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Island Insight

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Korean War Veteran Presented With Purple Heart, Students Honor Veterans

Korean War veteran Master Sgt. (Ret.) Joe Whitley, 86, was formally presented with his Purple Heart medal during the Rockridge Junior High Veterans Day event, here, Nov. 10. Whitley received two Purple Hearts from wounds inflicted during his service in Korea from May 1951 to July 1952. Whitley did not receive his awards until 1960 due to clerical errors on his discharge paperwork. He was discharged in 1956. "My paperwork said I was wounded, but it did not say I had a Purple Heart," he said. When he later applied for a government job, the error was identified, and Whitley received his awards in the mail. They were never formally presented to him, however. About six decades later, Col. Grant Morris, chief, G-3/5/7 (Operations), U.S. Army Sustainment Command, presented Whitley with his award in front of more than 400 cheering students, fellow veterans and community members. "I've waited 65 years for this," said Whitley. ([More](#))



Upcoming Dates

- Nov. 1-30:** Military Family Appreciation Month
- Nov. 13-19:** ACES' American Education Week
- Nov. 13-Dec.11:** FEHB Open Season
- Nov. 14-18:** DA Photos, Bldg. 90, Basement, Rm. B11, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
- Nov. 14-18:** SFL-TAP Workshop, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 122, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 15:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Nov. 16:** Thanksgiving Observance, Wheeler Conf. Rm., Bldg. 350, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- Nov. 17:** Great American Smokeout
- Nov. 18:** MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Nov. 18:** RIA Autumn/Winter Safety & Wellness Awareness Day, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 18:** RIA Army Ed at USO, Bldg. 110, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Nov. 19:** International Survivors of Suicide Day
- Nov. 21:** RIA National American Indian Heritage Observance, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, Food sampling @ 12:30 p.m.; observance @ 1-2 p.m.
- Nov. 22:** Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Nov. 24:** Thanksgiving Buffet, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Nov. 29:** Assertiveness Training, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Veterans Day in the National Cemetery

Veterans, their families, members of the military, and other local residents all celebrated Veterans Day Friday in the National Cemetery on Arsenal Island. The featured speaker was Major General Edward Daly, commanding general of the Army Sustainment Command. "This cemetery is a visible reminder of the cost of freedom and those who have stood bravely only to make the ultimate sacrifice in support of our democratic way of life." Daly says he's proud to wear the same uniform as the millions of veterans who've fought for this country. Iowa Congressman Dave Loebsack says it's appropriate to celebrate Veterans Day just several days after the national election. ([More](#))



Digital Fair to Answer Feds' Open Season Questions

Federal employees with questions regarding their insurance coverage will soon find them answered in a single online location. The Virtual Benefits Fair, a digital-based exhibit of the insurance options facing federal employees, is set to kick off the first day of open season, Nov. 14. The "fair" is a single website that offers federal employees the chance to talk to insurance providers and Office of Personnel Management representatives for the Federal Employee Health Benefits program, the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program, Federal Employees Dental/Vision Program, BENEFEDS and Federal Flexible Spending Account Program. The fair will run the length of open season, from Nov. 14 to Dec. 12, and offer users informational videos, a virtual scavenger hunt and trivia-style games to help educate them on their enrollment options. ([More](#))



TSP Open Season is Now

The annual open season in which TSP participants can change the amount of their monthly payments is upon us. Those who are currently receiving monthly payments from their TSP accounts received form TSP-73, Change in Monthly Payment Amount last month via snail mail. If they want to change their payment amount, they need to complete the form, have it notarized and return it so that the TSP receives it before December 15th. If they do not want to change the amount of their payments, they don't need to do anything. You can only change the amount of your monthly payments once a year. Though the Thrift Board announced that they plan to allow more flexible withdrawal options back in July of 2015, they haven't taken any action on that front, other than reiterating their intention to do so in their recently released strategic plan. ([More](#))



OSC Hatch Act Guidance: Wearing or Displaying Partisan Items in the Federal Workplace after Election Day

Now that Election Day is over, many federal employees want to know whether they can wear or display partisan items in the workplace. At issue is the Hatch Act's prohibition against engaging in political activity while on duty, in a federal room or building, wearing an official uniform, or using a government vehicle (See 5 U.S.C. § 7324). Political activity is defined as activity directed at the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group (See 5 C.F.R. § 734.101). Because of the Electoral College system, candidates for President of the United States retain their status as candidates until Jan. 6, 2017. However, after



Election Day, with rare exception, activities supporting or opposing a Presidential candidate will not affect the result of the election, as only members of the Electoral College are left to cast their votes. Accordingly, after Election Day, activities such as wearing campaign t-shirts or displaying candidate pictures do not constitute political activity, and the Hatch Act does not prohibit a federal employee from engaging in those activities, even while on duty or in the federal workplace. Even after Election Day, the Hatch Act prohibits federal employees, while on duty or in the federal workplace, from wearing or displaying items that show support for or opposition to a political party or partisan political group. For example, an employee may not wear or display a political party t-shirt, poster, or similar item in the workplace. ([More](#))

Do's and Don'ts for Federal Workers Ahead of the Trump Administration

The White House is about to change to Republican hands, and 4,000 new political appointees are about to bring a massive culture change to federal agencies led for eight years by Democrats. In many offices, this handover of power is likely to be greeted with suspicion. The meeting of "politicals" and career civil servants is a Washington institution. And it's often a messy one — messy with mistrust and questions of who is the better, smarter manager as people hired for their political affiliation and work on the campaign come in to run the government. With these tensions in mind, we asked John Palguta, a guru in the world of the federal civil service, how these groups can get along after a tumultuous election season. ([More](#))



Path for Agency Funding Unclear as Congress Begins Lame-Duck Session

Lawmakers returned to Capitol Hill on Monday to finish out their lame-duck session with votes on health care bills and a full slate of hearings scheduled. The top priority on the to-do list, however, remains keeping the government open past Dec. 9 when the current stopgap funding measure is set to expire. With Republicans holding on to both houses and a Republican president-elect, the majority party may be newly emboldened to seek a short-term deal and allow for a full-year approach when Donald Trump takes office. Congressional appropriators are not yet ruling out any path forward. ([More](#))



New Ethics Rules for Federal Employees

The United States Office of Government Ethics has issued a new regulation overhauling requirements for the executive branch ethics program. The new ethics rules come at a time when both Democrats (68%) and Republicans (78%) say they have not too much or no confidence at all in elected officials to act in the best interests of the public while still showing trust in the military, medical scientists, and scientists, according to the Pew Research Center. The regulation goes into effect January 1, 2017, and replaces 5 C.F.R. part 2638, which was first issued in 1981 and has remained largely in its original form for the past 35 years. According to its website, the OGE believes: “When government decisions are made free from conflicts of interest, the public can have greater confidence in the integrity of executive branch programs and operations.” ([More](#))



Thanksgiving Observance

The JMC Command Chaplain will be hosting a Thanksgiving Observance **Wednesday, Nov. 16**, in the Wheeler Conference Room, Bldg. 350, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Chaplain (Col.) Jeffrey Zust, First Army Command Chaplain, will be the speaker. This is an Interfaith observance. For additional information please contact JMC Chaplain's Office at 309-782-3919.



Mr. Jay T. Carr's Farewell and Award Ceremony

The Commanding General, United States Army Sustainment Command, requests the pleasure of your company at a Farewell and Award Ceremony in honor of Jay T. Carr, on **Tuesday, Nov. 22**, at 2 p.m., at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. Military: Duty Uniform; Civilian: Business Attire. R.S.V.P. by **Friday, Nov. 18**, to patricia.a.hulett2.civ@mail.mil.



VIOS Schedule for November, December

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **Nov. 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18**; and **Dec. 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16**. 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, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119.



Charlie Corpuscle reminds us, "October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Did you know 17 percent of blood donations in our area are used by cancer patients?"



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](#).

ICE Needs You!

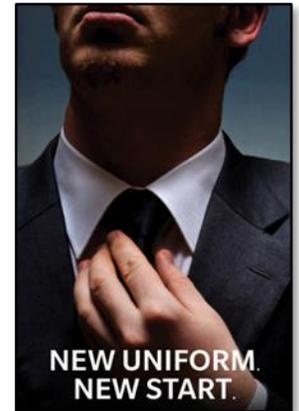
Our goal is to meet your expectations and provide the best customer service possible. We appreciate hearing from you and value your opinions. We recognize that not all feedback is positive. Negative comments or observations regarding any services here on Rock Island Arsenal provide us with the necessary information to improve those services. Providing your contact information is vital to helping us obtain additional information if needed and to also inform you of reasons why a product or service can't be changed. When the customer chooses to remain anonymous, and does not provide sufficient information to identify the issue or problem, the Garrison staff is not able to



take action and the comment is rendered useless. Now that you know how you can help, please take the time to let us know how we're doing. It takes less than a minute to fill out the standard six questions on the [ICE website](#) and you're always welcome to add additional information in comment spaces provided. Be assured that all comments and information are secured and kept confidential.

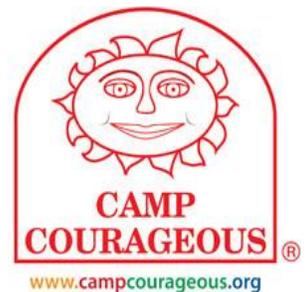
Suits for Soldiers

Farmers Insurance announced the launch of its nationwide Suits for Soldiers program to help active duty military personnel transition to civilian work and life. **Oct. 18 through Nov. 30**, Americans across the country can support veterans transitioning into the civilian workforce by donating gently used and dry cleaned suits or professional attire for men and women at more than 13,000 Farmers agencies. Specifically, they are collecting suits, blazers, dresses, dress pants, and other items that we can give to our military personnel and veterans so they have a fighting chance when interviewing for a new career. Collection sites include the Farmers Office at 4436 N Brady Street, Sears in Davenport and at the Ken Himebaugh Farmers Insurance office at 1600 30th Avenue in Moline. You can also contact your local Farmers agent. The American Legion Post 26 will be hosting a distribution event on **Thursday, Dec. 1**, 1-7 p.m. For the distribution event, Farmers will invite all the local veterans, active duty, and reserve members in who may need a suit for their next job interview. POC: [Nickolas Grant](#), Farmers Insurance, District Office Quad Cities Branch, 563-275-4124. *Information is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute any endorsement of said company, affiliated company or services.* ([More](#))



Vets with Disabilities Explore Camp Courageous Day

Vets with Disabilities Explore Camp Courageous Day will take place on **Monday, Nov. 21**, at Camp Courageous, located at 12007 190th St, in Monticello, Iowa, beginning with flag raising and arrival 9:30-10 a.m. The event is to give veterans who have disabilities a taste of camp. The event is for vets who have disabilities. The Camp is seeking referrals and to get the word out. Those interested will need to RSVP with the number attending (vets and family members/assistants) and basic contact info (name, phone, address, email). This will help programming and dietary plan effectively and be prepared. Camp staff will lead activities and assist with transitioning individuals from one location to another, answering questions, tours, and guidance around camp. Dietary staff will provide lunch. A survey/evaluation will be passed out at the end to gather feedback and determine interest in further programming for veterans who have disabilities at Camp Courageous. Please contact Stephen Fasnacht at 319-465-5916 x2310 or stephen@campcourageous.org. ([More](#))



Wreaths Across America Honoring American Heroes with Remembrance Wreaths

National nonprofit Wreaths Across America is working hard to insure no veteran from the Quad City Area is forgotten this holiday season. On **Saturday, Dec. 17**, National Wreaths Across America Day, live Balsam remembrance wreaths will be placed at the headstones of fallen veterans at nearly 1,000 locations across the country and overseas. Locally, a remembrance ceremony will be held at the Rock Island National Cemetery on this day to ensure that the 32,000 individuals buried there, who served to protect our freedoms of our country, are not and never will be forgotten. The ceremony starts at 11 a.m. with the laying of ceremonial wreaths to honor each of the military services, POWs, and all veterans, past and present. For information to sponsor a wreath



contact Wreaths Across America at www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org. For local information contact Lt. Col. Tom Nielsen at 309-716-8620, 11008@mediacombb.net.

End of Year Leave Donations

For those wishing to donate annual leave to a federal civilian employee currently accepted into the Leave Transfer Program for an ongoing medical emergency, please complete Statement of Leave Donor (RIA form 690-43) or Request to Donate Annual Leave (OPM 630a) and submit with supervisor signature to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. To ensure a leave donation will be deducted from this calendar year, all donations must be received in the CPAC no later than **Wednesday, Jan. 4**. Generally, the maximum number of annual leave hours an employee may donate per year is one-half of the amount of annual leave he/she is entitled to earn in that leave year, as follows:



Annual Leave Hours Earned Per Pay Period	Maximum Number of Hours that May be Donated
4	52
6	78
8	104

Toward the end of the leave year, the maximum donation decreases to no more than the number of hours remaining in the leave year (as of the date of transfer) the donor is scheduled to work and receive pay. POC Janine Coupee may be reached at PECH-NCR-E, 309-782-1278.

Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

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

Arsenal Traffic/Construction

RIA Family Housing Construction Begins, Road, Parking Lot Closures Scheduled

The construction of the Army Family Housing project on RIA east of the Davenport House began Nov. 7. The construction includes road and partial parking lot closures. There are signs at Hillman St. and Whittemore St. informing drivers that no through-traffic is allowed and that the streets have no outlet during construction. Drivers are directed to use Davenport Drive to visit the Davenport House. The US Army Corps of Engineers is managing the Army Family Housing construction project on RIA east of the Davenport House for a period of 540 working days.

Update Repair Gillespie Street

On Sept. 6, Public Works began making repairs to Gillespie Street. The road is closed between Blunt Road and the north entrance to Bldg 312. We encourage pedestrians to avoid this area, but they may use the west sidewalk along Gillespie to the south entrance of Bldg. 312 and then cross over to the golf cart path proceeding onto Ramsey Road. If safety becomes an issue, the area will be closed to pedestrian traffic. Orange safety fence is installed around the perimeter of the work area. Please use caution when traveling near the area and be aware of extra truck traffic traveling to the construction site.

Notice for Repair of Gillespie Street

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

Parking Area Lot Closed Near Bldg. 350

On Oct. 17, the Directorate of Public Works began a project to repair the emergency generators located in Parking Lot 3L northeast of Bldg. 350. The work includes replacement of an existing generator that feeds critical loads in Bldg. 350. The new generator will be located along the north edge of the parking which requires closing approximately 40 parking spaces during construction. The project is scheduled to be completed by **Friday, July 14**.

Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians

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

Building/Space Closures



Closure Notice, Building 104 Courtyard

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

Active Duty/Reserve Zone

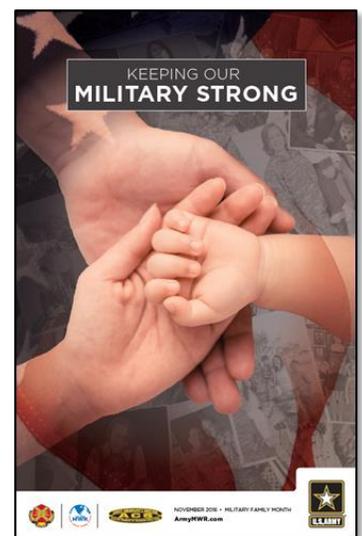


Open Enrollment and the Health Insurance Marketplace

It's the time of year when people can enroll in or change their health insurance plan. The open enrollment period for HealthCare.gov is November 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017 for 2017 coverage. How does this affect you? Most TRICARE beneficiaries don't need to worry about open enrollment. However, for beneficiaries who are not eligible for TRICARE coverage, have lost or are losing coverage, or may qualify to purchase a TRICARE premium-based health plan (TYA, TRR, TRS or CHCBP) you can use this open enrollment period to see if there are other health coverage options that work best for you and your family. Go to HealthCare.gov to explore your coverage options outside of TRICARE. Specify that you don't currently have coverage when using the portal to find out if you qualify for financial assistance and review coverage plans offered in your area without submitting an application. ([More](#))

Military Family Month

The Army observes Military Family Month to recognize and honor military Family members for their unique contributions and daily sacrifices while supporting the Army mission. The month was established in 2003 by the Armed Services YMCA and affirms the Army's commitment to strengthen the readiness and resilience of the Army Family. Each year the president of the United States signs a proclamation declaring November as Military Family Month. Army Families often endure unique challenges of persistent conflicts, numerous separations and relocations as they support Soldiers in every phase of the Soldier lifecycle. Families ensure Soldiers start strong, serve strong, reintegrate strong and remain strong throughout their careers. The Army provides a balanced network of programs and services to improve Soldier and Family readiness. Military Family Month is an opportunity for the Army's Active, Guard and Reserve component leadership to collaborate with garrisons, community leaders and local businesses on observances, events and awareness campaigns. Active, Guard, and Reserve leaders, as well as the Department of



Defense organizations such as the Army Air Force Exchange Service and the Defense Commissary Agency often team up to conduct activities and events to express their appreciation for military families. Additionally, other Army, government, military, community and business leaders recognize military families through numerous events. During November, all commands, installations and units are encouraged to participate in local engagements designed to draw public attention to and illustrate public support and appreciation for the Army Family. Each year the President signs a proclamation declaring November Military Family Month. This year's [presidential proclamation](#) stated, "We must always be there for our service members and their families -- just as they are there for us. Through the thickest of fights and the darkest of nights, our extraordinary military families -- our heroes on the home front -- stand alongside our patriots in uniform, and in their example we see the very best of our country's spirit. This month, let us thank them for their tremendous devotion to duty and for their unyielding sacrifice. Let us honor their resolve and patriotism and uphold our solemn responsibility to ensure the priorities of our Nation reflect the priorities of our military families." — *President Barack Obama* ([Military Family Support](#)) ([Military.com](#)) ([StandTo!](#))

White House, DoD Salute Companies' Commitment to Hire Military Spouses

Employers who hire military spouses are doing the right thing for their businesses -- and for the country, speakers at a Department of Defense Military Spouse Employment Partnership event said this week. White House and Defense Department officials, business representatives and military spouses were among those who came out Oct. 17 to celebrate the induction of 50 employers to the MSEP program -- the largest induction class since the initiative was launched five years ago. By hiring military spouses, employers are promoting stability in military families, which increases the readiness of the force, said Todd A. Weiler, assistant secretary of defense for manpower and reserve affairs. ([More](#))



Safety Spotlight



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RIA Autumn/Winter Safety & Wellness Awareness Day

The installation will hold RIA Autumn/Winter Safety & Wellness Awareness Day on **Friday, Nov. 18**, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The event is open to all RIA tenant unit service members, DoD civilians, family members, and civilians with access to the installation. The event will include numerous information booths from fire safety, to severe weather preparedness, to fitness.

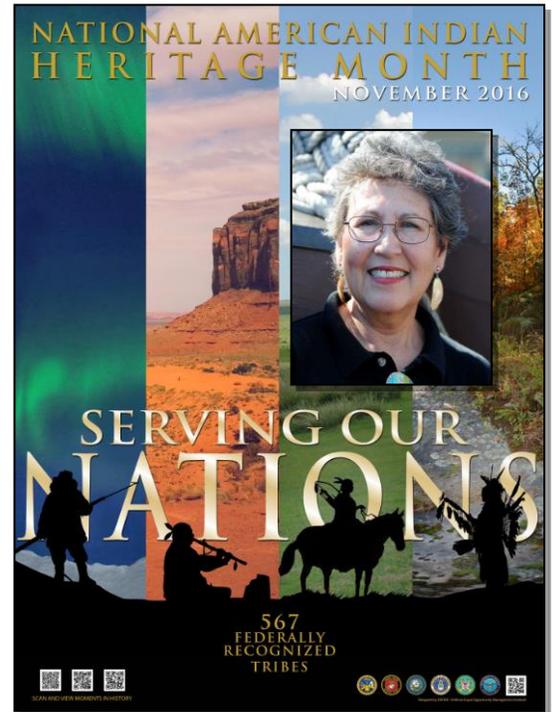
Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



RIA National American Indian Heritage Observance

The First Army Equal Opportunity Office invites the installation workforce to the RIA National American Indian Heritage Observance on **Monday, Nov. 21**, in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. Food sampling will be 12:30-12:55 p.m., and the observance will be 1-2 p.m. To sign up for the event use keyword "RIA National American Indian Heritage" in [TEDs](#). For additional information or accommodations please contact Sgt. First Class Jose Vazquez at 309-782-9761. The keynote speaker will be U.S. Army Maj. (Ret.) Jo Ann Schedler, a member of the Mohican Nation - Stockbridge-Munsee Community based out of Wisconsin. Schedler has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Marquette University and a master of science in management from the college of Business at Cardinal Stretch University. She worked as an RN, clinical nurse supervisor for Milwaukee County for more than 24 years, retiring in 1995. Schedler returned to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and worked as the Stockbridge-Munsee tribal services director and director of the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center. Schedler was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps Reserves and retired as a major in 2004 after 20 years of service.

In 1985, she was one of the founding board members of Indian Summer Festival in Milwaukee and is a founding member of the Mohican Veterans. She has served on the tribe's enrollment committee, historic preservation committee, editorial board, and powwow committee. Each November the White House issues a proclamation for National Native American Heritage Month. This year the President stated in his proclamation, "This month, let us celebrate the traditions, languages, and stories of Native Americans and ensure their rich histories and contributions can thrive with each passing generation. Let us continue to build on the advancements we have made, because enduring progress will depend on our dedication to honoring our trust and treaty responsibilities. With sustained effort and unwavering optimism, we can ensure a vibrant and resilient Indian Country filled with possibility and prosperity." ([DoD Special Report](#)) ([StandTo!](#))



Change in Operating Hours

Repairs to the Bldg. 90 Handicap Accessible door have been completed. Normal operations (6 a.m. - 6 p.m.) Monday through Friday have resumed.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

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

Fitness Center Classes

The Fitness Center is now offering new fall classes! Everyone may try a class for free if you have not participated in the class before. New schedule and class descriptions may be located on the [MWR website](#). If anyone has any questions pertaining to the classes, please call the fitness center at 309-782-6787 for further information.

Arsenal Island Golf Course Fall Membership Drive

Now is the time to purchase or renew your annual golf memberships. We've put together a great package of benefits for our annual pass holders and prices will go up on Jan. 1. Check out the [flyer](#) or call the Pro Shop for more details.

Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet

Come enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet **Thursday, Nov. 24**, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the beautiful and historic Arsenal Island Clubhouse with your family and friends and leave the planning, shopping, cooking and clean up to us. Cost is \$21/adult, \$10/child (3-10 years), and children under three eat free. Call 309-782-4372 for more info and to make reservations. ([Flyer](#))

Tree Lighting Ceremony & Vendor Fair

Come ring in the holiday season **Friday, Dec. 2**, 4 p.m., at Heritage Hall, at the Rock Island Arsenal's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. There will be lots to do and see including various children's activities, free keepsake photos with Santa, free cookies and hot cocoa, door prize drawings including lots of great prizes and a vendor fair to get a head start on your holiday shopping. Call 309-782-5890 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours

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

FMWR Outdoor Recreation

Tables and Chairs are available for rent at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Checkout Center in Bldg. 333. The Holidays are fast approaching, call 309-782-8630 to reserve them for your holiday party or gathering.

Disney on Ice: Dare to Dream

Feld Entertainment's Exciting Disney On Ice Production is a Celebration of Royal Proportions featuring Tangled, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, The Princess and the Frog and Cinderella. Join Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald and Goofy as they follow four of Disney's most inspirational princesses on their adventures to fulfill their dreams in Feld Entertainment's newest ice spectacular, Disney On Ice presents Dare to Dream. Combining the contemporary stories of two modern-day princesses, Rapunzel and Tiana, with the classic elegance of Cinderella and Snow White, Dare to Dream whisks audiences away on exciting journeys where dreams really do come true. MWAR Leisure Travel Office has several dates and times (performances at the iWireless Center running **Dec. 1-4**) for discounted seating to this show. Call the Leisure Travel Office for more details at 309-782-5890.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra

Trans-Siberian Orchestra is celebrating their 20th anniversary this year, and will bring back "The Ghosts of Christmas Eve" to the iWireless Center on **Thursday, Dec. 8**, at 7:30 p.m. Leisure Travel Office has discounted seats on sale until **Monday, Nov. 28**. \$47 Section 213 Rows 3 & 4; \$58 Section 107 Rows 7 & 8; and \$68 Section 114 Row 12 & 13.

Downtown Chicago/Christkindlmarket

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

The Original Harlem Globetrotters

On **Saturday, Jan. 7**, at 4 p.m., iWireless Center presents a star-studded roster will have fans on the edge of their seats to witness the ball handling wizardry, basketball artistry and one-of-a-kind family entertainment that thrills fans of all ages. Join Globetrotter stars after the game where they will stay for an autograph, photograph and high five session for fans (subject to availability). Also make sure to purchase a Pre-Event Magic Pass: Before the game from 2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m., take part in a once-in-a-lifetime experience with your family where you have an opportunity to spend time on the court with the Globetrotters – shooting, trying out ball tricks, and getting autographs and photos. The unique 30-minute pre-show, "Magic Pass," will create memories of a lifetime. The Leisure Travel office has discounted tickets on sale until **Monday, Dec. 12**. Section 103, rows 8 & 9, \$56; Section 105, rows 12 & 13, \$35; and Section 106, rows 8, 9 & 10, \$27. Magic Passes \$16.

World's Toughest Rodeo

Cinch World's Toughest Rodeo has doubled up on preshow fun as the event will opens at 6 p.m. for a free preshow as we invite fans to "get down in the dirt." Come early and partake in the interactive activities for all ages including pony rides, all access meet and greet with cowboys and entertainers, hop in the clown's barrel for photos, sit on Midnight the bull in the bucking chutes, or get up close and personal with the Cinch World's Toughest Rodeo animal superstars as our staff host behind the chutes tours. The entire arena will overflow with fantastic activities all new for 2017 from 6-7 p.m. Leisure Travel has discounted seating for both Friday and Saturday shows. • **Friday, Jan. 27**, at 7:30 p.m.; Section 102, rows 11 & 12, adult \$35.50, children 12 under \$21.75, Section 201, rows 2, 3 & 4, adult \$25.50, children 12 under \$16.75. • **Saturday, Jan. 28**, at 7:30 p.m.; Section 102, rows 11 & 12, \$35.50 adult/child, Section 202, rows 2, 3 & 4 \$25.50 adult/child. Tickets on sale through Leisure Travel until **Monday, Jan. 16**.

Child, Youth & School Services



North Pole Party

Join your friends **Saturday, Dec. 10**, 4-7 p.m., at the School Age Center (Bldg. 150), for a North Pole Party. We'll have holiday crafts from 4-5 pm and then we'll show a holiday movie with hot cocoa and popcorn. Santa and his elves will be there so make sure you mark this fun event on your calendars now and RSVP by calling 309-782-5019, space is limited. ([Flyer](#))



Army Community Service



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

John Deere Pavilion Tour

Come be a tourist in your own backyard **Friday, Nov. 18**, at 10 a.m., on these informative free tours with the Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program. This tour will be at the John Deere Pavilion in downtown Moline. Call 309-782-0829 for more info and to RSVP. ([Flyer](#))

Giving Tuesday Volunteer Opportunity

Giving Tuesday is a call to action movement across the nation that encourages people to give back to their community. MWR and ACS would like volunteers to join them in decorating Quarters One for Christmas on Giving **Tuesday, Nov. 29**, at 10 a.m. The Volunteer Corps coordinator will be onsite decorating and will be available to answer questions about other volunteer opportunities in our community and how to get registered as a volunteer. To RSVP contact MWR at 309-782-5890 or ACS at 309-782-0829.

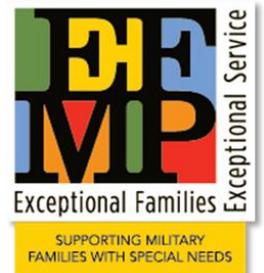


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Exceptional Family Night

Join us **Thursday, Dec. 1**, in the School Age Center, Bldg. 150, 5:30-7:30 p.m., for some holiday fun. The Exceptional Family Member Program is inviting all RIA families with special needs to join in a holiday gathering and fun night. Come and enjoy a relaxing evening with games, crafts, and snacks. We will have activities for the kids and a make and take craft activity. Information will be available on "Holiday Survival Tips for your Child with Special Needs." Free onsite childcare for children enrolled in CYS. RSVP for childcare by **Monday, Nov. 28**, at 309-782-6793. RSVP for the activity by calling 309-782-4736. ([More](#))



RIA Points of Interest Tour

Come be a tourist in your own backyard **Friday, Dec. 2**, at 9 a.m., at Quarters One, on these informative free tours with the Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program. This tour will highlight some of the interesting places on the Arsenal including Quarters One and the RIA museum. Call 309-782-0829 for more info and to RSVP. ([Flyer](#))

Isabel Bloom Tour

Come be a tourist in your own backyard **Thursday, Dec. 15**, at 10 a.m., on these informative free tours with the Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program. This tour will visit the local Isabel Bloom factory. Call 309-782-0829 for more info and to RSVP. ([Flyer](#))

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](#).

The Great American Smokeout

Friday, Nov. 18, is the Great American Smokeout. The Great American Smokeout is an annual event to encourage people to stop smoking for 24 hours, and hopefully their decision to quit will last the rest of their life. Take the first step and try to be tobacco free for 24 hours on Nov. 18. For information on quitting smoking, contact the RIA Employee Assistance Program at 309-782-4357.

Grief Support Group

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

Assertiveness Training

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

Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand and manage your own emotions, and those of the people around you. People with a high degree of emotional intelligence know what they're feeling, what their emotions mean, and how these emotions can affect other people. Emotional intelligence addresses five competencies; Self-Awareness, Self-Regulation, Self-Motivation, Empathy, and Effective Relationships. The upcoming class date is **Dec. 20**, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., and will take

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

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.](#)

American Education Week

Army Continuing Education System will celebrate American Education Week nationwide **Nov. 13-19**. Tuition Assistance totals for Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve was \$213.5M in FY16 and \$228.5M in FY15. This year's theme of "Army Continuing Education - Investing in our Soldiers, Investing in the Future" highlights the continued support for our Service Members in pursuit of degrees and certifications. ACES offers a variety of educational opportunities and degree programs to assist Service Members expand their knowledge base and even increase promotion opportunities. Obtaining an advanced degree can help the transitioning Service Member maintain a competitive edge with civilian employers. Your Rock Island Arsenal Army Education team will be at the USO Bldg. 110 on **Nov. 18**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Stop by to learn about testing and school options, tuition assistance, and ways to maximize your education benefits. Meet the education center staff and enjoy light refreshments.

Pre-Retirement Briefing

Did you know... it is mandatory that all Soldiers receive a pre-retirement briefing between the retirement application submission date and 120 days before the retirement date or start date of transition leave? – AR 600-8-7, Paragraph 3-1. Upcoming briefing dates are: **Feb. 3, May 5, Aug. 11, and Nov. 3, 2017**. Schedule attendance to the next RIA Pre-Retirement Brief by calling 309-782-7780 or email usarmy.ria.usag.mbx.hrm-tsm@mail.mil.

Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange



The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only. There are exceptions for select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you. Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [here](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com ([Facebook](#))

If you would like to be placed on our email contact list to receive periodic information on events happening at your Rock Island Arsenal Commissary, please email us at: rockislandarsenal.commissary@deca.mil and type 'Subscribe' in the subject line.

The Exchange Wants to Hear Your Favorite Holiday Story

The holidays evoke fond memories of family gatherings, delicious food and fun. Those memories could be worth \$1,000 in the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's latest contest. Through Dec. 25, authorized shoppers 18 years old or older can submit an essay of 300 words or less about one of their favorite holiday memories. The winning entry will receive a \$1,000 Exchange gift card with second and third place receiving \$500 and \$300 gift cards, respectively. ([More](#))

Exchange Carves Up Prices for Post-Thanksgiving Shopping

Military shoppers looking to dig in to tasty holiday shopping better bring a big appetite to the Exchange after Thanksgiving as the Army & Air Force Exchange Service serves up a buffet of deals. The feast begins Black Friday with a cornucopia of deals on electronics, jewelry, clothing and everything in between. Shoppers will find a Hewlett Packard 15.6 inch Notebook for just \$149; up to 35 percent off on Whirlpool and Maytag appliances; and Chef's 17-piece cookware set discounted \$130. Additionally, the entire stock of prestige handbags will be 25 percent off. Saturday's harvest of savings includes 50-inch Samsung 4K Smart TVs for \$399; iPad mini 4s for just \$249, a \$140 savings; Armitron analog/digital watches at 50 percent off; and Ninja Master Prep professional food processors for \$39. ([More](#))

Rock Island Exchange Brings Back Fee-Free Layaway for the Holidays

Once again, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is offering fee-free layaway for Soldiers, families and retirees who want to get a jump-start on their holiday shopping and keep gifts hidden safely out of sight from prying eyes. Starting **Sept. 1**, the Rock Island Exchange will waive the \$3 service fee for items that are placed on layaway and paid for by **Dec. 24**—including toys and bikes. Purchases of \$25 or more are eligible for the layaway plan. "By waiving the service fee, the Rock Island Exchange is giving military shoppers extra incentive to consider layaway, both as a budgeting tool and as a way to keep snooping loved ones from finding their gifts before the big day," said Rock Island Exchange Store Manager Lisa Scadden. "With a few months to go before the holidays, shoppers can start checking off their gift lists—and keep those presents safely hidden." A deposit of 15 percent is required to hold items on layaway. Shoppers can visit customer service at the Rock Island Exchange for complete program details and eligibility information.

Exchange Expands Layaway to Include Laptops, Computers for Holiday Season

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is making it easier for military shoppers to keep in-demand gifts hidden away until the big day by extending fee-free layaway to computers, notebooks and laptops for a limited time. Through Dec. 14, Exchange shoppers can use layaway to hold computers, notebooks, tablets and iPads—items that are not typically eligible for the program. The \$3 layaway fee will be waived as well. "Computers, notebooks and laptops are popular gifts, and the Exchange's layaway program keeps these purchases safely tucked away from prying eyes this holiday season," said Army Col. Karen Fleming, Exchange logistics deputy director. Layaway will not be offered for computers, laptops and notebooks purchased Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 25-26. A deposit of 15 percent is required to hold items on layaway. Shoppers can visit customer service at their local Exchange for complete details. ([More](#))

Arsenal Archive

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

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Nov. 14-20

On Nov. 17, 1889, Col. James Whittmore assumed command of the RIA. He served as RIA commander until February 1892. On Nov. 18, 1872, an ice blockade formed in the Mississippi River halting ferry traffic cross the river. On Nov. 19, 1872, Maj. D. W. Flagler, the RIA Commander, responded to citizen appeals and opened the newly constructed government bridge to the public.

Healthbeat

With the Freedom Quitline, Quitting Smoking Is Just a Phone Call Away

Quitting smoking never seems to make it onto our calendars. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention seven out of 10 smokers plan to quit, but many wait until their health is in jeopardy. Why wait? Quit for the Great American Smokeout, with the Freedom Quitline! The Freedom Quitline is proud to support the American Cancer Society's annual Great American Smokeout on **Thursday, Nov. 17**. The Great American Smokeout challenges people across the nation to stop using tobacco for the day. Most smokers make a plan to quit on the day of the Smokeout, or they use this day to contact quitlines and start the process of quitting. Get ready to quit for the Great American Smokeout by calling the Freedom Quitline. Freedom Quitline participants are over twice as likely to quit smoking when compared to conventional quitlines. If you are interested in participating in the Freedom Quitline program, call 1-844-I-AM-FREE (1-844-426-3733) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. -5 p.m. CDT. Freedom Quitline is a National Institutes of Health-funded research study co-sponsored by 59th Medical Wing, Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center for Military Population Health. Freedom Quitline participants receive four proactive smoking cessation counseling sessions by phone, along with eight weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy sent to their homes. Find out if you are eligible for the Freedom Quitline by calling 1-844-I-AM-FREE or visiting www.freedomquitline.org. Learn more about TRICARE-covered tobacco cessation services at www.tricare.mil/tobaccocessation. ([More](#))



Collaboration Between DoD, VA Aims To Improve Initiatives For Women's Health

The Military Health System is highlighting the efforts of Health Affairs Women's Health working group. Comprised of experts from the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs,

the group addresses health-related concerns, needs and issues affecting a growing body of women both in the military and as they transition to VA. Dr. Cara Krulewitch, director of Women's Health Medical Ethics & Patient Advocacy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), said the group wants to ensure that there is a comprehensive approach to the health needs of a woman – from entry into the military to status as a veteran. “We will find a better way to identify trends and what’s going on across the life cycle of our soldiers, airmen and seamen,” said Krulewitch. Communication between DoD, VA and the services will allow the group to share data and health perspectives to identify gaps that must be filled. ([More](#))

Notes for Veterans

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VA and Social Security Partner to Speed Up Disability Decisions for Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) launched a new Health IT initiative that enables VA to share medical records electronically with social security disability processors. This secure process will save time and money resulting in better service for Veterans and dependents who apply for social security disability benefits. The SSA requests nearly 15 million medical records from health care organizations yearly to make medical decisions on about three million disability claims. For decades, SSA obtained medical records through a manual process. This new national initiative puts in place an automated process to obtain Veterans' medical records entirely electronically. ([More](#))

Lapel Pin, National Initiative Seek To Correct Injustice for Vietnam Vets

On the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, a national initiative aims to make sure veterans from that era are never forgotten. The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, which was authorized by Congress in 2008, is conducting events and activities across the country this year to honor those who served in a deeply divisive war that left a generation of warfighters without the proper recognition they deserved. One part of the initiative is to honor vets who served between Nov. 1, 1955, and May 15, 1975, with a commemorative Vietnam Veteran lapel pin. On Thursday, retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey received one of those pins during a brief ceremony in the Military Times office outside Washington, D.C. ([More](#))

VA Introduces This Week at VA

As part of its ongoing effort to engage and reach out to Veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs has launched a podcast titled “This Week at VA.” The podcast will be produced weekly. Each episode will include information on benefits or products, interviews with Veterans, a highlighted Veteran of the Day and other helpful content. This week's show features an interview with VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald. “This Week at VA highlights the department's commitment to delivering valuable information to the Veteran community through real stories of the Veteran experience,” said McDonald. The “This Week at VA” podcast will act as another platform to communicate with Veterans, their families and stakeholders. There are currently three episodes available for listening that spotlight Marine Veteran Haley Carter, Army Veteran Francisco Urena and Army Veteran Fred Wellman. The podcast is available on VA's Vantage Point blog under the This Week at VA Podcast category and on iTunes. Be sure to subscribe in iTunes for updates each week when new episodes are released. ([More](#))

Around the Q.C.



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- Nov. 18-27:** [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter (Davenport))
Nov. 19: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 19: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)
Nov. 19: [City of Davenport Garbage Gobble Creek Cleanup](#) (Davenport)
Nov. 19: [QC Mustache Challenge](#) (Begins at Bent River Brewery, Moline)
Nov. 21: [Veteran's Explore Camp Courageous](#) (Camp Courageous, 12007 190th St, Monticello, Iowa)
Nov. 22: [World Affairs Council of the Quad Cities' "China Inside Out"](#) (Bettendorf Public Library)
Nov. 24: [Scott County Family Y McCarthy Bush Turkey Trot](#) (Downtown YMCA (Davenport))
Nov. 24: [Monmouth Early Learning Center 5K Run/Walk Turkey Trot and Kid Run](#) (200 Block of East Broadway, Monmouth)
Nov. 25-27: [27th Annual Quad City Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair](#) (QCCA)
Nov. 26: [2016 Turkey Shootout](#) (HS Indoor Soccer Tournament, Davenport Parks and Recreation, 700 W River Dr, Davenport)
Nov. 26: [Small Business Saturday](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
Dec. 3: [Ugly Christmas Sweater 5k walk/run](#) (Blackhawk Bank & Trust: 2nd St. & Davenport St.)
Dec. 3: [Christmas in LeClaire Ugly Christmas Sweater 5k Run/Walk](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)
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Jan. 28: [Jaycees of the Quad Cities Bridal Expo](#) (RiverCenter)
Jan. 29: [37th Annual Motorcycle Parts Swapmeet](#) (QCCA)
Feb. 3-5: [Quad Cities Home Builders Home Show](#) (QCCA)
Feb. 16-19: [Fishing, Hunting, and Outdoor Adventure Show](#) (QCCA)
Feb. 24-26: [RV/Camping Show](#) (QCCA)
March 24-26: [Lawn and Garden Show](#) (QCCA)
March 30: [Taco Dinner Fund Raiser for QCA Stand Down](#) (The Viking Club, 1450 41st Street, Moline)
April 9: [19th Annual In-Fisherman Swap Meet](#) (QCCA)
April 16: [QC on Tap](#) (QCCA)
May 14-15: [Scott County Kennel Club AKC Dog Show](#) (QCCA)

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