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Island Insight

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MMA Legend Teaches ASC Soldiers Advanced Techniques

Soldiers from U.S. Army Sustainment Command were taught advanced fighting techniques from mixed martial arts champion and Quad Cities homegrown hero, Pat Miletich, here, April 30. The Ultimate Fighting Championship champion and founder of Miletich Fighting Systems taught a combatives clinic to some of ASC's combatives standouts.



"I've been training law enforcement and military for about 17 years and it's something I really enjoy," he said. "Even all the years that I've been coaching fighters, I've always enjoyed training law enforcement and military even more. What they learn definitely applies to them and, hopefully, helps them stay healthy." Miletich, a native of Davenport, Iowa, became the first UFC welterweight champion in 1998. His professional fighting career spanned from 1995 to 2008. In retirement, he runs an MMA academy in Betterndorf, Iowa, that has produced several champion fighters, including two-time UFC welterweight

Upcoming Dates

- May 10:** Mother's Day Brunch Buffet, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 10:30 a.m.
- May 12:** Time Management Training Class, Bldg. 56, Rm. 122, 10:30 a.m.
- May 12:** National Day of Prayer Luncheon, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 11:30 a.m.
- May 13:** Audie Murphy Induction Ceremony, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 1 p.m.
- May 13-14:** Full-Scale Ex., RIA, 6 p.m.
- May 15:** Hearts Apart Support Group, ACS Bldg. 110, 10 a.m.
- May 15:** Army Soldier Show, Adler Theatre, 7 p.m.
- May 16:** Armed Forces Day
- May 16:** America's Kids Run, Memorial Field, 9 a.m.
- May 18-22: SFL-TAP Bldg. 56, 1st Flr. Rm. 211, 8 a.m.
- May 19:** Garrison CSM Change of Responsibility, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 10 a.m.
- May 19:** Inaugural Island-wide Baby Shower, Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse, 10 a.m.
- May 21:** Behavior Doctor Class, Bldg. 110, 1:30-5 p.m. & 6-7:30 p.m.
- May 21:** Installation Town Hall, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, Time TBD
- May 21:** Flag Placement, Rock Island National Cemetery, 4 p.m.
- May 28:** AUSA Day at Ballpark, Modern Woodmen Park, 7 p.m.
- June 11:** St. Ambrose University Lunch and Learn, Bldg. 56, Room 116, 11 a.m.

champion and hall of fame inductee, Matt Hughes, and two-time UFC heavyweight champion, Tim Sylvia. ([More](#))

Force Protection Level Boosted at DoD Facilities Nationwide

The commander of U.S. Northern Command has elevated the force protection level for all Defense Department facilities in the continental United States, but not because of a specific threat, Pentagon spokesman Army Col. Steve Warren said here today. Force protection condition levels, or FPCON levels, range from Alpha, which applies when an increased general and unpredictable terrorist threat exists against personnel or facilities, to Delta, which applies in an immediate area where a terrorist attack has occurred or is imminent. Today, Northcom raised the force protection level at all DoD facilities nationwide from Alpha to Bravo. Bravo applies when an increased or more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists. ([More](#))



First Army Solidifies Future Structure at Commanders Conference

The way ahead for First Army in a time of transition was the focus of the First Army Commanders Conference held here April 27-30. In opening remarks to the command teams of First Army's divisions and brigades, First Army Commanding General, Lt. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, recapped the changes in the unit's structure over the past decade and said more change is coming. "It's not First Army's first rodeo. We've done this before and under a pretty heavy mobilization load," Tucker said. "So there's a lot of institutional memory here that has to do with how you go about doing this." Communication is key to easing the transition, Tucker added. ([More](#))



Dempsey: U.S. Aspirations Exceeding DoD's Resources

America's global aspirations "are exceeding our available resources," the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told Congress today. At a hearing of the Senate Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee, Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey said the world is in the most uncertain global security environment he has seen in his 40 years of service. The military understands it must make fundamental changes to get costs under control, the general said. Still, he added, that cannot take second seat to protecting the nation. Dempsey told the senators he believes President Barack Obama's fiscal year 2016 budget request does fund today's readiness and ensures the resources needed for the future. ([More](#))



Work: DoD 'Defined' By Spirit, Public Service

The Defense Department's workforce is comprised of some of the most patriotic, passionate and knowledgeable people, all dedicated to serving the nation's military, Deputy Defense Secretary Bob Work said here today. Speaking during the fifth annual DoD Spirit of Service Ceremony and Concert in the Pentagon courtyard, Work recognized 31 people from across multiple services and DoD agencies in the National Capital Region for their commitment to success. The event coincided with Public Service Recognition Week. "We recognize a special group of people," he said, "whose work exemplifies the absolute very best of this department and who truly embody the spirit of public service." ([More](#))



Volunteers Help With Youth Center on Join Hands Day

Volunteers spent a Saturday doing some landscaping maintenance and other chores to help the US Army Child Youth & School Services Center. Members of the Modern Woodmen of America lent a hand to the center at the Rock Island Arsenal to help with upkeep. They raked leaves, helped with grounds maintenance, sanitized toys, and cleaned playground equipment. The project was apart of Join Hands Day, which is a national day of service sponsored by Modern Woodmen. It happens each year on the first Saturday in May. ([More](#))



Army Senior Enterprise Talent Management Program

The Senior Enterprise Talent Management (SETM) program was created in response to a directive from Secretary of the Army in 2009 to produce senior civilian leaders with an enterprise perspective who could serve in increasing levels of responsibility. SETM is just one of the many programs developed under the Civilian Workforce Transformation initiative and is administered by the Civilian Senior Leader Management Office (CSLMO), Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs). ([More](#))

Garrison CSM Change of Responsibility

Col. Elmer Speights, Jr., Garrison Commander, USAG-Rock Island Arsenal, formally invites the Rock Island Arsenal workforce to attend the U.S. Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal Command Sergeant Major Change of Responsibility on Tuesday, **May 19**, at 10 a.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. Command Sgt. Major Melissa Judkins, Command Sergeant Major, USAG-Rock Island Arsenal, will relinquish responsibility to incoming Command Sgt. Major Myris Callwood. A reception will be held in the Lock and Dam Lounge, Bldg. 60, following the ceremony at 10:30 a.m.



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 servicemembers in honor of Memorial Day. Work to place the flags will begin at 4 p.m., Thursday, **May 21**, rain or shine. In the event of severe weather, flag placement will be 4 p.m., Friday, **May 22**. Work to remove the flags begins at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, **May 26**, 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 or the Davenport gates. Anyone more than 16 years of age must have current photo identification and vehicles may be subject to search. If anyone, over the age of 16, in a vehicle does not have current picture identification they will not be allowed to enter Rock Island Arsenal. For more information, call 309-782-2094.



Memorial Day Ceremony

A Memorial Day Ceremony will begin at 10:45 a.m., Monday, **May 25**, at Rock Island National Cemetery. Maj. Gen. Kevin O'Connell, senior commander, Rock Island Arsenal, and commanding general, Army Sustainment Command, will be this year's speaker. 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 or the Davenport gates. Anyone more than 16 years of age must have current photo identification and vehicles may be subject to search. If anyone, over the age of 16, in a vehicle does not have current picture identification they will not be allowed to enter Rock Island Arsenal. For more information, call 309-782-2094.



Café Cashier Trial

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

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



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 15, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119. There will also be a **3rd Shift** blood drives in the Bldg. 211 Cafeteria on Thursday nights, **May 22 & 29**. These drives begin at 2:15 am. DMC will host a community blood drive from 1-4:30 p.m., Thursday, **June 4**, at parking lot of Bldg. 350, in the MVRBC Donor Bus. To donate, please contact Sgt. First Class Jared Clapper at 309-782-5485 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 1554 to locate the drive. Donors should see their Supervisors to sign up. **Also, a slight change in that every donor must present photo ID or a blood donor card to be eligible to donate blood. Arsenal badges are acceptable. The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information click here.**



VIOS Schedule for June

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **June 9, 10, 11**. Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the [VIOS site](#) for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 56, basement, by elevator). Priority is: 1. Active Duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official Government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - Command Photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. All scheduled dates can be found on the [RIA VIOS website](#).

National Day of Prayer Luncheon

The ASC Chaplains Office invites you to attend the RIA Unit Ministry Team-sponsored National Day of Prayer Luncheon on Tuesday, **May 12**, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., in Bldg. 60, Heritage Hall. Please contact the [unit POCs listed on the flyer](#) for tickets to this event.

RIA Ladies Golf League

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

Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club Golf Tournament

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

AMC Band Coming to the Quad-City Area

Save the date... Rock Island Arsenal invites you to enjoy a free jazz concert, performed by the Army Material Command Band, at LeClaire Park in Davenport on **June 11**, 6-7:45 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. The AMC Band proudly serves the Soldiers and civilians of the U.S. Army Materiel Command stationed at more than 140 locations worldwide. The band, with its eight music performance teams, travels extensively throughout the country and overseas supporting 30 installations, 26 major tenants, seven Army field support brigades, 11 subordinate commands, and four separate reporting activities within the AMC enterprise. Since November 2003, the band has deployed in support of AMC Soldiers and civilians forward deployed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. The AMC band has performed in Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Afghanistan and the United Arab Emirates. The band is under the purview of the AMC chief of staff.



RIAWC Installation-wide Scholarship Ceremony

Mark your calendars - the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is hosting an Installation-wide Scholarship Ceremony on **June 11**, at 4:30 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse. The ceremony will feature the presentation of several scholarships at one time by RIAWC, National Defense Industrial Association, Women in Defense, the Association of the United States Army, and the Commissary.

Mark Your Calendars - Army Birthday Fun Run & Cake Cutting

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



240th Army Birthday Ball

The Rock Island Arsenal and Quad-City area military community will celebrate the 240th Army Birthday Ball on Saturday, **June 13**, starting at 5:30 p.m., at the Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State Street, in Bettendorf. Cost per Person is \$45 per person (E-7/GS-8/WG-6/NF3 and above); and \$38 per person (E-6/GS-7/WG-5/NF2 and below). Dress... Military: Dress Mess/Army Service Uniform with white shirt and bow tie; Civilian: Tuxedo or dark suit. Please RSVP by **May 18** to ASC Protocol at 309-782-2410. The event will include: a social hour/receiving line; the National Anthem and posting of the Colors; streamer ceremony; champagne toasts; dinner; guest speaker – Sgt. Gary Beikirch, Medal of Honor recipient; Retiring of the Colors; and Dancing. Child care will be offered on-post in a CYSS facility from 5-11 p.m. Children will be provided a heavy snack mid-way through the night. Please feed your child dinner before arriving. RSVPs for childcare are due by **May 29**. Children must be registered with CYSS. Call 782-6793 to make reservations.



RIA AUSA Annual Golf Outing - Save the Date

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

Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — **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 St., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

Arsenal Traffic/Construction



Fort Armstrong Avenue Construction

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

Parking Lot 2E and Buffington Street Closures

Parking Lot 2E, located North of Bldg. 220, and access to Flagler St. from Rodman Ave. are planned to be closed for repair beginning April 15 for about eight weeks. Pedestrian access to the JMTC facilities through the turnstiles and gates in this work area will also be closed. Immediately following the parking lot completion, Buffington St., from Rodman Ave. to Parking Lot 3H (parking lot west of Bldg. 350) will be closed for repair. Work on Buffington St. is anticipated to last about six weeks. Western traffic is encouraged to use North Ave. and Whittemore St. Eastern traffic is encouraged to use North Ave. and Gillespie St. Short duration, one lane closures on Rodman Ave. may occur near Buffington St. during this work time. Signs and barricades will be used to warn traffic and close areas during repair.

Parking Closure Near Bldg. 64

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

Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians

"Sidewalk Closed" signs have been erected at either end of the Rock Island Viaduct sidewalk. These signs were placed because of the tripping hazard that the condition of the sidewalk presents. Attached illustration indicates the suggested alternative route (STR276 American Discovery Trail and Pedestrian Bridge) during the closure.

Building/Space Closures



CAC/ID Office Move

The Garrison CAC/ID office is relocating from Bldg. 23 to Bldg. 102, 1st Floor, Northeast corner. The physical move is currently scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, **May 8**. No appointments or walk-ins will be taken after 9:30 a.m. on that day. The CAC/ID Office is scheduled to reopen at the new location on Monday, **May 11**, at 10 a.m. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, **May 12**. Until the completion of the lot 1A parking lot (in front of Bldg. 102), there will be two dedicated handicapped spaces for CAC/ID patrons in lot 1B (in front of buildings 103/104). The two reserved spaces will be Space 8 and 10. CAC/ID office hours, phone numbers, and appointment system will remain the same at the new location.

A black sign with white text that says "Be Right Back".

Be Right Back

Active Duty/Reserve Zone



Noncommissioned Officers Want More Clearly Defined Role in Mission Command

The role of noncommissioned officers, or NCOs, in mission command could be more clearly defined in Army doctrine and in the field, said Soldiers, who participated during the first-ever NCO Solarium. Sgt. 1st Class Robert Rosales III, 4th Brigade Combat Team/1st Armored Division on Fort Bliss, Texas, said that the terms "NCO" and "noncommissioned officer" do not appear in Army Doctrine Reference Publication 6.0 or Army Doctrine Publication 6.0 - both of which define mission command. Rosales said NCOs might have a better idea of their place in mission command if their roles in the process were more clearly defined in that doctrine. ([More](#))

Survey Shows Decline in Military Sexual Assaults

An independent survey confirms the prevalence of sexual assault in the military has dropped, Defense Department officials recently said. Statistics in the 2014 RAND Military Workplace Study show the percentage of active-duty women who experienced unwanted sexual contact during the past year declined from 6.1 percent in 2012 to an estimated 4.3 percent in 2014. For active-duty men, the estimated prevalence rate dropped from 1.2 percent in 2012 to 0.9 percent in 2014. Based on these rates, an estimated 18,900 Service members experienced unwanted sexual contact in 2014, down from around 26,000 in 2012. ([More](#))

Army Training Network Now Accessible Without a CAC Card

Soldiers can now use smart phones and computer tablets to access the Army's primary website for training information. Previously, they needed a computer with a Common Access Card, or CAC, to find resources on the Army Training Network, or ATN. The Army recently began allowing users to access ATN with a username and password. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno directed the implementation of username/password access to the Army's single point of entry for all things

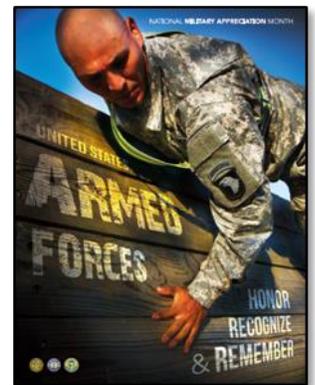
training - the Army Training Network - to ensure widest access to authoritative training information. ([More](#))

Soldiers Take Tough Stance on Physical Fitness Test Failures

Soldiers at the first-ever NCO Solarium said they felt the Army has gone soft on those who have failed their Army Physical Fitness Tests, or APFT, too many times - and called for more discipline in enforcing standards. Sgt. 1st Class Jason Ruiz, Headquarters Services Company, U.S. Army North, said allowing Soldiers, who have repeatedly failed their APFT to stay in the Army is inconsistent with the idea that physical fitness is important. "When Soldiers end up being retained, we feel it is a detriment to the unit and other units, who see that Soldier being retained," Ruiz said. "One of our recommendations is to remove the commander's ability to decline a separation packet for APFT failures." ([More](#))

National Military Appreciation Month: "United States Armed Forces: Honor, Recognize & Remember"

In 1999, Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month to encourage the nation to publicly demonstrate their appreciation for the sacrifices and successes made by Service members -- past and present. The declaration summoned U.S. citizens to observe the month "in a symbol of unity, to honor the current and former members of the Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace." National Military Appreciation Month reminds all of the sacrifices Service members and their Families make to protect the nation's freedom. The Army is the strength of the nation -- the strength of the Army are the Soldiers, Families, retirees and civilians. The strength of the Soldiers and civilians is the Total Army Family, and taking time to honor those who faithfully serve demonstrates the nation's gratitude for their service. ([More](#))



Inaugural Island-wide Baby Shower

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



Bix 7 Road Race Waves Entry Fee

The [Bix 7 Road Race](#), **July 27**, in Downtown Davenport, again this year is honored to be able to wave entry fees for active duty military, guard and Reserve. 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 several hundred military, guard and reserve participated. Additionally, last year the Bix committee was able to establish two distinctive viewing areas for veterans. The starting line saw several honor flight participants, while the top of Brady and Kirkwood had a large contingent representing the Vietnam veterans. The 41st Anniversary is shaping up to be another great event and we're excited to show our continued appreciation to the military. ([Entry Form](#))

Putnam Museum is a Blue Star Member Institution

The Putnam is now one of more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense.

Any active duty military personnel including National Guard and Reserve, and up to five family members, receive free admission to the Museum and Science Center **Memorial Day through Labor Day**. "We are honored and excited to be able to bring this program

to our Quad Cities Military families," said President and CEO Kim Findlay. "Through our participation in the Blue Star Museums program, we are able to show our continued support for all our active military and thank them for their hard work and sacrifices." Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. The program provides families an opportunity to enjoy the nation's cultural heritage and learn more about their new communities after a military move. The complete list of participating museums is available at arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums.



Military 4-H Scrapbooking SPIN Club

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



Safety Spotlight



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Army to Observe Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

The Army will continue its annual observance of national Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month this May, giving leaders and Soldiers an extended opportunity to prepare for the riding season ahead. The month, sponsored each year by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, comes at a good time for the Army -- motorcycle fatalities were down 15 percent at the end of fiscal 2014 from the previous year and fell even further during the first two quarters of 2015. Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Farnsworth, director of Army Safety and commanding general, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center, said leaders can use this year's observance to ward off complacency among their Soldier riders. "We're obviously proud of the work our Soldiers are doing to reduce motorcycle losses," he said. "But we don't want to see them scale back their efforts just because everything is going well. This progress is because leaders, mentors and riders were vigilant, and that needs to continue." Lt. Col. Joseph Harvey, director of the USACRC's Driving Directorate, said many leaders throughout the Army cannot afford to wait for May to begin their motorcycle safety initiatives. "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month happens just as spring is transitioning to summer in much of the

continental United States," he said. "While that might be ideal timing for leaders at northern or western installations, riders in southern or desert locations have been riding for months now, if not all year. ([More](#))

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



Annual Employee Self-Identification of Disability, Race and Ethnicity

Accurate data is significant to ensuring appropriate planning, resourcing, monitoring, and statistical reporting of Equal Employment Opportunity programs. The Garrison EEO Office requests and encourages employees to access the automated tool MyBiz, <https://compo.dcpds.cpms.osd.mil>, and review personal data to ensure its accuracy. Employee action by **June 1** is requested. Employees may update disability, ethnicity, and race information in MyBiz. Employee step-by-step instructions for viewing and updating these data elements are attached. Furnishing of disability, ethnicity, and race information is voluntary and does not impact your employment. Self-identification is used for statistical purposes only. The information entered in MyBiz is covered by the Privacy Act of 1974. Employees may direct questions regarding the collection and reporting of disability, race, and ethnicity to the Garrison EEO Office at 309-782-1488 or DSN 793-1488.

Asian/Pacific Heritage Month: "Many Cultures, One Voice: Promote Equality and Inclusion" May 1-31, 2015

During the month of May we honor Asian and Pacific Americans for their military service and contributions to the success of our Nation. Despite historic obstacles, Asian and Pacific Americans have persevered and contributed to every aspect of American life. This month, we pay tribute to the tenacity, hope and resolve of Asian and Pacific American Soldiers, civilians and Family members who have helped shape our history and make America's Army a model institution for diversity and inclusion. We take this time to remember the challenges and celebrate the achievements that define our history. The Army is fortunate to gain its strength from the vast diversity of languages, religions and cultural traditions found in our ranks, and that well represent the American people we serve. The Army is the strength of the Nation and historically a leader in creating opportunities for all. We firmly value the principles of diversity and inclusion and continue to lead American society in maximizing the potential of future leaders from all backgrounds. As we celebrate the contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans to our military profession, we are assured that the American dream is attainable by all who desire it. Army Strong!



Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

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

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

Treat mom to a delicious all-you-can-eat brunch buffet Sunday, **May 10**, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the beautiful and historic Arsenal Island Clubhouse. Cost is \$22.95/adult and \$9.95/child (12 & under). RSVP by **May 7** by calling 309-782-4372. ([Flyer](#))

2015 U.S. Army Soldier Show

It's Army entertainment like you've never experienced before. The Soldier Show is a live Broadway-style variety performance featuring our best talent. It's singing, it's dancing and it's amazing! The Soldier Show returns to the Quad Cities for a one-night only performance on Friday, **May 15**, at 7 p.m., in the Adler Theatre. This free show is open to the general public and tickets can be picked up at the following locations on-post:

- Leisure Travel Office (Bldg. 333)
- Fitness Center (Bldg. 67)
- Army Community Service (Bldg. 110)
- MWR Main Office (Bldg. 110)
- ASC Protocol Office (Bldg. 390)

Tickets can also be picked up off-post at the Adler Box Office. ([Flyer](#))

America's Kids Run

Mark your calendars Saturday, **May 16**, at 9 a.m., at Memorial Field, for the 2015 America's Armed Forces Kids Run. This is open to the public, so please be sure to share this event with all your friends and family. We will have a variety of races for children ages 3-13 years old.

- 100 yard dash 3-4 year olds
- 1/2 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 **April 30** for \$8/child to be guaranteed a t-shirt and finishers medal. Price increases to \$10 on **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 at:

<http://getmeregistered.com/RIAAmericaKidsRun> or call 309-782-0511 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Slow Pitch Softball League

Get your team together and make sure to get signed up for the 2015 RIA Slow Pitch Softball League. This games for this co-ed league will be played on Monday nights at the sports complex on Blunt Road. Cost is \$420/team. Registration packets and more info is available at the Fitness Center or by calling 309-782-5124. Deadline to register is Wednesday, **May 27**.

Newcomers Orientation and Tour

Are you new to the Arsenal or do you have new employees or service members in your office? Make sure to get them/yourself signed up for our next Newcomer's Orientation and Tour Thursday, **May 28**, 8 a.m. - 12 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 and lunch courtesy of our sponsor, Rock Island Arsenal Federal Credit Union. Space is limited so call 309-782-0829 for more info and to reserve your spots. ([Flyer](#))

Self Defense Seminar

With school coming closer to summer break, outside activities will start to take shape. High school seniors will begin looking to college and college freshman will look to sophomore year. All will benefit from self-defense and self-awareness training. This three-hour self-defense seminar Saturday, **May 30**, 8-11 a.m., at the Fitness Center, will focus on those things to make the students aware of reactions needed to stop an assailant or aggressive friend. The seminar is not limited to students but anyone wanting to learn mind opening techniques that can be remembered and used with little repetition. Unlike most self-defense systems that rely heavily on strength, speed, and coordination, the student will use techniques that regardless of age or athletic ability can be applied. This program can be started without any previous experience or martial arts training. The seminar is \$50/person and you can sign up by calling 309-782-6787 or stopping by the Fitness Center. ([Flyer](#))

Online Tee Times Now Available at the Arsenal Island Golf Course

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

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

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

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](#))

Chuggington Live! The Great Rescue Adventure at the Adler Theatre

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

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

Date: **Tuesday, May 12**

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

NASCAR Race Bus Trip

Calling all race fans! Get your tickets for the MWR bus trip Sunday, **May 17**, and be there in person to watch all the high octane action at the opening weekend of the 2015 Iowa Speedway season while leaving the hassle of driving, traffic and parking to us. Tickets are \$41/person and includes transportation only. You will be responsible to purchase your own ticket to the race at the racetrack box office. You are allowed to bring a small cooler on the bus but it must fit under the seat. Get

your tickets by visiting: <http://tinyurl.com/NASCAR-BUS-2015>, stopping by the Leisure Travel Office (in Bldg. 333, next to the Exchange) or calling 309-782-5890. ([Flyer](#))

Professional Bull Riders

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

Date: **Saturday, June 13**

Time: **7 p.m.**

The Sound of Music

This Tony Award winner for Best Musical provides one of the most thrilling and inspirational finales ever presented in theatre. Enjoy such timeless classics as "Do-Re-Mi," "My Favorite Things," "Climb Every Mountain," and more. Leisure Travel has discounted seats available until **June 12** for \$46.

Date: **Saturday, June 27**

Time: **5:45-9 p.m.**

Cubs vs. Cardinals Bus Trip

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

Date: **Saturday, Sept. 19**

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

2015 Adventureland Tickets

Leisure Travel has discounted 2015 admission tickets on sale. Gate price for Adult is \$40; Child is \$35; MWR is \$32. Two years and under free admission.

Davenport Cinemark 53rd 18 + IMAX Theatre

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

Child, Youth & School Services



Covenant Cottage Child Development Home

Covenant Cottage Child Development Home is available for backup, emergency, and hourly care for ages four weeks through 12 years. The home is located on post and is open from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Army Family

Covenant Guidelines state deployed Soldiers are entitled to 16 hours free respite childcare per child, per month. For reservations call 309-782-6793. We encourage you to call as far in advance as possible because spaces fill quickly.

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**.

The Behavior Doctor

Join us Thursday, **May 21**, in the Abel Conf. Rm., 1st Floor, Bldg. 110, for what will possibly be the best parenting information session you will ever attend. Dr. Laura Riffel is a nationally acclaimed speaker educating parents and professionals on effective parenting and communication strategies. Dr. Riffel will present for two different sessions, one on general parenting taking place 3:30-5 p.m.; and the other on positive interventions and strategies for parent of children with special needs taking place 6-7:30 p.m. ([Flyer](#))

Hearts Apart Support Group

Hearts Apart Program is part of the Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program for spouses of service members and Department of Defense civilians and who are separated because of military commitments (deployments, temporary duties, remote tours). Services offered include on-base and off-base resource information, personal support and group activities. The next group session will take place Friday, **May 15**, 10-11 a.m., in ACS (Bldg. 110). If you would like to receive the latest information on the Hearts Apart Program, contact Ann Wood, relocation program manager, 309-782-0816. ([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. [Find us on Facebook click here](#).

Children's Mental Health Awareness

Suicide among youth is a reality, and it is more common than we might think. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among 15 to 24 year olds, claiming more lives than any single disease or condition. Fortunately, the emotional crises that so often precede suicides are both recognizable and treatable, and good prevention tools can help parents identify a problem before it's too late. In honor of National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, **May 3-9**, the Rock



Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program invites you to take advantage of the free and confidential counseling services that the program has to offer. Schedule an appointment with an EAP counselor by calling 309-782-4357. Master-level counselors can provide information, short-term counseling, and referral services. The teenage years can be tumultuous – new relationships, decisions about the future, and even physical changes can be difficult to handle. If you have any concerns about your child's mental health, talk it over with a trained professional at the EAP. Warning signs of suicide: Call 9-1-1 or seek immediate help from a mental health provider if you notice the following: • Someone threatening to hurt or kill him/herself, or talking of wanting to hurt or kill him/herself; • Someone looking for ways to kill him/herself by seeking access to firearms, available pills, or other means. Seek help by contacting a mental health professional or calling 1-800-273-TALK for a referral should you notice anyone exhibiting one or more of the following: • Hopelessness; • Rage, uncontrolled anger, seeking revenge; • Acting reckless or engaging in risky activities, seemingly without thinking; • Feeling trapped - like there's no way out; • Increased alcohol or drug use; • Withdrawing from friends, family and society; • Anxiety, agitation, inability to sleep or sleeping all the time; • Dramatic mood change; • Excessive interest, talk, or writings focused on death, dying or suicide; and • No reason for living; no sense of purpose in life.

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.](#)

Save the Date for Annual Commencement Recognition Ceremony

Save the Date! ACES Rock Island Education Center will once again host its annual Commencement Recognition Ceremony on **Sept. 1**. All Soldiers that have earned a degree this fiscal year, are encouraged to contact our office to ensure that you will be recognized for your outstanding achievement at 309-782-2065.

St. Ambrose University Lunch and Learn

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

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, **July 23**; • Black Hawk College, **July 9**; • Eastern Iowa Community College, **June 4**,

July 2, Aug. 6 and Sept. 3; • Kaplan University, May 14, and Aug. 13; • Saint Ambrose University, July 16; • Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, May 21 and Aug. 20; • Upper Iowa University, May 13, and Aug. 12.

Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange



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](#))

Spring Customer Appreciation Case Lot Sale

Commissary Customer Appreciation Case Lot Sales will be held at most commissaries in the U.S. and Puerto Rico for 1-4 days from April 16 to June 28. The dates for the Rock Island Arsenal Commissary are **May 15-16**. You deserve the very best! ([More](#))

Exchange Opens Earlier, Serves Breakfast

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



Arsenal Archive



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

Civil War Prison Camp Here in the Quad Cities

Learn about the Civil War prison camp that used to be located on the Arsenal Island. The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation is hosting this program and lunch on Sunday, **May 17**, at 1 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse. Kris Leinicke, Rock Island Arsenal Museum Director, will give an overview of the history of the Rock Island Barracks, 1863-1865. The presentation is primarily illustrated with photographs and images from the time period. Included are stereoview images and two John Gisch paintings in the collection of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The cost to attend the CDHF program is \$20 per person and advanced reservations are required. Purchase tickets online at www.davenporthouse.org or call Jessica Waytenick at 309-737-4280 by **May 11**. For more information on CDHF events, membership, volunteer opportunities, and the Colonel Davenport House, visit their website at www.davenporthouse.org.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – May 4-10

On May 6, 1856, the Steamer "Effie Afton" crashed into the railroad bridge at Rock Island setting the boat and bridge on fire. This incident led to the famous court room clash between steamboat and railroad interests. On May 8, 1945, the Allied nations celebrated V-E Day, victory in Europe. On May 9, 1898, the RIA received a war production order for the manufacture of 102 field carriages and limbers, 17 battery wagons and forges. The dam of Locks and Dam 15 was completed on May 9, 1934. On May 10, 1864, the remains of Col. George Davenport were removed from Arsenal Island and taken to Chippianock Cemetery in the city of Rock Island.



Healthbeat

Important Changes in Pharmacy Hours

- **May 20:** Pharmacist will be on duty until 3 p.m. (if prescriptions are brought in after 3 p.m. you will need to return the following day to pick them up)
- **May 26:** We will not have a pharmacist on duty, we will not fill outside prescriptions, only prescriptions filled will be for patients seen in the clinic that day for acute conditions, routine refills for patients seen in the clinic will not be dispensed.

Please bear with us while we work through a pharmacist shortage. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Sgt. First Class Robinson-Wilson at 309-782-0989 or 309-782-0943, or you may call Capt. Converse at 309-782-0865.

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

There are a number of causes of hearing loss. Some of them involve temporary loss that can be treated with medication or surgery. Others are permanent and not treatable with medication or surgery but may be mitigated with amplification (hearing aids). The most common type of hearing loss in the military is noise-induced hearing loss, or NIHL. NIHL is a permanent type referred to as sensorineural hearing loss (SNHL). SNHL is due to damage to microscopic nerve cells in the cochlea, the end organ of hearing. NIHL is painless, progressive, permanent and preventable.

[\(More\)](#)

What's the State Of Your Air?

Finally, the frigid weather is behind us. Most people are feeling a bit of cabin fever and cannot wait to go outside into the sunshine and fresh air. However, before you store your winter gear and take a few days off to bask in the sun, start a new habit of checking the air quality. May is "Clean Air Month." As part of your transition into spending more time outdoors, check the state of your air first. The American Lung Association has put together a report, "State of the Air Report," that uses data from air quality monitors located throughout the United States. This report shows that more than 131.8 million people, 42 percent of our nation, live where air pollution levels are often too dangerous to breathe. ([More](#))

Make Small Changes to Fit Exercise into Your Day

We all know that physical activity and exercise are important for overall health. However, many people find themselves struggling to get the recommended amount of physical activity in a day. Research has shown a minimum of 10,000 steps per day is necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Despite these recommendations, however, many Americans are only reaching approximately 6,000 steps. Common complaints are not having enough time to exercise with busy schedules and long workdays as reasons for why individuals do not exercise. For most, it is often hard to find an extended period of time to get physically active. The good news is that small changes can make a big difference over time. It's not necessary to get all your physical activity in one burst. Finding time in your busy day to fit in an hour or two of physical activity at one time is often unrealistic. Incorporating physical activity into your routine in shorter intervals, even a few 15-20 minute walks, is much more manageable and sustainable in the long term. Over time, these small changes will add up toward an ultimate physical activity goal. ([More](#))

Notes for Veterans



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. To commemorate the month, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is encouraging Veterans, along with their families and friends, to visit and view recovery journey stories on the website, MakeTheConnection.net. Make the Connection is a national awareness program operated by VA aimed at reducing the negative perceptions and stigma associated with seeking mental health care. Through the Website, Veterans and their loved ones hear from hundreds of other Veterans who may be experiencing similar challenges, learn strategies for support and recovery, along with local resources available through a resource locator. ([More](#))

Around the Q.C.



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

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

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

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

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

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

May 16: [2nd Annual Live Fit With Lupus Run](#) (Black Watch Room, Pebble Creek Golf Course, LeClaire, Iowa)
May 22-31: [Historic Homes & Gardens of the Scottish Highlands](#) (QC Botanical Center, Rock Island)
May 25: [50th Annual Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Village of East Davenport)
June 1-6: [25th Annual Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (1800 3rd Ave, Rock Island)
June 3, 4: U.S. Army & NDIA Small Business/APBI Symposium (iWireless Center)
June 5-6: [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Ill.)
June 6: [QC Pridefest](#) (Downtown Davenport)
June 12-13: [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)
June 13: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In Carshow](#) (4-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)
June 13-21: [Quad Cities Museum Week](#) (Greater Quad Cities)
June 15: [YSB-Whitey Verstraete Memorial Golf Outing](#) (Pinnacle Country Club, Milan, Ill.)
June 17-20: [Rally on the River](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
June 20: [2nd Annual Micro Brew Mile & 6K Road Race](#) (Moline)
June 21: [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Mississippi River bike paths, Iowa & Illinois)
June 28: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Deere family homes, Moline)
July 3: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (The District, Rock Island & Downtown Davenport)
July 4: [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (Run starts at 7:30 a.m. with the parade at 1 p.m., East Moline)
July 4: [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (parade at 10 a.m.)
July 6-12: [John Deere Classic PGA TOUR](#) (TPC Deere Run golf course, Silvis, Ill.)
July 9-11: [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (Iowa 80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)
July 11: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (6-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)
July 15-19: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (Fairgrounds, East Moline)
July 17: [Rock Island Arsenal Chapter AUSA Annual Golf Outing](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course)
July 24-25: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (2nd Street in downtown Davenport)
July 25: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 30-Aug. 2: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (RiverCenter/Adler Theatre, Davenport)
Aug. 4-9: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)
Aug. 6: [Freedom Run 5k](#) (Moline)
Aug. 7-8: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Aug. 8: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (6-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)
Aug. 13-15: [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)
Aug. 15: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)
Aug. 28-29: [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Aug. 28-30: [World Series of Dragracing](#) (Cordova Dragway, Cordova, Ill.)
Sept. 4-7: [Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, downtown Davenport)
Sept. 5-6: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
Sept. 5-7: [Labor Day Weekend Pow Wow](#) (Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island)
Sept. 12: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, downtown Davenport)
Sept. 12: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)
Sept. 12: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (6-9 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)
Sept. 12-13: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 18-19: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
Sept. 19: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Sept. 19-20: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Sept. 27: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (downtown Moline)
Sept. 25-27: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)
Oct. 10: [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (Mississippi River in Moline)
Oct. 10: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (3-6 p.m., Davenport Learning Center, 1002 W Kimberly Road)
Oct. 11: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)
Oct. 29: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Oct. 24: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Nov. 20-29: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
Nov. 21: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 21: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)
Dec. 4-6: [Heartland Emergency Response Conference Expo](#) (QCCA)

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