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Island Insight

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Garrison Changes Command, Tauke Takes Reigns

Col. Elmer Speights Jr., the first military commander of the Rock Island Arsenal Garrison, turned over the reins of the installation Friday to a northeast Iowan and 34-year Army veteran, Col. Kenneth J. Tauke. Under a hot sun, Speights passed the command flag to Tauke, 51, who grew up near Worthington, Iowa, in the northeast part of the state. "Sir, the island is Rock Island right," Speights said at the conclusion of his remarks, using a phrase for which he is known. Dozens of soldiers, Arsenal workers and visiting dignitaries attended the ceremony, a centuries-old tradition that is repeated periodically on the installation, this time on the grounds of Quarters One, with the Mississippi River as a backdrop. During his three-year tenure as commander, Speights, a Florida native, oversaw several changes on the installation, including a new security regime, conversion of the island's century-old coal-fired plant to natural gas boilers and a host of infrastructure investments. ([More](#))



Upcoming Dates

- June 14:** Army Birthday/Flag Day
- June 14:** Honor Tour (Flightless Honor Flight), Rock Island National Cemetery, 10:45 a.m.
- June 14:** CHPC Quality of Life Working Group, Bldg. 90, Rm. 25, 1 p.m.
- June 14:** Military Tuesday at the Ballpark
- June 15:** AMC "Sonic Fusion" Band Concert, LeClaire Park, Davenport, 6-7:45 p.m.
- 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 18:** 4th Annual COL Davenport House Pioneer Days, COL Davenport House, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- June 20-24:** DA Photos, Bldg. 90, Basement, Rm. B11, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
- June 19:** 4th Annual COL Davenport House Pioneer Days, COL Davenport House, 12-4 p.m.
- June 19:** Father's Day
- June 19-25:** Lightning Awareness Week
- June 23:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- June 25:** 3rd Annual Rock The Island Car Show, Rodman Avenue, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- June 28:** Using the GI Bill: Some Factors to Consider, Bldg. 56, Room 116, 10-11 a.m.

HHD, First Army USARSC, Welcomes New Commander

Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, First Army U.S. Army Reserve Support Command, welcomed their new commander in a ceremony June 10 at Quarters One here. Capt. Melanie Klawunder replaced Capt. Laura Esper in a ceremony officiated by Maj. Gen. Paul Benenati, commander of First Army Reserve Support Command. Benenati touched on the importance of the detachment commander position. "Our Army is now designed so that we cannot fight a large-scale conflict without including all three components, and that makes what we do here at First Army more relevant and important than it's ever been," Benenati said. "Standing in front of you is a representative sample of the more than 4400 Army Reserve Soldiers that are assigned to First Army. On a monthly basis, the Soldiers come to work here at First Army headquarters in the same staff section they would be assigned to if they were called to active duty. ([More](#))



Rock Island Arsenal Honors Retirees' 202 Years of 'Service' To Their Country

The Rock Island Arsenal hosted the third-quarter Retirement and Retreat Community Ceremony, to honor two Soldiers' and five civilians' service as they retired here, June 9, at Heritage Hall. Maj. Gen. Kevin G. O'Connell, commander, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, presided over the ceremony, provided a brief biography of each individual and wished them well as they prepare to transition into retirement. Maj. Gen. O'Connell and Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony M. Bryant, Army Sustainment Command, presented awards and certificates of retirement to Chief Warrant Officer 4 Siupapa Mapu, ASC; Sgt. 1st Class Travis Nargang, Special Operations Command - South; Daniel Neumiller, ASC; Jean-Michel Serra, Joint Munitions Command; Sandra Canada, ASC; Vanessa Tatum, ASC; Summer Barkley, ASC, to recognize more than 202 years of combined military and civilian service to the Department of Defense. "These individuals retiring today have devoted most of their adult lives dedicated to serving our nation," said O'Connell. ([More](#))



Happy 241st Army Birthday

Two hundred forty-one years ago, our nation's leaders established the Continental Army. Today, the Army is the strategic landpower of the joint force; called upon to prevent, shape, and win against our adversaries. The U.S. Army's 241st Birthday is June 14, 2016, a day we celebrate the Total Army Force comprised of multi-component Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians and their contributions to national defense. The American Soldier trains, deploys, engages, and destroys enemies of the United States in combat operations as the world's premier land force.

The American Soldier -- Always Ready, Always Leading

Today, as in years past, Soldiers serve as the cornerstone of the Army Profession. As Army Professionals, we are grateful for the opportunity to maintain the trust and confidence of the American people while adding to our legacy of 241 years strong. ([More](#))



Installation Readiness

Installations are platforms for Army Readiness. U.S. Army installations provide secure and sustainable facilities and infrastructure that support combatant commanders' top priorities, enable Army missions, and maintain Soldier and unit readiness. Army Readiness starts on the 156 installations and more than 1,100 community-based Army National Guard and Army Reserve Centers worldwide where Soldiers live, work and train. Installations empower the Army to focus on its fundamental task readiness. Installations' readiness meets future challenges and ensures the security of the nation. Well-maintained installation infrastructure enhances projection of national power and enables the Army to deploy ground forces, prevent conflict, shape outcomes and conduct military operations. Installations enable Soldiers to be trained and ready to fight and win. Installation infrastructure directly affects the readiness of the Army and the well-being of the Soldiers, Army Civilians and their Families. Installation readiness provides equitable services and facilities, optimizes resources, sustains the environment and enhances the well-being of the military community. The Army requires adequate infrastructure and installation services to support the pillars of readiness: manning, training, equipping and leader development. ([More](#))



Check Out Defense Logistics Agency Document Services on RIA

The Defense Logistics Agency Document Services here at Rock Island Arsenal invites you to come check out their office spaces, gain insight into their capabilities, and see what they can do for your organization. Come by their office in Bldg. 108, Southwest end, or phone 309-782-1430. DLA Document Services provides printing services, scanning and conversion, office device support, and electronic content management. Whether your information is digital or on paper, they've got you covered. The Defense Logistics Agency is the Department of Defense's largest logistics combat support agency, providing worldwide logistics support in both peacetime and wartime to the military services as well as several civilian agencies and foreign countries. DLA employs about 27,000 employees. The agency's headquarters is at Fort Belvoir, in Northern Virginia. ([DLA Document Services on RIA](#)) ([Document Services Online](#))



Free Tickets to Military Tuesday at the Ballpark

Free tickets are now available to the entire Arsenal Island workforce, and remain 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.



Rock Island National Cemetery, RIA to Host 2nd Annual 'Flightless' Honor Flight

Soldiers from U.S. Army Sustainment Command and First U.S. Army will spend the day with World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans during the second annual flightless Honor Flight, scheduled to take place starting with a brief ceremony at the Rock Island National Cemetery on **Tuesday, June 14**, beginning at 10:45 a.m. That ceremony will include the Patriot Guard, rifle salute, Taps, and feature Scott Lamb, director, Rock Island National Cemetery, as the main speaker. At the conclusion of the ceremony the honored veterans will have a group photo taken and then will take a guided bus tour of the installation narrated by George Eaton, historian, Army Sustainment Command. Last year the event gave veterans who couldn't physically fly to Washington, D.C., the opportunity to see local monuments and enjoy a day of praise and respect for their service. The veterans will be introduced to their escort early that morning. Each veteran will be paired with a Soldier from Rock Island Arsenal who will escort them throughout the day.



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.



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.

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

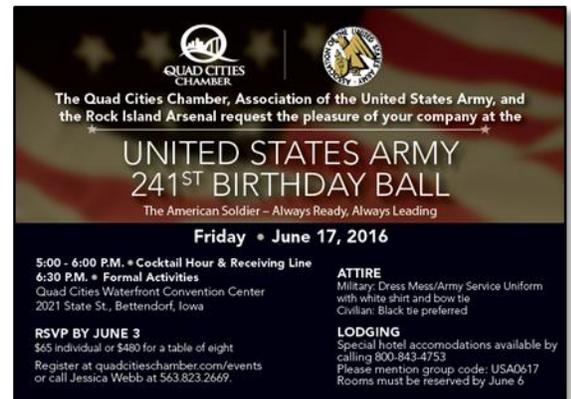
residences at the Arsenal. Water could be cloudy or have a rusty color. Although this water will still be safe to drink, it is unappealing. If this occurs please allow the water to run for five minutes to allow the line to clear.

Baby Hawks

There is a nest of baby hawks between buildings 62 and 64 on 2nd Street. One is out of the nest and two are still in it. Part of their flight training is to get out of the nest and hop around on the ground. Please keep away from this area on your exercise walks, etc. The mother hawk is there and will feed them on the ground. They should be flying and gone within two weeks or less. Any questions can be directed to the Natural Resource Manager at 309-782-6379.

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. ([Registration and Menu](#))



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 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](#).

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 portrayals 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.

Fallen Soldiers Tribute

A student led initiative partnering with the [Fallen Soldiers Tribute](#) will take place **Tuesday, Aug. 2**, at American Legion Post #26, at 702 W. 35th Street, Davenport, beginning at 5 p.m. The event will feature members of the [Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association](#); flag bearing color guard lining both sides of 35th Street; Davenport All Star Student Marching Band playing the National Anthem; a police escort; mayoral proclamation declaring the first week of August as "Fallen Soldier Appreciation Week"; the Davenport Central High JROTC Squad; family friendly, activities for children; a rock concert; and a free hog roast and sides for fundraising. All donations and proceeds given to the CVMA for veteran assistance are tax deductible.

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.

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](#))



Clock Tower Disc Golf League

The Clock Tower Disc Golf League started out at the Rock Island District, USACE Clock Tower employees to play a friendly, casual round of disc golf once a week, April through September or October. The league welcomes any community member – federal employees or other Quad-City residents – to come out on a Thursday evening starting at 5:30 p.m. Disc golf is a sport that has seen consistent growth around the world over the past few decades. In the immediate Quad Cities area there are 11 courses that are free to play. Advantages of disc golf include: almost anyone, any age can play; cost of two discs (a putter and a driver or a mid-range - all one needs to play) is \$20 or less; it's low impact; it's relaxing; there are no tee times. The Quad Cities disc golf community is a vibrant, thriving, and helpful community with Iron Lion Professional Disc Golf Supply shop in Davenport supplying players with disc golf gear as discs, bags, shirts, information, etc., as well as sponsors and hosts various tournaments. Discs are also sold at some Walgreens, Dicks Sporting Goods, and other locations near local courses or through the Internet. Interested persons can request further info, such as schedule and any special event info, by contacting Joe Nobiling at joe.nobiling@gmail.com or visit the Clock Tower Disc Golf League Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ClockTowerDiscGolf.



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). 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



Work to Close Doors at Building 299

The Directorate of Public Works has a construction project to replace the fire water loop at Bldg. 299. This work entails trenching for the pipe line around the exterior of the building. This will result in some door closures of both passenger doors and overhead doors. During closures, signs will be posted both inside and outside the building with direction to the next nearest door. Beginning approximately **Monday, June 13 through Tuesday, July 12**, trenching on the southeast side of the building will affect door access. Only one overhead door will be closed at a time so freight deliveries will still be able to take place. Once work is complete on the southeast side, work should begin on the east side of the building beginning **Wednesday, July 13 through Wednesday, July 27**. Work on the east side of the building will take place in the graveled area and will not result in any door closures nor affect deliveries. Please keep in mind that these dates are approximate and can change due to weather or unexpected circumstances that may occur with the trenching. As the project progresses, further announcements will be provided regarding closures and access on the north face of the building.



Active Duty/Reserve Zone



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](#))

Military Fatherhood Program

Military Dads, bring your kids for a night of golfing fun **Thursday, June 23, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**, at Valley Falls Adventure Golf. Come experience all the fun that awaits at Valley Falls Miniature Golf Course. All expenses including Happy Joe's Pizza are covered so just bring yourself and the kids and get ready for fun. Please RSVP to jennifer.a.kerr10.civ@mail.mil or 309-782-3049. ([Flyer](#))

Military Spouse Fun Night

Join us **Tuesday, June 28, 6 - 9 p.m.**, at the Army Community Service/USO (Bldg. 110), for a chance to meet other spouses in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Activities include craft nights, games, trivia, and other fun activities providing an opportunity to relax and have fun. For more information contact Jan Saito at Army Community Service at 309-782-4736/0829 or janice.n.saito.civ@mail.mil. ([Flyer](#))

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 IS ARMY STRONG



National Safety Month June 2016

After nearly a decade of steady decline, on- and off-duty fatalities are on the rise across the Total Force. Soldiers and Army Civilians at every level must increase their awareness of safety issues and apply measures to minimize both on- and off-duty accidents. Senior leadership put forth a call to action earlier this year and the number of accidents stabilized. This indicates that leadership efforts and those of Soldiers and Civilians taking care of their teammates at all levels must continue to combat preventable loss. We need everyone to redouble those efforts throughout the summer months-historically the most critical time of year when off-duty accidents occur. The Army safety team provides safety and risk management expertise to preserve readiness through the prevention of accidents that result in loss of our vital resources-our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families. During our annual observance of National Safety Month, use the Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) Army Safety and Occupational Health Objectives to refocus and target your safety

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A key component to reduce loss to injuries and loss of life is to communicate relevant risk management information from leaders to our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families. We are confident that an engagement strategy, coupled with proactive and adaptive risk management measures, ensures safety and buttresses overall readiness for the Total Army Team.

Thank you for what you do every day in this complex environment to keep our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families safe.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

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Eric K. Fanning
Eric K. Fanning
Secretary of the Army

programs to known danger challenge areas, most notably motorcycle mishaps due to rider inexperience and indiscipline. Our long-term goal is to help eliminate preventable motorcycle accidents through the establishment of Army-wide Motorcycle Mentorship Programs (MMPs). This emphasis has proven invaluable in reducing motorcycle accidents and losses at participating installations. More information on MMPs, the remaining FY16 safety objectives, and a full multimedia campaign in support of National Safety Month are available online at the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center at <https://safety.army.mil>. A key component to reduce loss to injuries and loss of life is to communicate relevant risk management information from leaders to our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families. We are confident that an engagement strategy, coupled with proactive and adaptive risk management measures, ensures safety and buttresses overall readiness for the Total Army Team. Thank you for what you do every day in this complex environment to keep our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families safe. Army Safe is Army Strong! ([More](#))

Summertime Fire Safety — Grilling Safety

- Keep a three-foot radius clear around your grill. Designate this as a no play zone for children and pets.
- Before grilling, position your grill away from the house, deck railing, overhanging eaves, or tree branches.
- Propane and charcoal grills are for outdoor use only. If used inside, they could expose your family to toxic carbon monoxide, as well as pose a serious fire risk.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing while grilling. If your clothes do catch on fire, remember to stop, drop, and roll.
- Always use long-handled grilling tools so your hands stay far away from the flame.
- Never leave a lit grill unattended.

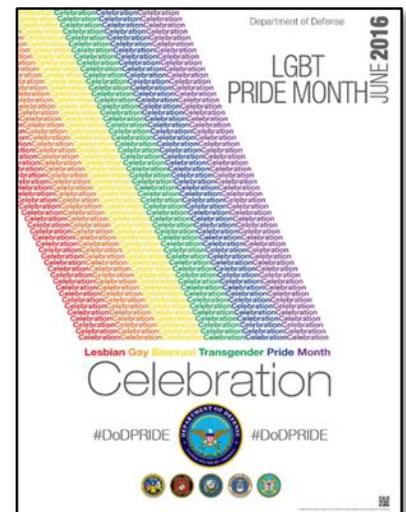


Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



Department of Defense 2016 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month Observance

The Department of Defense is pleased to announce the 2016 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month in June. During this time, the Department recognizes lesbian, gay, and bisexual service members, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civilians for their dedicated service to both the DoD and our nation. In honoring the LGBT community this year, we acknowledge the importance of diversity within the Defense Department. Diversity and inclusion are readiness imperatives; we rely on our diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and expertise to enable us to address the complex challenges of the global security environment. The struggles, sacrifices, and successes among the LGBT community continue to shape the history of our nation and remind each of us to stand for tolerance, justice, and dignity. For the last four years, the DoD has honored the LGBT lasting ideals of dignity and worth. DoD components are encouraged to commemorate LGBT Pride Month and



celebrate the accomplishments of those serving in uniform and civilians. Pride Month commemorates the events of June 1969 in New York known as the Stonewall riots, which are largely regarded as the beginning of the LGBT rights movement, and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for LGBT Americans. The DoD has chosen "Celebration" as the theme for this year's observance. Diversity is one of our nation's greatest strengths. During LGBT Pride Month, we celebrate our rich diversity and renew our enduring commitment to equity. [#LGBT #Pride #DoDPride \(StandTo!\)](#) ([Secretary of the Army Eric Fanning's message on LGBT Pride Month](#))

President Proclaims June as LGBT Pride Month

Declaring that "no person should be judged by anything but the content of their character," President Barack Obama signed a proclamation designating June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month. ✂ "There remains much work to do to extend the promise of our country to every American, but because of the acts of courage of the millions who came out and spoke out to demand justice and of those who quietly toiled and pushed for progress, our Nation has made great strides in recognizing what these brave individuals long knew to be true in their hearts -- that love is love and that no person should be judged by anything but the content of their character. During Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month, as Americans wave their flags of pride high and march boldly forward in parades and demonstrations, let us celebrate how far we have come and reaffirm our steadfast belief in the equal dignity of all Americans." ([More](#))

Related resources: ([Army Diversity Office](#)) ([Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity](#)) ([Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute](#))

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.

Paintless Dent Repair Service Available

The always popular paintless dent repair technician will be available for repairs on **Wednesday, June 22**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Auto Skills Shop. If you have small dings, dents and other imperfections in your vehicle it may be possible to have them fixed without the excessive costs of more traditional body work. Call 309-782-8631 for more information and to schedule an appointment. ([Flyer](#))

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](#))

Menopause

This hilarious musical parody staged to classic tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s will have you cheering and dancing in the aisles. See what millions of women worldwide have been laughing about for 14 years. Set in a department store, four women with seemingly nothing in common but a black lace bra on sale, come to find they have more to share than ever imagined. The cast makes fun of their woeful hot flashes, forgetfulness, mood swings, wrinkles, night sweats and chocolate binges. A sisterhood is created between these diverse women as they realize that menopause is no longer The Silent Passage, but a stage in every woman's life that is perfectly normal. It's the hilarious celebration of women and the change. Leisure Travel has discounted seats on sale at \$46 until **Saturday, Aug. 6**. *NOTE: PG13 — This show contains adult language and content; not recommended for children.*

Event Date: **Saturday, Aug. 20**

Event Time: **5:45 p.m.**

2016 Adventureland Tickets

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

Child, Youth & School Services



Now Accepting Applications for New Part-Day Preschool Program

As part of our ongoing efforts to adapt our programs and offerings to best meet your needs, Child, Youth and School Services is starting a new part-day preschool program and will accept applications through **Wednesday, June 15**. Completed applications can be dropped off at the Parent Central Services Office in Bldg. 110 or email them to usarmy.ria.imcom-central.mbx.usag-rock-cys@mail.mil. ([Flyer](#)) ([Application](#))

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**.

Newcomer's Orientation and Bus Tour

Are you new to the Arsenal or do you have new employees or service members in your office? Make sure to get them/yourself signed up for our next Newcomer's Orientation and Tour on **Thursday, June 23**, 8 a.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. The briefings and info on the tour will include everything a new employee needs to know to successfully transition to the Rock Island Arsenal and the surrounding Quad Cities and make their new home feel like home. This free service includes breakfast & lunch courtesy of our sponsors, Rock Island Arsenal Federal Credit Union & USAA. Space is limited so call 309-782-0829 for more info and to reserve your spots. ([Flyer](#))

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.](#)

101 Critical Days of Summer

Summer Holiday celebrations often include barbecues, picnics, water sports, vacationing with family and friends, and fireworks. However, many holiday week-ends can be filled with tragedy instead of celebration. The Fourth of July is one of the deadliest holidays of the year when it comes to alcohol-impaired driving crashes on our highways. According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, during July 4th, holidays over the last five years (from 2010 to 2014), 780 people lost their lives in crashes involving drivers who had BACs of at least .08 g/dL. This summer, don't let your celebrations end in an arrest or tragedy. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk injuring yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant and not the way you want to celebrate your summer.

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 date is **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.

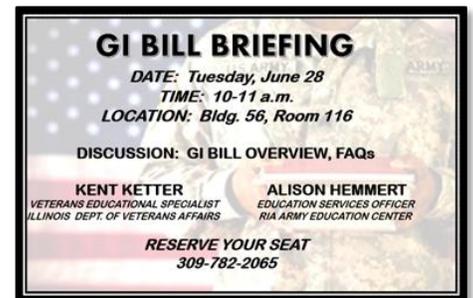
Higher Education

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](#))

Veterans Online Exchange Shopping Benefit Still In Limbo

Two years after they received a proposal to expand online shopping at military exchanges to all honorably discharged veterans, Pentagon officials are still mulling over the idea. “The policy office has identified some things that need to be included in the proposal, and await the final version so it can be staffed for approval,” said Defense Department spokesman Eric Pahon. “As these recommendations are pre-decisional, it would be inappropriate to say anything more.” He did note that DoD program managers “are aware of the interest in expanding the service benefit that would facilitate online exchange purchases by honorably discharged veterans.” The idea was initially proposed in May 2014 by Army and Air Force Exchange Service CEO Tom Shull. Navy Exchange Service Command CEO and retired Rear Adm. Robert Bianchi and Cindy Whitman Lacy, director of the Marine Corps Business and Support Services Division, have said they support the idea. The AAFES online site is ShopMyExchange.com; the NEXCOM site is MyNavyExchange.com. The proposal would allow all honorably discharged veterans to shop at the online stores but it does not extend to brick-and-mortar stores. At the time he proposed it, Shull said the move would increase the online customer base for the military exchange stores, but it would also offer a modest benefit to veterans who didn’t serve long enough to retire from the military, including a number who have served multiple tours in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Currently eligible shoppers include all ranks of active-duty, National Guard and reserve members; retirees; Medal of Honor recipients; honorably discharged veterans with 100 percent service-connected disabilities; DoD civilian employees stationed outside the U.S. and authorized family members. If the concept is approved, the online benefit for all honorably discharged veterans could be rolled out in as little as six months.

([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 Saturday, 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

Effective June 1, the Rock Island Arsenal Museum resumed open hours on Saturday. Museum hours are now Noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Until recently the Museum was closed on Saturdays. Staffing changes allow the additional hours.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – June 13-19

On June 13, 1871, the stone construction began on Shop D (Bldg. 61). In June 1962, radio station WHBF sponsored a luncheon in the RIA Cafeteria to commemorate the RIA Centennial Anniversary. Arthur Godfrey was the guest of honor. On June 14, 1871, Congress cited Rock Island as a government reservation according to Major D. W. Flagler's "Ordnance Memoranda No. 20, A History of the Rock Island Arsenal." On June 15, 1871, Maj. Daniel W. Flagler assumed command of the RIA. He relinquished his command on April 30, 1886. In June 1917, Miss Nellie Cue became the RIA's first forelady. She was forelady in the cloth department of the harness shop. On June 17, 1967, the Ramsey Test Track for combat vehicles was dedicated. The testing facility is 6,487 feet in length and laid out in figure-eight configuration. The track was designed to road test as many as four vehicles, weighing up to 6½ tons each, at one time. In June 1898, during the Spanish-American War, 85 men and boys cleaned and repaired 500 rifles a day in Shop D (Bldg. 62). In June 1942, Maj. Gen. L. H. Campbell, a former officer in charge of manufacturing at the RIA (1931-1935), was appointed the Army's Chief of Ordnance.



National Men's Health Month

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. Many health conditions can be prevented or detected early if you get an annual check-up. This month, make prevention a priority. ([More](#)) [#MensHealthMonth](#)



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](#))

Notes for Veterans

Changes to Veterans' Preference Could Be On the Horizon

Veterans' preference would only apply to a vet's first job in federal service under a provision in the Senate fiscal 2017 Defense authorization bill. The provision, which is new this year, would not allow veterans' preference – a confusing and often controversial factor in federal hiring – to be an advantage in any subsequent federal jobs that an eligible employee applies for. In other words, vets would receive the additional points that veterans' preference confers during the application process for their first jobs in federal government, but not for any future positions within the competitive service. The measure also would affect certain close relatives of veterans, including spouses and parents, who are eligible for veterans' preference under specific circumstances when applying for federal jobs. While the provision is part of the annual Defense policy bill, it would apply governmentwide. The House NDAA, which lawmakers in that chamber passed last month, does not contain a similar provision. ([More](#))

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](#))



Around the Q.C.



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- 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 17:** [Family Game Night!](#) (Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Dr, Bettendorf)
- June 18:** [2016 Radish Magazine Healthy Living Fair](#) (Freight House, Davenport)
- 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 19:** [Father's Day in the Park 2016](#) (Herington Park, Davenport)
- June 24:** [Millstream VS Green Tree Tap Battle](#) (BREW in the Village, 1104 Jersey Ridge Rd, 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:** [Building Forever Families' Adoption & Foster Care Awareness Walk 2016](#) (Vandaveer Park, Davenport)
- 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)
- June 30:** [Special Olympics Night hosted by the River Bandits](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)
- July 1-2:** [31st Annual Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
- July 1-4:** [Freedom Fest QC](#) (Hillcrest Event Center, 16260 E 350th St, Orion, Ill.)
- July 3:** [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 23: [2nd Annual Lane Evans Memorial Motorcycle Ride](#) (Kavanaugh's Hilltop, 1228 30th St, Rock Island)
July 29-30: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 30: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 30: [Zombie Prom Quad Cities 2016](#) (Skellington Manor Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island)
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: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
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: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)
Sept. 10: [Row the Miss Regatta](#) (Mississippi River at 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: [4th Annual It's Glow Time 5K Throwback](#) (Bass Street Landing, Moline)
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. 24: [Knox-Warren Walk to End Alzheimer's](#) (Lake Storey Park, Galesburg, Ill.)
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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