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Island Insight

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Davenport Intermediate School Students Learn About Rock Island Arsenal

On Wednesday, more than 20 students from Smart Intermediate School in Davenport, Iowa visited the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center to meet with Col. Don Wols, commander, RIA-JMTC to discuss military careers, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) careers and also receive a tour of the United States largest Arsenal. During their time, Col. Wols discussed the different careers the military has to offer as well as talked about the benefits of a military career. Also, he discussed the importance the Rock Island Arsenal plays in defense of the Nation. Following the discussion, the RIA-JMTC commander took the students on a walking tour of the factory that covered assembly operations, paint, small arms part production and machining. ([More](#))



Upcoming Dates

- April 26:** Time Management, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 10:30 a.m.
- April 26-29:** Administrative Professionals Day Lunch Buffet, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- April 26:** Military Spouse Fun Night, ACS/USO spaces, Bldg. 110, 6-8 p.m.
- April 27:** National Prescription Take Back Day, Memorial Field Pavilion, 6-8:15 a.m. and 2-4:45 p.m.
- April 27:** RIA Employment-Education Event, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- April 27:** National Administrative Professionals Day
- April 27:** Soldier for Life TAP Employment-Education Event, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- April 27:** Passover Celebration by ASC-JMC-First Army Chaplains Offices, Veranda, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- April 27:** RIA Museum Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- April 28:** Newcomer's Orientation and Tour, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- April 28:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- April 28:** 5 Love Languages Training, ACS, Bldg. 110, 4:30-6 p.m.
- April 30:** March of Dimes – March for Babies, Memorial Park Pavilion, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. [📍](#)
- April 30:** American Legion Veterans Awareness Walk 22, Milan American Legion Post 569, 10 a.m.

Arsenal Museum Future to Be Decided By October

Closing the Rock Island Arsenal Museum is a definite possibility, with a decision to be made around Oct. 1, Col. Elmer Speights, garrison commander, confirmed Friday. Rumors about possible closure began circulating in January after staff was cut to one person and weekend hours were eliminated. Then word spread that about 25 percent of the museum's collection of 13,000 artifacts was being moved to a storage facility in Anniston, Ala.

But in a meeting at the museum with the Quad-City Times editorial board, Speights said he thinks the chances ultimately are good that the museum will remain open, at least in some capacity, and that he will do all he can to see that it does. "This is a 110-year-old museum, the last remaining arsenal museum in the Army," he said, sitting in a chair in the middle of the museum floor. "They should keep us as a regular Army museum. Everything sitting in here is history. We want the museum to stay. Because of our background, I think we're far from closure." ([More](#))



Town Hall to Discuss Changes at Rock Island Arsenal Museum

U.S. Army Garrison, Rock Island Arsenal, will host a town hall at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 27**, to discuss changes at the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The event will be held in the theater in the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The changes come as a result of Army wide changes in museums and the maintenance of artifacts. More than 3,000 artifacts will be moved from the Rock Island Arsenal Museum's collection to the Field Museum Support Facility at Anniston Army Depot, Ala. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is the Army's second oldest museum. It first opened to the public on July 4, 1905. The primary mission is to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Rock Island Arsenal and Arsenal Island. By focusing on "People, Processes, and Products," the exhibits tell the story of the people involved in Arsenal Island's history, the manufacturing processes used at Rock Island Arsenal, and the military equipment that was produced at Rock Island Arsenal. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is nationally recognized for its large and impressive small arms collection. More than 1,200 U.S., foreign, civilian, and military small arms are on permanent display.



Focus on Skills, Not Age in the Federal Workforce

It's generally accepted that getting hired at a more advanced age is difficult. The age at which someone changes from a desired potential employee to an undesired one is up for debate, but certainly the age factor is a concern for anyone old enough to, say, have been alive during the British Invasion. Not the War of 1812, the other one. In recent years, especially, the reaction in the federal workforce has been to hunker down late in a career more than ever. The average age and years of service of a federal retiree has been going up. There are several reasons for delaying retirement from the government, including the "golden handcuffs" effect of the federal defined benefit programs. For employees under CSRS, for example, each additional year of service boosts the multiplier of their high-3 salary by another 2 percentage points. For those under FERS, each additional year is worth only 1 more percentage point—unless the person is approaching the combination of age 62 with 20 years of service. Reaching that bumps the multiplier for all years of service up to 1.1 percent. ([More](#))



DoD Signals Expectations of Downsizing

Buyout payments—also called voluntary separation incentive payments (VSIPs), especially in DoD—are used to lure employees to separate, either for retirement or otherwise, and require repayment of the full pre-tax amount if the individual returns to government work within five years. Agencies use them for downsizing or reorganization—although those other than DoD must obtain permission from OPM—commonly pairing them with early retirement offers. They were widely used in the 1990s as DoD and other agencies cut staff but have been much less common in recent years as the government overall has grown since 9/11. However, DoD said that the “anticipated reductions to the DoD budget over the next few years require management to efficiently reduce the workforce while not adversely affecting the mission and the department’s commitment to support our warfighters. Buyouts provide a less expensive, more humane, and more manageable way to efficiently reduce and restructure the workforce . . . The department anticipates significant use of VSIP in the foreseeable future as civilian workforce levels drop in response to announced and forecasted reductions in funding, and as the need for reshaping the workforce continues.” ([More](#))



The Pentagon Threatened Congress: We'll Close Bases Without You

The Pentagon is threatening to start closing down unneeded military bases unilaterally if Congress continues to refuse to launch a new Base Closure and Realignment Commission. The defiant move would raise a host of legal questions and set the stage for a first-of-its-kind political showdown between the Defense Department and Capitol Hill, which historically have coordinated closely on such controversial issues. Military leaders are eager to save money by shuttering some underused bases. But the move is extremely unpopular on Capitol Hill, where many lawmakers fear the process would jeopardize government jobs in their districts. For years Congress has refused the Defense Department’s repeated requests to create a bi-partisan commission, known as a BRAC, that would — with help from military officials — identify the bases most appropriate for closure and present lawmakers with a single, comprehensive plan for an up-or-down vote.



([More](#))

DoD Must Change to Confront Changing Face of War, Dunford Says

Today’s presence of cyber, space and ballistic-intercontinental missile capabilities have changed the character of war, and the U.S. military must adapt to confront these challenges, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said. During a flight from Cairo to here yesterday, Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford discussed the need to make changes in the department in order to improve the military’s command and control system. In the current system, the defense secretary is the person responsible for joint integration, said Dunford, noting the secretary holds the authorities to integrate the combatant commands. The chairman said there are certain areas where a delegation of responsibility -- even if not authority -- should come to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The chairman can then do on the secretary’s



behalf “some things that integrate our forces today in a way that we didn’t need to 10 or 15 years ago,” Dunford said. ([More](#))

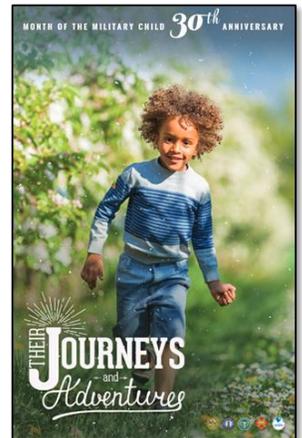
Passover Celebration by ASC-JMC-First Army Chaplains Offices

The Army Sustainment Command, Joint Munitions Command and First Army Chaplain's Offices would like to invite you to attend our first Passover Celebration event. The event will take place on **Wednesday, April 27**, at 11:30 a.m., at the Veranda of the Arsenal Clubhouse. We would encourage anyone interested in learning more about the Passover to attend this event.



Month of the Military Child

Month of the Military Child is an opportunity to acknowledge the personal sacrifice and important contributions of military children. The U.S. Army appreciates the commitment, contributions and sacrifices of the military children and recognizes their role in strong Army Families. The strength of the nation is built on the readiness and resilience of every member of the premier all-volunteer Army including the military children and youth. In 1986, the Department of Defense designated April as Month of the Military Child. This year marks the observance's 30th anniversary. The Army remains committed to honoring the service and sacrifices of those who serve the Nation, including Army Families. MOMC is an opportunity to recognize, applaud, and celebrate the resilience of Army children and youth and their role in ensuring a ready force now and into the future. ([More](#))



American Legion Steak Dinner and More

American Legion Post 1233, 312 Broadway Street, Colona, Ill., is having your choice of a 10 oz. ribeye, 10 oz. sirloin, 8 oz. filet, or 10 oz. boneless, pork chop (grill yourself or one of the Legion's chefs will grill for you) on the first Friday evening of each month, from 5-8 p.m., starting **Friday, May 6**. The dinner includes a baked potatoes, salad bar, vegetables, dinner roll, and desert for \$15. For reservations, call by 5 p.m. Thursday prior, 309-792-8934. There will be a bake sale, and a 50/50 Raffle during the dinner hours.

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, May 13 and 20, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119. **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](#).**



Summer Outdoor Grill at Building 60

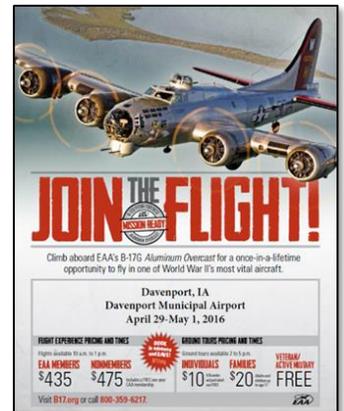
With warmer here we have opened the outdoor grill in front of Bldg. 60, 10:45 a.m. - 12:45p.m., weather permitting. Be on the lookout for informative flyers in vending machines as well as table tents in the dining and break rooms. We will offer most of the same options as we did last year with a few new additions. I am excited to announce that Treat America has teamed up with AMI Vending and will offer ice cream this year at the outdoor grill.

VIOS Schedule for May

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **May 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27**. Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the [VIOS site](#) for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 90, Basement, Room B11). Priority is: 1. Active Duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official Government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - Command Photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. All scheduled dates can be found on the [RIA VIOS website](#).

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

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



American Legion "Veterans Awareness Walk 22" Coming to the QC

The American Legion will hold "Veterans Awareness Walk 22" in Milan, Illinois, **Saturday, April 30**, beginning at 10 a.m., kicking off at the [Milan American Legion Post 569](#), 515 1st Ave. West. The purpose of this walk is to raise public awareness about the crucial issues facing America's veterans and their families. An estimated 22 veterans a day commit suicide. Traumatic brain injuries have become a signature wound of the Global War on Terrorism and up to 20 percent of the men and women who served in Iraq or Afghanistan are believed to experience Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Veterans still have difficulty receiving health care in a timely manner and many have been waiting years to have their disability claims resolved. We owe it to those who served our country to never forget their sacrifice and devotion. We are walking for those who marched for us. The walk will consist of a 5K (3.2) miles through Milan. The walk includes a t-shirt, water, fruit and a really good time. All proceeds will be given to the Department of Illinois



American Legion to support all veterans in Illinois. Let's walk together so that we can make our communities, state, and nation aware of what "22" means. All donations and [registration for walk](#) can be mailed to: P.O. Box 1066, Milan, IL 61264, Attn: Awareness Walk. [Registration](#) and donations for the walk can be done early or at walk site. A lunch will be provided by the [Milan American Legion Post 569](#) for a fee. Pledge cards and t-shirt form or more information can be obtained on our [Facebook "Veterans Awareness Walk 22"](#) or by calling Rick Schomer at 309-558-0712 or email at rrschomer@gmail.com.

Honor Flight Day at the Ball Park

Help R.I.A. Federal Credit Union support the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities by attending the River Bandits game, **Sunday, May 1**, at 1:15 p.m., at Modern Woodmen Park. You can purchase tickets at any of our Quad City locations for \$8 with \$4 going directly to the Honor Flight. Simultaneously it is also Superhero Day at the Ball Park. ([More](#))

Inaugural Rockin 'n Rollin for Jason's Box

Bettendorf VFW Post 9128 and Cross Creek Entertainment are proud to present the Inaugural Rockin 'n Rollin for Jason's Box on **Saturday, May 7**, at the Bettendorf VFW located at 2814 State St., in Bettendorf. The event will kick off with a car show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Car registration will start at 10 a.m. with a \$5 entry fee. Top five cars will be voted on by participants and spectators. Spectator entrance fee is \$2. During the car show, we will be hosting hourly 50/50 drawings and a silent auction with items from some amazing local businesses. After all the car show excitement, a 50s themed dance party will be held from 7-10 p.m. and we want to see your 50s style. Prizes will be awarded to the top three best 50s costumes. Jason's Box is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to help improve the health and well-being of our troops. ([More](#))

All the Way Home V: Tri-States Veterans Commemoration Parade

The "All the Way Home V: Tri-States Veterans Event" will be **Saturday, May 7**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Five Flags Center, 405 Main Street, in Dubuque, Iowa. The event will begin with an All Military Parade Saluting Women Veterans of the Tri-States and proceeds to the Five Flags Center for Opening Ceremonies. This event is to thank our community's Veterans and military families for their service and to showcase federal, state and local programs and services specially geared toward Veterans' issues. Elizabeth McCormick, a decorated Army Black Hawk Helicopter pilot and officer will also be speaking at this event. There will also be booths with more than 100 state and local organizations with programs for veterans and their families. For more information visit www.allthewayhomeevent.org or contact Jodi Dodd at 563-588-5697 or jodi.dodd@thmedia.com.



2nd Annual RIACU Golf Outing for Honor Flight

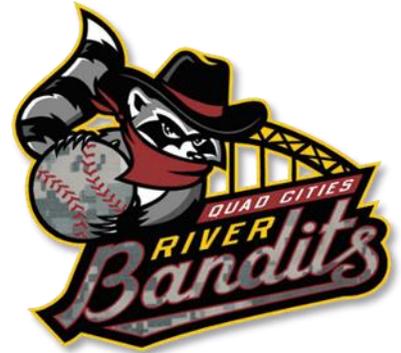
The Rock Island Arsenal Credit Union is excited to host the 2nd Annual RIACU Golf Outing for Honor Flight of the Quad Cities on **Friday, May 13**, at the Arsenal Island Golf Course, at 12:30 p.m.; lunch and registration scheduled 11-12 p.m. The outing has reached its maximum 36 team limit, but if you would like to be put on a waiting list you can still register. You will be called the week of the event if we have found room and can pay at the event. Cost is \$75 a person or \$300 for a foursome. There will be a reception with food and awards following the outing. Last year RIACU raised \$12,000 for this Honor Flight of the Quad Cities and is looking to top that this year. Please mail [completed team forms](#) along with payment made to Honor Flight of the Quad Cities, to: R.I.A. Federal Credit Union, Attn: Jake Ward, PO Box 4750, Rock Island, IL 61204-4750. ([More](#))

Ruffneck Resistance Inaugural Fun Run For Jason's Box

Let's Get Out and Ride! — The Ruffneck Resistance Inaugural Fun Run for Jason's Box will be held **Saturday, May 14**, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The cost will be \$10 per driver and \$5 for a passenger. Sign up will take place 9-11 a.m. at Race Car Central (RCC) at 1727 W. 4th Street, in Davenport. Last bike in by 5 p.m. Raffle items, 50/50 drawing. Stops will include: Judy's Barge Inn in Buffalo, Iowa; Tee's Ice Cream & Burgers in Muscatine, Iowa; Rhino's Bar & Grill in Tipton, Iowa; The Depot in Donahue, Iowa; and the final stop will be Scott's ShovelHead Shed at 220 N. Pine, in Davenport. Come out and help us support our veterans in need. Monies raised through raffle and drawings will go directly to [Jason's Box](#).

AUSA Military Appreciation Night at Modern Woodman Park

The Association of the United States Army-Rock Island Chapter 5102, is hosting veterans at the Quad Cities River Bandits game versus the Clinton Lumberkings on **Thursday, May 19**, at Modern Woodman Park. The event is free to all military veterans and AUSA members. AUSA will honor military service during the game. Tickets can be picked up the Modern Woodmen Park the evening of the event with a military ID card or proof of service. Tickets will also be available through any AUSA board member. For information regarding this event, please contact [Marla Schultz](#) at 563-219-3322.



Jason's Box & Patriot Place Inaugural Campfire Gathering

Jason's Box will hold its inaugural campfire gathering on **Friday, May 20**, 6-10 p.m., at Scott County Park. Bring your families as this will be a fun time for all. We will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, potato salad, a pot of cowboy beans, cold drinks and the fixings for s'mores. We will have firewood, sticks for roasting hot dogs, paper plates and glasses. All we ask of you is to bring your own chairs and whatever extra that you want to eat or snack on during the event. We know that there are people who want to help and be involved in helping and supporting our returning vets and active military through Jason's Box/Patriot Place activities so that is why we are having this event so we can get together and have fellowship and get to know each other better.



Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Parade

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters 776, 669 and 299, VFW 828, and MAVA Chapter Hero Street are sponsoring the [Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Parade](#) taking place **Saturday, May 21**, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The start of the parade will be in the city of Rock Island and will end in the city of Davenport at Veterans Memorial Park. The purpose of this celebration is to honor veterans of the Vietnam War including those killed in action, prisoners of war, and missing in action for their service and sacrifice and to thank their families. Our parade will include honor guards from all services, military and school bands, military vehicles and floats carrying our veterans and their families. ([More](#))



RIAWC Golf Tournament

The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is proud to partner with the Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium to host this 2016 charity golf outing on **Tuesday, May 24**, at the Arsenal Island Golf Course; an event open to all who want to have fun and support RIAWC. Registration is 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The banquet dinner is 6-8 p.m. in the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. Cost is \$125 a player. Registration includes green fees, cart, range balls, drink coupons, lunch, and dinner. Registration is open until all teams have been filled. Non-players can register for "dinner only" for \$25. The golf tournament format is a 4-man scramble (best ball). There will be awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers along with prizes for designated holes. To register for golf, or RSVP for the "dinner only," please contact Wendy Truckenbrod at 563-726-9567 or at riawcfundraiser@yahoo.com. Note: If you're interested in sponsoring or donating to this event, please contact Wendy.

QC Honor Flight Set for May 26

The Quad-City Honor Flight Hub has announced it is now accepting Vietnam veterans for the group's third and fourth flights this year. Applicants must have served between Feb. 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975, to be considered a Vietnam War Era Veteran. The program operates on donations from individuals and organizations. Volunteers plan and coordinate the flight events. All flights depart on a non-stop charter from the Quad City International Airport to Washington D.C., and return at approximately 10 p.m. the same day. Trained guardians are assigned to the veterans to ensure they have a safe, memorable, and rewarding experience. Vietnam veterans within a 75 mile radius of the Quad Cities are encouraged to apply. They must submit an application along with a copy of their DD-214 (available at <http://honorflightqc.org/application-forms>). Applicants are cell 4-8 weeks prior to the honor flight date to advise them they have been selected for the next scheduled flight. Applications are dated in the order they are received. Additional information is available on the Internet at www.HonorFlightQC.org or by calling 563-388-3592. Upcoming Honor Flights will take place **Thursday, May 26**.



Flag Placement

Cemetery volunteers are needed for placement and removal of American flags. The Rock Island National Cemetery is seeking volunteers to place American flags at the headstones of fallen service members in honor of Memorial Day. Work to place the flags will begin at 4 p.m., **Thursday, May 26**, rain or shine. In the event of severe weather, flag placement will be 4 p.m., **Friday, May 27**. Work to remove the flags begins at 7:30 a.m., **Tuesday, May 31**, weather permitting. All volunteers need to show up inside the cemetery to receive flags and instructions. The public must enter the Arsenal through the Moline Gate. For more information, call 309-782-2094.

Memorial Day Ceremony

A Memorial Day Ceremony will begin at 10:45 a.m., **Monday, May 30**, at Rock Island National Cemetery. C.O. Smith; USMC, Vietnam Veteran, State Commander of the Marine Corps League of Illinois, will be this year's speaker. The ceremony will also include patriotic music by the CASI New Horizons Band, as well as a chorus from the CASI Goldentones; a National salute by the Illinois National Guard, Alpha Battery, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Field Artillery Regiment; an honor salute by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 299; an echo salute by Davenport American Legion Post 26; and Taps by John Adams, Davenport American Legion Post 26. There will be no parking at the cemetery for this ceremony except for individuals who are wheelchair bound. Parking for all others will be behind Memorial Park in the large lot. Buses will be transporting people from

the parking lot to the cemetery and will run 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors should arrive early to ensure enough time to park their vehicles and be transported to the cemetery. Memorial Park is located off of the main Island road, Rodman Avenue at the corner of East Street. The public must enter the Arsenal through the Moline Gate. For more information, call 309-782-2094.

AbilityOne Base Supply Center Vendor Show

The AbilityOne Base Supply Center will conduct a vendor show **Wednesday, June 8**, at the Rock Island Arsenal location at 3154 Rodman Ave., Bldg. 104 basement. BSC Vendor Events in 2016 represent our reorganization to better serve our customer promise of Need It? We Can Get It! These strategically planned events will provide direct engagement with key decision makers and buyers at each location. For more information contact the RIA AbilityOne manager, Zoëann Forsythe, at 309-782-1666 or zforsythe@wsifb.com.



Quad Cities 241st Army Birthday Ball

Save the Date! U.S. Army 241st Birthday Ball will be **Friday, June 17**, at the QC Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf, 5-6 p.m. receiving line and cocktail hour, 6:30 p.m. - formal activities begin. \$65 individual or \$480 for a table of eight. Attire is: Military - Dress Mess/Army Service Uniform; Civilian - Black tie preferred. Lodging - special hotel accommodations available by calling 800-843-4753; please mention group code: USA0617; rooms must be reserved by **Monday, June 6**. Please RSVP for the event by **Friday, June 3**. ([Registration and Menu](#))



Closure of the Records Holding Area, Bldg. 331

The Records Holding Area located in Bldg. 331 will close effective **Friday, Sept. 30**. All records that are stored in the facility must be moved or disposed of no later than **Thursday, Sept. 1**. It's the responsibility of each organization/command to relocate and provide space for their own records or dispose of records eligible for destruction. For more information contact [Joyce Rollins](#), Garrison Records Manager, 309-782-1245.

Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — **AT&T Wireless:** As a service member of the U.S. Army you could be saving 15 percent on the monthly service charge of qualified wireless plans. Visit your local AT&T store at 4500 16th Street, (inside SouthPark Mall) Moline or 3120 E. 53rd street, Davenport, or to purchase online, visit att.com/wireless/USArmy If you visit a local AT&T store, please have proof of eligibility. Mention Discount Code: FAN2421660 **Sunset Lakes Resort:** Located near Hillsdale Illinois at I-88 Exit #6, we offer free campsites for those who currently serve and veterans; call 1-800-747-5253 for reservations. Complete details on both military weekends at www.sunsetlakesresort.com under our news section. **Infinity Salon & Spa:** Located at 220 W 3rd St. in Davenport, we offer 15 percent off services for military and the Arsenal Island workforce. We are a full service salon: hair, manicure, pedicures, massage, waxing, facials, for men, women, and children. Eligible personnel only need to show a military or work ID. **The Venue:** Located at 1405 5th Ave. in Moline, we would like to say thank you to all Rock Island Arsenal personnel – bring in your Arsenal ID/badge on Mondays and receive a 20 percent discount on food and soda (this excludes family feast special). **New Life**

Chiropractic Clinic: All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 18th Street in Bettendorf. **Chocolate Manor:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off their total purchase on any of our award winning homemade chocolates at 110 E. 2nd St., Davenport, just show your ID. **Roosters Sports Bar and Grill:** All military and civilian's get 10 percent off their bill. Come head down for lunch at 2130 3rd Ave., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*



Arsenal Traffic/Construction



Building 85 Parking Lot Repairs

On April 4, Public Works began work to repair the parking lot that services Bldg. 85 (Child Development Center under ages of six). Building 85 is located at the northeast corner of East Court Drive. The work effort includes installation of parking and sidewalk. The work is expected to be completed by **Monday, May 16**, depending on weather. A temporary parking area and sidewalk will be installed to support utilization of the facility during construction.

Bldg. 110 Handicap Ramp Repairs, Entrance Closure

On April 6, Public Works began making repairs to the handicap ramp on the northwest corner of Bldg. 110. The work will include the removal and replacement of the handicap ramp, steps, sidewalk and railings. The entrance will be closed during construction. Handicap accessibility to the building can be made by using the passenger elevator, which can be accessed through the northwest doors of the basement courtyard via South Avenue. The construction is scheduled to be completed by **Wednesday, June 15**, depending on weather.

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

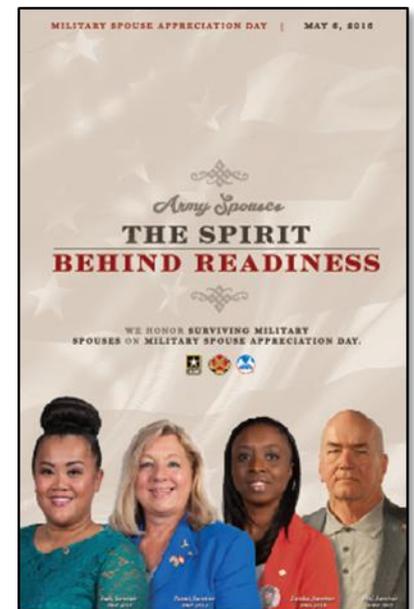


Quad Cities Military Kids Night at the Ballpark and Ballpark Tour

Quad Cities Military Kids is excited that Modern Woodman Ballpark has offered to host a free night of baseball and stadium tour at the River Bandits baseball game on **Saturday, April 30**, at 6 p.m., at Modern Woodman Park in Davenport. This special tour of the stadium and free tickets for the evening game are targeted to military families with kids 3rd grade and older (younger siblings welcome). Registration is available through University of Illinois Extension [here](#) or by calling 309-756-9978. The first 40 people to register will also receive a free hot dog meal. ([More](#))

Military Spouse Appreciation Day

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed the first proclamation officially recognizing Military Spouse Appreciation Day. The Department of Defense then standardized the date by declaring the Friday before Mother's Day every year as Military Spouse Appreciation Day. In 1999, Congress officially made Military Spouse Appreciation Day a part of National Military Appreciation Month. This year the commemoration falls on **Friday, May 6, 2016**, and the theme is Army Spouses: The Spirit Behind Readiness. The theme showcases how spouses are vital to the strength, resilience and readiness of the Army. In celebration of Military Spouse Appreciation Day, garrisons Army-wide will hold a variety of programs and special events to celebrate military spouses. Program coordinators in Army Community Service and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will plan events such as luncheons, educational workshops, spouse employment fairs, socials and spa nights. These events are opportunities for the Army to show their gratitude and support for military spouses. The Army promises to take care of Families through the promotion of many Army strategic campaigns such as Ready and Resilient, which includes the Army Family Action Plan, and Total Army Strong. The Army understands that providing high quality of life programming to Families is crucial to building a strong and resilient community. The Army recognizes the important role that spouses play in today's Army. After more than a decade at war and multiple deployments, spouses continue to support America's Army by serving in multiple roles as community leaders, mothers, fathers and Soldiers. Through mission, deployment, reintegration and reset, military spouses are the backbone of the Families who support the Soldiers. They are essential to the strength, resilience and readiness of the nation.



Retired Colonel to Speak at the U of I Professional MBA Program in the QC

The University of Iowa Professional MBA Program in the Quad Cities is thrilled to announce that (Ret. Col.) [Iowa Rep. Ken Rizer](#) will speak on **Friday, May 6**, at 6 p.m., during their Executive Speaker Series at their new Quad Cities campus located at the Birchwood Learning Center, 4620 East 53 Street, in Davenport. Rizer will be speaking on the topic of Influencing Change through Leadership; learning about what role influence plays in creating the change you want.

Attendees will learn how mastering influence enhances your ability to impact and guide both your personal and corporate change. "We are so excited to have Ken speaking to our community," said PMBA QC Site Director, Michel Pontarelli.

"This topic is something that is extremely beneficial to not only our students, but also military personnel transitioning to the private sector and business professionals in our community in both the non-profit and for-profit space."

Rizer proudly served 25 years as an Air Force officer & fighter pilot. After retiring from the military, he served as the Senior Vice President of Operations for Goodwill of the Heartland, employing people with disabilities and homeless vets. Elected to the Iowa House in 2014, he serves as the Vice Chairman of Appropriations, the Chairman of the At Hoc Budget Review Subcommittee, and as a member of the Commerce, Human Resources, Judiciary, and HHS budget committees. This event is co-sponsored by the University of Iowa Professional MBA program in the Quad Cities and the University of Iowa Community Credit Union and is free and open to anyone in the community. Register [online here](#) or call (800) MBA-IOWA. Appetizers will be served from 5:30-6 p.m. with the presentation beginning at 6 p.m. The new Birchwood Learning Center is located at 4620 East 53rd Street, in Davenport. For more information please call Michel Pontarelli at 319-335-3782.



Military Kids Camp 2016 for Youth Impacted by Military Service

Youth Ages 8-16... join us for a fun-filled week, **July 3-8**, of summer camp adventures at YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln, the Quad Cities premiere overnight camping facility for youth. Would you like to live in a cabin and enjoy traditional camp activities—swimming, hiking, horseback riding, campfires and much more? Then this camp is for you. This special Military Kids Camp is open to all youth and teens ages 8-16 whose parent, sibling or other close relative serves in any branch of the military — active duty, Guard or Reserves. Kids will also enjoy special activities just for military kids – hands-on workshops, Military Day hosted by the Illinois National Guard, Resiliency, and more. Questions call 563-381-3053. ([More](#))

Bix 7 Road Race Waives Entry Fee

The 2016 Bix 7 organization is again happy to be able to offer free entry, **July 30**, to all active duty military, Reserve and Guard. Again, there will also be a specific viewing area location designated for and honoring our veterans at Brady and Kirkwood. Complete the [printable entry form](#), enter your military ID number where indicated and mail your entry to us. You must pick up your packet in person at the Bix 7 Expo and show your military ID. Last year we had an increase over the first year, we hope to be able to continue that momentum again in the third year of this appreciation.

([Entry Form](#))

Safety Spotlight



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Motorcycle Riding Courses

The Garrison Safety Office is offering Motorcycle Riding Courses for military personnel. The motorcycle rider training program is certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The courses are designed to help riders manage their risk and increase their skills through riding and classroom instruction. Per DODI 6055.4, DOD Traffic Safety Program, military personnel who operate motorcycles must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways and must have successfully completed an approved rider or operator safety course meeting the MSF-based State-approved curriculum. Any military member operating a motorcycle on or off Rock Island Arsenal must be in possession of a MSF card when they ride to verify completion of required training. The motorcycle training courses at RIA are scheduled as follows:

May

- Basic Motorcycle Rider Course: **May 17-18** (two eight-hour days)
- Experienced Rider Course: **May 19** (one eight-hour day)
- Military Sport Bike Rider Course: **May 20** (one eight-hour day)

July

- Basic Motorcycle Rider Course: **July 12-13** (two eight-hour days)
- Experienced Rider Course: **July 14** (one eight-hour day)
- Military Sport Bike Rider Course: **July 15** (one eight-hour day)

September

- Basic Motorcycle Rider Course: **Sept. 20-21** (two eight-hour days)
- Experience Rider Course: **Sept. 22** (one eight-hour day)
- Military Sport Bike Rider Course: **Sept. 23** (one eight-hour day)

Registration for courses is through the web-based "AIRS" system at <https://imc.army.mil/airs/default.aspx>

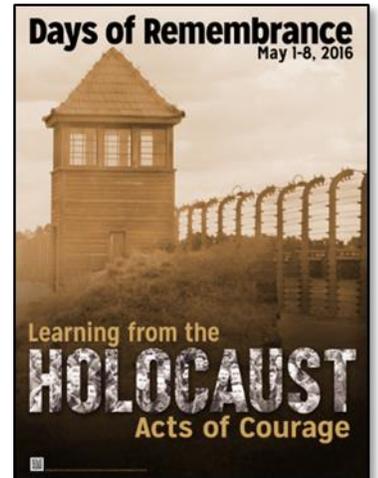
Note: Each course is limited to 12 riders. If a minimum number six of riders is not realized or if a need for a particular class is greater than the number of classes scheduled, a class may be cancelled or shifted. If you need further information please contact either [Nancy Carlson](#) or [Michael Chaplin](#) via phone extension 309-782-1380.

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



Rock Island Arsenal Days of Remembrance

The First Army Equal Opportunity Office invites you to the Rock Island Arsenal Days of Remembrance on **Tuesday, May 3**, in Bldg. 60, Heritage Hall, from 1-2 p.m. The guest speaker will be Felix Weil, a Holocaust survivor and part of the Kindertransport, the informal name of a series of rescue efforts which brought thousands of refugee Jewish children to Great Britain from Nazi Germany between 1938 and 1940. At the age of 11 Weil found himself in England, still not realizing that he would never see his family again. In 1941, his parents and sister were sent to the Lodz ghetto in Poland, and his father died there. His mother and sister died later in concentration camps. In 1945, an aunt and uncle brought him to the United States, but he was drafted and sent back to Germany to serve with the occupation forces. He graduated from Kent State University and has lived in Dayton since 1950. He is now retired from the art business. He and his wife Frances have two children and a grandchild. National Days of Remembrance is observed from May 1-8 this year. During this week, we remember not only the millions of victims and survivors of the Holocaust, but also the heroes whose actions saved incalculable lives. A little more than 70 years ago, witnesses to the atrocities of Nazi-occupied Europe, were faced with the choice of stopping the persecution of their neighbors and fellow countrymen or standing by in acquiescent silence. Unfortunately, fearing for their own lives, many people opted for the latter. However, some remarkable individuals chose action over fear, courageously standing up to tyranny and hatred. Army leadership has asked the entire Army family to honor the courage of those individuals who chose to take a stand against persecution by rejecting all forms of prejudice and bigotry. Leadership has also asked us to remain vigilant against the threat of genocide and to let us honor both those who perished and those who quietly triumphed over oppression by letting our actions illustrate tolerance and respect for all people. The Army will pay tribute to the 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 month. As an Army, we must reject all forms of prejudice, bigotry, and hatred in order to remain strong. As we mourn those who were lost and honor the survivors, we should remember the hatred and persecution that led to the atrocities that we must remain vigilant against. Arsenal workforce employees can use keyword "Holocaust" to sign up in [TEDs](#). For additional information or accommodations please contact [Sgt. First Class Jose A. Vazquez](#) at 309-782-9761.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

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

Lock & Dam Lounge Closes for Renovations

Effective April 2, the Lock & Dam Lounge closed for renovations until further notice.

MWR Text Alerts

Grab your mobile phone and text **EZZHV32984 4** to the number **313131** to join our text list and have all the latest and greatest MWR news delivered right to your phone. We'll keep you up to date with all the fun and exciting upcoming MWR events and programs as well as coupons and special offers available only to text alert subscribers. Message and data rates may apply and you can opt out at any time by replying "**stop**" to **313131**. Check out the flyer for a quick and easy QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to automatically generate the message for you. ([Flyer](#))



Administrative Professionals Day Buffet Special

Is your Administrative Professional the glue that holds your office together? Make sure they know how much they mean to your organization by treating them to an all-you-can-eat buffet at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse during the week of **April 26–29** from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The normal soup salad and sandwich buffet menu will feature special items such as our famous Plantation Salad and other assorted additional salads. All admins also receive a free dessert with their meal. Cost is \$9/person which includes a drink (tea, soda, water). Call 309-782-4372 for more info or group seating. ([Flyer](#))

Paintless Dent Repair Service at the Auto Shop

The always popular paintless dent repair technician will be available for repairs on **Wednesday, April 27**. If you have small dings, dents and other imperfections in your vehicle it may be possible to have them fixed without the excessive costs of more traditional body work. Call 309-782-8631 for more information and to schedule an appointment. ([Flyer](#))

Registration Closes April 30 for Adult Slow Pitch Softball League

Get your teams together and get signed up for the 2016 RIA Adult Softball Season. Cost is \$420/team and games will be played on Monday nights at the Sports Complex on Blunt Road. Call 309-782-5124 or stop by the Fitness Center for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Cinco de Mayo Buffet Specials

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a different delicious Mexican dish as the hot option each day from **May 3-6** at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. Buffet also includes the regular soup, salad & sandwich options and includes a drink for just \$9/person. Call 309-793-1601 for more info or visit www.arsenalislandgolf.com/index.cfm/clubhouse/lunch1 for the hot menu item of the day. ([Flyer](#))

First Friday Social & Great River Brewery's Arsenal Pale Ale Tapping

Join your Island colleagues **Friday, May 6**, 4-7 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse for a fun evening of appetizers, drinks, networking, socializing and karaoke. This event is open to the entire RIA workforce and the general public so bring your friends, family, neighbors, mail man... whoever, just come out and have fun with us. This special First Friday will feature a handle takeover with Great River Brewery rolling out their new Arsenal Pale Ale that they've created just for us. Bring your 2015 Rocktoberfest stein and get \$2 off refills. Call 309-782-4372 for more info. ([Flyer](#))



Muscular Music Workshop

The common diatonic harmonica (Harp) is a powerful tool for engaging and reconditioning the muscles and motion that give us breath. The harp has been used to relieve stress for centuries. President Abraham Lincoln carried one, as did many Civil War fighters. German, British, and U.S. Soldiers carried them into WWI. Today the harp is used widely for COPD and other pulmonary dysfunctions. This workshop, **Saturday, May 7**, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Fitness Center, will introduce training methods designed to get maximum harp breathing efficiency with minimum effort. Training will include uncommon postures. Cost for this workshop is \$40 and includes one harmonica in an unopened box. For more info or to register (only 12 spots available), call 309-782-6787. ([Flyer](#))

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

Show Mom how much she means to you **Sunday, May 8**, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Arsenal Island Clubhouse, by treating her to a delicious all you can eat brunch buffet featuring complimentary Champagne & Mimosa bar at the beautiful & historic Arsenal Island Clubhouse. Cost is \$24.95/adult and \$12.95/child (4-12). This event is open to the public and the new installation access policy has been waived for this event, simply present a valid ID (IL driver's license is valid) for all adults (18+) in the vehicle at the gate, no background check is required. Call 309-782-4372 for more info and reservations. Please RSVP by **Wednesday, May 4**. ([Flyer](#))

Army Ten Miler Qualifying Run

All active duty are encouraged to sign up for the **Saturday, May 21**, 6:30 a.m., qualifier race here at the Rock Island Arsenal, the top six finishers in this race will go on to represent RIA at the annual Army Ten Miler Race on **Sunday, Oct. 9**, in Washington D.C. Call the Fitness Center at 309-782-6787 or stop by and fill out the registration paperwork. ([Flyer](#))

Lunch Service at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse

Has it been a while since you've had lunch at the Golf Clubhouse? If so come back Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and give it another try because we've got some exciting new options that are sure to fit your appetite and schedule. Try the daily soup, salad and sandwich buffet featuring a delicious house made soup du jour and fresh baked breads for just \$9/person. ([menu is available here](#)) ([daily buffet items here](#))

Spring Car Care Month Oil Change Special at the Auto Shop

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

MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

Discount Tickets for Upcoming Local Shows & Bus Trips at the Leisure Travel Office

Leisure Travel which is located in Bldg. 333 (next to the Exchange) has discount tickets for the following upcoming shows/trips. Contact them at 309-782-5890 or visit their webpage:

www.riamwr.com/community-recreation/leisure-travel for more information.

- **Saturday, June 18:** Sister Act at Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse
- **Sunday, June 19:** NASCAR Xfinity Series Race Trip to Newton, IA
- **Saturday, July 9:** Taste of Chicago/Navy Pier Bus Trip
- **Friday, Aug. 12:** Cubs vs. Cardinals Bus Trip to Wrigley Field

Sister Act

Area premiere... this feel-amazing Broadway musical comedy is based on the hit 1992 film featuring Whoopi Goldberg and has audiences jumping to their feet. When disco diva Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in one place the cops are sure she won't be a found: a convent. Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior. Using her unique disco moves and singing talent to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church and community but in doing so, blows her cover. Soon, the gang is giving chase only to find them up against Deloris and the power of her newly found sisterhood. Leisure Travel has discounted tickets (\$46) on sale until **Friday, June 3.**

Event Date: **Saturday, June 18**

Event Time: **6 p.m.**

MWR Infinity NASCAR Bus Trip

3rd Annual Newton Iowa Xfinity race Father's Day weekend. Depart from Motel 6 parking lot (by McDonalds near the Moline Airport) Transportation & Ticket \$69, last day for signups will be **Friday, May 20.** Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/nascartrip> Call or stop by office to register as well.

Event Date: **Sunday, June 19**

Event Time: **8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Taste of Chicago/Navy Pier Bus Trip

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

Event Date: **July 9**

Cubs vs. Cardinals

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

2016 Adventureland Tickets

Leisure Travel has discounted one day admission tickets for the 2016 season to Adventureland Amusement & Water Park. Adult and Child \$33; at the gate adult is \$42, child is \$37.

Child, Youth & School Services



May the 4th Be With You Party

On **Wednesday, May 4**, 6:30-8 p.m., the School Age Center is hosting a Star Wars themed family night for children and parents alike. There will be a Jedi obstacle course, build your own light saber, star wars crafts, BB-8 training, free hotdogs, and more. Call 309-782-5019 to RSVP for a night of fun. May 4 is considered a holiday by some Star Wars fans to celebrate the franchise's film series, books, and culture. The date was chosen for the easy pun on the catchphrase "May the Force be with you" – "May the Fourth be with you." Even though the holiday was not actually created or declared by Lucasfilm, many Star Wars fans across the world choose to celebrate the holiday. ([Flyer](#))



Armed Forces Day America's Kids Run

Mark your calendars for the 2016 America's Armed Forces Kids Run on **Saturday, May 21**, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., at Memorial Park. 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 to 13-years-old.

- 100-yard dash 3-4 year olds
- ½-mile run 5-6 year olds
- 1-mile run 7-8 year olds
- 2-mile run for 9-13 year olds

These are all for fun, and non-competitive. Register by **Saturday, April 30**, for \$8/child to be guaranteed a t-shirt and finishers medal. Price increases to \$10 on **Monday, May 1**. The races will begin at 9 a.m. We will also have a family fun zone with lots of activities after the races. [Register here](#) or call 309-782-0511 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

New Executive Director Hired for Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission

The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission has hired Cherise Imai as the new executive director. Ms. Imai comes to the Commission with a background that reflects the mission of the organization. She comes to the Commission from the Hawaii State Department of Education where she served as the Military Liaison under State Superintendent of Education, Kathryn Matayoshi. She will start on June 1, 2016. "I want to thank those who worked so hard on screening candidates to find an appropriate fit to fill the position of Executive Director," said Kate Wren

Gavlak, California Commissioner and Commission Chair. "We thank Brigadier General Stephen Hogan for his service over the past two years. We wish him well as the new Adjutant General for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I am confident that Ms. Imai is the right person to lead the Commission forward." ([More](#))

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**.

RIA's AER Campaign, March 14 – April 29: "Never Leave a Soldier in Need"

Over the last several years AER has made significant changes to meet the needs of today's Army, adding new categories of assistance, expediting the assistance process and increasing grants by 30 percent. Last September AER made a policy change which allows all Soldiers, regardless of rank, direct access to AER assistance. "Never Leaving a Soldier in Need is in keeping with the Army's core values," said AER's Director, retired Army Lt. Gen. Robert Foley. "Whether the need is money for a Soldier's emergency leave, new brakes for the family car or to cover the initial rent deposit on a new apartment, AER is there. To maintain this level of assistance today, donations from Soldiers, active and retired, are essential to ensure the legacy of Soldiers Helping Soldiers." For information on the local campaign, contact Army Community Service at 309-782-0815. ([StandTo!](#))

Operation Appreciation Military Family Event

In honor of Armed Forces Day & Military Appreciation Month, all military members past and present and their families (including National Guard and Reserve forces) are encouraged to join us **Saturday, May 21**, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., at Memorial Park, for a fun family day at the park. There will be family competitions, food, prizes and Military exhibits. For more info call 309-782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

Newcomers Orientation & Bus Tour

Are you new to the Arsenal or do you have new employees or Service Members in your office? Make sure to get them/yourself signed up for our next Newcomer's Orientation and Tour on **Thursday, April 28**, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. The briefings and info on the tour will include everything a new employee needs to know to successfully transition to the Rock Island Arsenal and the surrounding Quad Cities and make their new home feel like home. This free service includes breakfast & lunch courtesy of our sponsors, Rock Island Arsenal Federal Credit Union & USAA. Space is limited so call 309-782-0829 for more info and to reserve your spots. ([Flyer](#))

5 Love Languages Training

This free training, **Thursday, April 28**, 4:30-6 p.m., in the ACS Training Room (Bldg. 110), is open to all Arsenal employees and will cover the five languages of love and how to strengthen your personal relationships. For more info or to RSVP, please call 309-782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

Advanced Résumé Class

This class, **Friday, May 6**, 1:30-3:30 p.m., ACS Training Room (Bldg. 110), is for spouses but open to all service members, retirees' DA civilians and their family members. Learn advanced techniques on how to tailor your résumé for federal employment. RSVP required by **Friday, April 29**, call 309-782-0829 or e-mail usarmy.ria.imcom-central.mbx.usag-acg@mail.mil ([Flyer](#))

New Kingdom Trailriders Equine Assisted Therapeutic Riding Program

This program, taking place **Friday, May 20**, 5:30-8 p.m., is for the education and recreational benefit of physically, cognitively, and emotionally disabled individuals. Exceptional Family Members Program Enrollees and their immediate family members. Riding Rules: Riders must be a minimum of three-years-old through adult. A release of liability form must be signed for all participants. Attire is long pants and closed toed shoes. Location is at a horse farm, there are no flushing toilets-portable potty only. Snacks will be available for participants. Must RSVP by **Friday, May 6**, by calling 309-782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

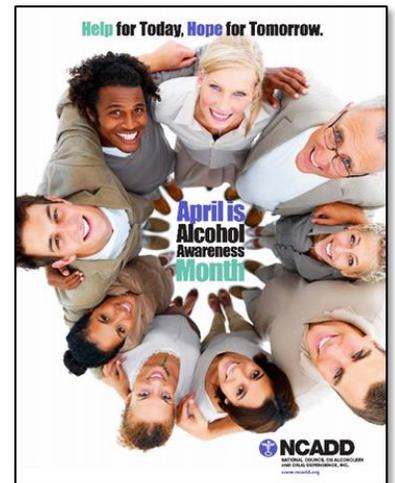
Employee Assistance Program



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. In addition, [a list of our classes & groups with dates, locations, and times, is located here.](#) [Find us on Facebook click here.](#)

April is 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 309-782-HELP (4357) or look for an EAP staff member at your lunch cafeteria in April.



Grief Support Group

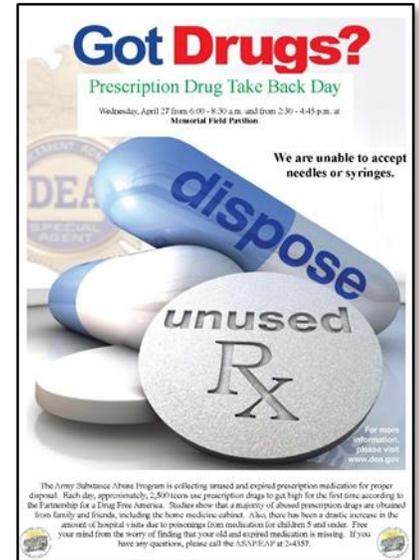
Have you been struggling with the recent loss of a loved one? The EAP welcomes you to attend confidential group sessions to share your feelings with others who are experiencing the same emotions and challenges to daily living. Participants will receive support and companionship from others while learning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

Time Management

Do you feel like there is never enough time in a day to get everything done? Would you like to learn some tips to become more organized and free up some time for more fun? Learn how to prioritize tasks and manage your time more effectively. Upcoming class dates are **April 26, July 26, and Oct. 25**, at 10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

National Prescription Take Back Day

Rock Island Arsenal will participate in National Prescription Drug Takeback Day on **Wednesday, April 27**, at Memorial Field Pavilion. The drop off times will be 6-8:15 a.m. and 2-4:45 p.m. We cannot accept needles, syringes, or aerosol products including inhalers. National Prescription Drug Take-Back addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards. The Rock Island Arsenal Army Substance Abuse Program & Employee Assistance Abuse Program coordinates this initiative bi-annually. The ASAP/EAP is dedicated to excellence in providing a standard of care that enhances the quality of life for its clients and the workforce of Rock Island Arsenal. We believe that personal, family, and workplace problems can affect an employee's well-being and job performance. The ASAP/EAP promotes healthy lifestyles. Our most important asset is our employees and we are committed to providing professional counseling, educational assistance, and intervention services in an effort to promote wellness and improve the climate of the Rock Island Arsenal. RIA EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Room 104, and are open 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment call 309-782-4357 (HELP). After hour emergencies call 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly.



Improving Workplace Relationships

Relationships in the workplace are very much like relationships in our personal lives. Therefore they require many of the same skills we use with those who are closest to us. Learning these skills makes sense because many of us spend more time with our co-workers than with our family members. Skills learned are based on research based concepts and address issues of communication, conflict, respect and trust. Upcoming class dates are **May 5, June 7, and Aug. 2**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Working with You Is Killing Me

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

Event Date: **May 26**

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

Emotional Intelligence

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

The RIA Employee Assistance Program Presents: Real Colors

Want to enhance your communication skills? Real Colors offers you a peek into human personality. It will provide you with a better understanding of human behavior and help you recognize, accept and learn to value the difference in others. Real Colors has proven to be an effective tool to increase understanding, empathy and effective communication in the workplace. Location: Bldg. 56, Room 122, Sign up in [TEDs](#) (Search key word "Real Colors" or contact Lori Griffin at 309-782-2551

Additional dates: **Aug. 9, Nov. 8.**

Event Date: **May 10**

Event Time: **8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Assertiveness Training

Learn strategies to communicate with effectiveness and enhance yourself personally and professionally. Upcoming class dates are **Aug. 23 and Nov. 29**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact Bob Donohoo, employee assistance program coordinator at 309-782-2552. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Education/Training Review



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

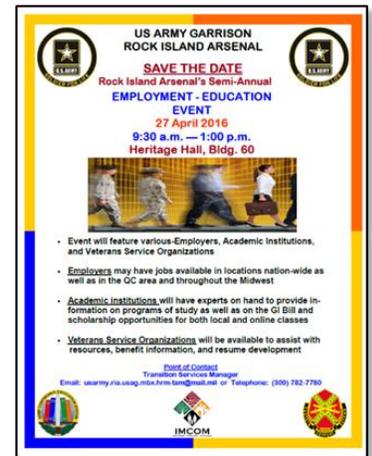
Closure of the Education Center

The Education Center will be closed **Wednesday, April 27**, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. RIA is hosting its semi-annual Employment Education Event in Bldg. 60, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. For more information contact the Education Center at 309-782-2065.

Rock Island Arsenal Employment-Education Event

The Directorate of Human Resources, U.S. Army Garrison, will host the Semi-Annual Employment-Education Event on **Wednesday, April 27**, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The target audience is active duty, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers, Retirees, veterans, and Family members.

Numerous employers, academic institutions and Veterans Service Organizations from throughout the Midwest will be in attendance. Employers may have jobs available in locations nation-wide as well as in the Quad Cities area. Academic institutions will have experts on hand to provide information on programs of study as well as on the GI Bill and scholarship opportunities, for both local and online classes. Veterans Service Organizations will be available to assist with resources, benefit information, and resume development. If you are searching for employment, please come ready; have resumes to hand out and be appropriately dressed. If you would like individual resume or interview training prior to attending this event, and you are an active duty or retired service member or eligible Family member, you may contact [Chris Gegenheimer](#), Army Community Services, at 309-782-0815. Any questions about the event can be directed to [Shelly Mimms](#), 309-782-7780 or [Lafayette Ausborn](#), 309-782-4799. Do something today that your future self will thank you for!



Association of the United States Army Scholarships

The Rock Island Arsenal AUSA Chapter is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 academic year. There will be four scholarship awards of \$1,000 each. [Applications may be downloaded from the chapter's web site](#). Eligibility requirements are shown on the first page of the application. Applications must be postmarked no later than **Sunday, May 1**. Questions should be directed to the scholarship chair, [Chioma Ezeugwu](#), 309-269-7551.

DSST - Retake Your Exam for Free

Effective April 18, military service member students who do not pass their first DSST exam will be eligible for one free retake. Students will be able to take advantage of this promotion by providing a voucher code at the time of retest. The voucher code will be sent to students via email 1-2 days after taking the exam. Please note the DSST Public Speaking Exam is not applicable for the second shot promotion. Students taking this exam will not receive a voucher. This promotion does not cover administrative or sitting fees. Students will be able to take advantage of the promotion until **Tuesday, May 31**. As part of this limited time promotional offer DSST has reduced the standard wait period to retake a DSST exam from 90-days to 30-days beginning April 18. Take the next step and review exam content outlines, and Petersons free test prep materials. Don't wait to take advantage of this limited offer. Visit <http://getcollegetcredit.com/assets/pdf/DSST-second-shot-web.pdf> for more information.

Higher Education

Do you plan on attending college? Do you know where to start? We have the answer for you. The next Higher Education Track (course) is scheduled for **Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14-15**,

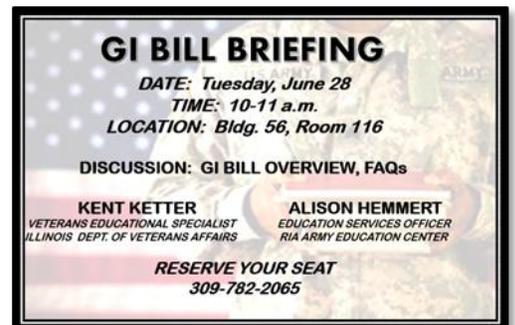
Bldg. 56, Room 122. The Higher Education Track helps guide you in pursuing a college education with preparation for college application process. Topics covered include: identifying educational goals, finding education funding, and researching and comparing institutions. This course is designed to guide you through the variety of decisions involved in choosing a degree program, college institution and funding considerations. This course is open to all military service members and their family members. Please phone 309-782-7780 to reserve your seat.

Riding for Those Who Cannot

In the early morning hours of **Tuesday, June 21**, a number of intrepid motorcycle enthusiasts will depart Southern California for a 12 day, 10,000 mile, endurance ride up and down and across the United States. These riders, participants of the Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge, all ride for different reasons. One local rider, Steve Briscoe, is riding for those who cannot. He is riding on behalf of Operation Warrior RECONnect, which is part of the [Roever Foundation](#). This unforgiving 10,000 mile ride is his way of paying a debt we can never repay. Many Veterans wait months for treatment and this is unacceptable and often that treatment does not include the family. Operation Warrior RECONnect works with the Soldier and the family members to bring them together and rebuild what their service may have torn apart. This service is provided to the Soldier and family members at no cost to the Soldier. I may ride alone, but I cannot do it alone. Your moral support will give me the encouragement I need during this very difficult and challenging ride. You can also [email me](#) and I will provide a link where you can track my travels in real time from **June 19 to July 6**.

Using the GI Bill: Some Factors to Consider

Please join us for a GI Bill Briefing on **Tuesday, June 28**, 10-11 a.m., in Bldg. 56, Room 116. Kent Ketter, Veterans Educational Specialist - Illinois Dept. VA and Alison Hemmert, Education Service Officer - USAG RIA Army Education Center, will provide a GI Bill overview and address FAQs. Call 309-782-2065 to reserve a seat. As an eligible service member, veteran, or dependent planning to use the GI Bill, consider yourself a consumer about to make one of the most important decisions of your life. You owe it to yourself to thoroughly consider your educational and career goals, needs and options in order to utilize the GI Bill in the most timely and cost-effective manner possible. Some questions to consider: • What are my career goals and how do they relate to my educational needs? • How do I choose a school that is right for me? • Will my professional field respect a degree from the school I'm considering? • How well does my chosen school support Veterans and dependents? • In addition to the GI Bill, what are other ways to finance my education? • What are grants and loans? Remember, in the military you demonstrated commitment, discipline, and a desire to succeed. As a dependent you developed strong critical-thinking and decision-making skills. Leverage those same qualities when considering the school that best provides what you need and maximizes your investment. For more information and resources: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/choosing_a_school.asp.



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, **June 16**; • Black Hawk College, **July 14**; • Eastern Iowa Community College, **May 5, June 2, and July 7**; • Kaplan University, **May 19, and Aug. 18**; • Saint Ambrose University, **July 21**; • Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, **May 12, and July 28**; • University of Dubuque, **May 26, and Aug. 11**; and • Upper Iowa University, **June 9**. Meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities.

Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange



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

Investing In Your Benefit

The commissary surcharge – the 5 percent added to every customer's bill – is not a tax. That's just one of several facts about the surcharge that even some of the savviest commissary customers are sometimes surprised to learn. "Some people erroneously call the surcharge a tax, but this generalization is inaccurate and misses the point," said Defense Commissary Agency Historian Dr. Pete Skirbunt. "A tax could be spent on any of multiple government programs or projects with no way of telling which ones. Commissary surcharge dollars, however, may only be spent on building, modernizing and maintaining commissary facilities and store equipment." ([More](#))

Spring Case Lot Sales Offer Maximum Savings

Military members and their families in the U.S. wanting to load up on savings only need to venture as far as their local store during the Defense Commissary Agency's spring National Case Lot Sale event. "You cannot find a better deal than our case lot events to save up to 50 percent on some items," said Tracie Russ, DeCA's director of Sales. "Many of our savvy shoppers circle their calendars for these events – they never miss the chance to stock up." Each stateside store hosts an individual two- or three-day case lot sale. Sale dates begin in some locations as early as the first week in May and in others as late as the end of June. Patrons are encouraged to check the Case Lot Sales page for schedules. Commissaries in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico are also participating. ([More](#))

Commissary May Case Lot Sale

The Rock Island Arsenal Commissary is having its May Case Lot Sale on **Friday, May 20, and Saturday, May 21, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** both days.

Arsenal Archive

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

Town Hall to Discuss Changes at Rock Island Arsenal Museum

U.S. Army Garrison, Rock Island Arsenal, will host a town hall at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 27**, to discuss changes at the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The event will be held in the theater in the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The changes come as a result of Army wide changes in museums and the maintenance of artifacts. More than 3,000 artifacts will be moved from the Rock Island Arsenal Museum's collection to the Field Museum Support Facility at Anniston Army



Depot, Ala. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is the Army's second oldest museum. It first opened to the public on July 4, 1905. The primary mission is to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Rock Island Arsenal and Arsenal Island. By focusing on "People, Processes, and Products," the exhibits tell the story of the people involved in Arsenal Island's history, the manufacturing processes used at Rock Island Arsenal, and the military equipment that was produced at Rock Island Arsenal. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is nationally recognized for its large and impressive small arms collection. More than 1,200 U.S., foreign, civilian, and military small arms are on permanent display.

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society May Dinner Meeting

The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on **Thursday, May 5**, in the Veranda Room of the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu for the dinner includes a garden salad, chicken parmesan with buttered pasta and green beans, fruit parfait for dessert. All will be prepared by the golf club kitchen. Dinners include rolls and bread sticks, coffee, tea and water. The total cost is \$14 including tax and tip. Please have your check or cash ready to give to Dick Hochstetler or Linda Miller when you arrive. This event is open to members and non-members. Interested parties may choose to attend only the program portion of the meeting at 7 p.m. at no cost. The program will be presented by Scott Lamb, Director of the National Cemetery on the Rock Island Arsenal. Lamb will inform us about the history of the cemetery. He will tell us about the veteran's information and spousal benefits.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – April 25-May 2

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. On April 29, 1931, construction of the locks on Locks and Dam 15 began. On May 1, 1870, ground breaking on the RIA Commanding Officer's Quarters known as Quarters One began. In May 1874, the guard house building at the main gate entrance on the western portion of the Island was completed. In May 1962, the RIA established a Tool and Equipment Division. The tool and equipment engineering activities were removed from the RI Ordnance Depot.

Healthbeat

Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic Pharmacy Closure

The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic Pharmacy will be closed **Friday, April 29**.

New Regulation Requirement for Children Under 10

If you have children age 10 and up please ensure they have a dependent ID card. It is required to be seen by providers and to get medication from pharmacy. This is not a new regulation by any means and will be enforced in the future. You can obtain them from Bldg 102. Please be respectful to our pharmacy staff as they are only following the regulations. If you have any questions please contact Capt. Breckons (OIC of clinic)-or Capt. Trudell (OIC of pharmacy). ([Clinic site](#))

Notes for Veterans

New Tool Launches to Improve the Benefits Claim Appeals Process at the VA

Today, we are celebrating the nationwide launch of Caseflow Certification, the first of many tools that will begin to improve the processing of benefit claim appeals at VA. Last summer, the Board of Veterans' Appeals reached out to the Digital Service at VA to assess the disability claim appeals process. We found a familiar sight to anyone who has worked in government—a burdensome medley of antiquated technology, manual processes, and overbearing laws and policies. This is a story about how the Digital Service is partnering with the incredibly dedicated team at the Board to replace this legacy system at the VA. It's a story of policy, technology, and human-centered design. Imagine Lawrence—a Vietnam Veteran in his sixties. Lawrence filed a claim seven years ago to increase his disability compensation from the VA after his back injury got so bad that he couldn't work. Seven years later, he's still waiting for a final decision. Or think about Lisa, whose husband passed away due to cancer caused by asbestos exposure in the Navy. She appealed to increase his disability compensation package after his death. It's been three years and she's still waiting for a final decision too. ([More](#))

Obama's Push to Hire Veterans Is Causing Confusion and Resentment, Officials Say

One in 3 people hired into the federal government is a veteran, but the Obama administration's aggressive push to reward those who served is causing confusion and resentment among job applicants and hiring staff. That's what federal officials and advocates for veterans told lawmakers at a House hearing Wednesday on how well the White House's seven-year effort to push former service members to the head of the long federal hiring queue is working. The veterans preference program is bringing record numbers of former soldiers into federal agencies. But experts acknowledged that the hiring process is generating tension and misunderstanding around who is qualified to jump the line. "The bulk of the problem is a lack of understanding of the law," Michael H. Michaud, assistant secretary for the Veterans' Employment and Training Service at the Labor Department, told a panel of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. ([More](#))

Message from the VA Under Secretary for Health

On April 19, I testified before the House Veteran Affairs Committee during a hearing related to delays in Veteran's Access to Healthcare. In the course of that hearing, a member of the Committee said that it was his understanding that the Department of Veterans Affairs refused to fire a VA Caribbean Health Care System employee who was convicted of an armed robbery in Puerto Rico. The member further asked what VA was doing to "take care of the situation." My response to the member was "If I misspeak on this, I will commit I will get back to you by the end of the day, but it is my understanding that person is not currently working at the VA in San Juan." I have clarified my statement, and will be formally responding to the Committee, but it is equally important to me that I provide the facts and set the record straight for our Veterans, employees and the general public who entrust us with the care of the Nation's Veterans and who expect us to be open and honest with them. On June 15, 2015, an employee of the VA Caribbean Health Care System was arrested and charged with aggravated robbery. The facility's management took appropriate administrative action during the pendency of the criminal proceedings. The criminal matter was resolved in November 2015 and resulted in a misdemeanor charge and probation only. The employee was not convicted of armed robbery and was subsequently returned to work as a clerk at VACHS following administrative processes and court approval. There was never any indication that the employee posed a risk to Veterans or VA property. ([More](#))

Around the Q.C.



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- April 1-30:** [Quad Cities Live Month](#) (Greater Quad Cities area)
- April 25:** [Rock Island Parks and Recreation's Pickleball Sock Hop Fundraiser](#) (Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center, Rock Island)
- April 27:** [Protecting Against Identity Theft](#) (Rock Island Main Library, Rock Island)
- April 27:** [Fine Arts Expo](#) (Scott Community College)
- April 28:** [Child Abuse Council Quad Cities' Lifesaver Celebration 2016](#) (CACQC, 524 15th St, Moline)
- April 28 – May 1:** [B-17 Bomber 'Aluminum Overcast' to Visit the Quad Cities](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)
- April 29:** [Grains to Growlers](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)
- April 29:** [Milan Lions Club 2nd Annual Black Light BASH](#) (The Camden Centre, 2701 1st St E, Milan)
- April 30:** [Healthy Kids Day 2016](#) (Davenport West Family YMCA, Davenport)
- April 30:** [Quad Cities March for Babies](#) (Rock Island Arsenal Memorial Park)
- April 30:** [American Legion Veterans Awareness Walk 22](#) (Milan American Legion Post 569)
- April 30:** [35th Annual CBRC 24 Hour Run](#) (North Scott High School Track, Eldridge, Iowa)
- April 30:** [Steve's Old Time Tap Spring Chaser](#) (223 17th Street, Downtown Rock Island)
- April 30:** [Rock Island Conservation Club's Community Yard Sale/Flea Market](#) (Rock Island Conservation Club, 2421 Big Island Pkwy, Milan)
- April 30:** [City of Davenport 6th Annual Cleanup and Greenup](#) (Emeis Park, Davenport)
- May 1:** [RIACU Honor Flight Day at the Ball Park](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)
- May 1:** [MIP Arts & Crafts Fair](#) (Eriksen Chevrolet-Buick, Milan)
- May 5:** [Quad City Youth Summit - Stop The Violence - Keep Us Safe](#) (Beyond The Baseline, 1540 W 12th St, Davenport)
- May 5:** [USA VETS Writer's Studio](#) (Midwest Writing Center, 225 E 2nd St, Ste 303, Davenport)
- May 5:** [Cinco de Mayo Fiesta](#) (Great River Brewery, Davenport)
- May 6:** [Leadercast 2016 - Architects of Tomorrow](#) (Leadercast Quad Cities, 2018 Grant St, Bettendorf)
- May 6-7:** Davenport Central High School JROTC Blue Raider Challenge (Navy Operational Support Center Rock Island)
- May 7:** [Inaugural Rockin 'n Rollin for Jason's Box](#) (Bettendorf VFW Post 9128, 2814 State St.)
- May 7:** [Kentucky Derby Bash](#) (Me & Billy, 200 W 3rd St, Davenport)

May 7: [Rev it up for Awareness Ride](#) (Eagles Lodge, 4401 W Locust St, Davenport)
May 7: [Village in Bloom](#) (Village of East Davenport)
May 7: [3rd Annual Cinco De Mayo Nacho Ordinary 5K](#) (Ganzo's Davenport)
May 7: [Quad Cities Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Blooming Basket Event](#) (Advance Auto Parts, 3813 18th Ave, Rock Island)
May 7-8: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figge Art Museum)
May 8: [Quad Cities Distance Classic](#) (Augustana, Rock Island)
May 10: [Books and Brews Night at Great River Brewery](#) (Great River Brewery, 332 E 2nd St, Davenport)
May 10: [Houseboats on the Mississippi](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)
May 10-11: [Scott County Kennel Club AKC Dog Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
May 13: [2nd Annual RIA Federal Credit Union Golf Outing for Honor Flight](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course)
May 13-14: [Factory of Fear: INFECTED](#) (Factory of Fear, 5027 4th Ave, Moline)
May 14: [Young Life Quad Cities' 'You Were Made For This 5k' Race](#) (Ben Butterworth Parkway, Moline)
May 14: [Dwyer and Michaels Prom from Hell](#) (Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Rock Island)
May 14: [Family Camp 2016](#) (YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln, Blue Grass)
May 15: [Bears for Buddies Ride](#) (Rock Island County Court House)
May 15: [Give & Grub](#) (Great River Brewery, Davenport)
May 16-21: [4th Annual Quad Cities Beer Week](#) (Greater Quad Cities)
May 19: [AUSA Military Appreciation Month at the River Bandits sponsored by AUSA](#) (Modern Woodmen Park, 7 p.m.)
May 20: [Run for the Wings](#) (Wieblers Harley-Davidson, Davenport)
May 21: [Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Quad Cities Bi-State Commemorative Parade](#) (Rock Island and Davenport)
May 21: [The Wild 5, Running Wild](#) (Unity Point - Trinity, Bettendorf)
May 21: [Color the Quads 5K Run & Kids Fun Run](#) (Cumberland Square, Bettendorf)
May 21: [LiveFit with Lupus Race & Festival](#) (Pebble Creek Golf Course, LeClaire, Iowa)
May 21: [Quad Cities Craft Beer Festival](#) (Bass Street Landing, Moline)
May 21: [MadeRight Market](#) (Lincoln Park, Rock Island)
May 21: [Sunderbruch B&B Trail Races](#) (Sunderbruch Park, 4675 Telegraph Rd, Davenport)
May 28: [First Step Riverfront 5K presented by Western Illinois University](#) (WIU-QC)
May 27: [Colona Memorial Day Festival](#) (Colona, Ill.)
May 30: [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Village of East Davenport)
May 31-June 4: [Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (1800 3rd Avenue, Suite 304, Rock Island)
June 2: [Living Lands and Waters' 2016 Barge Party](#) (Schwiebert Riverfront Park, Rock Island)
June 3-4: [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Ill.)
June 4: [Shamrock 'n Roll](#) (Kavanaugh's Hilltop, 1228 30th St, Rock Island)
June 4: [Quad Cities Comic Con](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
June 4: [College Hill District Retro Rally 2016](#) (College Hill District Rock Island)
June 10-11: [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)
June 11: [2016 Komen Quad Cities Race for the Cure](#) (iWireless Center)
June 11: [Quad Cities Cruisers Car Show](#) (SouthPark Mall)
June 13: [iCan Bike Camp](#) (3541 Morton Drive, East Moline)
June 14: [History of our Locks & Dams](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)
June 16-18: [Quad City Symphony Orchestra's Volunteers for Symphony 33rd Annual Second Fiddle Sale](#) (Former Moline Library located at 504 17th Street)
June 18: [The Micro Brew Mile and 6K Road Race](#) (5th Avenue, Moline)
June 18: [Quad Cities Triathlon 2016](#) (West Lake Park, Davenport)
June 18: [3rd Annual Micro Brew Mile Craft Beer Festival](#) (Downtown Moline)
June 18-26: [Quad Cities Museum Week](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)
June 19: [32nd Annual Ride the River: Father's Day Bicycle Ride](#) (River Action, 822 E River Dr, Davenport)
June 24: [Picnic on the River 2016](#) (American Red Cross, 1100 River Dr, Moline)
June 24: [American Red Cross' Picnic on the River 2016](#) (Schwiebert Riverfront Park, Rock Island)
June 24: [Mud, Sweat & Cheers Obstacle Challenge](#) (Credit Island Park, Davenport)
June 24: [Ultra BlackOut](#) (The Col Ballroom, 1012 W 4th St, Davenport)
June 25: [Royal Ball Run For Autism](#) (Hyvee, Milan)
June 25-26: [6th Annual BBQ & Craft Brew event](#) (Credit Island Park, Davenport)
June 25-26: [Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)

June 26: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)
June 26: [Hemmings Motor News Great Race - San Rafael, Calif. to Moline, Ill.](#) (Moline)
July 1-2: [31st Annual Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
July 4: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (Rock Island & Davenport)
July 4: [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (East Moline)
July 4: [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (Downtown Bettendorf)
July 13: [YouthFest](#) (Fejervary Park, 1800 W 12th St, Davenport)
July 14-16: [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (I-80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)
July 15-17: [Radish Magazine's 2016 Yoga Fest](#) (Holiday Inn, Rock Island)
July 16: [Rivers Edge Homebrew Festiv-ale](#) (The District Plaza, Rock Island)
July 16: [Insane Inflatable 5K Quad Cities](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
July 19-23: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (fairgrounds in East Moline)
July 29-30: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 30: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Aug. 2-7: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Aug. 4: [Freedom Run 5K](#) (733 15th Ave., East Moline)
Aug. 4-7: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)
Aug. 6: [2nd Annual BBQ n' Blues Fest](#) (Rolling Smoke, 1228 30th St, Rock Island)
Aug. 8-14: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.)
Aug. 9: [Experience on a Towboat from Rock Island to St. Louis](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)
Aug. 11-13: [Tug Fest, LeClaire](#) (Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)
Aug. 13: [Case Creek Obstacles 5K Mud Run](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)
Aug. 13: [13th Annual Xstream Cleanup](#) (Greater Quad Cities)
Aug. 19-20: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Aug. 20: [Floatzilla: Canoe & Kayak Floatilla](#) (Sunset Park, 1309 Mill St, Rock Island)
Aug. 26-27: [River Roots Live](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Aug. 27: [Vettes on the River](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)
Aug. 27: [Silvis Family Run](#) (Schadt Park, Silvis, Ill.)
Sept. 3-4: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
Sept. 10: [¡VIVA! Quad Cities](#) (Isle of Capri Casino Parking Lot, Bettendorf)
Sept. 10: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Sept. 10: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)
Sept. 10-11: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 16-17: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park (Davenport))
Sept. 17: [River Action's 11th Annual Taming of the Slough](#) (Hampton, Ill.)
Sept. 17: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park (Davenport))
Sept. 17: [2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Quad Cities](#) (iWireless Center)
Sept. 17-18: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park (Village of East Davenport))
Sept. 23-24: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Rock Island County Fairgrounds (East Moline))
Sept. 25: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)
Oct. 1: [GiGi's Super Hero Run](#) (Bettendorf)
Oct. 2: [Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic](#) (Rock Island)
Oct. 7-9: [Big Bore Enterprise Gun Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Oct. 9: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Oct. 22: [4th Annual QC Tweed Ride](#) (Freight House, Davenport)
Oct. 27: [Fright Night](#) (The District (Rock Island))
Oct. 29: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Oct. 29-30: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo (Coal Valley (Ill.)))
Oct. 29: [Witches Walk & Costume Parade](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Nov. 12: [Black Hawk College 5k Hustle](#) (Black Hawk College (Moline))
Nov. 18-27: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter (Davenport))
Nov. 19: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 19: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)
Nov. 19: [City of Davenport Garbage Gobble Creek Cleanup](#) (Davenport)
Nov. 24: [Scott County Family Y McCarthy Bush Turkey Trot](#) (Downtown YMCA (Davenport))

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