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Island Insight



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Combined Federal Campaign Kicks Off "Give for Good":

Hundreds of federal employees spent their lunch break here, Oct. 9, at Heritage Hall, to kick off the annual federal workforce charity campaign. Federal government employees donate to Combined Federal Campaign charities to make a lasting difference in people's lives in the Quad City Area and beyond. This year's slogan is "Give for Good." The

campaign period is open from September through December, and most organizations choose a six-week period in that time frame in which to ask employees if they would like to donate. Approximately 50 CFC-participating, non-profit organizations set up displays and information tables at the arsenal cafeteria and spoke with employees about how their donations make a difference. Employees enjoyed lunches

of Walking Tacos and bake sale items, the proceeds going to CFC. They also munched on free popcorn and entered to win a gift basket. "I'm always excited about CFC time, because it gives federal employees the opportunity to be leaders in the community through their generosity," said Rebecca Freeman,



"HOME OF US ARMY LOGISTICS"



Civilian Human Resources Agency employee and 2014 Illowa Bi-State CFC Co-Chair. ([More](#))

First Army Welcomes the "Paddle Pilgrim":

A journey down the Mississippi River made for a fascinating topic during a special First Army weekly Bible study. Dave Ellingson, a Lutheran pastor and psychology professor at Trinity Lutheran College in Everett, Wash., spoke Oct 15 to First Army Soldiers and civilians about his physical, mental and spiritual journey kayaking the entire 2,350-mile length of the "Mighty Mississippi." ([More](#))



JMC Safety Engineer Recognized as 2014 'Rising Star':

Cindy Brock, Joint Munitions Command lead safety engineer, was presented the 2014 National Safety Council Rising Star Award, Sept. 16. Brock was one of the 41 recipients of the NSC Rising Star of Safety Class for 2014. She was recognized at the national awards celebration during the



NSC Congress & Expo in San Diego, California. ([More](#))

Annual Change to CDC Fees to Take Effect Nov. 1:

Department of Defense changes to school year 2014-2015 Child, Youth and School Services fee policy take affect this year on Nov. 1.

CYSS Coordinator Dawn Thompson said that means an increase of approximately \$6 to 10 per month for those whose children attend Cody Child Development Center on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Fees are broken down into nine categories that are based on total family income or TFI and are assessed regardless of the age of the child, as is done in the private sector. ([More](#))



U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services

Federal Pay Still Far Behind Private Sector's, Study Group Says:

White-collar federal employees on average earn 35.2 percent less than private-sector workers in comparable jobs, an advisory council announced Friday in the latest



Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 20-24:** DoD Commander Cyber Readiness Inspection
- Oct. 21-22:** RIA Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
- Oct. 21-23:** Army Family Action Plan Conference
- Oct. 22:** Trunk or Treat, Memorial Field, 4-5 p.m.
- Oct. 23:** Newcomer's Orientation and Tour of RIA and the QC, Clubhouse, 8 a.m.
- Oct. 23:** Hispanic Heritage Observance, Heritage Hall, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 23:** Council of Colonels, Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- Oct. 25:** Military Retiree Appreciation Day, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Oct. 25:** Ghost Hunter Dinner, Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse, 6:30-8:15 p.m.
- Oct. 27-31:** Winter Weather Awareness Week
- Oct. 28:** Military Spouse Fun Night
- Oct. 30:** Join the Fight March against Domestic Violence, Bldg. 110 to Exchange, 11 a.m.
- Oct. 30:** QC Honor Flight
- Oct. 31:** Ghost Hunter Dinner, Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse, 6:30-8:15 p.m.
- Oct. 31:** Halloween
- Nov. 1:** Quad City Mallards Military Appreciation Night, 7 p.m., iWireless Center
- Nov. 8:** Murder Mystery Dinner, Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 11:** Veterans Day Ceremony, Rock Island National Cemetery
- Nov. 13-14:** Fall Vendor Fair, Heritage Hall
- Nov. 20:** National American Indian Heritage Observance, Time TBD
- Nov. 27:** FMWR Thanksgiving Day Buffet, Clubhouse, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Dec. 4:** USO Holiday Reception, Bldg. 110, USO, 12-3 p.m.
- Dec. 4:** Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Outside Bldg. 60 and Heritage Hall, 4 p.m.
- Dec. 4-13:** Trees for Troops, Memorial Park (T)



report in a years-long back and forth over how salaries stack up. The Federal Salary Council announced that figure based on data gathered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which under federal pay law follows a methodology that has yielded a large “pay gap” figure in favor of the private sector for two decades. ([More](#))

Lack of Movement on New Locality Pay Locations Frustrates Feds:

The Federal Salary Council voted Friday to add 13 cities to a list of municipalities where federal employees are paid more, in an effort to close a growing wage gap between feds and private-sector counterparts in certain regions of the country. ∞ The cities recommended are Albany, New York; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Austin, Texas; Charlotte, North Carolina; Colorado Springs, Colorado; **Davenport**, Iowa; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Laredo, Texas; Las Vegas, Nevada; Palm Bay, Florida; St. Louis, Missouri; Tucson, Arizona and Kansas City. ([More](#))



Under Secarmy Carson: Civilian Employees 'Indispensable' From Afghanistan To Africa:

As the troop drawdown in Afghanistan continues, the demand for Army civilian employees there will increase, predicted the service's under secretary. Speaking at the Department of the Army Civilian Luncheon Oct. 15, during the AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition here, Under Secretary of the Army Brad R. Carson said the Army's civilian workforce is indispensable. He pledged to continue support for career program development and training for civilians serving worldwide. ([More](#))

Centcom Designates Ops Against ISIL as 'Inherent Resolve':

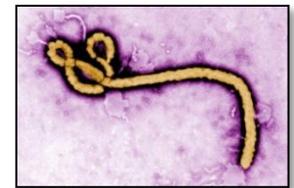
U.S. military operations in Iraq and Syria against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorists have been designated as Operation Inherent Resolve, U.S. Central Command officials announced today. The operation name applies retroactively to all U.S. military actions conducted against ISIL in Iraq and Syria since airstrikes against ISIL began Aug. 8 in Iraq, officials said. The name Inherent Resolve is intended to reflect the



unwavering resolve and deep commitment of the U.S. and partner nations in the region and around the globe to eliminate the terrorist group ISIL and the threat they pose to Iraq, the region and the wider international community, Centcom officials explained. ([More](#)) ([Operation Inherent Resolve](#))

Soldiers Ramping Up Capability to Fight Ebola In Liberia:

U.S. Soldiers in Western Africa are constructing facilities to treat Ebola patients and providing logistics, engineering and medical skills to help contain the epidemic. Maj. Gen. Darryl Williams and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffery Stitzel, of U.S. Army Africa, talked to reporters Wednesday, as they skyped from Monrovia, Liberia, to the Association of the U.S. Army's Annual Meeting and Exposition, at the Washington Convention Center. ([More](#)) ([U.S. Army news, information about Army's response to Ebola threat](#))



Hagel Praises Army's Strength,

Resilience: Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel commended the Army today for its contributions to national defense over



the last 13 years of conflict and noted that demand for the things the Army does for the nation will not diminish during the period of uncertainty and change that lies ahead. Speaking during the Association of the United States Army's annual conference, Hagel said this is a time of great transition for the Army as the U.S. military responsibly ends its combat role in Afghanistan and transitions to a train-advise-and-assist mission. ([More](#))

White House Gives Agencies the Lead Role In Combating ID Theft:

New, more secure government credit cards and multi-factor authentication for federal websites dealing with sensitive citizen data are two ways the White House wants the government to lead a nationwide effort to reduce identity theft and fraud. President Barack Obama signed an Executive Order on Oct. 17 outlining a series of steps with short and longer term deadlines to transition to more secure online transactions under a new Buy Secure initiative. ([More](#))



'Total Army Strong' to Succeed Army Family Covenant:

Total Army Strong,

successor to the Army Family Covenant, was explained this week at the Association of the U.S. Army's Annual Meeting and Exposition, here. Rather than having a prescribed list of what programs stay and go, Total Army Strong will give installation commanders the authority to determine what Soldier and family quality-of-life programs work best in their particular geographic communities, because needs differ from Georgia to Washington state, to Korea. ([More](#))

Senior Leaders Pledge Renewed Focus On Family Readiness,

Resilience: The Army's top leaders said in the face of changing missions and budget cuts, family readiness is more important than ever. They made the remarks in a town hall-style panel during a family forum at the Association of the United States Army's Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C., Wednesday. Secretary of the Army John McHugh, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III told family members that resilience is



not just about Soldiers, it's about families. ([More](#))

Cyber Readiness Inspection: The Command Cyber Readiness Inspection of Rock Island Arsenal will be conducted next week, **Oct. 20-24.**

Defense Information Systems Agency will visit RIA next week to assess the operational readiness of both NIPR unclassified and SIPR classified systems, including security measures. This is an installation inspection-- the entire installation, regardless of unit/MACOM, is subject to inspection. Security Reminder:

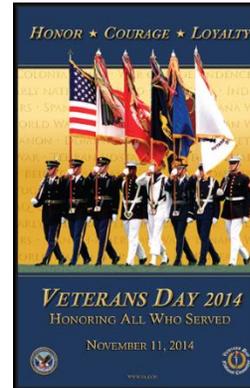
Absolutely no cell phones or Portable Electronic Devices in areas where classified information is processed (That includes your SIPR PC). Use digital signatures on emails containing sensitive information, and encrypt emails containing Privacy Act, PII, FOUO, HIPAA, or otherwise sensitive data. Always maintain direct personal control and observation of classified documents, equipment, hard drives, and discs. When you are not using them, lock them in a GSA approved security container, vault,



secure room, or collateral classified open storage area. We are all connected in the cyberspace domain, don't be the weak link. A risk taken by one leaves all of us vulnerable and endangers the Soldiers we support. ([For additional information about the CCRI and cybersecurity awareness](#)) ([StandTo!](#))

Resilient Installations: Through partnering with industry and other Federal agencies, the Army is increasing installation resiliency by reducing energy demand, increasing efficiency, optimizing costs and improving our operational capabilities. The Army is leveraging industry and agency expertise, and working with the other services to focus on its core competencies--manning, training and equipping the forces to fight and win the nation's wars. As the Army manages installation "boot print," it will continue to reduce risk to the critical missions. The Army will balance overlapping and competing priorities. We will balance our goal to increase energy security, surety and reliability with goals to reduce fuel costs, while protecting the environment. To ensure a ready and resilient force, the Army will make an effort to have ready and resilient installations. ([More](#))

Rock Island National Cemetery to Commemorate Veterans Day: The Rock Island National Cemetery will have a Veterans Day Ceremony on Tuesday, **Nov. 11**, at 1 p.m. at the cemetery's main flagpole. The keynote speaker for the Veterans Day ceremony will be Lt. Gen. Michael Tucker, Commanding General, First Army. The ceremony will include wreath placement, an honor salute, an echo salute, and taps. Veterans Day is an annual United States holiday honoring military veterans and a federal holiday observed nationwide on Nov. 11. It is also celebrated as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world, falling on Nov. 11, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. In the United States, Veterans Day is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. ([More on Veterans Day](#))



RIA Health Benefits Fair Cancelled, RIA CPAC Benefits Moved to Fort Riley: The annual Health, Dental and Vision Fair scheduled for **Nov. 5, and 6**, in Bldg. 60 (Heritage Hall) has been cancelled. In addition, the Rock Island CPAC benefits positions have been centralized at the Army Benefits Center in Fort Riley, Kansas. Effective **Nov. 15**, the Rock Island CPAC will no longer have a benefits point of contact. All benefits/retirement questions will need to be addressed directly to the Army Benefits Center. They can be reached at <http://ABC.Army.mil>, 877-276-9287, 785-240-2222, DSN 520-2222.

Blood Drives: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the [Caisson Room](#) (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. We will be hosting **3rd Shift** Blood Drives at the cafeteria at JMTC (Bldg. 211 cafeteria) on Thursday nights, **Oct. 23**. Those drives begin at 2:15 a.m. We will also host a **2nd Shift** Blood drive in



the cafeteria at JMTC (Bldg. 211 cafeteria) on Friday, **Oct. 31**; that drive begins at 6:30 p.m. For the 2nd and 3rd Shift drives, donors should see their supervisors to sign up. Kudos to Kaitlyn Petersen, the winner of the hooded sweatshirt in the August "First Time Donor" promotion. Kaitlyn recruited a new donor to come into one of the blood drives in the Caisson Room. Thanks to everyone who recruited a new donor in August.



Charlie Corpuscle asks, "How many units of blood were donated for patients at our local hospitals through blood drives held on Arsenal Island in 2013?"
Answer: 969. FYI – Each of those donations can touch the lives of as many as four patients in need!

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

Central Heating Plant Startup: The Central Heating Plant was tentatively scheduled to resume steam production on Monday, **Oct. 20**. The startup date was determined by Public Works and

Garrison command after checking temperature forecasts and monitoring interior building temperatures on a day to day basis. Steam production start up may be further postponed if the forecast continues to highlight daily temperatures in the 60°s. Should building occupants experience prolonged cold temperatures below 68°, the problem should be routed through the [PW Work Order Desk](#) and will be addressed accordingly. The DPW POC is Dan Candler, 309-782-2393.

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 its last home game before Veterans' Day on Saturday, **Nov. 1**, 7 p.m., at the iWireless Center in Moline, against the Cincinnati Cyclones. Tickets to this Mallards' game will be available to current and former members of the military and their families for just \$5. Details about where to pick up tickets will be forthcoming.



Energy Awareness Month: October is Energy Awareness Month – it's time to register and update your [Building Energy Monitors on the Energy Awareness Website](#). Also, read the power point program on the [Hydro Models Presentation on the Energy Awareness website](#). Sign up for half hour tours of the Hydro Electric Plant through the Energy Manager, Jay Richter, 309-782-2496 or email jay.d.richter.civ@mail.mil. The six tours are scheduled for **Oct. 21**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Each tour is limited to 15 people. A maximum of 90 people can sign up. First come, first serve. Employees must coordinate with their supervisor for approval and account for this time IAW with their organization's policies.

Arsenal Save Energy Day: Mid-American Energy will have a display in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, on **Oct. 28**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., with information about their energy rebate program for both Illinois and Iowa residents. Mid-American Energy consultants will be there to explain details of the residential and business rebate programs. Rebate



handouts, environmental shopping bags, pens, brochures, and small giveaways will be available at their display. The RIA energy manager for the Rock Island Arsenal-Garrison will also be there displaying the command's infra-red camera used to detect sources of heat loss in a building. He will also have some giveaways such as 75 and 100 watt twisty light bulbs, energy mouse pads, energy coasters, night survey results, and a sample 14.5 watt T8 replacement lamp. "Rocky" the Rock Island Arsenal energy hound (display) will also be there.

Energy Action = Mission Success: The U.S. Army, in partnership with Department of Defense Operational Energy, the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps, will execute a joint, department-wide Energy Action = Mission Success Month as a means to highlight the importance energy plays in achieving mission success. In 2009, the White House formally created "National Energy Awareness Month" to reinforce the importance of energy to the nation. The Department of Defense (DoD) subsequently adopted the observation,



and incorporated an additional "Energy Awareness Week" to focus specifically on military service energy. In 2012, the theme was changed to "Energy Action Month." ([More](#))

RIA Voting Assistance Office: Election Day is less than 40 days away - there's still time to register to vote and request an absentee ballot, but don't delay. The Rock Island Arsenal Voting Assistance Office can help service members, dependants, federal employees, retirees and visitors with voter registration and voting options. Stop by the 3rd Floor of Bldg. 56, or call 309-782-8780, for all your voting needs. Service members and dependants can visit www.fvap.gov for further information on their voting rights, and to access online voter registration and absentee ballot forms. All other citizens who will be 18+ years of age on Election Day can visit www.eac.gov for information and to access the National Mail Voter Registration Form. POC:



James Grimaldi, Installation Voter Assistance Officer, 309-782-8780.

VIOS Schedule for November, and December: Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government passport and command photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal **Nov. 4, 5, & 6;** and **Dec. 9, 10, & 11.** Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the [VIOS site](#) for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 56, basement, by elevator). Priority is: 1. Active duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - command photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in [VIOS](#). To obtain an official government passport photo: 1. Schedule a passport photo appointment at the [RIA VIOS website](#). 2. Go to transportation to obtain a printed DA Form 3903, Multi-Media/Visual Information Work Order, signed by the passport agent in Block



14. 3. Present that DA Form 3903 to the photographer before the passport photo is taken. You will receive two 2" x 2" passport photos. All scheduled dates can be found on the [RIA VIOS website](#) FAQ.

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,

Oct. 25, 7 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, update retiree identification cards, and return unused medications. 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; a legislative update from the Military Officers Association of America; Federal Long-term Care Insurance program; Association of the U.S. Army; 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. Retirees can also make reservations for the retiree luncheon. Cost for luncheon is \$12 per person in advance. Please call (563) 508-5123 to make reservations.

"The President's Own" United States Marine Corps Band Principal

Trumpet to Perform in QC: Trumpeter Master Gunnery Sergeant Kurt Dupuis, principal trumpet in the "The President's Own" United States Marine Corps Band, will be performing with the Quad Cities Wind Ensemble on Sunday,

Oct. 26, at 3 p.m., at the Allaert Auditorium, in the Galvin Fine Arts Center, on the Saint Ambrose University Campus. Dupuis joined "The President's Own" United States Marine Band in September 1992. He was named principal trumpet in 1997. He has been featured as a soloist with both the Marine Band and Marine



Chamber Orchestra, frequently conducts masterclasses at universities and has published an article in the International Trumpet Guild and The Brass Herald. The Marine Band is America's oldest continuously active professional musical organization. Founded in 1798, the band has performed for every U.S. President since John Adams. Known as "The President's Own" since the days of Thomas Jefferson, the band's primary mission is to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps. ([More](#))

Veterans and Military Spouse

Workforce Symposium: WQPT will host the Veterans and Military Spouse Workforce

Symposium on Nov. 7, 10 a.m.

- 3 p.m., for military

members and

their spouses to learn about employment within our community, build a resource network and obtain information about educational opportunities. Jason's Box is a Collaborative Partner in this

Embracing Our Military initiative. Workshops, a job fair and resource

booths will be featured throughout the entire symposium. Prior to the



symposium, WQPT and WILL Interactive will host a Human Resources breakfast and speak about the unique benefits of hiring veterans and hiring veterans as strategic assets. For more information on participating in the hiring manager's breakfast and the symposium, contact Jamie Lange at 309-764-2400 x 65030 or e-mail jl-lange2@wiu.edu. The symposium is open to National Guard, Reserve, Active Duty, Military Spouses, Veterans and Retired Military. ([More](#))

Illinois Rage Travel Basketball

Tryouts: Illinois Rage will be holding try outs for our upcoming 2015 Spring & Summer season. Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center 1400 24th St., Rock Island. We will be looking for young ladies to fill our 13U, 15U, and 17U rosters. There will be a \$25 try out fee, and a parent/guardian must accompany the payer trying out. Please email us at illinoisrage@yahoo.com to schedule a private tryout or if you may have any questions. Visit us at www.illinoisrage.wix.com/illinoisrage to pre-register.

Date: **Saturday, Oct. 18**

Time: **3-5 p.m.**



Arsenal Traffic/Construction



Gillespie Ave. Closure Oct. 20-24:

Gillespie Ave. will be closed **Oct. 20-24** per the supporting diagram for required utility work. This closure includes access to the parking lot North of Bldg. 131. Only access to the handicapped spots in this lot will remain available as depicted. Barricades and signs will be posted to warn traffic. Overflow parking is available in the lot South of Bldg. 131.

Parking Construction Update:

Notification regarding three construction phases for Lots OJ and 3K was initially provided in April and May of this year with an anticipated completion date of Sept. 1, which could not be accomplished because of multiple factors including weather delays. The below-referenced construction is part of the final phase for lot 3K. On **Oct. 10**, the Directorate of Public Works began work on the relocation of a fire hydrant at the West end of Lot 3K. This work required the closure of North Ave between East and West Pershing. The hydrant is being moved from the North side of the street to the South side of the street. Once the hydrant is moved, the contractor will complete the final repairs to the West entrance of Lot 3K. Signage and safety barriers will be positioned at

appropriate locations. The road was scheduled to be opened by close of business Oct. 13. The remaining work is scheduled to be completed by **Oct. 31**. The attached drawing shows the area of work.

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

The Illinois Department of Transportation is planning the reconstruction of River Drive from 19th Street to 23rd Street in cooperation with the City of Moline. This work will be performed in preparation for the replacement of the 1-74 Mississippi River Bridge and will provide connection points along River Drive for the future interchange ramps. The proposed project consists of full removal of the existing roadway in this area and replacement with new concrete pavement. In addition, new lighting, sanitary and storm sewers, water main, and a recreational path will be constructed throughout this section. In order to complete this work it will be necessary to close River Drive to traffic during the construction effort. The closure will be in effect from **Sept. 8 to Dec. 5**. The interchange of 1-74 with River Drive will also be closed during this time, but will reopen following the completion of this work. We have made



every effort to limit the timeframe of the work so as to reduce inconvenience to you and your customers. Detour routes will be signed to ensure that motorists can access local businesses effectively.

Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians:

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

Upstream Sidewalk Closure on Government Bridge:

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

Government Bridge is open and safe to use.

Future Ft. Armstrong Construction:

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



Building/Space Closures



There are no announcements at this time.



Active Duty/Reserve Zone



Army Leaders Say Ethics Integral

Part of All Soldiers' Actions: The Army profession demands that Soldiers adhere to the Army ethic at all times, the chief of staff of the Army said. Trust is the foundation of the ethic, Gen. Ray Odierno said Oct. 13 here, at a Living the Army Ethic panel on "Why and How We Serve," at the Association of the United States Army annual meeting. While Soldiers come from different ethnic, religious, and financial backgrounds, "what bonds us together is this profession and professional ethic," he said. The ethic, he said, is an inherent part of the Army. ([More](#))

Carson: Changes Needed In Army's 'Archaic' Retention, Promotion

System: The Army needs to make serious institutional changes in order to retain and develop the best Soldiers, the Army's under secretary said. "We have a system in place that is archaic, that now works against us rather than helping us," Under Secretary of the Army Brad Carson told a panel at the Association of the United States Army's Annual Meeting and Symposium, Wednesday. ([More](#))

Obama Activates Reserves for Operation United Assistance:

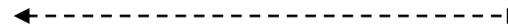
President Barack Obama has authorized



the Defense Department to call up a small number of National Guard or reserve troops that possess special skills needed to aid efforts in stopping the spread of the deadly Ebola virus in West Africa. Obama issued an executive order yesterday authorizing the secretaries of Defense and Homeland Security to order the Selected Reserve and certain members of the Individual Ready Reserve to deploy to West Africa, where as many as 4,000 U.S. troops are headed, most of them to Liberia, to support U.S. and international efforts to stop the rapidly spreading virus that has killed nearly 4,500 people. ([More](#))

Photos for Troops – Month of the Military Family: In recognition of Military Family Appreciation, photographer Angie Blevins of Columbus, Ohio, will be visiting Rock Island Arsenal and providing, at no cost, photographs to our military service members and their families, **Nov. 3, 4, & 5**, 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., at Quarters One on Gillespie Ave. This event is open to active duty, National Guard, and Reserve ID card holders only. First come first serve, by appointment only, space is limited. A military ID card must be presented – a 15-minute photo shoot on each day will be provided. Each service member will be provided a CD

of the photos accompanied by a copyright release so you can print and distribute the photos as you desire. [To register or for more information please use this email.](#) Please arrive at least 10 minutes early to complete paperwork.



Safety Spotlight

Construction Zone Safety: Please do not cross through construction zones. These areas are fenced or taped off for your safety. A project is underway that involves the installation of a large gas line along South Avenue and other locations. It has been reported that some people have been ignoring cautioned off areas and stepping over excavated ground. These actions are unacceptable and place each person in danger of injury due to falling into the excavation. Please exercise discipline and walk around any construction sites you may encounter. Use established crosswalks and always obey posted warning signs and traffic devices. These actions will help ensure you arrive to work and home - safe and sound. I appreciate your support of safety. Have a safe day.



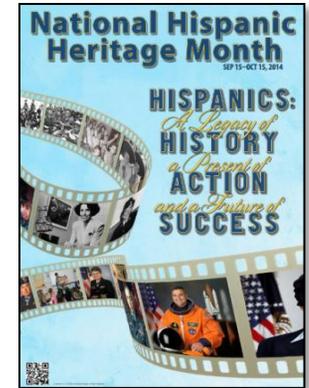
Equal Opportunity Focus



Hispanic Heritage Month

Observance: You are invited to the Rock Island Arsenal 2014 Hispanic Heritage Month

Observance, Thursday, **Oct. 23**, 1-2 p.m., at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The guest speaker will be Veronica Villalobos, director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Office



of Personnel Management. Villalobos will share her experiences of managing diversity and the lifelong dedication that Hispanics have provided the nation. For additional information or accommodations please contact [Sgt. First Class Marion C. Wilson](#) at 309-782-3021. This year's theme is "Hispanics: a legacy of history, a present of action and a future of success." Throughout our history, the vision and determination of Hispanic Americans have transformed our nation. During National Hispanic Heritage Month, the U.S. Army honors the immeasurable contributions Hispanic Americans have made and continue to make within the



U.S. Army and to our nation. Their legacy is built on honorable service and distinction in every conflict since the Revolutionary War. The United States and the U.S. Army are much stronger today because we embrace diversity. Subsequently, the U.S. Army is a more effective fighting force because our leadership values the strengths and depth of experience available within our military and civilian talent pools. Numbering more than 40 Medal of Honor recipients dating back to the Civil War, Hispanic Americans represent our military with deep, abiding patriotism and heroism and continue to make a difference through their dedicated and professional public and military service. This month, join us in giving special recognition to our Hispanic-American Soldiers, civilians and Families whose service and sacrifices have helped make our Army what it is today - a place where people from all walks of life stand proudly together in service to our Nation.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)



Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs. Also [click here](#) to

become a fan on Facebook, or Twitter [@golf1897](#), and stay up to date on all the great MWR offerings here at the Arsenal.

RIA Community Trunk or Treat: Join your friends from the Rock Island Arsenal community **Oct. 22, 4:15-5:30 p.m.**, for a fun family night of costumes, trunk decorating, and of course lots of candy and treats. We are now accepting registrations for "trunkers" who will park their vehicle in the Memorial Field parking lot, decorate their trunk, and pass out candy during the event. There will be awards for the best decorated trunks and costumes for all are highly encouraged. All participants are responsible for decorating their own trunks and purchasing their own store bought, individually wrapped, candy to be handed out. To register for a trunk-or-treat space please email riatrunkortreat@yahoo.com or call 309-782-2828 for more info. ([Flier](#)) ([Guidelines for Vehicles](#))



Arsenal Trunk or Treat and Thriller Flash Mob, Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Rock Island Arsenal Trunk or Treat and Thriller Flash Mob production. We need volunteers from 2:45 to 5:30 p.m.,



Oct. 22. We need approximately eight adults to assist with manning the gift table and entrances into the Trunk or Treat area and the games and activity area. We are also in need of 15 adult or teen volunteers to assist with games and activities for the children. Please contact Lisa Martin at 989-545-0203 or Lorna Wilson at 309-782-6515. The thriller mob flash production will be the same day, but there will be practices starting next week. We need as many people (adults and/or teens) as we can get to be part of this production. To register contact Norricia Speights at norricia22@yahoo.com. Each volunteer will receive a certificate for volunteer hours from the Garrison Commander.

Newcomers Orientation and 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 Thursday, **Oct. 23**, at 8 a.m., at the Arsenal Island Golf 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 sponsor, Rock Island Arsenal Federal Credit Union. Space is limited so call 309-782-0829 for more info and to reserve your spots. ([Flyer](#))

Paintless Dent Repair Service at the Auto Shop: Back by popular demand, the paintless dent repair technician will be available for repairs on Thursday, **Oct. 23**. 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](#))

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](#))

2014 Army Digital Photography

Contest: If you're ready to share your creative talents, consider the Army Digital Photography Contest. This annual competition is for Army patrons and recognize the talent and originality of our military service members (Active Duty Military and other eligible participants). Share your best photos with Army MWR and you could win prizes and Army-wide recognition. The 2014 Army MWR Digital Photography Contest has categories for animals, landscapes, still life images and more. Entries submitted showcase some of the most original and creative minds at work. Monetary prizes are awarded for the first, second and third place winners in each category. Please review the participant guidelines for more information on how to enter. Submission dates are **Oct. 15 – Nov. 30**. So look through your camera for that winning shot and submit it by **Nov. 30**. For photo contest eligibility requirements and submission instructions, visit Arts.ArmyMWR.com.

Halloween BUNCO: It's Halloween BUNCO time! Get your friends and family ready for a night of fun. Come in

costume and show your Halloween spirit. Arsenal Club will have food and drinks. BUNCO will held in the Arsenal Club. Don't know how to play? We can teach you. So come and have some fun. Great food and door prizes. Cost \$5 per person. Please RSVP Anna at 309-782-5890. ([Flyer](#))

Date: **Thursday, Oct. 23**

Time: **6-8 p.m.**

Jewelry Is Fun: Jewelry Is Fun will be coming to the Rock Island Arsenal for two days, **Oct. 30-31**, in Bldg 60 Heritage Hall area. Everything's \$5.99 great savings on jewelry and accessories. They accept cash, checks and credit cards.
Time: **10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Disney on Ice: Worlds of Fantasy:

Leisure Travel has Disney on Ice: World of Fantasy tickets available for Friday, **Dec. 5**, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, **Dec. 6**, at 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.; and Sunday, **Dec. 7**, at 1 p.m. All children seating \$16 Section 106 Adult ticket \$22 Section 205 \$16 on sale until **Nov. 26**.

Harlem Globetrotters: The iconic Harlem Globetrotters are coming to town with their unrivaled family show, featuring some of the greatest athletes on the planet. With incredible ball



handling wizardry, amazing rim-rattling dunks and trick shots, side-splitting comedy and unequaled on-court fan interaction, this must-see event is guaranteed to entertain the whole family – creating memories that will last a lifetime. Leisure Travel has discounted seats available. Section 105 \$32 Ad/Ch Section 205 \$23 Ad/Ch. On sale until **Dec. 24.**

Date: **Saturday, Jan. 3**
Time: **7 p.m.**

World's Toughest Rodeo: World's Toughest Rodeo, the premiere national rough stock only tour, presents this two and a half hour event starring professional cowboys and cowgirls from across the nation. Fans will once again get the opportunity to cheer on the world of rodeo's top bucking horses and bulls as well as enjoy some of the nation's most talented entertainment acts.

Discounted seats available until **Jan. 14.**
Section 104 \$32 Adult/ \$16 Child
Section 203 \$23 Adult/ \$16 Child.

Date: **Saturday, Jan. 24**
Time: **7:30 p.m.**

Six Flags Great America: The Leisure Travel Office is still offering discounted one day admission (\$45) tickets now through Fright Fest. We also have discounted parking tickets.

Davenport Cinemark 53rd 18 + IMAX

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



Child, Youth & School Services

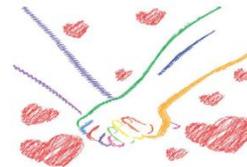


RIA FMWR CDC Halloween Parade:

The Rock Island Arsenal Child Development Center is having its annual Halloween Parade on Friday, **Oct. 31**, at 9:30 a.m. They will be parading on King Drive east of Bldg. 11. The patrons can line King Drive to observe the children and staff in their costumes.

Teen Dating Violence Awareness

Month Art Contest: The month of February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Rock Island Arsenal, Army Community Service, Family Advocacy Program is holding an art contest to bring awareness to this issue. Two out of three teens never report their abuse to a caring adult. We would like



to get the conversation started by hosting a competition that will allow them to express their thoughts and feeling on the subject, while shining a light on their creativity. Judging will be conducted by Arsenal representatives. There will be first, second and third place winners. Each winner will receive a certificate, a place ribbon, and a photo of them with their work in the paper. We may ask for permission to display other works of art as well. Suggested themes include, but are not limited to: stop dating violence, the impact of dating violence, and imagery with a dating violence content. Registration for the contest closes **Dec. 15** and artwork needs to be submitted by **Jan. 15** (collected at each school by Family Advocacy). Winners will be announced **Jan. 31**. Selected artwork will be displayed in Bldg. 60 in the MWR display **Feb. 1-15**. You may contact [Blair Hicks](#) or [Chassity Morse](#) at 309-782-3773 if you have further questions concerning the Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Art contest. ([Flyer](#)) ([Registration Form](#))

Volunteer Youth Soccer Coaches

Needed: RIA CYSS is excited to announce we will be hosting an Indoor Soccer League for children pre-K- 4th grade starting early January 2015. We



are in the process of looking for a few volunteer coaches for our teams in order to make our league successful. Some of the benefits to becoming a coach include: Free Sport Specific Training, Free National Alliance for Youth Sports Certification, Head Coaches children can participate at no cost, Assistant Coaches may have one child participate at no cost and additional children at discounted rate, and best of all you'll get the satisfaction of helping the youngest members of our community to learn, be active and make new friends. If you are interested in becoming a coach contact Tim Hernandez at 309-782-0511 or timothy.c.hernandez2.naf@mail.mil.

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

Army Community Service (ACS)



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



Special Needs: The Exceptional Advocate: Looking for employment news for family members with special needs? You'll find it all in the October edition of The Exceptional Advocate. Learn about the disability employment laws that protect you in the workplace, how to discuss your disability with your employer, and discover how the Ticket to Work program helps individuals with disabilities find employment opportunities. You can use the link below to access [The Exceptional Advocate to read these stories and more.](#)

2014 Domestic Violence Awareness Month: The Domestic Violence Awareness Month honors the most important asset of the Army, the family, as they are a vital part of the nation's

security through the foundation they provide to the Soldiers. With the theme, Relationships should be safe, respectful and positive, the focus of the campaign is to raise awareness of domestic violence, inform victims that help is available and emphasize the negative impact it has on family readiness.

[\(More\)](#)



Employee Assistance Program



For free, confidential counseling assistance or for information on services that are available, call 309-782-4357. Normal business hours are from 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For additional information on the Employee Assistance Program see [our website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#). The new location for the EAP/ASAP is Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East.

2014 National Depression Awareness Month: October is National Depression Awareness Month. The Army theme for 2014 is Take the First Step -- Get Screened. According to the Centers for Disease Control, one in ten U.S. adults report depression. Symptoms of depression may include persistent sadness, difficulty concentrating,



hopelessness, fatigue, changes in appetite, insomnia, irritability, and in some instances, thoughts of suicide. While most people experience sadness at time in their lives, it is time to seek help when these feelings persist and begin to interfere with everyday life which may be a sign of clinical depression, a serious medical condition that if left untreated, may lead to other medical conditions. Oftentimes, the first step towards getting well is becoming aware of key warning signs through depression screening. Unfortunately, two-thirds of people who suffer from depression fail to seek care. The good news is that clinical depression can be treated and anonymous screening resources are available. Treatments may include therapy, medications or a combination of both. ([More](#))

Prescription Drug Take-Back Days:

The Army Substance Abuse Program is providing opportunities to dispose of your unused and expired prescription medications. On **Oct. 21** and **22**, the ASAP Prevention Program and Law Enforcement will be collecting unused and expired



prescription medications at the following places and times: • Oct. 21, 6-8:30 a.m. and 2:30-4:45 p.m. at Memorial Field Pavilion; • Oct. 22, 6-8:30 a.m. and 2:30-4:45 p.m. in the Arsenal Fire Station bay. More Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined, according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that individuals who abuse prescription drugs often obtain them from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. Also, there has been a drastic increase in the amount of hospital visits due to poisonings from medication for children five and under. Many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away which are both potential safety and health hazards. Free your mind from the worry of finding that your old and expired medication is missing. We are unable to accept needles or syringes but can provide information on where to dispose of these items. For more information about the Prescription Drug Take-Back

Day call the Army Substance Abuse Program at (309) 782-4357. Garrison POC for Prescription Drug Take-Back Day: [Thomas Havercamp](#), prevention coordinator, Army Substance Abuse Program, 309-782-2053.

RIA Red Ribbon Week – Oct. 23-31:

Red Ribbon Week was established by Congress in 1988 to commemorate the work of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena and his work in the fight against drugs. The Red Ribbon campaign promotes this belief and encourages a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention efforts. This year's theme, "Love Yourself. Be Drug Free," helps create awareness of the drug problems facing every community; to develop parent and community teams to combat alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, and to promote a drug-free lifestyle for all. Take the pledge to be drug free. For additional information on this topic or to find additional resources, contact the RIA Employee Assistance Program at 309-782-4357 (HELP).



Assertiveness Training: Learn strategies to communicate effectively and to enhance yourself personally & professionally. Classes taking place



Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., on the following dates: **Oct. 28, Nov. 25, and Dec. 16**; in Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Room 122. Sign up in [TEDs](#) (search key word "assertiveness") or call 309-782-2552.

Time Management: Do you feel that there is never enough time in a day to get everything done? Would you like to learn some tips to become more organized and free up some time for more fun? Sign up for a time management class. Classes will be taking place Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., on the following dates: **Oct. 21, Nov. 4, and Dec. 9**, in Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Room 122. Sign up in TEDs (search key word "time management") or call 309-782-2552.

Community Resiliency Academy Announcement – Real Colors: 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 differences in others. Real Colors has proven to be an effective tool to increase understanding, empathy and effective communication in the workplace. Workshop Dates: **Oct. 15, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10**. Sign up in TEDs (search key word "real colors") or for

more information contact Lori Griffin at 309-782-2551.

Education/Training Review

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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.

St. Ambrose University Lunch and Learn: St. Ambrose is hosting informative lunch-n-learn sessions **Oct. 29**, Bldg. 56, Room 116, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. or 12-1 p.m. to learn how you can take advantage of special tuition rates. In support of our military and civilian personnel on the Arsenal, St. Ambrose offers special pricing at a fraction of the regular tuition rate for MBA students. A light lunch will be provided. Priority will be given to military personnel. RSVP NLT **Oct. 27** to reserve your seat. Call 563-333-6170 or leonardmichelem@sau.edu. The Garrison POC is Michelle Beck, at 309-782--0965, michelle.p.beck.civ@mail.mil.

Don't Be a Nut! Pop On In ... ACES Celebrates American Education

Week: The Army Education Center at the Rock Island Arsenal will be celebrating American Education Week on **Nov. 18-20** by having popcorn and peanut days. The Army Continuing Education System staff will be in house at the following locations: Tuesday, **Nov. 18**, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in ASC/Bldg. 390 and First Army/Bldg. 68; Wednesday, **Nov. 19**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., in the Education Center/Bldg 56; Thursday, **Nov. 20**, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., in Heritage Hall/Bldg. 60. Soldiers are welcome to come get a snack and check out opportunities for furthering their education through the GoArmyEd tuition assistance program and other military offerings. The Army theme for this year is "Raise Your Hand for Student Success." "Army Strong, Education Stronger." The observance reinforces the Army's commitment to provide quality education for soldiers worldwide. ACES offers a variety of programs to assist Soldiers in establishing and achieving their education goals, keeping in mind their demanding operational assignments. POC: Alison Hemmert, Education Service Officer, 309-782-2065.



Commissary / Exchange

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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](#))

Exchange Opens Earlier, Serves Breakfast: The Exchange located on Rock Island Arsenal began opening at 7 a.m. Oct. 1. Also effective Oct. 1, the Exchange began featuring heat-and-eat breakfast items at the front of the store. "We will be running these hours for two months to make sure that there will be demand to be open at 7 a.m.," said Carl Wolfe, store manager, Rock Island Exchange. "We are really hoping with the Exchange having an entire new 'Heat

and Eat,' that we will cater to the Soldiers coming on the Island in the morning and we know a lot of them have PT in the mornings and this will give them a chance to grab something before they go in the office for the day." The new open-to-close store hours are 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; and 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The "Heat and Eat" items being sold in the mornings will include: Breakfast Tornado's, Breakfast Deli Express sandwiches, Cappuccino, and coffee, Roller Bites, and Breakfast Style Pizza. The Exchange will also have a lunch menu to include: Tornado's, Deli Express hot and cold sandwiches, hot dogs, Polish sausage, jalapeno sausage, Roller Bites, egg rolls, and pizza. In addition, the Exchange will also have microwaveable meals, soup, and Asian noodles for sale all day long.

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Arsenal Archive

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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](#))

Rock Island Arsenal Historical

Society Meeting: The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, **Nov. 6**, in the Veranda Room of the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu for dinner is mixed green salad with dried fruits and cranberry vinaigrette, roasted turkey with gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes and green beans, with pumpkin pie for dessert. All dinners include rolls, breadsticks, coffee, tea and water. The total cost is \$14 per person including tax and tip. Our event is open to both members and non-members. Interested parties may choose to attend only the program portion of the meeting at 7 p.m. at no cost. The guest speaker will be Drew Horvath who will be discussing some of the historic efforts that have been conducted by an organization in the Department of Defense's Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (formally Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii and Joint Task Force-Full Accounting). This joint unit deploys small teams all over the world as part of its mission to locate, recover, and identify unaccounted-for Americans from our nation's past conflicts. For reservations call Monica 563-650-4349 or Linda 563-355-6165 or email



chiicaliinda@aol.com. Reservations are due by noon on Monday, **Nov. 3**. Cancellations must be made by the reservation deadline or you will be liable for cost incurred and billed accordingly. If further clarification is required on this notice, please call Kris Leinicke at 309-782-3518.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal

History – Oct. 13-19: Liberty (Loan) Day celebration at the RIA on Oct. 13, 1918. A lost portrait of Col. George Davenport was returned to Davenport on Oct. 15, 1957. The portrait was painted by Peter Britt, a Swiss immigrant. Three bandits from the Banditti of the Prairie Gang were hung for the murder of Colonel George Davenport on Oct. 19, 1845, in the village of Rock Island.



Healthbeat



RIA Health Benefits Fair Cancelled, RIA CPAC Benefits Moved to Fort Riley:

The annual Health, Dental and Vision Fair scheduled for **Nov. 5, and 6**, in Bldg. 60 (Heritage Hall) has been cancelled. In addition, the Rock Island CPAC benefits positions have been centralized at the Army Benefits Center in Fort Riley, Kansas. Effective **Nov. 15**, the Rock Island CPAC will no longer

have a benefits point of contact. All benefits/retirement questions will need to be addressed directly to the Army Benefits Center. They can be reached at <http://ABC.Army.mil>, 877-276-9287, 785-240-2222, DSN 520-2222.

Faster Test Developed for Enterovirus D68:

A new, faster lab test for enterovirus D68 has been developed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Between mid-August and Oct 14, a total of 691 people in 46 states and the District of Columbia have been confirmed to have respiratory illness caused by enterovirus D68, according to the CDC. The virus was blamed for the Sept. 25 death of a 4-year-old boy in New Jersey. The new test will enable the CDC to more rapidly analyze untested specimens received from states since mid-September. As the agency is able to do more testing with the faster lab test, confirmed cases will appear to rise, but will not actually represent a sudden surge in new cases, the CDC said. ([More](#))

USAPHC Leads Army Efforts for

Public Health Accreditation: The U.S. Army Public Health Command has always been committed to upholding the highest standards of public health practice, preventing disease, prolonging

life and promoting health in Army beneficiaries. To meet these commitments, the command is working with representatives from across the Army to enable Army preventive medicine departments to have their work validated by a third-party entity specifically focused on public health practice. The Public Health Accreditation Board program is a voluntary national public health department accreditation effort and is the first, and currently the only, national accrediting body for governmental public health departments. ([More](#))

Great American Smokeout:

On Thursday, **Nov. 20**, military members and their families have an opportunity to go smoke-free for 24-hours during the Great American Smokeout. By quitting smoking, just for one day, you can commit to quit and give them a chance to avoid the negative effects of secondhand smoke. Help us spread the message that [smoking affects everyone who is exposed](#), and even the smallest amount of smoke can be dangerous. The best way to protect your loved ones from the dangers of secondhand smoke is to make your home, car and workplace smoke-free zones. Please [view and download](#) our infographic, [drop-in article](#), poster and social media



images, as well as visit UCanQuit2.org, to learn more about the dangers of secondhand smoke. Encourage military members to commit to quit, give them a chance during the Great American Smokeout on Thursday, **Nov. 20**.

Notes for Veterans

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VA Expands Fry Scholarship to Surviving Spouses of Servicemembers Who Died on Active Duty: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it will begin accepting applications by mail on Monday, November 3, 2014, for the Fry Scholarship under newly expanded eligibility criteria to include surviving spouses. The expanded criteria for the Fry Scholarship is the latest in a series of VA actions to implement provisions of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (“Choice Act”). Specifically, Section 701 of the Choice Act expands the Fry Scholarship to include the surviving spouses of Servicemembers who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001. Prior to this expansion, only children of those who died in the line of duty were eligible for this benefit. ([More](#))

Carpooling Announcements

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

Did You Know?: The [AMTBP \(Army Mass Transportation Benefit Program\)](#) is a program where Army employees can qualify for up to \$130 in reimbursements for use of mass transportation (to include van pooling). ([More](#))

Carpool:

- **Ride:** Looking for a ride and pay for gas. Location – Sherwood Forest Apartment, Davenport. Call thru Illinois relay at (800) 526-0857 to contact me at 309-782-1078 (TTY). ([Email](#))
- **Carpool:** Carpool from Rio, Ill., looking for people to carpool with along 150. Please call 309-782-5472.

Around the Q.C.

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Oct. 18: [3rd Annual Fallen Soldiers 5K](#) (WIU Campus Recreation Center, 1001 W. University Dr., Macomb, Ill.)
Oct. 18: [Shamrock 'n Roll](#) (The Stern Center, 1713 3rd Ave, Rock Island)
Oct. 18: [Wholistic Arts Festival](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Oct. 18: [Northpark October Craft/Vendor Show](#) (NorthPark Mall, Davenport)
Oct. 19: [Moline Dad's Club 47th Annual Halloween Parade](#) (iWireless Center, Moline)
Oct. 22: [Eastern Iowa/Western Illinois Veterans Conference](#) (St. Ambrose's Rogalski Center, Davenport)
Oct. 23: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Oct. 25: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Moline)
Oct. 25: [Military Appreciation / Pumpkin Cannon Festival Weekend](#) (Country Corner Farm Market & Pumpkin Patch, 5333 Us Highway 150, Alpha, Ill.)
Oct. 25-26: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo, Milan, Ill.)
Oct. 25-26: [2nd Annual Military Appreciation Festival](#) (Country Corner Farm Market & Pumpkin Patch, 5333 US Highway 150, Alpha, Ill.)
Oct. 26: [Inaugural Our Lady of Lourdes Oktoberfest](#) (Lourdes Catholic Church, 1506 Brown Street Bettendorf)
Oct. 26: [Middle Park Discraft Ace Race in the Quad Cities](#) (Middle Park Disc Golf Course, Bettendorf)
Oct. 30: [Honor Flight of the Quad Cities](#) (Quad City Airport, Moline)
Nov. 1: [Trivia with Bailey Deitz on RIA](#) (Bldg. 60, Heritage Hall)



- Nov. 1:** ["A Mother's Love" Mother-Son Dance](#) (Friendly House, 1221 Myrtle St., Davenport)
- Nov. 2:** ["Dance With My Father" Daddy-Daughter Dance](#) (Friendly House, 1221 Myrtle St., Davenport)
- Nov. 7:** [Veterans and Military Spouse Workforce Symposium](#) (Western Illinois University—Quad Cities campus, 3300 River Drive, Moline)
- Nov. 7:** [Veterans Recognition Celebration and Luncheon](#) (Milan Community Center, Milan, Ill.)
- Nov. 8:** [Vietnam Veterans of America Region 6 Conference](#) (Wild Rose Casino, Clinton, Iowa)
- Nov. 8:** [All Veterans Pheasant Hunt](#) (Three Hills Hunting Preserve, 2100 212th Street, Bernard, Iowa)
- Nov. 11:** [Davenport Veterans Day Parade, 10 a.m.](#) (4th & Western Scott County parking lots, Davenport)
- Nov. 15:** [Southpark Mall November Craft and Vendor Show](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
- Nov. 22:** [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
- Nov. 22:** [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (John Deere Commons, Moline)
- Nov. 22:** [Holiday Pops Concert](#) (Downtown Moline)
- Dec. 7:** Pearl Harbor Day, 73rd Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor
- Dec. 7:** [19th Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)
- Dec. 13:** Wreaths Across America (Rock Island National Cemetery)
- Feb. 25:** [Eastern Iowa/Western Illinois Veterans Conference, 12–5 p.m.](#) (Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University, Davenport)

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