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# Island Insight

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## First Army Active Shooter Drill Hones Response Skills

Shooting incidents and other deadly attacks in public places happen with unfortunate frequency, so First Army wants to ensure its employees are prepared should they encounter such an occurrence. With that in mind, First Army Soldiers and civilians conducted an active



shooter drill on Dec. 20 in First Army headquarters. First Army antiterrorism officer, Master Sgt. Patrick Eves, served as exercise controller, and he stressed why such training is vital. "It is important to teach everyone how to prepare and react in a situation that could possibly save their life or the lives of others," he said. "It's important to be able to exercise your plan and give everyone the chance to react to a dangerous situation without the actual risk of loss of life or injury." At 9:10 a.m., Master Sgt. Thomas Applegate entered Building 68 and assumed the role of an angry employee and went office to office, yelling at workers and firing off notional rounds. Soldiers and civilians barricaded themselves or otherwise sought shelter as Applegate roamed from cubicle to cubicle and from floor to floor. ([More](#))

## Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 2:** New Year's Day (*Federal Holiday*)
- Jan. 3:** Overseas Orientation, ACS Trng. Room, Bldg. 110, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Jan. 5:** Discovery Time Playgroup, Community Christian Fellowship, Moline, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Jan. 6:** Advanced Résumé Class, ACS Training Room, Bldg. 110, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Jan. 6:** Sponsorship Training, ACS Training Room, Bldg. 110, 12-1 p.m.
- Jan. 6:** First Friday Social, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 3-7 p.m.
- Jan. 7:** RIA New Year's Reception, Quarters One, 2-3 p.m. & 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 9-13:** DA Photos, Bldg. 90, Basement, Rm. B11, 7:20 a.m.-3:40 p.m.
- Jan. 12:** Discovery Time Playgroup, Community Christian Fellowship, Moline, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Jan. 13:** MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Jan. 14:** Historic Clock Tower Building and Eagle Watch Tour, Mississippi River Visitor Center, 10-11:30 a.m. and 12-1:30 p.m.
- Jan. 16:** Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (*Federal Holiday*)
- Jan. 18:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 1-2 p.m.
- Jan. 19:** Commissary & Exchange Town Hall, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Jan. 19:** Discovery Time Playgroup, Community Christian Fellowship, Moline, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

## JMC Updates Strategic Priorities, Objectives

In order to ensure Army and Joint Force readiness, the Joint Munitions Command has updated its strategic priorities and objectives. "As we continue to face possible future Sequestration and a Continuing Resolutions, it is imperative that we maximize each dollar we receive. We need to be effective and efficient to ensure best value for the Warfighter. The changes we have made to JMC's mission, vision, strategic priorities, and objectives should assist us with this endeavor," said Brig. Gen. Richard Dix, Commander, JMC. "Our first goal was to ensure that the JMC mission and vision were nested with AMC's mission and vision, while still illustrating JMC's unique capabilities and mission," said Dix. JMC's mission statement was edited to include specific mention of the Army, since JMC is a subordinate command of Army Materiel Command (AMC) and the Army. The JMC vision includes only one change, the addition of the term "demilitarization expert" to reflect all four of JMC's core competencies: store/surveil, distribute, demilitarize, and produce ammunition when required. ([More](#))



## New Year Brings New Pay Raise for Federal Employees

The arrival of the new year brings changes in the financial pictures of federal employees and retirees, some due to legislative action and some due to routine adjustments. For most employees, of course, the most important compensation element is that a 2.1 percent average GS raise will be paid, effective with the first full pay period of the year (in most cases, that starts January 8; some agencies are on different payroll cycles). The amounts will vary by locality from 1.63 to 2.88 percent. Pay tables by locality were released this morning (Wednesday), following an executive order that finalizes the raises. The numbers and boundaries of the GS localities are unchanged for 2017, after major expansions of both in 2016 that yielded higher pay rates for more than 100,000 employees above what they would have received otherwise. The raise will result in the GS pay cap (which affects those in the high steps of GS-15 in some localities) rising from \$160,300 to \$161,900. ([More](#))



## Army Officials Advance Strategic Shift for Resiliency Campaign

During deployments, Soldiers often develop tight bonds while living together and working as a team to execute their missions. Army officials now want to bring that strong sense of camaraderie back to the garrison, where it can boost personal readiness and performance across the service. "Those Soldiers eat, sleep and fight together. They get to know each other very closely," said Sharyn Saunders, director of the Army Resiliency Directorate. "When Soldiers deploy, they have increased protective factors, and we think that's due to their ability to form very tight unit cohesion." From healthy coping methods to a reliable support network, protective factors draw on a variety of skills and resources that Soldiers develop to manage stressful events. With its recent shift in strategy for the Ready and Resilient campaign, known as R2, Army officials are hoping these factors can form a culture of trust within units through an engagement triangle of leaders, battle buddies and Family members. ([More](#))



## Lump-sum Payment for Annual Leave

The 2016 leave year ends on Jan. 7, 2017. For those of you who are resigning or retiring before the new leave year begins, the good news is that you'll receive a lump-sum payment for all your unused annual leave. That includes all the leave you carried forward from last year and any additional leave you have accumulated up to the day you leave or retire. The lump-sum payment you'll receive will equal the pay you would have gotten if you had stayed on the job until your annual leave ran out. Your agency will figure out the amount by multiplying your annual leave balance by your hourly pay rate, plus any other types of pay you would have received while on annual leave. ([More](#))

## USO Has a New Mission to Help Discharged Servicemembers

It's a story of giving that includes a magician, a munitions factory and a longtime military charity, the USO, looking to reach beyond its bandstand roots. As San Diego military families picked out Christmas toys at USO San Diego's office this week, they probably didn't know that a new support center there is being funded by a family whose son performed magic tricks for troops at the USO center in the San Diego International Airport. San Diego's USO, like its national parent, is known for providing fun for the military community: concerts, sports tickets, free dinners and special holiday treats, such as this week's Giving Tree toy gift events. USO airport lounges have given comfort to generations of traveling troops. Now, the 75-year-old national United Service Organizations has decided to branch out into helping the roughly 200,000 people discharged from the military each year. ([More](#))



Until Every One Comes Home®

## Army Wins Heart of Dallas Bowl

The Army's West Point football team defeated North Texas 38-31 in overtime Tuesday to win the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl. The victory marked Army's first bowl win since 2010 and the first time the Black Knights reached eight wins since the 1996 season. Army closed out the year with three straight victories, including an iconic win a little more than two weeks ago in Baltimore over rival Navy. Tuesday's game in the Cotton Bowl stadium was much different from the team's earlier meeting with North Texas back on Oct. 22 in which the Black Knights turned the ball over a season-high seven times. Army controlled much of the opening two periods Tuesday, but a late rally from North Texas pulled the "Mean Green" to within 24-21 at halftime. ([More](#))



## Pentagon's Newest Exhibit Commemorates 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War

Vietnam veteran and former Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel returned to the Pentagon today to join Defense Secretary Ash Carter in officially opening an exhibit honoring the estimated 9 million Americans who served in the Vietnam War. A two-time Purple Heart recipient, Hagel joined Carter and other Pentagon officials for the official ribbon cutting of the display, which spans a swath of a third-floor corridor. "Today's unveiling and the governmentwide commemoration that accompany it are an important part of our commitment to honor veterans from Vietnam and their families, for service, for valor, for sacrifice," Carter said. Carter, who served as Hagel's deputy, described the 24th defense secretary as "one of modern America's finest public



servants.” “From his bravery and sacrifice in Vietnam to his continued leadership in and out of elected office and here as secretary of defense, Chuck’s been dedicated to those who serve, to bringing home those still missing, and to making sure we remember the lessons of yesterday’s wars so we can ensure the continued excellence of today’s military and DoD,” Carter said. ([More](#))

### **Campaign Officials Extend CFC Deadline**

The most recent Illowa Bi-State Combined Federal Campaign status report shows donations at 58 percent, or \$230,988 of the \$400,000 annual goal. The CFC open season, originally scheduled to conclude on Dec. 13, has been extended to **Dec. 31** according to campaign officials. CFC is comprised of more than 24,000 charities and spans 151 regions benefitting local, domestic and international recipients. Money raised in the Illowa CFC -- Illinois + Iowa -- covers 37 counties in the region, and more than a third of the donations remain in the local and regional area. Donating just \$1 per week can provide:

- 50 hours of activities for seniors at seniors centers
- 68 meals to low-income individuals
- 36 hot meals delivered to homebound elderly
- Trained volunteer tutors to help with reading and math for 12 elementary school students
- Bilingual beginning-to-read books to build early literacy skills for 10 children
- Three 30-minute appointments for health assessment and counseling to individuals facing physical, developmental or mental health challenges

Donations are tax deductible and help families all year. Federal employees, including military personnel, can ePledge to CFC through Dec. 31 via [the MyPay system](#), which has a drop-down CFC menu added to the pay change menu. Those without access to [MyPay](#) can donate using hardcopy payroll deduction through **Dec. 23**. Contact your CFC keyperson for a hardcopy form. CFC donations can be set up for incremental withdrawals throughout the 26 biweekly pay period of 2017. CFC-related questions can be answered by dialing 309-782-8352 or 8348.



### **Historic Clock Tower Building and Eagle Watch Tours**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District's Mississippi River Visitor Center at Locks and Dam 15 on Arsenal Island is offering free eagle watches and Clock Tower Building tours on Saturday, **Jan. 14 and 28**, and **Feb. 4 and 11** at 10-11:30 a.m. and 12-1:30 p.m. The tours will last approximately 1½ hours and will be guided by a Corps park ranger. Learn about the Historic Clock Tower Building as you climb the stairs to the top. Waiting there is a spectacular view of the Mississippi River where you will have the opportunity to see Bald Eagles who visit the area during the cold winter months. The tours will begin at the



Mississippi River Visitor Center, located on the western end of Arsenal Island at Locks and Dam 15. You must check in with the ranger staff upstairs in the Visitor Center when you arrive for the tour. The tour is outside for a short duration of time so plan and dress accordingly; good walking shoes are also recommended as the tour will involve walking up 12 flights of stairs at a moderate pace. The tours are free of charge and everyone is invited to attend. An adult must accompany children younger than 12 years of age. Space is limited and reservations are required by calling 309-794-5338. Visit <http://go.usa.gov/c9AZF> for more information.

## Company Kitchen Cafés Holiday Hours

All Company Kitchen (Bldg. 60, Bldg. 212 and Bldg. 350) cafés will be closed- all day on **Friday, Dec. 23**. The cafes will operate with limited menus the **Dec. 19 to Jan. 6**. Company Kitchen is part of [Treat America](#), a food service management company that includes [Company Kitchen](#), Bistro Kids, and Bistro Fresh. The Treat America contract is overseen by [RIA Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Business Programs](#), which oversees the contract for the various cafeterias on Rock Island Arsenal, as well as the [Arsenal Island Golf Course and Clubhouse](#), its satellite operation, the [Island Oasis Cafe & Grill](#), and the [Lock & Dam Lounge](#) (formerly the Arsenal Club). [Army MWR](#) is a quality-of-life program that directly supports readiness by providing a variety of community, Soldier, and family support programs, activities and services. Included in MWR are social, fitness, recreational, educational, and other programs and activities that enhance community life, foster Soldier and unit readiness, promote mental and physical fitness, and generally provide a working and living environment that attracts and retains quality for U.S. Army Soldiers, family members, retirees and its civilian workforce. [RIA FMWR](#) is an active participant, and in integral part, of the success of the [Rock Island Arsenal Community Health Promotion Council](#). The RIA CHPC functions as the commanding general's executive agency for the recommendation of priorities and the implementation, synchronization, reporting and assessment of all [Ready and Resilient Campaign](#) plan functions in order to ensure a ready and resilient force.  
<http://go.usa.gov/xjhzw>



## VIOS Schedule for January, February

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **Jan. 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13**, and **Feb. 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17**. 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, Jan. 13 & 20, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email [SHoegerl@mvrbc.com](mailto:SHoegerl@mvrbc.com) with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119.



***Charlie Corpuscle says, "Did you know? Thirty eight percent of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood, but less than 10 percent actually donate. All donated blood is tested for various viruses and diseases before being transfused. Including: Hepatitis B & C, HIV, HCV, HTLV, Syphilis, West Nile virus and Chagas' disease."***



**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](#).**

## Arsenal Deer Hunt

Rock Island Arsenal played host to an archery hunt to reduce the size of the Arsenal's deer population on Dec. 10 and 11, and will again on Saturday and Sunday, **Jan. 7 and 8**, with an alternate weekend planned for **Jan. 14 and 15** if needed. [POC for the hunt](#) is 309-782-6107.



## 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 Couppee 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

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## 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.

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## Building/Space Closures



*There are no announcements at this time.*

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## Active Duty/Reserve Zone



### Obama Signs Defense Bill That Authorizes Pay Raise, More Troops

President Obama signed the annual defense authorization act into law on Friday, finalizing a 2.1 percent pay raise for troops next year and a overhaul of military medical care in years to come. The annual budget legislation includes defense spending priorities and guidelines for fiscal 2017, but does not allot money for those items. That comes with the annual appropriations bill, which Congress does not expect to finalize until this spring, nearly halfway through the fiscal year. But short-term budget extensions passed by Congress in early December will cover most of the gaps in military spending until then. Lawmakers approved the 2.1 percent pay raise as part of that deal, giving troops their largest pay raise since 2010. The pay boost, which goes into effect Jan. 1, will mean about \$550 more a year for most junior enlisted troops and around \$1,800 annually for mid-career officers. ([More](#))

### Army Rolls Out New Program That Allows You to Pick Your Next Job

It's always the same. You're up for new orders, so your assignment officer does some digging and calls you up with a few options. But what if you could search for open billets yourself and tell him where you'd like to go? Soon, you'll be able to. In December, the Army talent management task force launched the Assignment Interactive Module pilot, the first iteration of an assignment system that looks at a broader range of a soldier's experience and expertise to line them up with the right jobs. "We want to know what they've done outside the Army," Maj. Gen. Wilson Shoffner, head of the task force, told Army Times in November. "We want to know what they're passionate about, what their hobbies are." For now, nuclear and cyber officers, Army dietitians and students at the Command and General Staff College are the test groups. "We want those different populations to make sure the system works for different parts of the Army," Shoffner said. ([More](#))

### 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



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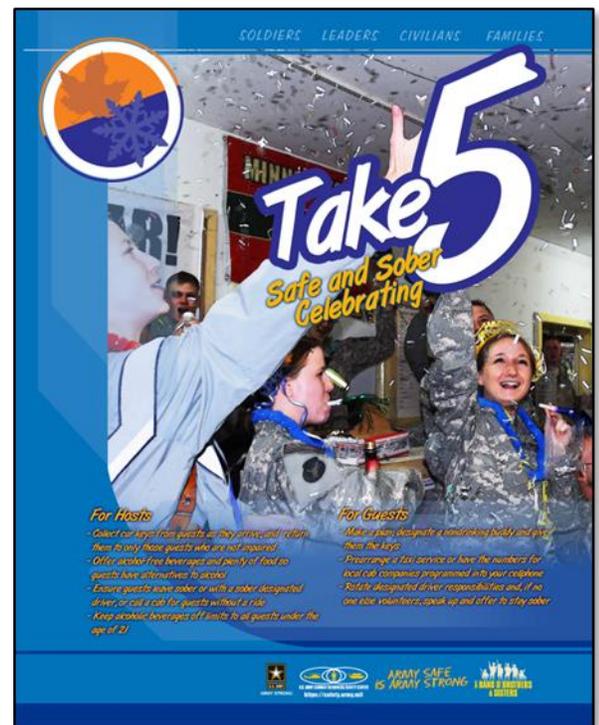
### Ring in the New Year Safely

Every year, people around the world gather to celebrate New Year's Eve. Many of these celebrations include large crowds, concerts and extravagant fireworks displays. In the Philippines, we have a number of New Year's traditions such as wearing polka-dotted clothing, serving round fruits and placing coins on every window and door. Round items are believed to bring prosperity in the coming year. Of course, fireworks are also a big part of our tradition. I remember celebrating New Year's as a child with my aunts, uncles and cousins on my father's side. There was always an enormous amount of food for everyone to gorge themselves on until the next morning. In addition, we followed the old Filipino tradition of celebrating New Year's with firecrackers.

Chinese immigrants brought firecrackers to the Philippines, as well as the belief that the noise from the explosions drives away evil spirits. That tradition continues today. Filipinos start lighting firecrackers a few hours before the 10 p.m.

mass. At 11 p.m., mass ends and even more people head out to shoot off their firecrackers. Ten minutes before midnight, family members and friends will gather outside of their homes to welcome the New Year. Every child eagerly awaits the New Year, remembering to jump several times at midnight — a tradition believed to make

people grow taller. Still, the fireworks are the major draw. Unfortunately, behind these traditions is the danger of using fireworks. Hospitals in the Philippines routinely begin seeing fireworks-related injuries around Christmas. Last year, the Philippine Department of Health reported 929 cases of fireworks-related injuries. The severity of those injuries ranged from second-degree burns to the loss of fingers or entire hands. Many times these more severe injuries result from the use of illegal fireworks that contain a significant amount of propellant. ([More](#))



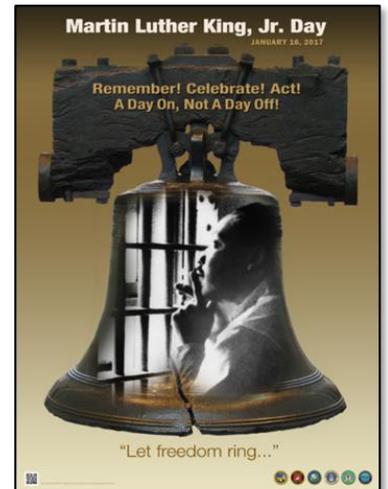
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# Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance

First Army's Equal Opportunity Office invites the Arsenal Island workforce to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance on **Wednesday, Jan. 18**, at 1-2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (officially Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.) is an American federal holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is around King's birthday, Jan. 15. King was the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later. The 2016 presidential proclamation read – "We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now," Dr. King once said. As the most diverse country on Earth, ensuring this creed is reflected in our hearts, minds, and policies is the imperative of our citizenship. As Americans of all races and beliefs come together on this day of service to honor the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us pledge to recognize the common humanity of all people, regardless of the color of their skin or the station into which they were born.



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# Morale, Welfare & Recreation



## Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

Visit the MWR website at [www.riamwr.com](http://www.riamwr.com) for information on all MWR programs.

### RIA Fitness Classes

The Fitness Center will begin the New Year with a great line up of fitness classes. Start your year out right with Zumba, Spinning, Row/Core, Total RX, Train Dirty Kick, Buttz and Gutz, Yoga, and Amp it up classes. Check out the MWR website for full descriptions and times offered. Time to commit to fit and a healthier you. First class is free for those who have not tried the class. Drop in fees are \$3 per class or punch cards are available for your convenience and a great gift for someone to begin a healthy new year.



# 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](#))

## Paw Patrol Live

Leisure Travel Office has discounted seats to the 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. shows of Paw Patrol Live coming to the Alder Theater on **Tuesday, Jan. 24**. Please contact the office for seating and prices. Discounted seats on sale until **Monday, Jan. 9**, or sold out.

## 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**.

## Ghost the Musical

On **Saturday, Feb. 18**, doors open at 5:45 p.m. at Circa 21 presents: Ghost – adapted from the hit film by its Academy Award-winning screenwriter, Bruce Joel Rubin, Ghost the Musical follows Sam and Molly, a young couple whose connection takes a shocking turn after Sam's untimely death. Trapped between two worlds, Sam refuses to leave Molly when he learns she is in grave danger. Desperate to communicate with her, he turns to a storefront psychic, Oda Mae Brown, who helps him protect Molly and avenge his death. Leisure Travel has discounted tickets at \$47.75 on sale until **Saturday, Feb. 4**.

## WWE Live Road to Wrestlemania

WWE Live Road to Wrestlemania, **Saturday, Feb. 25**, at 7:30 p.m. – WWE returns to the Quad Cities for the first time in 2017. Leisure Travel has discounted seating on sale; Section 105, Row 9, seats 1-15; Section 110, Row 10, seats 1-15; \$36.50 per ticket; and Section 104, Row 12, seats 1-16; Section 104, Row 13, seats 1-16, \$48.50 per ticket. See your favorite WWE Superstars including: John Cena, AJ Styles, Dean Ambrose, Randy Orton, Bray Wyatt, Becky Lynch, Nikki Bella, The Miz, Dolph Ziggler, The Usos, and many more (card subject to change).

# Child, Youth & School Services



## **Covenant Cottage Child Development Home**

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

# Army Community Service



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1<sup>st</sup> 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**.

# Employee Assistance Program



ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> floor; visit our [ASAP/EAP website](#) or phone 309-782-4357 or 309-782-HELP. Office hours are from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After Hour Emergencies: 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly. In addition, [a list of our classes & groups with dates, locations, and times, is located here](#). [Find us on Facebook click here](#).

## **National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month**

The month of December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month. According to the Center for Disease Control, everyday 36 people in the United States die and approximately 700 more are injured in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver. This Holiday Season, don't put your life, or anyone else's life on the line. Be smart and be responsible. If you are going to drink, don't drive. If you are going to drive, don't drink. Don't allow one bad decision haunt you for the rest of your life.

## **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.

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## Education/Training Review



The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.](#)

### **Troops, Veterans and Military Families Can Track Down a College Scholarship With This New Search Tool**

'Tis the season for seeking out scholarships, and the Fisher House Foundation has launched a free search tool to help troops, veterans and families get their share of these education-budget boosters. The Scholarships for Service tool (<http://search.militaryscholar.org>) can help those with any affiliation – active- or reserve-component members, veterans, retired military personnel and military family members. There are more than 3,000 scholarships available to those with various affiliations in the military community, offered from organizations ranging from the military relief societies to associations for Seabees and 82nd Airborne Division troops, to name just a few. The Fisher House Foundation has helped provide scholarships to military children and spouses for 17 years, and recognized through that work the need to help families search further, according to the group's CEO, Ken Fisher, in a statement announcing the new tool. ([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](mailto:usarmy.ria.usag.mbx.hrm-tsm@mail.mil).

### **Virtual Higher Education Track Classes**

This course is designed to guide you through the variety of decisions involved in choosing a degree program, academic institution, and funding considerations as well as completing the admissions process. The purpose is to provide educational support services to transitioning service members and Family members. Transitioning service members have priority, but this course is open to all service members and Family members. Each session is four hours a day for two days. Please call our office at 309-782-2065 to be scheduled. These will take place in Room 122, first floor, Bldg. 56, on the following dates: • Thursday-Friday, **Feb. 16-17**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; • Wednesday-Thursday, **May 17-18**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; • Wednesday-Thursday, **Sept. 27-28**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; and • Wednesday-Thursday, **Dec. 13-14**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### **RIA Welcome Club Scholarship Applications Now Available**

The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club scholarship applications are now available. Applications are available online at [www.riawc.com](http://www.riawc.com) or on post at the Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop (Bldg. 60 basement) or the Education Center (Bldg. 56.) There are two applications: high school seniors and

continuing education students. The merit-based scholarship is open to applicants who have not previously received an RIAWC scholarship and who meet the RIA affiliation qualifications set forth in the application. Completed applications must be postmarked by **Wednesday, March 1**. Questions can be sent to Scholarship Chair Nicole Kirschmann [RIAWCscholarships@yahoo.com](mailto:RIAWCscholarships@yahoo.com).

### **RIA SAMC Scholarship**

RIA SAMC Scholarship Applications Now Available the Rock Island Arsenal Sergeant Audie Murphy scholarship applications are now available. Applications are available at the Education Center (Bldg. 56.) There is one application: high school senior students. The merit-based scholarship is open to applicants who have not previously received an RIA SAMC scholarship and who meet the RIA affiliation qualifications set forth in the application. Completed applications must be postmarked by **Wednesday, March 1**. Questions can be sent to Scholarship Chair Joseph Wertz [riaaudiemurphy@gmail.com](mailto:riaaudiemurphy@gmail.com) or [joseph.s.wertz.mil@mail.mil](mailto:joseph.s.wertz.mil@mail.mil).

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## 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](http://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](mailto:rockislandarsenal.commissary@deca.mil) and type 'Subscribe' in the subject line.

### **Scholarships for Military Children Opens Dec. 13**

This holiday season is full of the usual landmark dates, including Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. However, there's one other date in December which could prove to be almost as important as the traditional celebrations for some military families: Dec. 13 marks the opening of the Scholarships for Military Children Program for the 2017-2018 school year. Now entering its 17th year, the program was created to recognize the "contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community," according to the mission statement on the [militaryscholar.org](http://militaryscholar.org) website. At least one scholarship worth \$2,000 will be awarded at every commissary location where qualified applications are received. Additional recipients will be selected based on a prorated basis, so more scholarships will be awarded at those stores with larger numbers of applicants. A total of 700 scholarship grants will be awarded this year. ([More](#))

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# 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 – Dec. 26-Jan. 1

On Dec. 29, 1918, Col. Leroy Hillman died of pneumonia while commanding the RIA. Automotive Section established in Shop M, Bldg. 220, in January 1919.

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# Healthbeat

## This Holiday Season, Watch Your Mental Health As Well As Your Waistline

With all the tempting food choices available over the holidays, it's understandable that many Soldiers are concerned with staying physically fit, but staying mentally fit is just as important. The holidays can be a challenging time for anyone. It is a season of traditions, charged with memories and emotion -- and some of those may evoke feelings of happiness, but also sadness. For Soldiers who are unable to be near loved ones and family during this time, the season can be especially hard. The season comes with its own added layer of activities and responsibilities that can exhaust our time, money and emotional energy. Although many of us look forward to the holidays, others may long for a more tranquil time, such as a leisurely day in June by the pool. Each of us paints his or her own a mental picture of the ideal holiday, but reality can sometimes fall short. This season, try to manage expectations and create new traditions. For those of you who can't be with your families, try connecting with local friends. You won't replace the traditions you grew up with, but you might broaden your understanding of the holidays. ([More](#))

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# Notes for Veterans

## National Guard and Reserve Finally Get 'Veteran' Status

Retired National Guardsmen and Reservists will be granted veteran status for the first time, following Presidential approval of a much-haggled bill. President Barack Obama signed the provision into law Friday, as part of a larger package on veterans' benefits. Until now, Guard and Reserve personnel were considered veterans only if they served in a federalized capacity for more than 179 days other than training. Even a reservist who attended regular training and drill for two decades, but never was federalized, could not claim to be a veteran. Now, Guard and Reserve members will be recognized as veterans if they serve honorably for 20 years. The previous definition was long outdated, said retired Maj. Gen. Gus Hargett, president of the National Guard Association of the United States. "Many of those affected underwent arduous, even dangerous,

training," Hargett said in a statement. "They helped win the Cold War. Others worked in direct support of those who did deploy." And yet, Hargett said, the nation told them they were not veterans. ([More](#))

## VA Study Finds EEG Can Help Tell Apart PTSD & Mild Traumatic Brain Injury

A recent VA study points to a possible breakthrough in differentiating between post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI), otherwise known as a concussion. The two disorders often carry similar symptoms, such as irritability, restlessness, hypersensitivity to stimulation, memory loss, fatigue and dizziness. Scientists have tried to distinguish between mTBI and PTSD in hopes of improving treatment options for Veterans, but many symptom-based studies have been inconclusive because the chronic effects of the two conditions are so similar. If someone is rating high on an mTBI scale, for example, that person may also rate high for PTSD symptoms. The researchers used electroencephalogram, or EEG, a test that measures electrical activity in the brain. The size and direction of the brain waves can signal abnormalities. Analyzing a large set of EEGs given to military personnel from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the researchers saw patterns of activity at different locations on the scalp for mTBI and PTSD. They saw brain waves moving slowly in opposite directions, likely coming from separate places in the brain. ([More](#))

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## Around the Q.C.



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- Dec. 31:** [New Year's Eve at Colona American Legion Post 1233](#) (312 Broadway St., Colona, Illinois)
- Jan. 1:** [The Resolution Run](#) (YouthHope's Moline Youth Center)
- Jan. 6-8:** [Bald Eagle Days](#) (QCCA)
- Jan. 7:** [The Integrative Lifestyle Forum](#) (Rhythm City Casino)
- Jan. 11:** [Davenport Parks and Recreation's Parks Job Fair](#) (River's Edge, 700 W River Dr, Davenport)
- Jan. 13:** [Davenport Autism & Asperger's Conference with Dr. Temple Grandin](#) (RiverCenter)
- Jan. 13-16:** [16th annual Be a Tourist in Your Own Backyard Weekend](#) (Greater Quad Cities)
- Jan. 14:** [City of Bettendorf Presents Winter Carnival 2017](#) (Various locations across Bettendorf)
- Jan. 14:** [5th Annual Icestravaganza](#) (Freight House Farmer's Market)
- Jan. 14:** [Martin Luther King Celebration](#) (Centennial Hall, Augustana College)
- Jan. 15-17:** [25th Quad Cities Farm Show](#) (QCCA)
- Jan. 18:** [12th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Putt-A-Round](#) (RiverCenter)
- Jan. 18:** [Guerrilla Girls at Augustana](#) (Augustana College Centennial Hall, 3703 7th Ave, Rock Island)
- Jan. 20-22:** [Rod and Custom Show](#) (QCCA)
- Jan. 28:** [Hand in Hand Chili Cook-off](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
- Jan. 28:** [Jaycees of the Quad Cities Bridal Expo](#) (RiverCenter)
- Jan. 29:** [37<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Parts Swapmeet](#) (QCCA)
- Feb. 3:** [Bacon & Beer Festival](#) (RiverCenter)
- Feb. 3-5:** [Quad Cities Home Builders Home Show](#) (QCCA)
- Feb. 14:** [Valentine Walk](#) (Watchtower Lodge, Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island)
- Feb. 16:** [QCA Bridging the Gap's Stand Down For Homeless Veterans](#) (American Legion, 702 W 35th St, Davenport)
- Feb. 16:** [Bush Construction Presents Martini Shake Off™](#) (RiverCenter)
- Feb. 16-18:** [GAS Feed & Seed Fest](#) (Village of East Davenport)
- Feb. 16-19:** [Fishing, Hunting, and Outdoor Adventure Show](#) (QCCA)
- Feb. 18:** [Family Bird-Watching Trip to Credit Island Park](#)
- Feb. 24-26:** [RV/Camping Show](#) (QCCA)
- Feb. 24-26:** [Winter Iowa Senior Games](#) (PepsiCo Recreational Center, Augustana College)
- Feb. 27-March 5:** [5th Annual Quad Cities Restaurant Week](#) (Greater Quad Cities)
- March 3:** [2nd Annual Evening of Hope to Cure SMA](#) (St. Ambrose University Rogalski Center)

**March 3-4:** [Daytrotter Downs](#) (Daytrotter, Downtown Davenport)  
**March 4:** [TPQC's Annual Red Ribbon Dinner](#) (Radisson Quad City Plaza)  
**March 9-12:** [Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament](#) (iWireless Center)  
**March 11:** [Rock Island-Henry County Pheasants Forever Free Youth Hunt](#) (Boyd's Birds Hunting Preserve, Hillsdale, Illinois)  
**March 17-18:** [St. Patrick's Parade Weekend](#) (Downtown Rock Island, Downtown Davenport)  
**March 19:** [Wick's Lake Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Illinois](#) (Jumer's Casino & Hotel, 777 Jumer Dr, Rock Island)  
**March 24-26:** [Lawn and Garden Show](#) (QCCA)  
**March 24-26:** [National Congress of Old West Shootists](#) (Radisson Quad City Plaza)  
**March 25:** [PaintWar Tour](#) (Davenport)  
**March 30:** [Taco Dinner Fund Raiser for QCA Stand Down](#) (The Viking Club, 1450 41st Street, Moline)  
**April 1:** [Havanna Daydreamn' by The Quad City ParrotHead Club](#) (RiverCenter)  
**April 9:** [19<sup>th</sup> Annual In-Fisherman Swap Meet](#) (QCCA)  
**April 16:** [QC on Tap](#) (QCCA)  
**April 23:** [9th Annual Bridal Emporium](#) (Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Rock Island)  
**April 29:** [Masquerade: A Rivermont Collegiate Gala](#) (Figge Art Museum)  
**April 29:** [Dr. Seuss Family Concert](#) (Adler Theatre, Davenport)  
**May 1-6:** [Quad Cities Beer Week](#) (Greater Quad Cities)  
**May 6:** [Village in Bloom: Festival of the Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)  
**May 13-14:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figge Art Museum plaza)  
**May 14-15:** [Scott County Kennel Club AKC Dog Show](#) (QCCA)  
**May 14-19:** [NAIA Men's Golf National Championship](#) (TPC Deere Run)  
**May 29:** [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Village of East Davenport)  
**May 30-June 3:** [Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (1800 3rd Avenue, Suite 304, Rock Island)  
**June 2-3:** [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Illinois)  
**June** : [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District of Rock Island)  
**June** : [Greek Cultural Fest](#) (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 4900 Kennedy Drive, East Moline)  
**June 17-25:** [Quad Cities Museum Week](#) (Greater Quad Cities)  
**June 18:** [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Mississippi River bike paths)  
**June 25:** [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center)  
**June 30-July 1:** [31st Annual Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)  
**July 3:** [Red, White & Boom!](#) (Downtown Rock Island, Downtown Davenport)  
**July 4:** [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (East Moline)  
**July 4:** [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (Downtown Bettendorf)  
**July 10-16:** [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run)  
**July 13-15:** [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (Iowa 80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)  
**July 18-22:** [Rock Island County Fair](#) (Fairgrounds in East Moline)  
**July 28-29:** [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**July 29:** [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**Aug. 1-6:** [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)  
**Aug. 3-5:** [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (Rhythm City Casino Resort)  
**Aug. 10-12:** [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa and Port Byron, Illinois)  
**Aug.** : [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District of Rock Island)  
**Aug. 17-19:** [AACA Central Division Fall Meet](#) (Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf)  
**Aug. 19:** [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)  
**Aug.** : [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)  
**Aug. 25-26:** [River Roots Live](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)  
**Aug. 26:** [Vettes on the River](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)  
**Aug. 17-19:** [AACA Central National Antique Car Show](#) (Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center)  
**Sept. 2-3:** [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (The District of Rock Island)  
**Sept. 9:** [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)  
**Sept. 9-10:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**Sept. 9:** [Row the Miss Regatta](#) (Mississippi River in Moline)  
**Sept. 15-16:** [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)  
**Sept. 16:** [Taming of the Slough](#) (Empire Park in East Moline)  
**Sept. 16:** [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

**Sept. 16-17:** [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park, Village of East Davenport)

**Sept. 22-23:** [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Rock Island County Fairgrounds, East Moline)

**Sept. 24:** [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)

**Oct. 8:** [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)

**Oct. 26:** [Fright Night](#) (The District of Rock Island)

**Oct. 28:** [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)

**Oct. 28-29:** [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo)

**Oct. 28:** [Witches Walk & Costume Parade](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)

**Nov. 17-26:** [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter)

**Nov. 18:** [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)

**Dec. 3:** [19th Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

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