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INCLEMENT WEATHER
OPERATING STATUS

AED Training, Standardization on Arsenal Island:

Rock Island Arsenal Fire Department supports and maintains a robust CPR and Automated External Defibrillator training program for military and civilian members of the Rock Island Arsenal according to officials at the fire department. Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Hansen, emergency medical services coordinator, is the point man for the CPR and AED training for the RIA-FD. Organizations

and personnel interested in training can contact Hansen at (309) 782-6107. The turnaround for the training is fast and tailored to your requirements. The cost is \$6 for the certification card and mouthpiece for the training. Joe Heim, deputy chief RIA-FD, said, "The training is very beneficial, with great feedback from the students attending. The average class has two students, but can be expanded to 10-15 students." Instructors are available on all three

shifts to facilitate training when requested. "This ensures the knowledge is spread around," said Heim. "The training has been conducted for Joint Manufacturing and Training Center, Joint Munitions Command, First Army, Army Sustainment Command and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District. "Time is of the



essence during cardiac emergencies and the incompatibilities between the AEDs used between RIA-FD and the rest of Arsenal Island could waste that valuable time," said Rudy Toth, commandant building management office, JMC. ([More](#))

5 ASC Personnel Receive Quarterly Hi-Pro Achievement Awards:

Dedication, hard work, and can-do attitudes are words that describe five Army Sustainment Command personnel who received the Highly Productive Achievement Award, Jan. 30. The presentations took place in the offices of each individual, in buildings 350 and 390, who received the award in front of their peers. ([More](#))



Giving Back to the Military the USO Way: The United Service Organizations' mission is to enhance service members and their family's lives, said a local official. Jackie Inman, Rock Island center director, recently presided over the opening of a new 2,000 square-foot USO center at Rock



Island Arsenal. The larger facility will allow the USO employees and volunteers to serve better its military community and families. ([More](#))

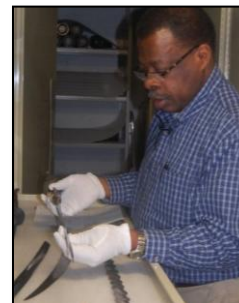
ASC Offers Interns Opportunity of a Lifetime:

From academia to the Arsenal, the Minority College Relations Program is up and running thanks to 13 recent graduates and students. Vista Sciences Corporations is contracted with the Army to scout interns for the MCRP. The contract internship is co-sponsored through funding from the Army Sustainment Command and Joint Munitions Command. ([More](#))



Hidden Treasures at the Rock Island Arsenal Museum:

A day at the Rock Island Arsenal Museum is an opportunity to unveil hidden treasures from American history. The RIA Museum is the second oldest U.S. Army



Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 7-14:** Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week
- Feb. 10-16:** National Salute to Veteran Patients
- Feb. 10-16:** Children of Alcoholics Week
- Feb. 10-16:** Feeding Tube Awareness Week
- Feb. 10-16:** Cardiac Rehabilitation Week
- Feb. 11:** Clean Out Your Computer Day
- Feb. 11:** National Inventors' Day
- Feb. 11-15:** Random Acts of Kindness Week
- Feb. 12:** President Abraham Lincoln's 204th Birthday
- Feb. 12:** Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)
- Feb. 12:** Darwin Day
- Feb. 13:** World Radio Day
- Feb. 14:** Valentine's Day
- Feb. 14:** National Donor Day
- Feb. 14:** National Pet Theft Awareness Day
- Feb. 17-23:** National Engineers Week
- Feb. 17-24:** Military Saves Week
- Feb. 17-24:** Eating Disorders Awareness Week
- Feb. 18:** **Presidents' Day (Federal Holiday)**
- Feb. 18-24:** Sexual Health Awareness Week
- Feb. 19:** USCGR 72nd Birthday
- Feb. 21:** Great American Spit Out
- Feb. 21:** Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day
- Feb. 22:** President George Washington's 281st Birthday
- Feb. 24-March 2:** National Eating Disorders Awareness Week
- Feb. 25-March 2:** Military Saves Week
- Feb. 26:** Spay Day USA
- March 2:** Read Across America Day
- March 2-8:** National Consumer Protection Week
- March 3:** Navy Reserve 98th Birthday
- March 3:** Army Dental Corps 102nd Anniversary
- March 3:** Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day
- March 3:** National Grammar Day
- March 3-9:** Save Your Vision Week
- March 10:** Daylight Saving Time Begins



Museum according to its website www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org/museum. The current RIA museum was the second museum established on Arsenal Island. The current museum opened in 1919, replacing the original museum. It closed during World War II and reopened in its current location in 1948. Kris Leinicke, RIA museum director, said, "The museum was designed to have more natural light due to the lack of electricity in the building." ([More](#))

Corps of Engineers Improving

Nation's Inland Waterways: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working now to transform its civil works program, improve performance and responsiveness, increase customer satisfaction, and improve the reliability of the nation's water infrastructure. For example, USACE decided that the cost of operating its locks was too high, she said, so the corps set up operating hours for its locks, rather than keeping them open for navigation 24/7. "We do not plan to close any locks, but rather, adjust the operating hours of service with the lowest levels of commercial use, those with less than 1,000 commercial lockages per year," she said. "This



impacts about 54 of the corps' 239 locks on our systems" but still keeps them all open. ([More](#))

OMB Details Widespread Furloughs, Cuts to Agency Programs Under

Sequestration: The White House Friday finally laid out the potential effects of sequestration on civilian agencies. Danny Werfel, the Office of Management and Budget controller, said the potential impact of \$85 billion in across-the-board cuts starting March 1 would have "significant and harmful consequences across defense and non-defense priorities." ([More](#))



Guidance Says Cutting Service Contracts Could Prevent Furloughs:

The American Federation of Government Employees said that a guidance prepared for the union by a government contract law expert demonstrates that agencies can realize between 70 percent and 90 percent of the savings required under sequestration—and avoid workforce



cuts—by trimming spending on service contracts. AFGE said the four-page memo, prepared by Charles Tiefer, professor of law at the University of Baltimore Law School, shows agencies how to cut service contract spending by using existing authority in compliance with procurement law. ([More](#))

Furloughs Likely Would Exceed 1 Million; Feds Feel 'Undervalued, Unappreciated':

On the day President Obama delivers his annual address to Congress, the state of the federal workforce is precarious. It is precarious because employees are worried about their paychecks when Uncle Sam is in danger of not fully making his payroll. ([More](#))



Report: President to Propose 1% Pay Raise For Feds:

President Obama is preparing to propose a 1 percent pay-scale raise for federal employees in 2014, the Washington Post reported Friday. But the American Federation of Government Employees said that a 1 percent raise "is



simply not enough” after more than two years of frozen pay scales. ([More](#))

DoD Employees Set New CFC Contribution Record:

Nearly 30,000 Defense Department employees contributed more than \$15 million dollars to the Combined Federal Campaign this year, surpassing all other government agencies in donations. At a Pentagon ceremony today, Deputy Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter presented a giant cardboard check for \$15.2 million dollars to Brandon Haller, who oversees the CFC in the National Capital Area. This marks the ninth consecutive year that the department has set a CFC fundraising record. ([More](#))



Agencies Tasked With Domestic

Violence Planning: Federal agencies have 4 months to develop policies to address the impact of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in the workplace, including support plans for workers



affected by such violence. In a Feb. 8 memo, Office of Personnel Management Director John Berry gave agencies 120 days to develop policies that include employee assistance programs, punitive actions against employees who engage in these behaviors, time off or flexible working schedules for victims, and workplace security requirements. ([More](#))

VIOS Schedule for February: Official DA studio photography (DA, government passport and command photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal **Feb. 12, 13 and 14.**

Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA3903 Work Request using the Visual Information Ordering Site www.vios.army.mil for these available times: Tuesday, Feb. 12, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 14, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 56, Basement, by elevator). Priority is: 1. active duty Soldier's DA photos 2. Official government passport photos 3. Official



command photos 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders-command photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. To obtain an official government passport photo: 1. Schedule a passport photo appointment at the RIA VIOS website. 2. Go to Transportation to obtain a printed DA Form 3903, Multi-Media/Visual Information Work Order, signed by the passport agent in Block 14. 3. Present that DA3903 form to the photographer before the passport photo is taken. You will receive two 2"x2" passport photos. All scheduled dates can be found on the RIA VIOS website FAQ.

Ash Wednesday Service: Service held in the Arsenal Club, Bldg. 60. Father Brothersen will conduct the service and offer Catholic Mass for RIA. Protestants are welcome to attend and receive the imposition of ashes. [Contact local chaplain's office for more information.](#)

Date: **Wednesday, Feb. 13**
Time: **11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**



National Testing Center Closed Feb.

12: The RIA ACES National Testing Center in Bldg. 56 will be closed on Tuesday, **Feb. 12**, as the state of Illinois honors President Lincoln's birthday. Normal operations will resume Tuesday, **Feb 19**. Direct questions to the Army Education Center at (309) 782-2065.

Career Fair: The Quad-City Times Career Fair 13 will be 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, **Feb. 13**, at the Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State St.,



Bettendorf. More than 30 employers will be present to meet with potential employees. There will be representatives of manufacturing firms, media companies, retailers, auto dealers, colleges and the military, among others. All participants are encouraged to dress professionally and to bring copies of their resumes and references. Admission is free. ([More](#))

Newcomers – Level I Antiterrorism

Training: The USAG-DPTMS will be offering the mandatory Antiterrorism Level I training on **Feb. 21**. The training is offered Arsenal wide and enrollment is encouraged thru [TEDs](#). Course Title:

Garrison Antiterrorism Level I training (New Employees), then enroll under the appropriate date. For tenants without [TEDs](#) access, the briefing will be in Bldg. 90, Basement - room 14 (under stairway), 8-9 a.m. For more information, contact the USAG-ATO (309) 782-4577.

Corps of Engineers' Park Rangers at Outdoor Show and RV Camping

Shows: If you have a love for the outdoors and winter is keeping you from participating in your favorite recreational activities then come visit with our ranger staff at the QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island, and get geared up for summer while the cold air is still blowing outside. The Outdoor Show will be held **Feb. 14-17** and our rangers will be on hand to provide information on all the recreational opportunities our project has to offer. We will even have annual day use passes available for sale so that boaters can get ready for the season by purchasing their boat ramp sticker early. The RV Camping Show will be the following weekend **Feb. 22-24** and rangers will be on site to answer questions and provide information on all



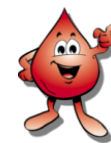
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Rock Island District

our camping and recreational areas. For more information on these shows check out the website www.qccaexpoctr.com.

Blood Drive: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room



(First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A **2nd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **6:15 p.m. on March 22**. A **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on Feb. 16**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor.



Charlie Corpuscle Says, "On behalf of the patients we serve, Thank You to all of our Arsenal Blood Donors! Not a donor? New donors are always welcome!"

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 Attic Thrift Shop & Boutique:

The Attic Thrift Shop now has "Gift Certificates." They make a great last minute gift or a Valentine surprise for someone. Remember, we're open every Tuesday, Thursday and the third Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Located in Bldg. 60 Basement. Visit Arsenal Attic on Facebook. POC: (309) 782-6977.

Funeral, Inurnment, Half-staffing of Flag:

The funeral for Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf will be held at the United States Military Academy at West Point in New York, Thursday, **Feb. 28**, 12:30 p.m. (EST), at the Cadet Chapel.

Inurnment to immediately follow at the West Point Cemetery with full military honors. As a mark of respect to the memory of Gen. Schwarzkopf, the national flag will be flown at half-staff at all installations, activities, and vessels



of the Department of the Army in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its territories and possessions, from reveille to retreat on the day of inurnment, **Feb. 28** ([ALARACT 020/2013](#)). ([More](#)) ([Inurnment](#))

Telework Week: Now Is Your

Chance: If you have not been part of the teleworking crowd, this year's annual Telework Week may provide you with an opportunity to try it out. In its third year, Telework Week 2013 runs from **March 4 to March 8**. The event is sponsored by Telework Exchange, a public-private partnership that works to increase the use of telework and development of a more mobile workforce. It promotes Telework Week to encourage greater adoption of telework by asking agencies, organizations and individuals to pledge to telework for any period of time during that work week. ([More](#))



Jason's Box Save the Date – Treating Today's Servicemen & Women: Understanding Deployment, the War Zone Experience and Homecoming:

Thursday, **March 14**, in the Gold Room, Hotel Blackhawk, Davenport, 6-6:30

p.m.; registration, buffet dinner, cash bar from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The presentation will be presented by John Mundt, Ph.D., licensed clinical psychologist and national trauma-informed treatment expert with special guest speaker U.S. Army Maj. Jeffrey Hall, PTSD Survivor. For more information, contact Stephanie Burrough at (309) 779-3077.

Inaugural Veterans and Active Duty

Military Pheasant Hunt:

The Beckridge Hunting Preserve in Sabula, Iowa, will hold at pheasant hunt for veterans and active duty military on **March 16** at 8 a.m. / 1 p.m. Our goal is to give back to our military men, women, and veterans and thank them for all they have done by providing a fun day of camaraderie and pheasant hunting. Open to all veterans, active duty, retired and reserve military men and women in the greater Quad Cities area. This day is meant to bring together those who have served and are currently serving, to share their experiences and honor them as a community. What you need to



know: • Veterans hunt for free (no charge) • Half day pheasant hunt (your choice, 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.) • Open to all veterans, active duty, retired military and reserve. Disabled are encouraged to attend • Breakfast and lunch will be provided • Hunting licenses will be provided • Ammunition will be provided • Firearms can be supplied on a limited basis. ([More](#))

Army War College Speakers to Visit

Campus: Students of the U.S. Army War College and members of the Eisenhower National Security Series will speak on current social issues and the impact on America's Armed Forces on Wednesday, **March 20**, at 7 p.m. in Centennial Hall (3703 7th Ave.). The event is free and open to the public. This is an opportunity to hear high-ranking military officers discuss the military and how they help solve world problems of diplomacy. In addition to the lecture, members of the Eisenhower National Security Series will visit classes throughout the day. Each member serves as the team's specialist on specific national public policy issues such as defense transformation, stability, operations,



peacekeeping, future threats, information warfare, international terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, cyber-attacks, the Wounded Warrior program and other topical issues. ([More](#))

Garrison Job Fair:

The Rock Island Arsenal-Garrison will host a Job Fair in the Baylor/Jordan/Schull Conference Center, 3rd floor, Bldg. 104 (tentative location) on Wednesday, **April 17**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. In support of this effort, the Garrison Manager asks that Arsenal Island organizational leaders, commanders and first sergeants encourage our transitioning Soldiers, Civilians and Family members to attend this important job opportunity event. Details regarding expected participating employers and jobs will follow as plans firm up.



Review Your Official Personnel Folder Before June 1:

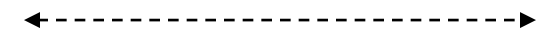
The CPAC reminds Arsenal Island employees that there is a need for you to access your eOPF (electronic Official Personnel Folder) record in order



to ensure your records are correct and complete in advance of the destruction of the hard-copy OPF, currently scheduled for June 1. Effective Oct. 31, employees should have had access to their Official Personnel Folder electronically. Please review the information and follow the instructions to gain access to view your eOPF in the links at the end of this announcement, which link to a packet that also contains a welcome letter for new eOPF users, a screen-shot guide to access, FAQs as well as password reset information. For questions or concerns with the eOPF system, please contact eOPF by calling the Help Desk at 1-888-275-8518 or by contacting them via email at eOPF_hd@telesishq.com. ([eOPF Welcome Letter & Packet](#)) ([Additional information on eOPF](#))

Yankee Candle Deal for Arsenal

Island Employees: Buy one get one free at Yankee Candle ... bring in your employee ID and take advantage of this great offer available for all Arsenal Island employees. Buy one large jar, get one large jar free. Good **Feb. 4-20**.



Arsenal Traffic/Construction



North Avenue Repair & Closures

Update: Directorate of Public Works is postponing storm sewer and paving work on the intersection of North Avenue and Gillespie until **March-May** due to weather concerns. Minor work on Phases 1 and 2 is expected to be completed within the next two weeks. Please avoid walking through the newly backfilled areas, as these areas are soft and pose a potential safety hazard. POC: Joe Gumpert, (309) 782-1389.

Building/Space Closures

Closure of Third Floors in Bldg. 61, Bldg. 62:

The Directorate of Public Works plans to close Bldg. 61 3rd floor and Bldg. 62 3rd floor, East and South Wings, **Sept. 10 - 3rd week in May** to execute projects. Closure is to prevent individuals from entering the work area and to preclude any potential accidents. Plastic enclosures will be installed from the passenger elevator in Bldg. 62 to the eastern most stairwell in Bldg. 61 so employees in Bldg. 62/3/W have an entry/exit pathway. Entries will be marked with signage and barriers to prevent entry.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone



Obama to Announce Return of 34,000

Troops from Afghanistan: President Barack Obama will announce in his State of the Union address that 34,000 U.S. troops will be home from Afghanistan within a year, two people familiar with his remarks said Tuesday. That's about half the U.S. forces currently serving there, and marks the next phase in the administration's plans to formally finish the war by the end of 2014. The U.S. is still finalizing plans for the size and scope of its military presence after the war ends. The White House has said it would be open to leaving no troops in Afghanistan, though it's likely that a small presence will remain, in keeping with the Pentagon's preferences. ([More](#))

Panetta Discusses 2014 Defense

Budget Request: Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta revealed that the proposed military pay raise for 2014 is one percent, and that the department is proceeding in a logical, careful way to do its part to cut the deficit and preserve military capabilities. Panetta and Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke at the Pentagon during a reporters roundtable

about what the 2014 budget proposal would look like and what the threat of budget uncertainty, including the looming threat of sequestration, would mean to it. In a normal year, defense officials would be discussing the fiscal 2014 DoD budget request now. But this year is far from normal, and officials do not expect the budget to even go to Congress until late in March. ([More](#))

Military Benefits Extended to Same-

Sex Partners: The Defense Department is not extending some housing benefits to same-sex partners of service members even though it legally could because the complex issue requires more review and has triggered concerns among military leaders, senior Pentagon officials said Monday. A new department memo detailed a number of other benefits that will be extended to same-sex partners, including identification cards that will provide access to commissaries and other services. But Pentagon officials said that while some housing payments and health care benefits can't be included because of federal law, some access to base housing is not specifically prohibited and could be offered in the future. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is giving the military services until Oct. 1 to put the changes into effect and provide 22 benefits to same-sex



partners, but he said they should make every effort to get it done by Aug. 31. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano on Monday also directed the Coast Guard to implement the same extension of benefits as the military. ([More](#))

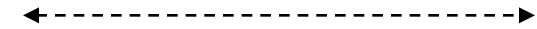
RIA Tax Center is Here for You This Tax Season:

The Rock Island Arsenal Tax Center is here to assist you with your Federal and State returns. As in years past, the Tax Center principally uses a drop off service. Drop off and follow-up appointments should be coordinated with [Laura McSparin](#), (309) 782-8327. The Tax Center hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. If your circumstances necessitate special accommodations, we're happy to adjust our standard operations try to accommodate you but this requires prior coordination. In order to assist you with your tax returns, you will need to obtain and provide documents detailing all sources of income, as well as, those necessary to support eligible deductions and credits. You should be on the lookout for W-2s, 1099s and interest and dividend statements, which should show



up in your mailbox or your online accounts. Required documents are outlined in greater detail in the [RIA Tax Client Letter](#). In addition to required substantiating documentation, clients will need to complete the [RIA Tax Center Client Intake](#). If this is your first time using the RIA Tax Center, please make sure you have your social security number or your tax identification number, the social security cards for any claimed dependants, and a copy of your last year's tax return and all accompanying documents. If you are an Iowa resident and intend to file a state return, we cannot complete your return unless we have your 2011 Federal and State return into order to complete this year's tax return for you. If you intend to claim the American or Lifetime Learning education credits for yourself or a dependant, a recent change suggests you will need to provide a copy of your 2011 and 2012 1098E showing amounts paid and any scholarship funds received. These can be downloaded from most college or university websites. You will also need the name and complete mailing address for each college and university attended. The Tax Center is located in Bldg. 390, 1st floor, Suite 102, Room 102B. If you are unfamiliar with Bldg. 390, please note that it is a controlled access facility. If you do not

have access to Bldg. 390, you will need to call the Tax Center upon arrival using one of the access phones located at the east, south, and west entrances (dial extension 2-8327; alternate extensions 2-8076/ 2-6978).



Safety Spotlight



Presidents Day Holiday Safety

Message: As a nation, we will observe Presidents Day on February 18th to honor those who have held America's highest elected office, serving as our President and Commander in Chief of our Armed Forces. During this day of observance, do not let your safety guard down. Commanders and leaders, be aware of the benefits of privately-owned vehicle (POV) inspections and the reduction of risks encountered by identifying potential problems and correcting them before problems arise; these actions save lives. Continue to integrate vehicle inspections and risk management principles into all your activities and associated decisions, both on and off duty during this holiday. I highly



encourage our civilian and contractor personnel to be aware of the benefits that vehicle inspections provide and to take advantage of having your vehicle inspected during this holiday. Leaders, ensure that a proper vehicle inspection is completed on all Soldiers' POVs prior to this 4-day holiday weekend. Pay close attention to the serviceability of all safety equipment in the vehicle. Emphasize the use of tools and resources that are available on the US Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center website, <https://safety.army.mil>. These tools can assist Soldiers in planning leisure activities and managing risks. I wish all of you a safe holiday weekend. Thank you for your continued selfless commitment to our important mission, the Army, and our nation. – *Brig. Gen. John Wharton, Senior Mission Commander, Rock Island Arsenal*

In the Event of an Emergency Do You Know What to Do? In anticipation of an early spring because a groundhog didn't see his shadow, we at the Rock Island Arsenal Fire and Dispatch Center hope to see everyone out enjoying many of the sites and activities the island offers. If an emergency would occur while you are enjoying the outdoors we want you to be aware of the 911 system we use on the Arsenal. RIA is equipped

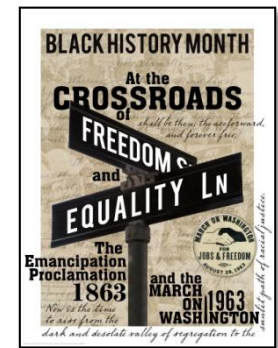
with an up to date "enhanced 911" system. When calls are placed from land lines the dispatchers receive immediate location of the caller's whereabouts. When children, seniors, or those overwhelmed with an emergency, call, this information is critical to dispatchers in providing a quick and appropriate response. What happens then when we call from a cell phone? Cell phones look for an open cell tower and transfer their signals to the nearest "911" or dispatch center. It is quite possible because of the Arsenal's unique position between the cities to even get Peoria, Ill. dispatch center. With that in mind, when calling 911 from a cell phone remember to give the following information: Let them know that you are on the Arsenal Island. They will transfer you immediately to an Arsenal dispatcher. 1. The phone number you are calling from; 2. Your name; 3. Your address; 4. What the emergency is. Remember to remain calm, speak clearly and remain on the line to answer all the operator's questions. We are only a phone call away, ready, willing and able to respond in a moment's notice if we know where you are. We hope you have a safe and fun spring time on our island. For further information, history and laws on 911 and emergency use see: www.fcc.gov/911.

Equal Opportunity Focus



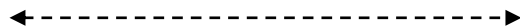
National African American History Month, 2013: Presidential Proclamation – In America, we share a dream that lies at the heart of our

founding: that no matter who you are, no matter what you look like, no matter how modest your beginnings or the circumstances of your birth, you can make it if you try. Yet, for many and for much of our Nation's history, that dream has gone unfulfilled. For African Americans, it was a dream denied until 150 years ago, when a great emancipator called for the end of slavery. It was a dream deferred less than 50 years ago, when a preacher spoke of justice and brotherhood from Lincoln's memorial. This dream of equality and fairness has never come easily -- but it has always been sustained by the belief that in America, change is possible. Today, because of that hope, coupled with the hard and painstaking labor of Americans sung and unsung, we live in a moment



when the dream of equal opportunity is within reach for people of every color and creed. National African American History Month is a time to tell those stories of freedom won and honor the individuals who wrote them. We look back to the men and women who helped raise the pillars of democracy, even when the halls they built were not theirs to occupy. We trace generations of African Americans, free and slave, who risked everything to realize their God-given rights. We listen to the echoes of speeches and struggle that made our Nation stronger, and we hear again the thousands who sat in, stood up, and called out for equal treatment under the law. And we see yesterday's visionaries in tomorrow's leaders, reminding us that while we have yet to reach the mountaintop, we cannot stop climbing. ([Presidential Proclamation](#)) ([StandTo!](#))

Save the Date: There will be a Women's History Month observance on Monday, **March 11**, at 11 a.m., in Bldg. 60 (Heritage Hall). Information about the speaker and other details will be forthcoming.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

(MWR): Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs. Also [click here](#) to become a fan on Facebook and stay up to date on all the great MWR offerings here at the Arsenal.

RIA MWR Fitness Center Annual

Health Fair: The RIA Fitness Center's annual health fair is a great place to obtain lots of helpful information and advice about your health. Stop by the Fitness Center on **Feb. 13**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., to visit the various exhibitors who will have a myriad of information on a wide spectrum of health related topics including cardiology, chiropractic and cancer treatment to name just a few. There are always lots of goodies and freebies available as well. The Garrison Manager has authorized one hour of admin leave for Garrison personnel to attend the fair, however employees are reminded to get approval from their supervisor to ensure mission requirements are met. There will be two shuttle busses running routes to get you to the Fitness Center that day, the route



map can be [found here](#). Call (309) 782-6789 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Beer Pairing Dinner: Do you enjoy beer? Do you enjoy it even more when it is perfectly paired with fine cuisine? If you said yes to either one of those questions you need to call and make your



reservations today for our Beer Pairing Dinner at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse on Friday, **Feb. 15**, at 7 p.m. Enjoy seven samples of Goose Island's craft brews that have been carefully selected to complement and enhance the seven courses of fine cuisine prepared by our executive chef. The cost is \$50/person which includes a Goose Island stemmed beer glass which is yours to keep. Call (309) 782-4372 for more info and to reserve your seats. ([Flyer](#))

New Session of Fitness Classes at the Fitness Center: Beginning with the new six-week session of fitness classes on the week of **Feb. 19** the Fitness Center will begin offering a new lunch hour session of our popular boot camp class. The class will run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12-1 p.m.



Call (309) 782-6787 for more info and to sign up. ([Flyer](#))

No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Deep Stack Tournament: See if you can bet, bluff and win to the top on Saturday, **March 2**. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the tournament starts at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 with a \$20 add-on. First place is guaranteed to walk away \$1,000 and payouts to the rest of the top 10 percent. Call (309) 782-4372 to register. ([Flyer](#))

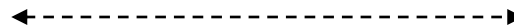
Arsenal Island Golf Course

Clubhouse Reopening: Due to the on-going construction and renovation projects at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse we will not be re-opening for lunch until **March 5**. All previously scheduled events including the football party, beer pairing dinner and poker tournament will not be affected and will happen as planned. Additionally, all previously booked private parties in the Clubhouse will not be affected. We thank you for your patience as we improve our facility and hope that when you visit us for lunch after we re-open you'll agree that it was worth the wait. Please call (309) 782-6319 with any questions or concerns.

MWR Garden Plot Signups: The sign up dates for this year's Garden Plots are:

Active Duty Military **March 4**, Retired Military **March 11**, RIA Civilians **March 18**. Cost is \$25 per plot and a \$100 cleaning deposit per household. For details contact Outdoor Recreation at (309) 782-8630.

Electronic Marquee Outage: The operating system used to update the outdoor marquee signs on either side of the Island has become obsolete and inoperable. Consequently no requests for messages can be fulfilled and the signs have been shut off at this time. The Garrison is working towards a solution and a future message will be sent out as information becomes available about whether the signs can be repaired or replaced.



MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 60. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., (309) 782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

Scooby-Doo LIVE! Musical Mystery

(Adler Theatre): A trouble-making ghost is haunting a local theater and Shaggy, Fred, Daphne, Velma and Scooby-Doo are on their way to help solve it! This hilarious live theater show

brings everyone's favorite animated series to life. LTO has limited discounted seats at \$27 on sale until **Feb. 15** or while supplies last. Date: **Saturday, March 2**
Time: **2 p.m.**

How I Became a Pirate: Aaaaaaaarrrr you ready for fun on the high seas? Based on the acclaimed children's book of the same name, How I Became a Pirate is a new musical adventure about a young boy named Jeremy Jacob who gets recruited by the friendly Captain Braid Beard and his mates. Seats only \$8. On sale until **March 3**. ([Flyer](#))
Date: **Saturday, April 13**
Time: **10 a.m.**

Rock of Ages (Adler Theatre): In 1987 on the Sunset Strip, a small town girl met a big city rocker and in LA's most famous rock club, they fell in love to the greatest songs of the '80s from Journey, Night Ranger, Styx, Poison, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister and many more. On sale until **Feb. 26** for \$59.50
Date: **Wednesday, April 24**
Time: **7:30 p.m.**

Monster Jam: Monster Jam returns to the iWireless Center. Leisure Travel has discounted tickets for **April 27** at 7 p.m. and **April 28** at 2 p.m. Adult tickets



lower bowl are \$20.50/upper bowl \$17.50. Children under 12 only \$12.50. Discounted seats on sale until **April 1**.

Movie Night Gift Cards at Leisure

Travel: Stop by the Leisure Travel Office and pick up a gift card for \$26 that is redeemable at the Regal Moline Stadium Theater for two adult movie tickets and \$10 in concessions. These make great *Valentine's Day* presents. The Leisure Travel Office also is once again selling discounted single movie tickets for \$8.50. Call (309) 782-5890 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

MWR Outdoor Recreation:

Remember Outdoor Recreation for all of your winter outdoor recreation activities. Downhill skis, Cross country skis, snowboards, ice skates, snowshoes and many other items are available for you to check out and enjoy this winter season.

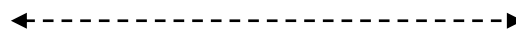
Time: **8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

MWR RV Storage and Storage Units:

MWR has several openings for RV storage and Indoor Storage units. For more information or to sign up, please contact Outdoor Recreation at (309) 782-8630.

Time: **8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Free Universal Military Only: Active duty and retired members of the military can receive a free three-day, park-to-park ticket with valid military identification. Admission is valid for up to 14 days from first use. Tickets are available for pick up until **March 31** and must be redeemed by **June 30**. Contact LTO at (309) 782-5890.



Child, Youth & School Services



CYSS Lunch 'n Learn Child Safety:

Come and learn important safety information on Wednesday, **Feb. 20**, at 11 a.m., in the CYSS Training Room, Bldg. 110, from CYSS Nurse Karol Tubbs, RN. Topics include Shaken Baby Syndrome, car seat safety, baby proofing, lifting children, and more. Cost is free and two parent participation points will be awarded for each CYSS parent in attendance. Feel free to bring your lunch. Dessert will be provided. For more information contact Katie Mettee, (309) 782-2165.

Army Certified Family Child Care

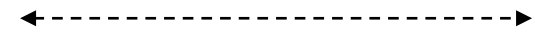
Provider: Would you, or someone you know, be interested in becoming an Army Certified Family Child Care provider for the Arsenal? We are always

looking to bring more FCC providers into our program. You would be doing childcare out of your home with access to our lending closet for borrowing supplies, as well as certified training provided through the Arsenal. For questions or more details contact our FCC director Nancy Lawson at (309) 782-0813.

Covenant Cottage Child Development

Home: [Covenant Cottage Child Development Home](#)

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



Army Community Service (ACS)



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; Visit



our [ACS website](#) or phone (309) 782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. Find us on Facebook [click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: (309) 229-8412

Employee Assistance Program

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

PTSD Support Groups: Are you or a loved one experiencing symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder? The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic and Employee Assistance Program are sponsoring support groups to assist you through this difficult challenge. Contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552 for more details.

Smoking Cessation Group: Need help to quit smoking? Good news ... the

Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational support group for people who would like to be smoke-free. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., at the EAP office located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East Wing.

Children of Alcoholics Week – Feb.

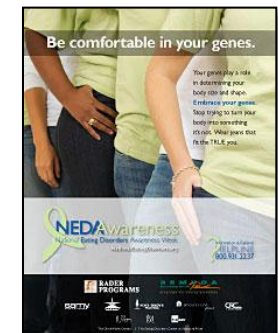
10-16: An estimated 25 percent of all children in the United States, approximately 27.8 million children, are affected by or exposed to a family alcohol problem. SAMHSA supports the National Association for Children of Alcoholics during its Children of Alcoholics Week. COA Week celebrates the recovery of the many thousands of children (of all ages) who have received the help they needed to recover from the pain and losses suffered in their childhood, and it offers hope to those still suffering from the adverse impact of parental alcohol and drug addiction. Children of alcoholics are at an increased risk of a range of problems, including physical illness, emotional disturbances, behavior



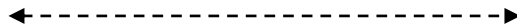
problems, lower educational performance, and susceptibility of alcoholism or other addiction later in life, according to NACoA. During COA Week, we acknowledge the millions of children affected by a parent's substance use disorder and celebrate that there is hope and healing for these children now and throughout their lives. This week—and throughout the year—remember to ask, "What about the children?" when speaking about recovery from substance use disorders.

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week – February 2013:

We've all seen the ads, if only you had this diet pill, exercise device, or meal plan you would feel attractive and happy. It can be tempting to think that changing your weight can solve the problems in your life. However, for the millions of people who struggle with eating disorders each year their initial diet or weight loss tricks spiraled out of control into a mess of isolating rituals, despair, and medical complications. Organizations across the U.S. are working to raise awareness of eating



disorders and their prevention during [National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Feb. 24 - March 2](#). The Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program would like to help you increase your personal awareness by reminding you of confidential counseling available to you and your dependent family members. Master-level counselors offer short-term counseling and referral assistance. The EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East Wing and appointments are available Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program staff hopes you will take advantage of this free and confidential service because eating disorders are treatable and you can feel better. ([InfoGraphic](#))



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.

Get Ready, Get Set, Go-Go-Go To School!: Seeking or Pursuing a College Degree? Have Questions? The Army Education Center welcomes visits from the following schools. • **March 4**: Upper Iowa University • **Feb. 13, March 13**: Kaplan University • **Feb. 20, March 20**: St. Ambrose University • **March 7**: Eastern Iowa Community College (Scott, Clinton, and Muscatine, IA) • **Feb. 28**: Ashford University. Military personnel, family members, and DoD civilians are welcome to stop by. No appointments are necessary. Augustana College, Black Hawk Community College, and Trinity College of Nursing and Health Sciences representatives are available by appointment only at this time. All scheduled times are 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., in Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Room 120. Education Center POC: [Stephanie Allers](#), (309) 782-5895.

Eastern Iowa Community College Blong Technology

Center: The Army Education Center invites you to join us on a tour of the Eastern Iowa Community College Blong Technology Center. The BTC specializes in associates level technology degree



programs and offers flexible learning options. The BTC offers the latest technical training equipment: Laser/water cutters, the newest CNC machines, an extensive welding lab with a virtual welder, a wind turbine and sustainable energy system set-up, and much more. The tour is scheduled for Fri., **March 1**, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Instructors will be on hand for Q&A, and a light lunch will be provided. Participation is on a first-come, first-serve basis with priority given to Service Members. Please direct questions and RSVPs to POC [Stephanie Allers](#). Information on the BTC is [available HERE](#).

Rock Island Army Education Center Publishes Newsletter: The latest edition of the Rock Island Army Education Center's quarterly newsletter is available through their [RIA Intranet site](#). This quarter's edition of the newsletter features a listing of the upcoming school visits to the center, information about the ACES Education Fair coming up on **March 21**, and articles about the Blong Technology Center's job opportunities March 1 and "Making Careers More 'Portable,' Achievable for Spouses."

Tillman Military Scholars Program: The application period for the Tillman



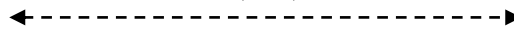
Military Scholars is now open and will remain open until 11:59:59 p.m. (PST) on Friday, **Feb. 15**. The Tillman Military Scholars program supports our nation's active and veteran servicemembers and their spouses by removing financial barriers to completing a degree program of choice. The scholarship funds cover not only direct study-related expenses such as tuition and fees, but also other needs, including housing and child care. Go [to their website](#) to learn more about the criteria and application, learn about the benefits and expectations, meet a few of the current and network scholars and learn more about the Tillman Community.

NDIA Scholarships: The Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA is now accepting applications for its scholarship program. Scholarship applications and eligibility criteria may be found at www.ndia-ia-il.org under Scholarships. Applications must be postmarked NLT **March 31**. For more information, call (563) 650-3252.

Sgt. Paul Fisher Scholarship: The Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA is now accepting applications for its scholarship program. Scholarship application and eligibility criteria may be found under

Scholarship by clicking www.ndia-ia-il.org. Application submission must be postmarked NLT than midnight **March 31**. For more information, call (563) 650-3252.

Women in Defense Scholarship: WID is now accepting applicants for its scholarship program. Scholarship application and eligibility criteria may be found under Scholarship by clicking <http://wid.ndia.org/chapters/IowaIllinoisChapter/Pages/default.aspx> Application submission must be post marked no later than midnight **April 13**. For more information, call (309) 792-4102.



Commissary / Exchange

The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only, with the exception of 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](#))

Your Commissary Celebrates Heart Healthy Promotions in February: In support of the American Heart Association's National Heart Health Month, your commissary offers shoppers a myriad of special events and in-store promotions highlighting health, nutrition and great savings. "Take a look around your commissary in February and you'll find what we call healthy 'bundling' promotions," said Chris Burns, DeCA sales director. "Companies are combining their efforts to offer shoppers even better savings. An example of this is having name-brand breakfast cereals positioned next to fresh fruit." Throughout February, DeCA's industry partners - vendors, suppliers and brokers - are collaborating with commissaries to offer discounts beyond everyday savings. Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs.

Food Safety Alerts: For information about the latest food-safety alerts and product recalls affecting military commissaries, visit



www.commissaries.com and click on the Food & Product Recalls under the Quick Links box on the front page. For general food-safety information, visit the website and choose Food Safety at the bottom of the page.

Sales Flyers: Patrons can visit the [AAFES website](#) and sign up to receive free online sales flyers.

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 Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free.

RIA Museum Website: The Army's second oldest museum, the [Rock Island Arsenal Museum](#), has a new website created in conjunction with the RIA Historical Society. The Museum first opened to the public on July 4, 1905, and continues its primary mission to collect, preserve, and



interpret the history of Rock Island Arsenal and Arsenal Island by focusing on "People, Processes, and Products." Immerse yourself in history and celebrate the heritage of Fort Armstrong, Rock Island Arsenal, and the Quad Cities here on Arsenal Island via its new home, [here on the Internet](#).

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Feb. 11-17: Construction of the second phase of Project REARM began in February 1986.

Healthbeat

Condoms: Personal Protection for Sexual Health: "No glove, no love." "Respect yourself, protect yourself." These common slogans are used when referring to condom use. Condoms are commonly used to prevent pregnancy. However, proper use of condoms can protect against human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, and sexually transmitted infections, or STIs. ([More](#))

Health Clinic Announcement: Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. Clinic closed **Feb. 18**, Presidents' Day. Clinic closed staff meeting/training **Feb. 22** at 11:30 a.m. For any issues or concerns with the

RIAHC clinic please call our customer support line (309) 782-0721.

Notes for Veterans

VA Issues New Grants to Expand Female Vets Care: Late last week, as the Defense Department's plans to put women in new combat roles received widespread media attention, the Department of Veterans Affairs quietly announced nearly three dozen new research grants to improve health care access for female veterans. The flurry of research funds could have far-reaching effects on the care those women receive. Education grants will expand residency training on topics such as gynecology, obstetrics emergencies, military sexual trauma and breast examinations. Grants will also fund purchases of gender-specific equipment and supplies at eight VA facilities, and expand female veterans online health resource options at 10 others. VA officials estimate that by 2020 female veterans will constitute 10 percent of the U.S. veteran population. ([More](#))

Car Pooling Announcements



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

Car Pool:

- **Car Pool:** New hire with flexible hours seeking to pay for ride from Moline 9th & 53rd, (Franklin School area) (309) 757-5755.
- **Carpool:** Commuter traveling from Rio, Ill. on Route 150. Meet in Alpha, Ill. each day. If interested contact me at (309) 782-5472 or [email](#).
- **Car Pool:** Looking to join a car pool from Albany or south along Illinois 84 southbound to Bldg. 102. If interested contact me at (309) 782-0841.
- **Car Pool:** Looking to join a car pool or ride and pay. IL 84 southbound Fulton/ Albany/ Cordova area. Interested text me at (563) 650-8791.

Around the Q.C.



Feb. 14: [Valentine Walk](#) (Watchtower Lodge, Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island)

Feb. 14-17: [2013 Outdoor Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)

Feb. 21: [Martini Shake Off](#) (River Center, Davenport)

Feb. 22-24: [RV & Camping Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)

Feb. 23: [Day of Dance for Your Health](#) (River Center, Davenport)

Feb. 24: [CBRC Chili Chase 4 Mile Run/Walk](#) (Duck Creek Park Lodge, Davenport)

March 1-3: [Antique Spectacular](#) (QCCA Expo Center)

March 2: [American Red Cross Family Safety Day](#) (River Center, Davenport)

March 2-3: [2013 KWQC Women's Health & Lifestyle Fair](#) (River Center, Davenport)

March 16: [St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) (downtown Rock Island to downtown Davenport)

March 22-24: [Flower & Garden Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center)

March 23: [Quad-Cities Comic Book Convention](#) (Ramada Inn, Bettendorf)

April 6: [Bandits Race to Home 5K](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)

April 7: [Gilda's Run for Laughs](#) (Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)

April 20: [Earth Week Fair](#) (QCCA Expo Center)

April 27: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)

May 4: [Derby Day Party](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse)

May 4: [Venus Envy](#) (Bucktown Center for the Arts, Davenport)

May 11-12: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figge Art Museum plaza, Davenport)

May 25: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)

May 27: [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

June 1: [Mel Foster Color the Quads 5K](#) (Cumberland Square, Bettendorf)

June 1-2: [QC Pridefest 2013, Bursting With Pride](#) (Mary's on 2nd, 832 West 2nd Street, Davenport)

June 7-8: [Gumbo Ya Ya - Mardi Gras in The District](#) (The District, Rock Island)

June 12-15: [Rally on the River](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

June 14: [Greek Cultural Festival](#) (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, East Moline)

June 16: [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Davenport to Moline)

June 22-23: [27th Annual Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)

June 23: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

June 25-29: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (Fairgrounds, East Moline)

June 27-29: [Antique Automobile Club of America Grand National Show](#) (John Deere Commons, Moline)

July 3: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (The District, Downtown Davenport)

July 4-6: [Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

July 8-14: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis)

July 19-21: [USA BMX National Championships](#) (East Moline BMX Speedway)

July 19-20: [Heartland Jam](#) (Centennial Park, Downtown Davenport)

July 26-27: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)

July 27: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)



July 30-Aug. 4: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)

Aug. 1-4: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (LeClaire Park and RiverCenter)

Aug. 8-10: [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa and Port Byron, Ill.)

Aug. 9-10: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Aug. 10-17: [ISC Men's Fastpitch World Tournament](#) (Greenvalley Sports Complex, Moline)

Aug. 16-17: [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Aug. 17: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)

Aug. 24: [Quad Cities Irish Festival](#) (Rock Island)

Aug. 22-25: [World Series of Drag Racing](#) (Cordova Dragway)

Aug. 31-Sept. 1: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

Sept. 7: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)

Sept. 7: [¡VIVA! Quad Cities](#) (Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf)

Sept. 7-8: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Sept. 21: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Sept. 21: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

Sept. 21-22: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)

Sept. 22: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)

Sept. 27-29: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)

Oct. 12: [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (On the Mississippi River in Moline)

Oct. 24: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Oct. 26: [Witches Walk](#) (Downtown LeClaire)

Oct. 26: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Sylvan Island)

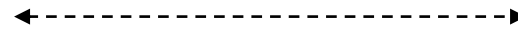
Oct. 26-27: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo, Milan)

Nov. 15-24: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

Nov. 16: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Nov. 16: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons and Holiday Pops Concert](#) (Downtown Moline)

Dec. 1: [19th Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)



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