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Island Insight

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Mexican Entrepreneur, Cancer Survivor Speaks At RIA

Jacqueline Camacho-Ruiz, Mexican-born entrepreneur and the Make it Happen director at JJR Marketing, spoke about the value of American diversity as a part of Rock Island Arsenal's Hispanic American Heritage Observance in the island's Golf Clubhouse, Oct. 7. Camacho-Ruiz said she thinks it is very important to be open to cultural diversity. "I think there are opportunities for collaboration and possibilities for growth when you open up your heart and your mind to embrace other people and other cultures," she said. "Diversity to me means being open to the beauty of other cultures, what they can offer and how they can enhance your life." Camacho-Ruiz moved to America from Mexico when she was 14, she learned English in only a year, and also knows German. "For me, learning languages helps because when I learn a language I learn the culture behind it -- why they say the word in a certain way and what they believe in," she said. "I think it opens up the door to so much beauty and possibility; I would not see life the same way I do without embracing diversity from other cultures." ([More](#))



Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 9:** Golf-toberfest, Arsenal Island Golf Course ☞
- Oct. 9:** ROCKtoberfest, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 12-17:** National Drug Free Work Week
- Oct. 14:** Parenting with Love & Logic, Abel Conf. Room, Bldg. 110, 4-5 p.m.
- Oct. 19-23:** DA Photo Studio, Bldg. 90, Basement
- Oct. 21:** Paintless Dent Repair Service, Auto Skills Shop
- Oct. 21:** RIAWC Ghosts and Goblins Luncheon, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Oct. 21:** National Disability Employment Awareness Month Observance, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 1-2 p.m.
- Oct. 21:** Trunk or Treat, Memorial Park, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 24:** Military Retiree Appreciation Day, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Oct. 25:** Pillars of Honor, Traveling WWII Memorial, Camden Center, Milan, Ill. ☞☞
- Oct. 27:** QC Honor Flight, QC Int. Airport, 5-7 departure; 9:30-10 p.m. arrival
- Oct. 31:** Ghost Hunters Dinner & Tour of Quarters One, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 7:** Self Defense Seminar, RIA Fitness Center, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Nov. 9-Dec. 14:** Federal Employees Benefits Open Season
- Nov. 11:** QC Mallards Annual Military Appreciation Night, iWireless Center, 6 p.m.

RIA-JMTC Contracting Supports High-Visibility Programs During Fiscal 2015

Colloquially known as "the factory" by employees of the Rock Island Arsenal and the surrounding Quad Cities area, the Rock Island Arsenal-Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center is frequently heralded as an integral part of the Army's organic industrial base. Many of the items manufactured at the factory are supported by a variety of contracts, the bulk of which are handled by the Army Contracting Command-Rock Island's JMTC Contracting Branch. This branch was created in May 2013 when work and personnel were transferred to ACC-RI from ACC-Warren, a sister contracting center located at Detroit Arsenal, Michigan. The branch, comprised of 22 contracting professionals led by Chief Effie Fragogiannis, works hand-in-hand with the RIA-JMTC program managers in order to fulfill factory procurement needs. Recent actions include the enhanced security of the White House's fence, the continued production of a M997A3 Ambulance for the Army National Guard, and a Metal Working Machine Shop Set (MWMSS) program. ([More](#))



Why America Needs Her Army

My friends, this is the sixth time I have had the honor to write you as Secretary, and sadly for me, the last. We have been on this journey for many years now, and without reservation, serving your Army has been the greatest honor and privilege of my life. It has also served to reinforce and increase my great respect and admiration for our Soldiers, their Families and the Civilians that support them. Our Nation, in fact the world, owes so much to these selfless Patriots, who have chosen to serve in the defense of freedom during one of the most dangerous and unpredictable periods in our history. I cannot adequately express my gratitude, my praise, or my love for these true heroes. As Secretary, I have been granted a clear understanding of the current condition of our force, the challenges we face today, and the unforeseeable nature of things yet to come. As you all know, we are confronted with a geopolitical landscape that is changing at an astonishing pace. From renewed and determined aggression by Russia and increased threats from North Korea, to radical terrorists in Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Libya, the demand for your Army to tackle emerging contingencies around the world has grown at an alarming rate. ([More](#))



First Army Hosts Fall Commanders Conference

Moving forward in partnerships with Reserve Component units will become essential in the next year. That was one of the main themes during the First Army Fall Commanders Conference held Oct. 6-8 at First Army headquarters. First Army Commanding General, Lt. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, spoke on the purpose and intent for the three-day conference. "Today's briefings will bring us up to speed on all things Army," he said. "You will hear information on logistics, budgets, sequestration, manning issues. I want you to ask very tough questions. I want you to answer the question, 'what does this mean to me?'" Along with Department of the Army and U.S. Forces Command briefings, commanders also discussed the vital role First Army plays in training Reserve Component units. ([More](#))



Ammunition Hall of Fame - Accepting Nominations

The U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command is pleased to announce the beginning of its fifth year of the Ammunition Hall of Fame program, which honors individuals who have significantly impacted any facet of the Army's ammunition business. The Ammunition Hall of Fame is now accepting nominations for candidates through Nov. 30. Eligible candidates must be retired, reassigned, separated, or positively discharged from a military or civilian service ammunition related position (using the nominee's official retirement/separation date) for at least two years from the date the nomination package is submitted. However, the candidate may be considered even though currently employed in another position with a different career/branch or sector of the Army. Candidates must demonstrate lasting contributions in the field of ammunition, proven by their accomplishments provided in the nomination. If deceased, the nominee may be considered immediately, without regard to length of separation from position. Contracted employees are not eligible for consideration. ([More](#))



General Milley: 'There Is Only One Army'

Want to avoid angering the new chief of staff of the Army? Make sure you include the National Guard and Reserve when discussing end strength. "Much of America's Army's capacity is resident in the National Guard," Army General Mark Milley said in remarks in Nashville, Tennessee, on Sept. 11. "I expect demand to increase in the future, and we must rely more heavily on our National Guard to meet that demand. ... I've only been on the job a couple of weeks, but it's readily obvious to me that I need to employ more of the Guard, not less." The Army comprises three components: The regular, or active duty, Army; the National Guard; and the Army Reserve. But, General Milley said, "There is only one Army. ... We are not 10 divisions, we are 18 divisions. We're not 32 brigades; we're 60 brigades. And we're not 490,000 Soldiers; we are 980,000 Soldiers. "Every time I hear the word ... '490,' I jump through the ceiling. If I hear the words '10 divisions,' I lose my mind. It is one Army, and we're not small – we're big. We're very capable. And we're very capable because of the reserves, we're capable because of the National Guard." ([More](#))



The Pentagon Has Shed 17 Percent of Security Clearance Holders Since 2013

About 3.8 million Defense Department employees and contractors hold security clearances, a 17 percent decrease from 2013 and down 100,000 since 2014. The reduction is part of an ongoing effort by the Obama administration to "minimize risk of access to sensitive information and reduce costs," according to a new report on security clearance reform created by the Office of Management and Budget, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Office of Personnel Management and the White House. The just-released report showed data through June 2015. Of the 3.8 million security clearance holders at Defense, just 58 percent -- or 2.2 million -- currently have access to classified information. That ratio has ticked up only slightly since fiscal 2013, when 2.5 million of 4.6 million clearance holders were "in access" to secret data. ([More](#))



Want to Get Your Partner's Child Insured? Put a Ring on It, Federal Employees Told

The Obama administration reversed a policy Monday that had allowed unmarried federal employees and retirees in same-sex domestic partnerships to obtain insurance coverage for children of their partners under certain conditions. The change, applying to the separate insurance programs for health care and for vision and dental care, is a fallout of the June U.S. Supreme Court decision requiring all states to allow and recognize same-sex marriage. It overturns a policy that itself was a result of a ruling by the high court two years earlier and could be a harbinger of other changes in eligibility for federal employee benefits. Eligibility as a family member under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and the Federal Dental and Vision Insurance Program extends to a spouse and to an employee or retiree's own children or stepchildren up to a cutoff age — 26 in the FEHBP and 22 in the FEDVIP — unless they are disabled before that age. ([More](#))



Domestic Violence Prevention Starts with Respect

"The core values for a good and healthy relationship mirror the Army core values," said Lt. Col. Ricky J. Martinez, the family advocacy program manager for Headquarters, Department of the Army. "Love, respect and trust will be at the forefront for any healthy relationship," he explained, "However, relationships will also need other core values such as honesty, integrity, commitment, selflessness and courage to be completely successful." In October, Army leaders at all levels will emphasize the positive impact of Army Values on relationships as they join the nation in observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence awareness campaigns will bring awareness to an issue which undermines the Army Values and has the potential to end careers -- and even lives. This year's Department of Defense theme is "It starts with respect: Live by core values to keep your relationship healthy and strong." The Army will focus its efforts on publicizing their resources which help Soldiers and family members develop life skills and maintain positive relationships. ([More](#))



Cybersecurity Awareness Month Bolsters Ways Army Can 'Stay Protected While Connected'

In recent months, headlines about cybersecurity incidents have captured national attention. From the Office of Personnel Management to the Sony Pictures intrusion, it has become clear that a single cyber intrusion can affect large numbers of people and cost millions of dollars in damage. While these incidents garnered significant media attention, they represent a very small piece of a much larger picture, akin to individual pixels in a high-resolution image. "It only takes one careless or malicious act anywhere on our networks to threaten Army operations," said Lt. Gen. Edward C. Cardon, commander of Army Cyber Command and Second Army. There are two assumptions the Army operates on each day: networks will become more and more vital to operations, and networks and the systems on those networks are constantly at risk. ([More](#)) ([StandTo!](#))



Energy Awareness Month

During the month of October, Energy Awareness Month, the energy manager has the following items planned for Rock Island Arsenal. "Rocky," the RIA Energy Dog, will be on display in various buildings looking for energy waste. Consequently, the energy manager will be alerting occupants of energy issues that are identified where he is displayed. Building occupants need to organize and register and update their building energy monitors from **Oct. 6-19** on the [Energy Awareness Website](#). The energy manager will walk through various buildings with building energy monitors inspecting their building for energy waste. During the evening of **Oct. 15**, the energy manager will perform a drive by night survey and publish his results. On **Oct. 20**, there will be training for the building energy monitors in the Bldg. 102 basement conference room from 10-11:30 a.m. On **Oct. 27**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Mid-American Energy consultants and the energy manager will provide an energy display with giveaways for attendees in Heritage Hall in Bldg. 60. During October there will be two energy awareness articles published and on about **Nov. 5** the 2015 Annual Energy Management Report will be published. If there are question, please contact the energy manager located at Public Works in Bldg. 102 at 309-782-2496 or jay.d.richter.civ@mail.mil.



USPS Suggests Holiday Overseas Military Mail Deadlines

If you plan to mail holiday packages to troops deployed overseas, now is the time to prepare. The U.S. Postal Service's first suggested deadline for mailing packages — by way of Standard Post — is Nov. 7. The deadlines are the same for all methods of mailing, for all overseas APO, FPO and DPO ZIP codes, with notable exceptions for some mail going to and from the AE ZIP 093, which covers overseas contingency areas. The following are suggested deadlines to mail your items so they arrive in time for Christmas. To get them there in time for Hanukkah, which starts Dec. 6, subtract 19 days from each deadline. ([More](#))

VIOS Schedule for October & November, Opportunities Extended to 5 Days

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **Oct. 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23**; and **Nov. 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20**.

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](#).

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, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. – 3 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.

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](#).



Rock Island Arsenal 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. 24**, 7:30 a.m. to 1 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. Keynote speaker at this year's event is retired Lt. Col. Shane Ostrom, Deputy Director for Financial Information of the Military Officers Association of America. In addition to these services, retirees can see presentations from the Retirement Services Office; the Veteran's Administration; Honor Flight, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Delta Dental; Express Scripts; a legislative update from the Military Officers Association of America; Federal Long-term Care Insurance program; numerous other exhibitors including the Voting Assistance Office; the post legal office; Rock Island National Cemetery; and the Rock Island Arsenal Museum, will also be on hand. Please email: gcmrad@gmail.com or call 563-508-5123 to make reservations.

Pillars of Honor Coming to Quad-City Area

The "Pillars of Honor," an original scale model of the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C., will be unveiled during a program honoring veterans and their families on Sunday, **Oct. 25**, at 1 p.m., at the Camden Centre, 2701 1st Street East, in Milan, Ill. The exhibit and event is brought to you by Pillars of Honor, Inc., an Illinois non-profit organization dedicated to honoring WWII veterans unable to travel to Washington D.C. to see their memorial in person. Pillars of Honor brings the memorial to them. You may learn more at

www.pillarsofhonor.org. This is the original scale model that was used by Senator Bob Dole to present the memorial design to Congress. It was designed by Friedrich St. Florian from Providence, Rhode Island. Pillars of Honor has this model on loan for a limited time before it has to be returned and placed in the Smithsonian. Don't miss this once in a lifetime event. Our WWII veterans now number less than three million. The average age of these veterans is 90 years old and we are losing these valuable souls at an alarming rate of 1,200 each and every day. These veterans are missing out on the opportunity to get first-hand knowledge about their memorial and more importantly receive recognition for their contribution to our nation. This Day of Honor experience gives veterans the opportunity to learn about their memorial, talk with other veterans and reflect upon the sacrifices they and others made during one of the most trying times in the history of the United States. Kindly register your WWII veteran's attendance at your earliest convenience, no later than **Oct. 18** to be included in the souvenir program book. To: 309-235-3170 or Pillars of Honor, Inc, 770 Lee Street, Suite 103, Des Plaines, IL 60016 or call 847-954-0520 or email: info@pillarsofhonor.org for more information.



Pillars of Honor

Congressman Lane Evans Celebration

The Black Hawk College Foundation will celebrate the life and work of Congressman Lane Evans Tuesday, **Nov. 3**, at 6 p.m., at Lavender Crest Winery on Route 6 in rural Colona, Ill. All proceeds will support Black Hawk College Veterans Resource Center and student scholarships. Tickets are \$50. More information? Call Jessica Malcheff at 309-796-5052.

Federal Employees Benefits Open Season

The 2015 Federal Benefits Open Season will be **Nov. 9 to Dec. 14**. Open Season is the time of year to ensure that you have the right health, dental, or vision insurance coverage for you and your family. It is also time to consider the money you can save on your out-of-pocket medical and

dependent care expenses. During this Open Season, you will be able to enroll in a new plan, change your current plan, or cancel your plan for the following benefits:

- Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB)
- Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA)
- Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)

If you wish to keep your existing plan, you do not have to make a new Open Season election. In the past, an annual Health Benefits Fair was held in the month of November here on Rock Island Arsenal; that fair was discontinued. All benefits/retirement questions need to be addressed directly to the Army Benefits Center, which can be reached at <http://ABC.Army.mil>, 877-276-9287, 785-240-2222, DSN 520-2222.

QC Mallards Annual Military Appreciation Night

Mark your calendars... the Mallards will recognize those who have served in the armed forces with Military Appreciation Night when the team plays on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, **Nov. 11**, at 6 p.m., at the iWireless Center in Moline, against the Anchorage Alaska Aces. Tickets to this Mallards' game will be available to current and former members of the military, their families, reservists, as well as all RIA workforce employees, for just \$5. Details about where to pick up tickets will be forthcoming.



Fish Fry and More Every Friday

American Legion Post 1233, 312 Broadway Street, Colona, Ill., is having a fish fry every Friday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. Come enjoy a variety of entrees from steak sandwiches, fish and chicken dinners, to sides and hors d'oeuvres; very reasonably priced. Proceeds go to veterans; their families; and other veteran organizations. For more information, call Anna DeFrieze at 309-792-8934. Note: **Oct. 30, Nov. 27, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1**, no food served.

Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — **The Venue:** Located at 1405 5th Ave. in Moline, we would like to say thank you to all Rock Island Arsenal personnel – bring in your Arsenal ID/badge on Mondays and receive a 20 percent discount on food and soda (this excludes family feast special). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 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 St., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

Arsenal Traffic/Construction



Work on 14th Street Ramp

The ramp from 14th Street Bridge, scheduled for closure through at least **Oct. 23**, could be finished ahead of schedule, according to officials at the Moline Public Works Department. Moline officials said work on the bridge could be finished as early as Oct. 2, with minimal rain and no unforeseen, badly deteriorated concrete near the joints that are under maintenance. The contractor has until **Oct. 23** to finish the work. Until the work is complete, traffic leaving the Arsenal via the Moline Gate must exit on to river drive, as the ramp to 14th Street will remain closed.

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



There are no announcements at this time.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone



FVAP Publishes 2016 Absentee Voting Deadlines for Military and Overseas Voters

FVAP is pleased to announce the release of the 2016-2017 Voting Assistance Guide with updated content for the 2016 Presidential Election cycle. The VAG is used by more than five million military and overseas citizen voters who are qualified to vote absentee under provisions of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. The information contained in the VAG is also used by the extensive network of Voting Assistance Officers throughout the military and the State Department. The VAG, published every two years and continually updated online at FVAP.gov, is a catalog of the State-specific processes and regulations that military and overseas voters need to follow to successfully register to vote and cast a ballot. It is the primary source of absentee voting procedures for citizens covered by the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act." To publish the VAG for the 2016 presidential election, FVAP coordinated with each State and Territory to verify the accuracy of the information and embrace plain language principles to help potential voters navigate the complex web of State absentee voting laws. The updated information can be found by selecting a State from the drop-down under "Voters Start Here" or at

www.fvap.gov/vao/vag. Hard copies of the published VAG will be distributed to VAOs in January 2016, and additional hard copies can be requested by contacting your Service's warehouse, or emailing vote@fvap.gov.

October Military Fatherhood Program

Attention Military Dads: Gather the kids Thursday, **Oct. 15**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., and join us at the Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch for pumpkin picking, a hay rack ride and a bonfire complete with hot dogs and s'mores, all free to you. For more info and to RSVP call 309-782-3049 or email jennifer.a.kerr10.civ@mail.mil. ([Flyer](#))

Safety Spotlight



ARMY SAFE
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Army Safety and Occupational Health Leaders Meet To Chart Way Ahead

Leaders from the Army's Safety and Occupational Health community met at the Army Public Health Center headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, Sept. 10 to develop a partnership strategy aimed at enhancing readiness and preserving capabilities across the force. Key leaders included John Resta, director of the Army Public Health Center (Provisional); Brig. Gen. Ronald Place, assistant surgeon general for Force Protection, office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Army Medical Command; Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Farnsworth, director of Army Safety and commanding general, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center; and Brig. Gen. John Poppe, deputy chief of staff for Public Health (Provisional). A key aspect of the meeting involved discussion of an October 2014 update to DoD Instruction 6055.01, which outlines new and expanded safety and occupational health policies, requirements and procedures, including consolidation of safety and occupational health into one program. Until last year, the Army's safety and occupational health programs were distinct and separate. ([More](#))

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



RIA National Disability Employment Awareness Month Observance

U.S. Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal is hosting the installation's National Disability Employment Awareness Month Observance on Wednesday, **Oct. 21**, in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60 from 1-2 p.m. This year's theme is "My disability is a part of who I am." Reflecting this year's theme, throughout the month, the Garrison will be engaging in activities to educate its employees and workforce on disability employment issues and its commitment to an inclusive work culture. The guest speaker is Liz Sherwin, executive director, Illinois/Iowa Center for Independent Living. The center is a civil rights and advocacy non-profit organization that serves people with disabilities in western Illinois and eastern Iowa. Sherwin is currently a commissioner on the Bi-State Regional Commission and serves on the Rock Island Liquor Commission and has obtained



certifications from Cornell University of New York's School of Industrial and Labor Relations and the Rehabilitation Research and Management Center. She is a past chairperson of the Martin Luther King Community Center Advisory Board and the Quad-City Council of Social Services. Sherwin served three terms as president of the Rock Island County Branch of the NAACP.

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](#))



Golf-toberfest & Rocktoberfest

Play 18 holes with a cart anytime on **Oct. 9** and then afterwards head up to Heritage Hall (Bldg. 60) and pick up your included collectible custom stein, fill it with your favorite beer and get your Bavarian on at our annual Rocktoberfest Celebration. Enjoy a great selection of local craft beers, authentic German Cuisine and the infectious beats of Funktastic Five. Cost is \$40 golfer which includes 18 holes with a cart, a collectible beer stein and your first beer. Call 309-793-1604 for more info and to make tee times, make sure to mention that you want the Golf-toberfest package when making your tee times. Admission to Rocktoberfest is free and commemorative steins can be purchased for \$15 which includes your first beer. ([Golf-toberfest Flyer](#)) ([Rocktoberfest Flyer](#)) ([Rocktoberfest Food Menu](#))

Trunk or Treat

Fall is in the air and that means it's almost time for our annual Trunk or Treat event Wednesday, **Oct. 21**, 3:30-6 p.m., at Memorial Park. Get your little ghouls and goblins dressed in their costumes and get ready for a fun afternoon of Halloween activities including a safe and family friendly trunk or treat, games, activities and prizes including a \$50 Toys R Us gift card courtesy of our sponsor, Rock Island Arsenal Federal Credit Union. Think you have a creative idea for a trunk? Sign up to see if your trunk idea can de-throne the reigning two-time champions JMC and win the best trunk competition. Trophies for 1st - 3rd place trunks. For more info call 309-782-5969 or 309-782-2828. ([Sign up here](#)) ([Trunk Decorators](#)) ([Flyer](#))

Paintless Dent Repair Service Available

Back by popular demand, the paintless dent repair technician will be available for repairs on Wednesday, **Oct. 21**, at the 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.

Ghost Hunters Dinner & Tour of Quarters One

Enjoy a prime rib & chicken buffet Saturday, **Oct. 31**, at 6 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse, and then join the Rock Island Paranormal Society for a tour of Historic Quarters One. The Paranormal Society staff have spent countless hours in this massive Italianate style mansion and will regale you with tales of the paranormal activity they have experienced there throughout the years. The cost is \$35/person and reservations can be made by calling 309-782-4372. RSVP required by **Oct. 29**. ([Flyer](#))

Self Defense Seminar

Learn basic self-defense tactics and tips to avoid becoming a target from our Primary Master Combatives certified instructor. Class is \$50 per individual or \$90 per couple/pair and is open to all eligible patrons 18 years and older. Call 309-782-6787 for more info and to sign up. ([Flyer](#))

Date: **Saturday, Nov. 7**

Time: **9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

October is Fall Car Care Month

Winter is coming, time to make sure your vehicle is ready for another Midwest winter. All month long save money with these great deals at the Auto Craft Shop. • \$21 Standard Oil Change & Inspection (includes up to five quarts 5w30 or 5w20 synthetic blend oil, filter and comprehensive vehicle inspection). • \$55 Mobil® 1 Full Synthetic Oil Change & Inspection (includes up to six quarts Mobil® 1 5w30 or 5w20 full synthetic oil, filter and comprehensive vehicle inspection). • Free Pre-Winter Vehicle Inspection (comprehensive vehicle inspection of belts, hoses, tires, undercarriage and antifreeze protection). *Appointments required for all specials, call 309-782-8631 to schedule yours today. ([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. Maybe your lunch break is short and you don't have time for a sit down meal, we've got you covered there too. Order a sandwich or burger off the grab and go menu and you'll be out the door in no time. The menu is available here: www.arsenalislandgolf.com/riagolfclub/assets/Image/Golf-Clubhouse-Grab-Go-Menu%281%29.png

Additional Vacuum & Spot Cleaner Now Operational at the Auto Shop

The newest piece of equipment at the Auto Shop Carwash is now operational and ready to get your ride looking clean and great. This combination vacuum and carpet spot remover is just \$1 for five minutes, is available 24/7 and accepts bills and coins.

MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

Leisure Travel & Outdoor Recreation Closure

Leisure Travel and Outdoor recreation will be closed from 8:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. for mandatory training.

Date: **Wednesday, Oct. 14**

iWireless Presents: Mannheim Steamrollers

This year marks the 31st Anniversary of the Christmas Tour and release of Mannheim Steamroller Christmas, an album that revolutionized the holiday season music category. The show features classic Christmas hits from Mannheim Steamroller and dazzling multimedia effects in an intimate setting. The spirit of the season comes alive with the signature sound of Mannheim Steamroller. Leisure Travel has discounted seats on sale until **Oct. 30**. Section 114 at \$67.50 and Section 105 at \$57.50.

Date: **Friday, Nov. 13**

Time: **7 p.m.**

Disney on Ice presents: Treasure Trove

Get tangled up in Disney's 50th animated feature with Rapunzel and Flynn and enter the worlds of your other favorite Disney princesses – Cinderella, Jasmine, Ariel, Sleeping Beauty, Belle, Tiana, Mulan and of course, the one who started it all, Snow White. Ahoy, Mateys! Set sail with Peter Pan, the always sassy Tinker Bell and the cantankerous Captain Hook and his pirate pals on an adventure beyond Never Land and shout out your loudest "yee-haw" with Woody, Jessie and Buzz Lightyear from Disney Pixar's Toy Story! Trek the wilds of Africa with Simba, Nala, Pumbaa and Timon as they discover the true meaning of the 'Circle of Life.' Tick-Tock! Tick-Tock! Don't be late to a very important date with Alice and the Mad Hatter as they march with the Queen of Hearts' Army Of Cards. Be sure to see Disney On Ice presents Treasure Trove full of memories guaranteed to last a lifetime. Leisure Travel has two shows this year. Saturday, **Dec. 5**, at 3 p.m. or Sunday, **Dec. 6**, at 5 p.m., Children one and under free on lap; 12 and under \$14. Upper level \$16 and Lower level \$22. On sale until **Nov. 13**.

Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage Concert Tour 2016

This lavish production includes an impressive live symphony orchestra and international special solo instruments. People of all ages and backgrounds will experience the franchise's groundbreaking and wildly popular musical achievements while the most iconic Star Trek film and TV footage is simultaneously beamed in high definition to a 40-foot wide screen. The concert will feature some of the greatest music written for the franchise including music from Star Trek: The Original Series, Star Trek: The Motion Picture, Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan, Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home, Star Trek: Insurrection, Star Trek: The Next Generation, Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, Star Trek: Voyager and much more. This never-before-seen concert event is perfect for music lovers, filmgoers, science-fiction fans and anyone looking for an exciting and unique concert experience.

MWR Leisure Travel has discounted seats on sale now. Stop by the office located in Bldg. 333 or call 309-782-5890.

Date: **Friday, March 22**

Time: **7 p.m.**

Waves of Honor

Waves of Honor SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment - We Salute Veterans! A one-time limited free admission to either Sea World San Diego or San Antonio per veteran service member and up to three guests. Go to WavesofHonor.com to register for and obtain your free tickets. *These tickets must be obtained online only*

Chicago/Schaumburg Attractions

Experience the best that Chicago has to offer for less with the Top 5 Attraction Pass. This savings pass is your ticket to getting the most out of the must-see attractions in Chicago. Shedd Aquarium, Skydeck Chicago, The Field Museum, Museum of Science and Industry - Chicago, John Hancock Observatory, Adler Planetarium, Art Institute of Chicago. Adult MWR \$83, Gate \$96; Child MWR \$68.50, Gate \$79.

Discount Amusement Park Tickets and More at Leisure Travel

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

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.

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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



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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**.

Parenting with Love & Logic

This free seminar will feature guest speaker Lindsey Hornbaker with the QC Child Abuse Council on Wednesday, **Oct. 14**, 4-5 p.m., in the Abel Conf. Room, in Bldg. 110. Come learn simple, positive and loving strategies for parenting with limits, compassion and empathy. Those registered with CYSS will receive two participation points. To RSVP, call 309-782-3049 or email Jennifer.a.kerr10.civ@mail.mil. ([Flyer](#))

Paint the Island Purple Fridays

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Please help us raise awareness of this important social issue by decorating your work area in purple and breaking out the purple in your wardrobe every Friday throughout the month. Submit pictures of your purple work area and staff to our Family Advocacy Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RIAFAP and remember to always keep OPSEC and social media acceptable use policies in mind, [more info can be found here](#). ([Flyer](#))

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which is October, provides a unique opportunity to raise awareness and educate the community, which is what Family Advocacy intends to do with the scheduled events this upcoming month. Domestic Violence is a serious social problem and national health concern with significant impacts on individuals, families, communities, mission readiness, and is contrary to our Army values. DV stems from an abuser wanting power and control and can be in the form of physical, emotional, financial, etc. According to the Center for Disease Control, one in four women and one in seven men experience DV in their lifetime. DV has a wide range of consequences that may have long term effects, which can include loss of friends, missing work, medical bills, disabilities, and in severe cases death. Through education we as a community position ourselves to foster an environment that is supportive and equipped to provide assistance. As an empowered community we lay the foundation that empowers survivors to speak out, break down barriers, and get the help and support when they are ready. No one deserves to live through the oppressive cycle of abuse. Individuals should be able to live a life that is full of support and empowerment. Relationships are about love, acceptance, and equality - not the cycle of power and control. We hope that through the events and resources provided during Domestic Violence Awareness Month will give you the necessary tools to recognize relationships that could have abusive tendencies whether it is in your own relationships, a friends, or a family members'. Take a moment and think about the members of your family and your circle of friends and remember that one in four women and one in seven men experience DV in their life time. Is it possible you know someone who has experienced DV? Let's create an environment that will empower them to speak out and get help. Check out the events for this [October on the MWR calendar](#). For more

information, to inquire about getting involved, or to participate please feel free to contact Family Advocacy at 309-782-3773. [Follow us on Facebook.](#)

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.](#)

National Drug Free Work Week

The week of **Oct. 12-17** is National Drug Free Work Week and we ask that all RIA personnel pledge to be drug free and safe at work. Every year, people are injured and killed at work due to being under the influence of drugs. If you believe drugs are a problem in your life, please contact the Army Substance Abuse Program/Employee Assistance Program at 309-782-HELP (4357). Our services are free and confidential. Drug-Free Work Week was initiated by the U.S. Department of Labor as a cooperative agreement focused on improving safety and health in the construction industry through drug-free workplace programs. The first Drug-Free Work Week was observed in 2006, and in subsequent years, more and more organizations—representing a range of industries—also rallied behind the effort, helping firmly establish it as an annual opportunity to reinforce to employers and employees alike that "working drug free works." Today, the National Drug-Free Workplace Alliance, a division of Drug Free America Foundation, in collaboration with organizations focused on alcohol and drug abuse prevention and workplace safety and health, promote this observance. Together, we spread the word to encourage individual workplaces to conduct activities designed to educate and encourage a safe and healthy work environment—reflecting the true spirit of Drug-Free Work Week. ([RIA ASAP & EAP](#))



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.](#)

University of Phoenix

On Oct. 7 the University of Phoenix was placed in a probationary status by OSD in regards to the DoD Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding. Schools that are in a probationary status per the DOD MOU are: 1. Eligible to receive TA funds for their current students; Soldier's home school must have been the University of Phoenix prior to Oct. 7. 2. Not

eligible to be selected by other Soldiers as a home school 3. Not eligible to receive TA by other transfer Soldier/students 4. Not authorized access to DoD installations; except for teach out of current students. Notification of the terms of probation was sent to the institution by OSD via certified mail/return receipt. A copy of the message from OSD along with "questions and answers" will be uploaded to GoArmyEd for your use. If you have any questions please contact the RIA Education Center at 309-782-2065.

Time: **11:30 a.m. -12:20 p.m.**

Area Schools to Visit RIA

The [Army Continuing Education Systems Rock Island Arsenal](#) is coordinating with Quad-City area schools to have them visit with eligible Ed Center patrons where they will meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities. These visits will take place in Bldg. 56, Room 121, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The schedule for this fiscal year is: • Ashford University, **Dec. 17, March 17, and June 16**; • Black Hawk College, **Jan. 14, April 14, and July 14**; • Eastern Iowa Community College, **Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, and July 7**; • Kaplan University, **Nov. 19, Feb. 18, May 19, and Aug. 18**; • Saint Ambrose University, **Oct. 15, Jan. 21, April 21, and July 21**; • Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, **Oct. 29, Jan. 28, April 28, and July 28**; • University of Dubuque, **Nov. 12, Feb. 11, May 26, and Aug. 11**; and • Upper Iowa University, **Dec. 10, March 10, and June 9**. Meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities.



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](#))

DeCA Marks 24 Years of Service

Twenty-four years ago on Oct. 1, the Defense Commissary Agency officially opened its doors for business around the world. Today, its employees are preparing to observe this anniversary the way they do every year: working hard to bring the commissary benefit to their customers with great savings on name-brand products at 240 stores in 13 countries. And that's a fine way to mark this anniversary, said Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Stuart M. Allison, senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director. "Because what really matters are our customers, America's military community – the people who bear the brunt of this nation's defense today, and the people who performed that duty in the past, and those in their immediate families." In the last 24 years, the people of DeCA have improved the commissary benefit in multiple ways, Allison said. "You see it in the quality of the facilities we run, the stock assortments our stores carry, and the savings we provide our customers." ([More](#))

Arsenal Archive

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

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Oct. 5-11

On Oct. 6, 1966, the Scott County Association of Homebuilders contributed to the refurbishing of the Colonel Davenport House. In October 1871, the RIA command officer's home, Quarter's One, was completed. In October 1866, the excavation of Shop B (Bldg. 60) began. In October 1866, a Board of Commissioners began negotiating with settlers and local civil authorities to regain portions of the island that had fallen under civil control. Property was repurchased along with access bridges to the island. Rock Island Arsenal gained complete authority and control of the island. On Oct. 10, 1939, the U.S. Army 33rd Ordnance Company stationed at the RIA was reassigned to Puerto Rico. On Oct. 11, 1941, the first Browning machine gun, .30 cal., M1919A4, aircooled, of new manufacture, was delivered to Storehouse W1 at RIA. Liberty (Loan) Day celebration at the RIA on Oct. 13, 1918.

Healthbeat



Protect Your Hearing Before It's Too Late

It's National Protect Your Hearing Month, so it's appropriate to note that hearing loss among service members has risen substantially in the last few years. The Department of Defense Hearing Center of Excellence reports that tinnitus (ringing of the ears) and hearing loss are two of the most prevalent service-related injuries among veterans. In response to hearing health concerns, the Army National Guard (ARNG) changed its hearing test policy from testing Soldiers once every five years to annually. More frequent hearing tests will help Soldiers identify, treat and reduce the impact of hearing loss earlier. When Soldiers take steps to protect their hearing, it keeps them safer on the battlefield, during training and throughout everyday life. To help Soldiers better understand the importance of hearing protection and hearing loss prevention, ARNG's health and wellness campaign, Guard Your Health, offers tips on how to prevent hearing loss. Tactics such as wearing noise-canceling ear muffs while riding in a helicopter or wearing noise activated or electronic earplugs while shooting can keep ears safe. Guard Your Health also features information on how hearing loss can affect a Soldier's life, how to cope with and manage hearing loss, and the signs to look out for, such as a muffled feeling in your ears, sensing a prolonged ringing or buzzing in your ears or straining to hear someone. ([More](#))

National Depression Education and Awareness Month October 2015

In observance of October's National Depression Education and Awareness Month, on Oct. 8, 2015, the Army will join thousands of organizations and communities across America in recognition of "National Depression Screening Day" by leading efforts to inform the public about the various signs

and symptoms of depression and the important role of depression screening in managing overall health. The Army theme for 2015 is "Screening -- A Step on the Journey to Maintaining Your Health." According to the World Health Organization, depression is the leading cause of disability with over 350 million people suffering from depression worldwide. Symptoms of depression may include persistent sadness, difficulty concentrating, hopelessness, helplessness, fatigue, changes in appetite, insomnia, irritability, persistent aches and pains, and in some instances, thoughts of suicide. It is time to seek help when these feelings persist and begin to interfere with everyday life, which may be an indication of clinical depression, a serious medical condition that if left untreated, may continue for years and lead to other medical conditions. The Army conducts routine behavioral health screening at five recognized points throughout the deployment cycle. This reduces stigma associated with seeking behavioral health treatment, and exceeds the National Defense Authorization Act mandated screening requirements by including two additional screening "touch points" during deployment cycles and by incorporating behavioral health screening into every Soldier's annual Periodic Health Assessment, regardless of deployment. ([More](#))

Notes for Veterans

VA's Online Self-Help Resources Give Users the Tools They Need To Overcome

The Department of Veterans Affairs, or VA, recently developed a series of free, confidential online tools designed to help service members, veterans and Family members deal with the stresses that can come with life in - and after - military service. The Online Self-Help Resource Center features online courses designed to be taken anytime, anywhere at the user's choosing. Topics include parenting, stress management and anger management. Ken Weingardt, who worked at the VA for 15 years and helped design the program, said the courses were created for individuals who are busy and might not be able to take time out of their days for classes. The online capability allows users to be flexible and get the help they need when they can. The lives of transitioning service members, recent veterans and their Families can constantly be in flux, but the courses are meant to help people learn the skills they need to manage those stresses, he said. "There are a lot of these decisions that are overwhelming," said Weingardt, now associate professor of preventative medicine and psychiatry at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. "These courses provide a methodical way of managing stress." Weingardt said the tools use a variety of features to reach the user, including interactive exercises, videos, games and quizzes, as well as direct language and easily applicable information. ([More](#))

VA Addresses Suicide by Gun Problem among Female Veterans

Female veterans who try to take their own lives are often successful at a far higher rate than their female non-veteran counterparts because of one reason: They use guns. Female veterans die by suicide at nearly six times the rate as those with no service record, such an alarming number that mental health experts at the Department of Veterans Affairs say the agency is reaching out to former servicewomen to talk about gun safety. The female veterans' suicide rate is also surprising because men generally are far more likely than women to die by suicide. "One reason is that female veterans are more comfortable with firearms — it's part of the culture," said Caitlin Thompson, VA's deputy director for suicide prevention. VA hospitals and clinics are offering free gun locks and education at every VA to ensure firearm safety, Thompson said. ([More](#))

Around the Q.C.



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- Oct. 10:** [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (Mississippi River in Moline)
- Oct. 10:** [17th Annual Noogiefest](#) (Gilda's Club, 1234 E. River Drive, Davenport)
- Oct. 11:** [QC Family Focus Magazine's Healthy Happy Families Fun Day](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)
- Oct. 11:** [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)
- Oct. 11:** [Daddy-Daughter Dance](#) (The Col Ballroom, 1012 W 4th St, Davenport)
- Oct. 11:** [Dogtoberfest](#) (Bier Stube Le Claire, 1001 Canal Shore Dr SW, Le Claire, Iowa)
- Oct. 14:** [March of Dimes Signature Chef Auction](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
- Oct. 15:** [Special Needs Night](#) (Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Drive, Bettendorf)
- Oct. 16:** [Trick or Treat at NorthPark Mall](#) (NorthPark Mall, 320 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport)
- Oct. 17:** [Polar Plunge For Special Olympics Iowa](#) (West Lake Park Beach)
- Oct. 17:** 240th U.S. Navy Ball (Golden Leaf Banquet Hall, Davenport)
- Oct. 17:** [5th Annual City of Blue Grass Park Board Pumpkin Dash](#) (120 East Orphed Street, old Fire Station, Blue Grass, Iowa)
- Oct. 17:** [QCAWC Fall Open House](#) (Quad City Animal Welfare Center, 724 2nd Ave W, Milan)
- Oct. 17:** [QC Skatepark Fest](#) (Davenport Skatepark, 700 W River Dr, Davenport)
- Oct. 17:** [Breakfast with the Animals - In the Jungle "Halloween Style"](#) (Niabi Zoo, Coal Valley, Ill.)
- Oct. 17:** [Snow Leopard Day](#) (Niabi Zoo, Coal Valley, Ill.)
- Oct. 17:** [Trick or Treat at SouthPark Mall](#) (SouthPark Mall, 4500 16th Street, Moline)
- Oct. 17:** [Kid's Craft Day](#) (John Deere Pavilion, 1400 River Drive, Moline)
- Oct. 17:** [Fishermen's Holler Family Bluegrass Concert](#) (Rock Island County Fairgrounds, East Moline, Ill.)
- Oct. 18:** [CBRC Pumpkin Dash](#) (Credit Island, Davenport)
- Oct. 18:** [Pete's Awesome 5K Race](#) (Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf)
- Oct. 18:** [Pumpkin Extravaganza](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)
- Oct. 20:** [Everyone's A Critic](#) (Putnam Museum, Davenport)
- Oct. 22:** [iHeart Media Quad Cities Halloween Walk](#) (3535 E. Kimberly Road, Davenport)
- Oct. 22:** [Schmooza Palooza 2015](#) (Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Rock Island)
- Oct. 23:** [Family Science Night: Bug Bonanza!](#) (Putnam Museum, Davenport)
- Oct. 23:** [WQPT Asks Veterans to Share Their Story of Service](#) (WQPT Public Television 6600 34th Avenue, Moline)
- Oct. 24:** [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)
- Oct. 24:** [3rd Annual Quad-Cities Tweed Ride](#) (Front Street Brewery Tasting Room at the Freight House, Davenport)
- Oct. 24:** [Quad Cities Birth Conference 2015](#) (Western Illinois University-Quad Cities, 3300 River Dr, Moline)
- Oct. 24:** [United Neighbors Multi-Cultural Health Initiative](#) (NorthPark Mall 320 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport)
- Oct. 24:** [Annual Moline Booster Club Booooooster Bash](#) (Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1800 Seventh Avenue, Moline)
- Oct. 24:** [Greater Bettendorf Community Foundation's Halloween Parade](#) (23rd Street and Middle Road to Splash Landing, Bettendorf)
- Oct. 24-25:** [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo, Coal Valley, Ill.)
- Oct. 24:** [United Neighbors Multi-Cultural Health Initiative](#) (NorthPark Mall, Davenport)
- Oct. 25:** [Fall Family Fun Day](#) (YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln, 1624 W Front St, Blue Grass, Iowa)
- Oct. 25:** [Tropical Halloween](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)
- Oct. 25:** [Scarecrow Shenanigans](#) (Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Drive, Bettendorf)
- Oct. 27:** [Putnam Pro Series: Programmers Pro II](#) (Putnam Museum, Davenport)
- Oct. 29:** [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)
- Oct. 29-30:** [5th Annual St. Anthony's Haunted Tunnel Tours](#) (St. Anthony's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 767 30th St., Rock Island)
- Oct. 31:** [Trick or Treat](#) (Greater Quad Cities)
- Oct. 31:** [College Hill-O-Ween](#) (College Hill District Rock Island)
- Oct. 31:** [Halloween Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Oct. 31: [Halloween Parade Vintage Bicycle Ride](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Oct. 31: [6th Annual Whorror Fest 2015](#) (Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Rock Island)
Oct. 31: [Annual Dwyer and Michaels Halloween Costume Ball](#) (Hotel Davenport and Conference Center)
Nov. 1: [Governor's Cross Country](#) (Scott County Park, Long Grove, Iowa)
Nov. 4: [12th Annual Quad Cities Go Red for Women Luncheon](#) (RiverCenter, 136 E Third St, Davenport)
Nov. 11: [Veterans Day Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 14: [Black Hawk College 5k Hustle](#) (Black Hawk College, Building #1, 6600 34th Avenue, Moline)
Nov. 14: [Veteran's Day 5k Run](#) (American Legion Post 711, Blue Grass, Iowa)
Nov. 20-29: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
Nov. 21: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 21: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)
Nov. 21: [QC Mustache Challenge](#) (Begins at Barrel House 1321 5th Ave, Moline)
Nov. 26: [Scott County Family Y McCarthy Bush Turkey Trot](#) (Davenport YMCA, 606 West 2nd Street)
Nov. 27-29: [25th Annual Quad City Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
Dec. 4-5: [Christmas in the Village](#) (East Village, Davenport)
Dec. 4-6: [Heartland Emergency Response Conference Expo](#) (QCCA)
Dec. 6: [Holiday Open House](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)
Dec. 6: [Reindeer Ramble](#) (IBEW Union Hall, Moline)
Dec. 6: [Winterfest](#) (Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Drive, Bettendorf)
Dec. 12: [Santa Fun Run & Social](#) (1318 4th Avenue, Moline)
Dec. 12: [QC Holiday Expo](#) (Rock Island Center for Math and Science, 2101 16th Ave, Rock Island)
Jan. 8-10: [Bald Eagle Days Environmental Fair and Wild Life Art Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
Jan. 18-20: [24th Quad Cities Farm Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
Jan. 23-25: [Rod and Custom Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
Feb. 1: [35th Annual Motorcycle Parts Swapmeet for the Harley Enthusiast](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
Feb. 6-8: [Quad Cities Home Builders Home Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
Feb. 18-21: [Fishing, Hunting, and Outdoor Adventure Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
Feb. 26-28: [QCCA RV/Camping Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
March 6-8: [Quad Cities Antique Spectacular](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
April 1-3: [QCCA Lawn and Garden Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
April 11: [18th Annual In-Fisherman Swap Meet](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
May 10-11: [Scott County Kennel Club AKC Dog Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)

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