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Families Sacrifice For America's Security

Since September 11, 2001, nearly 5,000 Americans have been killed in action while serving in our nation's military. These brave men and women who made the supreme sacrifice left behind grieving family members – mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, wives, husbands, sons and daughters who will always feel the pain of loss, no matter what words of consolation, hope and gratitude we may offer them.

The individuals who lost their loved ones to the cause of freedom must never be forgotten, just as we must never forget those who paid the ultimate price. Our nation as a whole owes them a debt for their sacrifices, and we as individual citizens owe them respect, honor and support.

Since World War I, the Gold Star has served as a token of appreciation presented to those families with a child or spouse who died in battle. During World War II, a Gold Star in the window served as a sad and stark reminder of the true cost of that terrible global conflict. In recent years, as America and its allies engage in a struggle against the forces of terror, the Gold Star has been revived as a symbol of sacrifice.

The meaning of the Gold Star, and the power behind this simple sign of respect,

is perhaps best illustrated by the story of Grace Darling Siebold, widely regarded as the first Gold Star Mother and founder of the organization that bears this name. Mrs. Siebold's son, 1st Lt. George Siebold, was an American aviator who volunteered for service with a British air unit fighting in France during World War I. One day, Lieutenant Siebold flew out on a combat mission from which he never returned; months later, after the war had ended, his death was confirmed, even though his remains were never positively identified.

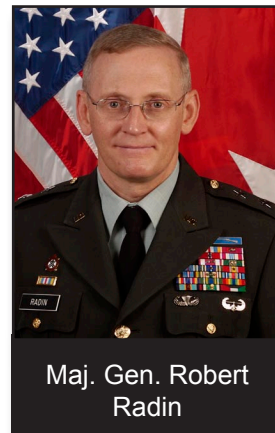
At the time her son was engaged in battle – and even while she endured long days and months while waiting to hear word of his fate – Grace Siebold volunteered at military hospitals in Washington, D.C., area. Though she had to deal with her own sorrow, she still offered comfort to wounded veterans and solace to their families. After learning of the loss of her son, she organized a small group of mothers who had also lost their sons in service to their nation, and began reaching out to all families who made similar sacrifices.

Today, the spirit of Grace Siebold lives on in our Gold Star families. Many have

chosen to honor the service of their loved ones by serving others themselves, and extending a helping hand to those whose lives are suddenly changed by the loss of someone they had shared their life with.

I know, because I have spent time with family members who can wear the Gold Star with pride. I am humbled by their determination to carry on, and by their dedication to the memory of their departed loved ones. They know that they can never replace what they lost, but they also know that the loss was not in vain, so long as there is someone who is willing to serve and willing to uphold our nation's best values.

Please remember this whenever you see the Gold Star, and whenever you meet someone who's earned the right to wear one. We can never repay them, so we must never forget them. 🇺🇸



Maj. Gen. Robert Radin

An advertisement for the Freedom Team Salute Commendation. On the left, a soldier in camouflage uniform is seen from behind, saluting with his right hand against a large American flag. To the right, the text reads "SAY THANK YOU!" in large, bold letters, followed by "with a Freedom Team Salute Commendation". Below this text are five gold star buttons, each with a label above it: "PARENT", "SPOUSE", "EMPLOYER", "VETERAN", and "U.S. ARMY". Each button features a gold star in the center and "U.S. ARMY" at the bottom.

Focus on Alcohol Awareness

By

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Many people think of alcohol as a way to relax and cope. The truth is alcohol is a depressant that affects the brain and affects your body. When alcohol enters the brain it alters the brain cells, lowers ability of the brain to control behavior, dulls the senses and impairs motor skills such as driving. Given that men weigh more than women, pound for pound women contain less water in their bodies than men. So women are exposed to more alcohol and the toxic products that result when the body eliminates the alcohol.

April 9 is Alcohol Screening Day. This is a day when you can be screened to see if your drinking habits may be too risky. Studies show that brief intervention is an effective way to change drinking and driving behaviors among problem drinkers. In 2004, nearly 15,000 people died in highway crashes involving a driver or a motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration

(BAC) of .01 or higher. Of those, nearly 13,000 (85 percent) were in crashes where the BAC was .08 or higher. The median BAC among drivers involved in fatal crashes was an astonishing 0.16 – twice the legal limit in all states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Because risky drinkers often believe that their drinking is normal, the Army Center for Substance Abuse Programs is trying to educate the public about the differences between low and high-risk drinking patterns and to help individuals assess if their drinking is risky. Once a risky drinking pattern is identified, that individual is better equipped to seek help from a primary care physician, support group, or other professionals about their dangerous drinking behavior.


According to NIAAA, about three in 10 American adults drink at levels that elevate their risk for physical, mental health, and social problems. However, of these heavy drinkers, about one in four has alcohol abuse or alcohol dependency problems -- meaning, even if you do not have an alcohol addiction your drinking habits still put your life and the lives of others at risk.

Some people should not drink at all, including:

- Anyone who can not control their drinking at moderate levels
- Citizens who plan to drive, or take part in activities that require attention, skill and coordination
- Women who are pregnant or become pregnant
- People who take over the counter medications
- People who take over the counter medications that can interact with alcohol
- Anyone who is not the legal age of 21
- Diabetics who have high blood pressure or nerve damage in their arms or legs

For more information on alcohol here are a few websites to check out: www.psychologicaladvice.com, www.alcoholsscreening.org, www.ncadi.org, health.yahoo.com, www.niaaa.nih.gov.

For additional information, please contact Employee Assistance Program (309)782-4357. 🍷



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On the Cover: *The color guard for Military Appreciation Night hosted by the Quad City Flames is put in the spotlight on the arena ice at the i wireless Center March 27 while presenting the colors for the National Anthem. To read more about that night see pages 6-7. Photo by Eric Cramer, Rock Island Arsenal Garrison Public Affairs.*



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First Army visits arsenal

By

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Brig. Gen. Richard McPhee, Deputy Commander of First Army, came to Rock Island Arsenal March 23 and 24 to see first hand the installation, the Quad City area, and the building First Army will be working in the next couple of years on this post.

McPhee said there will be a small element on the Arsenal as early as June 2010, next summer. But the majority of the forces will show up in 2011.

At that time the Arsenal will have more Soldiers than at any time since the Civil War.

About 160 Army Soldiers will be among the 425 total personnel to move to the new First Army headquarters at the Arsenal, beginning in spring 2011. That will bring the Arsenal total to 500 Soldiers, Garrison Manager Joel Himsl said at the March 23 media roundtable with McPhee.

"The First Army will be a great addition to us here," Himsl said.

About 30 percent of the First Army staffers now at Fort Gillem, Ga., (in suburban Atlanta) should move to the Quad-Cities, McPhee said.

"We kind of fell in love with Rock Island," he said. "It's an honor for us to be here. We're excited for this move."

"It's a great place to live, with great schools," McPhee said of the Quad-Cities. "The cost of living is very reasonable compared to Atlanta. The Quad-Cities area is a beautiful place to live."

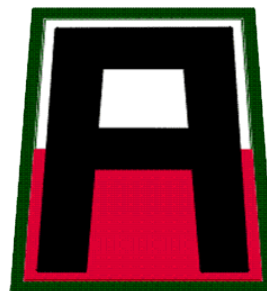
The First Army is responsible for training all deploying Army National Guard and Reserve Soldiers, McPhee said. In 2008, it trained more than 85,000 Soldiers in support of operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, the Horn of Africa, Kosovo and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The First Army has been preparing since 2005 for the move from Georgia, as directed by the Base Realignment and Closure legislation.

Currently in draft, First Army's plan implements the BRAC-directed transition in a time-phased, resource-constrained environment, while continuing to fulfill strategic and operational commitments. First Army has stated the move will be executed as expeditiously as possible while maintaining the full spectrum of responsibilities to the Army, subordinate commands, assigned personnel and their Families. First Army has programmed major personnel movements to coincide with the summer months in 2011 to minimize impact on

Families.

First Army Headquarters will occupy Bldg. 68 on the Arsenal. In the coming months and years, the building will undergo a full renovation, tailored to First Army's needs, under the watchful eye of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Rock Island Arsenal Garrison. First Army staff has been personally involved in the initial design and interior floor plans for



Left -- Bldg. 68, pictured, will be First Army's new home on the Arsenal. Right -- Brig. Gen. Richard McPhee, Deputy Commander of First Army, speaks with local media at a roundtable discussion with Joel Himsl, Garrison Manager, left, on March 23 at the Garrison Headquarters building. Photo by Mark Kane

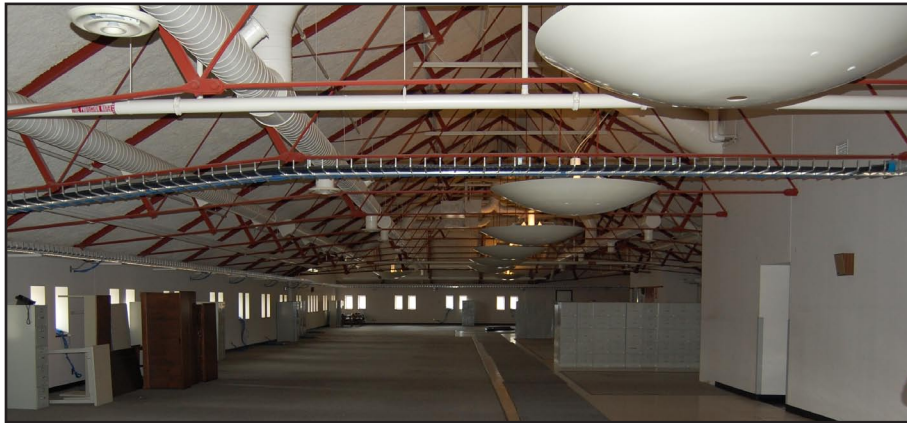


the building.

It plans to spend \$20 million renovating the 128-year-old Building 68 for its staff, including new computers, furniture, cubicles, carpeting and utilities. The three-story, former factory now houses some ASC staff, as its offices are being renovated.

"They've done a brilliant job here," McPhee said of architects and the Army Corps of Engineers, adding that it's "a magnificent structure," and will retain its historic character.

Synchronization and coordination of the building renovation with First Army's staff will continue to ensure that the facility will fully meet the needs of the headquarters. The building is a historical landmark, completed in 1881.



The inside of Bldg. 68, third floor, shows the empty spaces that will become First Army's home. Photo by Mark Kane

While the Arsenal will not host actual training for First Army Soldiers, it will house administration and training management for the nationwide mobilization of 90,000 Soldiers a year, McPhee said.

All Civilian employees are entitled to relocation benefits, including helping the employee sell their existing home and buying their home if it fails to sell.

McPhee said Civilian employees will have 280 students enrolled in local schools. First Army also hosts a monthly "joint assessment" conference that brings

in up to 300 military personnel from across the country.

About 80 percent of the First Army staff will live off the island, Gen. McPhee said. First Army plans to be fully operational at Rock Island Arsenal by June 15, 2011.

Lt. Col. Beth Thelen, First Army, Relocation & Transition Team, and Jonathan Turner, Rock Island Argus/Moline Dispatch, contributed to this article.

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Flames host Military Appreciation Night



By

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The Quad City Flames rolled out the red carpet and showed the support and appreciation for the military March 27 when they hosted a special Military Appreciation Night at the i wireless Center in Moline, Ill.

The event at the American Hockey League team's venue featured booths from each branch of the military, static military vehicle displays, and a number of mini-events throughout the evening that showed support for the nation's military.

One of the events which took place involved 'sling shooting' a person across the arena ice in an attempt to knock down oversized bowling pins. Joel

Himsl, Garrison Manager, volunteered and was suited up with a helmet, placed in a plastic saucer, and shot down the ice in two separate efforts that didn't quite knock down the pins.

Other displays of military support could be seen around the arena in the form of the Quad City Flames mascot Firestorm's sporting of Army ACU's, a display of military camouflage netting, and several opportunities for military children to ride atop the Flame's zamboni.

The hockey game itself proved to be a game pleaser as the Flames' Leland Irving stopped 26 shots en route to his first professional shutout in a 2-0 Quad City win over the Iowa Chops. Kris Chucko and Cam Cunning supplied the offense in

the win as the Flames returned that night to the .500 mark at 30-30-6-6.

In the lead up to the big night, the Flames made a visit to the Arsenal's Child, Youth and School services building on March 18. Flames hockey players, Peter Vandermeer, Brett Palin, and John Vigilante made the time to be apart of the visit and meet some of the children who were attending the CYSS program that day.

While the event was geared toward promoting Military Appreciation Night, the focus of the day was fun. The flames players signed autographs after they treated the kids to some floor hockey and multiple games of intense dodge ball that involved the Rock Island Arsenal fire fighters. 🍌



Above -- Quad City Flames player, John Vigilante, lets go of his attempt to hit the opposing team during the game of dodgeball held at the CYSS building on March 18 as part of the Flames visit to the Arsenal to promote Military Appreciation Night. Eli Bernier races to get into full set of hockey gear assisted by Flames players Peter Vandermeer at left and John Vigilante at the right. Flames player Brett Palin signs his autograph for Ciara Kane who was attending CYSS that day. Photos by Mark Kane



At left -- The Quad City Flames mascot, Firestorm, shows his support for the military during the game March 27. Joel Himsl, Garrison Manager, reacts as he is propelled forward during the sling shot event in-between periods at the game. Quad City Flames player, Brad Cole, gets into the action during the first period on the ice at the wireless center. Photos by Eric Cramer, Garrison Public Affairs



Corps volunteer completes 7,000 hours

By

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Come to the Mississippi River Visitor Center most any Tuesday and Thursday and you will be greeted by longtime volunteer Richard Haggard. How long term? He recently completed 7,000 hours of logged volunteer time. That is the equivalent of three and one third years of full-time work.

Haggard's first experience as a Corps volunteer was distributing safe-boating literature to recreational boaters at the Auxiliary Lock 14. That was the fourth of July weekend 1990. Since that time, his list of volunteer duties has changed and grown.

He greets guests at the Mississippi River Visitor Center four hours a day, each Tuesday and Thursday. He fields customer's questions, helps staff as requested, answers phones, and occasionally talks with school groups about navigation and the river. But that does not complete his list of volunteer jobs. Annually, he assists project staff with a Fishing Clinic at Locks and Dam 14, he often helps set up the project booth for trade shows, and does minor maintenance and repair at the Visitor Center.

Haggard is resourceful. At one point a mechanical locking display developed a malfunction. Some visitors reported it and indicated they were skilled in that sort of repair and



Volunteer Richard Haggard assists a visitor with the flooding demonstration located at the Mississippi River Visitor Center. Photo by Don Bardole

indicated they would like the contract. At his next opportunity, Richard studied the mechanics of the display, watched it work, and after a slight adjustment it was repaired. It has worked perfectly ever since.

He has seen more than two dozen Co-op students come and go – and a few stay. He has been, and is to them a friend, mentor, and cheerleader.

His friendly nature and congeniality has made him, for all these 7,000 hours, an important part of the team. 🍌



The Clock Tower Building was the first permanent government structure on the Island. A JMTC family member helped build the historic landmark.

FAMILY AFFAIR

Machinist Has a Family History at the Arsenal

By

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With more than 7,000 employees, the Rock Island Arsenal is the biggest employer in the Quad Cities and many of those who work on the Island can refer to being an Arsenal employee as a family affair.

There are fathers, sons, mothers, daughters, sisters, brothers, cousins and even grandparents who have worked at the Arsenal and are related to other employees. But, not many Arsenal employees can say their Great, Great, Great Grandfather (referred to from now on as G3 Grandfather) worked at and helped build the Arsenal.

That is the case for Jeffrey Roberts, a machinist apprentice with the Rock Island Arsenal-Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center. Roberts' G3 Grandfather was a master carpenter and worked at the Rock Island Arsenal from its inception in the early 1860s until his retirement in 1873.

When Roberts makes his way to work in the morning, he drives down Rodman Avenue, the Island's main thoroughfare. The Avenue is named after Roberts' G3 Grandfather's boss – General Rodman, who is one of the most well-known and revered figures in the Arsenal's history.

George F. Downes, Roberts' G3 Grandfather, was Rodman's foreman and master builder during the early construction phases of the Rock Island Arsenal. Downes was integral in the construction of the Clock Tower, possibly the Island's most recognizable landmark even today, more than a century later.

More than 125 years after his retirement, Downes' great, great, great grandson was hired on at the Rock Island Arsenal. Roberts, who entered the RIA-JMTC apprentice program in 2004, had no idea he had such an intriguing family history. The thought had never crossed his mind until the recent RIA-JMTC apprentice graduation in October of 2008, of which Roberts was a part.

During the ceremony, Col. Craig Cotter, RIA-JMTC commander, commented that the apprentice program had a long history at the Rock Island Arsenal. The colonel said there was probably a good chance that there were third, fourth or maybe fifth generation employees graduating that day. The colonel had no idea his comment was actually underestimating the possible lineages. There was a sixth generation employee graduating that day.

After hearing Cotter's comments, Roberts wondered if he had any family formerly employed at the Arsenal. He thought there was a pretty good chance he may have had a cousin or other relative who had worked here but, thanks to his mom, he found out about his G3 Grandfather – Downes.

"My mom is really into genealogy," Roberts said. "So, I posed the question to her and we found out about my great, great, great grandfather and what he did here at the Arsenal. I was amazed."

Roberts' mom, Debbie Van Sant, is a member of the Rock Island County Ge-



Jeffrey Roberts, a machinist apprentice at JMTC, is a sixth generation employee at the Arsenal. Roberts' great, great, great grandfather was a master carpenter and was one of the many people who helped build the Island's infrastructure. Photo by Allen Marshall

neological Society and was able to track back six generations to find their family history at Rock Island Arsenal. Roberts said his mom even found articles in the local newspaper, known today at the Rock Island Argus. There is an article announcing Downe's retirement in 1873 and his obituary is published in 1894. Almost 50 years later, The Rock Island Argus mentions Downes in an article written about the Clock Tower commemorating the building's 75th year. A snippet from the 1941 Rock Island Argus article reads:

"At the time, it was the best turret clock in the United States, and even today the clock's works and glassed enclosure are just the same as when inventor Hotchkiss and Arsenal Carpenter G. F. Downes left them 74 years ago." (Rock Island Argus, Dec. 2, 1941)

According to Roberts, the chances of him being a sixth generation employee would have had to been pretty slim, considering his family has not always been in the Quad Cities. His G3 Grandfather had sons who moved around and

their children also located elsewhere around the country. Roberts himself lived in Texas and Detroit before he finally settled down in the Quad Cities and applied for work at the Rock Island Arsenal.

Roberts is now working as a machinist in the small arms section of the RIA-JMTC. He thought Col. Cotter would be interested to hear how right he was about the family history at the Rock Island Arsenal. Cotter was intrigued.

"When I made the comments at the graduation ceremony I really did believe that we had graduates who probably had family dating back decades," Cotter said. "Our apprentice program dates back to the early 1900s and this Arsenal has been here for more than a century. So, considering the kind of talent that has always been present in the Quad Cities, it is not too much of a stretch to think our men and women have a family history of employment at this installation.

"But, I think Jeff's case is particularly special," Cotter continued. "His

Great, Great, Great Grandfather was such an important figure in this Island's history. He was kind of the right-hand man to the general (Rodman) who was charged with building this place. It's amazing that 140 years later, his family lineage lives on at our factory."

Roberts, who is 29, said he plans be a career employee with the Arsenal. He is one of more than 1,600 employees helping to provide world-class manufactured products, services, and logistics in support of the nation. That job has a special meaning to Roberts as his wife is Army Specialist Lisa Roberts who is currently serving in Egypt.

He and Lisa are the proud parents of a son – Kaleb Monty Roberts. The question is: will Kaleb follow in his family's footsteps? Cotter marveled at the possibility.

"Well, if young Kaleb turns out anything like his dad and Great, Great, Great Grandfather, I think it is safe to say he could easily become a seventh generation employee at the Rock Island Arsenal." 🍀

Changing Times, Changing Security

By

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The September 11, 2001 attacks have forever changed the ways the Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services conducts security on the Arsenal. By following some simple security practices you can help make the arsenal a safer place.

Approaching the Gate

Please slow down as you are approaching the gate and be prepared to stop at the guard shack. The officers are required to conduct 100 percent ID check of all personnel entering the installation.

Have your ID card out and ready before approaching the guard shack.

Taking your ID card out of the holder makes the ingress smoother, and ensures that the guards/officers can accomplish their mission. This is extremely important.

Roll down your vehicle's window or

open your door if the window doesn't work.

It only takes a moment to hand over your ID to the guard or officer. The guard or officer will inspect it for its validity and hand it back to you.

Identification Badges

Unless you're a visitor to the Arsenal, you have been issued an identification badge. The preferred identification is the CAC card. The officers are also familiar with other badges being issued on the installation such as Arsenal Installation Badge, ASC, Teslin, MWR and Rapid Gate Badges.

Be Ready to be Inspected

Arsenal Security Forces have stepped up vehicle inspections. This is part of a required security measure and it only takes a few minutes to complete. Vehicle inspections are done in random order. Please give yourself ample time leaving from home.

Inspection

When you do get inspected, follow the instructions that the guard/officer gives you. The inspection should include unlocking of all doors; glove compartment, lifting the hood and unlocking the trunk. You will also be asked to show a driver's license, current registration and insurance.

Leave Weapons and Contraband at Home

You could be charged criminally for these items if they're found in your vehicle.

Annual Exercises

Force Protection exercises are conducted throughout the year, which requires elevating the Force Protection level for training purposes. You will still be allowed access onto the installation according to the criteria given; however you may be delayed at times at the gates.

A best defense is having a good offense first ... you!

Be proactive and report suspicious activities to our Law Enforcement Division.

RESERVED PARKING

The Arsenal's reserved parking program can be found in RIAR 190-2. This regulation applies to all military personnel and civilian employees. Violations of the parking program can result in a \$40 parking fine, or a mandatory federal court appearance. The following types of parking are found on the Arsenal.

Open Parking: Any space marked with white lines on both sides and is not a reserved, handicapped, or visitor space is open parking. Open parking is for use by any military, civilian employee, or visitor on a first come, first served basis.

Visitor Parking: Spaces marked by green visitor parking signs. Visitor parking is to be used by visitors to the installation and employees who are visiting a building in which they do not work in. These spaces are not to be used as everyday permanent parking.

Reserved Parking: Spaces marked with brown reserved parking signs. Multiple reserved spaces fall between two parking signs with arrows pointing towards each sign. All the parking between the signs is reserved. Reserve parking is granted to officers O-6 and above, sergeant majors and above, handicapped personnel, directors, GS-15 executives, carpool groups, and organizational discretionary.

Handicapped Parking: This consists of three types of parking: international, temporary, and permanent.

-International handicapped parking spaces are marked by blue handicapped signs. These spaces are reserved for any handicapped person who displays a state issued placard. All RIA handicapped military or civilian employee are encouraged to request a temporary or permanent space, so handicapped visitors will have available parking.

-Temporary handicapped personnel need to visit the RIA Health

Clinic, Bldg. 110, and present written documentation of their handicapped condition. Upon approval, the clinic will complete a RIA FL 190-1 form and forward the approval to the Security Office. Security will assign a space until the approval expires. Once the approval expires the space will be re-assigned unless an extension has been provided.

-Permanently handicapped personnel need to provide Security with a copy of the state placard issued by the state of residence. The individual is responsible for furnishing Security with a new placard once one has expired.

Executive Parking: Executives with a rank of GS-15 or equivalent are eligible for a reserved parking space. The exception is in pay band 3 of NSPS. Positions that were converted from a GS-15 are eligible for a reserved parking space and positions converted from a GS-14 are not eligible for a reserved parking space.

Discretionary Parking: Each organization is authorized a parking space for each 1.5 percent of their authorized strength. The commander or head of the organization will allocate these spaces at their discretion.

Carpool Parking: Carpools must consist of three or more personnel. Each carpool member must participate no less than four days a week, except when on approved leave or Temporary Duty. Carpool members must designate a carpool coordinator. All assigned carpool spaces will be revalidated every six months. Carpool fraud will be investigated promptly.

Please address any parking issues/concerns to the RIA Physical Security Office at (309) 782-2871, and report any parking violators to the RIA Law Enforcement Division at (309) 782-6116.

New Battle Tank Rolls into TACOM LCMC Rock Island

By
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The TACOM Life Cycle Management Command caught a glimpse of its largest new resident, an M1A2 System Enhancement Package version two battle tank, on Feb. 27 when it was delivered to support TACOM's training and maintenance missions here.

Equipment specialists from the Heavy Combat Product Support Integration Directorate armament group will use the tank, the latest addition to the Abrams family of vehicles and built at Anniston Army Depot, Ala., to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of both new and standing maintenance procedures.

"Our mission as the Army experts on Abrams tank turret, fire control and armaments will be greatly enhanced by having the newest version of the Abrams tank at our immediate disposal," said Tom Jackson, armament group leader.

By collaborating with the Maintenance Operations and Procedures Shop, Abrams equipment specialists gain a level of on-vehicle expertise that is necessary to the customer and unmatched by any other entity.

The vehicle will also serve TACOM's training mission. Logistics Assistance Representatives, contractors and new employees take a variety of classes on the Abrams family of vehicles. The presence of the family of vehicles allows TACOM to offer specialized, hands-on training tailored to the specific audience.

The SEP V2 is an upgrade to the existing M1A2 SEP, and is more electronically-dependent than its predecessors. This requires that Abrams maintenance personnel remain abreast of the

ever-changing system. The delivery of the vehicle to Rock Island will promote readiness and supportability, allowing TACOM to better support the warfighter.

TACOM LCMC Rock Island is responsible for providing



An M1A2 System Enhancement Package version two, the Army's latest battle tank, rolls down Rodman Avenue on Rock Island Arsenal Feb. 27 on its way to TACOM LCMC Rock Island's Maintenance Operations Procedures Shop where it will be used to support training and maintenance missions. Photo by Matt Meenan

seamless life cycle acquisition and logistics management for weapons, tools, and chemical defensive equipment and has been performing this mission at the Rock Island Arsenal since 1962.

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NOSC Rock Island Growing In Popularity

By

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The military and Arsenal employees are thankful for the building the Navy Operational Support Center Rock Island resides in.

Cmdr. Samuel Boit, commanding officer, NOSC Rock Island, said the building is becoming a popular place to host events. But why now?

“A lot of it probably has to do with the fact that some people did not know we were here, or that we are home to a few hundred reserve sailors and Marines here aboard an Army post,” he said. “They weren’t aware of the facilities we have.”

The building consists of training space and administrative offices for several hundred Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel and their units. This includes several classrooms and a central drill deck with a seating capacity of around 200.

The Illowa Bi-State Combined Federal Campaign held its awards ceremony Feb. 10 on the NOSC drill deck, and during the same week, 70 Navy recruiters from the Naval Recruiting District Minneapolis, used the building’s classrooms for a 3-day recruiting conference.

According to Boit, he has also discussed hosting events for the Community Based Warrior Transition Unit. The unit’s

responsibility is taking care of the administrative needs of returning wounded Soldiers from an 11-state Midwest area.

“We have offered the use of our drill deck and classrooms for their (quarterly) muster,” he said.

NOSC Rock Island and U.S. Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal agreed recently to a cooperative effort for ID card services. Now a Garrison employee works at the center Tuesday through Tuesday, providing efficient ID card services to all branches of the military and retirees.

Navy Recruiting Command has also benefitted from the NOSC’s facilities, assigning a full-time Navy Reserve recruiter to work aboard the NOSC for the first time in more than a year and a half.

Other activities that take place at the center include blood drives sponsored by the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center for the benefit of Arsenal employees.

The building is scheduled to begin an extensive rehab project to even better serve its military community. The major renovation plan for the building includes rework of the drill deck, according to Petty Officer 3rd Class Anissa Farior, NOSC Rock Island’s, facilities manager.

“This will include painting, new floors, and work on the walls,” she said.

The NOSC was built in 1976. The building’s northeast wing, which is home to the Marines, was added in 1992. 🍌



Maj. Gen. Robert Radin, commander, Army Sustainment Command, speaks at the Illowa Bi-State Combined Federal Campaign awards ceremony held at Navy Operational Support Center Rock Island Feb. 10 on the drill deck. Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Darryl Howlett

Guide For Identifying, Handling and Reporting Suspicious Letters and Packages

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The discovery of an active bomb found in a local establishment in Macomb Ill. is a good opportunity to remind the work force what to do if you find such a package or received something suspicious in the mail. Use some common sense precautions to reduce the threat of hazardous materials, general awareness of one's surroundings and suspicious mail as appropriate.

Do not panic!

What should make me suspicious?

- Item is unexpected or from someone unknown
- Handwritten with no return address
- Lopsided or lumpy in appearance
- Sealed with excessive amounts of tape
- Marked "Personal"
- Addressed to someone no longer at that address
- Has excessive postage

What should I do with suspicious mail?

- Do not shake or empty the envelope
- Cover item with something such as a trashcan or paper, or clothing
- Isolate the specific area or workplace so no one disturbs the item
- Wash your hands with warm water and soap as soon as possible
- Keep those who touched the item to leave

Remember the Three Cs

- Stay Calm – There is no need to panic
- Be Cautious – Observe your surroundings and report unusual circumstances to police
- Use Common Sense – Stay informed and use good judgment in evaluating risks to your family and work area

Remember

Do not bring the suspicious package or envelope to the Police or Fire Departments. Dial 9-1-1 and properly trained and equipped emergency responders will come to you.



If you receive a suspicious letter or package:



- 1 Handle with care. Don't shake or bump.
- 2 Isolate it immediately
- 3 Don't open, smell, touch or taste.
- 4 Treat it as suspect. Call local law enforcement authorities

If a parcel is open and/or a threat is identified . . .

For a Bomb:
Evacuate Immediately
Call Police
Contact Postal Inspectors
Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit

For Radiological:
Limit Exposure - Don't Handle
Evacuate Area
Shield Yourself From Object
Call Police
Contact Postal Inspectors
Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit

For Biological or Chemical:
Isolate - Don't Handle
Evacuate Immediate Area
Wash Your Hands With Soap and Warm Water
Call Police
Contact Postal Inspectors
Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit

AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, Paragraph 4-2 (3)

3-4. Termination or denial of registration

Installation commanders or their designated representatives will terminate POV registration or deny initial registration under the following conditions (head and tabs will be removed from the vehicle when registration is terminated):

a. The owner fails to comply with the registration requirements.

b. The owner fails to release from active duty, separated from the Service, or terminates any status of a person on a permanent change of station.

c. The owner fails to comply with the registration requirements.

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Vehicle operators on a DOD installation and operators of government owned vehicles will not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using a hands-free device.

Cell phones:
A Driver's
Distraction!



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