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# Island Insight

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## First Army Commanding General Retiring After 44 Years of Service

When Lt. Gen. Michael S. Tucker retires this summer, one of the longest and most diverse careers in Army history will come to a close. The Charlotte, North Carolina, native joined the Army 44 years ago as a private, and has since served as a drill sergeant, tank commander in combat, battalion commander, brigade commander, armor school commander, Walter Reed Army Medical Center deputy director, division commander, and First Army commanding general. While he has been entrusted with such vital missions as caring for wounded service members and veterans, and overseeing the training of every Army National Guard and Army Reserve unit in the continental United States, Tucker came into the Army with a much more modest goal: seeing what was beyond Charlotte. "I joined the Army in March of 1972 to do one tour and get out," Tucker said. "I wanted to see the rest of the world. I was raised in Charlotte, never moved, and had never really been anywhere." ([More](#))



## Upcoming Dates

**July 7:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**July 8:** MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**July 8:** First Friday Social, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 3-7 p.m.

**July 11:** 154<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of Rock Island Arsenal by Congress

**July 12-13:** Basic Motorcycle Rider Course, RIA Motorcycle Track, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**July 14:** Experienced Rider Course, RIA Motorcycle Track, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**July 14:** RIA Commissary & Exchange Town Hall, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Arsenal Island Clubhouse

**July 14:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**July 15:** Military Sport Bike Rider Course, RIA Motorcycle Track, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**July 15:** MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**July 21:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**July 26:** Time Management, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 10:30 a.m.

**July 28:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**July 29 & 30:** RIA Commissary "Your Healthy Lifestyle Festival"

**Aug. 2:** Improving Workplace Relationships, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 1 p.m.

**Aug. 4:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

## Antiterrorism Awareness: Insider Threat Program

The Insider Threat program continuously synchronizes the threat and protection-related initiatives to deter, detect, and mitigate potential insider threats in order to protect Army personnel, information, and resources. The Army's Insider Threat Program spans all operating environments and the full spectrum of threats, from unauthorized disclosures to acts of physical violence. This program assists antiterrorism officers (ATO), antiterrorism coordinators (ATC), and leaders at all levels who are responsible for planning, executing, and measuring performance of the Army's activities to counter the insider threat. This is the focused Army antiterrorism awareness theme for the fourth quarter (July through September) fiscal year 2016 (4Q/FY16). ([More](#))



## Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the room outside the Lock and Dam Lounge (in Bldg. 60), on **Friday, July 8 & 15, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email [SHoegerl@mvrbc.com](mailto:SHoegerl@mvrbc.com) with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119. A **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor.



Donors at these drives will:

- Receive an "I Gave To Save" t-shirt
- Be entered into a drawing for a \$300 gas card for the month of July
- Be entered into a summer long drawing for a new Ford Fiesta



***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](mailto: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](#).**

## RIA Commissary & Exchange Town Hall

The RIA Commissary & Exchange Town Hall will take place 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., **Thursday, July 14**, in the Arsenal Island Clubhouse, Bldg 312. The purpose of the meeting is to bring diverse and interested members of the Rock Island Arsenal Community together to discuss ways to enhance services in both the Exchange and Commissary. People interested in submitting advanced questions for the Town Hall via Facebook can do so through that time by posting their questions at the [following link](#).

## 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit

This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. Modern Woodmen of America's [Be An Everyday Hero](#) project remembers and honors those lost... and recognizes the brave first responders, military members and others who continue to serve our community every day. The exhibit will be parked at the west lot of Schwiebert Riverfront Park in downtown Rock Island, next to Modern Woodmen's home office, **July 19 – July 23**. Modern Woodmen is sponsoring free public admission to this traveling exhibit, which was created to honor a New York City firefighter who lost his life on 9/11. The 1,000-square-foot memorial includes artifacts, videos and live tours from FDNY firefighters. It travels the country as an educational resource and poignant reminder of that tragic day. ([Watch the trailer](#)) ([More info and hours of admission](#)) ([Exhibit website](#))



## Korean War Armistice 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Wreath Laying Ceremony

Korean War Veterans Association Quad Cities Chapter 168 will hold a ceremony to commemorate the 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day on **Wednesday, July 27**, at 10 a.m., at the Memorial Walkway, at the Rock Island National Cemetery. The ceremony will include a wreath laying, rifle salute, and Taps. The Korean War, which began June 25, 1950, with the North Korean army's invasion of South Korea, officially ended July 27, 1953, a day now officially recognized as Armistice Day. The signing marked the end of the longest negotiated armistice in history: 158 meetings spread over two years and 17 days. Last year's presidential proclamation stated, "Today, the Republic of Korea enjoys a thriving democracy and a bustling economy, and the legacy of our Korean War veterans continues on in the 50 million South Koreans who live with liberty and opportunity. The United States is proud to stand with our partner in Asian security and stability, and our commitment to our friend and ally will never waver—a promise embodied by our servicemen and women who fought from the Chosin Reservoir to Heartbreak Ridge and Pork Chop Hill, and by every American since who has stood sentinel on freedom's frontier."



## 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 35<sup>th</sup> 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.

## American Veterans Traveling Tribute

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute, a 360 foot replica of Veterans Memorial, is coming to Geneseo City Park in Geneseo, Ill., **Wednesday, Aug. 17, through Sunday, Aug. 21**, as part of the

city's "The Cost of Freedom Festival," honoring all veterans and active military. This traveling replica is a 80-percent to scale traveling version of the Veterans Memorial, and is the largest traveling Veterans Memorial replica. American Veterans Traveling Tribute travels across the nation, providing veterans without the means to travel to the national Vietnam Memorial site a chance to see a replica model. Many vets take the opportunity to reflect and remember those lost. The Vietnam Wall has been a part of more than 300 events nationwide over the last 8 years. Organizers are planning a line-up of activities similar to the last time the Wall was in town with speakers, concerts and displays part of the events. A highlight of the Wall's visit will be a parade to honor all veterans at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20. "We want veterans and their families, local groups and businesses to all get involved. We just want it to be one big patriotic parade," said Rhonda Borkgren of the Don Cherry VFW Post No. 5083 Auxiliary. "We want to give our veterans the recognition they deserve, and we hope to especially draw out our younger veterans." The August celebration will be a "tribute to all veterans" she said. "Every veteran deserves their welcome home." ([Facebook event page](#)) ([Geneseo Republic article](#))

### Tribute to Our Fallen

Since its inception in the summer of 2004, one year after the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom, a small group, now known as the Mississippi Valley Patriots, has put together a special event to honor those brave souls who had made the ultimate sacrifice. Today Tribute to Our Fallen annual event, held at the Davenport Memorial Park, has grown exponentially. The first few years were dedicated solely to the military in Iraq, Afghanistan, the first responders and civilians lost on 9/11. Since 2008's event, veterans of all eras have been included in this very special remembrance. The event this year is **Friday, Aug. 19, through Sunday, Aug. 21**, and is free to the public. Tribute to Our Fallen is staffed around the clock from the opening ceremony, Friday, **Aug. 19**, at 7 p.m., to the closing ceremony, Sunday, **Aug. 21**, at 4 p.m. There are several events scheduled throughout the weekend. The key note speaker for Saturday's ceremony at 7 p.m. will be USMC Capt. Eric G. Kirsch, Citadel graduate, a veteran of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, he was to Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Washington DC Field Office's (DCWA) Foreign Counterintelligence "A" Squad and was responsible for multiple named Offensive Foreign Counterintelligence Operations; since his honorable discharge in 2012, Kirsch has served as an Offensive Counterintelligence Operations instructor at Joint Counterintelligence Training Academy; as a civilian special agent with NCIS; and as a civilian advisor to the American government and the Kurdish Regional Government in Iraqi Kurdistan. He is the founder and CEO of Torchlight USA. Please invite a friend. Volunteers are always welcome to join on Friday, **Aug. 19**, for setup. ([More](#))



### 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 — 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Cards for the Troops

Please join us **Tuesday, Sept. 27**, 6:30-9 p.m., at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, for the 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](#))



### **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](http://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](http://www.sunsetlakesresort.com) under our news section. **Infinity Salon & Spa:** Located at 220 W 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

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# Arsenal Traffic/Construction



## Repair Steps Bldg. 90 West Entrance

Effective **June 27**, Public Works began making repairs to the Bldg. 90 west entrance steps. The doorway on the west, facing East Street, were closed. The work includes removal and replacement of the steps and hand railing. The project is expected to last approximately eight to nine weeks depending on weather. Orange safety fence have been installed around the perimeter of the work area. Please use caution when traveling near the area.

## 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.

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# Building/Space Closures



## Closure Notice for Bldg. 62 Window Removal

Beginning **Tuesday, July 5, through Saturday, July 9**, the Directorate of Public Works will be working on a construction project to remove windows on the south side, second floor, of Bldg. 62. Windows being removed on **Saturday, July 9**, will require the closure of entrances shown on the map so personnel should plan accordingly. Future notices will be sent when installation of new windows will take place. During the closures, fencing, barricades, and signage will be positioned as required. Timeframes may be extended depending on weather related issues.

## 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.



### **Sleeves Can Now Be Rolled Up**

Effective immediately, commanders may authorize Soldiers to roll up the sleeves on Army combat uniforms, according to a memorandum signed by Lt. Gen. James C. McConville, deputy chief of staff, G-1, June 28. The new policy pertains to the universal camouflage pattern, operational camouflage pattern and Operation Enduring Freedom camouflage-pattern ACUs. "We're going sleeves up, camo out," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey. The sleeves will be rolled above the elbow, right-side out with the camouflage pattern showing. They should be rolled no more than three inches above the elbow, according to the memo, and this method will be used primarily in garrison. In addition, during field training exercises or operations, upon approval of the commander, sleeves may be opened and cuffed inward above the wrist on the forearm. "It's often referred to as a Delta roll or SF roll," Dailey said. This second method of staying cool is specifically for Soldiers in a field or deployed environment, he emphasized. Soldiers have to remember, though, that these authorizations are only good when not precluded by safety, Dailey said. "Like when you're in a combat vehicle, the sleeves have to go down." ([More](#))

### **Military Kids Camp 2016 for Youth Impacted by Military Service**

Youth Ages 8-16... join us for a fun-filled week, **July 3-8**, of summer camp adventures at YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln, the Quad Cities premiere overnight camping facility for youth. Would you like to live in a cabin and enjoy traditional camp activities—swimming, hiking, horseback riding, campfires and much more? Then this camp is for you. This special Military Kids Camp is open to all youth and teens ages 8-16 whose parent, sibling or other close relative serves in any branch of the military — active duty, Guard or Reserves. Kids will also enjoy special activities just for military kids – hands-on workshops, Military Day hosted by the Illinois National Guard, Resiliency, and more. Questions call 563-381-3053. ([More](#))

### **Bix 7 Road Race Waives Entry Fee**

The 2016 Bix 7 organization is again happy to be able to offer free entry, **July 30**, to all active duty military, Reserve and Guard. Again, there will also be a specific viewing area location designated for and honoring our veterans at Brady and Kirkwood. Complete the [printable entry form](#), enter

your military ID number where indicated and mail your entry to us. You must pick up your packet in person at the Bix 7 Expo and show your military ID. Last year we had an increase over the first year, we hope to be able to continue that momentum again in the third year of this appreciation. ([Entry Form](#))

# Safety Spotlight



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## Bicycle Safety on Arsenal Island

Bicycle riding is a great way to get into shape and enjoy the outdoors. To remain safe on the roads, it is important to follow the same traffic safety laws that govern vehicle drivers. Everyone must obey the rules of the road. Rock Island Arsenal Regulation (RIAR) 190-5, Rock Island Arsenal Traffic Regulation, states: Bicyclists will follow all local state traffic laws. In Illinois, the law states that when riding your bicycle on roadways, you must obey the same traffic laws, signs and signals that apply to motorists. Bicyclists must ride in the same direction as other traffic. Riding in the opposite direction of traffic is both dangerous and against the law. To ride safely in traffic, bicycle riders must use their hands and arms to communicate to other motorists around them. There are four important arm signs you must know and use every time you prepare to turn or stop. They are: Left Turn Signal, Right Turn Signal (using left arm), Right Turn Signal (using right arm) and the Stop Signal. Remember to signal about one-third of a block before you plan to turn so vehicles behind you have ample time to slow down. Your eyes are an important safety tool when riding your bike. Watch other drivers closely to make sure they have seen you and your arm signals. When walking or riding your bicycle on a sidewalk (where permitted), you must obey all pedestrian signs and signals. Additionally, bicyclists must yield the right of way to pedestrians using sidewalks or crosswalks. Slow down and go around them when possible. Right of way means that one person has the right to go ahead of another. This applies to bicycle riders, motorists and pedestrians. If others do not follow the rules, let them have the right of way to avoid the risk of an accident. When approaching pedestrians from behind, bicyclists are to slow down and give an audible signal to alert the pedestrians of his/her presence and intent to pass them. Additionally, RIAR 190-5 states that bicyclists will wear helmets approved by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, use lights during hours of darkness or low visibility, not ride abreast and not use a cellphone or earphones while riding. Please follow these regulations and have a safe and enjoyable riding season. ([Poster](#))



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# Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



## **Transgender Service Members Can Now Serve Openly, Carter Announces**

Transgender service members in the U.S. military can now openly serve their country without fear of retribution, Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced today, a policy decision that overturns the ban on transgender service across all branches of service, effective immediately. Following a study at his direction, the secretary said during a Pentagon news conference, three main reasons led to the decision to lift the transgender ban: the force of the future, the existing force and matters of principle. "As a result of the yearlong study, I'm announcing today that we are ending the ban on transgender Americans in the United States military. Effective immediately, transgender Americans may serve openly, and they can no longer be discharged or otherwise separated from the military just for being transgender," Carter said. Further, he said, he has directed that the gender identity of an otherwise qualified individual will not bar him or her from military service or from any accession program. "[We in] the Defense Department and the military need to avail ourselves of all talent possible ... to remain what we are now – the finest fighting force the world has ever known," Carter said. "Our mission is to defend this country," he added, "and we don't want barriers unrelated to a person's qualifications to serve preventing us from recruiting or retaining the soldier, sailor, airman, or Marine who can best accomplish the mission." ([More](#)) ([DoD Special Report](#))

## **Diversity Makes Military Stronger, DoD Panel Says**

Diversity in the military makes the force stronger, top Defense Department officials said at a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender panel discussion here today. Speakers at the forum at the National Defense University at Fort McNair included the deputy assistant secretary of defense for operational energy, Amanda R. Simpson. Simpson, the highest-ranking openly transgender official in the government, recalled that when she was in college she was recruited by the Navy to be a nuclear officer. "But I really couldn't, in good conscience, serve in uniform," she said. "I held a secret that I was still holding from myself." She said at that time it was "illegal and, quote, 'immoral' for a transperson to serve in the military." Instead, she said, she became a government contractor. Simpson said she was asked to join President Barack Obama's administration seven years ago. It is important to note, she said, that she was neither selected for the opportunity nor excluded from it because she was transgender. ([More](#))

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# Morale, Welfare & Recreation



## **Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)**

Visit the MWR website at [www.riamwr.com](http://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](#))



### **Submission Period for 2016 Army Arts & Crafts Contest**

Novice and accomplished artists are encouraged to submit their works of art to the annual Army Arts & Crafts contest, open **June 13 – Aug. 12**. There are 10 categories this year including ceramic, digital, fiber, glass, metal, wood, drawings, paintings, 2D & 3D mixed media. Find more info on eligibility and contest rules at [www.armymwr.com/arts](http://www.armymwr.com/arts) ([Flyer](#))

### **Independence Day Specials at the Arsenal Island Golf Course**

What better way to celebrate the birth of our great nation than by playing a round of golf at the Quad Cities most historic golf course **Saturday-Monday, July 2-4**. Players teeing off between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday & Sunday, **July 2 and 3** will receive a free coupon which is redeemable at the snack shack on Hole 9 for a hotdog/brat, chips and a soda. Also, all day on Monday, **July 4**, you can enjoy weekday rates (national holidays are normally subject to weekend rates even when they fall on weekdays). Call 309-793-1604 for more info and to book your tee times.

### **First Friday Social with a Tap Takeover by Kalona Brewing Company**

As the first Friday in July falls right before the holiday weekend this month is a bit of a misnomer and the "First Friday" event will actually be held **Friday, July 8**, starting at 3 p.m., and will feature a handle takeover with Kalona Brewing Company providing the frosty, malted beverages of choice this month. Join your Island colleagues at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse for a fun evening of appetizers, drinks, networking, socializing and karaoke. This event is open to the entire RIA workforce and the general public so bring your friends, family, neighbors, mail man... whoever, just come out and have fun with us. Bring your 2015 Rocktoberfest stein and get \$2 off refills. Call 309-782-4372 for more info. ([Flyer](#))



### **Lock & Dam Lounge Closes for Renovations**

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

### **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](#))

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# 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](#))

## Noah's Ark Water Park

Located on 70 sprawling acres in the heart of Wisconsin Dells, Wis., featuring 51 water slides and dozens of various attractions. From two Endless Rivers, four children's water play areas, bumper boats, a mammoth 4-D Movie Theater, and not just one, but two giant wave pools, there is something for the whole family. Children two years or 36" and under are free. LTO price \$26, gate is \$41.62 with tax. Note: Special Salute to Heroes — Military Days — Free Admission: **Entire month of June and Aug. 22 — Sept. 5:** Military (active, Retired, Reserve) with valid ID; family members additionally receive 50 percent off.

## Menopause at Circa 21 in Rock Island

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.* ([More](#))

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.

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# Child, Youth & School Services



## Extended Application Deadline 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 now accepting applications for our new part-day preschool program, due to lower than expected response the application deadline has been extended. If this is a program you are interested in please don't delay in submitting your application. See [the flyer for more details](#)

on program days, times and ages and email [usarmy.ria.imcom-central.mbx.usag-rock-cys@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ria.imcom-central.mbx.usag-rock-cys@mail.mil) for more info. ([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](http://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](http://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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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**.

### Summer Reading Adventure

According to [scholastic.com](http://scholastic.com) — "Studies suggest children who read as few as six books over the summer maintain the level of reading skills they achieved during the preceding school year. Reading more books leads to even greater success." Don't let your little ones backslide this summer in their reading proficiency, join us **Thursday, July 14**, 4-5 p.m., Army Community Service (Bldg. 110), for our summer reading program and keep them on track to literacy greatness. Sign up at ACS in Bldg. 110 and receive a free book to get you started plus a log to track reading minutes. Prizes will be awarded at the end of August. Also join us for activities throughout the summer to earn extra minutes. Open to children ages 3-10. [See the flyer for all dates and featured books](#). For more info or to register for an activity, please call 309-782-3049/0829.

## Stress Management Class

Come learn about stress and how to cope with it in positive and healthy ways **Wednesday, July 20**, 4-5 p.m., in the ACS Training Room (Bldg. 110). RSVP required for this free class by calling 309-782-3773 or emailing [samantha.m.mathew.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:samantha.m.mathew.ctr@mail.mil). ([Flyer](#))

## Understanding Veterans Preference Class

Come learn about Veterans Preference and how it applies to the federal recruitment process **Friday, July 22**, 1:30-3:30 p.m., in the ACS Training Room (Bldg. 110). Subjects covered will include information on VEOA, VRA, Schedule A and how you can use Veterans preference. RSVP must be made no later than **Friday, July 15**, by calling 309-782-0829 or emailing [usarmy.ria.imcom-central.mbx.usag-accs@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ria.imcom-central.mbx.usag-accs@mail.mil). ([Flyer](#))

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# Employee Assistance Program



ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 barbeques, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## 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 **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."

### **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.**

### **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."



The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.](#)

## **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.

## **College Admissions**

Many colleges require that students submit test results as part of the admission application process. Both the ACT and SAT are standardized tests that help colleges evaluate candidates. Some schools accept either test interchangeably; however, Service members should check with their education counselor prior to testing. As you begin to think about college and creating the best application package possible, your admissions plan should begin with the question, "Which test should I take?"

### **College Admission Exams**

Service members applying for college admission, an officer accession program, military-sponsored academy or professional program may require a current ACT or SAT score to include with their application packet. Refer to individual programs for application information.

### **Who Can Take a College Admission Exam?**

The ACT and SAT exams are available to eligible Service members on a DANTEs-funded basis when taken at a DANTEs Test Site.

- Refer to DANTEs Funding Eligibility Requirements to learn if you are eligible for funding.
- DANTEs does not fund or reimburse ACTs or SATs taken at National Test Centers.
- The optional ACT Plus Writing Test is not funded or reimbursed by DANTEs and not available at DANTEs Test Sites.

Civilians and military dependents are not eligible for DANTEs-funded ACTs and SATs, may not test at a CONUS DANTEs Test Site and may not routinely test at an overseas DANTEs Test Site. Military-affiliated, overseas civilian personnel must contact a DANTEs Test Site for exceptions to these tests.

### **DANTEs Test Sites**

If the education office at your military installation does not support a DANTEs Test Site, email DANTEs at [exams@navy.mil](mailto:exams@navy.mil) for assistance.

### **Preparation for Testing**

Visit the individual ACT and SAT program websites for exam information and test prep materials.

- ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- The College Board/SAT [www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org)

# 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](http://www.commissaries.com) ([Facebook](#))

## Exchange Expands Layaway to Include Laptops, Tablets for Back-to-School Season

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is helping military students head to the top of the class during the 2016-17 school year by extending its layaway program to include computers and tablets needed to succeed in the classroom. From July 1 to Aug. 31, just in time for back-to-school season, Exchange shoppers can use layaway to hold computers, notebooks, tablets and iPads—items that are not typically eligible for the program. "Having up-to-date technology can be vital to succeeding in the classroom, and the Exchange is making it easier for military families to manage expenses to get the tools students need to succeed," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate, Exchange senior enlisted advisor. "The extended layaway program helps parents and students stick to their back-to-school budgets." A \$3 service fee and a deposit of 15 percent are required to hold items on layaway. Items must be picked up by Aug. 31. Shoppers can visit customer service at their local Exchange for complete details. ([More](#))

## Military Star Card Helps Exchange Reduce Costly Fees, Increase Contribution to Military Quality-of-Life Programs

Military shoppers who reach for their Military Star card at Army & Air Force Exchange Service facilities worldwide are helping to reduce credit-card processing expenses and ultimately improving their military communities. During fiscal 2015, bank-issued credit card processing expenses at Exchange facilities cost the military community more than \$76 million. When shoppers use their Military Star cards, however, the Exchange avoids these costly fees – a savings of more than \$19 million last year. "A significant portion of earnings generated from the Military Star card is returned to military communities to fund quality-of-life programs," said Jami Richardson, Exchange Credit Program senior vice president. "Avoiding costly merchant and bank fees allows us to return an even greater amount to the military community." ([More](#))



## Everything's coming up Roses for Shoppers with Exchange Bouquet Sweepstakes

Military shoppers can stop and smell the flowers this summer with the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's Teleflora sweepstakes. From July 1 to Aug. 31, authorized shoppers have the chance to win one of six Teleflora bouquets valued at \$83. Shoppers can enter the sweepstakes by visiting [shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes](http://shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes). Three winners will be drawn for July, and three more will be drawn in August. No purchase is necessary to enter or win. ([More](#))

## **Your Healthy Lifestyle Festivals Coming In July**

The Defense Commissary Agency will host the military resale partnership event, Your Healthy Lifestyle Festival, July 1-31 at commissaries worldwide. This annual event will feature discounted prices on produce at commissary farmers markets, savings on workout equipment and apparel at exchanges, health screenings at local clinics, and fitness events hosted by the post morale, welfare and recreation activities. With the theme "Live Healthy and Save Big!," the festival combines savings while supporting the military community's health and wellness goals, said DeCA Sales Director Tracie Russ. An overall schedule listing installations and dates can be found on [Your Healthy Lifestyle Festival](#) page. *Rock Island Arsenal Commissary will be holding its Healthy Lifestyle Event July 29 & 30.* ([More](#))

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## **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 Sundays and 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 – July 4-10**

In July 1916, employment at the RIA numbered 2,226 and reached a maximum WWI figure of 13,263 employees in July 1918. Col. George Davenport was murdered by bandits at his Rock Island estate on July 4, 1845. In July 1878, excavation work for Shop K (Bldg. 68) began. On July 6, 1978, a ceremony was held at RIA to celebrate the completion of the first two of 19 M198 155mm towed howitzers to be manufactured and assembled at the RIA. In July 1962, the RIA acquired from Watertown Arsenal the responsibility for support development, industrial engineering, manufacture, and maintenance engineering on carriages, mounts, recoil mechanisms, and loaders for towed anti-aircraft guns: and carriages, recoil mechanisms, limbers and wagons for field guns and towed howitzers of calibers larger than the 155mm gun and eight-inch howitzer.

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## **Healthbeat**



### **TRICARE Reminds Beneficiaries: Protect Your Personal Information**

Fraud against TRICARE beneficiaries is in the news. Protecting your personal information is vital to your privacy, and prevents abuse of taxpayer funds. Be safe; don't share your military ID or other personal or family information with an unknown person. If you think you are the victim of TRICARE related fraud, you can [report it](#) to the Defense Health Agency. You can also report cases where you think someone is trying to defraud TRICARE. For example, if your TRICARE

explanation of benefits shows a bill for something you didn't get, tell your [TRICARE Regional Contractor](#). ([More](#))

### **A Unique Collaboration Launches Walk with a Doc Program in the Quad Cities**

Walk with a Doc, a health program that brings doctors and patients together outside of the clinic, now has a new twist. A physician and a group of veterinarians have come together to form a local chapter of Walk with a Doc - one that encourages people and their pets to get healthy. Typically, WWAD is a human-oriented event, but in an effort to further enhance the lives of the community, they are bringing together the first ever WWAD physician/veterinarian collaboration. Pets hold a special place in their owner's lives, and they often suffer from the same health conditions that people do. By joining together, they seek to improve the health of the Quad Cities citizens and their companion animals. The next event will be held **Sunday, July 24**, at 4 p.m. at the Eastern Avenue Park in Davenport. Walkers are invited, and while dogs are not required, they are welcomed. Walks will be held on a regular basis, so grab your shoes and a leash, and be ready for future Walks, too. Walk with a Doc is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage healthy physical activity in people of all ages and reverse the consequences of a sedentary lifestyle in order to improve the health and well-being of the country. ([More](#))



### **Rock Island Arsenal Pharmacy Closure**

The Rock Island Arsenal Pharmacy will be closed after 12:30 p.m. on **Thursday, July 21**, for training.

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## **Notes for Veterans**



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### **Veteran Preference in Federal Hiring: The 'Third Rail of Civil Service Reform,' Expert Says**

With an effort in Congress to scale back veteran preference in federal hiring awaiting action by a House-Senate conference committee, a former top personnel official says there's a better plan. Jeffrey Neal, who was in charge of hiring for the Department of Homeland Security until he retired in 2011, says a Senate proposal to limit veteran preference to a single use is flawed because it does not take into account former service members' high job turnover. The Senate version of this year's defense bill includes language that would give veterans one shot at going to the head of the hiring line: when they apply for a permanent federal job. Once they are working in government, they would not get the extra points they get now for other federal jobs. But Neal, who also led human resources for the Defense Logistics Agency and is now a senior vice president for ICF International,

wrote last week on his blog, ChiefHRO.com, that many veterans take a while to find an agency that's a good match for them. ([More](#))

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## Around the Q.C.



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- July 3-10:** [MLB Baseball Hall of Fame Tour](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)
- July 8:** [3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Make-A-Wish Night at the Quad City River Bandits](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)
- July 9:** [32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Moonlight Chase](#) (Eldridge Festival)
- July 10:** [Battle of the Badges](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)
- 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:** [9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit](#) (Schwiebert Riverfront Park, Rock Island)
- July 19-23:** [Rock Island County Fair](#) (fairgrounds in East Moline)
- July 23:** [2016 Quad City Strength & Fitness Expo](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
- July 23:** [2<sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., East Moline)
- Aug. 4-7:** [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)
- Aug. 6:** [2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** [13<sup>th</sup> Annual Xstream Cleanup](#) (Greater Quad Cities)
- Aug. 17-21:** [American Veterans Traveling Tribute](#) (Geneseo City Park, Geneseo, Ill.)
- 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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:** [4<sup>th</sup> 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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