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Island Insight



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ASC Sweeps AMC 'Best Warrior'

Competition: The best noncommissioned officer and the best Soldier in the Army Materiel Command are both assigned to the U.S. Army Sustainment Command. That bold statement is based on the results of AMC's Best Warrior competition, conducted here at the site of ASC Headquarters, July 28-29. At an awards luncheon held at the conclusion of the

competition, Staff Sgt. Kevin Hopson was named AMC's NCO of the Year, and Pfc. Davonta Colflesh was named AMC's Soldier of the Year. Hopson and Colflesh will both go on to compete in the Army-wide Best Warrior competition, scheduled for October. "Competing and winning at this level is a monumental achievement," said Command Sgt. Maj. James Spencer, the ASC top-ranking NCO. "Pfc. Colflesh

and Staff Sgt. Hopson are exceptional Soldiers and are well prepared to compete and win at the Army level. They have lived up to our motto of 'On the Line.'" A native of North Powder, Ore., Hopson has served in the Army since 2005 and has been deployed both to Iraq and Afghanistan. ([More](#))



"HOME OF US ARMY LOGISTICS"



Rock Island Arsenal Unveils New Welcome Signs:

The Rock Island Arsenal Garrison revealed three new U.S. Army signs welcoming employees and visitors to the Rock Island Arsenal installation. The three signs are located at the Moline and Rock Island, Ill. and Davenport, Iowa gates. The Army logos for the sign were designed and created at Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center. They were produced using two different types of machining centers with cycle times varying from one and one-half to three hours. In addition, the paint and coatings were all done in the JMTC paint shop. ([More](#))



First Army's 'Bold Shift' to Focus on Pre-Mob Training:

In addition to running mobilization sites, First U.S. Army has been given the mission of focusing on pre-mobilization training of the National Guard and Army Reserve. This change will result in fewer contractors involved in pre-mob



training, said Lt. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, commander, First Army, speaking at the 2014 USARC Commanders Conference in Alexandria, Virginia, July 22. ([More](#))

RIA-JMTC Trains, Supports Warfighters on Fuel Testers Around the Globe:

From the factory lines to the front lines, the Petroleum Quality Analysis System-Enhanced (PQAS-E) is a self-contained fuel laboratory designed for Soldiers. Developed in 2008 by the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing Technology Center (RIA-JMTC), PQAS-E has proven to be a valuable asset to the United States Military. ([More](#))



JMC Hosts Ammunition Management Career Program Planning Board:

The Joint Munitions Command hosted a meeting, July 30, here, for Career Plan-33 organization and activity career program managers to better assist their ammunition management workforce.



Upcoming Dates

- Aug. 1-2:** Iowa's Annual Sales Tax Holiday [📅](#)
- Aug. 5:** National Night Out
- Aug. 6:** Senior NCO Tenant Meeting, Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 7:** Community Health Promotion Committee Mtg., Baylor Conf. Rm., 1-2:30 p.m.
- Aug. 7:** Freedom Run, East Moline, 6-10 p.m.
- Aug. 7-9:** Tug Fest-Military Appreciation Days
- Aug. 9-10:** QC Air Show, Davenport Municipal Airport [📅](#)
- Aug. 11-15:** Training, Unit Prevention Leader, Bldg. 104, 3rd Floor, Classroom #3
- Aug. 12:** RIA Community Special Events Planning Mtg., Cassison Rm., Bldg. 60, 1 p.m.
- Aug. 12-14:** DA Photos
- Aug. 13:** Senior NCO Tenant Mtg., Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Aug. 13:** Explosive Safety Council Meeting, Bldg. 90, Room 25, 10 a.m.
- Aug. 14:** Garrison Town Hall, Baylor Conf. Rm., 1-2:30 p.m.
- Aug. 15:** CBWTU-IL Deactivation Ceremony, Quarters One, 10 a.m.
- Aug. 15:** JMTC Change of Responsibility
- Aug. 15:** CBWTU-IL Deactivation Ceremony, Quarters One, at 10 a.m.
- Aug. 17:** HSC IOWA National Guard Training, RIA STX Lanes/Test Track, 8 a.m.
- Aug. 21:** ASC Change of Command, Memorial Field, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Aug. 21:** Sexual Assault Review Board, Bldg. 390, 10:15 a.m.
- Aug. 22:** Garrison Town Hall, Baylor Conference Room, Bldg. 103, 1 p.m.
- Aug. 23:** LOGCAP Support Brigade Change of Command, Constitution Sq., 10 a.m.
- Aug. 23:** ACS Military Family Night (T)
- Aug. 26:** National Women's Equality Day
- Oct. 25:** Army Retiree Appreciation Day, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60



Career program managers representing six commands from across the U.S. and Korea attended. ([More](#))

Machinist Apprentices Join Ranks of 104 Year-Old-Program:

With a history dating back before World War I, the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center's (RIA-JMTC)



Machinist Apprentice Program has been graduating skilled machinists since 1910. A new group of 12 graduates continued the tradition and graduated on July 25. Through a partnership with Black Hawk College, the four-year program provides students the opportunity to receive not only classroom training, but also more than 7,000 hours of training at the factory. ([More](#))

DoD Announces Progress on Design, Implementation of New Civilian Employee Performance Management System, Appointment Procedures:

The Department of Defense released its report to Congress yesterday on the progress that has been made implementing new civilian employee

personnel authorities during the past six months. As part of this implementation, the department will establish a three-level performance appraisal system for the vast majority of its civilian employees that will link organizational mission and goals to individual performance plans. ([More](#))

Many Part-Time Feds Will Soon Be Eligible for Federal Health Benefits:

Thousands of previously ineligible federal employees will soon have access to the government-sponsored health care package, the Office of Personnel Management announced Tuesday. Currently, temporary, intermittent and seasonal employees who work for fewer than six months each year are not eligible to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. OPM issued a proposed rule, however, to grant many of those workers access to the insurance benefit. ([More](#))

RIA Test Track Closed to Pedestrian, Non-Authorized Vehicular Traffic:

Immediately and until further notice - the Test Track is closed to all pedestrian and non-authorized vehicular traffic. This includes walkers, runners, bicyclists and other



motorized traffic. Reason: the Test Track is being used for high-speed test trials of military test vehicles. For your safety please stay out of the Test Track area.

Base Office Supply Store Reopen: The Base Supply Center in Bldg. 104,

formerly operated by ARC Industries, is reopening under a new contract with Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind.



The store began operations Wednesday, and will be open at its former location in Bldg. 104, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number for the new store is (309) 786-1353 or (309) 786-5343.

Walking Tours of Locks & Dam 15:

Walking Tours of Locks & Dam 15, conducted by U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers park rangers, are scheduled for **Aug. 9**, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Each tour



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will last approximately one hour and is weather dependant. 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. Additional future dates are **Aug. 16, 23 and 30.**

Blood Drives: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room



(First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, Aug. 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail

SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A **2nd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **6:30 p.m. on Aug. 22.** A **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on Aug. 21.** To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor.

DMC will host a blood drive **1-4:30 p.m., on Aug. 14,** in the MVRBC Donor Bus parked at Bldg. 350. To donate, please contact Brandon Cronise at (309) 782-3711. ([Blood Transfusion En Route to Trauma Center Keeps Navy Vet Alive](#))



Charlie Corpuscle asks, "How many units of blood were donated for patients at our local

hospitals through blood drives held on Arsenal Island in 2013?" Answer: 969. FYI – Each of those donations can touch the lives of as many as four patients in need!

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.](#)

First Time Blood Donors Needed:

Recruit a first time blood donor & be entered into a drawing for a MVRBC hooded sweatshirt.

Rock Island Arsenal blood donors are being asked to reach out to their "non-donor" co-workers and friends, and invite them to give blood at one of the august blood drives. Any current donor who recruits a first time blood donor in August will be entered into a drawing for a MVRBC hooded sweatshirt.



National Root Beer Float Day, Supporting The Wounded Warrior Project: A&W restaurants is providing a free small A&W root beer float to

those who go to participating locations on National Root Beer Float Day on **Aug. 6** anytime between 2 p.m. and store closing (times will vary). As a part of the celebration, A&W will be collecting donations to honor and empower wounded warriors across the country through the Wounded Warrior Project. *This information is included for general interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

CBWTU-IL Deactivation Ceremony:

Lt. Col. Richard Blake and Sgt. First Class Aaron Hannemann cordially invite you to the Community Based Warrior Transition Unit-Illinois deactivation ceremony on Friday, **Aug. 15,** at 10 a.m., at Quarters One. A reception will follow at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. Please RSVP by **Aug. 8** to [Sgt. Josey](#) at (309) 782-3929. In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be held in Heritage Hall in Bldg. 60. Attire is: Military - ACU, Civilian - business attire.



Tug for a Cause - Wounded Warrior Project: A military recognition and family weekend event, "Tug for a Cause



- Wounded Warrior Project," will take place **Aug. 7-9**, in LeClaire, Iowa. The festivities related to this event are as follows: • Family Night (free admission on Thursday only), **Aug. 7**, 4:30-11 p.m.; • Freedom Rock Float (All Soldiers and veterans are invited to walk with the Freedom Rock Float), **Aug. 8**, at 5 p.m. Line up begins on Holland at 8th St. Dress is casual. Come to the float and candy will be available to hand out to the kids. Grand parade at 6 p.m., the theme will be "Defending Our Eagle" a Salute to our U.S. Military. Greatest fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. over the Mississippi River. • Tug 5K Run/Walk (all ages) Saturday, **Aug. 9**, 8 a.m., and The Tug - LeClaire v Port Byron (tug pit) 12:30-2:30 p.m. ([Additional details and times](#)) *This information is included for general interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club

Registration Kick Off: Please come join us for the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club

Registration Kick Off on **Aug. 27**, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., at 1875 East Street (Quarters 7) on Rock Island Arsenal. This event is open to all



military spouses of all rank structure, Reserve and Guard spouses, retired military spouses, DoD civilian employee spouses, retired civilian employee spouses. This will be the time to sign up for the 204-2015 Club year. There will be a number of vendors present to share their wares, door prizes, refreshments, activities for the young children in attendance, and a special prize drawing for the person who brings the most guests and they register for the year. *Disclaimer: RIAWC is a private, not for profit non-federal entity. It is not a part of the Department of Defense or any of its components and it has no governmental status.*

Assumption of Mary Service: Service will be held in the Arsenal Club, Bldg. 60. A local priest from the community will offer a special mass. This spiritual resiliency event is open to anyone who would like to participate. Individuals must work out any time issues with their supervisors since participation is voluntary. For questions please call the ASC Chaplain's Office at (309) 782-0910. **Date: Friday, Aug. 15**
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.



Thrift Shop Has Opened For Our New Season:

Welcome back to all our shoppers and consignors. Attention consignors, new 2014-2015 consignment forms are available on the RIAWC website under Thrift Shop. Get your items consigned and make some extra money. Volunteers are ready to assist you. Everyone, visit the Attic on Facebook. POC: (309) 782-6977.

Cards for the Troops:

Join us on Tuesday, **Sept. 23**, 6:30-9 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse for the 7th Annual Cards for the Troops. Hand-made rubber stamp art cards are created with the guidance of local stamping artists for our deployed troops to mail home to loved ones. No stamping experience required. 28,000+ cards sent to date; 8,000 created by 200 volunteers at last year's event and sent to our military serving in Afghanistan. Seating is limited, please RSVP to mssipple1@gmail.com. Packagers needed also. Please bring one roll of Scotch double-sided tape; all other materials supplied.

VIOS Schedule for August, September, October, November, and December:

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government passport and command photos) will be offered at



Rock Island Arsenal **Aug. 12, 13, & 14; Sept. 9, 10, & 11; Oct. 7, 8, & 9; Nov. 4, 5, & 6; and Dec. 9, 10, & 11.**

Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the [VIOS site](#) for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 56, basement, by elevator). Priority is: 1. Active duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - command photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in [VIOS](#). To obtain an official government passport photo: 1. Schedule a passport photo appointment at the [RIA VIOS website](#). 2. Go to transportation to obtain a printed DA Form 3903, Multi-Media/Visual Information Work Order, signed by the passport agent in Block 14. 3. Present that DA Form 3903 to the photographer before the passport photo is taken. You will receive two 2" x 2" passport photos. All scheduled dates can

be found on the [RIA VIOS website](#) FAQ.

Week 1 AT Awareness Month: See Something Suspicious, Say Something

Immediately: The Department of the Army declares August 2014 as the Army's Anti-terrorism Awareness Month. During this month, our Army will reinforce the DA's Antiterrorism strategic plan by instilling heightened awareness and vigilance to prevent and protect our communities and critical resources from acts of terrorism. In an era of persistent engagement and the near-constant threat of terrorism, we must sustain a strong defense posture. Extremist ideologies and separatist movements will continue to threaten our Army and our nation. We must remain capable of deterring and defending against the full range of threats, including terrorist attack. Enduring protection from terrorist acts can only become successful by integrating anti-terrorism doctrinal principles combined with constant anti-terrorism awareness into all of our activities and missions. The word "terrorism" evokes memories of past attacks at places like Tokyo, Mumbai,



London, Oklahoma City, New York City and now federal installations. These recollections probably include images of victims running and crying in the streets or caskets covered in flags as memorial services were conducted. What connects these images is that terrorism is a global issue. Reading reports after an event may lead some to believe these types of terrorist attacks are inescapable; and with more media attention directed to successful terrorist attacks, it may seem a reasonable assumption. But further investigation proves that many prospective attacks have been foiled and perhaps many others were deterred. Reports of these events are often difficult to find; perhaps because of the sensitivity of the classification and/or ongoing investigations, but more often because a "non-event" carries less emotional impact. Maybe these foiled attempts represent our most important lessons. The Army believes this is true. By increasing awareness and vigilance we will succeed in our goal of preventing terrorist attacks. The building blocks are as simple as knowing how to act and recognizing suspicious activity. Review all protection training, policies and procedures. Remember, if you see something ... say something! Report all suspicious activity to 911.



Positive ICE Comments Are the Highlight of Our Day:

Our goal is to exceed your expectations and we always appreciate hearing from you when we do. We recognize that not all feedback is



positive. Negative comments about US Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal processes or interpersonal relationships provide us the information we need to modify them and improve. However, not all comments received provide sufficient detail for us to take necessary action.



We estimate that approximately 20 percent of comments fall into this category. When a customer chooses to leave contact information, it is very simple for us to contact the customer and obtain additional information when we need it. But, when the customer chooses to remain anonymous, and does not provide sufficient information to identify the issue or problem, the Garrison staff is not able to take action and the comment is rendered useless. Now that you know how you can help, please take the time to let us know how

we're doing. It takes less than a minute to fill out the standard six questions on the [ICE website](#) and you're always welcome to add additional information in comment spaces provided. Be assured that all comments and information are secured and kept confidential. As an added convenience, we are introducing the USAG-RIA "QR" code that will allow you to use your smart phone to submit ICE comments.

Arsenal Island Employee Local

Discounts: *The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees –* **Chocolate Manor, 110 E 2nd St., Davenport:** We are offering a 10% discount to military and civilian employees on our gourmet, hand-crafted chocolates and candies; just show your ID card. **Sears Automotive, NorthPark Mall:** Military discount of 7% off for all members of the military, active, reserve, and retired military with military ID; applying to name brand products, automotive services & labor; \$20.99 oil change; and \$69.95 wheel alignment.

Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:

Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount everyday to all military and veterans.

The Slice: Right off the Moline Bridge exit, is offering \$2 off their pizza buffet with drink to Rock Island Arsenal

workers. Double Tap Firearms:

Double Tap Firearms offers a 10 percent firearm discount and \$15 firearm transfer fee in Illinois to active duty and retired military personnel in the QCA ([🔗](#)). **Bennigan's Rock Island:** Arsenal employees, service men, service women you are always welcome at Bennigan's in Rock Island, and to show you how much your welcome here, we offer a 25 percent discount off your meal, any day any time ([🔗](#)). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** Arsenal Island employees, we're offering you a 20 percent discount on our services ([🔗](#)). **Goebel Family Dentistry:** Active duty members of the military receive a 10 percent discount on all services. All other Arsenal civilian employees who are new patients can receive either the free exam and x-rays or a free whitening treatment on their first visit ([🔗](#)). *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*



Arsenal Traffic/Construction



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.

Upstream Sidewalk Closure on Government Bridge: Until further notice, the "upstream" sidewalk on the Government Bridge, Structure 320, is closed because of damages caused by a barge. The bridge is only able to turn in a single direction and must return to the same position for closing. This will lengthen the amount of time the bridge is open for each barge and will increase delays for pedestrians, cars, and train traffic. The pedestrian gates for this sidewalk are "Closed", caution tape is on those gates, and a "Sidewalk Closed" sign has been positioned at the Davenport end of that same sidewalk. The "downstream" sidewalk on the Government Bridge is open and safe to use.

Parking Lot 0J and Lot 3K Repair: Effective April 28, the Directorate of Public Works resumed work on repair of parking lots 0J and 3K, located north of buildings 60, 62, 360 and 390. The overall repair includes replacement of the asphalt paving and installation of curb and gutter on the north and south

sides of Lot 0J and repaving of the south half of Lot 3K. Work will be completed in a three phased approach to minimize the effect on traffic flow and parking. Signage and safety barriers will be positioned at appropriate locations. Project is scheduled to be completed by **Sept. 1**. The attached drawing shows the phases for the project.

Future Ft. Armstrong Construction: In the upcoming construction season, Rock Island Arsenal will be performing work on the intersection of Ft. Armstrong Drive and Rock Island Drive. This work will result in a full vehicle closure for the Installation's Rock Island Gate and Rock Island Viaduct, as well as restricting vehicles crossing the Government Bridge to "Installation-only" traffic. The American Discovery Trail will remain open. Construction is expected to last approximately two months, barring major weather delays. The exact construction start date is currently unknown. However, we have been coordinating with external agencies in an effort to minimize impact to the surrounding communities.

Reconstruction of River Drive from 19th Street to 23rd Street in Moline:

The Illinois Department of Transportation is planning the

reconstruction of River Drive from 19th Street to 23rd Street in cooperation with the City of Moline. This work will be performed in preparation for the replacement of the 1-74 Mississippi River Bridge and will provide connection points along River Drive for the future interchange ramps. The proposed project consists of full removal of the existing roadway in this area and replacement with new concrete pavement. In addition, new lighting, sanitary and storm sewers, water main, and a recreational path will be constructed throughout this section. In order to complete this work it will be necessary to close River Drive to traffic during the construction effort. The closure will be in effect from Sept. 8 to **Dec. 5**. The interchange of 1-74 with River Drive will also be closed during this time, but will reopen following the completion of this work. We have made every effort to limit the timeframe of the work so as to reduce inconvenience to you and your customers. Detour routes will be signed to ensure that motorists can access local businesses effectively.



Building/Space Closures



Door Closure, Bldg. 102: The Directorate of Public Works has closed



the Bldg. 102 west door on Rodman Ave. until further notice. The stairs leading to the door were determined unsafe. A project is funded to make repairs and the door will be reopened after the stairs are repaired. Signs, barricades, and caution tape are posted to warn pedestrians and prevent access.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone

Physical Clinic: The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic, located in the basement of Bldg. 110, SE Wing, will be holding a Physical Clinic by appointment only on the following dates from 4:20-6:20 p.m.: Monday, **Aug. 4**; Wednesday, **Aug. 6**; Monday, **Aug. 11**; and Wednesday, **Aug. 13**. Parents must have physical forms filled out for start of appointment in order to be seen by provider. Forms can be found on each individual school website. Back to back appointments may be booked, but are limited to two per family, per day, to ensure the best possible care and attention is given to each patient. We must have proof of immunizations to complete forms. Illinois requires dental and eye exam – these services not provided by RIAHC. Appointment Line:

(309) 782-0805 or www.tricareonline.com.

Back-to-School Brigade: As a part of "Operation Homefront" the National Guard is conducting "Back-to-School Brigade," a school supply distribution event, on **Aug. 10**, at the National Guard Armory in Milan, Ill. Eligible recipients include: Deployed, wounded, and active duty service members (E-1 through E-6 receive priority); Activated National Guard or Reserve members; Inactive National Guard and Reserve members. Those interested need to register at www.operationhomefront.net after **July 7**. For questions, please contact Darcy Clardy at (800) 390-4643 or darcy.clardy@operationhomefront.net.



Sam's Club Open House: Sam's Club, located at 6600 44th Ave., in Moline, wishes to invite all active and retired military personnel to an open house in their honor. Join us for our flag raising ceremony on Friday, **Aug. 15**, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. *This information is included for general interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

Safety Spotlight

Are You Next? – Expect the Unexpected, Wear Your Life Jacket:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the Nation's leading provider of outdoor recreation with more than 420 lake and river projects in 43 states and more than 370 million visitors per year. We need you to be extremely careful in and around the water. Even strong swimmers have been known to drown so you could be next. Please take the time to check out this web site to make sure you and your loved ones know how to avoid being next. ([More](#))



Texting and Driving – Distractions, They're Everywhere:

As good as cell phones might be for instant communication, they contribute to bad driving. It is becoming increasingly clear that talking on a cell phone distracts a driver from seeing



hazards and responding quickly. Have you ever driven behind a slow vehicle, and then passed it only to see a cell phone conversation taking place? Minutes later the driver speeds past you because he just hung up? Aggravating isn't it? It's also a serious hazard. Drivers can't afford to be distracted by cell phones or anything else. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the United States says some form of driver distraction is a contributing factor in 20 to 30 per cent of vehicle crashes. [Don't let yourself get distracted while driving.](#) Keep your mind on your driving; keep your eyes on the road, and your hands on the wheel. Your life and the life of other drivers around you may just depend on it.

Equal Opportunity Focus

DoD Honors Workforce Recruitment Program Participants: Defense Department officials hosted an awards ceremony here July 28 for participants in the Workforce Recruitment Program for College Students and Recent Graduates with Disabilities. DoD, in collaboration with the Labor Department, manages the program for the federal workforce. Among several noteworthy individuals nominated from

across the federal government, five DoD employees hired from this year's program were selected to receive the Judith C. Gilliom Award in recognition of their significant contributions to their organizations. ([More](#))

Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

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

Punt, Pass & Kick Competition:

CYSS is hosting a local NFL Punt Pass and Kick competition Saturday, **Aug. 23**, at 10 a.m., for children aged 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. *Age divisions based upon child's age as of Dec. 31, 2014. ([Flyer](#))

Volunteers Needed for QC Marathon: On Sunday, **Sept. 28**, the Quad Cities

Marathon will travel through the Rock Island Arsenal and we are looking for volunteers to help make this leg of the race run smoothly and successfully. We need lots of volunteers and no affiliation to the Army or Rock Island Arsenal is required so please feel free to share this notice far and wide with anyone who might want to volunteer. Please call Desiree at (309) 782-6789 for more info and to sign up.

MWR Leisure Travel Office

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

Stand Up Paddling Class: Join Outdoor Recreation for a one hour class in the new sport of Stand Up Paddle Boarding on Monday, **Aug. 18**, at 7 p.m. Cost is only \$15 per person. To sign up or for complete details, contact Bob Lampert at (309) 782-8630.

Disney LIVE! Mickey's Musical Adventure: Disney hits are remixed to the hottest sounds of today featuring hip hop, pop, swing, reggae, rock, country and much more. The irresistible lineup of performers, including Mickey,



Minnie, Donald and Goofy; Ariel, Sebastian and Ursula; Jasmine, Aladdin and Genie; and Woody, Buzz and Jessie; are among the more than 25 Disney stars featured in this jam session fit for the entire family. Discounted tickets on sale until **Sept. 23** (Lower \$23 upper \$16). Two shows 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Love, Lies and the Lottery: Peter Oostendorp's just discovered he's holding a winning lottery ticket for \$310 million. Wanting to keep this a secret (if that's possible) from his family and friends Peter plots how to get his ex-wife, his mother, her boyfriend, his best friend, a TV psychic, the plumber, and his dog all off his back so he can enjoy his new found fortune. Discounted seats (\$45) on sale until **Aug. 9**.
Date: **Saturday, Aug. 23**
Time: **5:45 p.m.**

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus: The Greatest Show on Earth is returning to the iWireless Friday, **Aug. 29** through Sunday, **Aug. 31**. The Leisure Travel Office has discounted tickets for each day. Children 12 and under tickets are \$13 and adults are \$19. Upper level seating is all \$13. Tickets on sale until **Aug. 11**. Animal Open House starts 1½ hours prior to show time (subject to weather conditions). Doors

open one hour prior to the show at which time The Adventure (interactive preshow) begins on the floor.

MWR Inside Sale: One man's junk is another man's treasure. Stop by to shop or rent a table and sell. No need to worry about the weather the Inside Sale will be located in Bldg. 60 Heritage Hall. Cost is \$5 per table.
Date: **Saturday, Sept. 13**
Time: **8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Galena Country Fair Bus Trip: Galena Country Fair hosts more than 150 vendors offering original handmade items, crafts and fine art. Held in picturesque Grant Park overlooking historical Galena, Ill. Family fun includes children's games, live music, great food, silent auction and so much more. Limited seats available at \$41 each.
Date: **Saturday, Oct. 11**
Time: **8 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

QC River Bandits: MWR Leisure Travel has discounted game vouchers for any 2014 home game. Vouchers are redeemable at the QC River Bandits box office.

Six Flags Great America, Gurnee, Ill.: The Leisure Travel Office has received

the 2014 one day admission tickets \$45. We will also have season passes \$81 and parking passes \$24 available.

Adventureland: Adventureland Amusement Park contains more than 100 rides, shows, and attractions including some of the country's most exciting roller coasters and thrill rides that can challenge the most avid amusement park enthusiasts. There are also plenty of rides for less adventurous guests including great water rides as well as a full complement of children's rides spread throughout the park. But the entertainment doesn't stop with rides - Adventureland presents a full array of shows in the park - from live music to magic to song and dance - there's always something to suit everyone's taste. Leisure Travel has discounted general one day admission tickets for the 2014 season, \$32 for adults and children.

Walt Disney Military Promotion Tickets: Disney has renewed the Armed Forces Salute for yet another year. The offer will run **Sept. 29, 2013 – Sept. 27, 2014**. Qualified individuals may purchase up to a maximum of six theme park tickets during the period. Four-Day Park Hopper tickets \$169 Four-Day Water Park & More tickets for \$169 Four-Day Park Hopper tickets plus the



Water Park & More option for \$198,
April 13 (no theme park or water park use) **July 4** (no Magic Kingdom use)
Please allow three weeks for ticket arrival when ordering.

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

Child, Youth & School Services

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.



Army Community Service (ACS)



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



Date Safe – Teen Dating Violence

Class: Studies show that one in five teens that have been in a serious relationship report being hit, slapped or pushed by a partner. As we see those numbers continue to grow educating parents and teens about dating violence and teaching healthy relationships is critical in order to prevent the devastating cycle of abuse. The Family Advocacy Victim Advocacy Program will be offering a "Date Safe" teen dating violence class to Rock Island Arsenal community parents and teens on **Aug. 6**, 4:30-6 p.m., at the school age center. The course will help both parents and teens understand teen dating violence and its consequences, identify risk factors, communicate with teens

about the importance of healthy relationships, and learn about resources. For more information or to RSVP, contact Army Community Service at (309) 782-0829.

Rock Island Arsenal Victim Advocacy Program:

The Family Advocacy Victim Advocacy Program is a specialized function within Army Family Advocacy Program, providing comprehensive



assistance and liaison to and for victims of spouse abuse and dating violence. The victim advocate serves as the primary point of contact (integrated within the existing FAP) to insure timely and complete care is provided to victims of domestic violence. Victim advocates provide information on resources available to assist victims of domestic violence. Victim advocates will maintain contact with the victim throughout the medical, investigative, counseling, and judicial process. The Victim Advocacy Program also allows victims to use restricted or unrestricted reporting. Restricted reporting allows a victim of domestic abuse the option of reporting an incident of family violence to specific individuals without triggering



a law enforcement investigation or having command involvement. It is intended to give victims the care and support they need and the extra time to make more informed decisions regarding reporting to command or law enforcement. Victim Advocates, Family Advocacy Program Manager, Installation Medical Professionals, FAP Social Worker, and Chaplains can take restricted reports. If a victim chooses unrestricted reporting he or she will have the same access to the service under restricted reporting such as; victim advocates, family advocacy program manager, installation medical professionals, FAP social worker, and chaplains, but it also involves a full investigation and the victim making a report to the service member's command, Family Advocacy Program or law enforcement. For more information about the Victim Advocacy Program please visit our website at www.riamwr.com/acs/victim-advocacy-program or contact Chassity Morse at (309) 782-3773. For immediate assistance from a victim advocate please contact our 24/7 crisis line (309) 912-6089.

Military Single Parent Group:

Attention All Single Parents in the Military – want to meet other single

parent service members? Family Advocacy Program is holding an informational brainstorming session to determine the needs of our local single parents. Fun family events? How to be both mom and dad to your children? Social events for parents? Come to the USO on **Aug. 6**, at 11 a.m., to join in the discussion. For more information, contact Jenny Kerr at (309) 782-3049 or Jennifer.a.kerr10.civ@mail.mil.

Discovery Time Playgroup: Military families with children ages 0-5, please join us 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. every Thursday for our weekly Discovery Time Playgroup where you and your child(ren) can meet and play with new friends, learn about the community and its resources and just have fun. The best part? It's all free to you! Check the MWR website www.riamwr.com/events/month for all June's activities. Call (309) 782-3049 for more info, no RSVP is necessary.



Employee Assistance Program



For free, confidential counseling assistance or for information on services that are available, call (309) 782-4357. Normal business hours are

from 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For additional information on the Employee Assistance Program see [our website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#). The new location for the EAP/ASAP is Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East.

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder –

August 2014: Posttraumatic Stress Disorder has been receiving greater attention in recent years as reports of the high incidence of the disorder among Soldiers returning from deployment in Iraq has increased awareness and research of this disorder. However, Soldiers are not the only people who can develop PTSD. PTSD affects approximately eight percent of the United States population, with between a quarter and one-third of people who experience a significant trauma developing PTSD (National Center for PTSD). Significant trauma is considered any event that is dangerous or upsetting such as an assault or violent attack, combat, natural disaster, or vehicle crash. Symptoms of PTSD, which can occur anytime 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 the free and confidential counseling and referral services that the program has to offer. Schedule an appointment with an EAP counselor by calling (309) 782-4357. Master-level counselors can provide information, short-term counseling, and referral services. If you have any questions about PTSD, talk it over with a trained professional at the EAP. You can also access an anonymous screening at www.militarymentalhealth.org.

Assertiveness Training: Do you want to learn strategies to communicate effectively and to enhance yourself personally and professionally? Sign up for Assertiveness Training. Classes will be offered **Aug. 12**, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Room 122. Sign up in [TEDs](#) (key word 'assertiveness') or call (309) 782-2552 to reserve your spot. Sponsored by: Employee Assistance Program

Time Management: Do you feel that 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? Sign up for a Time Management class. Classes will be offered **Aug. 26**, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Room 122. Sign up in [TEDs](#) (key word 'Time Management') or call (309) 782-2552 to reserve your spot. Sponsored by: Employee Assistance Program.

PTSD Support Groups: You don't have to go through this alone. The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic and Employee Assistance Program are sponsoring support groups to assist you through this difficult challenge. Contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552 for more details.

Grief Support Group: The Employee Assistance Program is sponsoring a support group for individuals who are mourning the death of a loved one. The group meets on Tuesdays 3-4 p.m., in Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Room 122. For more information contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552.

Smoking Cessation Group: Do you want to learn effective ways to kick the habit? The Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational

support group for people who would like to quit smoking. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., at the EAP office located in Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, East Wing.

Education/Training Review

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

UIU-QCC: The Upper Iowa University-Quad Cities Center is pleased to announce the beginning of our Masters of Business Administration Program with courses held at the Quad Cities Center in Bettendorf and on-line. Classes meet one evening per week for an eight-week term or students have the flexibility to take courses on-line. Upper Iowa University has been named a military- friendly university and is a participating institution in the Principles of Excellence and Yellow Ribbon programs. Students can receive military discounts along with other financial assistance. For more information about



the MBA program or any of our Bachelor's programs contact the Quad Cities Center at (563) 359-7111 or www.uiu.edu/quadcities.

Save the Date: Webinars - Joint Services Transcripts and Military Transcript Evaluations:

The American Council on Education announced 2014 dates for two webinars: »» Demystifying Military Evaluations Fridays, 2 p.m. EST (Sept. 5) [Register online](#) »» Using the Joint Services Transcript (JST) and the Military Guide Friday, 2 p.m. EST (Aug. 8) [Register online](#) The webinars are free but do require registration. A link to the event will be provided after registration.

Commissary / Exchange

The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only. There are exceptions for select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you! Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy

them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [HERE](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com ([Facebook](#))

Case Lot Sales Return to Stateside Commissaries Aug. 14 - Sept. 30:

Case lot sales are back! With the unveiling of the Commissary Customer Appreciation Case Lot Sale, the Defense Commissary Agency brings back the popular sales event for its stateside stores. Each commissary will hold a two-to-three-day event from Aug. 14 to Sept. 30. Case lot sales feature a multitude of items, some at savings of 50 percent or more, in full cases and in the club pack format found in off-base club warehouse stores. ([Schedule of case lot sales](#))

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](#))

Croquet Tournament Fundraiser to Help Historic House:

Step back in time for the third annual Colonel's Croquet Party on Saturday, **Aug. 23**, on Arsenal Island at 2 p.m. Don 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. Croquet equipment will be provided. There will be hors d'oeuvres and drinks served al fresco at Quarters One. No-host bar available. Creekside Vineyards Winery in Coal Valley, Ill., will provide a complimentary wine tasting. Attendees also receive a complimentary guided tour of the Colonel Davenport House. Tickets are \$25 for adults; and \$10 for children 11 years and younger to attend the Colonel's Croquet Party. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Jessica Waytenick at (309) 737-4280 or purchase tickets online at www.davenporthouse.org.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – July 28-Aug. 3:

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. On Aug. 3, 1865, Col. Thomas J. Rodman assumed command of the RIA. Later he was promoted to brigadier general. He died June 7, 1871. In August 1911, the first Shop Planning Section was established in the front bay, first floor of Shop G.

Healthbeat

RIAHC Announcement: The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic will be closed the afternoon of Thursday, **Aug. 28**, from 11:30 a.m. until COB for mandatory training. We will be open on the training holiday, Friday, **Aug. 29**, for urgent appointments.

Back-To-School Time Calls For Vaccinations: Back-to-school events are drawing near this August, and it is a prime time for ensuring that children are up-to-date on all their immunizations. What is immunization? According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, immunization refers to the process by which a person becomes

protected against a disease, usually through vaccinations. A vaccination uses a weakened or partial virus or bacteria to trigger an immune system reaction. The immune system reaction reduces the chances of developing illness if a person is later exposed to the actual virus or bacteria. ([More](#))

Flu Shots: Are Your Children Prepared?: Parents, have your children received their annual influenza vaccines? Influenza, commonly known as "the flu," is defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a contagious disease that is seasonally spread throughout the United States. Everyone is susceptible to contracting the influenza virus. However, research shows risk is highest among children. ([More](#))

Physical Clinic: The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic, located in the basement of Bldg. 110, SE Wing, will be holding a Physical Clinic by appointment only on the following dates from 4:20-6:20 p.m.: Monday, **Aug. 4**; Wednesday, **Aug. 6**; Monday, **Aug. 11**; and Wednesday, **Aug. 13**. Parents must have physical



forms filled out for start of appointment in order to be seen by provider. Forms can be found on each individual school website. Back to back appointments may be booked, but are limited to two per family, per day, to ensure the best possible care and attention is given to each patient. We must have proof of immunizations to complete forms. Illinois requires dental and eye exam – these services not provided by RIAHC. Appointment Line: (309) 782-0805 or www.tricareonline.com.

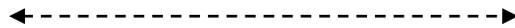
Why Am I Still Thinking About Deployment?: Do you remember what you were doing on 9/11? Who were you with? What were you wearing when you found out about the towers? I bet most of those details are pretty clear to you. Now ask yourself, "What was I doing on 10/11?" Unless that's your birthday or anniversary, chances are you don't remember that day at all. ([More](#))

Notes for Veterans

Secretary McDonald Issues Message to VA Employees: I am grateful to President Obama and to Congress for this opportunity to join the dedicated employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and I am



honored to serve as your Secretary and lead VA. We are immensely fortunate to work in an organization with the noblest and most respected mission in Government—serving this Nation’s Veterans. We have strong institutional values—Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence. We will all need to depend on and live by our values as we rise to meet the challenges ahead. Deputy Secretary Sloan Gibson—my West Point classmate, a trusted friend, and a great leader—had it right in his recent statement to Congress: “We can turn these challenges into the greatest opportunity for improvement in the history of the Department.” ([More](#))



Carpooling Announcements



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

Did You Know?: The [AMTBP \(Army Mass Transportation Benefit Program\)](#) is a program



where Army employees can qualify for up to \$130 in reimbursements for use of mass transportation (to include van pooling). ([More](#))

Carpool:

- **Car Pool:** I am interested in carpooling several times per week, beginning July 7 from Muscatine. I am flexible on work hours. Please contact me at ext. 2-1559 or (563) 676-0555.
- **Ride:** Looking for a ride and pay for gas. Location – Sherwood Forest Apartment, Davenport. Call thru Illinois relay at (800) 526-0857 to contact me at (309) 782-1078 (TTY). ([Email](#))
- **Carpool:** Carpool from Rio, Ill., looking for people to carpool with along 150. Please call (309) 782-5472.



Around the Q.C.

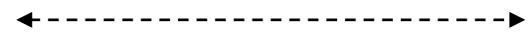


- July 29-Aug. 3:** [95th Annual Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)
- July 31-Aug. 3:** [43rd Annual Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (RiverCenter/Adler Theatre, Davenport)
- Aug. 2:** [British Auto Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)

- Aug. 7:** [2nd Annual Freedom Run 5K](#) (East Moline, Ill.)
- Aug. 7-9:** [Great Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)
- Aug. 8:** [11th Annual Doggie Dip](#) (Fejervary Family Aquatic Center, Davenport)
- Aug. 8-9:** [22nd Annual Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)
- Aug. 9:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)
- Aug. 9-10:** [28th Annual Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Airport, Mount Joy, Iowa)
- Aug. 15-16:** [10th Annual River Roots Live & Rockin' Rib Fest](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
- Aug. 16:** [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)
- Aug. 22-24:** [World Series of Dragracing](#) (Cordova Dragway)
- Aug. 23:** [Silvis Home Run 5K](#) (Shadt Park, Silvis, Ill.)
- Aug. 30-31:** [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
- Sept. 1:** [Bettendorf Rotary Run with Carl](#) (Life Fitness Center, Bettendorf)
- Sept. 5-21:** [East West Riverfest](#) (Various QC Locations)
- Sept. 6:** [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
- Sept. 6:** [¡Viva! Quad Cities](#) (Isle of Capri, Bettendorf)
- Sept. 6:** [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)
- Sept. 6-7:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
- Sept. 13:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)
- Sept. 19-20:** [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
- Sept. 20:** [15th Annual WQPT Brew Ha Ha](#)



- Sept. 20-21:** [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park, Village of East Davenport)
Sept. 28: [17th Annual Quad Cities Marathon](#)
Sept. 26-28: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)
Oct. 4: [Night of the Running Dead 5K](#) (Davenport)
Oct. 4: [GiGi's Super Hero Run](#) (Bettendorf)
Oct. 11: [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (on the Mississippi River in Moline)
Oct. 11: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)
Oct. 12: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)
Oct. 23: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Oct. 25: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Moline)
Oct. 25-26: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo, Milan, Ill.)
Oct. 25-26: [2nd Annual Military Appreciation Festival](#) (Country Corner Farm Market & Pumpkin Patch, 5333 US Highway 150, Alpha, Ill.)
Nov. 22: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 22: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (John Deere Commons, Moline)
Nov. 22: [Holiday Pops Concert](#) (Downtown Moline)
Dec. 7: [19th Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)



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