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Daly Takes Command of ASC

At a change of command ceremony held here Aug. 11, Maj. Gen. Edward M. Daly became commanding general of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command. The ceremony also marked the retirement from the Army of Maj. Gen. Kevin G.



O'Connell, who turned over command of ASC to Daly. Gen. Dennis L. Via, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, presided at the ceremony. ⚔️ Daly began his remarks by stating he was excited to take on his new assignment and grateful for the hospitality shown to him and his family by the arsenal and the Quad Cities community. "This installation is steeped in lineage and history," he said, "and the command which I am privileged to lead is critical to supporting our nation's joint forces. "I am humbled to take on this assignment," Daly continued, "and I fully understand the responsibility that comes with this position." Daly pledged to continue to strengthen relations with the community and to enhancing the Arsenal's overall reputation of excellence. ([More](#))

Upcoming Dates

- August:** Anti-Terrorism Month
- Aug. 15-16:** Financial Fitness Week Classes, ACS, Bldg. 110, 12-1 p.m.
- Aug. 15-19:** SFL-TAP Workshop, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 122, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Aug. 16:** Summer Reading Adventure, ACS, Bldg. 110, 4-5 p.m.
- Aug. 17-19:** Financial Fitness Week Classes, ACS, Bldg. 110, 12-1 p.m.
- Aug. 18:** ACC-RI Organizational Day, Memorial Field, 11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 18:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- Aug. 19:** MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Aug. 19:** Free Family Outdoor Movie Night, Memorial Park, 7-9 p.m.
- Aug. 19-21:** Tribute to Our Fallen, Davenport Memorial Park
- Aug. 20:** Military Family Night-Picnic & Swimming, Longview Park & White Water Junction, 3-8 p.m.
- Aug. 22-26:** DA Photos, Bldg. 90, Basement, B11, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
- Aug. 22-25:** SFL-TAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 122, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Aug. 23:** Assertiveness Training, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Aug. 25:** Newcomer's Orientation and Tour, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 8 a.m.
- Aug. 25:** Women's Equality Day Observance, Bldg. 60, Heritage Hall, 12-1 p.m.
- Aug. 25:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Army Reaches \$1 Billion in Energy-Saving Projects

In less than five years, the Army has engaged in 127 energy-saving projects with the private sector that now exceed \$1 billion in investments, announced Secretary of the Army Eric Fanning. Fanning made the announcement Aug. 11 at the Department of Energy Training and Trade Show in Providence, Rhode Island. He explained that these projects were undertaken in response to a challenge from President Obama. ⌘

Energy Savings Performance Contract Projects

While partnerships with energy service companies or ESCOs can include renewable-energy projects -- such as solar, wind and geo-thermal -- the greater portion of these projects still focus on making conventional energy usage more efficient. ⌘ Not all ESPC contracts involve renewable-energy projects, though. **Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois**, has a \$39-million infrastructure-modernization project at its Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center. Honeywell is installing high-efficiency HVAC systems and natural-gas heating that will allow the tech center to disconnect from the garrison's coal-fired steam plant. New plating and paint systems at the tech center are also part of the upgrade. ([More](#))



ASC Soldiers Serve As Caddies for the Pros at John Deere Classic Golf Tournament

Soldiers assigned to the headquarters of U.S. Army Sustainment Command at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, joined other members of the military from the Arsenal and surrounding area in serving as honorary caddies for PGA tour golfers during the pro-am event of the John Deere Classic in Silvis, Illinois, Aug. 10. Under the PGA's "Birdies for the Brave" program, the Soldiers caddied at the 15th hole of the pro-am, held the day before tournament play began. The annual PGA event is held at the TPC at Deere Run course in Silvis, and is scheduled to conclude on Aug. 14. ([More](#))



RI Arsenal Inside the Gates: Motor Vessel Mississippi

A big visitor in the Quad Cities this week drew in big crowds. The largest tow boat in the country docked at Heritage Park for the 150th anniversary of the Army Corps of Engineers in Rock Island. "We only get this boat here once every three years or so," said Phillip Fleming, Lieutenant Colonel of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. At 241 feet long and 58 feet wide, the Motor Vessel Mississippi is the largest diesel towboat in the United States. "This is an opportunity, not only for us to demonstrate the vessel to our own employees, but also to bring this vessel to the Quad Cities so the public can have an opportunity to see some the historic events of the district itself," said Lt. Col. Fleming. As folks line up to learn the history of the Rock Island District inside the Motor Vessel Mississippi, the towboat itself is quite fascinating. It's only the fifth vessel to take the name Mississippi. It weighs more than 2,800 tons, and uses more than 6,000 gallons of fuel each day. "This year it happens to be in our area just as our district is celebrating its 150th anniversary serving the nation," said Allen Marshall, Public Affairs Officer for the Army Corps of Engineers. ([More](#))



Online Sexual Harassment

In support of the Army's "Think, Type, Post" campaign, the office of the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program (SHARP) is promoting awareness of sexual harassment, which can occur via electronic communications. Electronic communication includes the transfer of information (signs, writing, images, sounds, or data) by computer, phone, or other electronic device. Electronic communications include, but are not limited to: text messages, emails, chats, instant messaging, screensavers, blogs, social media sites, electronic device applications and web conferencing. The SHARP Program Office will continue to promote building awareness about online sexual harassment. This effort will highlight how to spot online sexual harassment; recognize and stop offensive behavior; and properly document and report such behavior to the appropriate authorities. The Army is expected to update Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy, paragraph 4-19, Treatment of Persons, to further clarify electronic communications and online conduct. Members of the Army Team are expected to treat all people with respect in person and online. Army leaders will lead by example to prevent abusive treatment of others and protect those who are threatened or suffer mistreatment. ([More](#))

#OnlineConductTTP



'Feds Feed Families' Food Drive

On **Wednesday Aug. 17**, the Rock Island Arsenal will host the third of four food drives as part of the 8th Annual "Feds Feed Families" Food Drive **at the pavilion in Memorial Park from 6 a.m. – 9 a.m.** All food donated will be given to the River Bend Food Bank during this nation-wide initiative to combat hunger. In an Island-wide competition last year the Arsenal collected 5,908 pounds of food donations, which resulted in 4,923 meals for hungry children, families, and seniors in our community. ACC-RI was the big winner last year with a collection of more than 4,200 lbs. of donated food items. This year we will still be having an Island-wide competition, but there will be a drive through drop of point on **Wednesday mornings in August from 6 a.m. – 9 a.m.** Boxes with unit or tenant names will be on site and donations will be placed in the appropriate box at the time of drop off. Each week we will alternate pick-up points to opposite ends of the Island in an attempt to make dropping off donations easy for the morning commute. **Aug. 17** the drop of location will be at the pavilion in Memorial Park. **Aug. 24** we can be found just inside the Rock Island Gate on the right-hand side across from the digital marquee sign. Watch the marquees for reminders and please drive through and see us on Wednesday mornings on the way in to work during August. For questions or to have a box created for your unit or working group please contact Casey Noe at 309-782-1611 or casey.l.noe.civ@mail.mil. ([Flyer](#)) ([DoD Special Report](#))



RIA Fuel Station Closed Wednesday, Aug. 17

The RIA fuel station will be closed all day for dispensing on **Wednesday, Aug. 17**, due-to maintenance. Please plan refueling requirements accordingly.

Building 350 Cafe Action Station Tuesday's

Every Tuesday, come visit the cafe on the 6th floor of Bldg. 350. Company Kitchen will offer a variety of options on Tuesdays that will rotate. Upcoming specials:

- Aug. 16: Build your Own Pasta Station — \$6.99
- Aug. 23: Taco Salad — \$5.99

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. 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119. Also, there are 3rd Shift Blood drives at JMTC on **Thursday nights, Aug. 18.** These drives are held in the JMTC Cafeteria beginning at 2:15 am. Donors should see their Supervisor to sign up. The DMC will host a blood drive on **Thursday, Aug. 25, 12-4 p.m.**, from the MVRBC Donor Bus in front of Bldg. 350. To sign up, contact Staff Sgt. Camille Richardson at 309-782-0261. Walk-in donors welcome.



Donors at these drives will:

- Be entered into a monthly drawing for a \$300 gas card
- Be entered into the summer drawing for a new Ford Fiesta



Charlie Corpuscle reminds us, "All previous malaria travel area restrictions still apply when donating blood. In addition, there is a 28-day deferral for those who return from areas in Mexico, the Caribbean or South America not included in the malaria restrictive areas. Please encourage donors to come in and give blood once the 28-day period has passed. Arsenal donors may always call the blood center at 563-359-5401 or email shoegerl@mvrbc.org if they have questions re: specific travel areas and deferrals which may be in place for those areas. Every donation is needed, especially in the summer months."



The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information [click here](#).

There's An App For That!

Company Kitchen has launched an app — you can download the free app via the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. There will be a variety of promotions held within the app. Once you have the app, you will no longer need to carry that little green card with you. You will be able to pay with the app at the kiosk as well as load money onto your account. For questions regarding the app, please see the F.A.Q section inside the app or email rockisland60@tafoodservices.com.

Antiterrorism Awareness Month

August marks the U.S. Army's seventh annual observance of Antiterrorism Awareness Month. The wide range of terrorist-related threats during the past year reflects the realities of the risks faced by the nation. To help prevent terrorist activities, Army communities must remain vigilant and constantly aware. The focus areas for Antiterrorism Awareness Month include recognizing and reporting suspicious activity (through iWATCH Army and iSALUTE programs), antiterrorism awareness training and information sharing, countering insider threats, and spreading awareness of the risks associated with the use of social media. ([More](#))



American Veterans Traveling Tribute

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute, a 360 foot replica of Veterans Memorial, is coming to Geneseo City Park in Geneseo, Ill., **Wednesday, Aug. 17, through Sunday, Aug. 21**, as part of the city's "The Cost of Freedom Festival," honoring all veterans and active military. This traveling replica is an 80-percent to scale traveling version of the Veterans Memorial, and is the largest traveling Veterans Memorial replica. American Veterans Traveling Tribute travels across the nation, providing veterans without the means to travel to the national Vietnam Memorial site a chance to see a replica model. Many vets take the opportunity to reflect and remember those lost. The Vietnam Wall has been a part of more than 300 events nationwide over the last 8 years. Organizers are planning a line-up of activities similar to the last time the Wall was in town with speakers, concerts and displays part of the events. A highlight of the Wall's visit will be a parade to honor all veterans at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20. "We want veterans and their families, local groups and businesses to all get involved. We just want it to be one big patriotic parade," said Rhonda Borkgren of the Don Cherry VFW Post No. 5083 Auxiliary. "We want to give our veterans the recognition they deserve, and we hope to especially draw out our younger veterans." The August celebration will be a "tribute to all veterans" she said. "Every veteran deserves their welcome home." ([Facebook event page](#)) ([Geneseo Republic article](#))



Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club Super Sign Up

Military and Arsenal Island workforce spouses are invited, **Thursday, Aug. 18**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., to our Super Sign Up at the Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique in Bldg. 60 basement on the corner of Gillespie and South. Our proceeds go to support scholarships and community grants. Enter to win opportunity to win a luncheon plate for September luncheon, gift certificate and mystery prize courtesy of RIA Federal Credit Union. RIA Welcome Club can't wait to meet new friends and greet old friends. Come out to greet old friends and meet new friends. RIAWC's purpose is to develop and foster a spirit of Quad Cities Area community responsibility at Rock Island Arsenal, to provide opportunities for social, cultural and creative pursuits and to support worthwhile service and community projects. Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is built on six core values of friendship, service, integrity, generosity, accountability and courtesy. These values serve as the organizations foundation and establish character and identity of RIAWC and its members. Open to active duty, Reserve and National Guard Spouses all ranks and branches of service, military retiree spouse, civilian employee spouse, retired civilian employee spouses and other federal government spouses' community. ([Flyer](#))



Tribute to Our Fallen

Since its inception in the summer of 2004, one year after the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom, a small group, now known as the Mississippi Valley Patriots, has put together a special event to honor those brave souls who had made the ultimate sacrifice. Today Tribute to Our Fallen annual event, held at the Davenport Memorial Park, has grown exponentially. The first few years were dedicated solely to the military in Iraq, Afghanistan, the first responders and civilians lost on 9/11. Since 2008's event, veterans of all eras have been included in this very special remembrance. The event this year is **Friday, Aug. 19, through Sunday, Aug. 21**, and is free to the public. Tribute to Our Fallen is staffed around the clock from the



opening ceremony, Friday, **Aug. 19**, at 7 p.m., to the closing ceremony, Sunday, **Aug. 21**, at 4 p.m. There are several events scheduled throughout the weekend. The key note speaker for Saturday's ceremony at 7 p.m. will be USMC Capt. Eric G. Kirsch, Citadel graduate, a veteran of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, he was to Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Washington DC Field Office's (DCWA) Foreign Counterintelligence "A" Squad and was responsible for multiple named Offensive Foreign Counterintelligence Operations; since his honorable discharge in 2012, Kirsch has served as an Offensive Counterintelligence Operations instructor at Joint Counterintelligence Training Academy; as a civilian special agent with NCIS; and as a civilian advisor to the American government and the Kurdish Regional Government in Iraqi Kurdistan. He is the founder and CEO of Torchlight USA. Please invite a friend. Volunteers are always welcome to join on Friday, **Aug. 19**, for setup. ([More](#))

Water Outage and Boil Order for Northwest Side of Bldg. 299

The Directorate of Public Works has a construction project to replace the fire water loop at Bldg. 299. On **Monday, Aug. 22**, a water line tie in will take place along the northwest side of the building. Attached map shows the area of the building that will be affected. This area will have a complete water outage including men's and women's restroom and shower area; janitor's closet; and two drinking fountains. The water outage should last approximately 2-3 hours. A boil order will be posted in this area and will remain in effect until we receive confirmation that water samples are free of coliform bacteria.

VIOS Schedule for August, September

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **Aug. 22, 23, 24, 25**, and **26**, and **Sept. 19, 20, 21, 22**, and **23**. 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](#)

Free Tours of Locks and Dam 15

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi River Project announces they will be offering free tours of Locks and Dam 15 every Saturday and Sunday beginning Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. These tours will be offered at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and will each last one hour. Participants must wear shoes with enclosed toes and backs, tennis shoes are preferred. Purses, bags, cameras and pictures are not allowed on the tour but will be allowed in the Visitor Center before and after the tours. Walking is required. Pre-registration is also recommended as the group size is limited and tours sometimes fill fast. Tours will begin and end at the Mississippi River Visitor Center. To make a reservation please call the staff at the Mississippi River Visitor Center at 309-794-5338. ([More](#))



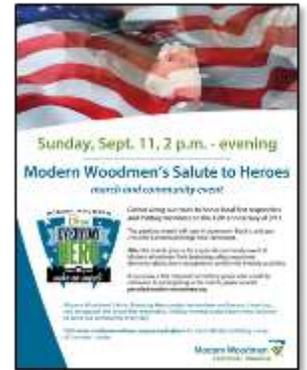
Shoes for Veterans

IowaWORKS – Eastern Iowa Davenport Center's 11th Annual Shoes for Veterans Drive is **currently underway**. Donations can be dropped off at IowaWORKS Eastern Iowa, 902 W.

Kimberly Road in Davenport from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All donations will be distributed to our veterans at the Bridging the Gap Quad-City Homeless Veterans Stand Down, **Thursday, Sept. 15 through Saturday, Sept. 17**, at the Quad City Expo Center in Rock Island. Your support of this event will be deeply appreciated. All monetary donations for footwear are tax deductible and will be graciously accepted.

Modern Woodmen's Salute to Heroes March

Gather along our route **Sunday, Sept. 11**, beginning at 2 p.m. and into the evening, to honor local first responders and military members on the 15th Anniversary of 9/11. This patriotic march will start in downtown Rock Island and cross the Centennial Bridge into Davenport. After the march, join us for a special community event at Modern Woodmen Park, featuring safety awareness demonstrations, hero recognitions and family-friendly activities. If you know a first responder or military group who would be interested in participating in the march, please contact parade@modern-woodmen.org. Modern Woodmen's Be an Everyday Hero project remembers and honors those lost... and recognizes the brave first responders, military members and others who continue to serve our community every day. Visit www.modernwoodmen.org/everydayhero for more details, including a map of the march route.



QC Honor Flight Set for Sept. 15, Oct. 27

The Quad-City Honor Flight Hub has announced it is now accepting Vietnam veterans for the group's third and fourth flights this year. Applicants must have served between Feb. 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975, to be considered a Vietnam War Era Veteran. The program operates on donations from individuals and organizations. Volunteers plan and coordinate the flight events. All flights depart on a non-stop charter from the Quad City International Airport to Washington D.C., and return at approximately 10 p.m. the same day. Trained guardians are assigned to the veterans to ensure they have a safe, memorable, and rewarding experience. Vietnam veterans within a 75 mile radius of the Quad Cities are encouraged to apply. They must submit an application along with a copy of their DD-214 (available at <http://honorflightqc.org/application-forms>). Applicants are cell 4-8 weeks prior to the honor flight date to advise them they have been selected for the next scheduled flight. Applications are dated in the order they are received. Additional information is available on the Internet at www.HonorFlightQC.org or by calling 563-388-3592. Upcoming Honor Flights will take place **Thursday, Sept. 15**, and **Thursday, Oct. 27**.



Ghost Tales at the Colonel Davenport House on Sept. 24

Kick off the Halloween season as the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation presents "Ghost Tales" with spooky stories told by local storytellers on the grounds of the Colonel Davenport House on Arsenal Island at 7 p.m. on **Saturday, Sept. 24**. Admission for this family-friendly event is \$6 for adults; \$4 seniors; and 12 and younger/active military are free. Enjoy the refreshments for sale. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or blanket. (Rain location: nearby picnic pavilion just east of the house.) Come before the main event to get a complimentary guided tour of the Colonel Davenport House beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Closure of the Records Holding Area, Bldg. 331

The Records Holding Area located in Bldg. 331 will close effective **Friday, Sept. 30**. All records that are stored in the facility must be moved or disposed of no later than **Thursday, Sept. 1**. It's the

responsibility of each organization/command to relocate and provide space for their own records or dispose of records eligible for destruction. For more information contact [Joyce Rollins](#), Garrison Records Manager, 309-782-1245.

9th Annual Cards for the Troops

Please join us **Tuesday, Sept. 27**, 6:30-9 p.m., at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, for the 9th Annual Cards for the Troops. Adults only (high school and older), please. Hand-made rubber stamp art cards are created by hundreds of volunteers under the guidance of local stamping artists for our deployed troops to mail home to loved ones. No stamping experience required. More than 46,000 cards have been sent through Cards for the Troops to our deployed military serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Jordan, Africa, and to those deployed aboard our aircraft carriers, the USS Harry S. Truman, the USS Carl Vinson and the USS John C. Stennis. Packagers are needed also. There is no charge for this event. Please bring one roll of Scotch double-sided tape to donate to Cards for the Troops for card- making. All other materials are supplied. Be sure to visit our, "Cards for the Troops, Rock Island Arsenal" Facebook page. Seating is limited... please RSVP to: mssipple1@gmail.com.

Military Retiree Appreciation Day

Military retirees from throughout the Quad Cities and beyond are invited to the annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day hosted on Rock Island Arsenal, **Saturday, Oct. 15**, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The annual event for those who retired from military service provides a chance for retirees to receive flu shots and update retiree identification cards. A photo I.D. is required for all personnel to access the installation. If you need a new/updated I.D. Card, call 309-782-0596 for an appointment. Submit

registration no later than **Friday, Oct. 7**. Registrations can be emailed to qcmrad@gmail.com. Additional information is available by calling 563-508-5123. ([2016 Midwest Retiree Appreciation Days Registration Form](#))



Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — AT&T Wireless:

As a service member of the U.S. Army you could be saving 15 percent on the monthly service charge of qualified wireless plans. Visit your local AT&T store at 4500 16th Street, (inside SouthPark Mall) Moline or 3120 E. 53rd street, Davenport, or to purchase online, visit att.com/wireless/USArmy If you visit a local AT&T store, please have proof of eligibility. Mention Discount Code: FAN2421660. **Infinity Salon & Spa:** Located at 220 W 3rd St. in Davenport, we offer 15 percent off services for military and the Arsenal Island workforce. We are a full service salon: hair, manicure, pedicures, massage, waxing, facials, for men, women, and children. Eligible personnel only need to show a military or work ID. **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 18th Street in Bettendorf. **Chocolate Manor:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off their total purchase on any of our award winning homemade chocolates at 110 E. 2nd St., Davenport, just show your ID. **Roosters Sports Bar and Grill:** All military and civilian's get 10 percent off their bill. Come head down for lunch at 2130 3rd Ave., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information*

is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.

Arsenal Traffic/Construction

Update Island-Wide Work Force Notice on AIE System

Effective Monday, Aug. 15, the Garrison implemented a new ID scanning system called Automated Installation Entry, which is checking for open wants and warrants. The new system requires about 10 seconds to register CAC cards. In order to mitigate the impact of the AIE system to incoming traffic, guards are scanning and registering CAC cards in every other vehicle and then physically inspect the ID's of the other cars during the peak traffic time of 5:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. On **Monday, Aug. 22**, the Garrison will start full registration of all incoming vehicles in the AIE System. Physical security may temporarily cease AIE scans and manually check ID's if they deem it necessary.



Government Bridge Closures

The Iowa Interstate Railroad will make repairs on the railroad over the Government Bridge. This will necessitate some closures of the Government Bridge and effect traffic crossing the Bridge.

- Between **Wednesday, Aug. 10, and Friday, Sept. 16**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, expect intermittent single-lane closures for vehicle traffic. No impact to pedestrian, bicycle, navigation or rail traffic.

- On weekends, **Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 13-14, Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 27-28**, as well as **Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 10-11, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.**, the Government Bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic. No impact to pedestrian, bicycle, navigation or rail traffic.

- Beginning **Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 5 a.m., until Thursday, Sept. 15, at 5 a.m.**, the Government Bridge will be closed to vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, navigation and rail traffic. Barricades, signs, and flagman will be used to warn, direct and detour traffic during closures. The local media will be informed of the closures for public announcement.

Repair Steps Bldg. 90 West Entrance

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

Partial Moline Bridge Closure to Limit Access via River Drive to Moline Gate

The City of Moline's Public Works Engineering Division has informed the Garrison that it will close the City's portion of the Moline Bridge from **Monday, Aug. 15, through Friday, Sept. 16**; necessitating all Arsenal Moline-Gate traffic entering and leaving the Island to use River Drive in Moline.

Notice for Repair of Gillespie Street

On **Monday, Aug. 15**, the Directorate of Public Works will begin making repairs to Gillespie Street. The work will be accomplished in multiple phases. Phase I will include the repaving of Gillespie Street from Blunt Road to the north edge of the south entrance to Bldg. 312. Phase II will be from the south entrance to North Avenue. Work includes paving, curb and gutter, storm drainage and sidewalk replacement. The project is expected to last approximately four months depending on weather. Orange safety fence will be installed around the perimeter of the work area. Signs and barricades will be used to detour traffic. Please use caution when traveling near the area.

Pershing Street West Closure

Pershing Street West will be closed to both traffic and parking for required utility work from **Monday, Aug. 22, through Friday, Sept. 2**. The only traffic allowed on the road during this time period are construction vehicles. Barricades and signs will be posted to warn and control vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians

"Sidewalk Closed" signs have been erected at either end of the Rock Island Viaduct sidewalk. These signs were placed because of the tripping hazard that the condition of the sidewalk presents. Attached illustration indicates the suggested alternative route (STR276 American Discovery Trail and Pedestrian Bridge) during the closure.



Building/Space Closures



Closure Notice, Building 104 Courtyard

The Directorate of Public Works has closed the Bldg. 104 Courtyard to all traffic, parking, and public access effective **Aug. 1, through Thursday, Dec. 15**. Closure is required to stage materials and equipment to remove and replace the roof on Bldg. 104. Signage will be placed at all doors exiting into the Courtyard notifying occupants of emergency exit only. Access into the Base Supply Store will be through the south end, east wing overhead door and/or East door. Emergency Services will have access to all doors in the courtyard in case of emergencies.

Building 299 Door Closures

The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) has a construction project to replace the fire water loop at Bldg. 299. This work entails trenching for the pipe line around the exterior of the building. This work will result in some door closures. Beginning approximately **Thursday, Aug. 4, through Friday, Sept. 2**, trenching on the west side of the building will affect door access. Only one pedestrian door will be closed at a time. During closures, signs will be posted both inside and outside the building with direction to the next nearest door. Access to the overhead doors will remain open. Parking spaces in lot 2Z will also remain open. Please keep in mind that these dates are approximate and can change due to weather or unexpected circumstances that may occur with the trenching.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone



Army Talent Management Task Force

The Army has established the Talent Management Task Force (TMTF) to integrate and synchronize Army efforts to acquire, develop, employ, and retain a high quality force that can fight and win against any adversary in the world on the battlefield. Talent management enhances Army readiness by aligning individual capability with the Army's needs while optimizing human performance and engagement. The Army Profession is a team of uniquely talented people who collectively embody America's greatest advantage over the Army's potential adversaries. The true evolution in U.S. military affairs requires a culture of continuous learning and a transformation in the way the Army identifies and cultivates the full potential of the force. The Army will pivot to a more deliberate talent management system that demonstrates the Army's institutional agility and strength as a learning organization. This system acknowledges that the Army must rapidly evolve to keep pace with proven best practices while balancing the care of the people against enduring requirements and unanticipated contingencies. ([More](#))

Military Family Night-Picnic & Swimming

All Military families are invited **Saturday, Aug. 20**, 3-8 p.m., Longview Park & Whitewater Junction Waterpark, to join MWR for a free fun night of games, swimming and Famous Dave's® barbeque. Games, including water balloon toss, sponge dodgeball and bean bags start at 3 p.m., food will be served at 4 p.m. and then swimming at Whitewater Junction from 6-8 p.m. This great annual event is only made possible through the generosity of our sponsor, the [Rock Island Chapter of the Association of the United States Army \(AUSA\)](#) so make sure to stop by their table that night and say thanks. No official U.S. Army endorsement of sponsors is implied. ([Flyer](#))

Safety Spotlight



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Safety Is Name of Game for Army Motorcycle Program

Motorcycles have always evoked an image of freedom, individuality, and as the case may be, rebellion. Unlike any other purchase, a motorcycle changes you. You're not just a guy or girl with a motorcycle; you're a rider. You feel cooler and like the lyrics to the old Twisted Sister song, Ride to Live, Live to Ride, "You've got to ride to live, live to ride, feel the flames burn inside..." While riding may seem cool, you may even feel cooler as a rider, current Army accident data show, a significant number of fatal motorcycle accidents are due to rider indiscipline, not lack of skill. The Army Progressive Motorcycle Program requires all Soldiers who own or operate a motorcycle to complete four separate training events at specific time intervals defined in Army Regulation 385-10:

- The Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course



- The Basic Rider Course 2, formerly Experienced Rider Course, or Military Sport Bike Rider Course
- Motorcycle refresher training
- Sustainment training

Required follow-on training must be completed within 12 months of completing the BRC, and sustainment training is required every five years. Refresher training is only required if a rider has been deployed more than 180 days. ([More](#))

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



Women's Equality Day Observance

The Rock Island Arsenal's Women's Equality Day Observance will take place **Thursday, Aug. 25**, 12-1 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, and include Lt. Gen. (Ret) Patricia McQuiston as the featured speaker. McQuiston served as deputy commander and chief of staff for the U.S. Army Materiel Command from 2012 until her retirement in 2015. Prior to earning her third star she served here at Rock Island Arsenal as the commanding general for U.S. Army Sustainment Command from Oct. 28, 2011 to July 27, 2012.

Lieutenant General McQuiston's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters; the Bronze Star; the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters; the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster; the Air Force Commendation Medal; the Army Achievement Medal; the Army Staff Identification Badge; and the Ehrenkreuz der Bundeswehr in Gold. Sign up using keyword "Equality Day" in [TEDs](#). Women's Equality Day is a day proclaimed each year by the United States President to commemorate the granting of the vote to women throughout the country. Women in the United States were granted the right to vote on Aug. 26, 1920, when the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was certified as law. The amendment was first introduced many years earlier in 1878. Every president has published a proclamation for Women's Equality Day since 1972, the year after legislation was first introduced in Congress by Bella Abzug. This resolution was passed in 1971 designating Aug. 26 of each year as Women's Equality Day. President Barack Obama stated in his 2015 Women's Equality Day Proclamation, "Women's equality is a core civil and human rights principle in the United States and around the world. Across America, women are contributing to our economy and our Nation in innovative and exciting ways. From businesses to battlefields, women are vital to the prosperity and security of our country. As we celebrate the last 95 years of progress in advancing women's rights, let us rededicate ourselves to the idea that our Nation is not yet complete: there is still work to do to secure the blessings of our country for every American daughter." For additional information or accommodations please contact Sgt. First Class Tina Roberts, ASC, EOA, at 309-782-3021. ([Women in the Army](#)) ([StandTo!](#))



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Paxton: Women Will Be Successful In Infantry Units

Gen. John “Jay” Paxton Jr. is leaving the Marine Corps as the service is beginning to allow women into the infantry and other jobs that during his decades in uniform had been restricted to men. He frames the gender integration of combat units, which has been the source of much controversy, as a practical matter. “This is not about women in uniform and it’s not about women in combat,” Paxton said. “The issue for us is ... to make sure that the women who aspire to be in those [military occupational specialties] can perform the standard so that anyone in that unit — male or female — has no fear or misgiving that the performance of the mission and the accomplishment of the mission is going to be done, regardless of gender.” Paxton, who became assistant commandant in December 2012, is retiring next month after 42 years in the Marine Corps. In a wide-ranging interview with Marine Corps Times, he discussed the future of women in the Marines and other issues. ([More](#))

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs.

MWR Text Alerts

Grab your mobile phone and text **EZZHV32984 4** to the number **313131** to join our text list and have all the latest and greatest MWR news delivered right to your phone. We'll keep you up to date with all the fun and exciting upcoming MWR events and programs as well as coupons and special offers available only to text alert subscribers. Message and data rates may apply and you can opt out at any time by replying "**stop**" to **313131**. Check out the flyer for a quick and easy QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to automatically generate the message for you. ([Flyer](#))



Lock & Dam Lounge Closes for Renovations

The Lock & Dam Lounge is currently closed for renovations until further notice. The renovations are scheduled to be completed very soon... a reopening notice is forthcoming.

Volunteers Needed for the QC Marathon

Arsenal Island makes up a significant portion of the route for this annual Quad Cities tradition and that means we need lots of hands to help pull it off successfully. Volunteers are needed **Sunday, Sept. 25**, to set up and tear down the course, hand out water and sports drinks, cheer on all the runners and much more. If you'd like to donate some of your time to this great event please contact the Fitness Center at 309-782-6787.

Submission Period for 2016 Army Arts & Crafts Contest

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

Free Family Outdoor Movie Night

Join MWR **Friday, Aug. 19**, 7-10 p.m., Memorial Field, for our first ever Outdoor Family Movie Night — Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and stake out your spot at Memorial Field to watch the Lego Movie under the stars. This fun family night will feature a free screening of the hit movie, concessions, and bounce houses for the kids before the movie. Inclement weather location is Heritage Hall. Call 309-782-8630 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

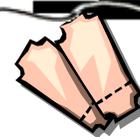
Paintless Dent Repair Technician Available

The always popular paintless dent repair technician will be available for repairs on **Wednesday, Aug. 24**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Auto Skills Shop. If you have small dings, dents and other imperfections in your vehicle it may be possible to have them fixed without the excessive costs of more traditional body work. Call 309-782-8631 for more information and to schedule an appointment. ([Flyer](#))

Lunch Service at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse

Has it been a while since you've had lunch at the Golf Clubhouse? If so come back Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and give it another try because we've got some exciting new options that are sure to fit your appetite and schedule. Try the daily soup, salad and sandwich buffet featuring a delicious house made soup du jour and fresh baked breads for just \$9/person. ([menu is available here](#)) ([daily buffet items here](#))

MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

2016 Adventureland Tickets

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

Noah's Ark Water Park

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

Navy Pier/Shedd Aquarium Bus Trip

Leisure Travel has another bus trip planned for Navy Pier or Shedd Aquarium on **Saturday, Sept. 10**, 6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bus departs from the Motel 6 by the QC Airport at 6:30 a.m. Half hour stop to and from Chicago. Drop off at Navy Pier or Shedd Aquarium. Bus departs Chicago at 5:00 p.m. Snacks and beverages are allowed. Cost is \$41 for transportation only. Reserve your seats this soon is a popular bus trip. ([Flyer](#))

WWE Live

WWE Live Returns to the Quad Cities **Friday, Sept. 23**, at 7:30 p.m., for the Final Time This Year. They are bringing an awesome line up to the iWireless Center. See your favorite WWE Superstars including: • Roman Reigns, • Seth Rollins, • The New Day, • Natalya, • Becky Lynch, and Many More *Card is subject to change. Discounted seats on sale until **Monday, Sept. 12**.

Mickey & Minnie's Doorway to Magic

Join Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse and the comical duo of Donald and Goofy on **Friday, Nov. 4**, 4 p.m. & 7 p.m., at the iWireless Center, as 25 of your favorite Disney characters surprise and captivate at every turn of the knob. See the Fairy Godmother transform Cinderella's rags into a beautiful ball gown in a split second; the Toy Story gang defy the dimensions of Andy's toy box with the help of the green army men; and the spectacular stage debut of Rapunzel and Flynn Rider as they rise into the sky amidst the floating lanterns. With special appearances by Snow White, Tinker Bell and Aladdin's Genie, you never know what to expect or who might join in the fun. In Disney Live! Mickey and Minnie's Doorway to Magic you hold the ultimate key to unlocking your imagination. Discounted tickets on sale until **Monday, Oct. 10**.

Downtown Chicago/Christkindlmarket

Leisure Travel is selling seats for this popular winter shopping bus trip taking place **Saturday, Dec. 10**, 6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Let Tri-State Travel coach drive you to and from. No worries about traffic or paying for parking. Cost is \$41 per person. Transportation only. Depart from the Motel 6 by QC Airport at 6:30 a.m. Depart from Chicago at 5 p.m. ([Flyer](#))

Ice Age on Ice

You and your family can catch this fantastic event, easier than Scrat could ever catch that acorn, on **Jan. 31 or Feb. 1**, 7 p.m., at the iWireless Center in Moline. Scrat gets the wakeup call of his life when he buries his prized acorn in a once-dormant volcano that rumbles back to life. With an eruption threatening our sub-zero heroes' way of life, they must find the magical Frostberry to stop a tidal wave of lava and save themselves from certain extinction. Leisure Travel has discounted seats on sale until **Monday, Dec. 12**.



Army Transitions to Simplified DoD Request For Childcare Website

The Army is transitioning to a new single portal Department of Defense website designed to make it easier for Soldiers to find the childcare they need. In March 2016, select Army garrison families will begin to use www.MilitaryChildCare.com as their website to search for and request child care services where they are or where they are planning to move. "The vital function of this website is to simplify the child care search process, helping patrons make better informed decisions about their child care needs," said Theresa Sanders, the Installation Management Command Child, Youth and School Services Outreach Services Program Manager. "The DoD has worked hard to develop a system which allows patrons to create their own account, search and request care, manage requests and update their profile from the convenience of their home," she said. Using

MilitaryChildCare.com, parents can find comprehensive information on child care programs worldwide, conduct a customized search for the care they need, and submit a request for care at any time from any location, Sanders explained. Web services were first tested in pilot programs throughout the military branches including U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii. Soldiers and Families at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Forts Belvoir, Campbell, Detrick (Forest Glen and Frederick), Drum, Knox, Lee and Meade, Watervliet Arsenal and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall will gain access to the site in March. Each garrison is working directly to notify the families affected and assist in the implementation of the DoD website rollout. ([More](#))



Army Community Service



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

Announcing Financial Fitness Week

Come join us during lunch for free financial classes **Monday through Friday, Aug. 15-19**, 12-1 p.m. Classes will be provided by RIA Federal Credit Union, your Accredited Financial Counselor® (AFC®) and Certified Financial Planner® (CFP®). You may attend one or all.

- **Understanding Your Credit Report and Score — Monday, Aug. 15**
RIA Federal Credit Union's, Helen Wols, takes you through why credit is important, what's in a credit report, how to get one, how it's calculated, building/rebuilding credit and some common myths. Pizza provided by RIA Federal Credit Union. ([Flyer](#))
- **A Financial Primer: 12 Tips to Secure Your Financial Future — Tuesday, Aug. 16**
Your AFC® provides you the key tips you should know about a secure financial future. Bring your lunch and get an understanding of financial planning. ([Flyer](#))
- **Money Management and the TSP — Wednesday, Aug. 17**
Why use the Thrift Savings Plan, Saving and Investing, the rule of 72, the five funds and L Funds. Bring your lunch and let your AFC® help you understand why should be using the TSP. ([Flyer](#))
- **Picture Perfect Retirement — Thursday, Aug. 18**
Your CFP® gives you a glimpse into strategies you can adopt to help you plan ahead during the different age phases? After years of hard work, you're certainly entitled to a happy retirement. A financial planning web base tool will be used to demonstrate retirement required Savings, IRA vs Roth IRA, proper life insurance coverage and more. ([Flyer](#))
- **Financial Fitness Check — Friday, Aug. 19**
Your AFC® gives you a personal financial security review. Here's your chance to review what your financial situation really looks like. It is recommended that you do a review at least annually. Hear what you should be reviewing at a minimum. Bring your lunch. ([Flyer](#))

FINANCIAL FITNESS WEEK
August 15th - 19th from 12 - 1 p.m. each day, ACS (Bldg. 110)

Join us for a week of **FREE lunch** time financial classes with your **Accredited Financial Counselor® & Certified Financial Planner®**.

Mon: Understanding Your Credit Report and Score
Tue: A Financial Primer
Wed: Money Management & the TSP
Thu: Picture Perfect Retirement
Fri: Financial Fitness Check

For more info & to sign up, call (309) 782-0829 or usarmy.ria.incom-central.mbx.usag-ac@mail.mil not later than August 11th.

For more info and to sign up, call 309-782-0829 or usarmy.RIA.imcom-central.mbx.usag-acs@mail.mil no later than **Thursday, Aug. 11.** ([Flyer for full week](#))

Couples Communication Class

Get your partner and get signed up for our next couples communication class **Wednesday, Aug. 24,** 4-5 p.m., at the Army Community Service (Bldg. 110), and gain knowledge and learn skills that will enhance communication in your relationships. Parents can earn two CYSS participation points for attending. Class subject to cancellation if minimum registration is not met. Participants need to RSVP to ACS 309-782-0829.

Newcomers Orientation and Bus Tour

Are you new to the Arsenal or do you have new employees or service members in your office? Make sure to get them/yourself signed up for our next Newcomer's Orientation and Tour on **Thursday, Aug. 25,** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. The briefings and info on the tour will include everything a new employee needs to know to successfully transition to the Rock Island Arsenal and the surrounding Quad Cities and make their new home feel like home. This free service includes breakfast and lunch courtesy of our sponsors, Rock Island Arsenal Federal Credit Union and USAA. Space is limited so call 309-782-0829 for more info and to reserve your spots. ([Flyer](#))

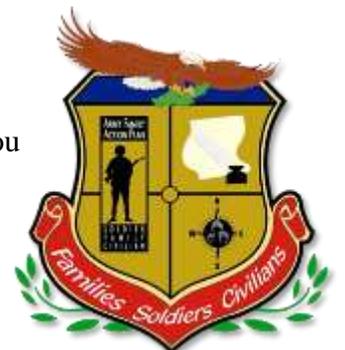
A Call for Volunteers

The Army Volunteer Corps is searching for volunteers. There are several positions open here at RIA. Whether you would like to make a specific time commitment or you only have a little time give now and again. We have a variety of opportunities for you. Currently we are looking for help with the Feds Feed Families Food Drive, Family Movie Night, Family Picnic, QC Marathon, Trunk or Treat, and Domestic Violence Awareness Month events just to name a few. We also have some regular reoccurring positions that need to be filled such as the Army Family Team Program is looking for a volunteer manager and Army Community Service is looking for a social media volunteer. For more information on volunteering please contact the Army Volunteer Corps coordinator at 309-782-0816.



Army Family Action Plan

Is there something you would like to see changed on Rock Island Arsenal? Is there something that is working well? Do want Army leadership to know about it? The Army Family Action Plan, or AFAP as it is commonly known, is a forum that provides a way to let Army leadership know what works, what doesn't, and how you think problems should be resolved. Anyone can submit Quality of Life issues that they would like to see changed. Army Community Service can assist you with submitting the issue through the Army OneSource Issue Management System. If you would like more information on AFAP or would like to know more about current and past issues, please stop by our center, in Bldg. 110 or call 309-782-0816 to speak with the AFAP Program Manager. More information on AFAP may also be found online at Army OneSource. To search local issues, type in our zip code on the [issue search page located at this link](#).



Employee Assistance Program



ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor; visit our [ASAP/EAP website](#) or phone 309-782-4357 or 309-782-HELP. Office hours are from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After Hour Emergencies: 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly. In addition, [a list of our classes & groups with dates, locations, and times, is located here.](#) [Find us on Facebook click here.](#)

Grief Support Group

Have you been struggling with the recent loss of a loved one? The EAP welcomes you to attend confidential group sessions to share your feelings with others who are experiencing the same emotions and challenges to daily living. Participants will receive support and companionship from others while learning about the grieving process. Groups will be held each **Thursday** from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the EAP in Bldg. 56, Room 104; to RSVP call 309-782-4357.

Assertiveness Training

Learn strategies to communicate with effectiveness and enhance yourself personally and professionally. Upcoming class dates are **Aug. 23** and **Nov. 29**, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact 309-782- 4357. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Working with You Is Killing Me

The workplace can be a volatile environment where people can sometimes rub each other the wrong way. This workshop will help you manage difficult personalities on the job and take control of what you can control in the workplace: You. The next upcoming class dates is **Sept. 15**, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. Register on [TEDs](#), or call 309-782-4357.

Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand and manage your own emotions, and those of the people around you. People with a high degree of emotional intelligence know what they're feeling, what their emotions mean, and how these emotions can affect other people. Emotional intelligence addresses five competencies; Self-Awareness, Self-Regulation, Self-Motivation, Empathy, and Effective Relationships. Upcoming class dates are **Sept. 27** and **Dec. 20**, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact 309-782- 4357. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Improving Workplace Relationships

Relationships in the workplace are very much like relationships in our personal lives. Therefore they require many of the same skills we use with those who are closest to us. Learning these skills makes sense because many of us spend more time with our co-workers than with our family members. Skills learned are based on research based concepts and address issues of communication, conflict, respect and trust. Upcoming class dates are **Oct. 11**, and **Nov. 10**, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., and

will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact 309-782-4357. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Time Management

Do you feel like there is never enough time in a day to get everything done? Would you like to learn some tips to become more organized and free up some time for more fun? Learn how to prioritize tasks and manage your time more effectively. An upcoming class date is **Oct. 25**, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact 309-782- 4357. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

The RIA Employee Assistance Program Presents: Real Colors

Want to enhance your communication skills? Real Colors offers you a peek into human personality. It will provide you with a better understanding of human behavior and help you recognize, accept and learn to value the difference in others. Real Colors has proven to be an effective tool to increase understanding, empathy and effective communication in the workplace. Location: Bldg. 56, Room 122, Sign up in [TEDs](#) (Search key word "Real Colors" or contact 309-782-4357.

Event Date: **Nov. 8**

Event Time: **8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

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.](#)

Education Center Closure

RIA Education Center will be closed **Wednesday, Sept. 7**, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., for the Employment-Education Event. This office will also be closed **Wednesday, Sept. 14**, 12-3 p.m., for the Annual Commencement Recognition Ceremony.

Employment-Education Event at Rock Island Arsenal

The Directorate of Human Resources, U.S. Army Garrison, will host the Semi-Annual Employment-Education Event on **Wednesday, Sept. 7**, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The target audience is active duty, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers, Retirees, veterans, and Family members. Numerous employers, academic institutions and Veterans Service Organizations from throughout the Midwest will be in attendance. Employers may have jobs available in locations nation-wide as well as in the Quad Cities area. Academic institutions will have experts on hand to provide information on programs of study as well as on the GI Bill and scholarship opportunities, for both local and online classes. Veterans Service Organizations will be available to assist with resources, benefit information, and resume development. If you are searching for employment, please come ready; have resumes to hand out and be appropriately dressed. If you would like individual resume or interview training prior to attending this event, and you are an active duty or Retired service member or eligible Family member, you may contact Chris Gegenheimer, Army Community Services, at 309-782-0815, or

christopher.j.gegenheimer.civ@mail.mil. Any questions about the event can be directed to Shelly Mimms, 309-782-7780 or Lafayette Ausborn, 309-782-4799, or usarmy.ria.usag.mbx.hrm-tsm@mail.mil. Do something today that your future self will thank you for!

RIA Army Education Center Commencement Recognition Ceremony

The Rock Island Arsenal Army Education Center will host the Annual Commencement Recognition Ceremony Wednesday, **Sept. 14**, 1-3 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. The ceremony begins at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow. All service members who completed a post-secondary degree/certificate during FY16 are invited 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. ACES promotes lifelong learning opportunities and sharpens the competitive edge of the Army through voluntary education. ACES' mission supports readiness and resilience through its services in support of the Total Army family. For more information please contact the Education Center at 309-782-2065.



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](#))

31 Senators Try to Block Commissary Privatization

A bipartisan group of 31 senators has introduced legislation that would block the privatization of commissaries at five installations until a study has been completed that would assess the impact. Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., vice chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, introduced the amendment, which is co-sponsored by another 29 senators. They're trying to stop a provision in the Senate Armed Services Committee's version of the fiscal 2017 defense authorization bill which would require DoD to begin turning over operation of commissaries to private companies. The committee's privatization provision was similar to one that was introduced last year to conduct the tests. "Our service members have repeatedly told me and Congress the importance of their commissary benefit, asking us to protect access to and savings at their commissaries," Inhofe said in a statement about the amendment. "Last year, my Senate colleagues and I fought to block language to privatize military commissaries until a study can take place to assess the impacts, costs and benefits of such drastic action. That study is currently underway, and once it is completed, Congress needs time to thoroughly review and consider the recommendations. ([More](#))

Exchange, Axe Help Military Shoppers Clean Up Nice with \$12,500 in Gift Cards

This summer, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Axe are helping military shoppers cleanup for the school year with the Axe Back to School Sweepstakes. From **Aug. 5 to Sept. 1**,

authorized shoppers can enter the sweepstakes for the chance to win one of 25 \$500 Exchange gift cards. “These Exchange gift cards will help our military shoppers get all the things they need to feel prepared for this upcoming year,” said Rock Island Exchange Store Manager Lisa Scadden. “This is a worldwide contest, but with 25 prizes available, I encourage Rock Island shoppers to enter.” Shoppers 18 years and older can login to shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes to enter. No purchase is necessary, and entrants do not need to be present to win. The Axe Back to School Sweepstakes prize drawings will take place on or around **Sept. 8**.

Exchange Gets Military Shoppers Prepared for New School Year with \$5,000 in Prizes

As the time for back-to-school shopping approaches, military shoppers can start crossing things off their school supplies lists with \$5,000 in gift cards from the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Hershey and Mars. From **July 22 to Aug. 18**, authorized shoppers worldwide can enter the Hershey & Mars Back to School Sweepstakes for the chance to win one of 10 \$500 Exchange gift cards. “Back-to-school shopping can be as stressful as it is fun,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate, the Exchange’s senior enlisted advisor. “These Exchange gift cards will help students start the school year off with everything they need to succeed.” ([More](#))

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

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

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

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



Arsenal Archive



Information for the Arsenal Archive is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sundays and Mondays, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Aug. 15-21

On Aug. 15, 1945, V-J Day, Japan surrendered unconditionally to end World War II. During World War I in the month of August 1918, the Rev. M. E. Krotzer, Presbyterian from LeClaire, Iowa, spent his vacation at the RIA working as an inspector in Shop O, a patriotic measure. During World War I in the month of August 1918 the Rev. M. E. Krotzer, Presbyterian from LeClaire, Iowa, spent his vacation at the RIA working as an inspector in Shop O, a patriotic measure.

Healthbeat

Immunizations Offer Protection for All Stages of Life

August is Immunization Awareness Month and is a great time to find out which vaccines you and your need to be protected at different ages and stages in life. Immunization typically starts at birth. At 2 months old, infants start receiving a series of six primary immunizations that protect against disease. These diseases can be spread in a variety of ways. Flu and other diseases spread through the air or on surfaces. Hepatitis B is spread through exposure to infectious blood or bodily fluids. Rotavirus is spread when the virus is shed by an infected person and then enters another person's mouth. Babies frequently use their mouths to explore the world around them, so this vaccine is extremely important. For more information, visit the Rotavirus page on Health.mil. Some vaccines require multiple doses for lifelong protection. These may start in infancy and continue in later stages of childhood. Toddlers and school-age children typically get immunized again for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella, Hepatitis A and chickenpox. Recommendations for middle school aged and older kids include vaccines to enhance protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis, and protect against meningitis and human papillomavirus. HPV is a leading cause of cervical and other cancers. ([More](#))

Notes for Veterans

Veteran Employment & Resource Fair

This event, being held **Tuesday, Aug. 16**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the National Guard Armory, 3615 N Brady St., in Davenport, is to assist current and former service members and their dependents with resume, employment, and resources through the partnership of Home Base Iowa, IowaWORKS, Great River HR Association, and National Guard Family Assistance Center. We invite you to attend, network with employers, and connect with useful resources. Questions contact jennifer.toenjes@iwd.iowa.gov or 563-445-3200, ext. 43348.

VA Extends New Hepatitis C Drugs to All Veterans in Its Health System

Aided by new funds from Congress, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is extending new antiviral treatments to all veterans with hepatitis C treated within its sprawling health care system—regardless of the stage of their illness and whether they contracted these infections during military service. The move puts the VA at the forefront of combatting the nation's deadliest infectious disease, which kills more people in the United States than HIV, tuberculosis, pneumococcal disease, and dozens of other infectious conditions combined, according to the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention. The government agency is now beginning hepatitis C antiviral therapy for 1100 patients a week—double the figure from a year ago—and hopes to increase that number to 2000 patients a week by the end of this year, said David Ross, MD, director of the VA's HIV, hepatitis, and public health pathogens programs. At the same time, the VA is trying to screen all veterans born between 1945 and 1965, who account for more than 75% of hepatitis C infections. ([More](#))

Vet Centers

Vet Centers provide community-based counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible Veterans who served in any combat zone and their families. Services include counseling for transitioning and readjustment, military sexual trauma, and issues related to marriage, family, and bereavement. Referrals to VA mental health care, employment, education, and other services and benefits are also provided. More than 300 Vet Centers are located throughout the United States. Veterans living in rural areas may also access these services through Mobile Vet Centers (MVCs), which travel from county to county to reach as many Veteran as possible. Learn more about Vet Centers and MVCs or find one near you for fast access to quality VA care. ([More](#))

QC Veterans' Roll Call Radio Show

A new radio show for Quad-City area veterans has been established on WXL 97X at **7 a.m. on Sunday mornings**. This weekly radio show's mission is to provide local veterans, military, and their families, honest, relevant and (when possible) entertaining content. They state they have two values for their show, respect and empathy. "We respect the truth and everyone's opinion. We have empathy for our veterans and military as they are, their families and their care-givers." The show, hosted by Jenö Berta, also has a Facebook group to spur discussion and to spread the word. The group is simply titled "QC Veterans' Roll Call Radio Show," and can be found at www.facebook.com/groups/245799959137007.



Around the Q.C.



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Aug. 16: [Veteran Employment & Resource Fair](#) (National Guard Iowa Recruiting, 3615 N Brady St, Davenport)

Sept. 16-17: [Our Big Fat Greek Festival 2016](#) (Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, 2930 31st Ave, Rock Island)

Aug. 17: [American Veterans Traveling Tribute](#) (Geneseo City Park, Geneseo, Ill.)

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Aug. 19-20: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Aug. 20: [Pints for Preservation](#) (Niabi Zoo, Coal Valley)

Aug. 20: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Aug. 20: [Floatzilla: Canoe & Kayak Floatilla](#) (Sunset Park, 1309 Mill St, Rock Island)

Aug. 20: [The Great Inflatable Race Quad Cities](#) (Credit Island Park, Davenport)

Aug. 20: [2nd Quad City Pokemon Go Pub Crawl](#) (Downtown Moline)

Aug. 21: [Q.C. Cancer Awareness Ride](#) (Lady Di's Park View Inn, 18109 270th St, Eldridge)

Aug. 26-27: [18th Annual River Rockin' Ribfest](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Aug. 26-27: [River Roots Live](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Aug. 27: [Quad Cities 3rd Annual Overdose Awareness Walk](#) (Lafayette Park, 700 W 4th St, Davenport)

Aug. 27: [Vettes on the River](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)

Aug. 27: [Silvis Family Run](#) (Schadt Park, Silvis, Ill.)

Sept. 3-4: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

Sept. 8: [Sr. Citizen Riverfront Golf Cart Tour](#) (River Action, 822 E River Dr, Davenport)

Sept. 10: [¡VIVA! Quad Cities](#) (Isle of Capri Casino Parking Lot, Bettendorf)
Sept. 10: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)
Sept. 10: [Row the Miss Regatta](#) (Mississippi River at Moline)
Sept. 10: [Krazy Kids Inflatable Fun Run](#) (Genesis Health Plex, 3900 28th Ave Dr Moline)
Sept. 10-11: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 11: [Salute to Heroes March](#) (Downtown Rock Island/Centennial Bridge/Modern Woodmen Park, Davenport)
Sept. 15-17: Stand Down 2016 (Rock Island QCCA Expo Center)
Sept. 16-17: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park (Davenport))
Sept. 17: [Quad City Animal Welfare Center Mutt Strut](#) (QCAWC 724 2nd Ave W, Milan)
Sept. 17: [River Action's 11th Annual Taming of the Slough](#) (Hampton, Ill.)
Sept. 17: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park (Davenport))
Sept. 17: [2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Quad Cities](#) (iWireless Center)
Sept. 17: [4th Annual It's Glow Time 5K Throwback](#) (Bass Street Landing, Moline)
Sept. 17-18: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park (Village of East Davenport))
Sept. 22: [Hy-Vee presents Corks FORE a Cause](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
Sept. 23-24: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Rock Island County Fairgrounds (East Moline))
Sept. 24: [Knox-Warren Walk to End Alzheimer's](#) (Lake Storey Park, Galesburg, Ill.)
Sept. 25: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)
Oct. 1: [GiGi's Super Hero Run](#) (Bettendorf)
Oct. 2: [Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic](#) (Rock Island)
Oct. 7-9: [Big Bore Enterprise Gun Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Oct. 9: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Oct. 22: [4th Annual QC Tweed Ride](#) (Freight House, Davenport)
Oct. 27: [Fright Night](#) (The District (Rock Island))
Oct. 29: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Oct. 29-30: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo (Coal Valley (Ill.)))
Oct. 29: [Witches Walk & Costume Parade](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Nov. 12: [Black Hawk College 5k Hustle](#) (Black Hawk College (Moline))
Nov. 18-27: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter (Davenport))
Nov. 19: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 19: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)
Nov. 19: [City of Davenport Garbage Gobble Creek Cleanup](#) (Davenport)
Nov. 24: [Scott County Family Y McCarthy Bush Turkey Trot](#) (Downtown YMCA (Davenport))

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