldiers and Department of the Army (DA) Civilians during the deployment cycle. The PDHRA addresses physical, mental and behavioral concerns 90-180 days after redeployment. Once a Soldier completes the DD Form 2900, the unit schedules a one-on-one appointment with a health care provider to discuss their responses in a confidential and private setting. During the confidential conversation,

the Soldier is given the opportunity to discuss any concerns and may be referred to specialty care, treatment or rehabilitation services to treat any identified health threats and/or injuries. ([More](#))

SMA Lists 'Top 5' Concerns of Soldiers:

Possible changes to military retirement benefits ranks as the number-one concern of Soldiers, the Army's top enlisted member told senators. Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler testified to the Senate Armed Services Committee, personnel subcommittee, today, along with his counterparts from the other military services. He ran off a list of Soldiers' "Top Five" concerns, which includes readiness, fiscal uncertainty, indiscipline in the ranks and regulatory changes such as uniform and personal appearance standards. ([More](#))

Bix 7 Road Race 40th Anniversary: Ed Froehlich, race director of the Bix & Road Race, has informed the community that this year's race will be free to all active duty military. The race is on **July 26** in Davenport. The 7 mile road race is annually held during late July, in the streets of downtown Davenport. The race was founded in 1975 by John Hudetz, a resident of Bettendorf, Iowa. After competing in the 1974 Boston



Marathon, Hudetz was inspired to bring the excitement to the Quad-Cities with a race of his own. The inaugural race had a field consisting of eighty-four runners. Today the race is often run by 12,000 to 18,000 runners. ([More](#))

Tax Assistance Center: The Arsenal's Tax Center continues to assist active duty service members and retirees with filing their income tax returns. In March the Center welcomed an additional volunteer preparer with significant professional experience. Service is by appointment, with most appointments taking about an hour and more complex returns taking somewhat longer. Appointments are available week days through **April 15**. In accordance with IRS requirements, the tax center may prepare and submit most - but not all - federal and state income tax returns. If you suspect that your return may be especially complex, please discuss that with us when you call, and we can advise whether we will be able to prepare your return(s). To schedule an appointment please call one of our preparers at (309) 782-8076/8457/1894/1709. Please bring the following to your appointment: photo ID; social security card (or official document showing SSN); documents showing income of any type (W-2s;

1099s, etc.); documents to support any deductions/credits; last year's return; voided check or deposit slip (if using direct deposit); dependents' SSNs and birth dates.

Time: **7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Safety Spotlight



Motorcycle Riding Courses: The USAG 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 approaching motorcycle training courses are scheduled as follows: • Basic Motorcycle Riding:

June 10-11 (two 8-hour days) • Experienced Rider Course: **June 12** (one 8-hour day) Registration for either course is through the web-based AIRS system at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS>. Each course size is limited to 12 riders. If you need further information please contact either [Nancy Carlson](#) or [Michael Chaplin](#) via phone extension 782-1380.

Equal Opportunity Focus



Holocaust Days of Remembrance Observance: The Arsenal Island 2014 Holocaust Days of Remembrance Observance will be held on **April 29**, 1-2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. Further details will be forthcoming; please add this observance to your calendars. Sunday, April 27, through Sunday, May 4, 2014, is designated as Days of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, the rescuers and liberators. This week further proclaims that everyone should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs. With a national theme Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses, the Holocaust Days of Remembrance invites people to look back 76 years at the



events of 1938, to remember how citizens and countries responded to signs of impending war and the Holocaust. Army leadership encourages the entire Army family to demonstrate respect for all people and to encourage the same from everyone as the Army reaffirms its commitment to reject all forms of prejudice, bigotry, and hatred in the Army. During the week, April 27–May 4, 2014, the entire Army family will honor publicly, victims and survivors of the Holocaust, by telling their stories in command information products at all levels. Army installations throughout the world will also honor them through local events during the week. Throughout the year, the Army will celebrate and commemorate the diversity in the Army and also leverage and draw strength from the rich diversity within the military and civilian ranks by recognizing their critical role in strengthening the nation and the Army.



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, or Twitter

[@golf1897](#), and stay up to date on all the great MWR offerings here at the Arsenal.

Free Spring Vehicle Inspection: Make sure your car is set for spring and those summer road trips Saturday, **April 12**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. We will check your: belts, hoses, A/C performance, fluid levels & condition, tire condition, and much more, all for free. No appointment necessary, just stop by and we'll give your ride a good once over. Call (309) 782-8631 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Oil Change Class: Do you want to save money by learning how to change the oil in your own vehicle? Come let the pros at the Auto Craft Shop show you step by step how to perform one of the most basic yet most important regular maintenance procedures on your vehicle, Wednesday, **April 16**, 5-6:30 p.m. The class is just \$5/participant and the first person to sign up receives a free oil change as we use your vehicle for the demonstration. Call (309) 782-8631 for more info and to register. ([Flyer](#))

Easter Egg Hunt: Join us Saturday, **April 19**, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Memorial Park (Bldg. 150 or Fitness Center in case of inclement weather) for an Easter Egg Extravaganza. The festivities will

include a golden Easter Egg hunt for different age groups from 0-15 years, photos with the Easter Bunny, and all sorts of contests and games for all ages. There will also be an RIA Health Clinic teddy bear clinic so bring your favorite stuffed friend or doll to have it checked out for health and wellness. See the flyer for more info on the various contests or call (309) 782-2828. ([Flyer](#))

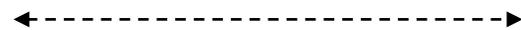
Easter Brunch at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse: Come join us Sunday, **April 20**, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse for a brunch in celebration of Easter. Bring the whole family and enjoy a delicious all you can eat buffet that features prime rib au jus, maple molasses glazed ham, sautéed chicken with marsala sauce and much more. The cost is \$21.95/adult and \$10.95/child (12 & under). Limited seating is available so don't miss out, call and make your reservation today at (309) 793-1601. ([Flyer](#))

Auto Skills Newsletter: Check out the March edition of the Auto Skills newsletter for some great info on potholes, the dangers they pose to your automobile and how we can help you avoid costly repairs. Also in this month's issue: Spring car care month specials



and info on a bus trip to see a NASCAR race this spring. ([Check it out here](#))

MWR 2014 Garden Plots: Do you have a green thumb but no place of your own to dig in the dirt? Sign up to use one of our garden plots this spring to grow all your favorite fruits, veggies, flowers, etc. Each plot is approx. 20' x 20' and can be rented for the entire growing season for just \$25 + \$100 refundable cleaning deposit. Sign-ups will be staggered and allotted based on patronage eligibility. For more information and complete details phone Outdoor Recreation at (309) 782-8630. ([Flyer](#))



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](#))

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing: Circa 21 children's theatre presents: Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. It is a humorous look at family life and the troubles that can only be caused by a younger sibling. This play teaches children about responsibilities and how to recognize certain feelings they have,

whether with family or friends, and that the emotions they have are ok.

Discounted seats on sale until **April 5** ... \$9 per person.

Date: **Saturday, April 19**

Time: **10 a.m.**

Always a Bridesmaid: In this hilarious comedy, four high school friends made a vow to be in each other's weddings, no matter what. Little did they know, thirty years later, they'd still be keeping that promise. Join Deedra, Monette, Charlie and Libby Ruth through the years as they navigate the choppy and unpredictable waters of their friendship and many marriages. Discounted seats on sale until **April 26**.

Date: **Saturday, May 10**

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

Monster Jam: Monster Jam will be coming to the iWireless Center for two days. Leisure Travel has discounted tickets available for \$20 for adults and \$13.50 for children under 12-years-old. On sale until **April 28**.

Date: **Saturday, May 17**

Time: **7 p.m.**

MWR 2014 Spring Fair: Come and check out our spring vendors **April 30 and May 1**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. Here are some of the

vendors you can look forward to seeing: Barb's Garden & Pantry, TheOther Mrs. Siths Pies, Sweet Pea Bows, Nancy's Corn, Jeannie's Dips & Mixes, Tastefully Simple, DeZigns by M, Perfectly Posh, Thirty-One Gifts, Scentsy, Paperlooza, Vista, Mary Kay, Creatively Different, Velata, Buffalo Jewelry, Avon and much more. ([Flyer](#))

FMWR's 1st Nationwide NASCAR

Race Bus Trip: Leisure Travel/Auto Shop have seats available for the bus trip to the Iowa Speedway in Newton Iowa. Bus will depart from the Auto Shop at 6:30 a.m. please arrive early for refreshments compliments of the Auto Shop. ½ stop to and from the Iowa Speedway. You are allowed to bring a small cooler. Cost of trip is \$69.

Date: **Sunday, May 18**

Time: **6:30 a.m.**

Lincoln Park Zoo/Museum Bus Trip: Drop offs at the Museum of Science & Industry, at the Museum Campus (Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, Planetarium) and at Lincoln Park Zoo. Admission to Museums on own. No general admission at Lincoln Park Zoo. Cost is \$41 per person. Limited seats available.

Date: **Saturday, June 28**

Time: **6:30 a.m.**



Taste of Chicago/Navy Pier: Join us for one of the most popular bus trips Leisure Travel offers every year. Dropping off at the Taste of Chicago or Navy Pier. Choice is up to you. Admission to Taste of Chicago is free. Cost is \$41 per person. Limited seats available.

Date: **Saturday, July 12**

Time: **6:30 a.m.**

Walt Disney Military Promotion

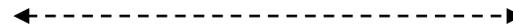
Tickets: Disney has renewed the Armed Forces Salute for yet another year. The offer will run **Sept. 29, 2013 – Sept. 27, 2014**. Qualified individuals may purchase up to a maximum of six theme park tickets during the period. Four-Day Park Hopper tickets \$169 Four-Day Water Park & More tickets for \$169 Four-Day Park Hopper tickets plus the Water Park & More option for \$198, **April 13** (no theme park or water park use) **July 4** (no Magic Kingdom use) Please allow three weeks for ticket arrival when ordering.

Universal Studios Orlando: This special ticket is good for unlimited admission for three days over a seven consecutive day period from first redemption. Universal Orlando Resort is more than a theme park, it is an entire universe of action and thrills featuring

two spectacular theme parks unlike anything else in Orlando. Ticket expires on **May 9**; unused days shall be forfeited.

Davenport Cinemark 53rd 18 + IMAX

Theatre: Leisure Travel is selling Platinum Supersaver Prepaid Admission Tickets to Davenport Cinemark 53rd 18 + IMAX theatre (formally 53rd cinemas and RAVE cinemas) These tickets have no restrictions or expiration date.



Child, Youth & School Services



CYSS In-Service Day: The Child Development Center, the CD Home, Family Child Care Homes and the School Age Center will be closed for In-Service Day on Friday, **May 23**. Fees for this day will not be reduced, refunded or prorated. Department of Army maintains a strong commitment to training and career growth. The secret of a high quality, well- run program for children lies in the training of its personnel. This day is set aside annually for staff to participate in required training and appreciate them for their hard work and dedication. Training is essential to ensure that each child is receiving quality care. Training allows

staff to learn about current knowledge and research of child development and early childhood education. Training opportunities ensure teachers have the time to revisit policies and procedures designed to maintain a safe and developmentally appropriate environment. Staff are revitalized through networking with others and sharing ideas. Thank you for your continued support and strong commitment to our programs and staff. If you have any questions regarding this closure day, please contact your specific program director.

Opening of Creative Arts Academy:

In the Fall of 2014, Davenport Community Schools will open the Creative Arts Academy of the Quad Cities, housed in community arts facilities throughout downtown Davenport and supported by arts partners from across the Quad Cities. The Creative Arts Academy will offer experiences in five disciplines based on participants interests, including Communications and Media Arts, Dance, Music, Theatre and the Visual Arts. In its first year, the Creative Arts Academy will serve three audiences: 1) a first cohort of 6th graders; 2) Dream students (high school juniors and seniors aspiring to careers in the arts) and 3) the



general community. Incoming 6th grade students and Dream students will be required to audition into the program, but community offerings and workshops will be open to all.

Date: **Monday, Aug. 11**



Army Community Service (ACS)

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



Money Smart Week in the QCA April 5–12: National “Money Smart Week” will be observed April 5–12. Our local QCDollarWi\$e financial literacy group in cooperation with various sponsoring organizations are conducting an



educational event: Money Smart Family Night on Friday, **April 11**, 6-8 p.m., at the Martin Luther King Center, 630 – 7th Avenue, Rock Island. This financial education event is free, open to the public and it is on a walk-in basis. Refreshments are provided. For more information, contact RIA Federal Credit Union, Nichole Burton, (563) 355-3800 x1107. This event is for educational purposes only and not endorsed or supported by the Federal Government.

Army Emergency Relief Kicks Off 2014 Campaign: AER begins its annual fundraising drive in April. The theme of this year’s Campaign is “A Soldiers First Choice.” The money is used to fund grants, scholarships, and gift cards for Wounded Warriors. Organizational key persons will begin contacting our military personnel and retirees soon. For more information or to make a donation, contact Army Community Service at (309) 782-1499 or jon.c.cook.civ@mail.mil or the installation campaign coordinator, Staff Sgt. Bryan Lineback, (309) 782-2131, bryan.lineback@us.army.mil.



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.

2014 Prescription Drug Take-Back Day: Prescription Drug Take-Back Day will take place Tuesday, **April 29**, 6-8:30 a.m.; and 2:30-4:45 p.m., at Memorial Field Pavilion. In addition, it will also take place Wednesday, April 30, 6-8:30 a.m.; and 2:30-4:45 p.m., at the Rock Island Arsenal Fire Station Bay. If you have any questions, please call the ASAP/EAP at (309) 782-4357.

National Alcohol Screening Day – April 2014: Good news – did you know that a glass of wine with dinner or beer on Friday night with friends might be good for you? A compilation of research detailing the health benefits of moderate alcohol use suggests that it can reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, dementia, and even the common cold



([Hanson, 2007](#)). However, this research leads us to ask, what is moderate alcohol use? It is important to distinguish between moderate and heavy alcohol use, as consuming excessive amounts of alcohol can lead to many problems. In the short term you may be more likely to have an accident, commit a violent act (alcohol use is associated with two out of three incidents of intimate partner violence), or engage in risky sexual behavior that you would normally avoid. Long term health problems, including increased risk of stroke, dementia, depression, high blood pressure and certain cancers are well known for being consequences of heavy alcohol use ([Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2008](#)). To help you know if you are using alcohol moderately rather than in a way that is hazardous, the Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program is honoring National Alcohol Screening Day, **April 10**, by offering you the opportunity to schedule a screening with an EAP counselor. You can also access an anonymous screening at www.militarymentalhealth.org. We here at the Rock Island Arsenal EAP hope that you will raise your glass in the name of good health and take a quick check of your drinking habits to help ensure your good health stays that way.

Assertiveness Training: Do you want to learn strategies to communicate effectively and to enhance yourself personally and professionally? Sign up for Assertiveness Training. Classes will be offered **May 6, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12**, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Room 122. Sign up in [TEDs](#) (key word 'assertiveness') or call (309) 782-2552 to reserve your spot. Sponsored by: Employee Assistance Program

Time Management: Do you feel that 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? Sign up for a Time Management class. Classes will be offered **April 22, May 13, June 24, July 22, Aug. 26**, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Room 122. Sign up in [TEDs](#) (key word 'Time Management') or call (309) 782-2552 to reserve your spot. Sponsored by: Employee Assistance Program

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

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

Grief Support Group: Grieving? We can help. The Employee Assistance Program is sponsoring a support group for individuals who are mourning the death of a loved one. The group meets on Tuesdays from 3:00 until 4:00 in Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Room 122. For more information contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552.

Smoking Cessation Group: Want to join a supportive group of individuals with a common goal to quit smoking? The Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational support group. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., in the EAP office located in Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, East Wing.

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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.

USAG Rock Island Employment-Education Event: The U.S. Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal is hosting its bi-annual Employment-Education Event on Wednesday, **April 16**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The event will have over 50 employers and 20 local and online schools participating, as well as numerous Veteran Service Organizations to assist with career and resume development, business start-up, and other resources for Soldiers, veterans, family members and government employees. Please join us to learn more about educational opportunities and how they can benefit you. POC: Sharon Lampert, sharon.e.lampert.civ@mail.mil, (309) 782-7780 for further information.

The Veterans Posse Initiative: The Veterans Posse Initiative identifies Post 9-11 Veterans with exceptional leadership and academic potential. It is a program that encourages success in top colleges and universities. The Initiative provides support by creating cohort groups that take classes together and support each other through graduation. A group (posse) of students that goes to college together has become one of the

most important college success and leadership programs today. The Posse's goal is to develop a diverse network of outstanding individuals who can take on significant leadership positions in the workforce. Posse members participate in a training program in New York focused on leadership, academic excellence and team-building. Best practices of the Posse include: annual retreats, mentoring, and support throughout graduation. Posse's partner schools ensure 100 percent tuition coverage for four years, including room and board, health insurance, and other fees, even when government funding (G.I. Bill, Yellow Ribbon) runs out. Additionally, the program provides career support including resume and interview skills, networking, and knowledge of career paths. Eligibility is based on leadership and academic potential. Candidates must have served 90 consecutive days of active duty from Sept. 11, 2001, and have received an honorable discharge. They must be able to participate in a training program in New York.

AUSA- Rock Island Arsenal Chapter Scholarship: The Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the Association of the United States Army is holding its annual scholarship application competition for two \$1,000 scholarships. This

scholarship is open to applicants within the Rock Island Arsenal footprint covering the western Illinois, Eastern Iowa region. Previous recipients of any of our scholarships are not eligible for consideration. The application and all required documents must be mailed together in one envelope to the following address: Rock Island Arsenal Chapter Association of the United States Army, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 3276, Rock Island, IL 61201. Scholarship applications are available on the [Rock Island AUSA website](#). Applications must be postmarked no later than **April 30**. All applicants will be notified by email by the **end of May 2014**. Scholarship funds will be presented to the student prior to the fall semester. The awarded funds will be in the form of a check issued to the student's college, university, or technical school. Recipients of the chapter scholarships and their guests will be honored at an AUSA general membership meeting prior to the 2014 school year. The funds must be used during the 2014-2015 school year. The RIA AUSA scholarship committee reserves sole rights to determine that each applicant meets eligibility criteria as stated in the scholarship application packet. If you have any questions concerning the application packet or



would like further information, please contact the scholarship committee chairperson, Tim Considine, at considinet@aol.com.

NDIA Lifetime Achievement Awards:

Nominations are being accepted for the Lt. Gen. (Ret) Lawrence Skibbie award for Lifetime Contributions to National Defense, the Maj. Gen. (Ret) William Eicher award for Lifetime Contributions to the Weapons Industrial Base and the Maj. Gen. (Ret) Paul Greenberg award for Lifetime Contributions to the Ammunition Industrial Base.

Applications must be postmarked no later than **April 12**. Send nominations to Jimmy Morgan, 289 Niabi Zoo Road, Coal Valley, IL 61240 or jimcmorgan@aol.com. Application details at www.ndia-ia-il.org.

2014 IA/IL WID Scholarship:

Applications for the IA/IL Chapter WID 2014-15 academic year are now being accepted. The application may be found at www.widiic.org, and must be postmarked by April 14. Questions: Contact Chioma Ezeugwu, (309) 269-7148 or e-mail:

scholarships@widiic.org.

Date: **Monday, April 14**

Time: **3 p.m.**

St. Ambrose University Lunch & Learn:

St. Ambrose is hosting informative lunch-n-learn sessions to learn how you can take advantage of special tuition rates. In support of our military and civilian personnel on the Arsenal, St. Ambrose offers special pricing at a fraction of the regular tuition rate for MBA students, **June 4**, Bldg. 56, Room 116, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., or 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. Priority will be given to military personnel. RSVP today to reserve your seat. Call (563)333-6170 or leonardmichelem@sau.edu. The Garrison POC is Michelle Beck, (309) 782-0965, michelle.p.beck.civ@mail.mil.



Commissary / 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](#))

Exchange Shoppers Are in The Hunt for \$3,000 in Gift Cards in Easter Contest:

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service wants to fill shoppers' baskets with \$3,000 in Exchange gift cards just in time for Easter with its latest contest sponsored by Hershey, Mars and Wrigley. The Hunt Is On contest starts at the Exchange where shoppers search for clues throughout the store. A clue map can be picked up at the store or downloaded from the Exchange's Patriot Family Connection website at <http://shopmyexchange.com/patriotfamily>. After collecting all five answers, contestants can go to the Exchange's Facebook page to post their findings. All five correct answers must be provided to qualify for the prizes.

Commissaries Highlight Month of Military Child with Savings:

April is the Month of the Military Child, and commissaries are celebrating with giveaways and savings for the entire



family. "Children in military households face unique challenges because of the demands of military life," said Randy Chandler, DeCA's sales director. "So, at the Defense Commissary Agency, we want to acknowledge them and do all we can to provide their families with great values on quality products they can depend on." DeCA's industry partners - vendors, suppliers and brokers - are collaborating with commissaries in April to offer discounts beyond everyday savings.

Arsenal Archive

Information for the Arsenal Archive is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – April 7-13: On April 8, 1832, Black Hawk led his band across the Mississippi River and back into Illinois in violation of his treaty with the United States Government. This incident sparked the Black Hawk War. In April 1933, the RIA began manufacturing

models and prototypes of half track truck, T1; combat car, T5; and a light tank, T2. On April 12, 1947, the RIA celebrated Army Day by inviting the public to an open house to view displays and equipment at the RIA. In April 1944, the court in Shop L was completely rehabilitated in preparation for the manufacturing of breech mechanisms for the 155mm M2 artillery piece.

Healthbeat

New Strategic Focus For Army

Health Care: Health is a personal issue for the Army, Army Medicine and Kenner Army Health Clinic. The health of the nation impacts our fighting force and national security; therefore, the Army is transforming from a health care system to a System for Health. The partnership with patients begins by helping them make healthy decisions outside the brick-and-mortar walls of our facilities, in what the Surgeon General has called the LifeSpace. The Performance Triad is designed to promote healthy behaviors which, combined with ready access to the health care team, will help patients make informed decisions about their health. The three tenets of the triad are sleep,

activity and nutrition with the focus on sleeping well, being active and eating better. ([More](#))

Notes for Veterans

VA Removes Annual Income Reporting Requirement:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is eliminating the annual requirement for most Veterans enrolled in VA's health care system to report income information beginning in March 2014. Instead, VA will automatically match income information obtained from the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration. "Eliminating the requirement for annual income reporting makes our health care benefits easier for Veterans to obtain," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "This change will reduce the burden on Veterans, improve customer service and make it much easier for Veterans to keep their health care eligibility up-to-date." ([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.

Did You Know?: The [AMTBP \(Army Mass Transportation Benefit Program\)](#) is a program where Army employees can qualify for up to \$245 in reimbursements for use of mass transportation (to include van pooling). ([More](#))



Carpool:

- **Ride:** Looking for a ride and pay for gas. Location – Sherwood Forest Apartment, Davenport. Call thru Illinois relay at (800) 526-0857 to contact me at (309) 782-1078 (TTY). ([Email](#))
- **Carpool:** Carpool from Rio, Ill., looking for people to carpool with along 150. Please call (309) 782-5472.
- **Carpool:** New hire with flexible hours seeking to pay for ride from Moline 9th & 53rd, (Franklin School area) (309) 757-5755.

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Around the Q.C.



- April 12:** [Bandits Race to Home 5K](#) (Modern Woodman Park)
- April 12:** [Operation: Family Timeout](#) (Davenport YMCA)
- April 12:** [Run for Renewal 5K](#) (Sr. Concetta Park, Davenport)
- April 26:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)
- May 2-3:** [Army JROTC 7th Annual "Blue Devil" Raider Challenge](#) (Naval Operations Support Center, Bldg. 218, Arsenal Island)
- May 3:** [Village in Bloom: Festival of the Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)
- May 3:** [Derby Day Party](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse)
- May 3:** [Venus Envy](#) (Bucktown Center for the Arts, Davenport)
- May 9:** Military Appreciation Day at the Quad-Cities River Bandits game (Modern Woodmen Park) *free tickets courtesy of AUSA for all military, active, Reserve, Guard, and veterans. You can pick up tickets at the USO office or see an AUSA representative in Bldg. 131*
- May 10-11:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
- May 16:** AUSA 5th Region Training (Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse) *Guest Speaker SMA (ret) Preston, guest speaker at the Arsenal Golf Course Dining Room*
- May 17:** Quad Cities Armed Forces Day Celebration, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Brady Street Stadium Complex, Davenport)
- May 17:** [5th Annual You Were Made for This 5K](#) (Young Life, Moline)
- May 17:** [Livefit With Lupus Run 5K](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)
- May 17:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)
- May 26:** [49th Annual Quad Cities](#) Criterium (Downtown Rock Island)
- May 31:** [Color the Quads 5K Run & Kids Fun Run](#) (Cumberland Square, Bettendorf)
- June 3-7:** [Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (Rock Island)
- June 6-7:** [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Ill.)
- June 6-7:** [22nd Annual Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)
- June 7-8:** [QC Pridefest](#) (Downtown Davenport)
- June 12:** [Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour](#) (Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf)
- June 12-15:** [19th Annual Rally on the River](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
- June 13:** QC Military Gala – Army Birthday Ball (Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)
- June 14:** [Run for the Hills XC 5K](#) (Crow Creek Park, Bettendorf)
- June 14:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)
- June 14-15:** [Juneteenth](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
- June 15:** [30th Annual Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Downtown Davenport)
- June 16:** [12th Annual YSB-Whitey Verstraete Memorial Golf Outing](#) (Pinnacle Country Club, Milan, Ill.)
- June 17-21:** [145th Annual Rock Island County Fair](#) (Rock Island County Fairgrounds, East Moline)
- June 21:** [Inaugural Micro Brew Mile & 6k Road Race](#) (Moline)
- June 21:** [Royal Ball Run For Autism 5K](#) (Milan, Ill.)
- June 21-22:** [2nd Annual Quad-Cities Amputee Golf Outing](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course)
- June 22:** [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Deere Family Homes, Moline)



June 27-28: [Greek Cultural Fest](#)

(Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, East Moline)

July 3: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (The District & Downtown Davenport)

July 3-5: [30th Annual Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

July 4: [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (East Moline)

July 4: [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (Bettendorf)

July 7-13: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis)

July 8-13: John Deere Classic Military Special (TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.) *There will have a AUSA military hospitality Tent on Sunday on the 15th Green, free admission to the JDC with a military ID card*

July 10-12: [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (Iowa 80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)

July 12: [Case Creek Obstacle Run 5K](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)

July 12: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

July 17: [AUSA Annual "A Round For Our Soldiers" Golf Outing, at 12 p.m.](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course)

July 25-26: [43rd Annual Street Fest Presented by the MVRBC](#) (Downtown Davenport)

July 26: [41st Annual Quad-City Times Bix7](#)

July 29-Aug. 3: [95th Annual Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)

July 31-Aug. 3: [43rd Annual Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (RiverCenter/Adler Theatre, Davenport)

Aug. 2: [British Auto Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)

Aug. 7: [2nd Annual Freedom Run 5K](#) (East Moline, Ill.)

Aug. 7-9: [Great Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)

Aug. 8-9: [22nd Annual Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Aug. 9: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

Aug. 9-10: [28th Annual Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Airport, Mount Joy, Iowa)

Aug. 15-16: [10th Annual River Roots Live & Rockin' Rib Fest](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Aug. 16: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)

Aug. 22-24: [World Series of Dragracing](#) (Cordova Dragway)

Aug. 23: [Silvis Home Run 5K](#) (Shadt Park, Silvis, Ill.)

Aug. 30-31: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

Sept. 1: [Bettendorf Rotary Run with Carl](#) (Life Fitness Center, Bettendorf)

Sept. 5-21: [East West Riverfest](#) (Various QC Locations)

Sept. 6: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Sept. 6: [¡Viva! Quad Cities](#) (Isle of Capri, Bettendorf)

Sept. 6: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)

Sept. 6-7: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Sept. 13: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

Sept. 19-20: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

Sept. 20: [15th Annual WQPT Brew Ha Ha](#)

Sept. 20-21: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park, Village of East Davenport)

Sept. 28: [17th Annual Quad Cities Marathon](#)

Sept. 26-28: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)

Oct. 4: [Night of the Running Dead 5K](#) (Davenport)

Oct. 4: [GiGi's Super Hero Run](#) (Bettendorf)

Oct. 11: [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (on the Mississippi River in Moline)

Oct. 11: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

Oct. 12: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)

Oct. 23: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Oct. 25: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Moline)

Oct. 25-26: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo, Milan, Ill.)

Nov. 22: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Nov. 22: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (John Deere Commons, Moline)

Nov. 22: [Holiday Pops Concert](#) (Downtown Moline)

Dec. 7: [19th Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)



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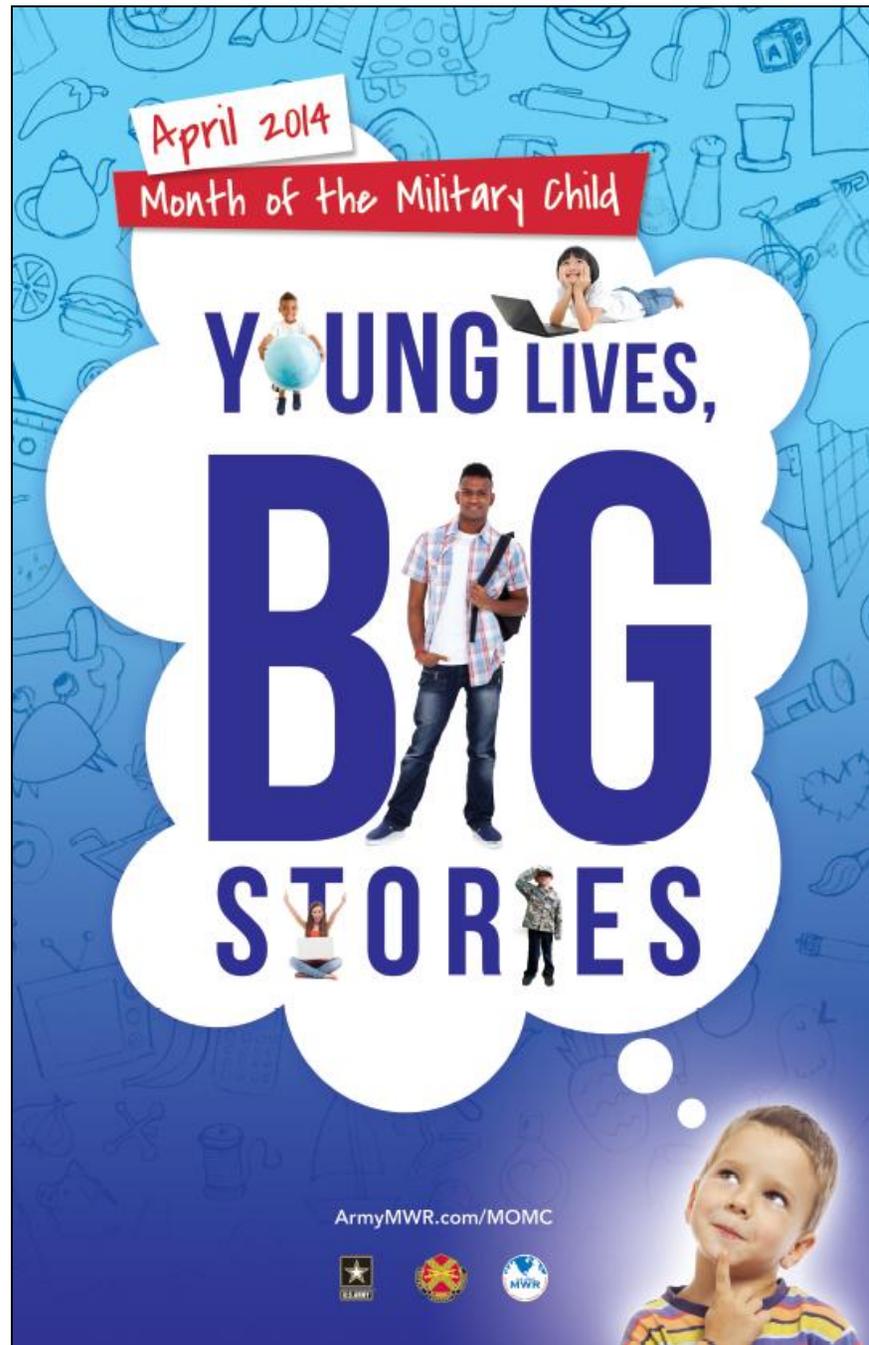
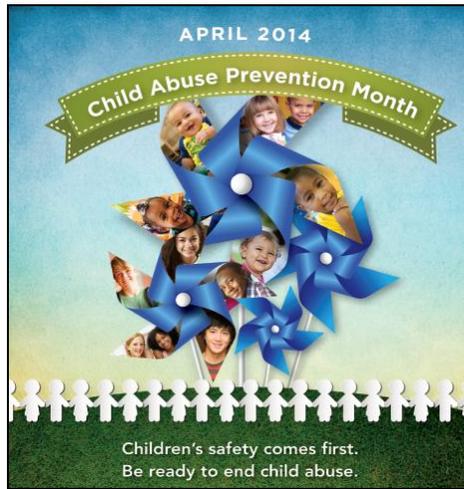
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