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Island Insight

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ACC-RI Contract Specialist Participates In Advisory Board

An Army Contracting Command-Rock Island employee was recently selected to participate on an Army Acquisition Workforce Advisory Board. Brittany Cecil, contract specialist in the EAGLE/Sustainment Division, is one of 20 members on the board, created by Lt. Gen. Michael Williamson, the principal military deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and director, Acquisition Career Management. The AAWAB was established to provide a forum for open and honest discussion among representatives of varying experience levels across the acquisition profession from which Williamson can obtain open and honest feedback and suggestions concerning career development initiatives. Cecil said the group met for an initial virtual teleconference on April 27 and gave general input on



Upcoming Dates

- June 2:** Charity Golf Outing-2015 Small Business Government Contracting, Symposium, Arsenal Island Golf Course, 1 p.m.
- June 2:** QC Honor Flight, QC Int. Airport, 5-7 a.m. departure; 9:30-10 p.m. arrival
- June 3-4:** 2015 Small Business Government Contracting Symposium, iWireless Center, 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- June 4:** ACC-RI BN Colors Casing, Bldg. 103, 3rd Flr., Baylor Conf. Rm., 3 p.m.
- June 5:** RI District, USACE, Change of Command Ceremony, Quarters One Lawn, 10 a.m.
- June 5:** First Friday Social, Lock & Dam Lounge, 4 p.m.
- June 6:** Opening Day of Putnam Exhibit: An Arsenal of Innovation, Putnam Museum, 8:30 a.m.
- June 9-11:** DA Photos, Bldg. 56, Basement, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
- June 10:** ASC-DMC Change of Command, Bldg. 390, 10 a.m.
- June 10:** Tenant Senior NCO Meeting, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- June 11:** St. Ambrose University Lunch and Learn, Bldg. 56, Room 116, 11 a.m.
- June 11:** RIAWC Installation-wide Scholarship Ceremony, Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse, 4:30 p.m.
- June 11:** AMC Jazz Band, Le Claire Park, Davenport, 6 p.m.
- June 12:** Army Birthday 5k, Quarters One, 6 a.m.
- June 12:** Army Birthday Cake Cutting, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 11 a.m.

workforce topics in order to generate ideas and pinpoint main initiatives on which to focus. ([More](#))

RIA Soldiers Speak at Memorial Day Area Ceremonies

U.S. Army Sustainment Command Soldiers reached out across western Illinois and eastern Iowa during Memorial Day weekend to pay tribute to Service members who made the ultimate sacrifice. ASC Soldiers gave speeches, conducted presentations and participated in ceremonies and memorial services while representing the command and the Army. *Silvis, Illinois* The city of Silvis held its annual Memorial Day event at Hero Street Memorial Park, May 23. The event began with the singing of the national anthem by the Chordbusters, followed by a moment of silence and welcome remarks from Silvis Mayor Tom Conrad. Brig. Gen. Kristin French, commanding general, Joint Munitions Command, was the keynote speaker. ([More](#))



How to Green the U.S. Government

Big defense contracts awarded to big defense contractors are usually a big cause for concern. They tend to go over budget, often for things we don't really need (like a certain type of fighter plane). But a couple weeks ago, the Pentagon announced a contract with a big-time defense contractor that good-government and energy-efficiency types should cheer—and demand grow more common. Honeywell Building Solutions, a unit of the conglomerate Honeywell, got a \$22.4 million contract to overhaul the energy system at Rock Island Arsenal—an ancient military outpost on an island in the Mississippi River between Iowa and Illinois. A tad boring? Maybe. But it's an example of how the private sector can easily and cheaply be harnessed to work for the public interest, all while saving energy and cutting emissions. ([More](#))



Honor Flight of the Quad Cities

Flight #32 of Honor Flight of the Quad Cities will be taking place Tuesday, **June 2**. Mark your calendars for the welcome home. Check-in/Departure: 5-7 a.m. Arrival Quad City International: 9:30-10 p.m. Honor Flight of the Quad Cities was formed in 2008 with the sole mission of getting our area WWII Veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the memorials dedicated to honoring their sacrifices. Top priority is given to WWII and Korean War Era Veterans, or any veterans with a terminal illness. The intention is to honor our local and regional heroes who were selfless in their military duty with a free trip to visit their memorials. Veterans within a 75 mile radius of the Quad Cities are encouraged to apply. The program operates on donations from organizations and individuals. Volunteers of all kinds plan and coordinate the flight events, and special guardians are trained to help escort the veterans on flight days. ([More](#))



13 New Cities to See Locality Pay Increase in January

Tens of thousands of federal employees will soon receive a pay raise thanks to an Obama administration decision to designate 13 cities as unique pay localities. The decision comes after years of deliberation, including tentative approval in May 2013. The cities will now receive unique locality-based pay adjustments, rather than being lumped in with the “rest of United States” grouping. The 13 cities are: Albany, N.Y.; Albuquerque, N.M.; Austin, Texas; Charlotte, N.C.; Colorado Springs, Co.;



Davenport, Iowa; Harrisburg, Pa.; Kansas City, Mo.; Laredo, Texas; Las Vegas, Nev.; Palm Bay, Fla.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Tucson, Ariz. "I'm very glad it happened," McKinlay said. "It was disingenuous to say we were like the 'rest of the world.'" The new designation helps to recognize the area has its own costs of living, he added. The 'rest of United States' provided a 14.16 percent pay bump on top of feds' base salaries in 2014, lower than any of the 33 specific area adjustments. ([More](#))

DoD to Roll Out New Performance Appraisals In 2016

The Defense Department will begin rolling out a new three-tiered performance appraisal system for all civilian employees starting in April 2016. The "New Beginnings" appraisal system will consist of three tiers—workers will be rated as unsuccessful, successful or superior—and will be uniform across almost all of DoD. The appraisals will be closely tied in to specific component missions and will figure into performance awards such as bonuses. The appraisal system will be rolled out first to a small selection of installations and facilities and will gradually be expanded across all of DoD's 750,000 civilian employees over the next few years, according to members of the working group crafting the system. Defense Department spokesman Lt. Cdr. Nate Christensen said it is not yet clear how the department will get the system up and running. ([More](#))



Sequestration's Lessons Prove Elusive at DoD

In a new report, the Government Accountability Office warns the Defense Department to record the hardships of the 2013 budget cuts known as sequestration before they return. The 126-page report, posted online Wednesday, can be summed up with Edmund Burke's admonishment, "Those who don't know history are destined to repeat it." Some parts of the massive Defense Department have tried to document the impact sequestration had on their missions, but those efforts need to spread far and wide, the report said. ([More](#))



Odierno: End-Strength Issue Still Unsettled

When the Army's chief of staff retires this August, he said one thing he will be leaving for his successor is the unfinished business of how big the Army will be and how it will be appropriated. "I thought by now we would have had that resolved," said Odierno, adding that uncertainty about the final size of the Army has brought "angst to our Soldiers." Odierno spoke, May 28, during a media roundtable with the Defense Writers Group in Washington, D.C. The final end strength of the Army - the total number of Soldiers that will be allowed to serve - is still "up in the air," Odierno said. It is "based on what happens with the Congress and the president as they continue to wrestle what the budget would be." ([More](#))



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, June 12 and 19, 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. 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](#).

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](#))

Garrison Security Guard Employment Fair

The Rock Island Arsenal Garrison will be hosting an Employment Fair on Rock Island Arsenal on Thursday, **June 4**, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., in the Caisson Room, Building 60, for immediate hiring of security guards. On-the-spot interviews, tentative job offers, drug testing, and security screening will be conducted for qualifying applicants as part of the Employment Fair. Physicals will be scheduled at a later date. There is no cost to attend and the event is open to the public. In order to qualify an applicant must meet Office of Personnel Management qualifications; as well as Veterans Preference and Veterans Recruitment Authority if applicable. Applicants are required to bring resumes and a valid state issued driver's license; as well as a DD214, and VA letters, if applicable. Interested applicants must tentatively confirm their attendance by emailing first and last name to Cassandra Powell, Human Resources Specialist, Rock Island CPAC, cassandra.d.powell.civ@mail.mil. ([More](#))

Base Supply Center Closure

The Base Supply Center (paperclips, etc.) will be closed for inventory on Thursday and Friday, **June 4-5**.

First Friday Social (formerly the Island Wide Social)

Join your Island colleagues Friday, **June 5**, at 4 p.m., at the Lock & Dam Lounge (formerly known as the Arsenal Club in Bldg. 60), for a fun evening of appetizers, drinks, networking, and socializing and karaoke. This event is open to the entire RIA workforce and the general public as well. Call 309-782-4372 for more info. ([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.

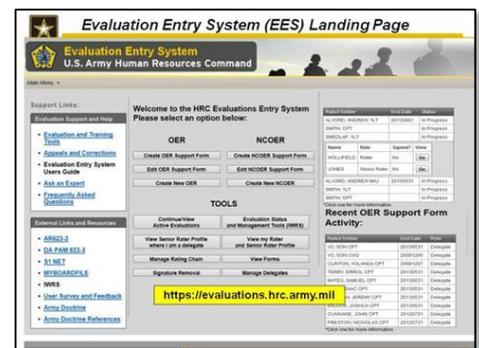
Mark Your Calendars - Army Birthday Fun Run & Cake Cutting

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](#))



Upcoming NCOER Training in EES

The Army Sustainment Command G1 will be facilitating training of the new Non-Commissioned Officer Evaluation Report in the Evaluation Entry System. This training is intended for all units and tenants units on Rock Island Arsenal regardless of component and will prepare personnel for its September 2015 launch. It is mandated by HQDA that every officer, warrant officer, NCO, and DA civilian that rates, senior rates, or processes NCOER's attend and is a reported requirement. The training will include three sessions; a Senior Leader Training Overview for all GOs, SESS,



GS-15s, COLs, CW5s and E9s; a hands-on HR training session for all HR professionals, military and civilian, who work in military personnel and/or process military evaluations; and a General Overview for the remainder of the population on RIA. Below are the training dates and locations.

HR Training:

Primary-Friday, **May 29**, 1 p.m., Baylor Computer Lab #2/4, Bldg. 103

Alternate-Thursday, **June 18**, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Baylor Computer Lab #8, Bldg. 103

Executive Brief:

Primary-Wednesday, **June 10**, 1 p.m., ASC CG's Conf. Rm., Bldg. 390

General Brief:

Primary-Wednesday, **June 17**, 1 p.m., Baylor Classroom #3, Bldg. 103

Alternate-Wednesday, **June 24**, 1 p.m., Baylor Classroom #3, Bldg. 103

For more information, contact Capt. Stephanie Thomas at 309-782-0572 or

Stephanie.k.thomas.mil@mail.mil.

Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique

The Thrift Shop will be open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, **June 13**, regular hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will close **June 14** for summer break and re-open Tuesday, **July 21**. Thank you for shopping with us. POC: 309-782-6977.

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](#))

Save the Date – 8th Annual Cards for the Troops

Please join us on Tuesday, **Sept. 29**, 6:30-9 p.m., at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, for the 8th Annual Cards for the Troops. Hand-made rubber stamp art cards are created by hundreds of volunteers under the guidance of local stamping artists for our deployed troops to mail home to loved ones. No stamping experience required. To date, 36,000 cards have been sent through Cards for the Troops to our military serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa, and to those aboard our aircraft carriers, the USS Carl Vinson and the USS John C. Stennis. Seating is limited... please RSVP to: mssipple1@gmail.com. Packagers needed also. Adults only (high school and older). There is no charge for this event. Please bring one roll of Scotch double-sided tape – all other materials supplied. See you there. ([More](#))

Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — **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 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

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 west side of the street (3rd street) will be closed **April 17 through July 1**. During these closures fencing, barricades, and signage will be positioned, as required. Timeframes may be extended depending on weather related issues.

Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians

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

Building/Space Closures

There are no building/space closure announcements for this week.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone



Dual-Service Couples May See Housing Allowance Cut Under Senate Plan

Many of the 40,000 dual-service couples in the military — members married to other servicemembers — have for years drawn combined housing allowances stateside that more than cover their rent and utility costs. The philosophy has been that Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) is a key element of military compensation needed to keep pace with civilian worker salaries, so it should not be reduced or eliminated based on what dual-service couples actually pay for housing. The Senate Armed Services Committee has inserted language in its version of the fiscal 2016 defense authorization bill that takes a different view. It seeks to end what some lawmakers perceive as an income windfall for dual-service couples by linking BAH payments to what these families actually pay to rent housing at new and future assignments. ([More](#))

Progressive Motorcycle Program

The Army Progressive Motorcycle Program (PMP) requires all Soldiers who own or operate a motorcycle to complete four separate training events at specific time intervals defined in Army Regulation 385-10: the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic RiderCourse (BRC), Basic RiderCourse 2 (formerly Experienced RiderCourse) or Military SportBike RiderCourse, motorcycle refresher training, and sustainment training. Required follow-on training must be completed within 12 months of completing the BRC, and sustainment training is required every five years. Refresher training is only required if a rider has been deployed more than 180 days. ([More](#))

Bix 7 Road Race Waves Entry Fee

The [Bix 7 Road Race](#), **July 25**, 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.

Brides Across America Celebrates Independence Day By Giving Away Free Wedding Gowns Nationwide

Brides Across America is proud to kick off its annual Operation Wedding Gown campaign at participating bridal salons nationwide. From **July 11-18**, in honor of Independence Day, qualified military brides can go into a participating salon and receive a free wedding gown. "Operation Wedding Gown" has grown and we are now able to grant weddings to our military couples in need. Oftentimes military couples find it difficult to plan their "fairy tale" wedding due to deployment, injury and/or economic hardship. With the collaborative effort, Brides Across America has donated more than 14,000 gowns to military brides and has gifted 20 weddings. More information can be found at www.bridesacrossamerica.com.

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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2015 Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation

Our goal is to assist you in making every Soldier and civilian employee aware of the off-duty hazards they face and to let them know that they are the key to the solution in preventing the next accident and needless loss of life. This is the link for the [Annual Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation](#). To view this presentation, just select the "Click Here" to review the slides. Warning: These presentation contains some graphic material. We hope that the information contained in this presentation will assist you in making the best choices in managing your everyday risk. Thanks for all you're doing, each and every day, for our Soldiers, Family members, and our Army. I appreciate your support of safety. Have a safe summer. Army Safe is Army Strong!

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.cpmc.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.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

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

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Rock the Island Car Show

Rock Island Arsenal's 2nd annual Rock the Island Car Show will be held on Rodman Ave. from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, **June 13**. Vehicle registration is \$15/vehicle. This fun, family event is free to attend and open to the public, so please share with all your automotive enthusiast friends. Register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/RIA-CAR-SHOW-2015> Call 309-782-8631 for more information. ([Flyer](#))

High Five Tour

Help support Wounded Warriors and their families Wednesday, **June 17**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., in front of Bldg. 60, by stopping in to see the mobility equipped Ford Explorer as it makes its way across the United States. Everyone is invited to sign the car with a message of encouragement and/or donate to the cause. When the car is finished touring the country it will be auctioned off and the proceeds will go to Wounded Warriors and their families. ([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](#))

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.**

Outdoor Recreation's Annual Maquoketa River Canoe Trip

Pack a picnic lunch, bring the kids and dog and join Outdoor Recreation for a leisurely canoe trip on the Maquoketa River in Monticello, Iowa, on Saturday, **July 11**. Participants must preregister and pay with Outdoor Recreation. For complete details call 309-782-8630.

Time: **9 a.m. - 4 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.**

Discount Amusement Park Tickets and More at Leisure Travel

Memorial Day is the unofficial kick off to summer and Leisure Travel has discounts on all kinds of summer activities. Whether you are looking to book a cruise, need help finding a hotel, or just want to ride the rides at Adventureland or Six Flags Great America, Leisure Travel is the place to start. Call 309-782-5890, stop by the office in Bldg. 333 (next to the PX), or [visit our webpage](#) for more info and prices.

Disney LIVE! Three Classic Fairy Tales

Join Mickey, Minnie, Donald and Goofy as they take audiences on a captivating journey and magically bring to life three timeless fairy tale adventures. Discover Snow White as she searches for her one true love; Cinderella getting ready for her magical night at the ball; and Belle, from Beauty and the Beast, as she finds happiness in the most unusual place. Anchored amidst a transforming set, captivating choreography, innovative lighting and breathtaking costumes, this authentically-woven tale of “happily-ever-after” is a heart-warming Disney experience for the entire family. Children One & older need a ticket. Leisure Travel has discounted seats for both performances. Show times at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Seats on sale until **Oct. 9**.

Date: **Friday, Oct. 16**

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.



Soccer and Flag Football Coaches

RIA Child, Youth & School Services is looking for soccer and flag football coaches for the upcoming seasons. Soccer will be for children Prek-4th grade and Flag Football for K-5th grade. Games/practices will be on the Rock Island Arsenal and at Two Rivers YMCA weeknights this fall. Some of the Benefits to becoming a coach:

- Free Sport Specific Training
- Free National Alliance for Youth Sports Certification
- Head Coaches children can participate at no cost
- Assistant Coaches may have one child participate at no cost and additional children at discounted rate.

If you are interested in becoming a coach or would like to find more information please contact Tim Hernandez at timothy.c.hernandez2.naf@mail.mil or 309-782-0511.

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**.

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](#).

National Men's Health Month – June 2015

The month of June is designated as National Men's Health Month. The purpose of this campaign is to heighten awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men. If you are like many men, you may drink alcohol occasionally. Or, like others, you may drink moderate amounts of alcohol on a regular basis. But did you know that drinking more than the moderate levels -even occasionally- may put you at risk for serious health problems? Although alcohol affects everyone differently, excessive drinking can negatively affect a man's health regardless of age, race, marital status, income level, profession, or lifestyle. Common medical problems that can be caused by excessive drinking include heart disease, arthritis, liver cirrhosis, high blood pressure and various cancers. In support of National Men's Health Month, 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. If you have any concerns about your alcohol use or mental health, talk it over with a trained professional at the EAP. You can also access an anonymous screening at www.militarymentalhealth.org.

Real Colors Training

The RIA Employee Assistance Program is presenting a Real Colors workshop on **June 16** and **July 7**, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., in Bldg. 56, First Floor, Classroom #1. 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 differences in others. Real Colors has proven to be an effective tool to increase understanding, empathy and effective communication in the workplace. Sign up in [TEDs](#) (search key word "Real Colors") or for more information contact Lori Griffin at 309-782-2551.

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 **Aug. 13**; • Saint Ambrose University, **July 16**; • Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, **Aug. 20**; • Upper Iowa University **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](#))

Exchange Opens Earlier, Serves Breakfast

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

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Hosting Guest Speakers to Discuss Vietnam War-related Topics

To support the efforts of the US Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal as a Commemorative Partner for the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, the board of directors of the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society voted to host a guest speaker who could discuss a Vietnam War-related topic annually, each June in 2015, 2016, and 2017. The primary objective of the three-year commemoration is to thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War. Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society meetings are open to both members and non-members. Those who wish to skip dinner and attend just the program portion of the meeting, starting at 7 p.m., may do so free of charge.



Get Ready for Some Fun During Quad Cities Museum Week June 13-21

Twenty museums from across the Quad Cities region will come together for the first ever, Quad Cities Museum Week. Enjoy this celebration of our region's museums and participate in special activities, exhibits and promotions during this fun-filled week. It is the

perfect opportunity for families and friends to get out and explore. Each museum features its own, unique theme, history, galleries, and exhibits. Come and discover these wonderful gems that add to the quality of life in our region. We encourage you to tweet and post on your Facebook page about



your Museum Week experiences. To find out more about Museum Week, please visit www.qcmuseumweek.com.

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Up-Coming Meeting

The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, **June 4**, in the Veranda Room of the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu for dinner Caesar salad, grilled chicken, with fresh fruit salsa, grilled squash, roasted new potatoes, rolls and strawberry shortcake. All dinners include breadsticks, coffee, tea and water. The total cost is \$14 per person including tax and tip. Our event is open to both members and non-members. Interested parties may choose to attend only the program portion of the meeting at 7 p.m. at no cost. Guest Speaker will William "Bill" Albracht, author of *Abandoned in Hell*. During the Vietnam War, Albracht, a commissioned officer in the Army's Green Berets, was the recipient of three Silver Stars for gallantry in action, three Purple Hearts, five Bronze Stars, as well as other awards for combat valor. Albracht will be speaking about his Vietnam War experiences and his book. For reservations call Monica 563-650-4349 or Linda 563-355-6165 or email chiicaliinda@aol.com. Reservations are due by noon on Monday, **June 1**. Cancellations must be made by the reservation deadline or you will be liable for cost incurred and billed accordingly. If further clarification is required on this notice, please call Kris Leinicke at 309-782-3518.

History Comes Alive for Pioneer Days at the Colonel Davenport House

The third annual Pioneer Days at the Colonel Davenport House on Arsenal Island expands to two days this year on **June 13-14**. There is an overnight encampment of fur trader re-enactors, called a Buckskinners' Rendezvous, with pioneer portrayals demonstrating hatchet and knife throwing, and craft demonstrators such as wood-working, chair caning, spinning, quilting, basket making, rope making, and campfire cooking. There are also historical re-enactors and activities/demonstrations from the Belgian Lace-makers, Buffalo Bill Museum, Moline Preservation Society, Rock Island Arsenal Museum, River Share Library, and more. Larry Lockwood will do a demonstration at 1 p.m. on Saturday on drum and a recitation on the Indian influence of the pioneer era. Lockwood is a member of the Northern Cheyenne tribe and also belongs to the Native American Coalition of the Quad Cities. Vendors available will be Dickey's BBQ with sandwiches, fries, and drinks; and Stan's Ice Cream. Pioneer Days hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, **June 13** and 12-4 p.m. on Sunday, **June 14**. Tours of the Colonel Davenport House included. Admission is \$10.00 adults for 13 years and over; free 12 and under. For more information, visit their website at www.davenportshouse.org. Plan to spend the day on Arsenal Island on the Mississippi Riverbank, just like George Davenport's family did when they lived there.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – May 25-31

On May 25, 1934, Col. Alexander Gillespie received command of the RIA.

Healthbeat

Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic Physicals

From **June 1 through June 12** we will have a pediatrician in the Clinic. If eligible individuals need a school or camp physical done, please call immediately to be scheduled for these appointments. The Clinic appointment line 309-782-0865. Parents – we will be unable to do any school or camp physicals from **June 15** through the end of the month. Please plan accordingly and come prepared with any forms that require completion.

Notes for Veterans

VA Launches Campaign to Increase Veterans' Economic Potential

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald, with leaders from national and local Veterans service organizations, corporate employers and government agencies, announced the launch of the Veterans Economic Communities Initiative, an effort focused in a total of 50 U.S. cities to promote economic success for Veterans. The initiative is part of MyVA, which is dedicated to making Veterans the center of all we do. “The best way to get things done for Veterans is to involve partners from both the public and private sectors – national to local,” said McDonald. “If history has shown us anything, it’s that all you have to do is give Veterans an opportunity and they will go beyond anything you could ever envision. Community leaders understand the purpose of MyVA and will find innovative ways to support it.” ([More](#))

VA Begins Summer of Service to Bolster Volunteer Assistance for Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced a new nationwide initiative designed to build upon its existing partnerships to grow the number of individuals and organizations serving Veterans in their communities. The Department is renewing its commitment to Veterans and embarking upon a “Summer of Service” that seeks the help of citizens across the country to honor that commitment. “We have made progress over the past year addressing the challenges we face in delivering care and benefits to millions of Veterans and their families,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald. “While there is more work to do to honor our sacred commitment to Veterans, we also recognize that VA cannot do it alone. We are asking Americans everywhere to join the Summer of Service and help us give back to those who have given so much to our nation.” In the coming weeks, VA will be working closely with Congressional partners, Veterans Service Organizations, Mayors and local communities, private sector and non-profit organizations, and VA employees to identify new and innovative ways to support VA’s commitment to care for those who “have borne the battle” and their families. ([More](#))

Around the Q.C.



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- 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: [National Contract Management Association Trivia Night](#) (Knights of Columbus Hall, 1111 W 35th St., Davenport)
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 18: [7th Annual Bark in the Park 5k Fun Run/Walk](#) (Geneseo City Park, Geneseo, Ill.)
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: [Graduation Destination, Take the Journey, Finish It!](#) (River's Edge, 700 W. River Drive, Davenport)
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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