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Garrison Commander Takes Over on Arsenal:

For the first time in years, a uniformed officer took command of the Rock Island Arsenal garrison Tuesday, with all participants acknowledging a difficult fiscal environment that already has shrunk the garrison's budget in half. Col. Elmer Speights Jr., a Florida native and 30-year Army veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, is the new commander of the garrison, which is responsible for such things as

maintenance of roads, grounds, public safety and the Government Bridge. In a ceremony mixed with ritual, music and speeches, Speights took the flag from outgoing manager, Joel Himsl. "This mission will be challenging as well as rewarding," Speights said. "We look forward to both aspects of this assignment." The speakers at Tuesday's assumption-of-command ceremony all acknowledged the Army's fiscal challenges as it shrinks its budget from

wartime totals that had taken it to new highs during the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. In recent years, the garrison's budget has shrunk from \$100 million to \$50 million and its workforce has been cut by a third. ([More](#)) ([New Arsenal Commander Loves Military Life](#))



"HOME OF US ARMY LOGISTICS"



ASC CG Receives Second Star: Gen.

Dennis Via, commanding general of the Army Materiel Command, assisted in the promotion ceremony for Maj. Gen. John Wharton, commanding general of the Army Sustainment Command and Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., June 13 at Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club. ([More](#))



Quad City Veteran Recalls D-Day Service With First Army:

For the first time in 69 years, Emmett Keenan, returned to First Army, the command he served under during the D-Day invasion at Normandy, France in 1944. During his visit, the Davenport, Iowa, veteran, shared memories of D-Day and his World War II service at the First Army Headquarters June 6. Keenan served with the 745th Tank Battalion which participated in the European Theater of



Operations. It was one of five tank battalions which landed in Normandy during the D-Day assault. ([More](#))

Bottled Water Drive Supports Military Homecoming, Other USO

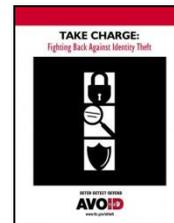
Events: The Davenport Fire

Department's Military Appreciation Month Water Drive, provided bottled water for the United Service Organization to support service



members. "The Quad Cities is very military friendly and supportive of their service members locally and around the world," said Jackie Inman, Rock Island Center director, USO of Illinois. "Any time I go in to the community looking for partnerships and donations for our military members, I have never been turned down." ([More](#))

Identity Theft Prevention: Protecting against identity theft in a modern society full of impersonal, financial transactions is an important issue to both civilians and military personnel. In particular,



Upcoming Dates

June 18: USAG-RIA Town Hall

June 22-23: 27th Annual Quad City Airshow [📍](#)

June 24-28: USAG-RIA Joint Services Installation Vulnerability Assessment (JSIVA)

June 27: RIA 3rd QTR Retirement, Retreat & Award Ceremony

June 30: Red White and Bloom (Vander Veer Botanical Park, Enabling Garden, Davenport) [📍](#)

July 2: JMC Change of Command Ceremony

July 3: Red, White & Boom [📍](#)

July 4: Independence Day (*Federal Holiday*)

July 11: JMTC Change of Command Ceremony

July 9-11: DA Photo Studio Availability

July 16-18: USAG-RIA Motorcycle Experienced Rider Course [📍](#)

July 17: Military Consumer Protection Day [📍](#)

July 19-20: FMWR Summer Golf Tournament

July 26: RIA AUSA 2013 Golf Outing & Steak Fry

Aug. 6-8: DA Photo Studio Availability

Aug. 8: Freedom Run - Downtown East Moline [📍](#)

Aug. 9: First Army Organization Day (T)

Aug. 12-16: CBWTU Muster Week

Aug. 12-16: HQ JMC TA4C (T)

Aug. 17: Colonel's Croquet Party – COL Davenport House [📍](#)

Aug. 23-24: Tribute to Our Fallen (Healing Fields)

Aug. 26: Women's Equality Day

Aug. 29: Honor Flight, Moline Airport

Sept. 2: Labor Day (*Federal Holiday*)

Sept. 11: Patriots Day, 9/11 Observance Ceremony (T)

Sept. 17: Constitution Day

Sept. 17-19: USAG-RIA Motorcycle Cycle Experience Rider Course [📍](#)

Sept. 20: POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony

Sept. 22: Quad Cities Marathon (Runs across Arsenal Island) [📍](#)

Sept. 26: RIA 4th QTR Retirement, Retreat & Award Ceremony



military personnel and retirees remain highly vulnerable to identity theft. The magnitude of preventing stolen identities is more apparent when one examines the lost savings, time, and effort to repair a financial reputation following the theft. ([More](#))

ASC Conducts Graduation of Tomorrow's Leaders Via Journey to Leadership Program:

With the motto of "Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today" 16 people graduated with the confidence of bigger and better things in their future in a ceremony held here June 7 sponsored by the Army Sustainment Command. ([More](#))



House Passes Sweeping \$638 Billion

Defense Bill: The House overwhelmingly passed a sweeping, \$638 billion defense bill on Friday that imposes new punishments on members of the armed services found guilty of rape or sexual assault as outrage over the crisis in the military has galvanized Congress. Ignoring a White House veto threat, the Republican-



controlled House voted 315-108 for the legislation, which would block President Barack Obama from closing the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and limit his efforts to reduce nuclear weapons. ([More](#))

Think Tanks Call For 'Right-Sizing'

At DOD: Representatives of a diverse group of think tanks warned congressional leaders and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel that the cost of the Defense Department's current excess capacity is threatening DOD's ability to fulfill its mission. ... The group also took aim at the growth of DOD's civilian workforce. ([More](#))



DOD Maintains BRAC Fight, Despite Opposition from Congress:

The Senate Armed Services Committee appeared poised Thursday to mirror its House counterpart in rejecting the Defense Department's repeated requests for another round of military base closures. But DOD maintains it



needs to shed excess infrastructure one way or another, and keeping bases it doesn't want is costing taxpayers billions of dollars each year. The last time DOD analyzed its bases in 2004, it estimated it had 24 percent more infrastructure than it needed. ([More](#))

DOD Issues New Furlough Policies:

As DoD prepares to launch in early July what will be the largest number of furloughs among agencies imposing them—the latest count now stands at about 650,000—components are issuing guidance on various special considerations. For example, memos state that organizations may not transfer any work from civilian employees to contractors or use overtime to make up for lost work. ([More](#))



DOD Summarizes Effect of Furloughs on Benefits:

DoD, which recently sent out notices to most employees telling them they will have to take 11 unpaid furlough days in the July-September period, has produced the following summary of the impact on benefits, a summary that applies to



furloughed employees of other agencies, as well. Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS)/Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). In general, retirement annuity benefits for CSRS and FERS will not be affected during an administrative furlough. ([More](#))

Federal Government Shed 45,000

Jobs Since Sequestration Hit: The U.S. economy added a respectable 175,000 jobs in May, slightly above the average of 172,000 per month over the past year. This good news overall was driven by private-sector employment gains, as federal and state governments continued to work against recovery by shedding workers. Sharp cuts in government spending implemented March 1 as part of the sequester are slowing the recovery. The federal government shed another 14,000 workers in May, for a total of 45,000 jobs cut over the past three months. The federal work force now is smaller than at any time since February 2008. Economists estimate that the combined effect of the payroll tax increase (800,000 fewer jobs in 2013) and



sequestration (750,000 fewer jobs from March–December 2013) means that the U.S. economy will create 142,000 fewer jobs each month for the rest of this year compared to what it would have created without the cuts and tax increase. Most of these jobs will be lost in the second and third quarters of 2013. ([More](#))

Reinventing Government, Again: The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee at a June 18 hearing reviewed the possibility of undertaking a new effort to "reinvent government" by soliciting the recommendations of a commission of private-sector management experts. ([More](#))



Army Exempts Some Training From Hiring Freeze: The Army is taking steps to keep career development programs for its civilian employees operating even in the wake of cutbacks caused by sequestration. The Army, along with other Defense Department components and some other federal agencies, has



imposed a general hiring freeze, but there are exceptions. For example, the Army allows the filling of vacancies deemed critical to the agency's mission and the hiring of people with job placement rights on returning from an injury or from an overseas assignment supporting military operations. ([More](#))

Future Army Is Tied to Senior Army Civilian Development: Our Nation's future Army will call upon civilian and military personnel to address challenges never before seen. This comes amidst major changes such as constrained resources, reducing staffing levels, and unpredictable mission loads. A cornerstone in meeting these challenges is a senior civilian workforce that is better educated, highly-qualified, flexible, adaptable, and able to assume greater levels of responsibility and accountability. ([More](#))



Community Partnerships, Privatization Key to Army's Fiscal Future: Across the force, installation commanders will soon be directed to more actively engage with businesses in working partnerships that will be mutually beneficial to both the Army and the communities that surround its



posts and installations. Katherine Hammack, the assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, said last week she would soon be sending out such a directive to installations across the Army. ([More](#))

Infrastructure Costs Eating into Readiness, Says Army Leader:

Millions of dollars are being wasted maintaining buildings and installations that are underutilized and dilapidated, said the Army's top custodian of those spaces. Those dollars could instead go toward improving Army readiness and modernization, said Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment. ([More](#))



Army Considers Civilian Victim

Advocates: The Army is considering doing away with uniformed victim advocates and hiring civilians in their place, said the general in charge of the Army's personnel policy.



Lt. Gen. Howard Bromberg, Army G-1, said civilian victim advocates are under consideration as the Army moves forward with addressing sexual harassment and sexual assault in the ranks. ([More](#))

Army Must Overcome 'Naiveté' In Addressing Sexual Abuse:

Army leaders must overcome their "naiveté" when it comes to realizing and addressing the problem of sexual harassment and sexual assault in the ranks, said the commander of the Army's training enterprise. "When you study the typical sort of pattern of behavior how these sexual assaults occur today, it is absolutely eye-opening," said Gen. Robert W. Cone, commander, Army Training and Doctrine Command. ([More](#))



Military Retirees and Reduced

Furlough is a Hoax: It has come to the attention of the FORSCOM Civilian Human Resources Management that an article has been circulating across the country, and alleges that civilian service employees with 20 or more years of

active duty service cannot be furloughed more than one day per fiscal year. The article suggests that it was published in Stars and Stripes by Karen Davis from the Washington Post. It has been confirmed that this article, and the information it contains, is a "hoax." Please do not rely on this information as it is inaccurate. ~~Sed sollicitudin molestie mauris, ac mattis enim convallis id. Nulla ultrices aliquet ullamcorper. Nullam.~~ ([More](#))

Army Social Media Program:

The U.S. Army's Social Media, as a communications tool, represents an innovative and interactive way of telling the Army story. Social media platforms provide an opportunity for transparent communication and two-way engagement with the public. On Sept. 11, 2012, the Department of Defense published DoD Instruction Number 8550.01, "DoD Internet Services and Internet-Based Capabilities," which establishes policy for establishing and maintaining social media sites. The DOD instruction expands the scope of the DTM and more effectively outlines



all elements associated with DOD social media use. ([More](#))

2013 Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair –

Davenport: There will be a job fair for veterans at the Brady Street Armory, 3615 N Brady Street, on **July 30**, to include a hiring fair 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., and an employment workshop at 9 a.m. This workshop for veterans and other military job seekers will focus on resume writing; tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation, and interviewing will start at 9 a.m. To register for the Hiring Our Heroes Employment Workshop, visit <http://hohworks.eventbrite.com>. For registration questions, please contact us at hiringourheroes@uschamber.com or call (202) 463-5807.



Blood Drive: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, June 21, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time



you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A **2nd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **6:15 p.m. on Aug. 23**. A **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on July 19**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor. ([Blood Transfusion En Route to Trauma Center Keeps Navy Vet Alive](#))



Charlie Corpuscle Says, "We will have a drawing for a red Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center polo. Any donors giving on the Arsenal during the month of May will be included in the drawing. Winner will be allowed to specify their size preference."



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](#).

Changes to the BSC Hours of Operations – Store Inventory Taking Place June 26-28: The Arc ABS-BSC

will close for Inventory purposes at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, **June 26**, and be closed all day Thursday, **June 27**, and Friday, **June 29**. Requests can still be made via email (ABS@arcqca.org CC: poppm@arcqca.org; clinet@arcqca.org) as well as online at www.arcbusinesssupply.org. The store will open for regular business operations Monday, **July 1**, at 6:30 a.m. Affective Monday, **July 1**, the Arc Business Supply-BSC hours of operations will be 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday.

VIOS Schedule for June, July and

August: Official DA Studio Photography (DA, government passport and command photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal **July 9, 10, and 11;** and **Aug. 6, 7, and 8**. Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA3903 Work Request Using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for these available times: Tuesday, **July 9**, and **Aug. 6**, 7 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.; Wednesday, **July 10**, and **Aug. 7**, 7 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.; and Thursday, **July 11**, and **Aug. 8**, 7 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the [VIOS site](#) for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 56, basement, by elevator). Priority is: 1. Active duty



Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - command photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in [VIOS](#). To obtain an official government passport photo: 1. Schedule a passport photo appointment at the [RIA VIOS website](#). 2. Go to Transportation to obtain a printed DA form 3903, Multi-Media/Visual Information Work Order, signed by the passport agent in Block 14. 3. Present that DA3903 form to the photographer before the passport photo is taken. You will receive two 2" x 2" passport photos. All scheduled dates can be found on the [RIA VIOS website FAQ](#).

JM&L LCMC, JMC Change of Command Ceremony: Joint Munitions & Lethality Life Cycle Management Command and Joint Munitions Command will execute a change of command ceremony with commanding general, General Dennis Via, Army Materiel Command, presiding. Brig. Gen. Kristin French will



assume command from Brig. Gen. Kevin O'Connell on **July 2**, at 9 a.m., at Quarters One, on the north lawn. Inclement weather location is Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60.

2013 WID Golf Tournament: Women In Defense 12th Annual Golf Outing: Friday, **Aug. 2**, at Glynn's Creek Golf Course. \$65 per person/WID members \$60 per person. (Includes greens, cart, continental breakfast, lunch, beverages and prizes) Registration/payment due by **July 19**. ([Flyer](#))

Arsenal Island Employee Local

Discounts: *The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees –*

Bennigan's Rock Island: Arsenal employees, service men, service women you are always welcome at

Bennigan's in Rock Island, and to show you how much your welcome here, we offer a 25 percent discount off your meal, any day any time ([👉](#)). **Pepperjack's Restaurant & Lounge in Davenport:** Rock Island Arsenal employees receive 20 percent off their Pepperjack's entrée when they present their Arsenal identification card



(one discount per ID) ([👉](#)) **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** Arsenal Island employees, we're offering you a 20 percent discount on our services ([👉](#)). **Goebel Family Dentistry:** Active duty members of the military receive a 10 percent discount on all services. All other Arsenal civilian employees who are new patients can receive either the free exam and x-rays or a free whitening treatment on their first visit ([👉](#)). **Big Mouthz BBQ:** We're offering all public employees (city, county, state, and federal) \$1 off their order every Monday ([👉](#)). **Massages By Kim:** For the month of May, in honor of Military Appreciation Month, Massages By Kim is offering 10 percent off to all military and military families (with valid id) for an hour massage. Appointments can be made [online](#), where you can indicate that you're military when scheduling the appointment online in the "Note to Provider" section ([👉](#)). *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

Discount Tickets to Blues Festival: Join RIA FCU at the 2013 Mississippi Valley Blues Festival **July 4-6** at Le Claire Park in Davenport. Active & veteran military can purchase ½ price tickets (\$10) at any RIA FCU



convenient QC location. Tickets can only be purchased with military identification. Only two tickets may be purchased per day. For more information call (563) 355-3800.

RIA AUSA 2013 Golf Outing & Steak Fry:

The Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the AUSA will hold its 14th Annual Golf Outing & Steak Fry on Friday, **July 26**, at the beautiful Arsenal Island Golf Course. Players ... hurry and [register for this event](#). Only the first 40 teams will play! AUSA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization that supports America's Army – Active, National Guard, Reserve, Civilians, Retirees, Government Civilians, Wounded Warriors, Veterans, and their family members. Proceeds from this event are used to fund all of our Chapter activities including our Soldier & Family Support programs, wounded warrior programs, veteran support initiatives, the USO/AUSA Emergency Relief Grant Program & the RIA AUSA Scholarship program. For thirty years, our Chapter has supported initiatives to strengthen the viability of the Arsenal, aide MWR & ACS programs, sponsor veteran



support programs and we have contributed more than \$125,000 in the last two years for Soldier and Family needs. ([More](#))

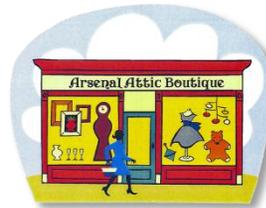
Low Cost Rabies Clinic at HSSC:

Owners of dogs and cats in need of rabies vaccinations are invited to bring their pet companions to the low cost Rabies Clinic at the Humane Society of Scott County from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **July 30**. The rabies vaccination fee is \$7.50. All dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in carriers. Bring previous rabies vaccination paperwork if available. For more information, contact the Humane Society of Scott County at (563) 388-6655.



Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique:

The Thrift Shop will be closed from **June 7 until July 15** for Summer Break. We will reopen for our new season at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, **July 16**. Add these dates to your calendar. See you then. POC: (309) 782-6977.



Poker Night at Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse:

The Rock Island – Milan Little League is hosting a Poker Night at the Arsenal Island Golf Club on Saturday, **July 13**. This is a \$30 Deep Stack Re-Buy Tournament with unlimited re-buys for the 1st hour for \$20. Register 3-4 p.m. Start 4 p.m. POC: (309) 786-4534.

Arsenal Traffic/Construction

Closure at North Ave. & Gillespie Street:

Phase 3 of the North Avenue project started May 6. Phase 3 consists of storm sewer and paving work at the intersection of North and Gillespie. The completion of Phase 3 will require **30 to 45 days of good weather**. Barricades and signs will be installed and traffic will be routed in accordance with the detour map attached with both inbound and outbound traffic directions (North Avenue Project Phase 3 Inbound-outbound). DPW POCs are Joe Gumpert, (309) 782-1389; and Mike Panilo, (309) 782-6004.



Building/Space Closures



There are no announcements this week for Building/Space Closures.



Active Duty/Reserve Zone



DOD Announces Timelines for

Women in Combat Roles: The Defense Department on June 18 publicly released timelines for bringing women into previously closed combat positions, as submitted by the military services and U.S. Special Operations Command. DOD said Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey have reviewed the plans, which outline the schedules for implementation. Former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta in January announced the decision to rescind the ban on assigning women to direct ground combat. ([More](#))

Military Appreciation Day: Wieblers Harley-Davidson is holding a Military Appreciation Day on Saturday, **June 22**. Stop in for free food from Noon till it's gone (donations accepted going to support the USO of Illinois-Rock Island Center). There will be a used bike blow

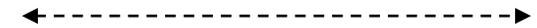
out sale; free Wieblers pocket knife with a \$50 purchase while supplies last. All active and retired military get a 10 percent off discount on all regular priced licensed products. There will also be jump start and bike washes available.

Active Duty Caddie Program at John Deere Classic:

The PGA Tour will once again be sponsoring the Active Duty Caddie Program, for the John Deere Classic, on Wednesday, **July 10**. The PGA is looking for 20 active duty military to participate in the ADCP. The participants will be on-site all morning and will have the opportunity to walk inside the ropes, caddie for, and interact with PGA Tour players. This is open to all branches of the service. Those wanting to participate must have their supervisor's permission for this duty time event. The point of contact for the Caddie Program is [Marc Raiken](#), (904) 543-5112 or (201) 919-6070.

Attention Military Families: Grant funds from the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club are available for eight military families, currently in service to our country and veterans, to bring a dog or cat to the Rabies Clinic at the Humane Society of Scott County and have their pet companion vaccinated free from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday,

July 30. Please present a valid ID. Only one pet per military family, please. Bring previous rabies vaccination paperwork if available. For more information, contact the Humane Society of Scott County at (563) 388-6655.



Safety Spotlight



Avoid Becoming a Heat Casualty:

During the summer months, not only do temperatures rise, but the number of recruits nearly doubles as students graduate high school. As the department head, it's my job to make sure we're ready and my staff is fully prepared to manage any heat casualties when they're brought to the ACA and that we make sure that recruits and active duty service members alike know what they can do to prevent heat injuries. ([More](#))

Motorcycle Safety Course: The USAG-RIA Safety Office will be sponsoring upcoming Motorcycle Rider Courses. This cycle rider safety training program will be certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The courses are designed to help riders manage their risk and increase their skills through riding and classroom instruction. Per DODI 6055.4, DoD



Traffic Safety Program, military personnel who operate motorcycles must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways and must have successfully completed an approved rider or operator safety course meeting the MSF-based State-approved curriculum. Any Soldier operating a motorcycle on the Rock Island Arsenal must be in possession of an MSF card when they ride to verify completion of required training. The next one-day Experienced Rider Courses are scheduled to be conducted on **July 16-18** and **Sept. 17-19**. Registration for all courses is through the web-based AIRS system at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS>. For further information, please contact [Michael Chaplin](#), IMRI-SO, at (309) 782-2314/1380, or [Nancy Carlson](#), IMRI-SO, at (309) 782-2309.

Equal Opportunity Focus

Emphasis on Wellness Raises EEO Concerns: EEOC has begun examining the emphasis on wellness programs in health insurance at which experts warned of potential privacy and discrimination concerns. The focus at present is not on the FEHB in particular but the issues are similar among all

plans, and could be heightened within the FEHB community by the White House's recent proposal to allow carriers to charge higher premiums to enrollees who do not participate in such programs—a proposal that has left a range of unanswered questions. ([More](#))

National Caribbean-American

Heritage Month: For centuries, the United States and nations in the Caribbean have grown alongside each other as partners in progress. Separated by sea but united by a yearning for independence, our countries won the right to chart their own destinies after generations of colonial rule. Time and again, we have led the way to a brighter future together -- from lifting the stains of slavery and segregation to widening the circle of opportunity for our sons and daughters. National Caribbean-American Heritage Month is a time to celebrate those enduring achievements. It is also a chance to recognize men and women who trace their roots to the Caribbean. Through every chapter of our Nation's history, Caribbean Americans have made our country stronger -- reshaping our politics and reigniting the arts, spurring our movements and answering



the call to serve. Caribbean traditions have enriched our own, and woven new threads into our cultural fabric. Again and again, Caribbean immigrants and their descendants have reaffirmed America's promise as a land of opportunity -- a place where no matter who you are or where you come from, you can make it if you try. ([More](#))

Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs. Also [click here](#) to become a fan on Facebook, or Twitter [@golf1897](#), and stay up to date on all the great MWR offerings here at the Arsenal.

Beer Pairing Dinner at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse: Enjoy seven courses of delicious food perfectly paired with seven craft microbrews from Schlafly Brewery on Friday, **June 21**, at 7 p.m. Cost is \$50/person and includes a souvenir Schlafly glass that's yours to keep. Call (309) 782-4372 for more info and to reserve your table. ([Food/Beer Menu & Flyer](#))



Ghost Hunters Dinner & Tour of Historic Quarters One: Enjoy a prime rib dinner at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse and then join the Rock Island Paranormal Society for a tour of Historic Quarters One on Friday, **June 28**, at 7 p.m. The Paranormal Society staff has spent countless hours in this massive Italianate style mansion and will regale you with tales of the paranormal activity they have experienced there throughout the years. The cost is \$40/person and reservations can be made by calling (309) 782-4372. ([Flyer](#))

July Synthetic Oil Change Special at the Auto Skills Shop: Does the pending furlough have you scratching your head looking for ways to save money. If your vehicle requires fully synthetic oil we'll save you a chunk of change with our July Synthetic Oil Change Special. During the month of July, for just \$59 you'll receive a full service oil change with up to five quarts of top of the line, 5w/20 or 5w/30 Mobil 1 oil. Take advantage of this opportunity to save money and call (309) 782-8631 schedule an appointment now while supplies last.

MWR RV Lot Key Access: Authorized and paid up patrons of the MWR RV Storage Lots may now also sign out the access key out at the MWR RIA Golf

Pro Shop seven days a week. The keys will still be available at Outdoor Recreation and at the Fitness Center. Call (309) 782-8630 for more info.

MWR Leisure Travel Office

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 60. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., (309) 782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

Menopause The Musical: It is a celebration of women, so bring the girls and laugh out loud about our "silent passage." Bring your guy, too. See what millions worldwide have been laughing about for more than 10 years! Rated PG-13 for adult content and language. Tickets on sale until **June 29**. \$43.50 a ticket.
Date: **Saturday, July 13**
Time: **5:45 p.m.**

Taste of Chicago Bus Trip: Taste of Chicago is the nation's premier outdoor food festival showcasing the diversity of Chicago's dining community. The delicious array of food served at Taste of Chicago is complemented by music and exciting activities for the entire family. Seats on sale now. \$41 per person - transportation only.

Date: **Saturday, July 13**
Time: **6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

Heartland Jam 2013: Leisure Travel will be selling one or two day passes to the Heartland Jam. This two day event will feature Phil Vassar, Kellie Pickler, Darius Rucker, Jerrod Niemann, Lauren Alaina, Rodney Atkins and many more performers. Discounted tickets on sale until **June 29**. One-day ticket = \$44, two-day ticket = \$54.
Date: **Friday, July 19**
Time: **1 p.m.**

Ringling Bros Barnum & Bailey Presents – DRAGONS: For the first time in circus history, myth and majesty will share the arena during this must-see family event that can only be witnessed at The Greatest Show On Earth®! Experience circus spectacles so incredible that once again you will believe in the unbelievable! Contact LTO for dates and discounted prices (309) 782-5890.
Date: **Aug. 30 - Sept. 2**
Time: **Varied**

Disney Junior Live: Producers of Disney On Ice and Disney Live!, is taking top performing cable TV series for preschoolers to the stage in Disney Junior Live On Tour! – Pirate and



Princess Adventure. Featuring characters from the smash hits Sofia the First and Jake and the Never Land Pirates. \$20 lower and \$14 upper bowl.
Date: **Friday, Oct. 18**
Time: **6:30 p.m.**

Outdoor Recreation 4th of July

Special: Patrons can check out items for the 4th of July Holiday Weekend and only pay the weekend rate. All items must be picked up on **July 3** and returned on **July 8**. Call (309) 782-8630 to reserve your recreational equipment today.

Outdoor Recreation Summer

Entrance: Effective May 20, Outdoor Recreation Patrons were asked to use the back entrance of Bldg. 333 for equipment pickups and returns. This will make it easier for patrons to load and unload equipment from their vehicles. For more information please phone x-8630.

Six Flags Great America: Thrill-seekers are sure to enjoy one of our amazing roller coasters. We have a variety of out-of-this-world coasters, including Viper, Batman The Ride and Raging Bull, the world's first hyper-twister coaster. In total, the park has nearly seven miles of thrilling coaster

track. Discounted tickets adult/child \$36.

Mount Olympus Waterpark: One of the world's largest wave pools, some of the fastest rivers and steepest slides make Mount Olympus is the best attraction for outdoor summer time fun. Wristbands on sale for \$28, a \$11.99 savings.

Six Flags Saint Louis: An amazing theme park featuring awesome rides, great shows, and incredible attractions, plus Hurricane Harbor water park. Discounted one-day admission tickets for adults/children \$36.

Adventureland Park: Adventureland Amusement Park contains more than 100 rides, shows, and attractions including some of the country's most exciting roller coasters and thrill rides that can challenge the most avid amusement park enthusiasts. There are also plenty of rides for less adventurous guests as well as a full complement of children's rides. Discounted tickets \$30.

Davenport RAVE Theatre: Leisure Travel will be offering for sale Platinum Supersaver Prepaid Admission Tickets to RAVE theatre in Davenport (formally

53rd cinemas) These tickets have no restrictions or expiration date.

Movie Night Gift Cards at Leisure Travel: Stop by the Leisure Travel Office and pick up a gift card for \$27 that is redeemable at the Regal Moline Stadium Theater for two adult movie tickets and \$10 in concessions. These make great for a present for that special someone in your life. The Leisure Travel Office also is once again selling discounted single movie tickets for \$8.50. Call (309) 782-5890 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Child, Youth & School Services

Army Certified Family Child Care Provider: Would you, or someone you know, be interested in becoming an Army Certified Family Child Care provider for the Arsenal? We are always looking to bring more FCC providers into our program. You would be doing childcare out of your home with access to our lending closet for borrowing supplies, as well as certified training provided through the Arsenal. For questions or more details contact our FCC director Nancy Lawson at (309) 782-0813.



Army Community Service (ACS)

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



Furlough Education and Money Saving Tips Available from Financial Readiness: Army Community Service's Financial Readiness Office has put together a library of resources and tools to help you weather the furloughs. Please check out the wealth of good information, budgeting tools and briefing slides available at www.riamwr.com/acs/financial-readiness and call the Financial Readiness Office at (309) 782-0815 for more info.

11 Days of Furlough: a Money Planning Calendar Briefing: You may view and download a briefing for a Furlough Money Planning Calendar at www.riamrw.com/acs/financial-

[readiness](#) and look for Furlough Support. The briefing enables the employee to plan for the various furlough dates and paydays. For assistance contact [Jon Cook](#) at (309) 782-0815.

Employee Assistance Program

For free, confidential counseling assistance or for information on services that are available, call (309) 782-4357. Normal business hours are from 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For additional information on the Employee Assistance Program see [our website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#). The new location for the EAP/ASAP is Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East.

PTSD Support Groups: Is the quality of your life being affected by Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder? The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic and Employee Assistance Program are sponsoring support groups to assist you through this difficult challenge. Contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552 for more details.

Understanding PTSD: The RIA EAP is offering educational classes on Post-

Traumatic Stress Disorder. Classes will be held in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, Room 122, 10:30-11:30 a.m., on the following dates: **June 25, July 23, and Aug. 27.** Call (309) 782-4357 to enroll.

National Men's Health Month – June 2013: The month of June is designated as National Men's Health Month. The purpose of this

campaign is to heighten awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men. If you are like many men, you may drink alcohol occasionally. Or, like others, you may drink moderate amounts of alcohol on a regular basis. But did you know that drinking more than the moderate levels -even occasionally- may put you at risk for serious health problems? Although alcohol affects everyone differently, excessive drinking can negatively affect a man's health regardless of age, race, marital status, income level, profession, or lifestyle. Common medical problems that can be caused by excessive drinking include heart disease, arthritis, liver cirrhosis, high blood pressure and various cancers. In support of National



Men's Health Month, the Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program invites you to take advantage of the free and confidential counseling services that the program has to offer. Schedule an appointment with an EAP counselor by calling (309) 782-4357. Master-level counselors can provide information, short-term counseling, and referral services. If you have any concerns about your alcohol use or mental health, talk it over with a trained professional at the EAP.

Smoking Cessation Group: Want to join a supportive group of individuals with a common goal to quit smoking? The Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational support group. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., in the EAP office located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, east wing.

Stress Management: The Rock Island Arsenal EAP is offering classes on Stress Management. Classes will be held in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, Room 122, 10:30-11:30 a.m., on the following dates: **July 9**, and **Aug. 13**. Class size is limited. Call (309) 782-4357 to enroll.

Grief Support Group: Grieving? We can help. The Employee Assistance Program is sponsoring a support group

for individuals who are mourning the death of a loved one. The group meets on Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m., in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, room 122. For more information contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552.

Education/Training Review

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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.

WIU Riverside Campus Tour:
Wondering what Western Illinois University's new Riverside Campus has to offer? The Army Education Center has scheduled a tour of the facility for Friday, **June 28**. Participants should gather at 9:30 a.m. at the ACES office in Room 118 of Bldg. 56. The tour will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude about 1 p.m. Please RSVP by COB **June 26**, to [Lorrie Blumberg](#), contract education services counselor, at (309) 782-2065, so we can determine transportation needs. Since space is limited, priority will be given to service members. Located on the Mississippi River in

Moline, WIU's Riverside Campus is home to undergraduate classes in business and technology, engineering, human services, and arts and sciences. Instructors will be on hand to field questions, and visitors will have an opportunity to tour the engineering labs and see demonstrations of the campus' state-of-the-art technology. WIU officials will also discuss plans for future expansion for the campus, which opened in January 2012.

Commissary / Exchange

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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](#))

Military Commissaries to Close One Day Per Week: Military commissaries will handle Defense Department furloughs by closing for one day a week, the Defense Commissary Agency said. Most commissaries will close on Mondays up to 11 times **between July 8 and Sept. 30**. The additional closure of one day per week will be in addition to any days stores normally are closed. That means that the 148 commissaries that routinely close on Mondays will also close the next normal day of operation, DCA said. "We know that any disruption in commissary operations will impact our patrons," said DCA Director and CEO Joseph H. Jeu. "Also, we understand the tremendous burden this places on our employees, who, when furloughed, will lose 20 percent of their pay." Furlough notices are slated for delivery to DCA employees between May 28 and June 5. Jeu said the agency determined that Monday closures "would present the least pain" for employees, customers and suppliers. DCA operates 247 commissaries with more than 16,000 employees in 13 countries and two U.S. territories. The furloughs will affect all of the agency's 14,000 U.S. civilian employees. ([More](#))

Commissary Savings Help Highlight

Summer Fun: There is always something fun to look forward to in the summer months, and whether it's a trip of a lifetime or a picnic in your own backyard, your commissary provides military shoppers special savings that help make summer fun. "June is a busy month for families," said Michelle Frost, DeCA's chief of promotions and marketing. "There's Father's Day, graduations, children are out of school, vacations are starting and outdoor grilling season is in full swing! No matter the occasion, commissaries have you covered." DeCA's industry partners - vendors, suppliers and brokers - are collaborating with commissaries in June to offer discounts beyond everyday savings. Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs. Customers should check with their store manager to verify when they will be offering these sales events.

([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 Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal

History – June 17-23: 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. U.S. regulars and state volunteer troops, including the local Rock River Rangers, engaged in a supposedly surprise attack on Black Hawk's village on the Rock River on June 21, 1831. However, Black Hawk and his followers had fled, so they torched the village. In June 1873, construction of Shop C (Bldg. 104) was completed. In June 1942, the first water-cooled machine gun .30 cal., M1917A1 of new manufacture was delivered to Storehouse W1.



Healthbeat

Federal Workers Get Health And Fitness Programs: For three hours each work week, Bert Rice walks laps around Burba Lake at Fort Meade — part of a mission by the federal government to build a healthier workforce. Rice, 76, a retired Army colonel and former Anne Arundel County councilman working as a civilian on the garrison staff at Fort Meade, is one of thousands of federal workers who participate in health and fitness programs designed to lower the government's health care costs, increase productivity and better recruit and retain employees. ([More](#))

Officials Battle Obesity, Tobacco With Healthy Base Initiative: The Defense Department has teamed with the White House, industry, medical communities and installation leaders to assess obesity and tobacco programs for the total workforce, a Pentagon official said here today. Starting in July, DOD officials will evaluate 13 installations to gauge their implementation of the Healthy Base Initiative, said Charles E. Milam, acting deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy at the 2013 American Logistics Association Congressional

Caucus and Public Policy Forum. ([More](#))

Health Clinic Announcement: Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. Tricare closed **June 17-21**. Clinic closed Staff Meeting/Training **June 28** at 11:30 a.m. For any issues or concerns with the RIAHC clinic please call our customer support line (309) 782-0721.

Notes for Veterans

New Technology in Place for Electronic Submission of Veterans' Disability Claims: A new online application from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) enables disability compensation claims to be processed faster in a more end-to-end electronic environment, and VA is urging Veterans and their Veterans Service Organization (VSO) representatives to make full use of its capabilities to receive speedier decisions and reduce the backlog of claims. The availability of the joint VA-Department of Defense Web portal eBenefits, which now integrates with the new internal Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS) electronic claims processing system, marks a major milestone in VA's transformation from paper claims records to a fully digital

operating environment, one of the keys to VA's goal to eliminate the disability claims backlog by the end of 2015. VBMS has now been fielded at all 56 Regional Offices across the country, ahead of schedule. VA will continue to upgrade and improve VBMS based on user feedback, and add features and tools that make it faster and easier to process claims. Instead of filling out and mailing paper forms to VA, Veterans can now use eBenefits to enter claim information online using a step-by-step, interview-style application, with pre-populated data fields and drop-down menus similar to popular tax preparation software. ([More](#))

Carpooling Announcements

Submit carpooling announcements via the [Island Insight submission page](#). Please use that page to contact Garrison Public Affairs to take your announcement off once you have found a ride.

Carpool:

- **Carpool:** Looking for a ride and pay. Flexible work hours are to 6 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Call thru Illinois



relay at (800) 526-0857 to contact me at (309) 782-1078 (TTY). Email: michael.r.braun.civ@mail.mil

- **Carpool:** New hire with flexible hours seeking to pay for ride from Moline 9th & 53rd, (Franklin School area) (309) 757-5755.

Around the Q.C.



June 18-22: [Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (Augustana College)

June 22: [Royal Ball Run 5K and Fun Run for Autism](#) (Milan Community Center)

June 22: [Family Learn How to Fish Day](#) (Vander Veer Botanical Park, Davenport)

June 22: [WQAD 8 Kids Wild Fest!](#) (Niabi Zoo, Coal Valley, Ill.)

June 22-23: [27th Annual Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)

June 22-23: [BBQ & Craft Brew](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

June 23: [Hemmings Motor News Great Race](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

June 23: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

June 24: [YSB-Whitey Verstraete Memorial Golf Outing](#) (Pinnacle Country Club, Milan, Ill.)

June 25-29: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (Fairgrounds, East Moline)

June 27-29: [Antique Automobile Club of America Grand National Show](#) (John Deere Commons, Moline)

June 29: [B100's Biggest Baby Shower](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

June 30: [Mother-Son Dance - 'A Mother's Heart, Her Son & King'](#) (Martin Luther King Center, Rock Island)

June 30: [Red White and Bloom](#) (Vander Veer Botanical Park, Enabling Garden, Davenport)

July 3: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (The District, Downtown Davenport)

July 4: [31st Annual Firecracker Run](#) (East Moline)

July 4-6: [Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

July 5-21: [Countryside Community Theatre Les Misérables](#) (North Scott High School Auditorium in Eldridge)

July 7: [Disc Golf Tournament - Disc Ha Ha](#) (Credit Island Disc Golf Course)

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

July 10: [22nd Annual YouthFest](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

July 11: [Metro Arts Summer Youth Employment Showcase](#) (Quad City Arts Center, Rock Island)

July 13: [29th Annual Moonlight Chase](#) (Eldridge Festival, Eldridge, Iowa)

July 13: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)

July 17: [Journey of Hope Bicyclists' Summer Bash](#) (Splash Landing, Bettendorf)

July 19-21: [USA BMX National Championships](#) (East Moline BMX Speedway)

July 19-20: [Heartland Jam](#) (Centennial Park, Downtown Davenport)

July 25-26: [Orthopaedic Specialists Sports & Wellness Expo](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

July 26: [Genesis Carb It Up Pre-Bix Pasta Dinner](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

July 26-27: [42nd Annual Street Fest Presented by the MVRBC](#) (2nd Street, Davenport)

July 27: [39th Annual Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)

July 30-Aug. 4: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)

Aug. 1-4: [42nd Annual Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (LeClaire Park and RiverCenter, Davenport)

Aug. 2: [Flamingo Fling](#) (Quad Cities Botanical Center, Rock Island)

Aug. 4: [12th Annual UPS / Gilda's Club Golf Tournament](#) (Glynn's Creek Golf Course, 19251 290th St., Long Grove, Iowa)

Aug. 8: [Freedom Run – a tribute & appreciation event for those who serve\(d\), proceeds to USO/AUSA](#) (Downtown East Moline)

Aug. 8: [12th Annual Living Lands and Waters Barge Party](#) (Schweibert Park, Rock Island)

Aug. 8-10: [27th Annual Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)

Aug. 9: [10th Annual Davenport Parks and Recreation Doggie Dip, 6-7:30 p.m.](#)

(Fejervary Family Aquatic Center, Davenport)

Aug. 9-10: [23rd Annual Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Aug. 10: [10th Annual Xstream Cleanup](#) (Numerous Sites Around the QC)

Aug. 10: [Hy-Vee Ironkids Triathlon](#) (Bettendorf YMCA)

Aug. 10: [Pioneer Trailblazer 5K](#) (Alleman High School, Rock Island)

Aug. 10: [Up With Life 4K Community Walk for Suicide Awareness and Prevention](#) (College Square Park, Cambridge, Ill.)



Aug. 10: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
Aug. 10-17: [ISC Men's Fastpitch World Tournament](#) (Greenvalley Sports Complex, Moline)
Aug. 16-17: [9th Annual River Roots Live & River Rockin' Ribfest](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Aug. 17: [River Action's 4th Annual Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)
Aug. 17: [Colonel's Croquet Party](#) (COL Davenport House, Rock Island Arsenal)
Aug. 22-25: [World Series of Drag Racing](#) (Cordova Dragway)
Aug. 24: [Quad Cities Irish Festival](#) (Rock Island)
Aug. 24: [Color Me Rad 5K](#) (iWireless Center, Moline)
Aug. 24: [Iowa SIDS Foundation Walk for the Future - Run to Remember](#) (Crow Creek Park, Bettendorf)
Aug. 29-Sept. 1: [Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)
Aug. 31-Sept. 1: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
Sept. 2: [Bettendorf Rotary Run with Carl](#) (Life Fitness Center, Bettendorf)
Sept. 2-3: [Village Fall Festival](#) (Pioneer Village, walnut Grove, Iowa)
Sept. 7: [Case Creek Obstacle Survival 5K Run](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)
Sept. 7: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 7: [¡VIVA! Quad Cities](#) (Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf)
Sept. 7-8: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 14: [River Action's Taming of the Slough](#) (Two Rivers YMCA Boathouse, 17th St. at the Mississippi River, Moline)

Sept. 14: [Nick Teddy Fight Against Ewing's Sarcoma 5K Run/Walk](#) (Main Street and Great River Trail, Port Byron, Ill.)
Sept. 14: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
Sept. 15: [Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic](#) (Rock Island)
Sept. 15: [Run 3 for 30 5K Trail Run/Walk](#) (Crow Creek, Bettendorf)
Sept. 21: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Sept. 21: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
Sept. 21-22: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Sept. 22: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)
Sept. 27-29: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)
Sept. 28: [Killer Bee & Bumble Rumble](#) (St. Ambrose Campus, Davenport)
Sept. 28: [Battle-on-the-Island Adventure Race](#) (Credit Island, Davenport)
Oct. 5: [Inaugural Milan Fireworks Fun Run](#) (Camden Park, Milan)
Oct. 5: [Wells 4 Wellness 5k](#) (Moline)
Oct. 12: [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (On the Mississippi River in Moline)
Oct. 12: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
Oct. 12: [Running Dead 5k](#) (Moline)
Oct. 19: [Run with the Nation's 5k](#) (Moline)
Oct. 20: [9th Annual CBRC Pumpkin Dash](#) (Credit Island, Davenport)
Oct. 24: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Oct. 26: [Witches Walk](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Oct. 26: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Sylvan Island)
Oct. 26-27: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo, Milan)

Nov. 9: [Black Hawk College 5k Hustle - For The Hill Of It](#) (70th St entrance, Moline)
Nov. 15-24: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
Nov. 16: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 16: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons and Holiday Pops Concert](#) (Downtown Moline)
Nov. 22-Dec. 1: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
Nov. 28: [Scott County Family Y Turkey Trot](#) (Downtown YMCA, Davenport)
Dec. 1: [19th Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)
Dec. 14: [Jingle Bell Run/Walk 5K for Arthritis](#) (South Park Mall, Moline)



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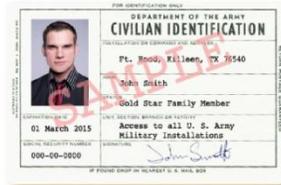
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