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# Island Insight

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## Rock Island Arsenal Hosts The Wall That Heals, 3-time Silver Star Recipient Speaks at Ceremony

More than 250 guests, visitors and Rock Island Arsenal employees gathered July 30 in a ceremony dedicating the opening of The Wall That Heals, on display at the Arsenal through Aug. 2. The display is part of a series of Arsenal events commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the War in Vietnam.



The Wall That Heals is a 50-percent scale replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C. Veterans attending the event received a certificate and a 50th anniversary button recognizing them for their service. Vietnam veteran and three-time Silver Star recipient Bill Albracht, a former Special Forces officer, was keynote speaker for the event. He and Col. Elmer Speights, Jr., commander of U.S. Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal, laid a commemorative wreath at The Wall That Heals as part of the ceremony. Albracht said he didn't begin to find relief from his own combat experiences until 1999, when he met famed Special Forces commander, Lt. Col. Bo Gritz, at an event held at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. ([More](#))

## Upcoming Dates

- July 29-Aug. 2:** The Wall That Heals, Memorial Park
- July 30:** BRC2-Motorcycle Riding Course, Motorcycle Range, 7:30 a.m.
- July 30:** Discovery Time Playgroup, Milan Splash Ground, 9:30 a.m.
- Aug. 1-31:** Feds Feed Families Food Drive
- Aug. 6:** Date Safe, Teen Dating Violence Class, CYSS, Bldg. 350, 4:30 p.m.
- Aug. 6:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Freedom Run, 733 15th Ave., East Moline, Ill.
- Aug. 7:** ASC Org Day Run, Quarters One, 6:30 a.m.
- Aug. 7:** ASC Organizational Day
- Aug. 7:** Advanced Résumé Class, Baylor Conf. Rm., Bldg. 103, 1:30 p.m.
- Aug. 7:** First Friday Social, Quarters One Lawn, 4 p.m.
- Aug. 7-8:** Iowa Sales Tax Holiday [🇺🇸](#)
- Aug. 11-13:** DA Photography, Bldg. 90, Basement, Rm. B11, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
- Aug. 12:** Tenant Senior NCO Mtg., Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 16:** Spirit of '45 Ceremony, 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WWII, Rock Island National Cemetery
- Aug. 17-21:** Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program, Bldg. 56, 8 a.m.
- Aug. 17-21:** Financial Fitness Week, ACS, Bldg. 110, 12-1 p.m.
- Aug. 19:** RIAWC Super Sign Up, Quarters One, 10 a.m.
- Aug. 20:** Women's Equality Day Observance, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 1 p.m.

### **ASC Commanding General Honors 'Forgotten War'**

Maj. Gen. Kevin O'Connell, commanding general, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, served as the guest speaker for a ceremony commemorating the 62nd anniversary of the Korean War armistice, here, July 27. O'Connell talked about the importance of honoring those who went through the hardships of the Korean War. "Today, at this ceremony, we remember the 'Forgotten War' -- above all, we remember the brave and selfless Americans who fought in Korea and died in Korea -- we remember the names and the sacrifices and service of individuals who must never, ever be forgotten," O'Connell said. The Korean War resulted in more than 35,000 U.S. Military casualties, 85 of whom were from the Quad Cities area, according to the National Archives. Many veterans of the war live in the Quad Cities. ([More](#))



### **JMC Recognized For Excellence with Army Superior Unit Award**

The United States Army Joint Munitions Command was awarded for exceptional service with the Army's Superior Unit Award during an official ceremony, held here, July 30. The Army Superior Unit Award is a decoration established by the Secretary of the Army, and is awarded to an Army unit that displays outstanding meritorious performance in a difficult and challenging mission, carried out under extraordinary circumstances. The Joint Munitions Command earned this distinction by successfully providing ammunition and logistics support during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation New Dawn in Iraq, from October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012. "The success of the mission was accomplished by the management at Joint Munitions Command Headquarters, Rock Island, Illinois, through the network of ammunition installations accomplishing ammunition production, storage, supply, maintenance, demilitarization and training," stated the citation from the Department of the Army. ([More](#))



### **Army Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Army Community Service**

"Soldiers will do anything if they know their Families are being cared for," said Lt. Gen. David D. Halverson, referring to Army Community Service, or ACS, which is committed to caring for them. Halverson, who serves as the assistant chief of staff for installation management and as the commander of the Army's Installation Management Command, spoke during a ceremony in the Pentagon Courtyard, July 24. The event marked the 50th anniversary of ACS, which stood up July 25, 1965. Lt. Col. Emma M. Baird, founder of ACS, changed the Army philosophy about what Families mean to the Army and its readiness, he said. Halverson called the year 1965 "a turning point for us." Rob Hansgen, a program analyst with the Office of the Chief of Staff for Installation Management, spoke before the ceremony and provided context to Halverson's remarks. ([More](#))



### **TSP Moves to Expand Investment, Withdrawal Choices**

More options for investing and withdrawing retirement savings are planned for federal employees and retirees, including the freedom to invest in funds other than those offered by the Thrift Savings Plan itself. The TSP's governing board on Monday endorsed opening a "window" through which account holders could invest in a wide range of mutual funds, as well as new options for taking withdrawals both while still employed and after retiring or leaving for other reasons. The moves

would modernize the program and respond to demand from investors, many of whom abandon the program after they leave the government by transferring their money to IRAs that offer more flexibility. ([More](#))

### 2015 Antiterrorism Awareness Message

August marks the Army's sixth annual observance of Antiterrorism Awareness Month. The terrorist threats we face today are as complex as they have been at any time in our Nation's history. These threats are persistent and constantly evolving as evidenced by the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. The purpose of Antiterrorism Awareness Month is to instill Army-wide heightened awareness and vigilance to protect Army critical assets and personnel by preventing acts of terrorism. Awareness of terrorist threats and an understanding of personal protective measures remain paramount. The four focus areas planned for this year include (1) recognizing and reporting suspicious activity, (2) participating in antiterrorism training, (3) countering insider threats and (4) becoming familiar with the risks associated with the use of social media. As part of this observance, leaders at all levels should continue to emphasize the importance of suspicious activity reporting in support of our collective national security. Recent activities around the world, which have included the use of social media as a threat mechanism against Soldiers and their Families, emphasize the need for sustained antiterrorism awareness. We encourage all leaders to make continuous improvements within our antiterrorism plans and programs in order to guard our communities against persistent terrorist threats. Leaders should leverage resources and expertise from throughout their formations to strengthen the security and protection of Army communities. Working together, we present a unified defense for the strength of our Nation. Army Strong!

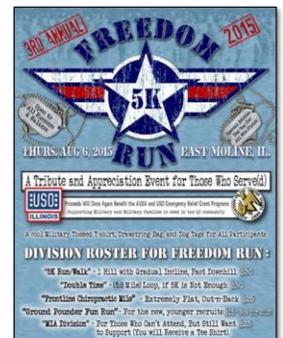


### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoes for Veterans Drive

IowaWORKS – Eastern Iowa's Davenport Center is holding its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "Shoes for Veterans" Drive **July 1 through Sept. 11** leading up to the bi-annual Quad Cities Bridging the Gap: One Day "Stand Down" for Homeless Veterans. All donations will be distributed to our veterans at the "Bridging the Gap" Quad City Homeless Veterans "Stand Down" Sept. 17-19 at the Quad City Expo Center in Rock Island. All monetary donations for footwear are tax deductible and will be graciously accepted. Donations of new shoes (or monetary amounts) can be dropped off on Arsenal Island at R.I.A. Federal Credit Union during banking hours, as well as at IowaWORKS – Eastern Iowa, 902 W. Kimberly Road from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, or can be picked up by veterans representatives [Jennifer Toenjes](#), 563-445-3200 ext. 43348, or [Craig Norris](#), 563-445-3200 ext. 43307.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Freedom Run

Join us for the Quad Cities only military-themed run on Thursday, **Aug. 6**, at 5:45 p.m., at the Quad Cities Running Club HQ in East Moline (733 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Freedom Run – A Tribute and Appreciation Event for Those Who Serve(d). Proceeds will once again benefit AUSA and USO emergency relief grant programs that support military and military families in need in the Q.C. community. Participants will receive a military themed t-shirt, drawstring bag, and dog tags. Division roster for the Freedom Run will include: • 5K Run/Walk; • Double Time; • Frontline Chiropractic Mile; • Ground Pounder Fun Run; • MIA Division. The first 500 to "enlist" will also receive silencers for their dog tags.



Register online at [getmeregistered.com](http://getmeregistered.com). Packet pick up and registration will take place at the Running Club HQ on Wednesday, **Aug. 5**, 2-6 p.m.; and on Thursday, **Aug. 6**, 2-6 p.m. ([Flyer](#))

## 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, Aug. 13 & 20, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail [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. 210) beginning at **6:30 p.m. on Aug. 13 & 20**. A **3<sup>rd</sup> shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on Aug. 28**. 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. **DMC** will host a blood drive **1-4:30 p.m., on Aug. 13**, in the MVRBC Donor Bus parked at Bldg. 350. To donate, please Sgt. First Class Jared Clapper at 309-782-5485 or visit [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org) and use code 1554 to locate the drive.



**July & August Blood Drive Hours Extended, Trial Basis:** *"The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center drives at Rock Island Arsenal will feature extended hours from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. for the months of July and August. This is taking place as a trial to see if the extended hours will facilitate and enable more Arsenal Island employees to give who may not otherwise have the time in their schedule.*



**Summer Blood Donors Entered into Drawing for a 2015 Jeep Patriot:** *"This summer, you could win a 2015 Jeep Patriot by giving blood with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center! It's part of the "Made in the USA" promotion to support the blood supply through the difficult summer months, when the rate of blood donation drops by about 20 percent..*

**Also, a slight change in that every donor must present photo ID or a blood donor card to be eligible to donate blood. Arsenal badges are acceptable. The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information [click here](#).**

## VIOS Schedule for August & September

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **Aug. 11, 12, & 13** and **Sept. 8, 9, & 10**. Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the [VIOS site](#) for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 90, Basement, Room B11). Priority is: 1. Active Duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official Government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - Command Photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. All scheduled dates can be found on the [RIA VIOS website](#).

## Walking Tours of Locks & Dam 15 in August

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' park rangers from the Rock Island District at the Mississippi River Visitor Center, located at Locks and Dam 15 at the west end of Arsenal Island, will conduct two walking tours of Locks and Dam 15 every Saturday and Sunday; one at 10 a.m., and another at

2 p.m. Each tour will last approximately 30 minutes and is weather dependent. Tour size is limited and proper footwear is required. No open toe shoes, sandals or high heels will be permitted. Call 309-794-5338 for information or to register.

### **DoD Releases Report on Security Implications of Climate Change**

Global climate change will aggravate problems such as poverty, social tensions, environmental degradation, ineffectual leadership and weak political institutions that threaten stability in a number of countries, according to a report the Defense Department sent to Congress yesterday. The Senate Appropriations Committee requested the report in conjunction with the Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, asking that the undersecretary of defense for policy provide a report that identifies the most serious and likely climate-related security risks for each combatant command and the ways those commands integrate risk mitigation into their planning processes. ([More](#))



### **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 **Aug. 21-23** and is free to the public. Tribute to Our Fallen is staffed around the clock from the opening ceremony, Friday, **Aug. 21**, at 7 p.m., to the closing ceremony, Sunday, **Aug. 23**, at 4 p.m. There are several events scheduled throughout the weekend. The key note speaker is Debbie Lee, GSM/mother of Marc A. Lee, U.S. Navy SEAL, KIA, Aug. 2, 2006. Please invite a friend. Volunteers are always welcome to join on Friday, **Aug. 21**, for setup. ([More](#))



### **Croquet Tournament Fundraiser to Help Historic House**

Step back in time for the fourth annual Colonel's Croquet Party on Sunday, **Aug. 23**, on Arsenal Island at 2 p.m. Dress in your croquet whites (not required) to play the same game of croquet you play in your backyard. Croquet courts will be set up on the lawn of the historic Quarters One, next to the Arsenal Golf Club. Teams of two can play in the fun round-robin tournament. Or there will be courts set up to just join in the fun and play croquet with other enthusiasts in the Quad Cities. We are going to have shorter courts for faster play this year. The championship court will still be full-size. Teams in the tournament portion are awarded a point for each wicket they pass through. There will a review of nine-wicket rules before play begins. Players will compete for the coveted Colonel Davenport trophy. Tickets are \$25 for adults; and \$10 for children 11 years and younger to attend the Colonel's Croquet Party. Hors d'oeuvres, croquet play, wine tasting, and tours of the house are included. This is a rain or shine event. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Jessica Waytenick at 309-737-4280 or purchase tickets online at [www.davenporthouse.org](http://www.davenporthouse.org).



## S★A★M★C "To Hell and Back" 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk

The Rock Island Arsenal Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is having its Inaugural "To Hell and Back" 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, **Sept. 12**, beginning at 8 a.m. at Memorial Field. All participants will receive an event t-shirt. Pre-registration for the event and a listing of start times for the individual events are at [www.getmeregistered.com/tohellandbackrun](http://www.getmeregistered.com/tohellandbackrun). Cost is \$35 per person; active duty are free (however if they want a t-shirt they must purchase it). Packet pick up begins at 7 a.m. Winners will be presented with an award at the end of the run to the top three male and female finishers in the competitive 10K. All proceeds support the SAMC Scholarship Fund.



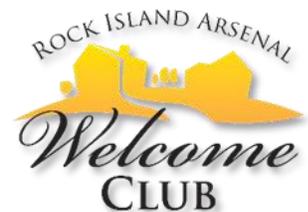
## NDIA & WID Sponsor Free Day at Putnam Museum

The Iowa-Illinois Chapter members of the National Defense Industrial Association, as well as Women In Defense, are inviting you to a free day at the Putnam Museum, including a free showing of the D-Day movie narrated by Tom Brokaw, on Saturday, **Sept. 12**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., to celebrate the NDIA chapter's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Included in the events for the day are: • Early entry to the museum for a private viewing of the Arsenal of Innovation exhibit. An exhibit that describes the inventive and innovative spirit of Rock Island Arsenal. • Showing of the movie D-Day Normandy 1944 in 3D. Discover a new perspective on how D-Day changed the world. • Enjoy a lunch of pulled pork, smoked chicken and hot dogs with all the fixings on the balcony overlooking the Quad Cities. • Enjoy all the Putnam exhibits after the official events have been completed. All these events and more are free to Iowa-Illinois Chapter members to celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of promoting national security. The event is free for up to five immediate family members and all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. You can sign up for this event by going to the [Iowa-Illinois web site](#) starting Saturday, **Aug. 1**. Further questions regarding this event may be addressed to Bob Radkiewicz at 309-798-8574.



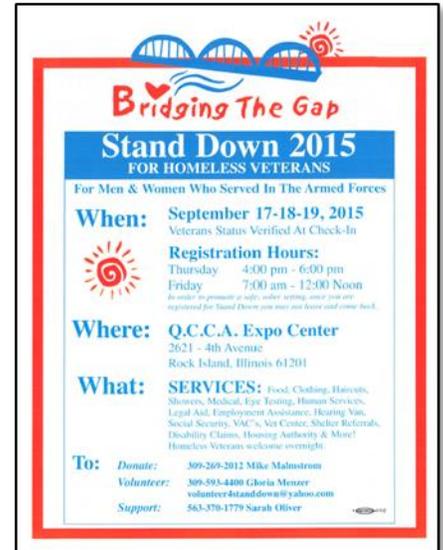
## Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club Super Sign Up

The RIAWC is having a "Super Sign Up" on Wednesday, **Aug. 19**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., in Quarters One. Come out and greet old friends and meet new ones. The club is open to active duty, Reserve and National Guard spouses (all ranks and branches of service), military retiree spouses, civilian employee spouses, retired civilian employee spouses, and other federal government spouses. The purpose of the RIAWC is to develop and foster a spirit of Quad-City Area community responsibility at Rock Island Arsenal, to provide opportunities for social, cultural and creative pursuits and to support worthwhile service and community projects. A fundamental purpose of the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is to generate funds to support service members and their families, government employees, and other charitable endeavors on Rock Island Arsenal and within the Quad-Cities metropolitan areas. RIAWC is built on the six core values of friendship, service, integrity, generosity, accountability, and courtesy. These values serve as the organization's foundation and establish the character and identity of RIAWC and its members. ([More](#))



## "Stand Down" Bridging the Gap Hosts Event for QC Homeless Veterans

Bridging The Gap-QCA will be holding a Stand Down for homeless veterans **Sept. 17, 18, & 19**, at the QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island. The purpose of Stand Down is to provide a one-stop-shop for homeless veterans to find homeless services. Thirty-plus Quad-City area agencies are expected to attend the event to offer services to homeless veterans to include food, clothing vouchers, haircuts, VA medical, human services, mental health services, legal aid, VA employment assistance, Social Security, VAC's, Vet Center, and goodwill employment services. "Bridging the Gap" Homeless Veterans Stand Down is more than an assemblage of services. It is a group of volunteers and participants brought together in the spirit of caring and respect to inspire the hope and strength and will of the homeless veteran so each can gather the individual, internal energy and initiative to rebuild his or her life. Iowa Workforce Development "veterans representatives" have ensured that our veterans are well equipped to weather the harsh winter months with winter boots, shoes, coats and clothing donated by residents and businesses of the Quad Cities area and of surrounding communities in Eastern Iowa. The point of contact for the event is [Craig Norris](#), 563-445-3200 ext. 43307.



## U.S. Navy Seabees' 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The U.S. Navy Seabees' 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner, this year commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War, will be held on Saturday, **Sept. 19**, at 5 p.m., at American Legion Post 26, 702 W. 35<sup>th</sup> St., Davenport. The dinner is hosted by U.S. Navy Seabees Veterans of America, Island X-2 Davenport, Vietnam Veterans of America 776, Davenport American Legion Post 26, and Eldridge American Legion Post 639. The cost of the dinner is \$10 and the evening will feature door prizes, raffles and a 50/50 drawing. Proceeds go to the Seabees unit who will donate the money to other organizations. Tickets are available at American Legion Post 26 or by calling [Bruce Cheek](#) at 563-349-4129.



## Save the Date – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cards for the Troops

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

## Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

*The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees —* **The Venue:** Located at 1405 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. 2nd St., Davenport, just show your ID. **Roosters Sports Bar and Grill:** All military and civilian's get 10 percent off their bill. Come head down for lunch at 2130 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*



## Arsenal Traffic/Construction

### **Extension of Road and Parking Closures on Baumbeck Avenue North of Bldg. 210**

During **July 20-24**, the Directorate of Public Works closed Baumbeck Avenue north of Bldg. 210 to all vehicular traffic, parking and pedestrian travel. Due to unforeseen piping locations/conditions this closure will be extended **July 27-31**. Barricades will be set up at both east and west ends of the road of the affected areas. North doors of Bldg. 210 Annex will also be closed. Entrance to that office suite will need to be directed through Bldg. 210. Closure is required to install new water mains/fire hydrants in the affected area. All traffic/parking/etc. will be reopened once install is complete and testing acceptance is completed. Closure may require extension if rain events cause delays in the schedule. More short closures of these areas will be required in the near future when making the connections to the buildings and making permanent repairs to the road and parking spaces.

### **Building Demolition Notification**

The Rock Island Arsenal Garrison began demolition of eight structures on July 27, which will last until Sunday, **Jan. 31**. Buildings 82, 105 and 157 will have temporary fencing with warning signs around the site perimeter during demolition. The other buildings are remote or away from public encroachment and will not be fenced, but signs will be installed warning of the demolition. Demolition of Bldg. 82 will occur approximately Monday, **Aug. 17-28**. Demolition of Bldg. 157 is planned for Monday, **Aug. 31**, through Friday, **Oct. 2**; during this building demolition the east section of Parking Lot 1K will be closed. Reserved parking impacted by this project will be relocated as close to the entrance of Bldg. 110 as possible. Specific dates for demolition of other buildings are not known at this time. Pedestrians and drivers should not enter demolition zones and should be vigilant of extra traffic and equipment during demolition.

### **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



### Elevator Closures in Bldg. 390

Effective July 27, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, took the freight elevator out of service in Bldg. 390. Closure is required to install new upgrades which will allow the elevator to be used as both a freight and passenger elevator. Duration of work is expected to last approximately two months. Upon completion of work, the freight elevator will be placed back into service and the passenger elevator will then be taken out of service to allow for upgrades and modernization. Completion of work on the passenger elevator is expected to be complete by the end of October. ASC Pamphlet 690-2 provides the policies and procedures to be used when the elevators are out of service.

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## Active Duty/Reserve Zone



### Space-A Flights Expand For Families of Deployed Troops

More family members of deployed troops can travel space-available on military transport flights, thanks to a recent expansion of the Defense Department's space-A passenger rules. Dependents of service members deployed for at least 30 consecutive days will be able to fly without their service members anywhere in the world if space is available on a flight, and if they meet certain requirements. Previously, a dependent's sponsor had to be serving on a deployment for at least 120 days for the dependent to fly unaccompanied on a space-A flight. ([More](#))

### Military Family Fun Night

Attention military families – round up the kids and bring the whole family out for a night of fun and food Saturday, **Aug. 22**, at 3 p.m., at Longview Park & Whitewater Junction, courtesy of Army Community Service and our sponsor, the Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. The picnic starts at 3 p.m. and will include lots of fun games and activities followed by swimming at Whitewater Junction from 6-8 p.m. All of this is free to military and their families but you must register by **Aug. 16** by calling 309-782-3049 or emailing [jennifer.a.kerr10.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jennifer.a.kerr10.civ@mail.mil). ([Flyer](#))

### Putnam Museum is a Blue Star Member Institution

The Putnam is now one of more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense. Any active duty military personnel including National Guard and Reserve, and up to five family members, receive free admission to the Museum and Science Center **Memorial Day through Labor Day**. "We are honored and excited to be able to bring this program to our Quad Cities Military families," said



President and CEO Kim Findlay. "Through our participation in the Blue Star Museums program, we are able to show our continued support for all our active military and thank them for their hard work and sacrifices." Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. The program provides families an opportunity to enjoy the nation's cultural heritage and learn more about their new communities after a military move. The complete list of participating museums is available at [arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums](http://arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums).

### **Military 4-H Scrapbooking SPIN Club**

Explore, Engage, Innovate... the world of scrapbooking. Take photos you have and create a scrapbook that will last a lifetime. Each month youth will learn a new scrapbooking technique and create a page. Snacks will be at each meeting. Eligibility includes military youth, ages 12-18. This program will meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, **Feb. 18 to Dec. 16**, 5:30-7 p.m., in the Cassion Room, in Bldg. 60. Cost includes a supply fee of \$20; non-4-H members add a \$20 program fee (fee waivers available upon request). [Register online today!](#) Or for more information call the University of Illinois Extension, Rock Island County 4-H Office at 309-756-9978. University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate call 309-756-9978 at least two weeks in advance.

### **Battle for the Rock**

The Battle for the Rock - Modern Army Combatives Program Tournament, sponsored by Army Sustainment Command and First Army, will take place **Sept. 12** at the Rock Island Arsenal Fitness Center kicking off at 8 a.m. Championship bouts starting will be 2-4 p.m., with the awards presentation immediately following last bout. Participants should include Soldiers and teams on Rock Island Arsenal and in the general area. (Team size will not exceed 14 Soldiers; teams can have a maximum of two fighters per weight class). Registration forms must be received no later than **Sept. 10**. Weigh-ins will be **Sept. 11**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the Fitness Center. All registrations must be scanned and emailed to [david.r.stephenson8.mil@mail.mil](mailto:david.r.stephenson8.mil@mail.mil) or mailed to United States Army Sustainment Command, W0DA USA SUSTAINMENT CMD, 390 / Rm HHC Command Suite Basement SW, Rock Island, IL 61299, ATTN: SFC Stephenson. For more information call 309-782-3234.



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## **Safety Spotlight**



**ARMY SAFE  
IS ARMY STRONG**



### **For Your Safety – Around Wildlife**

The Rock Island Arsenal offers an abundant of wildlife sighting opportunities. However, for your safety and the health of the animals, we offer the following safety tips: • Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them. • Do not touch, get close to, or pick up wild animals. It is stressful to the animal, and it is possible that the animal may harbor rabies or other diseases. • Young animals removed or touched by well-meaning people may cause the animals parents to abandon them. • Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes



them to predators and other dangers. • Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter. • Sick or wounded animals can bite, peck or scratch and send you to the hospital. If you observe a sick animal or animal in trouble, notify the Public Works Help Desk at 309-782-2387. The installation has a wildlife expert on staff that will address these types of issues. We hope that the above safety tips will keep you and our wildlife safe. Learn more at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/wildlife/about.cfm>

## Motorcycle Riding Courses

The Garrison Safety Office is offering Motorcycle Riding Courses for military personnel. The motorcycle rider training program is 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 military member operating a motorcycle on or off Rock Island Arsenal must be in possession of a MSF card when they ride to verify completion of required training. The motorcycle training courses at RIA are scheduled as follows:

- Experienced Rider Course: **July 30** (one eight-hour day)
- Military Sport Bike Riding Course: **Sept. 22** (one eight-hour day)
- Basic Motorcycle Riding Course: **Sept. 23-24** (two eight-hour days)

Registration for courses is through the web-based "AIRS" system at <https://imc.army.mil/airs/default.aspx>

Note: Each course is limited to 12 riders. If a minimum number of riders is not realized or if a need for a particular class is greater than the number of classes scheduled, a class may be cancelled or shifted. If the need exists for additional classes or you need further information please contact either Nancy Carlson or Michael Chaplin via phone extension 309-782-1380 or via email [nancy.l.carlson.civ@mail.mil](mailto:nancy.l.carlson.civ@mail.mil) or [michael.j.chaplin.civ@mail.mil](mailto:michael.j.chaplin.civ@mail.mil), respectfully.



## Pentagon to Lift Military Ban on Transgender Service

The Pentagon is setting in motion a plan to lift the longstanding prohibition on allowing transgender men and women to serve openly in the military. Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced the plan Monday and said the individual services will have six months to prepare for the historic policy change. "The Defense Department's current regulations regarding transgender service members are outdated and are causing uncertainty that distracts commanders from our core missions," Carter said in a statement. Under current Defense Department regulations, transgender individuals are considered medically unfit for service and can be separated honorably if diagnosed with "psychosexual conditions, including but not limited to transsexualism, exhibitionism, transvestism, voyeurism, and other paraphilias," according to Defense Department Instruction 6130.03. ([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.

### First Friday Social

Join your Island colleagues Friday, **Aug. 7**, 4-7 p.m., on the lawn of Quarters One (inclement weather location will be inside the golf clubhouse) for a fun evening of appetizers, drinks, networking, and socializing and karaoke. This event is open to the entire RIA workforce and the general public so bring your friends, family, neighbors, mail man... whoever, just come out and have fun with us. Call 309-782-4372 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

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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](#))

### Cubs vs. Cardinals Bus Trip

MWR Leisure Travel has a Cubs vs. Cardinals bus trip scheduled. Cost will be \$99 per person to include transportation and ticket to game. Seats are located in Upper Deck Box Outfield. Departing from RIA at 6 a.m. from the COL Davenport Pavilion. Limited alcohol permitted on chartered bus. Coolers must fit under the seats and not block the aisle. No glass bottles. No smoking permitted on motor coach. Estimated return time will be 8 p.m. ([Flyer](#))

Date: **Saturday, Sept. 19**

Time: **12:05 p.m.**

### Discount Amusement Park Tickets and More at Leisure Travel

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

### Disney LIVE! Three Classic Fairy Tales

Join Mickey, Minnie, Donald and Goofy as they take audiences on a captivating journey and magically bring to life three timeless fairy tale adventures. Discover Snow White as she searches for her one true love; Cinderella getting ready for her magical night at the ball; and Belle, from Beauty and the Beast, as she finds happiness in the most unusual place. Anchored amidst a transforming set, captivating choreography, innovative lighting and breathtaking costumes, this authentically-woven tale of “happily-ever-after” is a heart-warming Disney experience for the entire family.

Children One & older need a ticket. Leisure Travel has discounted seats for both performances. Show times at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Seats on sale until **Oct. 9**.  
Date: **Friday, Oct. 16**

### **2015 Adventureland Tickets**

Leisure Travel has discounted 2015 admission tickets on sale. Gate price for Adult is \$40; Child is \$35; MWR is \$32. Two years and under free admission.

### **Davenport Cinemark 53<sup>rd</sup> 18 + IMAX Theatre**

Leisure Travel is selling Platinum Supersaver Prepaid Admission Tickets to Davenport Cinemark 53<sup>rd</sup> 18 + IMAX theatre (formally 53<sup>rd</sup> cinemas and RAVE cinemas) These tickets have no restrictions or expiration date.

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## **Child, Youth & School Services**



### **NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition**

CYSS is hosting a local NFL Punt Pass and Kick competition Saturday, **Aug. 22**, 10 a.m., at the Cannon Flats Rec. Area (Moline Gate), for children ages 6-15. This is a free event for all children, military and civilian. Participants must [register online](#) or stop at the School Age Center in Bldg. 150 to fill out a paper form. The top finishers in each age group will advance to a sectional competition. Call 309-782-0511 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

### **Covenant Cottage Child Development Home**

Covenant Cottage Child Development Home is available for backup, emergency, and hourly care for ages four weeks through 12 years. The home is located on post and is open from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Army Family Covenant Guidelines state deployed Soldiers are entitled to 16 hours free respite childcare per child, per month. For reservations call 309-782-6793. We encourage you to call as far in advance as possible because spaces fill quickly.

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## **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**.

### **Date Safe: Teen Dating Violence Class**

This class, Date Safe: Teen Dating Violence Class, will take place Thursday, **Aug. 6**, 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the School Age Center (Bldg. 150), and is for parents and teens (ages 12-17) that will be taken together. We will be learning about the dynamics of teen dating violence. We will discuss awareness, prevention and intervention aspects, and what healthy relationships look like. Part of the

class time the parents and teens will be separated to foster open discussion and customized presentation. For more information and to RSVP please e-mail: [chassity.r.morse.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:chassity.r.morse.ctr@mail.mil) or call: 309-782-3773. ([Flyer](#))

### **Advanced Résumé Class**

This free class taking place Friday, **Aug. 7**, 1:30-3:30 p.m., in the Baylor Conference Room, will help you touch up your resume and get it into the format used for federal employment. The class is intended for spouses but is open to all Service Members, DA civilians (APF & NAF), retirees and family members of all the above. RSVP by July 1 by calling 309-782-0829 or [usarmy.RIA.imcom-central.mbx.usag-acg@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.RIA.imcom-central.mbx.usag-acg@mail.mil) ([Flyer](#))

### **Financial Fitness Week Classes**

Join us, Monday-Friday, **Aug. 17-21**, 12-1 p.m., in the ACS Training Room, for a week of free lunch time financial classes with your Accredited Financial Counselor®. For more information or to RSVP call 309-782-0829 or email [usarmy.RIA.imcom-central.mbx.usag-acg@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.RIA.imcom-central.mbx.usag-acg@mail.mil). Check out the flyer for more info on class topics. ([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.](#)**

### **Posttraumatic Stress Disorder – August 2015**

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder has been receiving greater attention in recent years as reports of the high incidence of the disorder among military service members returning from deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan have increased awareness. However, people experiencing a traumatic experience in a war zone are not the only people who can develop PTSD. PTSD affects approximately eight percent of the United States population. Between a quarter and one-third of people who experience a significant trauma will develop PTSD (*National Center for PTSD*). Significant traumas can come from an assault or violent attack, combat, natural disaster, or vehicle crash. Symptoms of PTSD, which can occur any time after the event, include: re-experiencing the event, having recurring nightmares, avoiding reminders of the event, being less responsive, feeling detached and less interested in life activities, increased arousal, having angry outbursts, or difficulty sleeping (*National Center for PTSD*). The good news is if you or someone you know has been experiencing symptoms such as those described above, treatment is available. The Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program invites you to take advantage of free and confidential counseling and referral services. Schedule an appointment with an EAP counselor by calling 309-782-4357. Masters-level counselors can provide information, short-term counseling, and referral services. If you have any questions about PTSD, talk it over with a trained professional at the EAP. You can also access an anonymous screening at [www.militarymentalhealth.org](http://www.militarymentalhealth.org).

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# Education/Training Review



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.](#)

## Date Change for the Annual Commencement Recognition Ceremony

The Rock Island Arsenal Army Education Center will host the Annual Commencement Recognition Ceremony Wednesday, **Sept. 9**, in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The ceremony begins at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow. Any Soldier who has graduated during FY15 is encouraged to participate. The purpose of the ceremony is to provide an occasion for service members to express pride in their academic accomplishments and for the Department of the Army to acknowledge the same. Please contact the Education Center at 309-782-2065.

## Area Schools to Visit RIA

The [Army Continuing Education Systems Rock Island Arsenal](#) is coordinating with Quad-City area schools to have them visit with eligible Ed Center patrons where they will meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities. These visits will take place in Bldg. 56, Room 121, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The schedule for this fiscal year is: • Eastern Iowa Community College, **Aug. 6** and **Sept. 3**; • Kaplan University **Aug. 13**; • Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, **Aug. 20**; • Upper Iowa University **Aug. 12**.

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# 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](#))

## Commissaries Host Healthy Lifestyle Festivals This Summer

Most commissaries worldwide are once again hosting the Healthy Lifestyle Festival this summer, featuring our ever-popular farmers markets. In addition, morale, welfare and recreation services will offer a variety of fitness events for children and adults, and the exchanges will offer their popular sidewalk sales with fitness shoes and apparel specials, sports equipment and bicycles. Please [click here](#) to view the Healthy Lifestyle Festival on our website. We hope you'll bookmark this page and check it often for additions or changes. .

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

## This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – July 27-Aug. 2:

On July 28, 1937, Col. Norman Ramsey assumed command of the RIA. He was appointed Brigadier General on Oct. 25, 1940. He was RIA CO until 1944. On Aug. 1, 1917, construction of Shop M, Bldg. 220 began. Shop M was constructed to manufacture field and siege artillery carriages. On Aug. 1, 1962, the Ordnance Weapons Command was renamed the U.S. Army Weapons Command (WECOM). The Battle of Bad Axe massacre of Black Hawk's hostile band of Indians by combined forces of U.S. Regulars, State Volunteers, and friendly Indians occurred on Aug. 2, 1832. The battle ended the Black Hawk War.

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# Healthbeat



## Stand Up For Your Health!

You've heard it all before: You need to get at least 30 minutes of moderate to intense exercise each day to help prevent chronic disease and improve your health. But what do you do for the other 23½ hours? If the answer is sitting (or sleeping), then you might have what is known as "sitting disease." It sounds like a joke. Unfortunately, it's not. If your typical day is spent sitting at a desk, sitting while commuting, sitting down for dinner and TV afterwards, and then going to bed, you're putting yourself at a greater risk for chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, and even cancer. Studies consistently show that the more time you spend sitting or lying down, the greater your risk for chronic disease and early death. The simple act of standing up has even more physiological benefits when compared to sitting. The "active couch potato" phenomenon shows that even people who are relatively fit and meet the minimum requirements for daily exercise still exhibit risk factors for metabolic syndrome and other chronic diseases as sitting time increases. Sure, you might take the dog out for his morning walk, or maybe you even did PT before work; but the truth is that the more time you spend sitting the rest of the day, the greater the risk for disease. You can see from the infographic below (from the American Institute for Cancer Research) that even those who engage in moderate amounts of exercise and physical activity are still at risk for cancer if 12 or more hours in the rest of their day is spent seated or lying down. The risk gets lower as people move more and sit less during the day. ([More](#))

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# Notes for Veterans



## Governor Rauner Signs Veteran Preference Bill

Governor Bruce Rauner signed House Bill 3122 today creating the Veterans Preference in Private Employment Act, allowing private employers to voluntarily establish preference in employment for certain veterans. “I am proud that Illinois is taking the initiative in helping veterans who often times face greater barriers when finding employment,” Governor Rauner said. “All of us have a responsibility to ensure that job opportunities are available to those who serve our country.” The law, sponsored by Rep. Robert W. Pritchard (R-Hinckley), aims to reduce the unemployment rate for the more than 800,000 veterans in Illinois. By amending the Illinois Human Rights Act, it allows an employer to voluntarily establish a preference for hiring veterans as long as there is a publicly posted policy that is applied uniformly for all employment decisions regarding the hiring, promotion or retention of employees. ([More](#))

## Congress Passes VA Funding To Avert Hospital Closings

Congress has approved a \$3.3 billion budget fix at the Department of Veterans Affairs aimed at keeping payments for outside medical treatment flowing after Friday and keeping its nationwide network of hospitals open after Aug. 20. The Senate passed a bill Thursday allowing the VA to take the money from a \$10 billion emergency fund created last summer to help veterans caught up in the troubled health care system’s wait-time scandal. The House voted in favor of the measure Wednesday evening. The bill now goes to President Barack Obama, who must make a decision before Saturday, when the VA has said it must halt payments for health care purchased outside its facilities unless it gets more money. The White House said Obama plans to sign it. ([More](#))

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# Around the Q.C.



**July 30-Aug. 2:** [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (RiverCenter/Adler Theatre, Davenport)

**Aug. 4-9:** [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)

**Aug. 6:** [Freedom Run 5k](#) (Moline)

**Aug. 7-8:** [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)

**Aug. 13-15:** [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)

**Aug. 15:** [Graduation Destination, Take the Journey, Finish It!](#) (River's Edge, 700 W. River Drive, Davenport)

**Aug. 15:** [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)

**Aug. 21-23:** [Tribute to Our Fallen](#) (Davenport Memorial Park)

**Aug. 22:** [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual LIVEFIT with Lupus Golf Outing](#) (Palmer Hills)

**Aug. 28-29:** [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)

**Aug. 28-30:** [World Series of Dragracing](#) (Cordova Dragway, Cordova, Ill.)

**Aug. 29:** [Art Exhibit and Wine Tasting "all white attire"](#) (Rock Event Center, Coal Valley, Ill.)

**Sept. 5-6:** [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

**Sept. 5-7:** [Labor Day Weekend Pow Wow](#) (Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island)

**Sept. 11:** [Salute to First Responders - featuring Singer/Songwriter Rissi Palmer](#) (Col Ballroom, 1012 W 4th St, Davenport)

**Sept. 12:** [Battle for the Rock](#) (RIA Fitness Center)

**Sept. 12:** [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)

**Sept. 12:** [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)

**Sept. 12:** QC Talent Show (QC Music Guild, Rock Island)  
**Sept. 12-13:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**Sept. 18-19:** [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)  
**Sept. 19:** [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)  
**Sept. 19-20:** [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)  
**Sept. 27:** [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (downtown Moline)  
**Sept. 25-27:** [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)  
**Oct. 3:** [Gigi's Run](#) (Veteran's Memorial Park, Bettendorf)  
**Oct. 4:** [SmokeEater Scramble](#) (Riverdale, Iowa)  
**Oct. 10:** [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (Mississippi River in Moline)  
**Oct. 11:** [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)  
**Oct. 29:** [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)  
**Oct. 24:** [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)  
**Nov. 20-29:** [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)  
**Nov. 21:** [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**Nov. 21:** [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)  
**Dec. 4-6:** [Heartland Emergency Response Conference Expo](#) (QCCA)

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## Island Insight



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