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Island Insight

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AMC Financial Management Chief Provides Continuity to Warfighter Support and Leadership Lessons during Visit to JMC

Joint Munitions Command hosted Christina Freese, deputy chief of staff for resource management at Army Materiel Command, to discuss the importance of JMC's munitions capabilities, the fiscal year budget and modernization efforts on June 15. As the senior resource management official for AMC, a four-star Army command and JMC's higher headquarters, Freese manages AMC's day-to-day resource operations and oversees an annual budget of more than \$40 billion. Freese's visit helped synchronize the behind-the-scenes aspects of AMC's and JMC's operations including producing, shipping, storing, and demilitarizing all conventional munitions for the Department of Defense. "Sound financial management makes the U.S. Army go 'round," John Campbell, JMC's deputy chief of staff for resource management, said. "Ensuring our commands are on the same page helps us maximize readiness, efficiency and effectiveness with the resources at hand for our men and women in uniform." The U.S.



Upcoming Dates

- June:** Army Heritage Month
- June:** LGBT Pride Month
- June:** National Caribbean American Month
- June:** National PTSD Awareness Month
- June:** National Safety Month
- June 23:** U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 82nd Birthday
- June 23:** Workforce Wednesday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3-7 p.m.
- June 24:** RIA Newcomer's, Lock and Dam Lounge, Bldg. 60, 8-11:30 a.m.
- June 24:** Thirsty Thursday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3-7 p.m.
- June 24:** ImpactLife Blood Drive, donor bus in Front of Building 390, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- June 25:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District Organizational Day, Memorial Park, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- June 26:** MWR Flea Market, Memorial Field Pavilion, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- June 27:** PTSD Awareness Day
- July:** Military Consumer Protection Month
- July:** UV Safety Month
- July:** Pledge to America's Workers Month
- July:** Health Innovation Month
- July 8:** First Army Change of Command, location TBD, 10-11 a.m.
- July 9:** Anniversary of the Warrant Officer Corps
- July 9:** HHC/ASC Change of Responsibility, location TBD, 10-11 a.m.

Army prides itself on acting as a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars and uses in-person visits like these to ensure organizations maintain financial best practices in areas such as logistics, contracting and financial execution. (More: www.army.mil/article/247741)

JMC Welcomes Minority College Students for Summer Internship Program

On May 14, the Joint Munitions Command kicked off its Minority College Relations Program summer session. Nineteen students from 15 different universities began their ten-week MCRP internship. The interns are working on collaborative projects that offer professional development and an introduction to federal service, while advancing the missions of their respective commands. This is an important leg of the Diversity and Inclusion outreach strategy within JMC, Army Contracting Command, the Army, the Department of Defense, and the federal government. Recognizing that the United States, “derives strength from the diversity of its population and from its commitment to equal opportunity for all,” and that, “We are at our best when we draw on the talents of all parts of society,” Executive Order 13583 laid the foundations of this strategy by seeking to “promote the Federal workforce at a model of equal opportunity, diversity, and inclusion” by recruiting from all segments of society. (More: www.army.mil/article/247553)



Army Launches Upgraded Collaboration Platform; Cybersecurity at the Forefront

A service-wide migration to Army 365, which provides Soldiers and Army civilians with a cloud-based collaboration capability was completed June 16. The new Army program is an upgrade to the Commercial Virtual Environment (CVR) fielded to the Department of Defense (DoD) workforce last spring, and improves information sharing capabilities while adding cybersecurity measures. Delivery of the enhanced security capability to the Army enterprise was facilitated by the Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C5ISR) Center — a component of Army Futures Command’s Combat Capabilities Development Command — in partnership with Army Cyber Command (ARCYBER), Army Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM), and Microsoft. (More: www.army.mil/article/247666)



SecArmy: Deliberate Path Required To Deliver Future Capabilities

The Army has become a leader in new technology but must continue to modernize concepts and capabilities to sharpen its global edge, the Army secretary said last week. Prioritized efforts by the Army Futures Command, Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office, and other Army organizations have put the service at the forefront of developing and fielding new technology to support the joint force, Christine E. Wormuth said before the Senate Armed Services Committee about the Army's fiscal year 2022 budget proposal on June 15. "The Army's readiness gains and modernization procurement requirements must be prioritized to continue [moving forward]," she said, adding that the Army should work closely with Congress to establish a deliberate and achievable path to deliver future capabilities. (More: www.army.mil/article/247593)



Statement by Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III on Juneteenth

The men and women of the Department of Defense are honored to participate in the first commemoration of Juneteenth as a federal holiday. Juneteenth holds particular significance for the United States military since it marks the date in 1865—more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation—on which Union soldiers, led by Army Major General Gordon Granger, issued the famous General Order No. 3, informing the people of Texas that "all slaves are free." We are proud to build upon that legacy of emancipation as we work to defend our freedoms and to make real the full promise of American democracy for all our citizens, on June 19 and every day. I wish our outstanding men and women in uniform and our dedicated civilian workforce a meaningful Juneteenth. (More:

www.defense.gov/Newsroom/Releases/Release/Article/2663018/statement-by-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iii-on-juneteenth)



DoD Extended Policy Guidance For Identification Card Operations During the Corona Virus Disease 2019 Pandemic, June 2

The Rock Island Arsenal DEERS/ID Card Office is operating at full capacity to serve our supported customers. We ask that customers continue to observe masking and social distancing to protect the many higher-risk personnel in the population we serve. For those customers unable or uncomfortable visiting the facility, the Department of Defense has extended the expiration dates of Uniformed Services ID (USID) cards. Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness: In view of the DoD's limited ability to return Identification (ID) Card facilities to normal operations while continuing to comply with local pandemic safety precautions, I am extending the temporary policy guidance at the reference for Uniformed Services ID (USID) cards that expired between Jan. 1, 2020 and July 31, 2021 only, through:

- **Aug. 31, 2021:** Foreign Affiliates and their dependents.
- **Oct. 31, 2021:** Dependents of Active Duty Uniformed Service members; Reserve and National Guard Uniformed Service Members and their dependents.
- **Jan. 31, 2022:** Retirees and their dependents; all other populations.

USID cards that expired before Jan. 1, 2020 or that expire after July 31, 2021 have not been extended and will not be accepted. Rock Island Arsenal DEERS/ID Card Facility (Building 56):

- Hours of operation: Monday; Wednesday- Friday: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Closed for lunch 12-1 p.m.; No walk-ins after 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.); Tuesday: 7:15 a.m. – 12 p.m. (No walks-in after 11 a.m.).
- We recommend customers schedule appointments when possible to reduce waiting times. Appointments may be scheduled at following website: <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco>

Customer may contact the ID card office by phone - 309-782-0596; email – usarmy.ria.usag.mbx.id-card-office@mail.mil.

Regional Critical Blood Shortages, ImpactLife Blood Drives

The ImpactLife Blood Center has ongoing critical shortages of the following blood types: **O positive, O Negative, A positive, A negative, and B positive**, but all types are needed. ImpactLife is hosting a blood drive in in the

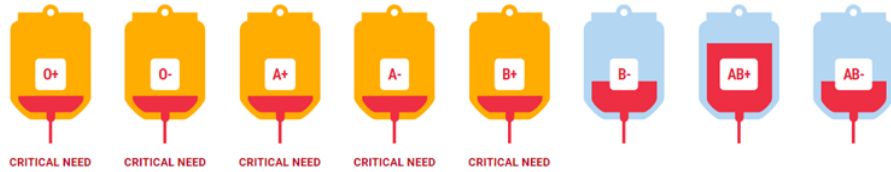
ImpactLife Donor Bus in the Commissary parking lot, on **Friday, June 18**, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; as well as **Thursday, June 24**, in front of Building 390, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If

you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email bhancock@impactlife.org with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401; you may also log on to www.ImpactLife.org and use code 029 to locate the blood drives. **ImpactLife is requiring masks for donors, staff, and volunteers in all of their facilities and donor buses.** ImpactLife encourages those working remotely to visit one of their three local donor centers.

- Moline Donor Center – 3600 16th Street
- Davenport Headquarters – 5500 Lakeview Parkway
- West Davenport Center – 1320 W. Kimberly Road

ImpactLife will have a new donor promotion in May, this will be a \$10 electronic gift card redeemable at Amazon, Dunkin', Lowe's, Target, Starbucks, and Walmart.

The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information: www.militaryblood.dod.mil

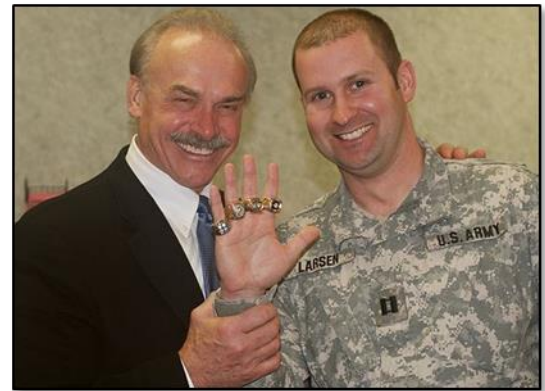


Rocky Bleier – The Play

Rocky Bleier, a halfback for the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1968 and from 1970 to 1980 earning four Super Bowl championships and rings with the Steelers, will tell his story called “The Play” on **Friday, June 25**, at Rhythm City Casino Resort in Davenport beginning at 7 p.m. Rocky Bleier's story - a gripping tale of courage on both the football fields of America and the battle fields of Vietnam - has held audiences in rapt attention for years. Yet, the motivational message behind it, detailing how ordinary people can become extraordinary achievers, defines success in the new American century. With the same optimism, sense of humor and steadfast determination that were his trademarks as a Pittsburgh Steelers running back, Rocky Bleier takes audiences from his early years through his professional career and talks about the lessons he learned along the way... lessons from which we can all benefit.

If you need ADA seating be sure to let a member of our team know when you arrive. A photo ID and the credit card used to [purchase the tickets](#) must be presented upon ticket pick up. Tickets are available for pick up at The Market gift shop inside Rhythm City Casino Resort during normal business hours from the date of purchase until the performance time. Tickets must be purchased in sets of 2 and 4 seats. Tickets are Tier priced with Tier 1 being \$65, Tier 2 tickets will be \$50, and Tier 3 tickets are \$35. VIP Meet & Greet \$100 (+ticket price) includes Call Drinks and appetizers from 8:30P-11P. Rocky will be the guest of an honor during this event and photos as well as autograph opportunity will be available at the VIP Meet & Greet only. All proceeds after expenses goes to the QC Vietnam Veterans Area Veteran Scholarship.

<https://rhythmcitycasino.showare.com/ordertickets.asp?p=124>



Army Heritage Month Observance

First Army will be conducting the Army Heritage Month Observance on **Tuesday, June 29** from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on [MS Teams Army 365](#). Below is the link for any Arsenal Island personnel that want to join in the observance.

<https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/l/meetup-join/19%3adod%3a514637316f76489394eff466622c9eaa%40thread.skype/1623955238372?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fae6d70f-954b-4811-92b6-0530d6f84c43%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22e620314c-ff1e-422a-afe8-035891ddbef4%22%7d>

This observance will focus on honoring the American Soldier and their impact on today's global landscape. Thank you for your cooperation and support of the Military Equal Opportunity program.

Red, White and Boom Fireworks Display Set To Return July 3

The annual bi-state Red, White and Boom fireworks display in downtown Davenport and Rock Island will return this year and is scheduled for **Saturday, July 3**. Red, White and Boom is the largest fireworks display in the Quad Cities shot from two barges in the middle of the Mississippi River. “We are thrilled to welcome people back to the riverfront for our regional celebration of America’s Independence Day” said Mike Matson, Mayor of Davenport. “Our new Quinlan Court will be open, and activities in Modern Woodmen Park and LeClaire Park are being planned.” Mike Thoms, Mayor of Rock Island, agrees.



“Red, White and Boom will be a great opportunity to for the community to come together again and celebrate with fireworks on the riverfront in Schwiebert Park and beyond.” The event will continue to embrace recommended COVID-19 protocols this summer; festival planning will pivot as needed as health and safety precautions evolve in 2021. Visit www.redwhiteandboomqc.org for the latest updates. Red, White and Boom is presented by the Regional Development Authority (RDA) in partnership with the City of Davenport and the City of Rock Island, supported by the Downtown Davenport Partnership – an affiliate of the Quad Cities Chamber, CBI Bank & Trust, St. Ambrose University, Riverfront Improvement Commission and Upper Mississippi Fleeting.

RIA-JMTC Change of Command

Rock Island Arsenal-Joint Manufacturing & Technology Center Change of Command **Thursday, July 15** at 10 a.m. on the West Lawn, Building 208.

Los Primos Returns to RIA

Los Primos returned to the Island serving up their delicious Mexican food during the lunch hour. They are located on Rodman Avenue in front of Building 350 parking lot. They are serving **Tuesday-Thursday** each week from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Arsenal Traffic/Construction



Building 85 (East Court) Demolition

From **June 21-25**, Directorate of Public Works will conduct demolition of Building 85 on East Court. Activities include removal of the structure and foundation and filling in the basement. Signage will be placed for safety and to direct traffic. Personnel are asked to stay clear of the area during these activities.

Closure Notice for Parking Lot 1J/North (Paving Project)

Parking Lot 1J/North will be closed **June 21–28** for milling, paving and re-striping. Signage, fence and barricades will be placed for safety and to direct traffic.

Levee Bike Path Closure to Thru Traffic, West of Arsenal Bridge

City of Rock Island Government - Beginning at 7 a.m. on June 14 the City of Rock Island will close the Great River Trail Bike Path to through traffic for the Levee Maintenance Riprap Placement Project just west of the Arsenal Bridge. This maintenance project is part of the City of Rock Island's Flood Risk Management System (FRMS). The path closure is necessary for the safety of the crews performing the improvement as well as the non-motorist traveling public. Pending favorable weather, this area should be reopened on **Monday, June 28**. Travel delays can be expected at or near this location. Please follow all posted signs for detour directions when needed and watch for trucks entering and leaving the area. The City of Rock Island is sorry for any inconvenience due to this work and appreciates the patience and consideration of the non-motorist traveling public.

Closure of Parking Spaces to Accommodate Handicap Parking (Building 90-South)

Effective May 20, the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) will block off the first four parking spots of the Building 90 South parking lot and designate these spaces as handicap parking. These temporary handicap spaces will remain in effect until Building 90's permanent handicap spaces are restored on/about **Wednesday, June 30**.

Closure of Parking Lot 2C (Adjacent to Building 227)

Parking Lot 2C adjacent to Building 227 closed June 2. The closure is to accommodate asbestos remediation, establishment of a clear zone and the staging of equipment and supplies for the demolition of Building 227. Parking lot 2C is anticipated to remain closed until the building demolition is complete O/A **December 2021**.

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Building/Space Closures



Building 212 Fire Suppression System Flushing Project

Nov. 9 through **Monday, July 5**, the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) began the Fire Suppression System Flushing Project in Building 212. This involves temporary closure of some areas which will be isolated by barriers in coordination with JMTC Facilities department.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone



Blue Star Summer Camp

Blue Star Summer Camp returns with more amazing virtual field trips to museums and parks to keep kids busy and engaged—whether you're PCSing or staying put. Designed as a solution for COVID-19 closures, Blue Star Families continues to deliver on families' needs for quality, free virtual summer programming, all while staying safe. Register today to join us for three weeks of fun, July 12-30: <https://bluestarsummercamp2021.eventbrite.com>

Blue Star Museums Rolls Out the Welcome Mat in 2021

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and museums across America to offer free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel, including the National Guard and Reserves, and their families. The 2021 Blue Star Museums program began on Armed Forces Day, May 15, and ends on Labor Day—Monday, Sept. 6. For more information on Blue Star Museums, please see: <https://bluestarfam.org/family-life/blue-star-museums> Participating museums look forward to welcoming you in accordance with local safety protocols.

USO New Hours

The USO is open 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Join us for Muffins on Mondays and Olde Towne Bakery items on Wednesdays. Stop by to see our newly renovated USO Center. Note: the USO is closed on training holidays and federal holidays. USO Illinois Rock Island is located on Rock Island Arsenal in Building 110. USO Illinois Rock Island provides a vital connection to USO programs and services for nearly 50,000 troops and their families in the Quad Cities. All amenities are offered free, daily, to active duty, guard and reserve military and their dependents, and retired military members. The center features a Cyber Canteen furnished with computers, printer and fax, as well as free WI-FI access. (More: <https://illinois.uso.org/rockisland>)

Free Entry to Bix 7 Race

Active military receive free entry into the upcoming Bix 7 race. Contact Michelle Juering at Bix7michelle@gmail.com for more details.

Over the Edge 2021

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley is hosting the annual “Over the Edge 2021 on **Saturday, Aug. 21**. “Over the Edge 2021” is a major fundraising event to support their one to one youth mentoring program in the Quad Cities. For the month of May, active duty / reserve / National Guard Soldiers, Retirees, ROTC, and veterans will be exempt from the \$100 registration fee to become an “Edger.” Edgers must raise \$1,000 through donations to rappel from the eleventh story of the Blackhawk Hotel. Points of contact are either Kayla Kiesey, kkiesey@bbbs-mv.org; Ally Sweeney, asweeney@bbbs-mv.org, or Beth Clark, bclark@bbbs-mv.org. Kayla/Ally/Beth can also be contacted at 563-323-8006 or check out the web page: www.bbbsmv.org/overtheedge.



Safety Spotlight



**ARMY SAFE
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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>

The Deadly “Dog Days” of Summer

Hot dogs, apple pie and the 4th of July —there’s no time of year that says “America” quite like summer. Unfortunately, July and August mean something different for the Army: They’re the deadliest months for Soldier mishaps off duty, often for the very things that make summer such an eagerly anticipated season. “Soldiers and families are making permanent change of station moves and taking vacations, sometimes combining both, and getting together with friends or doing activities they otherwise can’t the rest of the year,” said Walt Beckman, a loss prevention program manager at the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center. “The activities themselves aren’t necessarily more risky than usual. It’s more that greater exposure and the rush to get things done to maximize leisure time, like driving too fast or while too tired, can lead to fatal mistakes.” (More:

https://safety.army.mil/Portals/0/Repository/MEDIANEWSRELEASES/USACRC_Release_NSM_Off_Duty_Deadly_July_210601.d8545991-8f30-4abf-a790-f345084e1e9f.pdf)

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



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It is the policy of the Department of Army to provide equal opportunity in employment for all people and to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age (40 and over), disability, genetic information, and/or reprisal for prior EEO activity. Any Department of the Army employee, former employee, or applicant for employment, and certain contract employee, who believes they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex (includes pregnancy, equal pay, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national original, age (40 and over), mental or physical disability, genetic information, and/or reprisal for prior EEO activity in an employment matter, subject to the control of the Army, may initiate the EEO complaint process.

To file an EEO complaint, you must contact the Garrison EEO Office within 45 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory incident and express your intent to initiate the complaint process. The Garrison EEO office is currently providing services virtually. Please contact EEO staff at 309-782-2548.

LGBT Pride Month

The month of June is LGBT Pride Month, which commemorates the proud legacy of LGBT men and women who are the fabric of the nation and the U.S. Army. This tribute was first celebrated in 1994 and commemorates the anniversary of the June 28, 1969, Stonewall riot in New York City that initiated the modern gay rights movement in the United States. Since repeal of its “Don’t ask, don’t tell” policy in 2011, LGBT service members serve openly and proudly and live the ideals that all are created equal and are endowed with unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Army senior leaders are leaning forward in their commitment to make military service a model of equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation or national origin, or sexual orientation. The Army continues to ensure its service reflects the rich diversity of America; subsequently, enhancing its connection to the country its service members protect and live up to the American ideals and values that set an example for the world. The Army values the honorable service of all its Soldiers and strongly embraces diversity as a way to create a system that maximizes individual talents, increases morale and greatly enhances military effectiveness. Qualified and talented Americans who commit to military service in the Army must be allowed to serve without barriers unrelated to their ability to meet training and mission standards. Civilians who join the Army and qualify as Soldiers become “Soldiers for Life,” as lifelong members of the Army team that has had a positive impact with contributions worldwide that includes protecting people from discrimination.



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 **Thursday, July 1**, 3-7 p.m., in the Lock & Dam Lounge – this a time honored Army tradition promoting camaraderie and esprit de corps. Leaders come together with those standing to their right - the ones helping them get through daily missions - to build relationships while mixing and mingling with other leaders who have brought their battle buddies with them. Everyone is welcome to bring your right arm(s) and join us at the Lock & Dam Lounge for Right Arm Night/First Thursday. Enjoy networking with your fellow Arsenal colleagues while building esprit de corps and partnerships. Front Street Brewery, the oldest brew pub in the state of Iowa, is nestled beautifully along the bank of the mighty Mississippi. It has served the fine community of Davenport since 1992, will be taking over the taps with Cherry Bomb Blonde, Raging River Pale Ale, Mahalo Pineapple Radler and Chee-Chee Chico a Mango/Grapefruit IPA. Come out and beat the heat and have a cold one and enjoy a great burger or other Lock & Dam favorites on our food menu.

All The Time Fitness Has Arrived – Register now

Registration is offered Monday through Friday during Sales and Registration hours 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. All The Time Fitness access will be for registered patrons only. Call the Fitness Center at 309-782-6787 for questions. Get Fit – Don't Quit

Company Kitchen Temporary Closure

All three Company Kitchen café locations in buildings 60, 212 and 350 are temporarily closed effective May 1. Company Kitchen has been committed over the past year to providing limited services to the Arsenal workforce during the pandemic. Continuing service under the existing conditions is no longer feasible. Company Kitchen will continue to re-evaluate returning as the daily population continues to increase across the Arsenal. USAG Rock Island Arsenal, Family and MWR would like to thank them for their dedicated service they have provided to Rock Island Arsenal through this pandemic and we look forward to their return in the coming months. MWR is seeking interim breakfast and lunch options during this temporary closure. The Island Oasis located at the Fitness Center (Building 67) is open daily Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. serving fresh off the grill and the Lock and Dam Lounge (Building 60) is open with food options on Wednesday and Thursday from 3-7 p.m. For more information please contact the MWR management assistant at 309-782-6319.

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, 8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. Face masks and appointments are required for service. The maximum facility capacity is five people. Contact the office at 309-782-5890. (email: anna.winters@us.army.mil) (website: <https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/leisure-travel-office>)**

Calling All Patrons and Vendors to Sell Your Items, Goods, and Services

Do you have a side-hustle you'd like to promote or yard/garage sale items you want to sell? The Flea Market will be held **Saturday, June 26** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Memorial Field Pavilion parking lot. Patrons/vendors may pull in with their vehicle to unload their items and may also bring a 10x10 pop up tent if they wish. Cost to be a vendor is \$10 for a 10x10 spot, which includes a 6 ft. table and chair. Additional tables may be requested for \$5 each and additional chairs are \$1 each. Please contact us by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23 to reserve your spot. Rain date is **Saturday, July 10**. For more information or to sign up as a vendor, please contact Anna Winters with Leisure Travel at 309-782-5890.

Quarters One Historic Tours

Quarters One on Rock Island Arsenal was once one of the largest residences in the Federal inventory. In fact, when it was still used as Army housing, it was second only to the White House in size. Come join us **Saturday, July 3**, at 11 a.m., as we tour this majestic Joliet limestone mansion and listen to the history of this giant home as told by the Army Sustainment Command Historian. Cost is \$10/person and reservations and prepayment can be made by visiting the Leisure Travel Office in Building 333 (next to the Exchange). Please note that the facility is not handicapped accessible. Face masks (optional) and social distancing are required during the tours. For more information, please call 309-782-5890.

Story Time with Princesses

Join the princesses at Historic Quarters One on **Saturday, July 17**, 10 a.m. – noon or 1-3 p.m. Tickets limited to ensure a safe and comfortable event. Cost is \$25 per princess. Your princess will enjoy a meet and greet during cupcakes and lemonade. Followed by a story being read, dancing and photo opportunities with our MWR princesses. Once our magical activities are complete, event will end with a princess parade. Contact MWR Leisure Travel at 309-782-5890.

Adventureland Resort and Waterpark Tickets

The Leisure Travel Office once again has discount tickets to Adventureland Resort and Waterpark in Altoona, Iowa. Call 309-782-5890 or visit the Leisure Travel Office in Building 333 (next to the Exchange) to get your discounted tickets for just \$45 each. Also new this year, your tickets purchased through LTO gets you access to the new hospitality suite where you'll enjoy free pop and popcorn.

Great Entertainment at Great Prices

The Leisure Travel Office (Building 333, next to the Exchange) has great discounted ticket prices for Disney World, Universal Studios, and many other attractions including the return of discount Adventureland tickets in 2021 for just \$45 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Leisure Travel Office at 309-782-5890.

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/programs/cy>) (Facebook: www.facebook.com/RIACYSS)

Summer Youth Sports

Register now for summer CYS Sports and Fitness Programs. All RIA-affiliated active duty, retirees, reservists, civilian, and/or contractor families are eligible to participate. Age-specific sessions start June 21 or 22 or and are held at either the RIA Sports Complex (off of Blunt Road) or the Ramsey Street tennis court. Comfortable shorts/sweatpants, t-shirts, and tennis shoes are required. COVID-19 mitigation practices will be in place for all classes and families will be sent COVID-19 expectations and other specific information upon registering. Please call Parent Central Services in Building 110, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 309-782-0791 starting at 9 a.m. June 3-18 to register.

- **Summer Tennis – Class Dates: June 21 – Aug. 4**

7-17 year olds: Mondays/Wednesdays, 8:30-9:45 a.m., Cost: \$65

Summer Tennis teaches children ages 7-17 basic skills and rules of the game of tennis, including, but not limited to: strokes, serving, net play, scoring, and emphasizing fitness. Each session builds off the last, as the learning of basic sports rules and scoring knowledge, mechanics are weekly goals. Equipment for the class is provided, but if you have a favorite tennis racquet then go ahead and bring it. Kids receive a t-shirt, and class is held at the RIA Ramsey Road Tennis Court.

- **Summer Golf – Class Dates: June 22 – Aug. 5**

5-9 year olds: Tuesdays/Thursdays 8:30-9:45 a.m., Cost: \$70

10-17 year olds: Tuesdays/Thursdays 10-11:15 a.m., Cost: \$70

Summer Golf teaches children ages 5-17 basic skills and rules of the game of golf, including but not limited to: club use, pitching, chipping, driving, putting, scoring, and emphasizing fitness. Each session builds off the last, as the learning of basic sports rules and scoring knowledge, mechanics are weekly goals. Equipment for the class is provided, but if you have your own set of clubs then go ahead and bring them. Kids receive a t-shirt, and class is held at the RIA Sports Complex off of Blunt Road.

POC: Andy Milton, sports and fitness director, andrew.a.milton2.naf@mail.mil, 309-782-6793

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**. The ACS center is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Appointments are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 309-782-0829. ACS Rock Island virtual office hours are 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on [MS Teams](#).

ACS Virtual Office Hours

ACS is back in the office each day from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Based on interest and availability we will no longer be hosting Virtual Office Hours each Wednesday effective June 1.

TSP Training

With the move back to the office many people want to know more about their TSP. TSP offers a number of classes including classes regarding how TSP works, TSP for new hires, and TSP withdraws and retirement among others. You can find these classes (and a complete set of instructions on how to sign up) at www.tsp.gov/agency-service-reps/tsp-educational-resources.

Domestic Violence Support Group Offered Twice Weekly

R.S.V.P. with the Domestic Violence Advocate at: crystal.l.bartholomew2.ctr@mail.mil or 309-782-3773

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., Building 333, Phone: 309-782-8630. **Appointments are once again required for service in order to limit the number of customers in the lobby at any one time. The maximum facility capacity is five people and masks are still required for service.** (email: robert.l.lampert.naf@mail.mil), Website: <https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation>

We're Celebrating 50 Years of Outdoor Recreation with #ArmyODR50!

Participate in one of our upcoming events throughout June, July, and August and receive an Outdoor Recreation key chain 'token' to be entered in to the photo sweepstakes for a chance to win some cool prizes such as a Schwinn bicycle, stadium chairs, a Go-Pro, and more. Register now for our upcoming meet ups:

- **July 1:** Kayaking – Meet at Sunset Marina in Moline at 5 p.m.
- **July 15:** Mountain/Dirt Bike or Road Bike Ride – Meet at Sylvan Island for the option of an on-road or off-road ride at 5 p.m.

Stay tuned for additional meet-ups being held throughout the summer. Please register by calling MWR Outdoor Recreation at 309-782-8630. Limited rental availability so sign up now. #STRONGBANDS #ArmyODR50 Commit-Stay Fit.

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.

There are no announcements at this time.

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. **The RIA Army Education Center is only providing virtual services; contact Mary Hansarik at mary.p.hansarik.civ@mail.mil for Education Center requirements.** Please visit our website to learn more:

<https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/my-fort/all-services/continuing-education-services>

There are no announcements at this time.

Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange



The Rock Island Commissary, www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/rock-island-arsenal, and the Exchange, www.shopmyexchange.com/company/storeDetails.jsp?storeId=1074020, are for active duty military, retirees, service-connected disabled veterans, and Arsenal Island DoD employees. 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) **COVID-19 Store Policies:** <https://commissaries.com/coronavirus>

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.

‘Welcome Back!’: As COVID-19 Base Restrictions Ease, Commissaries Remind Retirees, Disabled Veterans of Their Shopping Benefit

The Defense Commissary Agency would like to welcome back military retirees and other eligible beneficiaries, such as disabled veterans and their designated family caregivers, Purple Heart recipients and former prisoners of war to shop their local commissary. “It’s been a tough year dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, but as base restrictions ease up, we at the commissary hope to see some of our most loyal customers return to their store,” said Marine Sgt. Maj. Michael Saucedo, DeCA senior enlisted advisor to the director. “Shopping at your local commissary regularly can save you nearly 24 percent on your grocery shopping.” (More:

www.commissaries.com/our-agency/newsroom/news-releases/welcome-back-covid-19-base-restrictions-ease-commissaries-remind)

Department of Defense Expands Access to Military Exchanges

The Department of Defense announced today the expansion of access to military exchanges. Starting May 1, 2021, DOD and Coast Guard appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund civilian employees are authorized to shop at military exchange stores in the United States and the U.S. territories and possessions. Online exchange access will also be available for active and retired DOD and Coast Guard appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund civilian employees by mid-October. **This shopping access does not include the purchase of military uniforms, tobacco products or alcohol.** Previous in-store exchange access for DOD and Coast Guard civilian employees was limited to those on service agreements overseas (i.e., in foreign countries and the U.S. territories and possessions) and access was limited to overseas exchanges. The expansion will allow all DOD and Coast Guard civilian employees to shop in exchange stores in the United States and the U.S. territories and possessions. (More: www.defense.gov/Newsroom/Releases/Release/Article/2590000)



Arsenal Archive



Information for the Arsenal Archive is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. (website: www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org) (Facebook: www.facebook.com/RIAMuseum)

Virtual Program: Rock Island Prison Barracks (1863-1865)

Join us on **Sunday, June 27**, at 2 p.m., for a virtual program: Rock Island Prison Barracks. Between 1863 and 1865, a Union prisoner of war camp for captured Confederate soldiers was operated on Rock Island. During its operation more than 12,000 POWs came through the camp. Museum Director Patrick Allie will discuss the history of the prison barracks, its guards and prisoners, and some of the unique artifacts in the collection related to the prison barracks. (More: www.facebook.com/events/332345124908882)

RIA Museum Closed For Renovation

The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is undergoing a \$1.5 million renovation. The project includes the biggest modernization of the museum in more than 50 years. The renovation will refocus the exhibits on the history of the U.S. Army's organic industrial base, Rock Island Arsenal, and the Arsenal's current role in producing Army readiness. It is part of the U.S. Army Museum Enterprise's five-year reform effort to refine its collection and enhance education and training capabilities at its 47 field museums. To provide a sneak peek of the new exhibits, a series of virtual presentations will be held this summer outlining the new interpretation and exhibit design. Stay tuned for updates on the [Museum's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/RIAMuseum) or website, arsenalhistoricalsociety.org, as it undergoes this exciting process. The museum has been closed since March 2020 due to a nationwide surge in COVID-19 cases. "We look forward to reopening our doors to the Quad Cities community in the fall of 2022,"



said Patrick Allie, Rock Island Arsenal Museum director. For more information or questions contact 309-782-3518.

Healthbeat

RIA Remains at HPCON Bravo, Emphasizes Command Practices Across the Island Workforce -- the Rock Island Arsenal is maintaining the current Health Protection Condition Bravo and the "Return to the Rock" plan – the installation's planned recovery from the COVID-19 precautions instituted in March and April 2020 (meetings/gatherings limit at 50 people or 50 percent of sitting capacity, [masks required](#), six feet of distancing, and a continuation of practicing proactive personal hygiene). For a further details about individual commands, Island facilities and services, go to our [COVID-19 Local Impacts Page](#).

COVID-19 Effects Waning Across Defense Department, Pentagon

By Wednesday, the restrictions on Pentagon personnel that were the result of COVID-19 will lift a bit, providing the ability for more personnel to work in the building and for larger numbers of people to gather in one location, the Pentagon press secretary said during a briefing today. According to John F. Kirby, the Pentagon will drop from Health Protection Condition "Bravo-Plus" to HPCON Bravo, beginning June 23. "Under HPCON Bravo, the occupancy goal will be no more than 50% in workspaces," Kirby said. "That's up from 40% ... where we are now. Supervisors will continue to provide maximum telework opportunities to eligible employees." (More: www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2664084)

Feds Could Be Rewarded For Getting the COVID Vaccine

Federal employees with Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program insurance can get \$50 to spend on medical expenses by providing proof of their COVID-19 vaccination, the insurance company announced June 8. Members of the insurance plan who are over 18 years old and provide official documentation of their vaccination status will get the money loaded onto their MyBlue Wellness Card beginning June 11. "FEP remains committed to protecting the health of our members and we continuously look for innovative solutions to the challenges we face in our health care system," said William A. Breskin, senior vice president of government programs for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, in a news release. (More: www.federaltimes.com/management/pay-benefits/2021/06/09/feds-could-be-rewarded-for-getting-the-covid-vaccine)

Those Not Fully Vaccinated Are to Continue DoD Mitigation Measures on RIA

Per the [Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, dated 13 May 2021, Updated Mask Guidelines for Vaccinated Persons](#) – in support of updated [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), subject to any applicable labor relations obligations, fully vaccinated DoD personnel (who are at least two weeks beyond their final dose) are no longer required to wear a mask indoors or outdoors at DoD facilities. The Arsenal Island workforce should continue to comply with CDC guidance regarding areas where masks should be worn, including within airports. **Personnel who are not fully vaccinated should continue to follow applicable DoD mask guidance, including continuing to wear indoors.** The Department of Defense will review and revise all applicable Force Health Protection guidance to address the new CDC guidelines. Until this updated Force Health Protection guidance is issued, commanders and supervisors may make exceptions to this

memorandum as necessary to ensure a safe workforce. Commanders and supervisors should not ask about an employee's vaccination status or use information about an employee's vaccination status to make decisions about how and when employees will report to a workplace instead of teleworking. All current protection measures, mask requirements for unvaccinated personnel, cleaning/sanitizing stations, and physical distancing guidance will remain in place. Don't Wait, Vaccinate! – Senior leadership and health personnel at the Rock Island Arsenal continue to highly encourage the Arsenal workforce and their families to get the first COVID-19 vaccine available to them from whatever resource they qualify to receive it, whether that's here at the Arsenal, a county vaccine clinic, the Veteran's Administration, their primary care provider, or a pharmacy. One resource for finding the vaccine outside of the installation is www.vaccinefinder.org. DoD is now at [Phase 2 in its schema for COVID-19 vaccine eligibility](#). If a member of the Island workforce wants to receive the vaccine at the RIA Health Clinic they need to go through their command or organization or by [calling the Clinic](#) for times and availability.

RIA Health Clinic Advertises New Appointment Number, Now Operational

Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic's patient appointment line has changed. Appointments should be made by calling 1-866-524-4677 (HOSP) or by using TRICARE Online at www.tricareonline.com. Effective June 7, the old appointment line is no longer available and patients must use the central appointment line to speak with appointment personnel. Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic hours are the same, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. "This central appointment line booking will help with access to care and better customer service for our patient population," said Sgt. First Class Matthew Brockway, Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic noncommissioned officer in charge.

Notes for Veterans



Prioritize Your Mental Health with Help from VA

Like many Veterans, you may put your family, your career and supporting others ahead of taking care of yourself. But to give those important aspects of your life your all and be the best version of yourself, you must also make your mental health a priority. No matter where you are or what's going on in your life, VA offers mental health appointments, telehealth services, mobile apps, self-help training and other resources to improve your well-being. (More: <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/90183/prioritize-mental-health-help-va>)

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>

The impact to these events in light of COVID-19 is unknown. It is recommended that employees look at the event link for details.

24th Annual QC Marathon Needs You

Volunteer for the 24th Annual QC Marathon on **Sunday, Sept. 26**. The QC Marathon is a Boston Marathon qualifying race and is a great event for the whole community. The race starts and end in downtown Moline and more than 8 miles of the race is run on the historic Rock Island Arsenal. This large event is only possible with the help of volunteers. Individuals and groups of volunteers are need for aid stations along the course. Contact Morgan Meseke at 563-340-9683 or email at morganmeseke@gmail.com to volunteer.

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