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Island Insight

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Memorial Day Honors Those Who Answered the Call of Duty

Hundreds of veterans, service members and their families gathered Monday during a Memorial Day observance at the Rock Island National Cemetery to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. C.O. Smith, 57th Chief Devil Dog of the Military Order of Devil Dogs Marine Corps League, told the crowd during the ceremony that there are "so many, too many names" of people who have fought and died for their country in every war and from every branch of service. Smith, the keynote speaker at Monday's ceremony, spoke of Hero Street in Silvis, which was named to honor about 100 young Mexican-American men and women who have served their country. A monument built in 2007 honors eight men who died in World War II and the Korean War. Smith also recognized two World War II Medal of Honor recipients — Edward Moskola and Frank Witek — who are buried in the Rock Island National Cemetery. "Today, I remember and honor their memory," Smith said. ([More](#)) ([Community Embraces Military on](#)



Upcoming Dates

- June 2:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- June 2:** RIAWC Scholarship Ceremony
- June 2:** RIA Historical Society Dinner, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 6 p.m.
- June 3:** First Friday Social, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 4 p.m.
- June 3-5:** Iowa Free Fishing Days
- June 6-9:** SFL-TAP, Bldg. 56, First Flr., Rm. 122, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- June 7:** Improving Workplace Relationships, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 1 p.m.
- June 8:** Tenant Senior NCO Meeting, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- June 9:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- June 9:** RIA Retirement & Retreat Ceremony, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 2 p.m.
- June 10:** MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- June 11:** Flag Retirement Ceremony, Rock Island National Cemetery, TBD
- June 14:** Army Birthday
- June 14:** Honor Tour (Flightless Honor Flight), Rock Island National Cemetery, TBD
- June 16:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- June 17:** MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- June 17:** Quad Cities 241st Army Birthday Ball, QC Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf, 5 p.m.
- June 17-20:** Illinois Free Fishing Days
- June 19-25:** Lightning Awareness Week

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First Army Deputy Commander Visits Chicago for Armed Forces Ball

May is National Military Appreciation Month with Armed Forces Day celebrated as one of the month's many military commemorations. Maj. Gen. Charles Whittington Jr., Deputy Commanding General for Operations, First Army, visited Chicago, May 20, 2017, to celebrate, as the keynote speaker, at the Union League Club, Chicago's annual Armed Forces Ball. Whittington welcomed the servicemen and women from each branch of service there to include former Army sergeant Allen Lynch, Medal of Honor recipient for his actions in the Vietnam War. Whittington shared the history of the American military across the conflicts of the twentieth century, and the status of the force around the globe today. He shared the difficulties that the military is currently facing with a force of 1.3 million active duty troops and more than 800,000 serving in the reserve and guard components. ([More](#))



Ammo Plant Remembers Their 'Fallen' Patriots

During a beautiful, sunny, and peaceful morning, the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant held a Memorial Ceremony, May 26, to remember and honor the 70 patriots who lost their lives at the installation while serving their country. Lt. Col. Aaron M. Wolfe, IAAAP commander, provided opening remarks and welcomed a gathering of approximately 100 plant employees and guests, which included several distinguished local government officials. The ceremony honored the employees who lost their lives since ammunition production began at the plant in 1941. It was held at the Eagle Park Memorial, a monument erected in 2007, where the employees' names are engraved in granite. Wolfe noted that the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant's mission of building munitions is dangerous work that doesn't end when the troops come home from foreign deployments. "The workforce here takes on the difficult and inherently dangerous business of working with ordnance day in and day out. So it is fitting that we take time today to pay tribute to this great workforce which contributes such strength to our nation's military and, in particular, to those that made the ultimate sacrifice." ([More](#))



First Army hosts its Medical Clinical Operations Summit

In his initial, written message to the United States Army last August, newly sworn Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Mark Milley, strongly stressed one of his top three priorities, "We must ensure the Army remains ready as the world's premier combat force. Readiness for ground combat is -- and will remain -- the U.S. Army's #1 priority." Readiness is also a top priority in First Army's mission to build and sustain readiness to ensure reserve component forces can fight and win in a complex world. First Army hosted its first medical and clinical operations summit at the First Army headquarters here, May 24-25. A group of medical operations officers and senior medical noncommissioned officers from First Army's nine brigades and the U.S. Army Reserve's 85th Support Command gathered to discuss the expectations of the First Army's Command Surgeon Team. First Army's Command Surgeon team and representatives from the Logistics Health Incorporated (Army Reserve contractor), USAR's Office of the Surgeon, and the 85th Support Command's Surgeon's Office led the summit. ([More](#))



Senate Bill Has Funding For RI Arsenal

The U.S. Senate's defense spending bill for 2017 includes \$140 million to help Army arsenals stabilize the rates they charge their customers, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., announced Thursday. The funding has helped keep the Rock Island Arsenal's Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center competitive as workload has declined. The legislation, which was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, now must be acted on by the full body. Eventually, it also will have to be reconciled with a House measure. The \$574.6 billion package is the main funding vehicle for the nation's military activities. Durbin is the top-ranking Democrat on the Appropriations subcommittee that oversees defense spending. As such, "I have worked with my colleagues to maintain our state's leadership and to ensure that Illinois service members, their families and our military and civilian workforce have the support they need and deserve," he said Thursday. ([More](#))



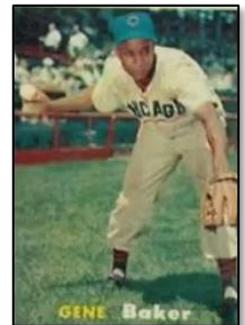
A Half Hour of Dignity; National Cemetery Staff Handles Services with Care

The Rock Island National Cemetery office on Arsenal Island couldn't be more alive. It is the Thursday before Memorial Day. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' staff of 17 has six burial services scheduled. And flags have to be placed at all 25,529 graves. Contractors are mowing and manicuring all 72 acres for the big weekend. Gloria Dzekunskas of Silvis, the office's budget analyst and one of only two civilians among the veteran staff, glances at a screen of funeral services scheduled back-to-back every 30 minutes. She then heads outside, where her eye catches a spotted fawn that has fallen asleep beside a headstone. "They like snuggling up to the stones in the morning sun because the stones get warm," she says. ([More](#)) ([Cemetery Visitors Search For Their Past](#))



Baseball Legend Buried On Arsenal

Baseball has a rich tradition here in the Quad Cities. An athlete who made his mark on the game has a legacy that reached the Rock Island Arsenal. A look at his story as we take you Inside the Gates. Baseball historian Dr. Bruce Storey says, "Everybody remembers Ernie Banks, but nobody remembers Gene Baker, and he was there first." Gloria Dzekunskas is with the Rock Island National Cemetery, and tells Local 4 News, "He was in the U.S. Navy during World War II and he passed away in 1999 and is interned here with his wife." From 1953 to 1966, Gene Baker was turning double plays as a second and third basemen with the Chicago Cubs and later, the Pittsburgh Pirates. Dr. Storey says, "He was the first black baseball player signed by the Chicago Cubs, who then signed Ernie Banks to be his roommate." ([More](#))



Milley: Soldier Readiness Starts At Home, On Top-Quality Army Installations

A good foundation for Soldier and Army readiness, said the Army's chief of staff, is home base -- where Soldiers live, where their kids go to school, and where their spouses shop for groceries. Thirteen Army installations were cited, May 24, for providing to Soldiers just that type of home base: one where they can leave home to conduct the nation's business, without being distracted by concerns for the well-being of the families they left behind. During the 2016 Army Communities of Excellence Awards at the Pentagon, Gen. Mark A.



Milley explained how installation excellence directly supports Soldier and Army readiness. About 2.7 million Soldiers, he said, have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan over the last 15 years. And for each one of those Soldiers, he said, "their first concern, actually, was not the Taliban or al Qaeda ... their first concern was always, in every case, their family." ([More](#))

Want a \$10,000 Bonus? Bill That Would Reward Feds Advances in the Senate

A bill introduced last year has advanced past the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs this week. The bill, known as the Bonuses for Cost-Cutters Act (S. 1378), would pay federal employees bonuses when they help identify unneeded or surplus funds in their agencies. This bill would take aim at the "use or lose it" approach that tends to crop up toward the end of the government's fiscal year when agencies often increase their spending to ensure they disburse all of their allocated funds. Under current law, an agency's inspector general can pay bonuses of up to \$10,000 when a federal employee identifies waste, fraud or mismanagement of funds. ([More](#))



Tech Notes: Take Caution with Email Spoofs

Most of us have heard of, or unfortunately had, viruses on our computer at some point in our lives. An email spoof is a little more inconspicuous but still prominent in the world of computing. The word spoof means to falsify, hoax or deceive according to Webster's dictionary. A spoofed email is intentionally altered by the sender to imply that it is coming from a legitimate source such as a bank, company, friend or an online store. The sender will alter the email with a "letterhead" look to imply someone else is trying to contact you. In many cases the spoofed email is a form of phishing or (con man) attack. In other situations, spoofing is a way of dishonestly marketing an online service or trying to sell you a bogus product. ([More](#))



Free Tours of Locks and Dam 15

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi River Project announces they will be offering free tours of Locks and Dam 15 every Saturday and Sunday beginning Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. These tours will be offered at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and will each last one hour. Participants must wear shoes with enclosed toes and backs, tennis shoes are preferred. Purses, bags, cameras and pictures are not allowed on the tour but will be allowed in the Visitor Center before and after the tours. Walking is required. Pre-registration is also recommended as the group size is limited and tours sometimes fill fast. Tours will begin and end at the Mississippi River Visitor Center. To make a reservation please call the staff at the Mississippi River Visitor Center at 309-794-5338. ([More](#))



Distribution System Flushing

Between **Monday, May 23, and Friday, June 17**, the Rock Island Arsenal Water Treatment Plant will use chlorination as the means of water disinfection. The temporary change has been approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and allows operators to perform system maintenance, including the annual flushing of the water distribution system. Since the 1990s, the plant has used a process known as "chloramination," a combination of chlorine and ammonia, as a disinfection method. Users should notice no difference in the quality of their drinking water as a result in the change to using chlorine. The annual flushing process, done via the on-post fire hydrants, may cause visible changes to the water coming from faucets and fixtures. The flushing

process may cause material in the pipes to be stirred up. Most of this sediment flows through the nearest fire hydrant, but some may transport into the lines providing water service to buildings or residences at the Arsenal. Water could be cloudy or have a rusty color. Although this water will still be safe to drink, it is unappealing. If this occurs please allow the water to run for five minutes to allow the line to clear.

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 10 and 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119. A **2nd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 211) beginning at **6:30 p.m. on July 22**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor. Army Sustainment Command Distribution Management Center: The ASC DMC is sponsoring a MVRBC blood drive on **Thursday, June 23, 12-4 p.m.**, via the MVRBC Donor Bus that will be parked at Bldg. 350. Contact Camille Richardson at camille.e.richardson.mil@mail.mil or call 309-782-0261 to sign up.



Donors who give blood at any of these drives will be entered into the blood center's summer drawing for a new Ford vehicle, and will also be entered into a monthly drawing for one of ten \$300 gas cards.



Charlie Corpuscle reminds us, "All previous malaria travel area restrictions still apply when donating blood. In addition, there is a 28-day deferral for those who return from areas in Mexico, the Caribbean or South America not included in the malaria restrictive areas. Please encourage donors to come in and give blood once the 28-day period has passed. Arsenal donors may always call the blood center at 563-359-5401 or email shoegerl@mvrbc.org if they have questions re: specific travel areas and deferrals which may be in place for those areas. Every donation is needed, especially in the summer months."



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](#).

Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System

Accurate personnel accountability of our Soldiers, civilians, and Family members during natural or man-made catastrophic events is paramount. The official Department of the Army system for disaster accountability is the Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System. This is a web-based tool designed to provide an accurate and timely status on the location of all Soldiers, civilians, and Family members when catastrophic events occur. All personnel can log into the ADPAAS web-site at <https://adpaas.army.mil> under the Army Family Members tab using the sponsor's SSN and birth date to update their contact information. Any questions concerning ADPAAS please contact your organization's commanding officer representatives.



2nd Annual Island-Wide Scholarship Ceremony

The 2nd Annual Island-Wide Scholarship Ceremony will take place **Thursday, June 2**, in the Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Scholarship winners from several RIA organizations, including RIAWC, AUSA, NDIA, and the Commissary will be honored. The POC for the event is Nicole Kirschmann, RIAWCscholarships@yahoo.com.

RIA Retirement & Retreat Ceremony

Rock Island Arsenal Military Community — Maj. Gen. Kevin O'Connell cordially invites you to attend the 3rd Quarter FY16 Award, Retirement & Retreat Ceremony on **Thursday, June 9**, at 2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, in honor of:

- Chief Warrant Officer 4 Siupapa Mapu, ASC
- Sgt. First Class Travis Nargang, SOC, South
- Daniel Neumiller, ASC
- Jean-Michel Serra, JMC
- Sandra Canada, ASC
- Vanessa Tatum, ASC
- Mary Barkley, ASC

Uniform for personnel not participating in ceremony - Military: Duty Uniform & Civilian: Casual. A sign language interpreter will be available for the hearing impaired.

USAG-RIA Change of Command Ceremony — Curtailed Garrison Services

The U.S. Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal will conduct a change of command ceremony on **Friday, June 10**, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All Garrison services will be curtailed or closed during this timeframe to permit Garrison employees the opportunity to attend the ceremony. Normal Garrison services will resume following the ceremony.

Quad Cities Coast Guard Run to Remember

Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Quad Cities is hosting the [2nd Annual Coast Guard Foundation Run to Remember](#) on **Friday, June 10**, at Veterans Memorial Park in Davenport, beginning at 8 a.m. This is an event to help honor our fallen members and promote the Coast Guard Foundation. This event will consist of a 5k run or a 1.5 mile walk for those who choose to do so. We will run from the flag poles to the Centennial Bridge, crossing the river into Rock Island and back. For a shorter walk, you can walk from the flag poles along the river, just past Modern Woodmen Park and back. Don't forget to order a shirt to help support the Coast Guard Foundation. We will have a brief meeting at 7:45 a.m. prior to the run. This event is open to anyone who wishes to help honor and support those who are no longer here with us. After the run, beverages and snacks will be available for all participants. For more information, please contact Garrett Ragland at 309-782-6958 or you can go to the Coast Guard Foundation website at www.coastguardfoundation.org/give/cgremember.



SMA to Hold World Wide Troop Talk

Under Secretary of the Army Patrick Murphy and SMA Daniel Dailey will host a live World Wide Troop Talk on **Thursday, June 16**, at 1 p.m. CDT. Have questions you would like to see answered during the event? [Post them here](#) and then watch the #ArmyTroopTalk to see if your question is answered.

Quad Cities 241st Army Birthday Ball

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



Army Materiel Command "Sonic Fusion" Band

Rock Island Arsenal invites you to enjoy a free concert performed by the Army Materiel Command "Sonic Fusion" Band at LeClaire Park in Davenport on **Wednesday, June 15**, 6-7:45 p.m.; the show is free and open to the public. Food vendors will be set up for food and drink consumption. The AMC Band proudly serves the Soldiers and civilians of the U.S. Army Materiel Command stationed at more than 140 locations worldwide. With its eight music performance teams, the AMC Band 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 currently performing more than 400 musical mission per year and is under the purview of the AMC chief of staff.



History Comes Alive for Pioneer Days at the Colonel Davenport House

The 4th annual Pioneer Days is **Saturday and Sunday, June 18-19**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 12-4 p.m. on Sunday. There is an overnight encampment of fur trader re-enactors, called a Buckskinners' Rendezvous, with pioneer portrayers demonstrating hatchet and knife throwing, and craft demonstrators such as wood-working, chair caning, spinning, basket weaving, quilting, rope making, and campfire cooking. Guest historical speakers include: Gena Schantz, Maryan Wherry, and Jack Tumbleson. Old time music specialist Wesley Wells will play each afternoon. On display will be selected items from the Fort Armstrong time capsule, buried as part of the fort's 150th anniversary in 1966, and recently opened as part of the 200th anniversary. Food Vendor available will be Dickey's BBQ with sandwiches, sides, and drinks. Pioneer Days hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 18 and 12-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 19. Tours of the historic Colonel Davenport House included. Admission is \$10 adults for 12 years and over; free 11 and under. For more information, visit their website at www.davenporthouse.org.



RIA AUSA Annual Golf Outing

Join us for the RIA AUSA Annual Golf outing on **Monday, July 11**, at the Arsenal Island Golf Course. Start time is 10:30 a.m., dinner at 4:30 p.m. Information and entry form is available at www.ria-ausa.org - Teams fill up quickly, reserve your spot today. Cost is \$125/per player or \$500 per team. Let's Play Golf and support our civilian and military community.

Closure of the Records Holding Area, Bldg. 331

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

Save the Date — 9th Annual Cards for the Troops

Please join us **Tuesday, Sept. 27**, 6:30-9 p.m., at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, for the 9th Annual Cards for the Troops. Adults only (high school and older), please. 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. More than 46,000 cards have been sent through Cards for the Troops to our deployed military serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Jordan, Africa, and to those deployed aboard our aircraft carriers, the USS Harry S. Truman, the USS Carl Vinson and the USS John C. Stennis. Packagers are needed also. There is no charge for this event. Please bring one roll of Scotch double-sided tape to donate to Cards for the Troops for card- making. All other materials are supplied. Be sure to visit our, "Cards for the Troops, Rock Island Arsenal" Facebook page. Seating is limited... please RSVP to: mssipple1@gmail.com.

Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — **AT&T Wireless:** As a service member of the U.S. Army you could be saving 15 percent on the monthly service charge of qualified wireless plans. Visit your local AT&T store at 4500 16th Street, (inside SouthPark Mall) Moline or 3120 E. 53rd street, Davenport, or to purchase online, visit att.com/wireless/USArmy If you visit a local AT&T store, please have proof of eligibility. Mention Discount Code: FAN2421660 **Sunset Lakes Resort:** Located near Hillsdale Illinois at I-88 Exit #6, we offer free campsites for those who currently serve and veterans; call 1-800-747-5253 for reservations. Complete details on both military weekends at www.sunsetlakesresort.com under our news section. **Infinity Salon & Spa:** Located at 220 W 3rd St. in Davenport, we offer 15 percent off services for military and the Arsenal Island workforce. We are a full service salon: hair, manicure, pedicures, massage, waxing, facials, for men, women, and children. Eligible personnel only need to show a military or work ID. **The Venue:** Located at 1405 5th Ave. in Moline, we would like to say thank you to all Rock Island Arsenal personnel – bring in your Arsenal ID/badge on Mondays and receive a 20 percent discount on food and soda (this excludes family feast special). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 18th Street in Bettendorf. **Chocolate Manor:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off their total purchase on any of our award winning homemade chocolates at 110 E. 2nd St., Davenport, just show your ID. **Roosters Sports Bar and Grill:** All military and civilian's get 10 percent off their bill. Come head down for lunch at 2130 3rd Ave., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

Arsenal Traffic/Construction



Parking Lot Closures for Monitoring Wells

The Directorate of Public Works will be installing monitoring wells at two locations that will involve the temporary partial closure of parking lot 0J (north of buildings 60, 62, and 64) and temporary total closure of parking lot 1C (north of Bldg. 106). The northeast corner of parking lot 0J (behind the Water Treatment Plant) will be closed starting **Tuesday, May 31**, and remain closed for two weeks until **Wednesday, June 8**, depending upon weather. Parking Lot 1C will be closed starting **Monday, June 6**, and remain closed for three weeks until **Tuesday, June 28**, depending upon weather. Barricades will be placed around the work area at Lot 0J and at each end of Lot 1C.

Intermittent Lane Closures South Ave

Effective May 16, Public Works will begin making pavement repairs on South Ave between Gillespie and East Street. The repairs will include full depth saw cutting, and concrete replacement patching. The work will require intermittent road closure. The project is expected to be completed by **Thursday, June 16**, depending on weather. Signage and barricades will be placed at appropriate locations during the closure.

Bldg. 110 Handicap Ramp Repairs, Entrance Closure

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

Gillespie Street Repair Project

The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) plans to accomplish major repairs to the Gillespie Street corridor between Rodman Avenue and Blunt Road. This will impact traffic and on-street parking in the area during the construction. Work is currently planned to start during the FY16 construction season. There will also be some permanent changes resulting from the project. Major changes are as follows: • Replacement of the sidewalk along the west side of Gillespie Street with a wider shared-use path to be used by pedestrians and bicycles. • Conversion of diagonal on-street parking along the northern sections of Gillespie Street to parallel parking spaces resulting in a loss of about 40 parking spaces. • Conversion of Blunt Road along the river from Gillespie Street to East Street to a shared-use path predominantly for pedestrians and bicycles. Motorized vehicles will be restricted to emergency and service vehicles. As the project progresses, further announcements will be provided regarding construction related events.

Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians

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

Building/Space Closures



There are no announcements at this time.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone



How to Entertain Your Military Kids for Free This Summer

It's that time of year again, everybody! We're thinking about summer and what to do with our days off – or, more likely, finding ways to keep our school-less children from uttering those dreaded words, "I'm bored!" Luckily, there are a lot of options for military families that don't involve much money (or are just plain free). ([More](#))

Website Connects Military Members with Community Resources

The Quad Cities Chamber, in partnership with Chamber member Sedona Technologies, has launched a newly designed website that will connect members of the military with resources, community events, and military-friendly employers in the region. The site, HooahQuadCities.com, is part of a long-standing Chamber program focused on supporting the military community. "The Rock Island Arsenal and our military community are integral to the region and our economy," says Tara Barney, President and CEO, Quad Cities Chamber. "The Chamber works on multiple fronts to support and advance the position of the Rock Island Arsenal, and we are proud to partner with Sedona Group to provide this resource to our active and retired military personnel." ([More](#))

Military Tuesday at the Ballpark

Free tickets are available for active duty military and retirees for Military Tuesday at the Ballpark, Quad Cities River Bandits vs Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, on Flag Day, **Tuesday, June 14**, at 7 p.m. The rain date will be **Thursday, July 7**. Tickets may be picked up at the following locations:

- Army Community Services, Bldg. 110, 1st Floor, 309-782-0829
- Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 333, 309-782-8630
- USO, Bldg. 110, 1st Floor, 309-782-3896
- Fitness Center, Bldg. 67, 309-782-6787

If you have questions concerning the tickets please contact the location you would like to pick them up at.

Military Kids Camp 2016 for Youth Impacted by Military Service

Youth Ages 8-16... join us for a fun-filled week, **July 3-8**, of summer camp adventures at YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln, the Quad Cities premiere overnight camping facility for youth. Would you like to live in a cabin and enjoy traditional camp activities—swimming, hiking, horseback riding, campfires and much more? Then this camp is for you. This special Military Kids Camp is open to all youth and teens ages 8-16 whose parent, sibling or other close relative serves in any branch of

the military — active duty, Guard or Reserves. Kids will also enjoy special activities just for military kids – hands-on workshops, Military Day hosted by the Illinois National Guard, Resiliency, and more. Questions call 563-381-3053. ([More](#))

Bix 7 Road Race Waives Entry Fee

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



Safety Spotlight



**ARMY SAFE
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Live To Ride: Soldiers Encouraged To Get Smart on Motorcycle Culture

On the first anniversary of a biker shoot-out that made national headlines and killed nine at a restaurant in Waco, Texas, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, or CID, encourages Soldiers and family members to fully educate themselves on motorcycle culture and clubs - especially if they are contemplating becoming a member. According to the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center's "Motorcycle Safety Guide," more than 33,000 motorcycles are currently registered on Army installations. The popularity of the low-cost mode of transportation heightens the need for motorcycle owners and their families to be aware, both on and off the road, of the motorcycle culture that brings riders together. Riders often come together in a "club-type atmosphere" where they want to socialize, support each other and ride together. These clubs have their own patches, rules and protocol and can become an extension of one's family. It is said that 99 percent of those who ride and belong to motorcycle clubs are law abiding enthusiasts. The other one percent of riders, however, make up the lawless subculture made popular by television shows such as the "Sons of Anarchy." That one percent, called Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs, or OMGs, may be using motorcycle events or functions as a criminal enterprise and as an opportunity to recruit law-abiding members of the military. Soldiers and their families, especially those who ride, need to be aware of the OMGs in their area. ([More](#))



Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



Face of Defense: Soldier Draws Motivation from Asian Heritage

The United States observes May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to recognize the contributions of people from both Asian and Pacific Islander descent. Army Spc. Angela Kim, a health care specialist and unit armorer with Headquarters and Headquarters

Company, 9th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division here, is a first-generation American born to Korean parents.

Korean Heritage

Kim and her two younger sisters grew up in the suburb of Farmington Hills, Michigan, where they were raised with traditional Korean heritage. Balancing her Korean heritage with American culture was challenging, she said. “I think it is kind of difficult for first-generation Americans,” Kim said. “You almost have to create a new culture, in a way, by incorporating the two cultures together.” When Kim expressed interest to enlist in the Army, the differences between her American ideals conflicted with her mother’s traditional ideals of an appropriate career choice for a female. ([More](#))

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

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

MWR Text Alerts

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



Lock & Dam Lounge Closes for Renovations

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

Island Oasis Outdoor Grill Now Open for the Season

The Island Oasis Grill has moved back outside for the summer, come visit us outside the Fitness Center under the big MWR tent for all your grill favorites including burgers, brats and ribeye sandwiches (Thursdays only).

First Friday Social — Featuring a Tap Takeover with Lionstone Brewery

The next First Friday Social will be **Friday, June 3**, starting at 3 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. This special First Friday will feature a handle takeover with Lionstone Brewery featuring their Peanut Butter Back 40 Wheat Ale, Savage IPA, & Blonde Ale. The event is open to the entire RIA workforce and the general public so bring your friends, family, neighbors, mail man... whoever, just come out and have fun with us. Join your Island colleagues at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse for a fun evening of appetizers, drinks, networking, socializing and karaoke. Bring your 2015 Rocktoberfest stein and get \$2 off refills. Call 309-782-4372 for more info.



3rd Annual Rock The Island Car Show

Rock Island Arsenal's 3rd annual Rock The Island Car Show will be held on Rodman Avenue from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on **Saturday, June 25**. Late registration, from **Wednesday, June 1**, through the day of the event on June 25, is \$15/vehicle & t-shirts cannot be guaranteed. This fun, family event is free to attend and open to the public so please share with all your automotive enthusiast friends. Other activities to enjoy during the show include a Sports Car Club of America Rally and a Pinewood Derby with participation open to everyone. To register or for more information, call 309-782-8631 or [register online here](#). ([Flyer](#))



Lunch Service at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse

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

MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours

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

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

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

- Six Flags & Adventureland
- **Saturday, June 18:** Sister Act at Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse
- **Saturday, July 9:** Taste of Chicago/Navy Pier Bus Trip
- **Friday, Aug. 12:** Cubs vs. Cardinals Bus Trip to Wrigley Field

Sister Act

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

Event Date: **Saturday, June 18**

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

Taste of Chicago/Navy Pier Bus Trip

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

Event Date: **July 9**

Cubs vs. Cardinals

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

2016 Adventureland Tickets

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



Army Transitions to Simplified DoD Request For Childcare Website

The Army is transitioning to a new single portal Department of Defense website designed to make it easier for Soldiers to find the childcare they need. In March 2016, select Army garrison families will begin to use www.MilitaryChildCare.com as their website to search for and request child care services where they are or where they are planning to move. "The vital function of this website is to simplify the child care search process, helping patrons make better informed decisions about their child care needs," said Theresa



Sanders, the Installation Management Command Child, Youth and School Services Outreach Services Program Manager. "The DoD has worked hard to develop a system which allows patrons to create their own account, search and request care, manage requests and update their profile from the convenience of their home," she said. Using MilitaryChildCare.com, parents can find comprehensive information on child care programs worldwide, conduct a customized search for the care they need, and submit a request for care at any time from any location, Sanders explained. Web services were first tested in pilot programs throughout the military branches including U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii. Soldiers and Families at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Forts Belvoir, Campbell, Detrick (Forest Glen and Frederick), Drum, Knox, Lee and Meade, Watervliet Arsenal and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall will gain access to the site in March. Each garrison is working directly to notify the families affected and assist in the implementation of the DoD website rollout. ([More](#))

Army Community Service



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; [Visit our ACS website](#) or phone 309-782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. [Find us on Facebook click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: **309-229-8412**.

Advanced Résumé Class

This class, **Friday, June 3**, 1:30-3:30 p.m., ACS Training Room (Bldg. 110), is for spouses but open to all service members, Retirees, DA civilians, and their family members. Learn advanced techniques on how to tailor your résumé for federal employment. RSVP required by **Friday, May 27**, call 309-782-0829 or e-mail usarmy.ria.imcom-central.mbx.usag-ac@mail.mil. ([Flier](#))

Employee Assistance Program



ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor; visit our [ASAP/EAP website](#) or phone 309-782-4357 or 309-782-HELP. Office hours are from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After Hour Emergencies: 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly. In addition, [a list of our classes & groups with dates, locations, and times, is located here](#). [Find us on Facebook click here](#).

Grief Support Group

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

Improving Workplace Relationships

Relationships in the workplace are very much like relationships in our personal lives. Therefore they require many of the same skills we use with those who are closest to us. Learning these skills makes sense because many of us spend more time with our co-workers than with our family members. Skills learned are based on research based concepts and address issues of communication, conflict, respect and trust. Upcoming class dates are **June 7** and **Aug. 2**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact 309-782-4357. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

The RIA Employee Assistance Program Presents: Real Colors

Want to enhance your communication skills? Real Colors offers you a peek into human personality. It will provide you with a better understanding of human behavior and help you recognize, accept and learn to value the difference in others. Real Colors has proven to be an effective tool to increase understanding, empathy and effective communication in the workplace. Location: Bldg. 56, Room

122, Sign up in [TEDs](#) (Search key word "Real Colors" or contact 309-782-4357 Additional date: **Nov. 8.**

Event Date: **Aug. 9**

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

Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand and manage your own emotions, and those of the people around you. People with a high degree of emotional intelligence know what they're feeling, what their emotions mean, and how these emotions can affect other people. Emotional intelligence addresses five competencies; Self-Awareness, Self-Regulation, Self-Motivation, Empathy, and Effective Relationships. Upcoming class dates are **June 28, Sept. 27, and Dec. 20**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact 309-782- 4357. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Time Management

Do you feel like there is never enough time in a day to get everything done? Would you like to learn some tips to become more organized and free up some time for more fun? Learn how to prioritize tasks and manage your time more effectively. Upcoming class dates are **July 26, and Oct. 25**, at 10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact 309-782- 4357. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Assertiveness Training

Learn strategies to communicate with effectiveness and enhance yourself personally and professionally. Upcoming class dates are **Aug. 23 and Nov. 29**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact 309-782- 4357. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."



Education/Training Review



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

Distance Learning Readiness Self-Assessment

DLRSA helps determine a Service member's readiness for education outside of the traditional classroom setting. Taking a distance learning course is another way to achieve your goals. While DL offers a lot of flexibility, there are other considerations for students to think about when making choices regarding their educational program. The self-assessment was developed to give you the opportunity to assess your skills and identify possible weaknesses that may affect your success when taking distance learning classes. This instrument is not meant to substitute for educational counseling or to deny you the opportunity to pursue a distance learning class. Your honest assessment of your skills and behaviors is in your best interest. We hope this assessment will help you to have a successful educational experience, whether you choose distance learning or face-to-face classes. ([More](#))

Field Test DLPT - German and Hindi — Do You Speak German or Hindi?

The Army is seeking field test participants to complete the Defense Foreign Language German and Hindi (DLPT5) Starting **Tuesday, May 3**, through **COB Sunday, July 31**. Participants will be provided with a signed letter of appreciation from the Assistant Commandant of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. The listening and reading tests are both three hours. For your convenience, the test may be administered in one setting or schedule the test in two separate settings. Interested in taking the test? Please contact the Rock Island Education Center for more information or to be scheduled at 309-782-2065.

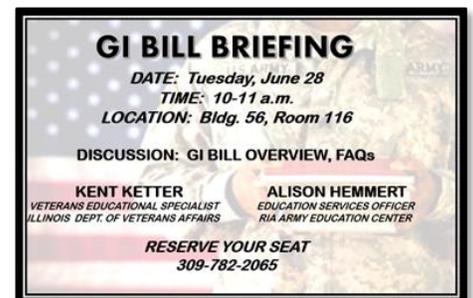
Higher Education

Do you plan on attending college? Do you know where to start? We have the answer for you. The next Higher Education Track (course) is scheduled for **Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14-15**, Bldg. 56, Room 122. The Higher Education Track helps guide you in pursuing a college education with preparation for college application process. Topics covered include: identifying educational goals, finding education funding, and researching and comparing institutions. This course is designed to guide you through the variety of decisions involved in choosing a degree program, college institution and funding considerations. This course is open to all military service members and their family members. Please phone 309-782-7780 to reserve your seat.

Using the GI Bill: Some Factors to Consider

Please join us for a GI Bill Briefing on **Tuesday, June 28**, 10-11 a.m., in Bldg. 56, Room 116. Kent Ketter, Veterans Educational Specialist - Illinois Dept. VA and Alison Hemmert, Education Service Officer - USAG RIA Army Education Center, will provide a GI Bill overview and address FAQs. Call 309-782-2065 to reserve a seat. As an eligible service member, veteran, or dependent planning to use the GI Bill, consider yourself a consumer about to make one of the most important decisions of your life. You owe it to yourself to

thoroughly consider your educational and career goals, needs and options in order to utilize the GI Bill in the most timely and cost-effective manner possible. Some questions to consider: • What are my career goals and how do they relate to my educational needs? • How do I choose a school that is right for me? • Will my professional field respect a degree from the school I'm considering? • How well does my chosen school support Veterans and dependents? • In addition to the GI Bill, what are other ways to finance my education? • What are grants and loans? Remember, in the military you demonstrated commitment, discipline, and a desire to succeed. As a dependent you developed strong critical-thinking and decision-making skills. Leverage those same qualities when considering the school that best provides what you need and maximizes your investment. For more information and resources: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/choosing_a_school.asp.



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](#))

Summer Savings Sizzle at Your Commissary

Not just for Flag Day on June 14 or Fathers' Day on June 19, but for every day in June commissaries are stocking the products their customers need at special promotional prices. That's what Tracie Russ, director of Sales for the Defense Commissary Agency is saying about the promotional lineup for June. Each month, commissaries collaborate with their industry partners – vendors, suppliers and brokers – to offer discounts and special events to help patrons maximize their benefit. "By now everyone is planning their summer vacations," Russ said, "so we're encouraging customers to go to the Sales & Events section and Exclusive Savings pages on and enter to win any of the fabulous trips being offered throughout the summer." June is also the second month of the Commissary Customer Appreciation Case Lot Sales, available at stores throughout the United States. Dates and locations are available on the Case Lot Sales page. Commissaries in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico are also participating. Commissaries in Europe and the Pacific, while not officially participating, may have substitute events such as sidewalk sales. ([More](#))

Arsenal Archive



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

Rock Island Arsenal Museum Resumes Saturday Hours

Beginning June 1, the Rock Island Arsenal Museum will resume having open hours on Saturday. Museum hours will be from noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Until recently the Museum was closed on Saturdays. Staffing changes allow the additional hours.

RIA Historical Society June Dinner and Meeting

The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on **Thursday, June 2**, in the Veranda Room of the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu for the dinner includes a garden salad, roasted pork with natural gravy, new potatoes, vegetable medley, and strawberry shortcake for dessert. All will be prepared by the Golf Club Kitchen. Dinners

include rolls and breadsticks, coffee, tea and water. The total cost is \$14 including tax and tip. Please have your check or cash ready to give to Dick Hochstetler or Linda Miller when you arrive. This event is open to members and non-members. Interested parties may choose to attend only the program portion of the meeting at 7 p.m. at no cost. The program will be presented by Faye Waterman, a senior gardener with the State of Iowa. She will give us a power point presentation about the historical plantings at the time of Col. Davenport.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – May 30-June 5

On June 1, 1919, the enlarged hydro-electric power plant began operations. On June 1, 1942, construction of a new assembly shop (Bldg. 208) had begun. In June 1876, the construction of Shop A (Bldg. 102) was completed. On June 3, 1899, the Tri-City Railway Co. was granted a license to extend their single track street car tracks onto Arsenal grounds. On June 4, 1984, the protestors failed to shutdown the RIA on "Project Disarm" day. The last of 100 Mark VIII Tanks assembled at the RIA was completed June 5, 1920. The order for 100 tanks was completed in 286 days.

Healthbeat

Army Veterinary Corps Celebrates 100 Years of Service

The U.S. Army Veterinary Corps celebrates its 100th anniversary **June 3**, although the need for military veterinary expertise had been evolving since 1776, when Gen. George Washington directed that a "regiment of horse with a farrier," be raised. The Veterinary Corps was formally established by an Act of Congress June 3, 1916. Following the establishment of an Air Force Veterinary Corps in 1949, the Army shared military veterinary responsibilities with its sister service. In 1979, Congress directed changes to the Department of Defense veterinary missions. The Air Force Veterinary Corps was disestablished March 31, 1980 and the Army became the executive agent for all DoD veterinary services.



The Veterinary Corps is a national treasure, composed of diverse engaged individuals protecting the Soldier and supporting the National Military Strategy," said Col. Edward J. Briand, branch proponent chief for the Army Veterinary Corps. "We provide veterinary public health capabilities through veterinary medical and surgical care, food safety and defense, and biomedical research and development." The U.S. Army Veterinary Corps continues to significantly impact current operations. Veterinary unit commanders and their personnel are critical in effecting remarkably low food-borne illness rates. This is a result of veterinary inspection of subsistence in the United States, as well as the approval of safe food sources around the world. Army veterinarians ensure the health of military working dogs and assist with host-nation related animal emergencies. Veterinary staff advisors also play key roles regarding issues involving chemical and biological defense. "The Veterinary Corps has diverse specialties including Veterinary Preventive Medicine, Laboratory Animal Medicine, Veterinary Pathology, Veterinary Comparative Medicine, and Veterinary Clinical Medicine," Briand said. "The Veterinary Corps also conducts and oversees all Department of Defense veterinary service activities providing veterinary services to the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force in more than 90 countries." At home, military veterinary

supervision of operational ration assembly plants, supply and distribution points, ports of debarkation, and other types of subsistence operations are critical to ensuring safe, wholesome food for our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and their family members. The large segment of the Veterinary Corps involved in medical research and development missions contribute immeasurably to the overall military effort. Vaccine, antitoxin, and antidote development, directed toward the protection of military personnel, has been and will continue to be, heavily reliant on military veterinary expertise. ([U.S. Army Veterinary Corps](#)) ([Army Veterinary Corps — Naval Station Great Lakes Veterinary Treatment Facility](#)) ([NAVSTA Great Lakes VTF MWR Page](#)) ([Great Lakes Veterinary Treatment Facility Facebook](#))

Medical Readiness Transformation

Medical Readiness Transformation is a significant, transformative process that will allow commanders to view all essential medical information, kept in one convenient location, and enable the commanders to quickly assess the medical readiness of Soldiers. Per the August 2015 direction of the vice chief of staff of the Army, the U.S. Army's personnel and readiness reporting systems are being overhauled to achieve readiness, which is the Army's number one priority. The Medical Readiness Transformation roll-out requires the training of all command & healthcare teams by May 31, 2016. Army Medicine is on track to implement this overhaul of the medical readiness (MR) system by Oct. 1, 2016, with many changes ready for the O-3 level commanders (CDRs) (and above) beginning June 1, 2016. The Commander Portal, an innovative, mandatory tool for commanders and healthcare personnel, consolidates data into a portal that enables commanders to proactively intervene on individual and unit health readiness issues. ([More](#))

Zika Virus

Zika is a mosquito-borne virus closely related to yellow fever, dengue, and West Nile viruses. The U.S. Army is taking the Zika virus very seriously and assisting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in any way possible. Information on the virus is changing almost daily and getting the most up-to-date information is important. The information below is to help individuals and health care providers with decisions on travel and risks in their area. Women who are pregnant or could be pregnant need to discuss their risk with their health care provider. Discovered in Uganda in 1947, the current outbreak of Zika virus in Brazil began in early 2015 and has spread to more than 20 other countries in the Americas, including Mexico and Puerto Rico. Although only 20 percent of people infected will have symptoms, the virus has been associated with an increased risk of Guillain-Barr Syndrome, a neurological disorder, and microcephaly, a birth defect characterized by smaller than normal head size. As a result, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a level 2 travel alert, Practice Enhanced Precautions, for areas where Zika virus transmission is ongoing, recommending that all pregnant women postpone travel to these areas. The World Health Organization advised that the recent cluster of microcephaly cases and other neurologic disorders reported in Brazil constitutes a public health emergency of international concern. Army Medicine is tracking this outbreak to assess the risks to the Soldiers and their Families. All Army medical facilities have been notified of the concerns surrounding Zika infections and are prepared to assist patients who may have been infected. Army Medicine supports the following guidance to avoid exposures and prevent illnesses:

- The [Armed Forces Pest Management Board](#) emphasizes the importance of proper wear of permethrin-treated uniforms and use of approved insect repellent, and removal of any standing water that may serve as mosquito breeding sites.



- The United States Department of Defense labs are developing techniques to test mosquitoes for Zika.
- The United States Southern Command is advising pregnant DoD personnel and dependents within their area of operations, or scheduled for official travel to the AOR, to consult their health care provider on the risk of Zika virus. SOUTHCOM is also offering voluntary relocation to all pregnant DoD employees and beneficiaries.

The DoD will assist other government agencies in developing a vaccine against Zika, new vector control agents, and improved diagnostic tests. Army Medicine will continue to educate all personnel and beneficiaries about Zika virus and provide updates as they arise. With ongoing operations around the world, the Army continues to strive to protect the health and readiness of total force and their families. ([Army Public Health Center Zika Virus Site](#)) ([StandTo!](#)) ([Fact Sheet](#)) ([Zika Virus - What is it? What can you do?](#)) ([Zika Virus – Health.mil](#)) (['Dump, Cover' Key to Preventing Mosquito Bites, Infections](#)) ([Taking a Proactive Stance Against Zika](#))

QCTrails.org: Web-based Interactive Trails Map

The Quad Cities boasts stunning views of the Mississippi River and offers more than 300 miles of non-motorized recreational trails and nearly 7,500 acres of parks. [QCTrails.org](#) is a free, user-friendly, interactive, and mobile-responsive website that serves as a comprehensive resource that highlights these multi-purpose trails,



parks, and side-paths. Users can track their physical activity progress and share their experiences with friends through social media. Ongoing community health assessment processes have repeatedly identified nutrition and physical activity as key priority areas of opportunity for the Quad Cities. In the Quad Cities, only 48 percent of adults are meeting physical activity guidelines. Additionally, only 30.7 percent of our adult residents are at a healthy weight, and 57 percent of children ages 5-17 are at a healthy weight. The simplicity of walking, riding a bike, or paddling a canoe or kayak on a trail presents opportunities to improve physical activity throughout the year. [QCTrails.org](#) opens trail experiences to all members of the community regardless of age or ability and offers perfect opportunities for Quad Cities' residents to move more and be active outdoors. ([More](#)) ([Facebook](#))



Notes for Veterans

Nearly 400 Aspen Dental Branded Practices Offer Free Dental Care to Veterans on June 25

Veterans across the nation will receive free dental care at nearly 400 participating Aspen Dental practices on Saturday, June 25, as part of Aspen Dental's annual Healthy Mouth Movement Day of Service, when dentists and teams volunteer their time and talents for the day. Since the launch of the Healthy Mouth Movement in 2014, Aspen Dental practices have collectively donated more than \$4 million in free dental care and have served 7,300 patients. Of the 21 million+ veterans across the U.S. today, fewer than 10 million are enrolled for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health benefits, and more than 1.2 million lack health insurance altogether. The disparity is even more pronounced when it comes to dental care since veterans do not receive dental benefits through the VA unless they are classified as 100% disabled, have a service-connected dental condition, or have a service-oriented medical condition that is affected by their mouth. ([More](#))

VA Launches Veterans Legacy Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced the launch of the Veterans Legacy Program to memorialize Veterans' service and sacrifice through public educational programming. The program uses the rich resources found throughout VA national cemeteries, Soldiers' lots and monument sites. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald announced the program yesterday during a Memorial Day ceremony at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California. "The Veterans Legacy Program is meant to bring to life the stories of Veterans buried in VA national cemeteries through lesson plans, interactive maps and video vignettes," said Secretary McDonald. "Behind every marker is a story—a story of what it meant to be a Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman at a particular moment in time. Our goal is to ensure that our nation does not forget their stories and their sacrifice." Using online educational products such as lesson plans, interactive maps and short video vignettes, VA, through the Veterans Legacy Program, will engage the general public, students and educators. VA launched this initiative earlier this year at two pilot sites: Beaufort National Cemetery in South Carolina and Riverside National Cemetery in California. Over the next several years, online educational products and programs will be developed for all VA national cemeteries. VA has also formed a partnership with the American Battle Monuments Commission to co-sponsor a "Teachers Institute," a workshop for educators who will conduct research at VA and ABMC cemeteries. Information about the program may be found at www.cem.va.gov/cem/legacy.

Higher Social Security Payments to Veterans

In a nutshell it boils down to this: You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your military service, for active duty any time from 1940 through 2001 (the program was done away with in January 2002). Up to \$1,200 per year of earnings credit credited at time of application – which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement. You must take your DD-214 to the Social Security Office – and you must ask for this benefit to receive it! In January 2002, Public Law 107-117, the Defense Appropriations Act, stopped the special extra earnings that have been credited to military service personnel. Military service in calendar year 2002 and future years no longer qualifies for these special extra earnings credits. ([More](#)) ([Social Security Administration Article](#))



Around the Q.C.



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May 31-June 4: [Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (1800 3rd Avenue, Suite 304, Rock Island)

June 2: [Living Lands and Waters' 2016 Barge Party](#) (Schwiebert Riverfront Park, Rock Island)

June 3: [2016 HAVlife™ Brew Off](#) (Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Rock Island)

June 3-4: [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Ill.)

June 4: [Shamrock 'n Roll](#) (Kavanaugh's Hilltop, 1228 30th St, Rock Island)

June 4: [Quad Cities Comic Con](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

June 4: [College Hill District Retro Rally 2016](#) (College Hill District Rock Island)

June 10-11: [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)

June 11: [2016 Komen Quad Cities Race for the Cure](#) (iWireless Center)

June 11: [Quad Cities Cruisers Car Show](#) (SouthPark Mall)

June 11: [Milan American Legion Riders 5th Annual Motorcycle Rodeo](#) (American Legion Riders Post 569, 515 W 1st Ave, Milan)

June 11: [Crawfish Boil & Widespread Wit Tapping](#) (Great River Brewery, Davenport)

June 13: [iCan Bike Camp](#) (3541 Morton Drive, East Moline)

June 14: [History of our Locks & Dams](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)

June 16-18: [Quad City Symphony Orchestra's Volunteers for Symphony 33rd Annual Second Fiddle Sale](#)
(Former Moline Library located at 504 17th Street)

June 18: [The Micro Brew Mile and 6K Road Race](#) (5th Avenue, Moline)

June 18: [Quad Cities Triathlon 2016](#) (West Lake Park, Davenport)

June 18: [3rd Annual Micro Brew Mile Craft Beer Festival](#) (Downtown Moline)

June 18: [World Refugee Day Festival](#) (Singing Bird Nature Center, Rock Island)

June 18: [Pioneer Days](#) (Colonel Davenport House)

June 18-26: [Quad Cities Museum Week](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)

June 19: [32nd Annual Ride the River: Father's Day Bicycle Ride](#) (River Action, 822 E River Dr, Davenport)

June 24: [Picnic on the River 2016](#) (American Red Cross, 1100 River Dr, Moline)

June 24: [American Red Cross' Picnic on the River 2016](#) (Schwiebert Riverfront Park, Rock Island)

June 24: [Mud, Sweat & Cheers Obstacle Challenge](#) (Credit Island Park, Davenport)

June 24: [Ultra BlackOut](#) (The Col Ballroom, 1012 W 4th St, Davenport)

June 25: [Royal Ball Run For Autism](#) (Hyvee, Milan)

June 25-26: [6th Annual BBQ & Craft Brew event](#) (Credit Island Park, Davenport)

June 25-26: [Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)

June 26: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

June 26: [Hemmings Motor News Great Race - San Rafael, Calif. to Moline, Ill.](#) (Moline)

July 1-2: [31st Annual Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

July 4: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (Rock Island & Davenport)

July 4: [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (East Moline)

July 4: [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (Downtown Bettendorf)

July 13: [YouthFest](#) (Fejervary Park, 1800 W 12th St, Davenport)

July 14-16: [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (I-80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)

July 15-17: [Radish Magazine's 2016 Yoga Fest](#) (Holiday Inn, Rock Island)

July 16: [Rivers Edge Homebrew Festiv-ale](#) (The District Plaza, Rock Island)

July 16: [Insane Inflatable 5K Quad Cities](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

July 19-23: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (fairgrounds in East Moline)

July 23: [2016 Quad City Strength & Fitness Expo](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

July 29-30: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)

July 30: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Aug. 2-7: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

Aug. 4: [Freedom Run 5K](#) (733 15th Ave., East Moline)

Aug. 4-7: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)

Aug. 6: [2nd Annual BBQ n' Blues Fest](#) (Rolling Smoke, 1228 30th St, Rock Island)

Aug. 6: [4th Annual Bags n' Brews Cornhole Tournament & Beer Tasting](#) (Lindsay Park, 2100 E River Dr, Davenport)

Aug. 8-14: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.)

Aug. 9: [Experience on a Towboat from Rock Island to St. Louis](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)

Aug. 11-13: [Tug Fest, LeClaire](#) (Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)

Aug. 13: [Case Creek Obstacles 5K Mud Run](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)

Aug. 13: [13th Annual Xstream Cleanup](#) (Greater Quad Cities)

Aug. 19-20: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Aug. 20: [Floatzilla: Canoe & Kayak Floatilla](#) (Sunset Park, 1309 Mill St, Rock Island)

Aug. 26-27: [River Roots Live](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Aug. 27: [Vettes on the River](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)

Aug. 27: [Silvis Family Run](#) (Schadt Park, Silvis, Ill.)

Sept. 3-4: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

Sept. 10: [¡VIVA! Quad Cities](#) (Isle of Capri Casino Parking Lot, Bettendorf)

Sept. 10: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Sept. 10: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)

Sept. 10-11: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Sept. 16-17: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park (Davenport)

Sept. 17: [River Action's 11th Annual Taming of the Slough](#) (Hampton, Ill.)

Sept. 17: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park (Davenport)

Sept. 17: [2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Quad Cities](#) (iWireless Center)
Sept. 17-18: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park (Village of East Davenport))
Sept. 23-24: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Rock Island County Fairgrounds (East Moline))
Sept. 25: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)
Oct. 1: [GiGi's Super Hero Run](#) (Bettendorf)
Oct. 2: [Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic](#) (Rock Island)
Oct. 7-9: [Big Bore Enterprise Gun Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Oct. 9: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Oct. 22: [4th Annual QC Tweed Ride](#) (Freight House, Davenport)
Oct. 27: [Fright Night](#) (The District (Rock Island))
Oct. 29: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Oct. 29-30: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo (Coal Valley (Ill.)))
Oct. 29: [Witches Walk & Costume Parade](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Nov. 12: [Black Hawk College 5k Hustle](#) (Black Hawk College (Moline))
Nov. 18-27: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter (Davenport))
Nov. 19: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 19: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)
Nov. 19: [City of Davenport Garbage Gobble Creek Cleanup](#) (Davenport)
Nov. 24: [Scott County Family Y McCarthy Bush Turkey Trot](#) (Downtown YMCA (Davenport))

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