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Island Insight

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RIA Soldiers Speak At Area Veterans Day Events

Nearly 30 Soldiers assigned to Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, participated in 20 Veterans Day events in eastern Iowa and western Illinois, Nov. 9-11. Maj. Gen. Edward Daly, commanding general, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, also participated in the Quad



City Mallards Military Appreciation Night, Nov. 11, where he administered the oath of enlistment to 12 Army recruits from the area during the first intermission of the hockey game. RIA also provided a joint color guard including service members from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard to present the colors prior to the start of the game. Lt. Gen. Stephen Twitty, commanding general, First Army, participated in the ceremonial puck drop. -Rotary Club of Walnut, Walnut, Illinois- George Eaton, command historian, ASC, spoke to approximately 50 veterans and Rotarians during a Veterans Day event in Walnut, Illinois, Nov. 9. The discussion included Veterans Day themes and a historical presentation about the RIA Confederate Cemetery. ([More](#))

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 1-30: Military Family Appreciation Month

Nov. 22: Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Nov. 23: Painless Dent Repair, Auto Skill Shop, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Buffet, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Nov. 28-Dec. 9: RIA Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operation, Arsenal Island-wide, 24/7

Nov. 29: Giving Tuesday Volunteer Opportunity, Quarters One, 10 a.m.

Nov. 29: Assertiveness Training, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Nov. 29: Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Nov. 30: Couples Game Night, ACS Training Room, Bldg. 110, 4-5:30 p.m.

Dec. 1-8: Trees for Troops, Memorial Field Pavilion, eligible military, 24/7

Dec. 1: Exceptional Family Night, School Age Center, Bldg. 150, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Dec. 2: RIA Points of Interest Tour, Quarters One, 9 a.m.

Dec. 2: Holiday Vendor Fair, Lock and Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Dec. 2: First Friday Social, Lock and Dam Lounge, 3 p.m.

Dec. 2: Tree Lighting Ceremony, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 4 p.m.

Dec. 6: Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Dec. 8: Quarterly Retirement & Retreat, Bldg. 60, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 2 p.m.

Combined Federal Campaign Benefits Those in Times of Need

As Combined Federal Campaign events continue on Rock Island Arsenal, numerous testimonies are being shared about the various charities that have helped CFC donors in their times of need. The help they've received is one of the main reasons they give back, and for three RIA employees, the hope of inspiring others to philanthropy is the main reason they've chosen to share their stories. "The mission of the CFC," stated the Office of Personnel Management's CFC page, is "to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-effective, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all." ([More](#))



RIA-JMTC Apprentices Graduate from Rigorous Four-Year Program

For more than 106 years, the Machinist Apprentice Program has trained men and women at Rock Island Arsenal to become skilled machinists to meet the needs of the Army. The ceremony for the program's most recent eight graduates was held in the Baylor Conference Room, Building 103 at Rock Island Arsenal, Nov. 4. The Machinist Apprentice Program spans four years, and includes approximately 8,000 hours of schooling and on-the-job training. For the first two years, students complete about 700 hours of college courses while rotating through different departments at the Rock Island Arsenal-Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center. ([More](#))



Arsenal Night-Light Survey Results

On the evening of Monday, Oct. 24, and Wednesday, Nov. 9, the installation energy managers performed a night-light survey inside and outside of the Garrison and RIA-Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center buildings. On the "Night-Light Survey Results" document, penciled-in marks/shading on building icons represent lights found on. Click on [this hyperlink](#) to see the detailed results of the survey. The energy manager used his judgement to rate each area surveyed and then sorted them from worst to the best. Ten is all lights on, and one is all lights off. The survey results found some building areas had all the lights on and many buildings were completely dark or just had the safety lighting on. ([More](#))



Army Secretary: Capabilities More Important Than Numbers of Soldiers

The Army needs to stop talking strictly about the numbers of its soldiers and focus on the capabilities the service needs, Army Secretary Eric Fanning said here today. Fanning discussed Army capabilities with Wall Street Journal reporter Gordon Lubold during the Defense One Summit. The secretary said the Army needs to define what it needs for the future. There are currently more than 100,000 U.S. soldiers posted overseas in more than 150 countries, Fanning said. The Army's role in countering current threats, he said, has "stripped a lot of investment out of the future [and] even a lot of intellectual thinking about the future." ([More](#))



Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations Begins Nov. 28

As part of its ongoing efforts to improve pedestrian safety on the installation, the Rock Island Arsenal Police Department will be conducting a two week pedestrian safety enforcement operation. The enforcement will focus on motorists who fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, pedestrians that fail to yield the right-of-way to vehicles, and pedestrians that fail to obey the pedestrian traffic-control device. Rock Island Arsenal Police Department is committed to preventing pedestrian involved traffic accidents, and is leading the effort with proactive enforcement and education programs. The Department is conducting this public awareness and enforcement program to educate and encourage members of the community to develop and maintain safe practices while driving, walking, and cycling throughout Rock Island Arsenal. Rock Island Arsenal Police Department strongly encourages members of the community to follow basic safe practices:

- Drivers should be on the lookout for, and stop for, pedestrians.
- Drivers should stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk and stay stopped until the pedestrian has reached the sidewalk.
- Pedestrians should use a crosswalk when crossing the street and obey pedestrian signals.
- Pedestrians that cross at a location other than a crosswalk must yield the right-of-way to vehicles and should look both ways for traffic before crossing.
- Pedestrians are encouraged to wear bright colored, reflective clothing and use a flashlight when walking during hours of darkness. Be visible!
- Traffic safety is everyone's personal responsibility.

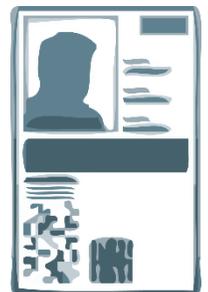
The two week operation will begin on **Monday, Nov. 28**, at heavily traveled locations. Drivers and pedestrians stopped during this safety operation will be issued warnings during the first week and citations during the second week. Crosswalk enforcement actions are an effective way to communicate pedestrian/vehicular right-of-way laws to both drivers and pedestrians. This operation will serve as a reminder of this responsibility and we expect that voluntary compliance will be improved as a result. For additional information, please contact Capt. Chelsea Davis at 309-782-2686.

ID/CAC Office Change

Effective Nov. 21, the ID/CAC Office began operating at its required and authorized strength of two employees, vice three. As a result of the reduction of staff, the number of appointments have been reduced from 34 to 22 per day on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and from 18 to 12 on Tuesdays. Hours of operation will remain the same; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Tuesday from 8-11:30 a.m. (closed for training and admin in the afternoon). Along with the decrease of daily appointments, services may be limited or unavailable in the following situations:

- Planned Leave - If only one of the two employees is present, override capabilities to produce some ID/CAC cards will be unavailable. Customer will have to reschedule when both employees are present to execute the required override task.
- Unplanned Leave - If one of the two employees is on leave and the employee scheduled to work becomes ill and takes sick leave, the office will be closed until one returns to work.

All appointments continue to be made via the online RAPIDS appointment scheduler at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. This website also lists off-Island locations.



Company Kitchen Cafes Holiday Hours

All Company Kitchen (Bldg. 60, Bldg. 212 and Bldg. 350) cafés will be closed for lunch on **Wednesday, Nov. 23**, due to the holiday. Breakfast will operate as usual. All Cafes will be closed all day on **Friday, Dec. 23**. The cafes will operate with limited menus the **Dec. 19 to Jan. 6**.

Army Retirement Services Office

The Army Retirement Services Office develops Army policy and oversees Army programs that prepare Soldiers and their Families for retirement and assists survivors of Soldiers who die on active duty, retired Soldiers, surviving spouses, and their Families until death. The Army Retirement Services Office was started Nov. 14, 1955, with the focus of providing an effective channel of communication between the active Army and retired Soldiers. The program educates Soldiers and their Families on their rights, benefits and privileges before and after retirement. The Army remains committed to the lifelong success of Soldiers, veterans and their Families and sustains a connection with them to provide opportunities for employment, education and health care after military service. Individuals who join America's Army become a Soldier for Life -- a member of an elite team that makes positive impacts worldwide. ([More](#))



Trees for Troops

As a small way of saying thank you for your service, MWR, in conjunction with the Christmas Spirit Foundation and Fed-Ex, is once again proud to offer free live Christmas trees to all active duty military members (including Guard and Reserve components) this season. The trees will be available beginning at 12 p.m. at the Memorial Field Pavilion on **Thursday, Dec. 1, through Thursday, Dec. 8**, or until the supply is exhausted, first come, first served so don't wait. During this time period the trees are available only to active duty (including Guard and Reserve) and their families. Self-service pick up is available 24/7, so bring the family when it is convenient for you and pick out the perfect live tree to brighten your holiday season. If there are trees available after Thursday, Dec. 8, they will be made available to the rest of the Island workforce and military retirees beginning on **Friday, Dec. 9**. Pick up location is the Memorial Field Pavilion. Please call 309-782-4420 for more info. ([Flyer](#))



Christmas Tea & Tour of Quarters One 2016

Enjoy an afternoon tea with savory and sweet delights on **Sunday, Dec. 11**, at 12 p.m. and at 3 p.m., at the historic Quarters One mansion on Arsenal Island beautifully decorated for the holidays. Take a guided tour of Quarters One. Advanced ticket sales appreciated. Limited amount available on the day of (Cost is \$30). The Christmas Tea is hosted by the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation. ([Tickets](#))

VIOS Schedule for December

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **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, Dec. 9 & 16, 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.



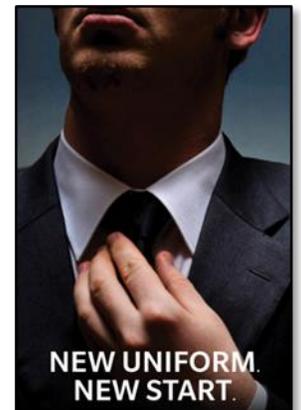
Charlie Corpuscle reminds us, "October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Did you know 17 percent of blood donations in our area are used by cancer patients?"



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](#).

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](#))*



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.wreathscrossamerica.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 — **Scrub Pub of Bettendorf:** Enjoy the lowest priced Drop-Off Laundry service in the area and receive a 10 percent discount at 2124 State Street, Bettendorf, by showing your ID. While performing your own laundry, you can enjoy a variety of food, drinks, and beer. **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

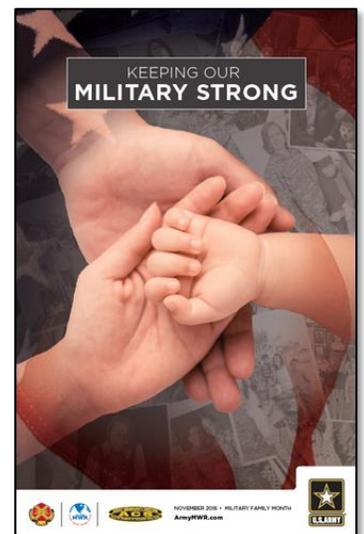
The Directorate of Public Works has closed the Bldg. 104 Courtyard to all traffic, parking, and public access effective **Aug. 1, through Thursday, Dec. 15**. Closure is required to stage materials and equipment to remove and replace the roof on Bldg. 104. Signage will be placed at all doors exiting 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



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!](#))

Military Spouse Briefings

Come join us if you have incoming/outgoing military members/staff, if you are in the military with a spouse, or if you are a military spouse looking for placement opportunities. The Rock Island Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is offering two informational briefings on the Military Spouse Program; how it works and what it has to offer. The briefings will include a program overview, program eligibility and the program requirements along with the documentation requirements and application process for potential placement consideration. In addition, if the military member and spouse are departing, you will receive information on the options available at that time. The Informational Briefings will be held in Bldg. 103, in the 1st floor Training Room. Space is limited so reservations are required. The briefing dates are:

- **Tuesday, Jan. 24**, 9-11 a.m. (reserve your seat no later than **Jan. 12**)
- **Tuesday, Feb. 21**, 9-11 a.m. (reserve your seat no later than **Feb. 9**)

Reserve your seat by calling Ragina Smith, human resources specialist, at 309-782-1305.

Safety Spotlight



**ARMY SAFE
IS ARMY STRONG**



Army: New Record Low for Mishap Fatalities, But Motor Vehicle Deaths Are Up

The Army reports the number of fatalities in mishaps fell in fiscal 2016 for the seventh year in a row, even while motorcycle deaths were up 32 percent, according to data from the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center. In fiscal 2016, 109 soldiers died in accidents that occurred on duty and off duty, according to an Army news release. That number is down from the 110 who died the year before, and it is the lowest number recorded in 45 years, the release said. Accidental deaths have dropped 32 percent for active-duty soldiers, along with fewer such deaths in the Guard and Reserve, the release said. Off-duty sedan and pedestrian fatalities declined during fiscal 2016. But while fatalities in nearly all of the accident categories decreased, fatalities involving motor vehicles were up, with a 32 percent increase in motorcycle deaths, and 38 percent more on-duty vehicle fatalities, due in part to the vehicle rollover at Fort Hood, Texas, in June that killed nine soldiers. ([More](#))

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



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.

Paintless Dent Repair Service Available

The always popular paintless dent repair technician will be available for repairs at the Auto Skills Shop on **Wednesday, Nov. 23**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Auto Skill Shop. If you have small dings, dents and other imperfections in your vehicle it may be possible to have them fixed without the excessive costs of more traditional body work. Call 309-782-8631 for more information and to schedule an appointment. ([Flyer](#))

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](#))

Holiday Vendor Fair, Tree Lighting Ceremony, & First Friday Social

On **Friday, Dec. 2**, Get some of your holiday shopping in at our MWR Vendor Fair; we will have items from home baked goods, jewelry, handmade quilts and soaps just to name a few. There will be numerous vendors to shop from available 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. in the Lock and Dam Lounge area in Bldg. 60.

Beginning at 4 p.m., ring in the holiday season at the Rock Island Arsenal's 41st Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. 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. In conjunction with all this holiday merrymaking the Lock and Dam Lounge will also be hosting the monthly First Friday Social kicking off at 3 p.m., so stop by for a drink and a bite to eat while socializing with your Island colleagues. For more info call 309-782-5890. ([Flyer](#))



Army vs. Navy Game Party

Call up your service buddies and come cheer for your team **Saturday, Dec. 10**, as the Army Black Knights take on the Navy Midshipmen in this annual grudge match between these two fierce rivals. The doors to the Lock & Dam Lounge (formerly the Arsenal Club) in Bldg. 60 will open at 12:30 p.m. and kick-off is at 2 p.m. There will be food and drink specials and there will also be free chicken wings. This event is open to the public and Arsenal access restrictions have been waived. For more info call 309-782-4372. ([Flyer](#))



Upcoming Sports Leagues at the RIA Fitness Center

The RIA Fitness Center will have the following leagues starting soon. Racquetball, Basketball, Co-Ed Volleyball, Dodgeball, and Pickleball. Please sign up at the fitness center if interested or contact Brandon Binns at 309-782-5124 or email Brandon.m.binns.naf@mail.mil.

Fitness Center Winter Sports Leagues Now Forming

Whether your sport of choice is basketball, volleyball or racquetball we have a league for you this winter. Leagues are now forming, stop by the Fitness Center to get a registration packet and get your team together. Call 309-782-5124 for more info.

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.

MWR Events Planning Needs Assessment

As we continually try to adapt our programs & events to best meet your recreation and leisure needs, we have developed a short eight questions survey. Please consider taking a moment to fill out this survey to let us know what programs and events that we currently offer that you enjoy, as well as identifying new programs, events or services that you would like to see offered in the future. The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RIAMWR2016> You may need to copy and paste this URL into a browser window.

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**.

Chris Tomlin: Worship Night in America Tour

Worship Night in America tour, kicking off **Tuesday, April 4**. Featuring Chris Tomlin, Big Daddy Weave, Phil Wickham, Zach Williams, Mosaic MSC and Jason Barton, the tour will make 23 stops across the US, filling arenas with thousands of voices lifted in praise. Tomlin's 11th studio album Never Lose Sight recently released, debuting at No. 1 on the Billboard Christian Albums Chart. The album features the RIAA Gold Certified single "Good Good Father." Last month, Tomlin was honored as the fourth recipient of the SoundExchange Digital Radio Award, recognizing more than 1 billion digital radio plays. Leisure Travel Office has discounted seats available until **Monday, Dec. 12**. Section 106, Row 6 & 7, \$31.75; Section 104, Row 3 & 4, \$41.75; and Section A, Row 4 & 5, \$72.75.

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**.

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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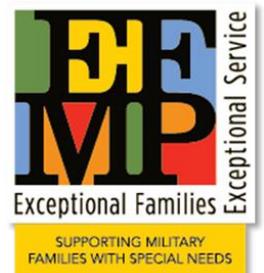
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Couples Game Night

Grab your significant other **Wednesday, Nov. 30**, 4-5:30 p.m., at the Army Community Service Training Room, and come enjoy a fun game night on us. Have fun playing with other couples and learning relationship tips and tricks for maintaining a healthy relationship. For more info and to RSVP, call 309-782-3773. ([Flyer](#))

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](#).

2017 EAP Calendars Available

The Army Substance Abuse Program/Employee Assistance Program has 2017 Calendar Log Books available. To get a calendar, stop by Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Room 104, and pick one up or call 309-782-4357 to request one.

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.](#)

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.

Remember Your Commissary for Thanksgiving Savings

Turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, candied yams, greens, macaroni and cheese, rolls and sweet potato pie or pumpkin pie – depending on where you're from, of course. These are some of the core items for many a traditional Thanksgiving menu. And if you're a commissary patron, you'll find sweet savings on these and more at your local store, said Defense Commissary Agency Sales Director Tracie L. Russ. "There's enough anxiety surrounding the Thanksgiving meal – how many people are coming to dinner, and how do we plan time to eat around the football games?" Russ said. "Well, if you remember to shop your commissary, stretching the holiday meal dollar will not be a concern. "We have reduced prices on high-quality, name-brand ingredients for the perfect holiday

meal plus we even offer recipes and tips on our website, www.commissaries.com, for preparing that big ol' bird." ([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](#))

Exchange Delivers Savings on Black Friday Weekend

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is putting family first this Thanksgiving as it opens doors Black Friday morning. "The Exchange is family serving family—85 percent of our associates share a connection with the military," said Army Col. Juan Saldivar, command engineer for the Exchange's Real Estate directorate. "The Exchange plans to honor that connection by keeping main stores closed out of respect for those who wish to spend Thanksgiving with friends and family." Exchange Main Stores will open their doors on Black Friday to offer deals on the hottest holiday gift items, including a Hewlett Packard 15.6 inch Notebook for just \$149, a MacBook Air for only \$589 and \$130 off a Chef's 17-piece cookware set. Additionally, the Exchange's entire stock of prestige handbags will be 25 percent off. Stores will open at 4 a.m. Black Friday in the continental United States, 5 a.m. in Guam, 7 a.m. in the Pacific and 8 a.m. in Europe. The savings will continue with additional deals through the weekend—check your local Exchange for Saturday and Sunday operating hours. ([More](#))

Families, Friends Help Military with Commissary Gift Cards

Thanks to Hurricane Matthew, electricity was out for six days at the Allenhurst, Georgia, home Angie Felton shares with her husband, a retired Army staff sergeant, and their daughter. "All of our food was ruined, and with the holidays around the corner, this was an expense that we just didn't need," said Felton. That was when they received \$100 in commissary gift cards from a friend who wanted to show her appreciation to this retired military family. "This wonderful gift helped to ease our minds a bit. We were so grateful to our friend for thinking of us in this way," said Felton. Whether it's helping military families like the Feltons in their time of need or giving the gift of groceries to single service members in the barracks, commissary gift cards are a perfect and thoughtful way to show your holiday gratitude, said Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Stuart Allison, the Defense Commissary Agency's senior enlisted advisor to the agency director. ([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.

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. 21-27

Maj. Flagler, in a letter dated Nov. 23, 1874, that was addressed to the Chief of Ordnance, recommended that all wrought iron scrap be retained at the RIA for conversion into high grade bar iron for use in construction of RIA Shops.

Healthbeat

Quit the Spit: Smokeless Tobacco No Better Than Lit

It’s a dangerous, addictive habit that rots teeth and can lead to grotesque cancers of the mouth and lip. So, still thinking smokeless tobacco is a healthy alternative to smoking?

While it might appear so, putting in a dip or a chew can cause as much harm as lighting up cigarettes. “A lot of the effects smoking has on the body – causing blood vessels to narrow raising blood pressure and causing several cancers – are the same for smokeless tobacco,” said Air Force Col. Thomas Moore, a preventive medicine doctor and in charge of health promotions for the Air Force Medical Support Agency. “Smokeless tobacco contains nicotine, one of the most addictive substances known.” That’s why Moore recommends against turning to smokeless tobacco as an

alternative to lighting up a cigarette. Nov. 17 is the Great American Smokeout, a day when smokers are encouraged to crush out their cigarettes for at least 24 hours, hopefully leading to a lifetime of kicking the habit. Another event, the Great American Spit Out, **Saturday, Feb. 18**, specifically targets smokeless tobacco. “You’re really not gaining anything by giving up cigarettes just to put in a load of chew,” said Moore. Unfortunately, Moore said, while smoking rates in many parts of the military are lower than those reported among civilians, use of smokeless tobacco is actually higher among those in active duty ranks. He said this could be because smokeless tobacco still provides many of the same kicks, such as the nicotine boost, without many of the socially unacceptable parts, such as secondhand smoke. In addition, it might be easier for troops in the field and even in an



Dipping doesn't make sense, either.

GREAT AMERICAN SPIT OUT
FEBRUARY 18, 2016

Smokeless tobacco can cause serious dental problems, mouth sores, gum decay and tobacco-breath. As if dating wasn't difficult enough! Quit for the **Great American Spit Out** on **February 18**. Get started at UCanQuit2.org/Ready2Quit.

 **QUIT TOBACCO**
UCanQuit2.org

office to use smokeless tobacco without anyone else really knowing. The biggest hurdle might be the fact that smokeless tobacco contains two to three times more nicotine than cigarettes. ([More](#))

New Annual Report Highlights Joint DoD/VA/HHS Efforts to Provide Mental Health Services

The military and two federal agencies released their yearly report on how to improve access to mental health services for veterans, service members and their families. The Departments of Defense (DoD), Health and Human Services (HHS), and Veterans Affairs (VA) released the 2016 Annual Report of the Interagency Task Force on Military and Veterans Mental Health. It addresses several key areas in care, including how to improve the transition from military health care to the VA. In addition, the report looked at how to better share information between the HHS and its state and community-level partners and how to improve training for community providers who deliver services to veterans, service members and their families. “The mental health of those who have and continue to serve, as well as their families, is of utmost important to us,” said Dr. John Davison, chief of the Condition-Based Specialty Care Section of the Defense Health Agency’s Clinical Support Division and member of the task force. “We want to build an environment that addresses the issues of suicide and its causes, and provide the best possible access to the best possible care.” ([More](#))

Notes for Veterans



New Study Could Pressure VA to Expand Agent Orange Benefits

A new study has found a close relationship between Agent Orange exposure during the Vietnam War and high blood pressure, a conclusion that could lead the Department of Veterans Affairs to dramatically expand the number of veterans eligible for compensation. The study, published last week by VA researchers in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, found a higher rate of hypertension among members of the Army Chemical Corps who handled Agent Orange during the war compared to those who didn’t. Corps members who served in Vietnam but did not spray the chemicals also had a higher rate of hypertension than their peers who served outside Vietnam. Both results were statistically significant and add to a body of evidence linking Agent Orange exposure and hypertension. The findings come 41 years after the close of the Vietnam War and decades since the last supplies of Agent Orange were incinerated. Since then, veterans have become increasingly distrustful of the VA. They maintain that their exposure to Agent Orange, which contained the toxic chemical dioxin, has harmed their health and has been passed on to their children. ([More](#))

Around the Q.C.



Nov. 18-27: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter (Davenport))

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: [Quad Cities Zumba for Toys for Tots](#) (Bethany Baptist Church, Moline)
Dec. 3: [Pack the Police Car for Toys for Tots](#) (Bettendorf City Hall Parking Lot)
Dec. 3: [Canadian Pacific Holiday Train](#) (Davenport)
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)
Dec. 3: [Quad Cities Wizards Yule Ball](#) (The Col Ballroom, Davenport)
Dec. 3-4: [Quad Cities Comic Con](#) (RiverCenter)
Dec. 10: [AUSA Army Navy Game Watch & Member Appreciation Event](#) (The Main Event, Bettendorf)
Dec. 10: [QC Holiday Shopping Expo](#) (Rock Island Center for Math and Science)
Dec. 17: [Wreaths Across America](#) (Rock Island National Cemetery)
Jan. 1: [The Resolution Run](#) (YouthHope's Moline Youth Center)
Jan. 6-8: [Bald Eagle Days](#) (QCCA)
Jan. 15-17: [25th Quad Cities Farm Show](#) (QCCA)
Jan. 20-22: [Rod and Custom Show](#) (QCCA)
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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