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Island Insight

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Shreves Is Ultimate Travelin' Man

In the four years since he started working at Army Contracting Command-Rock Island, George Shreves has spent less time at his desk than he has at a variety of desks on the other side of the globe. Shreves, a contract specialist who began working at ACC-RI in February 2011, has spent approximately 33 of those 49 months in Southwest Asia, most recently as the Lead Administrative Contracting Officer in Kuwait supporting the Contingency Contracting Administrative Services mission. On March 5, the 926th Contingency Contracting Battalion held a going away luncheon for Shreves, just prior to his redeployment back to his home station of ACC-RI. On his most recent deployment, which began in August 2014, Shreves said the most challenging part was working through the details involved in taking over the CCAS mission. "The process of post-award contract administration had to be changed to be more effective, there was a completely different set of people



Upcoming Dates

- April 16:** Family Resiliency Treasure Hunt, Bldg. 150, 5:30 p.m.
- April 17:** Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Observance, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 1 p.m.
- April 17:** Beer Pairing Dinner, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 6 p.m.
- April 18:** Spring Car Care Free Vehicle Inspection, Auto Skills Shop, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- April 21:** Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 1 p.m.
- April 22:** Internet Safety Class, Baylor Conf. Rm., Bldg. 103, 4 p.m.
- April 23:** Newcomers Orientation, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 8 a.m.
- April 23:** Walk-in Pet Clinic, RIA Fire Dept., 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- April 23:** Council of Colonels Mtg., Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- April 24:** SHARP Run/Walk, RIA Memorial Park, 6:20 a.m.
- April 24:** Walk-in Pet Clinic, RIA Fire Dept., 1-6 p.m.
- April 25:** Murder Mystery Dinner, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 26:** Council of Colonels, Arsenal Island Clubhouse Veranda, 11:30 a.m.
- April 29-30:** Spring Vendor Fair, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- May 1:** Island Wide Social, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 4 p.m.
- May 2:** RIA MWR Army 10-miler Qualifying Run, RIA Sports Complex, 6:30 a.m.

and personalities, and customers needed time to get familiar with the new business processes," said Shreves. ([More](#))

Army Working Group Synchronizes Ammunition Management, Ordnance Leader Recognized

The Joint Munitions Command's Munitions Logistics Readiness Center hosted the semiannual Total Army Ammunition Authorization and Allocation Committee working group meeting here, April 13-16. Senior leaders from Department of the Army Headquarters co-chaired the four-day working group, which included personnel from JMC, the Program Executive Office for Ammunition, and other Army commands involved in managing ammunition. Patricia Huber, JMC deputy to the commander, provided opening remarks and welcomed the working group attendees. In addition, she awarded the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe to Patricia Shabunas, Logistics Management Specialist for JMC, who is retiring after more than 37 years of service to the Army and the Nation. ([More](#))



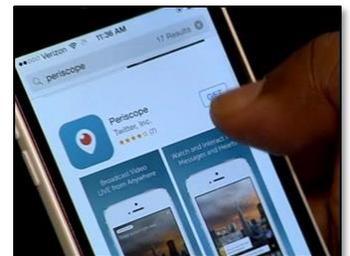
AMC Welcomes Its 45th Deputy Commander

Army Materiel Command welcomed its 45th deputy commanding general in a formal ceremony here, April 13. Lt. Gen. Larry Wyche officially assumed the duties as AMC's second in command on April 10. Wyche is no stranger to the materiel enterprise. He previously served as AMC's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Logistics, from August 2010 to June 2012. In 2008, Wyche took command of the Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command, a major subordinate command of AMC. "He knows our mission; he knows our workforce and he knows our customer-- the Soldier," said Gen. Dennis L. Via, AMC Commanding General. "He is certainly the right person at the right time to keep AMC moving in the right direction." ([More](#))



Here's the New Federal-Workforce Guidance on Social Media

Federal employees would be wise to ponder before posting and to think through their tweeting in order to avoid running afoul of government ethics policies, according to newly released guidance from the U.S. Office of Government Ethics. Rules called the Standards of Conduct apply to social media in areas such as fundraising, seeking outside employment, use of an employee's title and more, the office said. OGE said it was responding to increasing numbers of questions about how longstanding ethics policies apply in that quickly evolving realm. ([More](#))



Retirement on Back Burner But Both Would Require Employees to Pay Higher Contributions

Congress is back at work from a two-week recess, but key issues involving federal employee benefits addressed in budget plans passed by both chambers are on the congressional back burner at least temporarily. The budget measures differed in various ways, although both would require employees to pay higher retirement contributions on the order of six percent of salary more. They also assume cuts to achieve spending limits, which the House, at least, assumes would be done by targeting the FERS "special retirement supplement" and the government's contributions to FEHB

premiums, reducing the rates of return in the TSP's government securities G fund, and cutting the federal workforce by attrition. Neither version takes a position on a January 2016 pay raise, a silence that for the last two years has helped pave the way for the White House's recommendation—for 2016, that would be 1.3 percent—to take effect by default. ([More](#))

Commissary-Exchange Consolidation Idea Is Gaining Steam

Consolidation of the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) and three separate military exchange services into a single Defense Retail Activity (DeRA) is gaining support among policymakers inside the Department of Defense and perhaps a key congressional subcommittee, a source reports. The idea to merge all military stores under a single agency is a major recommendation of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission. It sees savings to the Department of Defense of \$426 million annually by fiscal 2020 and, more importantly, commissioners say the move will preserve prized shopping discounts for millions of military patrons. ([More](#))



New Parent Program Supports Child Development Needs

For many new or expecting parents, the stress of navigating the needs and developmental milestones of an infant or toddler can rival that of deployments. But a well-established program not only provides many resources to help untangle the parental requirements of understanding the critical first three years of a child's life, but also brings child care experts right into military families' homes, Barbara Thompson, director of DoD's Office of Family Readiness Policy, said in a recent DoD News interview. April is the Month of the Military Child. Sponsored by the Family Advocacy Program, the New Parent Support Program is DoD's secondary prevention resource designed for Army, Air Force and Navy parents who have a child under age 3 and Marine Corp parents with a child under age 5. ([More](#))



Army May Create Cyber Career Field for Civilians

To better manage personnel, "the Army created the Cyber Branch 17 [for Soldiers] and is exploring the possibility of creating a cyber career field for Army civilians," Lt. Gen. Edward C. Cardon told senators. Cardon, commander of U.S. Army Cyber Command, or ARCYBER, testified before the Senate Armed Services subcommittee on emerging threats and capabilities during a hearing on "Military Cyber Programs and Posture," April 14. Establishing a cyber career management field for civilians may be easier than recruiting enough of them to fill it, and then retaining that talent, he said. ([More](#))



Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Observance

On behalf of Col. Elmer Speights, Jr., Garrison Commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal, and the Rock Island Arsenal Garrison SHARP Team, everyone is cordially invited to attend the Garrison's Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Observance Friday, **April 17**, in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 1-2 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Vanessa Guyton, CEO, Consulting Experts and Associates, LLC. Guyton is going to educate us on the Bystander Intervention, an exercise-based class that defines intervention/bystanders and addresses how individuals in our organizations can intervene



and make a difference. Guyton supports the military by serving as a senior consultant and advocate that provides specialized training and certification for their Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault Program and the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Guyton has certified more than 2,000 Sexual Assault Response Coordinators and victim advocates and continues to provide them support and training. Additionally, she is the president of the Women of Distinction Network, a non-profit organization that assist our local communities and mentor our youth. For additional information or accommodations for this event please contact [Shirley Nottingham](#), SARC (RIA), at 309-782-1499. Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is observed every April to raise awareness and educate communities on the prevention of sexual violence. The Army's 2015 SAAPM theme is "Not in My Squad. Not in Our Army. We Are Trusted Professionals." This theme emphasizes the ethical commitment each member of the total Army Family, from the squad level on up, must adopt to ensure every Soldier, Department of the Army Civilian, and their Family members are treated with dignity and respect. ([More on SAAPM](#))

Café Cashier Trial

Dear valued Company Kitchen/Treat America customer, starting **April 20**, for a trial period of 30 business days, the Bldg. 60 café will offer a cashier station. This trial will end **May 29**. The cashier station will be available for breakfast 7-9 a.m., and for lunch 10:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. The cashier station process will entail the following: • Customers will still have to pay for their meals first; • You will come to the station; • The cashier will ring up your order; • You will pay and receive any change; • Your order will then be processed, your ticket will print at the proper station; • You receive your food; • There will still be two self-service kiosk available for use in Bldg. 60's café. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming changes please feel free to contact me at rockisland60@tafoodservices.com. Thank you for your continued patronage.

– *Camellia Austin, Rock Island Arsenal Manager, Treat America Food Services*



Corps to Host Boating Safety Classes

Boating can be a fun and entertaining summer activity but one close call on the water can end it all. To help get ready for the upcoming boating season, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi River Project will be offering free boating safety education classes at the Mississippi River Project Office in Pleasant Valley, Iowa. Classes will be offered **April 25** and **May 2**. Only one eight-hour class is required to complete certification. Pre-registration is required, space is limited, and the classes fill quickly. To register, contact the park rangers at (309) 794-5338.



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, April 17, May 8 & 15, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119. There will also be a **3rd Shift** blood drives in the Bldg. 211 Cafeteria on Thursday nights, **May 22 & 29**. These drives begin at 2:15 am. Donors should see their Supervisors to sign up. **Also, a slight change in that every donor must present photo ID or a blood donor card to be eligible to donate blood. Arsenal badges are acceptable.**



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 May and June

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government passport and command photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **May 5, 6, 7** and **June 9, 10, 11**. 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. 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.

Walk-In Pet Vaccination Clinic

The Great Lakes Veterinary Services will be hosting a pet vaccination clinic Thursday, **April 23**, 1-6 p.m.; and Friday, **April 24**, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the Rock Island Arsenal Fire Department. All active duty military, military reserve and National Guard, military retirees, and dependents with valid identification cards are eligible to use this service. There is a charge for all services provided with payment in cash or check only. Please see [our website](#) for prices. Questions? Please call at (847) 688-5740 ext. 4.



RIA SAAM Walk/Run

The Rock Island Arsenal SHARP Team invites you to help raise awareness against sexual assault by participating in the Rock Island Arsenal Sexual Assault Awareness Month Walk/Run on Friday, **April 24**, at 6:20 a.m., beginning at the Memorial Field parking lot. The theme for SAAPM is "Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know your Part, Do your Part." T-shirts for the walk/run event are available for purchase at <https://www.customink.com/g/aux0-0021-u79m> Note: The site will not allow you to order using Internet Explorer, but you may be able to use Mozilla Firefox or call customer service at 800-293-4232. Please, no pets allowed at the event.

Honor Flight Golf Outing

Join us for the Inaugural R.I.A. Federal Credit Union Honor Flight Golf Outing, Friday, **April 24**. Check-in begins 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$300/team or \$75/person. There's a 36 team limit. Lunch will be provided at check-in. A 19th Hole Party at the Clubhouse is also included. Proceeds will benefit Honor Flight of the Quad Cities. Send registration and/or sponsorship payment(s) to: Jake Ward, R.I.A. FCU, PO Box 4750, Rock Island, IL 61204. POC for the event is Jake at 563-355-3800 ext. 7004 or jward@riafcu.com.

Davenport Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps 8th Annual "Blue Devil" Raider Challenge

The Davenport Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps is hosting the 8th Annual "Blue Devil" Raider Challenge, at Naval Operations Support Center Rock Island, Bldg. 218, on Saturday, **May 2**. High Schools from Iowa, Michigan, and Wisconsin, are participating in the challenge. The challenge will start approximately 7 a.m. with the award ceremony at 3 p.m. The challenge is five major events: Army PT Test, Rope Bridge, Raider Challenge Course, Surprise event and 10K road march. Come out and support your local Army JROTC! For additional information contact 563-323-9900, x113; or moralezj@davenport.k12.ia.us.



RIA Ladies Golf League

Looking for evenings of fun and fellowship? If so, the RIA Ladies Golf League is the place. The league begins **May 12** and ends **Aug. 25**. The league plays on Tuesdays at Saukie Golf Course and is for all levels of play. Kickoff meeting will be **April 14**. If interested please attend kickoff meeting or contact [Jeanine Blevins](mailto:Jeanine.Blevins@ria.org) at 563-324-3465 or [Brenda Hanes](mailto:Brenda.Hanes@ria.org) at 309-794-0115 for further information.

Save the Date -- 240th Army Birthday Ball

The Rock Island Arsenal and Quad-City area military community will celebrate the 240th Army Birthday Ball on Saturday, **June 13**, starting at 5:30 p.m., at the Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State Street, in Bettendorf. Cost per Person is \$45 per person (E-7/GS-8/WG-6/NF3 and above); and \$38 per person (E-6/GS-7/WG-5/NF2 and below). Dress... Military: Dress Mess/Army Service Uniform with white shirt and bow tie; Civilian: Tuxedo or dark suit. Please RSVP by **May 18** to ASC Protocol at 309-782-2410. The event will include: a social hour/receiving line; the National Anthem and posting of the Colors; streamer ceremony; champagne toasts; dinner; guest speaker – Sgt. Gary Beikirch, Medal of Honor recipient; Retiring of the Colors; and Dancing.



Mark Your Calendars - Army Birthday Fun Run & Cake Cutting

The Army turns 240 years old this year. Come help us celebrate **June 12** by participating in the 5k fun run and later join us for the cake cutting ceremony. The AMC band will perform and they always impress so don't miss out on this opportunity to hear these talented Soldiers perform. To take part in the run, meet in front of Quarters One at 6 a.m., the race will start at 6:30 a.m. after reveille and all (military, civilian, family members, general public, etc.) are invited to participate. Call 309-782-6787 for more info. There will be a cake cutting ceremony the same day held in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, at 11 a.m. ([Flyer](#))



Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique

Come shop at the Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop, Bldg. 60 Basement. Open 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., every Tuesday, Thursday and 3rd Saturday (**April 18**). The Arsenal Attic is a volunteer staffed store. Your purchases benefit scholarships for military families as well as many other RIAWC community supported causes. When you donate items to the Arsenal Attic, 100 percent of the profit goes to these worthy causes. All the money raised by the Arsenal Attic stays in our community and is greatly appreciated by the organizations who receive our support. When you consign with



us, you contribute 30 percent of the profit to the Attic while providing a variety of new and gently used items for the shoppers. POC 309-782-6977.

Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club Golf Tournament Scholarship

Are you an avid golfer or just play for fun or exercise? Come join us Tuesday, **June 2**, at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse, for the RIAWC Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. You can join in as an individual or as a team. Cost is \$125 per person or \$500 as a team. Registration will be 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; shotgun start at 1 p.m.; banquet dinner 6-8 p.m. What a way to get out and have some fun. If you are interested in participating it is not too late to sign up. Thanks for your continued and dedicated support in assisting our youth here in the Rock Island Arsenal Community. ([Flyer](#))

RIA AUSA Annual Golf Outing - Save the Date

Save the Date! RIA AUSA will hold its annual golf outing and fundraiser on Friday, **July 17**. Sponsorship and entry forms will be forthcoming soon. Visit www.ria-ausa.org to keep posted about chapter activities. ([Flyer](#))

Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — **Quad-City Area Chick-fil-A:** All local military personnel and immediate family may show their government issued ID and receive a free Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich any Monday in April 2015 from 5-7 p.m. at any Quad-City area Chick-fil-A location. **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 St., 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



Fort Armstrong Avenue Construction

Rock Island Arsenal is performing road work on the intersection of Fort Armstrong Avenue and Rock Island Drive. This work has resulted in a full vehicle closure of the Arsenal's Rock Island Gate and Rock Island Viaduct, as well as restricting vehicles crossing the Government Bridge to "Installation-only" traffic. Signs and barricades are posted to warn and direct traffic. The American Discovery Trail will remain open. At that time the Rock Island Gate will be closed and the Davenport Gate will be opened 24/7 for ingress and egress to Rock Island Arsenal. This will continue until construction work is completed, currently anticipated to be in **late May or early June**. Upon project completion, the Rock Island Gate will reopen for normal operations.

Parking Lot 2E and Buffington Street Closures

Parking Lot 2E, located North of Bldg. 220, and access to Flagler St. from Rodman Ave. are planned to be closed for repair beginning April 15 for about eight weeks. Pedestrian access to the

JMTC facilities through the turnstiles and gates in this work area will also be closed. Immediately following the parking lot completion, Buffington St., from Rodman Ave. to Parking Lot 3H (parking lot west of Bldg. 350) will be closed for repair. Work on Buffington St. is anticipated to last about six weeks. Western traffic is encouraged to use North Ave. and Whittemore St. Eastern traffic is encouraged to use North Ave. and Gillespie St. Short duration, one lane closures on Rodman Ave. may occur near Buffington St. during this work time. Signs and barricades will be used to warn traffic and close areas during repair.

Parking Closure Near Bldg. 64

Effective **March 1** through Wednesday, **July 1**, the Directorate of Public Works will begin replacing the roof on Bldg. 64. Parking along the east side of the street (2nd Street) will be closed **March 1 through May 8**. Parking along the west side of the street (3rd street) will be closed **April 17 through July 1**. During these closures fencing, barricades, and signage will be positioned, as required. Timeframes may be extended depending on weather related issues.

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



RIA MWR Army 10-miler

All active duty military are invited to try out for the Rock Island Arsenal Army Ten Miler team by competing in the **May 2** qualifying run. The top eight finishers (male or female) will comprise the Rock Island Arsenal team. Run starts at 6:30 a.m. in front of the Sports Complex here on Arsenal Island. Call 309-782-6787 for additional general information. All runners must register at the Fitness Center by **April 17**. The registration form is included in the attached packet. The completed registration needs to be returned to the Fitness Center where participants can pick up their number or they can just go to the Fitness Center and sign up and pick up their number. Call 309-782-6202 for additional information about the registration. Volunteers are also needed for this event. Interested Soldiers can contact the [POC](#) to volunteer and assist with the event.

Month of the Military Child: "Their Lives, Their Stories"

Military children face unique challenges: extended family separations, frequent moves and the stress of deployments. In 1986, the Department of Defense designated April as Month of the Military Child (MOMC) to recognize the personal sacrifice and important contributions of military children. The MOMC observance is an opportunity to thank and applaud Army children for their support of a ready Army and recognize their role in strong Army Families. Total Army Strong underscores the Army commitment to the total Army Family -- Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, and Families. It acknowledges that the strength of the nation is built on the readiness and resilience of every member of the premier all-volunteer Army and commits to a system of programs and services that strengthen resilience and help children and youth mitigate the unique demands of Army life. It also reminds us that the strength of Soldiers comes from the strength of their Families. ([More](#))



Putnam Museum is a Blue Star Member Institution

The Putnam is now one of more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense. Any active duty military personnel including National Guard and Reserve, and up to five family members, receive free admission to the Museum and Science Center **Memorial Day through Labor Day**. "We are honored and excited to be able to bring this program to our Quad Cities Military families," said President and CEO Kim Findlay. "Through our participation in the Blue Star Museums program, we are able to show our continued support for all our active military and thank them for their hard work and sacrifices." Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. The program provides families an opportunity to enjoy the nation's cultural heritage and learn more about their new communities after a military move. The complete list of participating museums is available at arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums.



Inaugural Island-wide Baby Shower

Mark your calendars and save the date for the Inaugural Island-wide Baby Shower hosted by the Iowa State Chapter, Mississippi Valley Division March of Dimes. The event will take place **May 19**, 10 a.m. – Noon, at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. This baby shower is for all expecting Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve with military ID card holder spouses. To RSVP for the event, contact Deena at 563-323-6378. Space is Limited.



YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln Military Kids Camp

Military Kids Camp is a specialty camp for children with parents in the service. It is a great opportunity to build a community for military children ages 8-16 from **June 28 - July 3**. We have funding this year and are pleased to offer this camp again, free of charge. Space is limited, so we are currently [accepting applications here](#).

Military 4-H Scrapbooking SPIN Club

Explore, Engage, Innovate... the world of scrapbooking. Take photos you have and create a scrapbook that will last a lifetime. Each month youth will learn a new scrapbooking technique and create a page. Snacks will be at each meeting. Eligibility includes military youth, ages 12-18. This program will meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month, **Feb. 18 to Dec. 16**, 5:30-7 p.m., in the Cassion Room, in Bldg. 60. Cost includes a supply fee of \$20; non-4-H members add a \$20 program fee (fee waivers available upon request). [Register online today!](#) Or for more information call the University of Illinois Extension, Rock Island County 4-H Office at 309-756-9978. University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate call 309-756-9978 at least two weeks in advance.

Safety Spotlight



**ARMY SAFE
IS ARMY STRONG**



Spring Cleaning

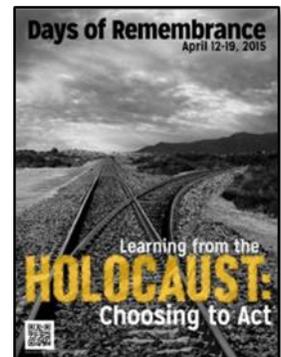
Spring is almost upon us. The days are getting longer and warmer. Spring's arrival means it is that time of year again when we seriously clean our homes. While this is a rewarding activity, it can also be a risky one. Falls, cuts, chemical burns, and electrical shock are just some of the injuries which can occur. ([More](#))

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



National Day of Remembrance Observance

The Army Sustainment Command and First Army EEO/EO office cordially invite you to attend the Rock Island Arsenal National Day of Remembrance Observance on Tuesday, **April 21**, 1-2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The guest speaker will be Irving Roth; a Holocaust survivor, writer and internationally-known educator. Roth, 85, founded the Holocaust Resource Center in Manhasset, New York, to help ensure the world never forgets the atrocities of the Holocaust. He has endeavored to teach people about the Holocaust and the lessons that can be learned from that experience. Through his participation in programs such as Adopt A Survivor, in which young people 'adopt' a Holocaust survivor and learn of his or her experiences, and the March of the Living, Roth has worked to ensure that an atrocity like the Holocaust never happens again. He has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his work promoting a more accepting and diverse world. It is his life's mission to make the world a better place that has earned Roth the Spirit of Anne Frank Award. Employees at Rock Island Arsenal can sign up using keyword "Holocaust" in [TEDs](#). For additional information or accommodations please contact [Sgt. First Class Marion Wilson](#) at 309-782-3021. This year, the Holocaust Days of Remembrance Week will be observed from April 12-19. Holocaust Remembrance Day is Thursday, April 16. The United States Congress established the Days of



Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, www.ushmm.org, as a permanent living memorial to those victims.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

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

Online Tee Times Now Available at the Arsenal Island Golf Course

Spring and golf season are here and getting on the tee box just got easier. We're happy to announce that you can now book tee times for the golf course through our website. Just point your browser to: <http://tinyurl.com/AIGC-TeeTimes> and book your tee time up to seven days in advance. Call the pro shop at 309-793-1604 for more info or to make your tee time over the phone.

Group Fitness Class Survey

We want to hear from you. How can we structure our group fitness classes differently to make them more appealing and accessible to you? If you haven't had a chance yet, please consider taking 1-2 minutes (that's all, we promise) to take this quick survey to tell us how we can serve you better. The survey can be found here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/RIA_CLASSES

Entire Month of April, Oil Change Special at the Auto Skills Shop

April is Spring Car Care Month, a good time to kick the tires and check the fluids after a long cold winter and in anticipation of summer driving conditions. All month long you can get a full service standard oil change (includes up to five quarts of oil, oil filter and 25 point inspection) for just \$21, or a full service Mobil 1™ synthetic oil change for \$51 (includes up to six quarts of Mobil 1™ oil, oil filter and 25 point inspection). Call 309-782-8631 to schedule an appointment or for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Beer Pairing Dinner

Do you like craft beer? What about fine cuisine? What about craft beer perfectly paired with fine cuisine? Then get all your foodie & beer connoisseur friends together and get signed up for our next beer pairing dinner **April 17**, 6-10 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. This fun evening will feature brews from local brew masters, Great River Brewery alongside gastronomic delights from our talented chef and kitchen crew designed to complement and enhance each other. Cost is \$45/person and includes six courses and a keepsake Great River glass that's yours to keep. There will be a cocktail hour from 6-7 p.m. and dinner will start at 7 p.m. Please RSVP on or before **April 15** by calling 309-782-4372. ([Menu](#)) ([Flyer](#))

Free Vehicle Inspection

April is Spring Car Care Month so make sure your vehicle is tuned up and ready for those summer road trips at our free Vehicle Inspection day Saturday, **April 18**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Auto Skills Shop. Our skilled mechanics will give your ride a good once over and let you know of any potential problems that can be addressed before they become bigger expenses. No appointment is necessary,

just stop in between 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Vehicles will be serviced on a first come, first served basis and we'll even have free refreshments for you to enjoy while you wait. Call 309-782-8631 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Paintless Dent Repair Service at the Auto Skills Shop

Back by popular demand, the paintless dent repair technician will be available for repairs Wednesday, **April 22**, beginning at 9 a.m. 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.

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](#))

Books Are Fun

Books Are Fun will once again be visiting the Rock Island Arsenal for two days. They will be in Bldg. 60 Heritage Hall dining area **April 16-17**. They will have discounted books and other merchandise.

Time: **9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Murder Mystery Dinner

This delightful evening of fine dining and whodunnit comedy, Saturday, **April 25**, at 6 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse, will have you guessing till the end. Local comedy/mystery troupe "It's a Mystery" needs your help to solve the mystery of the "Murder in the Double Wide," so make your reservations to make sure you don't miss out on this fun and entertaining evening. Cost is \$45/person and reservations can be made by calling 309-782-4372. Reservations required by **April 23**. ([Flyer](#))

MWR Spring Fair

MWR has invited 40 vendors to participate at this two-day vendor fair. All sorts of products will be offered from Enchiladas to Scentsy. This event will be held in Heritage Hall dining area, Bldg 60.

([Flyer](#))

Date: **Wednesday, April 29**

Time: **9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Pretty In Pink Doll Party

This is our first Pretty In Pink Doll Party. The party will take place at Historical Quarters One. Finger food and dessert buffet, free photo with your favorite doll, movie with free popcorn and other activities. Cost is \$25 per person. Limited seating. For more details contact the Leisure Travel Office. ([Flyer](#))

Date: **Saturday, May 2**

Time: **1-3 p.m.**

Chuggington Live! The Great Rescue Adventure at the Adler Theatre

The Great Rescue Adventure the trainees are on their first day of advanced training, and are eager to impress their mentors by mastering new roles that test their courage, speed, and determination.

Limited discount seats available for \$33.50. Section B, Row G, Seats 1-10.

Date: **Tuesday, May 12**

Time: **6:30 p.m.**

Professional Bull Riders

Coming to the iWireless Center - The PBR's BlueDEF Velocity Tour is a collaboration between PBR and AEG, the leading sports, entertainment and venue operator in the world, which offers established and up-and-coming bull riders the opportunity to gain the valuable points needed to qualify for the PBR's elite Built Ford Tough Series. Leisure Travel has limited discount seats until **June 1**. Section 116 Rows 9 & 10 are \$49, Section 105 Rows 7 & 8 are \$29.

Date: **Saturday, June 13**

Time: **7 p.m.**

Cubs vs. Cardinals Bus Trip

MWR Leisure Travel has a Cubs vs. Cardinals bus trip scheduled. Cost will be \$99 per person to include transportation and ticket to game. Seats are located in Upper Deck Box Outfield. Departing from RIA at 6 a.m. from the COL Davenport Pavilion. Limited alcohol permitted on chartered bus. Coolers must fit under the seats and not block the aisle. No glass bottles. No smoking permitted on motor coach. Estimated return time will be 8 p.m. ([Flyer](#))

Date: **Saturday, Sept. 19**

Time: **12:05 p.m.**

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



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2015 Military Child of the Year Award – Recognizing Young Patriots

Operation Homefront is pleased to present the Military Child of the Year Award to outstanding military children who demonstrate resiliency, leadership and achievement. Recipients representing each service branch are recognized at a Washington, DC Gala celebration in April each year. The seventh annual award will be presented **April 16** at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, near Washington, DC. In addition to the trip to our nation's capital, recipients are awarded a laptop computer and a \$10,000 award. To learn more about Operation Homefront and the Military Child of the Year Award, please go to: www.militarychildoftheyear.org

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**.

Family Resiliency Treasure Hunt

Open to all RIA Families Thursday, **April 16**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the School Age Center (Bldg. 150), to build resiliency skills as a family. This is a pirate themed game with stations set up where families complete their treasure map by doing family activities. There will be pirate treasure at the end of the game in the form of prizes. These will be family themed, such as board games and toys. For more info, call 309-782-3049. ([Flyer](#))

Internet Safety Class

Are you looking for tips on how to keep your kids safe on the internet? Then get signed up for this free class Wednesday, **April 22**, 4-5 p.m., Abel Conf. Room Bldg. 110, to hear Cpl. Hank Jacobsen of the Davenport Police Dept. talk about Internet safety and the complicated world of kids and technology. To RSVP, call 309-782-3049. ([Flyer](#))

Advanced Résumé Class

There will be an Advanced Résumé Class (with emphasis on federal employment) held on Friday, **May 8**, in Bldg. 103, in the Baylor Conf. Rm. The class is open to all service members, spouses, and their family members, DA civilians (APF & NAF) and their family members, and Retiree's and their family members. Those who are interested must RSVP NLT **May 1** at 309-782-0829 or by email to usarmy.RIA.imcom-central.mbx.usag-acs@mail.mil. There is a minimum of 10 RSVP's or class will be rescheduled.

Employee Assistance Program



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. [Find us on Facebook click here](#).

Alcohol Awareness Month

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Alcohol is the most commonly used drug in the United States (National Institute on Drug Abuse). Alcohol is popular, socially accepted, and legal. Yet it is the most frequent cause of individual and family pain and suffering. Alcohol Awareness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about alcohol misuse and encourage people to make healthy, safe choices. During this month, take time to educate yourself and your loved ones about the dangers of



alcohol misuse. One way to educate yourself about your own drinking is to take the anonymous alcohol use self-assessment online at www.DrinkingIQ.org. The Survey is free and can give you feedback about your drinking and if you may be at risk. If you would like to learn more about alcohol or have any questions, please call the EAP at 2-HELP (4357) or look for an EAP staff member at your lunch cafeteria in April.

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.](#)

National Center for Education Statistics

The National Center for Education Statistics is the primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education in the U.S. and other nations. NCES is located within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences. NCES fulfills a Congressional mandate to collect, collate, analyze, and report complete statistics on the condition of American education; conduct and publish reports; and review and report on education activities internationally. Soldiers can:

- Build a list of schools using My Favorites for side-by-side comparisons;
- Pinpoint school location with an interactive map;
- Export search results into a spreadsheet;
- Save your session including search option and favorites;
- Browse lists of institutions with the highest and lowest tuition, fees and net price;
- Find out what you need to do to prepare for education beyond high school;
- Apply for federal student aid on Free Application for Federal Student Aid;
- View postsecondary education outcome measures: ED, DoD, and VA have identified a set of potential education outcome measures for veterans and service members. ([More](#))

St. Ambrose University Lunch and Learn

St. Ambrose is hosting informative lunch-n-learn sessions to learn how you can take advantage of special tuition rates available for MBA students. In support of our military and civilian personnel on the Arsenal, SAU offers special pricing at a fraction of the regular tuition rate for MBA students. The event will take place **June 11** in Bldg. 56, Room 116, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., or 12-1 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. Priority will be given to military personnel. RSVP NLT **June 9** to reserve your seat. Call 563-333-6170 or leonardmichelem@sau.edu. The Garrison POC is [Michelle Beck](#), at 309-782-0965.

2015 WID Scholarship

The Iowa/Illinois Chapter, Women In Defense, a national security organization, has established an annual scholarship to provide opportunities of higher education for students who are interested in achieving a place of leadership in their chosen fields. Applicants will be limited to those individuals meeting one or more of the following criteria and who have never received a scholarship from Women In Defense: A current member of the Iowa/Illinois chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association or WID and their dependents; corporate charter members and their dependents; current government employees on Rock Island Arsenal or Iowa Army Ammunition Plant and their dependents. Note: Dependents are defined as children, step-children, children of

legal guardian, or spouse. Scholarship applications can be found at www.widiic.org. All applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, **May 1**. For additional information, the point of contact is Sonja Johnson Wills, Scholarship Chair, 571-264-6346.

Army Emergency Relief Announces Opening of Scholarship Application Period

Army Emergency Relief has announced the opening of its scholarship application period. Applications will be accepted from **Jan. 2** until **May 1**. AER supports both the Spouse Scholarship Program, as well as the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for dependent children. Scholarship specifics and the applications are available on [AER's website](#). The Spouse Scholarship can be used for full or part-time students, while the Ursano Scholarship is only for full-time students. Last year AER awarded 3,637 scholarships, totaling more than \$8.8 million to Spouses and Children of Soldiers. "The entire scholarship process is on line," said Tammy LaCroix, manager for AER's scholarship programs. "Last year we found that the on line process worked best for those who downloaded the step-by-step instructions and used them as a checklist." "Applicants are able to create their own profile, submit their documentation online, and check their status," added LaCroix. "This proved to be a huge time saver for both the applicants and the scholarship staff." ([More](#))

RIA AUSA Scholarship Program 2015-2016

The Rock Island Arsenal Association of the United States Army announces the annual scholarship program for 2015-2016 school year. Applications are available on the RIA AUSA web site at www.ria-ausa.org. Eligible applicants must reside in the RIA AUSA geographical footprint covering eastern Iowa and western Illinois identified in the application, and be associated with the military as a current military member, veteran, family member or DoD civilian. Applicants can download the application and return it completed no later than **May 1** to the mailing address listed in the application form. Questions can be directed to the RIA AUSA chapter representative Tim Considine, at considinet@aol.com or by calling 512-565-4089.

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, **April 21**, and **July 23**; • Black Hawk College, **July 9**; • Eastern Iowa Community College, **May 7**, **June 4**, **July 2**, **Aug. 6** and **Sept. 3**; • Kaplan University, **May 14**, and **Aug. 13**; • Saint Ambrose University, **April 16**, and **July 16**; • Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, **May 21** and **Aug. 20**; • Upper Iowa University, **May 13**, and **Aug. 12**.

Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange  

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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](#))

Month of the Military Child

Military children make up a very special part of our nation's population. These brave sons and daughters stand in steadfast support of their parents through moves and deployments. To honor their unique contributions and sacrifices on behalf of our country, the Defense Department observes April as the Month of the Military Child. This month and every month, Your Commissary salutes children of U.S. service members around the world. We recognize the challenges you face as part of military life and want you to know that we're here to support you.

Exchange Opens Earlier, Serves Breakfast

The Exchange located on Rock Island Arsenal began opening at 7 a.m. Oct. 1. Also effective Oct. 1, the Exchange began featuring heat-and-eat breakfast items at the front of the store. "We will be running these hours for two months to make sure that there will be demand to be open at 7 a.m.," said Carl Wolfe, store manager, Rock Island Exchange. "We are really hoping with the Exchange having an entire new 'Heat and Eat,' that we will cater to the Soldiers coming on the Island in the morning and we know a lot of them have PT in the mornings and this will give them a chance to grab something before they go in the office for the day." The new open-to-close store hours are 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; and 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The "Heat and Eat" items being sold in the mornings will include: Breakfast Tornados, Breakfast Deli Express sandwiches, Cappuccino, and coffee, Roller Bites, and Breakfast Style Pizza. The Exchange will also have a lunch menu to include: Tornado's, Deli Express hot and cold sandwiches, hot dogs, Polish sausage, jalapeno sausage, Roller Bites, egg rolls, and pizza. In addition, the Exchange will also have microwaveable meals, soup, and Asian noodles for sale all day long.



Arsenal Archive



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

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Meeting

The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, **May 7**, in the Veranda Room of the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu for dinner is lemon ranch salad, fresh grilled salmon filet with citrus compound butter, wild rice, steamed cauliflower and panna cotta with strawberry coulis. All dinners include rolls, breadsticks, coffee, tea and water. The total cost is \$14 per person including tax and tip. Our event is open to both members and non-members. Interested parties may choose to attend only the program portion of the meeting at 7 p.m. at no cost. Guest Speaker will be Maryan Wherry, PhD, American Culture Studies. Her presentation is titled: Margaret, Susan and Marguerite: Founding Mothers. It is adapted from chapters of Quad Cities' Herstories, an anthology of 20 biographies of influential area women. For

reservations call Monica at 563-650-4349 or Linda at 563-355-6165 or email chiicaliinda@aol.com. Reservations are due by noon on Monday, **May 4**. Cancellations must be made by the reservation deadline or you will be liable for cost incurred and billed accordingly. If further clarification is required on this notice, please call Kris Leinicke at 309-782-3518. Visit the RIA Historical Society's website at www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – April 13-19

Construction of Shop L (Bldg. 250), originally designed as an ammunition loading plant for shells and fuzes, began on April 16, 1917. In April 1883, excavation work for Storehouse A, which was located behind Shop A (Bldg. 102), had begun. On April 19, 1960, the Quad-Cities Home Builder's Association offered to renovate the Col. George Davenport Home. On April 19, 1864, the U.S. Congress passed an Act that instructed the U.S. Government to obtain possession of and title to property on Rock Island that was held or controlled by private interests. The Secretary of War was authorized to hold full, complete, and permanent possession of "all the lands, and shores of the island of Rock Island." The Secretary of War was further instructed to hold and keep Rock Island as a military reservation for the purpose of building an arsenal for the construction, deposit, and repair of arms and munition of war, and such other military establishments as authorized by law. The Act also provided for a board of commissioners to hear and settle the land claims of private parties.

Healthbeat

April Is Women's Eye Health and Safety Month

Women are often the people in the family responsible for taking care of their family's health concerns and often neglect their own health including the health of their eyes. Yet, did you know that two thirds of the people in the world affected by visual impairments and blindness are women even though they represent only 53 percent of the population? The rate of eye disease is on the rise in this country mostly because people are living longer and women, on average, live longer than men. As a result, more women are susceptible to age-related eye diseases such as macular degeneration, cataracts, dry eyes, glaucoma and diabetic changes of the eye as well as other conditions. Because of this, Prevent Blindness America has designated April as Women's Eye Health and Safety Month to help educate women about the steps that they must take to help prevent vision loss by making their own eye health a priority. While the following recommendations apply to all, during April, the emphasis is on women so that they remember to take care of themselves as well as their families. ([More](#))

Notes for Veterans

Transition Programs Help Veterans Find Civil Service Work

Leaving military service and job hunting can be overwhelming to some, but there are two transition programs that help veterans to ease into a civilian career. The Vets to Feds Career Development Program and the Army Materiel Command, or AMC's, Always a Soldier Program is designed to recruit and support the development of veterans for careers within the federal government. The

programs offer veterans the opportunity to gain on-the-job training and experience. After completion of training, candidates are placed into contract specialist positions. "One of the hardest things is just getting your foot in door," said Gerald Liddell, a Vets to Feds program hire, working as contract specialist with Mission and Installation Contracting Command, or MICC, on Fort Sam Houston. "It's all about meeting the right people at the right time, and the Vets to Feds program does that for you. It's an awesome program." ([More](#))

VA Extends Program for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury

The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced the award of 20 contracts for the Assisted Living Pilot Program for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury (AL-TBI). Originally slated to end in 2014, the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 ("VACAA") extended this program through October 2017. "We are pleased to extend this valuable program and provide specialized assisted living services to eligible Veterans with traumatic brain injury that will enhance their rehabilitation, quality of life and community integration," said Dr. Carolyn Clancy, VA's Interim Under Secretary for Health, "TBI is one of the prevalent wounds of the recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and VA remains committed to taking care of those Veterans suffering from TBI." Under the AL-TBI program, Veterans meeting the eligibility criteria are placed in private sector TBI residential care facilities specializing in neurobehavioral rehabilitation. The program offers team-based care and assistance in areas such as speech, memory and mobility. Approximately 202 Veterans participated in the AL-TBI Pilot Program in 47 facilities located in 22 states. Currently, 101 Veterans participate in the pilot as VA continues to accept new eligible patients into the program. ([More](#))

Around the Q.C.



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April 18: [Quad Cities on Tap Craft Beer Festival](#) (QCCA)

April 18: [Passport to Safety](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)

April 23: [Take Back the Night](#) (Central High School, Davenport)

April 25: [March of Dimes March for Babies](#) (Rock Island Arsenal, Memorial Park)

April 25: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (3-6 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)

May 2: [Festival of the Arts' Village in Bloom](#) (Village of East Davenport)

May 4-10: [Navy Week Quad Cities](#) (Quad City Area)

May 9-10: [29th Quad City Air Show, featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)

May 9-10: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figge Art Museum Plaza, Downtown Davenport)

May 10-11: [Scott County Kennel Club AKC Dog Show](#) (QCCA)

May 15: [Jason's Box REDSwhite&blue Charity Golf Tournament](#) (Golfmohr Golf Club, East Moline)

May 16: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (6-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)

May 16: [2nd Annual Live Fit With Lupus Run](#) (Black Watch Room, Pebble Creek Golf Course, LeClaire, Iowa)

May 22-31: [Historic Homes & Gardens of the Scottish Highlands](#) (QC Botanical Center, Rock Island)

May 25: [50th Annual Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Village of East Davenport)

June 1-6: [25th Annual Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (1800 3rd Ave, Rock Island)

June 3, 4: U.S. Army & NDIA Small Business/APBI Symposium (iWireless Center)

June 5-6: [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Ill.)

June 6: [QC Pridefest](#) (Downtown Davenport)

June 12-13: [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)

June 13: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In Carshow](#) (4-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)

June 13-21: [Quad Cities Museum Week](#) (Greater Quad Cities)

June 15: [YSB-Whitey Verstraete Memorial Golf Outing](#) (Pinnacle Country Club, Milan, Ill.)

June 17-20: [Rally on the River](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
June 20: [2nd Annual Micro Brew Mile & 6K Road Race](#) (Moline)
June 21: [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Mississippi River bike paths, Iowa & Illinois)
June 28: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Deere family homes, Moline)
July 3: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (The District, Rock Island & Downtown Davenport)
July 4: [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (Run starts at 7:30 a.m. with the parade at 1 p.m., East Moline)
July 4: [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (parade at 10 a.m.)
July 6-12: [John Deere Classic PGA TOUR](#) (TPC Deere Run golf course, Silvis, Ill.)
July 9-11: [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (Iowa 80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)
July 11: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (6-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)
July 15-19: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (Fairgrounds, East Moline)
July 17: [Rock Island Arsenal Chapter AUSA Annual Golf Outing](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course)
July 24-25: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (2nd Street in downtown Davenport)
July 25: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 30-Aug. 2: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (RiverCenter/Adler Theatre, Davenport)
Aug. 4-9: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)
Aug. 6: [Freedom Run 5k](#) (Moline)
Aug. 7-8: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Aug. 8: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (6-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)
Aug. 13-15: [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)
Aug. 15: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)
Aug. 28-29: [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Aug. 28-30: [World Series of Dragracing](#) (Cordova Dragway, Cordova, Ill.)
Sept. 4-7: [Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, downtown Davenport)
Sept. 5-6: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
Sept. 5-7: [Labor Day Weekend Pow Wow](#) (Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island)
Sept. 12: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, downtown Davenport)
Sept. 12: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)
Sept. 12: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (6-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)
Sept. 12-13: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 18-19: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
Sept. 19: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Sept. 19-20: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Sept. 27: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (downtown Moline)
Sept. 25-27: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)
Oct. 10: [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (Mississippi River in Moline)
Oct. 10: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (3-6 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)
Oct. 11: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)
Oct. 29: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Oct. 24: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Nov. 20-29: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
Nov. 21: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 21: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)
Dec. 4-6: [Heartland Emergency Response Conference Expo](#) (QCCA)

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