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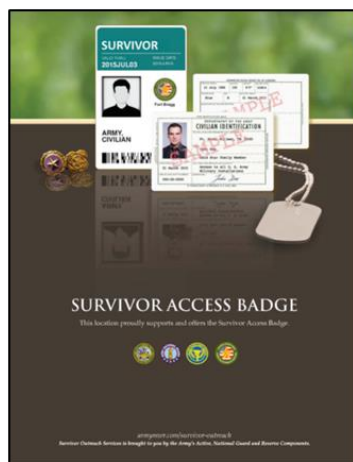
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Survivors Find Easier Access to Army Installations

Certain Gold Star and next-of-kin survivors are expected to find it easier to visit Army installations since a new process went into effect in January. The new survivor's access policy allows qualified survivors to get through gate security more easily and travel on post without an escort to attend events, view memorials, receive services and similar activities using their survivor's access card. "The Army values people, especially our Gold Star spouses and family members," said Lt. Gen. Douglas Gabram, commanding general, U.S. Army Installation Management Command. "This change allows them to more easily receive the benefits and services to which they are entitled, and helps them stay connected to the Army." Eligible survivors are those who meet the criteria to receive the Gold Star lapel button or Gold Star Next-of-Kin Lapel Button, including widow or widower, parent, child, stepchild, child through adoption, brother, half-brother, sister and half-sister. (More: www.army.mil/article/233623)



JMC Delivers Global Munitions Readiness with

Upcoming Dates

- March:** Women's History Month
March: Brain Injury Awareness Month
March 11: Workforce Wednesday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3-7 p.m.
March 11: Family Craft Night, Lock & Dam Lounge, 5-7 p.m.
March 12: JMTC Factory Tour, 9-10:30 a.m.
March 12: Quarterly Retirement & Retreat Ceremony, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 2 p.m.
March 12: Thirst-day Thursday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3-7 p.m.
March 12: St. Patty's Day Bunco, Lock & Dam Lounge, 6-8 p.m.
March 13: K 9 Veterans Day
March 13: Right Arm Night, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3-7 p.m.
March 15-21: National Poison Prevention Week
March 16-20: DA Photos, Bldg. 90, Basement, Rm. B11, 7:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.
March 17: St. Patrick's Day
March 18: WWI Lecture Series: Stalemate on the Western Front, Rock Island Arsenal Museum, 12-1 p.m.
March 18: Workforce Wednesday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3-7 p.m.
March 18: Teen Game Night and Open Recreation, School Age Center, Building 150, 6-8:30 p.m.
March 19: National Day of Honor
March 19: Thirst-day Thursday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3-7 p.m.

Logistics Initiatives

The Joint Munitions Command continuously improves its processes to deliver munitions readiness at the right place and right time. The joint force is preparing for large scale combat across land, sea, air, space and cyberspace. Under the Multi-Domain Operations concept, Army Materiel Command has reorganized and reshaped to ensure readiness of the Strategic Support Areas, where military might is generated, projected and sustained during the fight. These SSA initiatives create the ability for Army senior leaders to make risk-based decisions on positioning ammunition worldwide. Munitions readiness is achieved by balancing worldwide requirements with the industrial base, capacity and production to provide flexible munitions options. "Providing the Joint Force with ready, reliable and lethal munitions to sustain global readiness involves implementing new business processes to become more efficient and effective in meeting stockage objectives requirements," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Pennie Temmerman, military deputy, Munitions and Logistics Readiness Center, JMC. (More: www.army.mil/article/233626)



Army Budgets Target Transformational Change

Anyone wanting to stay abreast of the initiatives set through the Army's budget can now download a document which explains many of the Army's sought-after changes. In February, the force released its "Fiscal Year 2019-2021 Accomplishments and Investment Plan" shortly after announcement of the Army's FY21 budget request. The FY19-21 plan outlines how the Army is targeting its top priorities of readiness, modernization and reform, all while emphasizing the significance of people -- "the Army's greatest strength." "We treat taxpayers' dollars like we treat our ammunition -- every bullet counts and is aimed against a target," said Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy. "The Army remains steadfast in its priorities and have aligned our investments and budget against the same. People are the foundation across all of our efforts." (More: www.army.mil/article/233557)



DOD Working To Add Key Provisions to Tenant Bill Of Rights

The tenant bill of rights, signed by Defense senior leaders last week, may soon include three more key provisions to help rebuild trust about privatized housing, officials said Tuesday. The document has 15 provisions to ensure service members and their families receive fair treatment under the Military Housing Privatization Initiative. It was signed Feb. 25 by Secretary of Defense Mark Esper, Secretary of the Army Ryan McCarthy and the other service secretaries. The three additional provisions propose to provide military tenants a dispute resolution process, the right to withhold rent until a dispute is resolved, and access to a building's maintenance history before the move-in date, officials told the House Committee on Appropriations' military subcommittee. (More: www.army.mil/article/233422)



Military Doing Better Today Than 4 Years Ago, Norquist Says

The U.S. military is doing better today than it was four years ago based on several metrics, Deputy Defense Secretary David L. Norquist said. "We are in a very different place than we were four years ago," Norquist told lawmakers today during a hearing before the House Budget Committee. "The readiness of our forces are up, the quantity of munitions they have is up, [and] the training level is up." Norquist told lawmakers, specifically, that the Defense Department has increased the number of ready brigade combat teams by 33% and raised the readiness of the Air Force's lead pacing squadrons by 35%. While the military is traditionally thought of as fighting on land, in the air and on the sea, Norquist told lawmakers that space and cyberspace are two new domains where the DOD has made significant investments over the past three years. The department established the U.S. Space Force, for instance, elevated U.S. Cyber Command to a unified combatant command, and created the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center. (More: www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2107939)



DOD's Cyber Strategy of Past Year Outlined Before Congress

The 2018 Defense Department cyber strategy prioritizes the challenge of great-power competition and recognizes that DOD must defend forward to counter U.S. competitors' long-term, coordinated campaigns of malicious activity to gain political, economic and military advantage, a DOD official said on Capitol Hill. "The strategy normalizes the department's efforts in the cyberspace domain, integrating cyberspace operations into military operations across all physical domains, and reinforces the need to prevent or degrade threats before they harm U.S. national interests," Kenneth P. Rapuano, assistant secretary of defense for homeland defense and global security, told the House Armed Forces Committee. Also appearing with Rapuano was Army Gen. Paul M. Nakasone, commander, U.S. Cyber Command and director, National Security Agency chief, Central Security Service. (More: www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2103843)



RIA-Wide Commander's Ready and Resilient Council (CR2C) Bi-Annual Community Strengths and Themes Assessment (CSTA) 2020

A comprehensive [Community Strengths and Themes Assessment \(CSTA\)](#) is supported by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Mobilizing Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process. Current Army Regulation (AR 600-63 and AR 40-5) directs installations to assess communities for health risk factors and needs.

<https://go.usa.gov/xdwcX> The [CSTA](#) is a holistic approach to assessing the community's perceptions of health, health-related concerns, and availability of programs and services to meet their needs. It is designed to capture the pulse of community member's thoughts on quality of life, health, safety, and satisfaction within the environment of an Army installation. The assessment queries participants on their opinions regarding health problems, risky behaviors, community strengths, barriers to health and wellness services, and the usefulness of



services currently offered at RIA. The questions are designed to gain information in five areas: health promotion and health education; physical health; spiritual fitness; behavioral/emotional health and suicide prevention; and environmental, financial and social resilience. The [CSTA](#) ensures that the community's perceptions of health and wellness are included in the identification of priorities for the CR2C. The results provide the council with the population's opinion on health priorities, the value of services and the wellness needs of the RIA community. The population's perspective, combined with information from subject matter experts and service providers, will help the council inform the CR2C Strategic Plan and working group action plans. ([CSTA](#) data is for the use of the CR2C and its working groups); results will be briefed at the next quarterly CR2C. This isn't "just another survey." This tool is specifically designed based on the MAPP assessment, but tailored to the Army environment and needs and available for all installations to use in assessing their communities. The [CSTA](#) is open to anyone who has access to Redstone Arsenal and takes less than 10 minutes to complete. 2020's [CSTA](#) has been significantly revised from 2014's version due to feedback received from the workforce. The revisions include a shorter version, defined options and you can now save the assessment (it'll provide you a link, that you'll need to copy in order to return to it later, so don't just close it out); with all of these options available, the Council is hoping for a good response rate. The [CSTA](#) will be disseminated electronically, but can also be accessed via the QR code found on the flyers and posters. Health Promotion Operations has developed the [CSTA](#) in an online format with an electronic link and QR code for dissemination through PAO, Web, Facebook, email, and other social media channels. All APHC (P) surveys meet HIPPA compliance standards. The CSTA has been approved for use through the Public Health Review Board (PHRB). No personal health information (PHI) will be collected. Those having issues with the survey or have questions regarding the survey should be referred to the RSA Health Promotion Officer, Warnie Stokes at 256-450-8979 or warnie.b.stokes.ctr@mail.mil or the RSA Health Promotion Program Assistant, Rochelle Allen at 450-9426 or rochelle.s.allen.ctr@mail.mil.

Employment Verification

MyBiz+ is the avenue for employees to send employment verification information directly to a financial institution or to print for themselves. The following is information on obtaining employment verification documentation depending on an individual's current status:

- Third Party Requestors: Lenders, Social Service Agency Representatives, Landlords, and others must work through the employee to obtain employment and/or salary verification information.
- Current Employees: Civilian employees may use Employment Verification, a MyBiz+ tool, using their Common Access Card (CAC) to send a password-protected email attachment to a third party requestor.
- Military Service Members: Military service members can refer requestors to the service members Civil Relief Act (SCRA) website for independent verification of service dates or can obtain a copy of their leave and earnings statement via myPay, a Defense Finance and Accounting Service tool.



Quarterly Retirement & Retreat Ceremony

The Rock Island Arsenal Commanding General cordially invites you to attend the Retirement & Retreat Ceremony on **Thursday, March 12**, at 2 p.m., in honor of:

- Col. Bradley Cook, ASC
- Lt. Col. Kathryn Carter, ASC-ARE

- Master Sgt. Christopher Hart, ASC
- Jill Puck-Grubbs, JMC

Uniform for personnel not participating in ceremony - military: duty uniform and civilian: casual.

VIOS Schedule for March-May

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **March 16-20, April 27-May 1, and May 18-22**. Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the Visual Information Ordering Site for the available times: 7:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the VIOS site

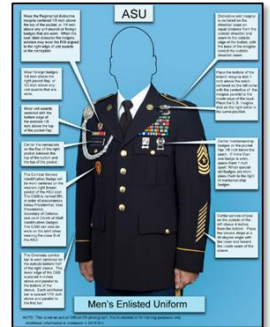
<https://vios.army.mil> for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available.

Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 90, Basement, Room B11).

Priority is: 1. Active Duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official Government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders -

Command Photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS.

All scheduled dates can be found on the RIA VIOS website <https://vios.army.mil>. Contact us for help: 309-782-2843.



NAMI Homefront Classes Rock Island Arsenal

NAMI Homefront is a no cost, six-session education program for family and friends of Military Service Members and Veterans with mental health conditions. It focuses on the unique needs of active duty and veteran communities, such as post-deployment and post-discharge transitions. The course is designed to help family members understand and support their loved one while maintaining their own well-being. The instructors of this course are also family members who have experience with military culture and know what it is like to have a loved one living with a mental health condition. NAMI Homefront is an adaptation of the evidence-based NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program, which has been used in VA health facilities since the late 1990s. This course was originally created in cooperation with the United States Army. The course is promoted locally by the Iowa Veterans Administration.

- Six Wednesdays
 - **March 18 - April 22**
 - 5:30 to 8 p.m.
 - ASC HQ Building 390
 - Garden Conference Room (basement)
 - Registration deadline **Wednesday, March 25** (Class 2) at 2 p.m.

If needed, participants must contact the RI Arsenal Visitor's Center to complete a visitor request form a couple days prior to attending the class. This is located at the Moline (main gate) in Building 23 and required in order to establish access to the Island. To contact the Visitor Center call 309-782-0485, 309-782-0484 or 309-782-1337 or email usarmy.ria.imcom.mbx.usag-access-request@mail.mil. To register for this program you may register online at <https://namigmv.z2systems.com/np/clients/namigmv/event.jsp?event=725&> or call 563-386-7477 x266, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday – Friday

Suicide Prevention Guest Speaker Event

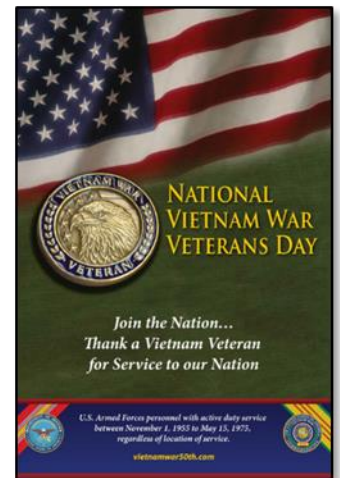
The Installation Prevention Team/ Suicide Prevention Task Force (IPT/ SPTF) will be hosting a Guest Speaker Event. Please join us on **Wednesday, March 25**, in Heritage Hall, Building 60, 10-11:30 a.m., to hear an important message from Danielle Jones, a Quad City native. Jones is an "In Your Own Voice" presenter and spokesperson for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and founder of "Café Therapy." Jones will present on reducing the stigma associated with mental illness and suicide prevention. Resource tables will also be available at the event to increase awareness of on-post and local community helping resources. Attendees from organizations who wish to participate will receive credit for FY 20 Suicide Awareness Training. Register in TEDs by searching keywords: "FY20 Garrison Suicide Prevention." If your organization does not use the TEDs system, please ensure that you sign in at the event. The rosters will be sent to each command to ensure credit is given for your attendance.



Vietnam War – 50th Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony

The Rock Island National Cemetery will host the Vietnam War – 50th Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony on **Saturday, March 28**, at 10 a.m., at the Cemetery's main flag pole. This ceremony, held annually on, or close to, National Vietnam War Veterans Day, will consist of the following elements coordinated by Vietnam Veterans of America Quad Cities Chapter 299 and 776.

- Welcome & Introductions – Lance Pridemore, director, Rock Island National Cemetery
- National Anthem – Rachel Hoffman
- Welcome Address – Lance Pridemore
- Keynote Speaker – TBD, Army Sustainment Command
- Wreath Laying, Brief History of the Ceremony – TBD
- Rifle Salute – VVA #299 and #776
- Taps – Tracy Hepner, Bugles Across America
- Conclusion
- Pinning Ceremony



The pinning ceremony will involve awarding a Vietnam War Veteran pin to each Vietnam War veteran who in attendance at the ceremony. National Vietnam War Veterans Day is a U.S. holiday observed annually across the Nation on March 29. It honors all United States veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces from Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location; the 2019 theme is "Join the Nation... Thank a Vietnam Veteran for Service to our Nation." On March 28, 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017. This act officially recognizes March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The Act also includes the day among those days on which the U.S. flag should especially be displayed. U.S. involvement in Vietnam started slowly with an initial deployment of advisors in the early 1950s, grew incrementally through the early 1960s and expanded with the deployment of full combat units in July 1965. The last U.S. personnel were evacuated from Vietnam in April 1975. This national commemoration was authorized by Congress, established under the Secretary of Defense, and launched by the President to thank and honor our Nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. In 2007, the 110th Congress incorporated language in House of Representatives (H.R.) 4986 authorizing the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. H.R. 4986 was signed into law as the

National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2008 by President George W. Bush on Jan. 28, 2008. President Barack Obama officially inaugurated this Commemoration at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012. Congress outlined a total of five objectives for this U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration, with the primary objective being to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the Nation, with distinct recognition of former prisoners of war and families of those still listed as missing in action. The four remaining objectives highlight the service of our Armed Forces and support organizations during the war; pay tribute to wartime contributions at home by American citizens; highlight technology, science and medical advances made during the war; and recognize contributions by our Allies. By Presidential proclamation, The U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration will continue through Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2025.

RIA SAAPM SHARP Open House

The Rock Island Arsenal SHARP Program, welcomes you to our RIA SHARP Open House on **Friday, April 10**, 10 a.m. – Noon, in the RIA SHARP Office, Building 110, as part of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) during the month of April. For more information on the event contact the USAG victim advocate, Linda Robertson, at 309-782-1455. National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is observed each year during the month of April to raise awareness and educate communities on the prevention of sexual assault. The DOD's 2020

theme is "Protecting Our People Protects Our Mission." Army leaders are responsible for ensuring a values-based prevention climate free of sexual assault, sexual harassment and retaliation. By doing so, they protect the well-being of the Soldiers, Army Civilians and Family Members under their responsibility and reinforce values of dignity and respect. In their integral role in the Army's drive to end sexual assault/harassment, Army commanders will continue to enforce Army standards to prevent sexual offenses from occurring. There is no place for sexual harassment, sexual assault or retaliation in the Army. While preventing sexual assault and enhancing mission readiness is a perpetual effort, SAAPM provides an opportunity for all members of the Army team to make a personal and public commitment to ending sexual assault, sexual harassment and retaliation from the ranks.



Honor Flight of the Quad Cities

Honor Flights are free to veterans who served during a time of conflict (such as WWII, Korea and Vietnam). While there, veterans will get to see the monuments erected in their honor. The public is urged to attend the welcome home at the Quad City International Airport at 10 p.m. The next flights will be:

- **Thursday, April 16**
- **Thursday, June 4**
- **Thursday, Sept. 17**
- **Thursday, Oct. 29**

Honor Flight of the Quad Cities asks that you do not call, but wait for them to call you. Veterans are assigned slots in order of date that applications were received, with WWII and Korean veterans being given priority. For more information and photos, visit the web site at www.honorflightqc.org.

RIA Earth Day – Historical Walking Tour of Quarters One

Join us for a Historical Walking Tour of Quarters One on **Tuesday, April 21**, 12:30-2 p.m. The Historians from Army Sustainment Command will lead a Historical Walking Tour of Quarters One to include the surrounding former gardens and green space. There is a 25 person limit, so please call 309-782-2851 no later than 4 p.m. on **Thursday, April 16**, to sign up.



RIA Earth Day – Earth Day Ceremony

Join us for our Rock Island Arsenal Earth Day Ceremony on **Wednesday, April 22**, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Building 60. This event will include opening remarks from Col. Stephen C. Marr, Garrison Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal, followed by the guest speaker Eric Sorensen, meteorologist, at WQAD TV 8, to discuss climate change. Upon completion of the presentation, participants will have ample opportunity to visit with the awesome exhibitors we have lined up and the DPW-Environmental Division team. Please wear **green** to show your Earth Day support.



RIA Earth Day – Tree Planting Ceremony

Join us for our Tree Planting Ceremony on **Thursday, April 23**, 12-1 p.m., in front of Building 102. There will be a short, but sweet tree planting ceremony in front of Building 102, followed by the very popular free distribution of tree saplings (must be a member of the Arsenal Island workforce). There will be Bur Oak, Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, and Persimmons available while supplies last. This will conclude our Earth Day activities.



Emergency Leave Transfer Program to Assist Federal Employees Affected by Hurricane Dorian

If you are interested in donating annual leave, complete [OPM Form 1638](#) and submit to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Building 104, no later than **Tuesday, April 21**. You must state on the 1638 which Emergency Leave Transfer Program you are donating to. If you have any questions contact the CPAC at 309-782-2430. This initiative has been directed by the President. The POC is Jaime Slocum at 309-782-2430. OPM Form 1638: https://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/opm1638.pdf

Rock Island Pet Wellness Clinic

Army Veterinary Corps Officer, Capt. Rachel Lovell, and Army Animal Care Specialist, Spc.(P) Gabriela Saldana, will be present at Rock Island Arsenal, location TBD, on **Friday, May 1**, 2-6 p.m., and on **Saturday, May 2**, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., to provide discounted veterinary services to the pets of active duty, Reserve, and Retired Soldiers and their dependents. The services that will be available include: vaccines (Rabies, Distemper, FVRCP, Bordetella, Leptospirosis, Lyme disease, and Canine Influenza), nail trims, heartworm tests, and blood work (including blood draws for FAVN tests). Owners will also be able to purchase heartworm prevention, flea and tick prevention, dental chews, and other over the counter supplements. Interested owners are encouraged to make an appointment for their pet ahead of time by contacting the Great Lakes Veterinary Clinic at 847-688-5740 or by email at greatlakesvtf@gmail.com. Walk-in appointments will also be accepted, but may have to wait until an available slot. Other products/services than those mentioned above may be provided by calling and setting up an appointment in advance.

Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — Contents of the Island Insight are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the Department of the Army. The views and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Garrison or the Department of the Army.

- **Bayside Bistro**, 1105 Christie Street, Davenport, offering a 10% discount to active, retired, reserve and National Guard members and government civilians on all menu items.
- **Pillar Equipment**, 2001 5th Street, STE 40 in Silvis, Illinois, offering \$100 off on new Kubota mowers and up to \$500 off on select new Kubota tractors for Farmer Veteran Coalition members; this is a free membership. See www.kubotausa.com or www.myorangetractor.com for details.
- **Boozie's Bar and Grill**, downtown Davenport, offering 15% discount on your food with a valid ID to all active military, reserves, retirees, and veterans. Just ask the server for your discount.
- **Zeke's Island**, 842 Middle Road, Bettendorf, receive \$2 off your order. Just show your Arsenal badge. You may also order online at zekesislandcafe.com enter 21375 for your discount.
- **Downtown Davenport's Bad Boy'z**, downtown Davenport, 131 W 2nd Street, offering a \$1 off lunch buffet. Mention the “arsenal discount” to get the offer.
- **Urban Farmhouse Moline**, 1209 4th Ave., Moline, show your badge to receive 10% off your purchase.
- **Antonella's II**, 421 river drive, in Davenport, offering a 20% discount to all military services active or reserves, seniors and their immediate families on all menu items (must have ID).
- **QC Wellness Group**, 2220 E 53rd Street, Davenport, discounted chiropractic care to all active duty, reserves, and veterans.
- **R.I.A. Federal Credit Union**, Building 61, Arsenal employees get \$25 when you open up a new member checking and savings account at our branch; active duty members and veterans get \$100 when you open a new member checking and savings account.

This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.



Government Bridge Closure March 14 and 21

Work at the Corps of Engineers' Lock 15 necessitates a closure of the Government Bridge from 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. on **Saturday, March 14**, and again **March 21**, if weather impacts progress. This will impact rail, vehicular, and pedestrian traffic for the duration of the closure. River navigation will not be impacted.

Phase 2 Gate Changes Began March 3

Phase 2: Effective March 3, hours of operation of the Rock Island and the Davenport Gates are as follows:

- Davenport Gate:
 - Monday - Friday: Inbound - Closed
 - Monday - Friday: Outbound - 2-5:30 p.m.
 - Saturday: Closed
 - Sunday: Closed
- Rock Island Gate:
 - Monday - Friday: 5:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. with Outbound traffic only from 10:30 p.m. - midnight
 - Saturday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 - Sunday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

The hours of operation at the Moline Gate will remain unchanged.

Water Main Project

Effective Feb. 24, the Directorate of Public closed a portion of Gillespie Street between South Ave and Beck Ave in order to connect new fire services and accomplish other water main work. The work is scheduled to last a week, but will be weather dependent. Detours will use Second Street or East Street and Beck Avenue. Barricades will be in place to denote the closure area. Please use caution when traveling or walking in the area.

Road Closure In Support of Building 68 Chiller Replacement Project

Effective Feb. 7, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) closed the North Avenue road between East Street and Third Street for contract personnel to remove air conditioning equipment in support of the Building 68 chiller replacement project. As the contractor prepares for closure barricades were placed at appropriate intersection. Emergency Services will have access in the case of an emergency, the contractor will cease operation to allow for safe passage of employees. The closures may be rescheduled due to weather or other unforeseen issues.

Excavation Activities West of Bldg. 299 and South of Beck Avenue

Effective Feb. 17, the Directorate of Public Works began excavation activities at the former coal pile located just west of Building 299 and south of Beck Avenue. Work involves removal of the remaining coal, then excavation and disposal of impacted soil, followed by backfilling with clean fill. The coal pile will be fenced off along Beck Avenue and will have two access points along Beck Avenue for dump trucks to enter and leave the site. Signage was placed near the site warning drivers of the construction area and trucks entering and leaving the site. Beck Avenue will remain open during the activities. Activities are anticipated to take **two months** to complete.

Installation of Temporary 12K Gallon Aboveground Storage Tank

Effective Feb. 18, Defense Logistics Agency's Routine Maintenance and Minor Repair contractor began the installation of a temporary 12K gallon aboveground storage tank (AST). The AST is to be located west of Building 244 entrance to Gas Station. Work will involve the use of heavy equipment to secure the site with protection barriers, install the 12K gallon AST with dispenser setup, connection to the bases existing fuel master inventory control system and transfer of the diesel fuel currently in the underground tank to the temporary AST. Access to the Gas Stations fuels

dispensing island will be limited to the east side of Building 244. Beck Avenue will remain open during the construction activities. The project is anticipated to take **three to four weeks** to complete.

Repair Building 170 Water Main

Effective July 29, the Directorate of Public Works began a project to repair the water main servicing Building 170 and other area buildings. The initial and primary work is directly around Building 170, but the overall work area will include South Avenue to Beck Avenue and Gillespie Street to East Street. The work includes excavating for new water main's, valves and hydrants. Traffic will be limited to one lane at times. Signage and barricades will be located to warn and direct traffic. Short-term water outages and boil orders are expected in the work area. Separate notifications will be provided prior to any additional water outages. The project is scheduled to be completed by **April 2020**, weather dependent.

Building/Space Closures



There are no announcements at this time.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone



SMA: Empowered Junior NCOs Crucial To Increasing Lethality

Junior non-commissioned officers know the pulse of their squads. They're at the ground level, they interact daily with their Soldiers and set the tone, the Army's top enlisted leader said. To empower them, they need to be allowed to make and learn from their mistakes -- as long as they're not illegal, immoral or unethical -- when deciding what's best for their Soldiers. "If they make a decision you don't like, just let it be and see how they run with it," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston. "Don't be quick to solve it for them." While some leaders at first may struggle with this hands-off approach, he believes the young NCOs will be able to grow from their mistakes. Supervisors can then follow up with coaching to inspire better decisions from the budding leaders, later freeing up the supervisors to tackle larger issues in the unit. (More: www.army.mil/article/233378)

Army Reserve Mobile App to Keep Soldiers Connected To Units

The Army Reserve's mobile application, the Double Eagle, is now being developed by the 75th Innovation Command, lawmakers were told last Tuesday. The Army Reserve originally planned to release the app in 2019, said Lt. Gen. Charles Luckey, chief of the Army Reserve and commander of the U.S. Army Reserve Command. He touted the app early last year as a powerful recruiting tool to help the Army meet its end-strength goals. "It's better than it was when I reported last year," Luckey told the House Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee hearing Tuesday, but added "It's still not where I want it to be." Luckey said that he would like the app to remain current

and relevant for Army recruits in the 18- to 20-year-old age group. (More: www.army.mil/article/233436)

Free Tax Software, Support Available For Soldiers, Families

With the tax season upon us, service members and their families can access free tax-filing software and consultations to help them navigate the task of submitting their annual taxes. Military members and their families can visit the Military OneSource website or call 1-800-342-9647 for the no-cost "MilTax" software, explained Erika Slaton, a program analyst with Military OneSource. The Defense Department recognizes that military members and their families have unique filing situations with deployments, relocations and various deductions and credits, she said. The MilTax software, previously known as "Military OneSource Tax Services," was created with the military situation in mind, Slaton said. (More: www.army.mil/article/181811)

Active Duty Out Processing Levy Brief

Out Processing Levy Brief schedule – this briefing is designed to provide you with access to the information and resources you need to complete your permanent change of station move. Service members that are put on assignment will sign up for the next available briefing. Spouses are encouraged to attend with or without their sponsor and should bring a power of attorney in case specifics need be discussed or coordinated. Upcoming Levy Brief date:

- **May 14, ACS Training Room, Building 110**
- **June 11, ACS Training Room, Building 110**
- **Aug. 13, ACS Training Room, Building 110**
- **Nov. 12, 2020, ACS Training Room, Building 110**

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

To register call MPD at 309-782-1526 or sign up in [TEDs](#) using keyword "Levy Brief."



Safety Spotlight



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The top priority of the installation safety office is to safeguard and protect service members, their families, civilian employees and Army property as well as to create the safest workplace and living environment possible. Website:

<https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/about/Garrison/safety-office>

2020 Upcoming Motorcycle Rider Training Dates

- **April 28-29: Basic Rider Course (BRC)** – Two days of (classroom & motorcycle range) rider instruction. Training motorcycles will be provided.
- **April 30: Experience Rider Course (ERC)** – One day of (classroom & motorcycle range) rider instruction. Bring your own motorcycle to the course. Course is for standard, touring, or cruiser motorcycles only. No sports bikes allowed.
- **Sept. 22-23: Basic Rider Course (BRC)** – Two days of (classroom & motorcycle range) rider instruction. Training motorcycles are provided.
- **Sept. 24: Experience Rider Course (ERC)** – One day of (classroom & motorcycle range) rider instruction. Bring your own motorcycle to the course. Course is for standard, touring, or cruiser motorcycles only. No sports bikes allowed.

Students must attend all sessions and pass a written and skills evaluation in order to receive credit for the course. Who can attend? Only active duty service members or any service member on orders (IDT, AT for guard/reserve).

PPE Requirements

- Helmet: DOT approved helmet
- Eye protection: designed to meet or exceed ANSI Z87.1
- Protective clothing: long sleeve shirt or jacket, long sturdy pants
- Footwear: sturdy over the ankle footwear/boots
- Hand protection: full-fingered gloves made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material

Students taking the Experienced Rider Course must provide the following at check-in:

- Military ID
- Valid motorcycle license or permit
- BRC Card
- Valid motorcycle registration
- Valid proof of motorcycle insurance

Note: If using a barrowed motorcycle, you must bring a signed letter from the legal owner authorizing you're use of the motorcycle.

To register for a course:

- Go to <https://imc.army.mil/airs>
- Select "Northeast" from region dropdown menu
- Select "Rock Island Arsenal" from Garrison dropdown menu
- Select "Course Needed" from Courses dropdown menu
- Stoll to the correct month on the calendar to register for the course

POC for the Motorcycle training is Tony Kruse, Garrison Safety Office, 309-782-2314 or 1380, anthony.r.kruse.civ@army.mil.



The Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) program formulates, directs, and sustains a comprehensive effort to maximize human potential to ensure fair treatment for military personnel, family members, and civilians without regard to race, color, gender, religion, or national origin, and provide an environment free of unlawful discrimination and offensive behavior. Garrison EEO office hours: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; 309-782-1488; Website:

<https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/about/Garrison/equal-employment-opportunity-program>

Women's History Month Observance

First Army will host the Rock Island Arsenal Women's History Month observance on **Thursday, March 26**, in Heritage Hall, Building 60, at 1 p.m. Stephanie Aciri, mayor of Moline, will serve as guest speaker. In TEDs keyword 2020WHM. March is National Women's History Month. During this observance, the Army pays tribute to the contributions of women in the building of this great nation. The National Women's History Month theme for 2020 is We Can Do It... and She Did – Honoring the Past, Securing the Future! Army leaders across the department continue to set the conditions for all Soldiers and Civilians to reach their full potential, and assign tasks and jobs throughout the force based on ability, not gender. All Soldiers, regardless of gender, complete the same training and must pass the same requirements to be awarded a military occupational specialty in any career field. Women have served the United States Army since the Revolutionary War. Today more than 174,000 women serve in the Total Force. Women serve in every career field in the Army, and are critical members of the Army team. The Army is proud of today's women Soldiers, who serve with distinction and are role models exemplifying the Army's highest values. Women's History Month stands as a reminder of the strength the Army has gained through a high-quality diverse all-volunteer force. (More: www.army.mil/women)



Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Army MWR is a quality-of-life program that directly supports readiness by providing a variety of community, Soldier, and family support programs, activities and services. Included in MWR are social, fitness, recreational, educational, and other programs and activities that enhance community life, foster Soldier and unit readiness, promote mental and physical fitness, and generally provide a working and living environment that attracts and retains quality for U.S. Army Soldiers, Family members, Retirees and its civilian workforce. Visit the MWR website at <https://rockisland.armymwr.com> for information on all MWR programs. How is MWR doing? Tell us by going to <https://ice.disa.mil>, navigate to "Rock Island Arsenal" and search "MWR" for a full listing of all our programs and services.



Right Arm Night

Join us for Right Arm Night on **Friday, March 13**, 3-7 p.m., at the Lock & Dam Lounge. Right Arm Night is a time honored Army tradition where leaders bring their "right arm(s)," or those standing on their right, who help them accomplish the mission each day out for a fun evening of camaraderie and esprit de corps. The entire RIA workforce is welcome to attend. Come out and network with some more of your island colleagues in a fun, relaxed environment. Right Arm Night will be held on the second Friday of each month starting on Friday, March 13, at the Lock and Dam Lounge in Building 60. Call 309-782-6319 for more info.

Quarters One Paranormal Investigation

Join us for our Quarters One Paranormal Investigation on **Saturday, March 28**, 5-8 p.m., in Quarters One. Come learn about the haunted history of this majestic Italianate style mansion on the banks of the Mississippi River. Doors will open at 5 p.m., the Army Sustainment Command historian will give a talk beginning at 6 p.m. and the Illinois Paranormal Research Team will conduct an investigation starting at 7 p.m. Participants must be at least 18 years old. Cost is \$25/person and you can reserve your spots and pre-pay by visiting the Leisure Travel Office in Building 333 or calling 309-782-5890.

Youth Summertime Activities Expo

Join us for our Youth Summertime Activities Expo on **Thursday, April 9**, in Heritage Hall, Building 60, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. More than 40 vendors will showcase their summer programming to include volunteering opportunities so come and learn about the activities. Open to all in the RIA community. There will be numerous opportunities from our sponsors so don't miss out. For more info call 309-782-3049.

RIA 2020 Easter Eggstravaganza

Come join MWR on **Saturday, April 11**, at 9 a.m., at Memorial Park for our 2020 Easter Eggstravaganza! The event will feature age appropriate egg hunts for children ages 1-12 as well as pictures with the Easter Bunny, face painting and balloon animals, prize drawings and craft projects. We'll also have the popular teddy bear clinic so bring your child's favorite stuffed friend to be checked out by the RIA Health Clinic staff. For more information please call 309-782-2165 or 309-782-2828. We are also looking for donations for the kids goody bags, if you would like to contribute please call 309-782-0791 for drop of information.



Run the Rock & America's Kids Run 2020 Registration Now Open

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2020 races of the Run the Rock & America's Kids Run taking place **Saturday, May 16**, at Memorial Field. With races for all ages including: 100 yard dash for ages 3-4, 1/2 mile for ages 5-6, 1 mile for ages 7-8, 2 mile for ages 9-13 and 5K or 10K for everyone else, this is a great way for the entire family to celebrate our service men and women on Armed Forces Day. This event is open to the public so even if you're not a runner/walker. After the races are done the post-race party kicks off and includes food and drink, live music, awards presentations and lots of activities for all ages so don't wait, visit www.getmeregistered.com/RIARuntheRock and sign up today.



Free Movie Tickets with Qualifying Auto Service

During the entire **month of March**, every qualifying service of a full service oil change, tire rotation & balance and a wheel alignment comes with two free movie tickets redeemable at either the Regal Moline Movie Theater or the Cinemark Davenport Movie Theater. Get your ride tuned up and ready for those spring/summer road trips and enjoy a night at the theater on us. Upon completion of the qualifying service, the Auto Service Center will issue you a voucher that can be redeemed for your two free movie tickets at the Leisure Travel Office in Building 333. Call 309-782-8631 for more info and to schedule your service with our ASE Certified mechanics.

Food Options Available On Rock Island Arsenal

1. Cafeteria located in Building 212

- Open Monday - Thursday, 5:30-9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Serve made to order breakfast items as well as breakfast grab and go items. Lunch offers a Salad bar, made to order deli sandwiches and grill items, pizza and a daily hot entree.

2. Cafeteria located in Building 350

- Open Monday - Friday, 6- 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Serve made to order breakfast items as well as breakfast grab and go items. Lunch offers a salad bar, made to order deli sandwiches and grill items, pizza and a daily hot entree.

3. Food Court located in Building 60

- Open Monday - Friday, 6-9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Serve made to order breakfast items as well as breakfast grab and go items. Lunch offers a salad bar, made to order deli sandwiches and grill items, pizza, Mexican and a daily hot entree. Building 60 offers a Starbucks coffee bar also.

4. Island Oasis located inside Building 67 (October-March) and on the lawn of Building 67 (April - October)

- Open Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Inside - serves a variety of sandwiches, salads, soups, an occasional hot item, chips and deserts.
- Outside - serves a variety of grill items, cold sandwich choices, salads, chips and deserts.

MWR Leisure Travel Office



We offer substantial discounts on tickets to local attractions, concerts, amusement parks and regional bus trips to exciting destinations. Check with us first for all your entertainment needs, we can save you money. Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. (email: anna.winters@us.army.mil) (website: <https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/leisure-travel-office>)

Family Craft Night

Join us for Family Craft Night on **Wednesday, March 11**, 5-7 p.m., in the Lock & Dam Lounge. RIA families, come join us in the Lock and Dam Lounge for our March craft night. This month we'll be making leprechaun traps. Cost is \$5/crafter and please RSVP by calling 309-782-5890. The Lock and Dam kitchen will be open and serving food so come hungry and make an evening out of it.

St. Patty's Day Bunco

Join us for St. Patty's Day Bunco on **Thursday, March 12**, 6-8 p.m., in the Lock & Dam Lounge. It's time for St. Patrick's Day Bunco – come out and join us for this fun, fast paced and social dice game. Never played before? Don't worry, we'll teach you, it's easy to learn. Cost is \$5/player. For more info, please call 309-782-5890 or stop by the Leisure Travel Office in Building 333, next to the Exchange.

MWR Van Trip: Chicago St Patty Pub Crawl

Join us for our MWR Van Trip to the Chicago St. Patty Pub Crawl on **Saturday, March 14**, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.; \$40 - 10 seats - transportation only. Stops to include Emmitt's Irish Pub, Kerryman Irish Bar, and Two Brothers brewery for dinner. Call 309-782-5890 to reserve seat with payment.

Circa 21 Dinner & Playhouse Presents: Saturday Night Fever

Join us at the Circa 21 Dinner & Playhouse as they present Saturday Night Fever on **Saturday, April 18**. Based on the 1977 movie phenomenon that launched the disco era and made John Travolta a household name, Saturday Night Fever features hit songs from the Bee Gees — such as “Stayin’ Alive,” “Disco Inferno,” and “How Deep Is Your Love” — and is one of the most successful movie sound tracks of all time, winning a 1979 Grammy for Album of the Year and staying on U.S. album chart until March 1980. The stage musical includes almost all of the songs from the original movie sound track, and the high-octane energy will bring you back to the time when disco was king. Door open at 4:45 p.m.; discounted seats \$51.25 available until **Saturday, April 4**.

Monster Jam

This. Is. Monster Jam! The most action-packed motorsports experience for families in the world today returns to Moline for another high-octane weekend featuring the ultimate mix of high-flying action and four-wheel excitement at the TaxSlayer Center on **Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17**. The Party in the Pits starts at 4:30pm and goes to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday. The party in the pits gives fans the opportunity to get a view of the trucks up close and meet the drivers of the massive Monster Jam trucks. *No pit party entry after 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. MWR Leisure Travel has discounted seats on sale until **Monday, April 27**; \$23, \$28, \$33, \$38, \$15 pit passes.

Chicago Cubs Bus Trip – Cubs vs Reds

The MWR Leisure Travel office has seats available for an adults only Chicago Cubs bus trip on **Friday, July 17**, as the Cubs take on the Cincinnati Reds at Wrigley Stadium. Game time will be 1:20 p.m.; cost is \$159 per person. Includes transportation to and from game plus ticket. Alcohol is permitted. Small coolers only. No glass containers. A Tri-State Travel chartered bus will pick up at the Visitor Control Center by the Moline gate at 7 a.m. Bus trip is open to the public. Get your group together and sign up today. This trip is expected to fill up fast. Contact the Leisure Travel Office at 309-782-5890.



Chicago Cubs Bus Trip – Cubs vs Cardinals

The MWR Leisure Travel office has seats available for a Chicago Cubs bus trip on **Saturday, Aug. 22**, as the Cubs take on the reigning National League Central Division Champions the St. Louis Cardinals at Wrigley Stadium. Game time will be 1:20 p.m.; cost is \$155 per person. Includes transportation to and from game plus ticket. A Tri-State Travel chartered bus will pick up at the Visitor Control Center by the Moline gate at 7 a.m. Bus trip is open to the public. Contact the Leisure Travel Office at 309-782-5890.



Quad City Storm Discount Tickets

MWR Leisure Travel Office has \$20 seating vouchers for \$18 to all home games to the Quad City Storm. For more information give the office a call at 309-782-5890. The Quad City Storm is a professional minor league hockey team that began play in the 2018–19 season as a member of the Southern Professional Hockey League. The team is based in the Quad Cities area of Illinois and Iowa, with home games at the TaxSlayer Center in Moline. The team replaced the ECHL's Quad City Mallards.



Quarters One Still Available For Private Events

What better location to host your office party or other private event than at the majestic and historic Italianate-style mansion of Quarters One. Historical Quarters One is a 1870s era beautiful mansion that is perfect for many different types of events. Please contact the FMWR Leisure Travel Office at 309-782-5890 for more [detailed information or to make your reservations](#). Quarters One (also known as Building 301) is the former residence of the highest-ranking officer on the Rock Island Arsenal. At 51 rooms and 21,965 square feet, when it was still used as military quarters, it was the second-largest federal residence in the United States, behind the White House. Work begun on Quarters One under General Thomas S. Rodman in May 1870 and was completed in 1872 under Major Flagler. The home was built for the purpose of providing quarters for the highest-ranking officer as well as providing space for official gatherings and functions. The first major gathering held in the residence was in 1871 for the funeral of General Rodman. Over the years, many dignitaries and notable personalities stayed at the residence including Charles Lindbergh in 1927 and King Carl XVI Gustav and Queen Silvia of Sweden in 1996. In 2006, the Army decided to discontinue its use as a residence. The last occupants, Maj. Gen and Mrs. Robert M. Radin, left in 2008.

Discount Disney World Tickets at Leisure Travel

Are you Florida bound for a family spring break getaway? MWR's Leisure Travel Office located in Building 333, next to the Exchange can save you some serious money on Disney World tickets. Check out the savings in the attached document and call us at 309-782-5890 to reserve your discount tickets to "The Happiest Place on Earth."

Choice Hotels

Need lodging for the night or for vacation? Choice Hotels has more than 3,500 participating hotels worldwide. Stay with a Choice Hotel and save every time. Go to www.choicehotels.com and enter ID#0023054 to save 15% on your stays.

Leisure Travel Has Discount Tickets on Theme Park Fun

Are you headed to Florida for Disney World or Universal Studios fun? Staying closer to home and looking for deals on Six Flags tickets? The Leisure Travel Office in Building 333 should be your first stop. With deep discounts on tickets to all these great parks, we can save you some money. Call Leisure Travel at 309-782-5890 for more info and to book your tickets.

Child & Youth Services



Child & Youth Services provides a full range of child care programs and services for children ages six weeks through senior year in high school. Services include full-day, part-day, hourly, pre-k, school outs, summer programming, sports and fitness, and instructional classes. All CYS programs/facilities will be closed all federal holidays, CYS CDC/CD Home/FCC staff in-service day and any other additional days/installation closures approved by the garrison commander. Fees will not be reduced, refunded, or prorated for these days. (Website:

<https://rockisland.armymwr.com/categories/cys-services>) (Facebook: www.facebook.com/RIACYSS)

Teen Council

For the months of March and April the Teen Council will be meeting twice per month to plan the lock-in. If your youth is interested in assisting us with the lock in planning we would love for them to attend. Our meetings will be held the first and third Tuesdays at the School Age Center, Building 150, from 5-6 p.m. We are looking for youth leaders interested in planning our teen program and events, earning service learning / volunteer hours, making new friends, and learning new skills such as marketing, budgeting, and event planning. Participating on the Teen Council also looks great on scholarship, college, and job applications. The Teen Council is open to all Arsenal affiliated youth grades 6-12. Youth do not have to register to participate, just come join us on the **first and third Tuesdays through March and April**. For more information call 309-782-6515 or 309-782-0814. We hope to see your youth at our March events. Our youth lock in will be **April 24-25**, so please save the date.

Teen Game Night and Open Recreation

Our teen game night is **Wednesday, March 18**, from 6-8:30 p.m. All arsenal affiliated 6th-12th grade youth are invited and welcome to bring a friend. Youth will play Mafia and other games, hang out with friends during open rec, and have snacks and pop at the School Age Center, Building 150. If your youth would like to participate call 309-782-6515 or 309-782-0814 to sign up. There is no cost for this event.

Teen Homework Enrichment Program

Attention teen parents – CYS has a new program for teens! Studies have shown that the time of day youth begin to engage in risky behaviors is between the hours 3-6 p.m. when they have an empty and parent-free home. It is the mission of Child & Youth Services reduce the conflict between mission requirements and parental responsibilities. Our goal is to provide programs and services for children and youth which enable learning, encourage positive choices, and foster the development of positive self-concept and the feeling of acceptance. CYS has a new homework enrichment program for 6th-12th grade youth. Teens enrolled in this program will be provided a snack, homework assistance, and the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities with friends after school in our "teens only" room. There is no cost for the program and free bussing from Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley High Schools, Bettendorf Middle School, and Pleasant Valley Junior High to the program will be provided each afternoon for those enrolled. There is no minimum participation

requirement, and youth enrolled in the program will have access throughout the school year. Youth must register with CYS to participate. To register call Parent Central Services at 309-782-2165.

RIA Teen Council

Date Change for the RIA Teen Council meetings! The RIA Teen Council will now be meeting held on the first Tuesday of the month from 5-6 p.m. at the School Age Center, Building 150. We hope our teen leaders will join our RIA Teen Council. We are looking for youth leaders interested in planning our teen program and events, earning service learning / volunteer hours, making new friends, and learning new skills such as marketing, budgeting, and event planning. Participating on the Teen Council also looks great on scholarship, college, and job applications. The Teen Council is open to all Arsenal affiliated youth grades 6-12. Youth do not have to register to participate, just come join us on the first Tuesday each month. For more information call 309-782-6515 or 309-782-0814.



Army Community Service



Army Community Service is an Army-wide community, social service program that provides services that assist Soldiers, Family members, and Department of the Army civilians maintain readiness, develop self-reliance, resiliency and stability. U.S. Army Installation Management Command provides these services through a network of programs that support goals related to recruitment, retention, morale, and operational readiness of the force. ACS on RIA is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; visit our ACS website <https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-service> or phone 309-782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. Find us on Facebook click here: www.facebook.com/RIAACS. 24/7 Domestic Violence Crisis Line: **309-912-6089**.

JMTC Factory Tour

The Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program has coordinated a tour of the JMTC Factory on **Thursday, March 12**, 9-10:30 a.m. Join us in learning about the factory and its history and capabilities. This tour is open to new personnel (within the last 18 months), family members of deployed personnel, and multicultural families. Reservations are required by **Thursday, March 5**.

Newcomers Orientation

Offered the 4th Thursday of every month January to October. This is an all-day event that provides an opportunity to learn about the services available on RIA and learn about the Quad City Region we will call home. This is great way to get familiar with your resources and the area.

- **March 26**
- **April 23**
- **May 28**
- **June 25**
- **July 23**
- **Aug. 27**
- **Sept. 24, 2020**
- **Oct. 22, 2020**

The day consists of briefings and lunch; the day will be from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Light breakfast items (on site) and lunch at Building 60 cafeteria are provided courtesy of our sponsors RIA Federal Credit Union and USAA. R.S.V.P. required to sign up contact ACS at 309-782-0829. This event has a maximum and minimum participation requirement.

RIA Volunteer Advisory Council Meeting

This meeting is designed to provide a platform for the Installation to collaborate efforts, share information, and ideas, and discuss issues revolving around Volunteering. The meeting is held quarterly. If you would to attend an upcoming council meeting please contact ACS. Upcoming Council Meetings:

- **April 7**
- **July 6**
- **Oct. 6, 2020**

The meetings will be held from 9-10 a.m. in the ACS Training Room, 1st Floor, in Building 110. R.S.V.P. Required: to sign up contact ACS at 309-782-0829.

Relocation Assistance Coordinating Committee

This meeting is designed to provide a platform for the Installation to collaborate efforts, share information, and ideas, and discuss issues revolving around Relocation to and from Rock Island Arsenal. The meeting is held Bi-Annually. Upcoming Council Meetings:

- **April 9**
- **Oct. 8, 2020**

Time: 10-11 a.m.

Location: Building 110; 1st floor, ACS Training Room

R.S.V.P. required; to sign up contact ACS at 309-782-0829

Volunteer Pot Luck Social Night

Calling all volunteers and volunteer supervisors. Come and take part in a night to socialize with other volunteers across Rock Island Arsenal. The event is an informal potluck open to anyone who volunteers in a Rock Island Arsenal activity and the volunteer supervisors. Bring a dish to share and take advantage of a chance to meet new people and hear about what other volunteers are doing across the Installation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer on Rock Island Arsenal, please contact Army Community Service at 309-782-0829.

- **Sept. 10**

Location: Caisson Room, Building 60

Time: 5:30-8 p.m.

Overseas Orientation

Are you taking an assignment in an overseas location? Let Army Community Service Relocation Assistance programs provide you with a country specific brief that includes information on the PCS process, travel requirements, entitlements, and things you need to know before you go and much more. The orientation is offered monthly on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 9:30 a.m. Spouses are highly encouraged to join. R.S.V.P. is required. To sign up contact ACs at 309-782-0829.

Face to Face Sponsorship Training

Sponsorship is the key to a smooth transition and proper unit integration. Sponsorship is available to both military and civilian entities. A well informed and well equipped sponsor has the ability to support unit readiness during a time of turnover and transition. Good sponsors have the ability to set a positive tone for unit moral and support. Army Community Service offers face to face sponsorship training that provides sponsors with the tools necessary to perform their sponsorship duties efficiently and effectively. The training is offered monthly on the first Friday of the month in the ACS Training Room. R.S.V.P. is required. To sign up contact ACS at 309-782-0829. Unit training is available upon request.



MWR Outdoor Recreation Office



Outdoor Recreation is your one-stop rental shop for all your outdoor adventures, special events, home maintenance and repair. No matter the season, we have the equipment to get you out into the great outdoors. From skis and snowboards to campers and canoes, we have you covered. Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 333, Phone: 309-782-8630. (email: robert.l.lampert.naf@mail.mil), Website: <https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation>



RV Storage Lot Spaces Available

Outside vehicle storage is offered in a secured access controlled lot. Patrons can store campers, boats, and personally owned vehicles and more. Fees for outdoor storage spaces are \$30/month and with no contract you can store with us for as little or as long as you need. For more info and to reserve your spaces, call Outdoor Recreation at 309-782-8630.

Cargo Trailers

Are you moving or changing residence? To help make this move easier Outdoor Recreation has cargo trailers available for your use. Please call 309-782-8630 for more information or to make your reservation.

Special Event Equipment

Do you have a special event coming up? Outdoor Recreation has party canopies, tables, chairs, charcoal grills, backyard games and bounce houses to help ensure the success and fun of your event. Please call 309-782-8630 for more information or stop by Outdoor Recreation any time Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. and our staff will gladly show you all of the items available.

Employee Assistance Program



The ASAP/EAP is dedicated to excellence in providing a standard of care that enhances the quality of life for its clients and the workforce of Rock Island Arsenal. We believe that personal, family, and workplace problems can affect an employee's well-being and job performance. The ASAP/EAP promotes healthy lifestyles. Our most important asset is our employees and we are committed to providing professional counseling, educational assistance, and intervention services in an effort to promote wellness and improve the climate of the Rock Island Arsenal. ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor; visit our ASAP/EAP website <https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/my-fort/all-services/army-substance-abuse-program> or phone 309-782-4357 or 309-782-HELP. Office hours are from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After Hour Emergencies: 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly. Find us on Facebook click here: www.facebook.com/RIAEmployeeAssistanceProgram.

Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence (EI) is the ability to understand and manage your own emotions, and those of the people around you. People with a high degree of emotional intelligence know what they're feeling, what their emotions mean, and how these emotions can affect other people. Register on TEDs, or call 309-782-0965. **(April 2, June 4)**

Real Colors

Real Colors training provides users with an effective tool for understanding human behavior, for uncovering motivators specific to each color temperament and for improving communication skills. Register on TEDs, or call 309-782-0965. **(April 8, and June 10)**

Working with You Is Killing Me

The workplace can be a volatile environment where people can sometimes rub each other the wrong way. This class will help you manage challenging relationships and take control of what you can control in the workplace: You! Register on TEDs, or call 309-782-0965. **(May 21, Aug. 13)**

Education/Training Review



Army Continuing Education System (ACES) is the Army's method for delivering educational opportunities to Soldiers that remediate, develop, and enhance skills needed for present and future jobs. The Army Continuing Education Division (ACED) promotes lifelong learning, readiness and resilience through flexible and relevant education programs, services and systems in support of the Total Army Family. The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: 309-782-2065 Fax: 309-782-7901. Please visit our website to learn more: <https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/my-fort/all-services/continuing-education-services>

National Defense Industrial Association Scholarships

The NDIA Scholarship Committee is now accepting applicants for \$2,500 scholarships. Scholarship applications and additional eligibility criteria may be found by clicking on the scholarship application line at www.ndia-ia-il.org. Applications must be postmarked **April 11**, or earlier. For more information, call 563-650-3252 after 5 p.m.

Sgt. Paul Fisher Scholarships

NDIA is now accepting applicants for the awarding for \$2,500 Sgt. Paul Fisher Scholarships. Scholarship applications and eligibility criteria may be found by clicking on the scholarship application line at www.ndia-ia-il.org. Applications must be postmarked **April 11**, or earlier. For more information, call 563-650-3252 after 5 p.m.

Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange



The Rock Island Commissary, www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/rock-island-arsenal, and the Exchange, www.shopmyexchange.com/exchange-stores/United%20States/IL/Rock%20Island/Rock-Island-Arsenal-9999912, are for active duty military, retirees, and service-connected disabled veterans only. There are exceptions for select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. Check out local specials and get POC information here: www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/rock-island-arsenal. For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com (Facebook: www.facebook.com/YourCommissary)

If you would like to be placed on our email contact list to receive periodic information on events happening at your Rock Island Arsenal Commissary, please email us at: rockisland@deca.mil and type 'Subscribe' in the subject line.

National Nutrition Month: 12 Ways Your Commissary Can Help Restart Your Health, Wellness Goals

Well into the new year, those “get healthy” resolutions often have fallen victim to busy schedules and daily diversions, but National Nutrition Month is here to help us get back on track. “National Nutrition Month in March is a great time to reenergize those goals and recommit to a healthier lifestyle,” said Deborah Harris, the Defense Commissary Agency’s Health and Wellness Program Manager, MPH, RD, CDE (Masters of Public Health, registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator). “Your commissary is here to back you up and keep you motivated with the following tips.” (More: www.commissaries.com/our-agency/newsroom/news-releases/national-nutrition-month-12-ways-your-commissary-can-help-restart)

Swish! Exchange Shoppers Can Win \$15,000 in Prizes During March Madness Sweepstakes

Nothing but net! Army & Air Force Exchange Service shoppers can shoot to score with the Unilever NCAA March Madness Sweepstakes. From Feb. 28 through April 2, authorized Exchange shoppers 18 years and older can enter by visiting ShopMyExchange.com/sweepstakes. Thirty winners will each win a \$500 Exchange gift card. (More: www.dvidshub.net/news/364145)

Shoppers Can Save More with MILITARY STAR! New Accounts Save 15% on First-Day Purchases March 5 to 19

Spring is in the air ... and so are the savings with MILITARY STAR®. From March 5 through March 19, military shoppers who apply and are approved for a new MILITARY STAR account will receive 15% off all purchases made the first day instead of the 10% discount regularly offered. The discount will appear as a credit on the first monthly billing statement. “With special discounts and cardholder-friendly terms, the MILITARY STAR card is a financial benefit to military members and their families,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Luis Reyes, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service’s senior enlisted advisor. “Opening a new account during this special promotion means saving extra on top of the everyday savings shoppers get with MILITARY STAR.” (More: www.dvidshub.net/news/364386)

Soldiers, Airmen Get 10% Off Tax Preparation Services with H&R Block at the Exchange

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is making filing season less taxing by teaming with H&R Block to offer tax preparation services to Soldiers, Airmen and their families at a 10% discount at select locations worldwide. “The Exchange helps take the guesswork out of tax preparation for Airmen, Soldiers and their families,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Luis Reyes, the Exchange’s senior enlisted advisor. “These professionals are well-trained to assist with Exchange shoppers’ tax preparation needs.” (More: www.dvidshub.net/news/363416)

Arsenal Archive

Information for the Arsenal Archive is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sundays and Mondays, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. (website: www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org) (Facebook: www.facebook.com/RIAMuseum)

Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program to Benefit RIA Historical Society

We are so excited to share that the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society has been selected to be a part of the Hy-Vee Reusable Bag program that supports local non-profits, which is designed to make it easy for customers to contribute to their local community while supporting the environment. For the **month of March**, each time a \$2.50 red "My Heart" Reusable Bag is purchased at the Hy-Vee located at 2930 18th Avenue, Rock Island, \$1 will be donated to the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag. This is a great way to raise awareness, support the environment and fundraise for our cause. Let's get started! We can begin by spreading the news to our friends and family. Call, send emails, and post on social media. The more people who learn about the program and purchase the \$2.50 red "My Heart" Reusable Bag during the month of March, the more money we will raise. To learn more about this program, please visit hy-vee.bags4mycause.com.

WWI Lecture Series: Stalemate on the Western Front

Join us for the WWI Lecture Series: Stalemate on the Western Front on **Wednesday, March 18**, 12-1 p.m., in the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. Employees can get CLP credit for attending the lecture series at the museum; you just need to search "WW1" in TEDs to find the class. The fight on the Western Front turned into a stalemate by 1915 and would remain largely unchanged for two more years. Join us to learn about this period during World War I when the war descended into a war of attrition. All visitors to the Arsenal will need to obtain a visitor's pass at the Visitor Control Center adjacent to the Moline Gate (23 Prospect Drive, 61265)

Healthbeat

Military Medical Budget Prioritizes Readiness, Reform

The military medical budget for fiscal year 2021 prioritizes the medical readiness of the military force in addition to their readiness of the medical force, while sustaining beneficiaries' access to quality healthcare, the assistant secretary for defense for health affairs told Congress today. Thomas McCaffrey, speaking to the House Appropriations Committee, outlined the proposed budget request of \$33.1 billion for the defense health program. "This proposed budget reflects our continued implementation of a number of comprehensive reforms to our health system as directed by Congress and [Defense Department] leadership," McCaffrey said. (More: www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2103315)

Notes for Veterans



VA Intends To Suspend Enrollment of New GI Bill Students at University Of Phoenix, Career Education Corporation, Bellevue University and Temple University

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), acting within its required approval authority under the law limiting certain advertising, sales, and enrollment practices, notified the University of Phoenix, Career Education Corporation (Colorado Technical University, American InterContinental University), Bellevue University and Temple University, March 9, of the agency's intent to disapprove the enrollment of new GI Bill students at these institutions. After careful review and consideration of findings provided by the Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General Offices, VA has concluded there is sufficient evidence to support a finding that these schools have utilized advertising, sales, or enrollment practices that are erroneous, deceptive, or misleading either by actual statement, omission, or intimation against GI Bill beneficiaries, in violation of the law. (More: www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5399)

VA Service Available on Rock Island Arsenal

The local Veterans Administration (VA) Outreach Representative for 16 counties in Iowa and Illinois, Shane Kern, will be at RIA twice a month to provide transitioning Soldiers (active duty, Reserve and National Guard), Family members and area veterans easy, predictable access to VA services. Upcoming VA visits scheduled at ACS Office, Bldg. 110/1st Floor from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- **Thursday, March 12**
- **Tuesday, March 24**

Appointments are not required. For more information, please contact Shane Kern at his office at 309-755-3260; cell 319-541-1036 or Shane.Kern@va.gov.

Around the Q.C.



An interactive version of Around the Q.C. is now available at:
www.facebook.com/groups/275103093432020

Once you have joined you can see a listing at the Facebook events people have posted to the group at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/275103093432020/events>

March 12-15: Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament (TaxSlayer Center) More: www.mvcquadcities.com

March 13: Gathering of the Clan Luncheon (RiverCenter, Davenport) More: www.stpatsqc.com

March 14: St. Patrick's Parade (Downtown Rock Island and Davenport) More: www.stpatsqc.com

March 18-21: Gathering of the Green (RiverCenter, Davenport) More: www.gatheringofthegreen.com

March 27-29: QCCA Flower and Garden Show (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island) More:
www.qccaexpoctr.com

May 2: Tour de Brew QC (Bicycle ride to different breweries and establishments in the Quad Cities) More:
www.qctourdebrew.com

May 2: Walcott City-Wide Garage Sale (Burt Clinic of Chiropractic & Walcott Casey's) More:
www.facebook.com/walcottcitywidegaragesales

May 2: Village in Bloom: Festival of the Arts (Village of East Davenport) More: www.villageinbloom.org

May 9-10: Beaux Arts Fair (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds) More: www.beauxartsfair.com

May 24-25: Heritage Days (Walnut Grove Pioneer Village) More: www.scottcountyiowa.com

May 25: Quad Cities Kwik Star Criterium (Village of East Davenport) More: www.quadcitiescriterium.com

June TBA: BE Downtown/Chalk Arts Fest (Downtown Bettendorf) More: www.bettendorf.org

June 1-6: Quad Cities Senior Olympics (greater Quad Cities) More: <http://qcsogo.org>

June 5-6: Rhubarb Festival (Aledo, Illinois) More: www.aledomainstreet.com

June TBA: Gumbo Ya Ya: (Downtown Rock Island) More: www.downtownrockisland.org

June TBA: Pioneer Days (Colonel Davenport House, Rock Island Arsenal) More: www.davenporthouse.org

June 6-14: Quad Cities Museum Week (Greater Quad Cities) More: www.qcmuseumweek.com

June 21: Ride the River Bike Ride (Davenport Riverfront) More: www.riveraction.org

June 19-21: Planet Funk Con – Comic-Con (TBK Bank Sports Complex) More: www.planetfunkcon.com

June TBA: Quad City Air Show (Davenport Municipal Airport) More: www.quadcityairshow.com

July 3: Red, White & Boom! (Rock Island and Davenport) More: www.redwhiteandboomqc.org

July 4: Firecracker Run & Parade (East Moline) More: www.emmainstreet.com

July 3-4: Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July (Bettendorf) www.bettendorf.org

July TBA: Mississippi Valley Blues Festival (TBA) More: www.mvbs.org

July 6-12: John Deere Classic PGA Tour (TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Illinois) More: www.johndeereclassic.com

July 11-15: Mercer County Fair (Fairgrounds, Aledo, Illinois) More: www.mercercountyfair.org

July 9-11: Walcott Truckers Jamboree (Iowa 80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa) More: www.truckersjamboree.com

July 14-18: Rock Island County Fair (East Moline) More: www.rockislandfair.org

July 17-18: Walcott Day Celebrates Mardi Gras (Walcott, Iowa)

July 24-25: Downtown Street Fest (Downtown Davenport) More: www.downtowndavenport.com

July 25: Bix 7 Run/Walk (Downtown Davenport) More: www.bix7.com

July 30-Aug. 1: Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival (Rhythm City Casino Resort, Davenport) More: www.bixsociety.org

Aug. 1: Heartland British Auto Fest (LeClaire Levee) More: www.qcbac.com

Aug. 4-9: Great Mississippi Valley Fair (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds) More: www.mvfair.com

Aug. 8: Village Wine Walk (Village of East Davenport) More: www.villageofeastdavenport.com

Aug. 13-15: Tug Fest (LeClaire, Iowa and Port Byron, Illinois) More: www.tugfest.org

Aug. TBA: Ya Maka My Weekend (Downtown Rock Island) More: www.downtownrockisland.org

Aug. 14-15: Quad Cities Balloon Festival (Iowa-side Quad Cities – location TBA) More: www.quadcitiesballoonfestival.com

Aug. 15: Freedom Fest (East Moline) More: www.emmainstreet.com

Aug. 15: Floatzilla (Sunset Marina, Rock Island) More: www.floatzilla.org

Aug. TBA: Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops (LeClaire Park, Davenport) More: www.qcso.org

Aug. TBA: World Series of Drag Racing (Cordova International Raceway) More: www.racecir.com

Aug. 22-23: Farm Days (Village of East Davenport) More: www.villageofeastdavenport.com

Aug. 27-30: Alternating Currents Festival (Downtown Davenport) More: www.alternatingcurrentsqc.com

Aug. 29: Vettes on the River (LeClaire, Iowa) More: www.visitleclaire.com

Sept. 5-6: Rock Island Grand Prix (Downtown Rock Island) More: www.rockislandgrandprix.com

Sept. TBA: QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show (John Deere Pavilion, Moline) More: www.visitjohndeere.com

Sept. TBA: VIVA Quad Cities Fiesta (Location TBA) More: www.vivaquadcities.com

Sept. 12-13: Beaux Arts Fair (Davenport) More: www.beauxartsfair.com

Sept. TBA: Taming of the Slough (Sylvan Slough) More: www.riveraction.org

Sept. TBA: Brew Ha Ha (LeClaire Park, Davenport) More: www.jayceesqc.org

Sept. 18-19: Great River Quilt Show (Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild) More: www.mvqq.org/quilt-show

Sept. 19-20: Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts (Village of East Davenport) More: www.midcoast.org

Sept. 27: Quad Cities Marathon (Downtown Moline) More: www.qcmarathon.org

Oct. 11: Apple Fest (Downtown LeClaire) More: www.visitleclaire.com

Oct. TBA: Row the Miss Regatta (Mississippi River in Moline) More: www.tworiversymca.org

Oct. 29: Fright Night (Schwiebert Park, Rock Island) More: www.downtownrockisland.org

Oct. 24: Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race (Village of East Davenport) More: www.lagomarcinos.com

Oct. 24-25: Boo at the Zoo (Niabi Zoo, Coal Valley, Illinois) More: www.niabizoo.com

Oct. 24: Witches Walk & Costume Parade (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa) More: www.visitleclaire.com

Nov. 21-29: Quad City Arts Festival of Trees (RiverCenter, Davenport) More: www.qcfestivaloftrees.com

Nov. 21: Festival of Trees Parade (Downtown Davenport) More: www.qcfestivaloftrees.com

Nov. 21: Lighting on the John Deere Commons (Downtown Moline) More: www.lightingonthecommons.com

Nov. 29: Christmas Walk (Walnut Grove Pioneer Village) More: www.scottcountyiowa.com

Dec. 6: 19th Century Christmas (Butterworth Center, Moline) More: www.butterworthcenter.com

Dec. TBA: Christkindlmarkt Quad Cities (Freight House, Davenport) More: www.christkindlmarktqc.com

Dec. TBA: Season of Light-Star of Bethlehem (Augustana College planetarium) More: www.augustana.edu

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