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# Island Insight



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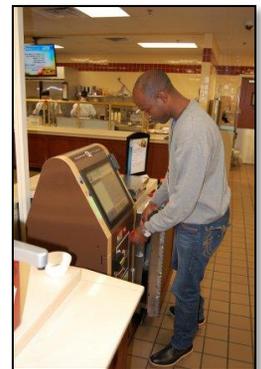


**Treat America, CK Kiosks Offer Convenience to Arsenal Food Service Customers:**

It's one o'clock and the Treat America food service enterprise on the sixth floor of Bldg. 350 is winding down for the day. Camellia Austin, site manager for Treat America, is having a bit of a tough day. There are problems with Internet connectivity for the two touch-screen kiosks that allow customers to pay for their food, and one

of the kiosks has a malfunctioning printer, so patrons can't retrieve their receipts. Austin describes the problems as a short term "teething" issue. She breaks off her conversation to make certain the remaining customers are able to pay for their order. The kiosks have been operating with little trouble for about a week, and are expected to be trouble free when the food court in Bldg. 60 reopens later in April. Austin said the

kiosks are generally easy to use, and offer options for busy customers -- especially the "grab-and-go" items that are available in hours when the hot-food operation isn't operating. The kiosk operations are straightforward. Customers go to the kiosk, and are offered a series of tabs for today's



specials, breakfast, the grill and other items. ([More](#))

## **307 Years of Combined Service Lauded During Rock Island Arsenal Retirement Ceremony:**

**Col. William J. Schafer**, chief of staff, First Army, thanked four Army civilians and seven Soldiers for their service to the nation during a retirement and retreat ceremony held



April 24. "Our 11 distinguished retirees have performed their duties for a combined total of 307 years and they still look like spring chickens after all that," he said. ([More](#))

## **RIA Run Wraps Up Sexual Assault Awareness Month:**

A chilly morning turned into a sparkling day as more than 100

participants gathered for the Rock Island

Arsenal Sexual

Assault Awareness Month Community Walk/Run here April 25.

Servicemembers, civilian employees,



contractors, family members, and local residents participated in the event signifying the conclusion of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. ([More](#))

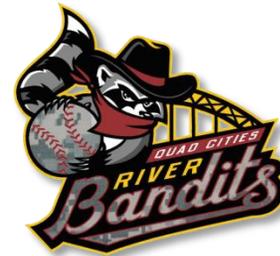
## **RIA AUSA Military Appreciation Night - Quad Cities River Bandits**

**Game:** The

Association of the United States Army-Rock Island Arsenal Chapter presents the 2014 Military

Appreciation Night

Friday, **May 9**, at Modern Woodmen Park, home of the 2013 Championship Quad Cities River Bandits. Gates open at 6 p.m., and the game starts at 7 p.m. Free tickets courtesy of AUSA for all active duty, Reserve, National Guard troops and military retirees. For tickets, show your military or retiree ID cards. Pick up tickets at the USO Rock Island office in Bldg. 110, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor-SE or see an AUSA representative in Bldg. 131, Suite 104.



**Bldg. 60 Cafeteria Reopens:** Come see the newly remodeled cafeteria in Bldg. 60.

Treat America reopened the cafeteria on April 21.

Breakfast will be served 6-8:30 a.m.,



**Treat America**  
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# Upcoming Dates

**April 26:** March of Dimes Walk, RIA, 9 a.m.

**April 27:** Arbor Day

**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 [📍](#)

**May 2-3:** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Army JROTC "Blue Devil" Raider Challenge (Naval Operations Support Center Rock Island)

**May 7:** Arsenal Island Electronic Townhall, 6 p.m., hosted by the Garrison [📍](#)

**May 7-8:** Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium, iWireless Center

**May 9:** Military Spouse Appreciation Day, 1-4 p.m., Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse

**May 9:** River Bandits Military Appreciation Day, Modern Woodman Park

**May 10:** Cinco De Mayo Dinner & Dance, Heritage Hall, 4-5 p.m.

**May 11:** Mother's Day Brunch, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**May 11-17:** National Police Week Observance

**May 13:** RIA Community Special Events Planning Committee, Heritage Hall, 1 p.m.

**May 14:** RIA Full Scale Exercise

**May 14:** Explosive Safety Council Mtg., Bldg. 90, Rm. 25, 10 a.m.

**May 14:** Tenant Senior NCO Meeting, Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.

**May 15:** Soldiers Show, Adler Theater, 7 p.m. [📍](#)

**May 15:** Sexual Assault Review Board, Bldg. 390, 10:15 a.m.

**May 15:** Peace Officers Memorial Day Observance

**May 17:** Armed Forces Day Celebration, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Brady Street Stadium Complex, Davenport



and lunch will be 10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Grab-n-Go will be open 24/7. The Starbucks area will only have smoothies available at this time.

**VIOS Schedule for April and May:** Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government passport and command photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal **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.

**Davenport Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps 7th Annual Blue Devil Raider Challenge:**

Davenport Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps is hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Devil Raider Challenge, at the Naval Operations Support Center, Bldg. 218, on Arsenal Island, Saturday, **May 3**. High Schools from Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska, and Wisconsin, are participating in the challenge. The challenge will start at approximately 7 a.m. on Saturday, with the award ceremony taking place at 3 p.m.

**Installation Full Scale Exercise:** Rock Island Arsenal will conduct the annual Full Scale Exercise on Wednesday, **May 14**, from approximately 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The exercise will involve a severe weather incident resulting in simulated



damage to buildings and roads. Approximately 100 emergency responders from the Rock Island Arsenal and surrounding communities will be present conducting search and rescue operations. During the exercise, all Arsenal Island commands and organizations will practice their severe weather response, shelter-in-place and emergency communications plans. Families in on-post housing should also take this opportunity to practice their severe weather plan. In addition, the installation evacuation plan will be exercised between 2:30-3:30 p.m. effecting personnel leaving Rock Island Arsenal. Be alert for changing traffic patterns during that timeframe. Rock Island Arsenal community's support of the full scale exercise is critical to keeping our Army Family safe.

**Coming Back With Wes Moore:** As part of WQPT's "Embracing Our Military" initiative, we will host a

special preview screening of



"Coming Back With Wes Moore," followed by a panel discussion featuring local veterans. The event will be held at the Waterfront Convention Center on



Thursday, **May 29**, 12-1:30 p.m., and will engage the community in a discussion on some of the most difficult questions related to returning from war. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. In the series, which will air in three parts on WQPT, Moore takes viewers with him into the personal lives of different soldiers as they attempt to reintegrate into society, establish new identities and—for many—find a new mission. Each episode focuses on a different stage of coming home: "Coming Back" (**May 21**), "Fitting In" (**May 28**) and "Moving Forward" (**June 4**).

**Blood Drives:** The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, May 9, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail [SHoegerl@mvrbc.com](mailto:SHoegerl@mvrbc.com) with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A **2<sup>nd</sup> shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **6:30 p.m. on April 25**. A **3<sup>rd</sup> shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on**



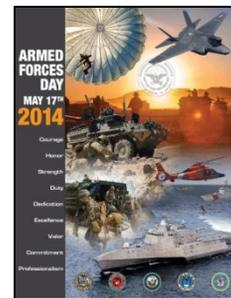
**May 16.** To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor. ([Blood Transfusion En Route to Trauma Center Keeps Navy Vet Alive](#))



***Charlie Corpuscle asks, "How many units of blood were donated for patients at our local hospitals through blood drives held on Arsenal Island in 2013?" Answer: 969. FYI – Each of those donations can touch the lives of as many as four patients in need!***

**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. ([Poster](#))

**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, 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **The Heartbleed Hit List: The Passwords You Need to Change Right Now:**

An encryption flaw called the Heartbleed bug is already being called one of the biggest security threats the Internet has ever seen. The bug has affected many popular websites and services — ones you might use every day, like Gmail and Facebook — and could have quietly exposed your sensitive account information (such as passwords and credit card numbers) over the past two years. But it hasn't always been clear which sites have been affected. Mashable reached out some of the most popular social, email, banking and commerce sites on the web. We've rounded up their responses below.

[\(More\)](#)

**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 for all members of the military, active, reserve, and retired military with military ID; applying to name brand products, automotive services & labor; \$20.99 oil change; and \$69.95 wheel alignment. **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.*

## **Arsenal Traffic/Construction**

**Repairs to Beck Avenue:** USAG-RIA DPW will be repairing Beck Ave. beginning Monday, **April 21**, at 5:30 a.m.; and lasting until COB **April 27**. Beck Ave. will be closed to through traffic between Gillespie St and Sylvan Drive. Signage and barricades will be positioned at appropriate locations. Please see the attached drawing showing the location of the road closure and route to access parking lots 2F, 2G, and 2Z. The schedule is subject to weather conditions and will be adjusted as necessary.

**Parking Lot 0J and Lot 3K Repair:** Beginning **April 28**, the Directorate of Public Works will resume work on



repair of Parking Lots 0J and 3K, located north of buildings 60, 62, 360 and 390. The overall repair includes replacement of the asphalt paving and installation of curb and gutter on the north and south sides of Lot OJ and repaving of the south half of Lot 3K. Work will be completed in a three phased approach to minimize the effect on traffic flow and parking. Signage and safety barriers will be positioned at appropriate locations. Project is scheduled to be completed by **Sept. 1**. The attached drawing shows the phases for the project.

### **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.

### **Reconstruction of River Drive from 19<sup>th</sup> Street to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in Moline:**

The Illinois Department of Transportation is planning the reconstruction of River Drive from 19<sup>th</sup> Street to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in cooperation with the City of Moline. This work will be performed in preparation for the replacement of the 1-74 Mississippi River Bridge and will provide connection points along River Drive for the future interchange ramps. The proposed project consists of full removal of the existing roadway in this area and replacement with new concrete pavement. In addition, new lighting, sanitary and storm sewers, water main, and a recreational path will be constructed throughout this section. In order to complete this work it will be necessary to close River Drive to traffic during the construction effort. The closure will be in effect from Sept. 8 to **Dec. 5**. The interchange of 1-74 with River Drive will also be closed during this time, but will reopen following the completion of this work. We have made every effort to limit the timeframe of the work so as to reduce inconvenience to you and your customers. Detour routes

will be signed to ensure that motorists can access local businesses effectively.

## Building/Space Closures

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**Door Closure, Bldg. 102:** The Directorate of Public Works has closed the Bldg. 102 west door on Rodman Ave. until further notice. The stairs leading to the door were determined unsafe. A project is funded to make repairs and the door will be reopened after the stairs are repaired. Signs, barricades, and caution tape are posted to warn pedestrians and prevent access.

## Active Duty/Reserve Zone

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**Income Tax Assistance:** The Rock Island Arsenal Tax Center closed on **April 15**, with the end of the filing season. However, assistance with income tax matters remains available year-round for active duty service members and eligible retirees and family members. We can help with amending returns, filing previous years' returns, requesting different types of extensions, determining appropriate withholding



amounts, or responding to correspondence. Assistance is limited to personal tax matters; we are not able to help organizations or businesses, even if owned by a single individual. To request assistance please call (309) 782-8457/1894/1433.

## **New Army Family Housing - Town**

**Hall:** We would like to invite the service members and their Families to an informational town hall meeting on **May 1** at 5:30 p.m. in Bldg. 150 (Youth Services Center) regarding the new Army Family Housing on Rock Island Arsenal. The first project will be constructing COL, LTC and SGM/CSM (E-9) homes. Meeting topics will include: • Presentation of the site layout • Recommendations for playground features • Preferred telephone/cable service • Presentation of interior layout of a LTC/E-9 3-bedroom home. The highest level of participation is desired for the most beneficial outcome. Onsite childcare will be available for the event. Please RSVP prior to **April 25** if you need childcare during the event to: Parent Central (309) 782-0791; Please RSVP prior to **April 28** number attending to: [Tracy Neitzer](#), chief master planning, or [Marsha Marcellus](#), Housing.

**Military Spouse Fun Night:** Calling all military spouses! Thanks to the great support and continued interest, we have scheduled another Military Spouse Fun Night for Tuesday, **April 29**. Join us for a casual, relaxing, evening filled with food, fun, and friendship. Time of the event is 6 p.m. and we meet at the Army Community Services/USO Center in Bldg. 110, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, SE Wing. Please RSVP to [Jan Saito](#) at (309) 782-4736. ([Flyer](#))

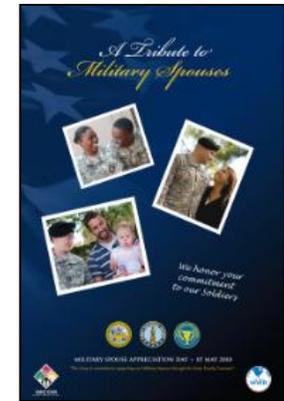
## **Augustana Army Veterans to Share Their Experiences:**

As two veterans of the War in Iraq prepare to graduate from Augustana College, they first plan to share their personal stories of military service. On Wednesday, **April 30**, at 7 p.m., Josh Brown, a biology major from Topeka, Kan., and J.D. Engelhardt, a communication studies, political science and religion major from Des Moines, Iowa, along with the Augustana Veterans Support Group, will present A Salute to Veterans in the dining room of the College Center (3750 7th Ave., Rock Island). Brown and Engelhardt will talk about their time in service, their experiences in Iraq and the challenges of transitioning to college life. They will offer their advice to other young veterans and to the families and communities that support them. Both

men both are army veterans of the Operation Iraqi Freedom who qualified for the Yellow Ribbon Program. ([More](#))

## **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](#))

### **Military Family Fun Night with Elmo:**

The USO of Illinois Discovery Kids Program invites military children to a special evening of crafts, learning, pizza, and a ticket to see the River Bandits play the Beloit Timber Rattlers, **May 9**, 5–6:30 p.m., on the Sky Deck or Modern Woodman Park with Sesame Street's Elmo! All children will receive goodie bags and tickets to the Quad Cities River Bandits baseball game at 7 p.m. as part of River Bandits Military Appreciation Day at the ballpark. Free participation is available to active duty, National Guard, Reserve, and retired military children only. Make your reservations online at [tixfortroops.org](http://tixfortroops.org). A current military ID will be required at check-in. ([More](#))

### **Military Spouse Appreciation Day**

**Virtual Career Fair:** Meet and interact with dozens of employers from all across the country, in one day, Friday, **May 9**, 12 - 2 p.m., and from anywhere in the world with a computer and internet connection. You have sacrificed so much for all of us, and now it is our turn to show you that we have your back. Log into [spousevirtualcareerfair.com](http://spousevirtualcareerfair.com) and build a profile, view and apply for jobs online,

chat live with recruiters, connect and network with other spouses and be entered to win great prizes simply by attending. For additional info/assistance call Chris at the ACS Employment Readiness Program at (309) 782-0815. ([Flyer](#))

**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: • **May 10** at the Two Rivers YMCA.

**AUSA 5<sup>th</sup> Region Training:** AUSA is hosting a dinner during our annual AUSA training, Friday night, **May 16**, at the Arsenal Club, Former Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth Preston is

the key note speaker. Dinner starts at 7 p.m., \$25 per plate. The Rock Island Chapter of AUSA would like to personally invite all Rock Island Arsenal Soldiers to attend. It's a great opportunity to be up close and personal with a former SMA. Dress is business casual or military uniform (ACUs is acceptable) Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth Preston was sworn in as the 13<sup>th</sup> Sergeant Major of the Army on Jan. 15, 2004. SMA Preston has held a variety of leadership positions throughout his career ranging from cavalry scout to command sergeant major. As Sergeant Major of the Army, Preston serves as the Army Chief of Staff's personal adviser on all enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting Soldier training and quality of life. He devotes the majority of his time to traveling throughout the Army observing training, and talking to Soldiers and their Families. He sits on a wide variety of councils and boards that make decisions affecting enlisted Soldiers and their Families and is routinely invited to testify before Congress. ([link to register](#))

**Bix 7 Road Race 40<sup>th</sup> 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](#))



## 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. Every member of the Island and their families are invited to attend the observance. The observance is available



in [TEDs](#). To register please use keyword "2014 Holocaust." For more information on the Holocaust or this year's theme please visit the [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#).



## Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)



Visit the MWR website at [www.riamwr.com](http://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.

**Trivia Night:** Get up to seven of your smartest friends Thursday, **May 1**, 6 p.m., and come wage a battle of wits against other trivia enthusiasts. This fun, multi-media, family friendly trivia competition held in the Arsenal Club (Bldg. 60) features a wide range of topics and is open to the public so invite all your trivia junky friends, the more players we get the better the prizes become. Cost is \$5/player or \$30/table of 8. Call (309) 782-6319 for more info and to sign up. Advance reservations required. ([Flyer](#))

**Bldg. 60 Cafeteria Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting:** Treat America and MWR invite you to join them at the Bldg. 60 cafeteria Tuesday, **May 6**, 10 a.m., for a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on the newly remodeled cafeteria. There will be promotions and giveaways as well as the opportunity to learn about the new ordering system and program features. Call (309) 782-7008 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

**Quarters One Ghost Hunters Dinner:** Enjoy a prime rib and chicken buffet Friday, **May 9**, 6:30 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse followed by ghost hunting in Historic Quarters One led by the Rock Island Paranormal Society. The cost is \$35 per person and reservations can be made by calling (309) 782-4372. Reservations required by **May 8**. Date subject to change/cancellation based on number of reservations. ([Flyer](#))

**Cinco De Mayo Celebration and Homemade Salsa Contest:** Come join the Rock Island Arsenal community Saturday, **May 10**, 3-5 p.m., in Heritage Hall (Bldg. 60) to celebrate Mexican heritage and culture with our first ever Cinco de Mayo Celebration. With entertainment by Ballet Folklorico, food

& drink from MWR and El Mariachi's, a homemade salsa contest, photo booth and piñata and games there will be something for everyone in the family so bring them all. Email [sherry.l.morrison@us.army.mil](mailto:sherry.l.morrison@us.army.mil) for more information. ([Event Flyer](#)) ([Salsa Contest](#))

**Mother's Day Brunch Buffet:** Show Mom how much you care and appreciate her, treat her to a delicious brunch buffet Sunday, **May 11**, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the beautiful and historic Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse. Cost is \$22.95/adult and \$10.95/child (12 & under). Reservations can be made by calling (309) 782-6319 or (309) 782-4372. ([Flyer](#))

**America's Kids Run:** Mark your calendars for the America's Armed Forces Kids Run, **May 17**, at Memorial Field, right here on Arsenal Island. This is open to the public, so please be sure to share this event with all your friends and family. We will have a variety of races for children ages 3-13 years old. There will be a 100-yard dash for three to four year olds, a 1/2-mile run for five to six year olds; a one-mile run for 7-8 year olds, and a two-mile run for 9-13 year olds. These are all for fun, and are not timed. The first 200 people registered



are guaranteed a t-shirt and an award. The race will begin at 9 a.m. Race cost is \$5. We will also have family activities after the race. [Register HERE](#) or call (309) 782-0511 for more information. ([Flyer](#))

## **New Hoist Reservation Policy**

**Effective at Auto Shop:** The FMWR Auto Skills Facility will begin offering vehicle hoist reservations Thursday, **May 1**, for the first hour of business. Standard operating procedures are as follows: Auto Skills will designate two automotive hoists available for reservation 1-4 post drive on and 1-2 post location TBD at time of reservation and subject to change without notice. Reservation must be made in person with a \$10 non-refundable fee due at time of reservation. Reservation will be held for the first hour of business only. If check in is not applied within that hour the hoist will be opened for the next patron requesting hoist needs with no refund. Normal hoist fees will be in addition to reservation fees. In the event of reservation forfeiture, fees will not be refunded or applied for future use. For questions/concerns please contact: [James Mettlin](#), Auto Skills Facility Manager at (309) 782-8631.

**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 Garden Plots:** The MWR Garden Plots are now ready for planting by registered users. There are still several plots available. To sign up for a plot come to Outdoor Recreation in Bldg. 333. For more info please phone (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](#))

## **The Walking Tall Tour - HAYSTAK:**

HAYSTAK will be performing at Shenanigans Bar. Leisure Travel office has General Admission tickets for \$12 and VIP tickets for \$22 on sale now. Date: **Friday, April 25**  
Time: **8 p.m.**

**MWR 2014 Spring Fair:** Come to Bldg. 60 (Heritage Hall), Wednesday & Thursday, **April 30 & May 1**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., and check out some of our most popular vendors who will be selling everything from custom jewelry to kettle corn, Avon to artichoke dip, Scentsy to Sweet Pea Bows and so much more. 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, Custom Buffalo Jewelry, Avon and much more. Call (309) 782-5890 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

## **Reserving Heritage Hall, Caisson Room, Arsenal Club:**

The Leisure Travel Office has taken over the calendar for bookings in these facilities. If you have reserved through Sheridan's for future events please contact the LTO to confirm your reservation is on the calendar. To reserve these spaces, contact the Leisure Travel Office at (309) 782-5890.

## **Six Flags Great America, Gurnee, Ill.:**

The Leisure Travel Office has received the 2014 one day admission tickets \$45.



We will also have season passes \$81 and parking passes \$24 available.

**May BUNCO:** This BUNCO is going to be a Mother's Day theme. Great door prizes and great food from the Arsenal Club. Get your family and friends together this will be our last BUNCO for a summer break. \$5 entry fee. Please RSVP at (309) 782-5890.  
Date: **Thursday, May 8**  
Time: **6-8 p.m.**

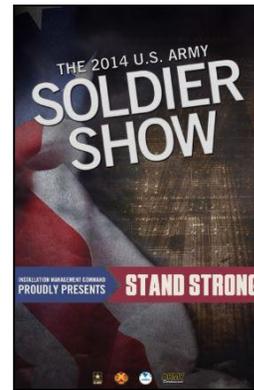
**Always a Bridesmaid:** In this hilarious comedy, four high school friends made a vow to be in each other's weddings, no matter what. Little did they know, thirty years later, they'd still be keeping that promise. Join Deedra, Monette, Charlie and Libby Ruth through the years as they navigate the choppy 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.**

**K-CI & JO:** JO K-CI and Jo JO will be performing Mother's Day weekend. This live concert will be held at The Golden Leaf Banquet Hall & Convention Center. VIP seating \$42 and general admission tickets \$27 on sale now.  
Date: **Saturday, May 10**

Time: **8 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.**

**U.S. Army Soldier Show at the Adler Theatre:** The U.S. Army Soldier Show (TUSASS) is returning to the Quad Cities, Thursday, **May 15**, at 7 p.m. The TUSASS is a professionally choreographed, family-style variety show featuring performances that span from Broadway musicals, to country, gospel, rhythm and blues and top 40 songs. The theme of this year's show is "Stand Strong." Messages throughout this year's show include SHARP and Suicide Prevention. Tickets for this free show can be picked up at the following locations: Leisure Travel Office, Outdoor Recreation, Fitness Center,



Army Community Service, and the Adler Box office. Both tickets and seating to this general admission show are first come, first served so don't wait or show up late. For more info call (309)782-5890.

**FMWR's 1<sup>st</sup> 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. ([Flyer](#))  
Date: **Sunday, May 18**  
Time: **6:30 a.m.**

**Rich Homie Quan:** Leisure Travel has general admission \$37 and VIP \$52 tickets to this event. Rich Homie Quan will be performing at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds.  
Date: **Saturday, May 31**  
Time: **7 p.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 53<sup>rd</sup> 18 + IMAX**

**Theatre:** Leisure Travel is selling Platinum Supersaver Prepaid Admission Tickets to Davenport Cinemark 53<sup>rd</sup> 18 + IMAX theatre (formally 53<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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



**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,



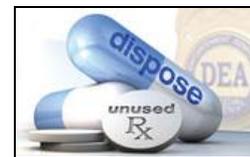
and gift cards for Wounded Warriors. Organizational key persons will begin contacting our military personnel and retirees soon. For more information or to make a donation, contact Army Community Service at (309) 782-1499 or [jon.c.cook.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jon.c.cook.civ@mail.mil) or the installation campaign coordinator, Staff Sgt. Bryan Lineback, (309) 782-2131, [bryan.lineback@us.army.mil](mailto: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, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, East.

## Prescription Drug Take-Back Day:

More Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined, according to the 2009



National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that individuals who abuse prescription drugs often obtain them from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. Also, there has been a drastic increase in the amount of hospital visits due to poisonings from medication for children five and under. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away which are both potential safety and health hazards. Free your mind from the worry of finding that your old and expired medication is missing. The Army Substance Abuse Program is providing an opportunity to dispose of your unused and expired prescription drugs. On **April 29** and **30**, the ASAP and law enforcement will be collecting unused and expired prescription drugs at the following places and times: • **April 29**, 6-8:15 a.m., and 2:30-4:45 p.m., at Memorial Field Pavilion; • **April 30**, 6-8:15 a.m., and 2:30-4:45 p.m., in the Arsenal Fire Station Bay. We are unable to accept needles or syringes. If you have needles or syringes to dispose of, you can call the Arsenal Health Clinic



for their requirements for disposal. For more information about the prescription drug take-back day call the Army Substance Abuse Program at (309) 782-4357. ([StandTo!](#))

## **Children's Mental Health Awareness**

**– May 2014:** Suicide among youth is a reality, and it is more common than we might think. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among 15 to 24 year olds, claiming more lives than any single disease or condition. Fortunately, the emotional crises that so often precede suicides are both recognizable and treatable, and good prevention tools can help parents identify a problem before it's too late. In honor of National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, **May 4-10**, the Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program invites you to take advantage of the free and confidential counseling services that the program has to offer. Schedule an appointment with an EAP counselor by calling (309) 782-4357. Master-level counselors can provide information, short-term counseling, and referral services. The teenage years can be tumultuous – new relationships, decisions about the future, and even physical changes can be difficult to handle. If you have any concerns about your child's mental health, talk it over

with a trained professional at the EAP. Warning signs of suicide: Call 9-1-1 or seek immediate help from a mental health provider if you notice the following:

- Someone threatening to hurt or kill him/herself, or talking of wanting to hurt or kill him/herself
- Someone looking for ways to kill him/herself by seeking access to firearms, available pills, or other means

Seek help by contacting a mental health professional or calling 1-800-273-TALK for a referral should you notice anyone exhibiting one or more of the following:

- Hopelessness
- Rage, uncontrolled anger, seeking revenge
- Acting reckless or engaging in risky activities, seemingly without thinking
- Feeling trapped - like there's no way out
- Increased alcohol or drug use
- Withdrawing from friends, family and society
- Anxiety, agitation, inability to sleep or sleeping all the time
- Dramatic mood changes
- Excessive interest, talk, or writings focused on death, dying or suicide
- No reason for living; no sense of purpose in life.

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **May 13, June 24, July 22, Aug. 26,** Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Help is available if you or a loved one is 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:** 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, 3-4 p.m., in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 122. For more information contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552.

**Smoking Cessation Group:** Do you want to learn effective ways to kick the habit? The Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational support group for people who would like to quit smoking. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., at the EAP office located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, East Wing.



## Education/Training Review



**The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**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](mailto:considinet@aol.com).

**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](mailto:leonardmichelem@sau.edu). The Garrison POC is Michelle Beck, (309) 782-0965, [michelle.p.beck.civ@mail.mil](mailto: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](http://www.commissaries.com) ([Facebook](#))

**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](#))

**Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society – May Meeting 2014:** The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, **May 1**, in the Veranda Room of the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu will be a tossed salad with bread sticks, chicken picatta, pasta, seasonal vegetable medley, rolls and a Chef's Choice dessert, all prepared by the golf club kitchen, \$14, including tax and tip. This 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 Kris Leinicke, director of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum, who will present the program: "Women at Rock Island Arsenal in the First and Second World Wars." Leinicke has been employed at

the museum for the past thirty years. For reservations call Monica (563) 650-4349 or Linda (563) 355-6165 or email [chiicaliinda@aol.com](mailto:chiicaliinda@aol.com). Reservations are due by noon on Monday, **April 28**. 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.

**This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – April 21-27:** On April 21, 1882, the RIA procured a power press for punching and drawing metal used for manufacturing tin meat cans, tin cups, 'and' other metal items. On April 21, 1856, the first locomotive crossed the Mississippi River via the railroad bridge from Rock Island to Davenport - the first bridge across the river. On April 22, 1898, the Equipment Department began working two 10-hour shifts, daily. On April 25, 1898, the U.S. Congress formally declared war on Spain. The great flood of 1965 peaked with a crest of 22.48 feet during the last week of April 1965. Arsenal workers volunteered to fill sand bags during their off hours.



## Healthbeat





**Tricare Tip of the Week:** Tricare Moving Made Easy -- When moving to a new region prime enrollees can easily transfer their Prime enrollment over the phone. For active duty service and family members, the easiest way to transfer your enrollment is to call your current regional contractor. You can also call even if you are moving within the same region and can get help with getting a new primary care manager. Retired Prime enrollees moving to a new region would still need to contact the new regional contractor to transfer your enrollments. Have a Great Tricare Day!



## Notes for Veterans



### **SGLI Premium Adjustment Effective**

**July 1:** The Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program will adjust its monthly premium rate from 6.5 cents per \$1,000 back to the 2006 rate of seven cents per \$1,000 of insurance, a modest increase to ensure the SGLI program remains in a strong financial position. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) continues to place the interests of Servicemembers first and foremost by keeping SGLI premiums as low as possible while also

maintaining the necessary reserve levels to ensure funds are available to pay claims to Servicemembers' beneficiaries. Since the start of the SGLI Program in 1965, monthly premiums have decreased from 20 cents per \$1,000 to the current 6.5 cents per \$1,000. (Chart below). There have been periodic increases and decreases, but over the past 30 years premiums have fluctuated only 2.5 cents per \$1,000 of insurance. In July 2008, VA lowered the monthly premium rate for basic SGLI from seven cents per \$1,000 of insurance to 6.5 cents per \$1,000 of insurance to reduce excess reserve funds in the program. Insurance companies hold reserve funds to ensure they can pay future claims. It is common practice in the group insurance industry to adjust premium rates as reserve funds increase and decrease, which typically happens when there are changes in the economy and/or changes in the number of death claims. ([More](#))



## Carpooling Announcements



Submit carpooling announcements via the [Island Insight submission page](#). Please use that page to contact Garrison Public Affairs to take your

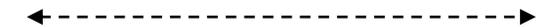
announcement off once you have found a ride.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> & 53<sup>rd</sup>, (Franklin School area) (309) 757-5755.



## Around the Q.C.



**April 26:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

**May 2-3:** [Army JROTC 7<sup>th</sup> 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:** [Duck Creek/Mississippi River LOOP Trail Ride](#) (Bettendorf & Davenport Trails)

**May 10-11:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)

**May 16:** AUSA 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** [5<sup>th</sup> 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:** [49<sup>th</sup> 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:** [22<sup>nd</sup> 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:** [19<sup>th</sup> 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:** [30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Downtown Davenport)

**June 16:** [12<sup>th</sup> Annual YSB-Whitey Verstraete Memorial Golf Outing](#) (Pinnacle Country Club, Milan, Ill.)

**June 17-21:** [145<sup>th</sup> 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:** [2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** [30<sup>th</sup> 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 16:** [5<sup>th</sup> Annual High Five Tour](#) (Davenport)

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

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

**July 26:** [41<sup>st</sup> Annual Quad-City Times Bix7](#)

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

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

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

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

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



**Aug. 8-9:** [22<sup>nd</sup> 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:** [28<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Airport, Mount Joy, Iowa)  
**Aug. 15-16:** [10<sup>th</sup> 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:** [15<sup>th</sup> Annual WQPT Brew Ha Ha](#)  
**Sept. 20-21:** [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park, Village of East Davenport)  
**Sept. 28:** [17<sup>th</sup> 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:** [19<sup>th</sup> Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

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