### Rock Island Arsenal Fast Facts

- Fort Armstrong, built in 1816, brought the first military presence to the island. Rock Island Arsenal was established in 1862 by an Act of Congress. The Arsenal is a National Historic Landmark and visitors are welcome. The installation celebrated its 150th Anniversary in July, 2012
- Largest employer in the bi-state region with more than 7,500 employees and more than 70 federal and commercial tenants
- Adds $1B to the local economy, impacting 14,000 community jobs
- A well maintained road and railroad infrastructure, including 1.3 miles of rail spur, supporting the manufacturing and warehouse mission
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### Installation Attributes

- A strategically vital power support platform, the Arsenal is home to First Army, the Army Sustainment Command, the Joint Munitions Command, Army Contracting Command and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- In May 2009 JMTC was designated by the Secretary of the Army as a Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence. This designation recognizes JMTC’s proven expertise in the manufacture of Mobile Maintenance Systems
- Joint service provider for the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard
- Supports more than 54,000 Active, Reserve component, retired Military, Civilian employees and Family members in a 150 mile radius
- State-of-the-art information technology infrastructure to support the Department of Defense worldwide mission
- A self-sustaining installation, the Arsenal’s hydroelectric plant generates one-third of the Island’s electrical power and it has its own water production facility
- Rock Island National Cemetery is one of 117 national cemeteries operated by the Veteran’s Administration’s National Cemetery Administration in the United States. It covers 70 acres and has over 25,000 grave markers

### Rock Island Arsenal Building for the Future Strategic Communications Plan

### The Role of the Army

The purpose of the U.S. Army is to fight and win our Nation’s wars. Everything that we do should be grounded in this fundamental principle. Our strategic framework is guided by three principal and interconnected roles:

**PREVENT:** The Army prevents conflict by maintaining credibility based on capacity, readiness and modernization. It averts miscalculations by potential adversaries.

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### Maintain the Infrastructure

Rock Island Arsenal leaders are planning the following projects to prepare for its vital future:

#### Military Construction
- Army (MCA) Projects
  - PN 58482 Emergency Exit Stair Towers, Building 390
  - PN 73775 JMTC Gateway Materials Processing Center
  - PN 60191 JMTC Titanium Technology Center
  - PN 78586 Increase Capacity of the Hydroelectric Plant
  - PN 78373 Joint Service Vehicle Maintenance Facility

#### Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization (SRM)
- PR 2011-697 Replace two coal-fired boilers with natural gas boilers in the central heat plant
- PR 52414 Repair roof, phase VI, Building 299
- PR 2010-1119 Repair/replace fire loop, Building 299
- PR 2011-6788 Repair emergency generator, Building 350
- PR 2011-6310 Provide bicycle access on Moline Bridge

#### Unfunded Annual Work Plan
- Sustained SRM funding of $41M is needed annually to maintain the infrastructure and reduce the backlog

### A Joint Services Installation

#### U.S. Army Sustainment Command

#### U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command
- [http://www.jmc.army.mil](http://www.jmc.army.mil)

#### First Army
- [http://www.first.army.mil](http://www.first.army.mil)

#### Rock Island Arsenal-Joint Manufacturing & Technology Center
- [https://ria-jmtc.na.army.mil](https://ria-jmtc.na.army.mil)

#### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Rock Island District
- [http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil](http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil)

#### U.S. Army Civilian Human Resources Agency, North Central Region

#### U.S. Army Armament Research Development and Engineering Center

#### Air Force-Naval-U.S. Coast Guard-Marine Reserve Liaison Offices
- [https://ria-jmtc.na.army.mil](https://ria-jmtc.na.army.mil)

#### Defense Acquisition University
- [http://www.dau.mil](http://www.dau.mil)

#### Department of Veterans Affairs
- [http://www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

### A Regional Transportation Hub

#### Transportation opportunities –
- The Quad City region is centrally located at the intersection of three major interstate highways – I-74, I-80, and I-88. This provides direct access to Chicago, Des Moines, St. Louis and other major cities
- Quad City International Airport – U.S. Customs Port of Entry
- Four major airlines – Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta and United – Direct flights to 10 major cities: Detroit, Chicago, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Atlanta, Las Vegas, Orlando, Phoenix, St. Petersburg, Dallas, and Denver
- Future transportation opportunities –
- Direct airline service to Reagan National Airport, Washington D.C. and Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, St. Louis, Mo.
- AMTRAK passenger rail service from the Quad Cities to Chicago
- Partner with three major cargo rail lines to reduce transportation costs of raw materials in and manufactured goods out.
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  - Iowa Chicago & Eastern
  - Burlington Northern & Santa Fe

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- Support Soldiers and their Families, Warriors in Transition and Survivors of Fallen Warriors through the Army Community Covenant and the Army Family Covenant by recognizing the service and sacrifices they make. Encourage businesses to offer affordable leisure opportunities in the Quad Cities for Military and Civilian Families.

- Encourage local health care providers to become members of the TRICARE Network. The TRICARE health benefits advisor can be reached at 309-782-0800.

- Partner with our local communities to provide affordable housing for single Soldiers and quality three and four bedroom homes for newly assigned Military Families.

- Continue to partner with local colleges and universities to ensure educational opportunities reflect the needs of the Arsenal workforce.

- Partner with the state of Illinois to provide in-state tuition for families and students of non-resident Service Members who are stationed in Illinois.

- Leverage commercial industries to partner with the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center to anchor its role as a center of manufacturing excellence while exploring applications for use of lightweight metals such as titanium and composites.

- Educate our elected officials on the strategic importance of Rock Island Arsenal through visits by members of Congress, Governors and Mayors.

- Partner with our local communities and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office to maintain the Arsenal's historic infrastructure and enhance its status as a national historic landmark.

- Leverage the Department of Veterans Affairs Non-Paid Work Experience (NPWE) program to provide quality employment opportunities for former Military Members as they transition to civilian life. Partner with the Vocational Rehabilitation Programs in the states of Iowa and Illinois to assist disabled civilians in job placement and training.