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# Island Insight

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## JMC Leads the Way in Sustaining Army Ammunition Modernization Efforts

Winning matters. To help ensure the U.S. Army maintains its advantage over near-peer adversaries like Russia and China, Joint Munitions Command is dedicated to modernizing its munitions stockpiles for the future fight. Gen. Ed Daly, commanding general of Army Materiel Command and the Army's senior sustainer, directed JMC to develop a process to integrate with Army Futures Command's eight Cross-Functional Teams, the modernization-focused groups comprised of professionals across the Army to develop next-generation equipment in high-priority areas. These CFTs are crucial to maintaining the Army's overmatch in the years to come. "Sustaining ammunition is essential for winning the future fight," Daly said. "We must ensure we modernize our munitions and the support systems required for them to function." The CFTs were established in 2017 and advance essential capabilities such as Long-Range Precision Fires, Future Vertical Lift, Next-Generation Combat Vehicles, Network Command, Control, Communication and



## Upcoming Dates

- July:** Military Consumer Protection Month  
**July:** UV Safety Month  
**July 9:** Pledge to America's Workers Month  
**July:** Health Innovation Month  
**July 9:** Anniversary of the Warrant Officer Corps  
**July 9:** HHC/ASC Change of Responsibility, location TBD, 10-11 a.m.  
**July 9:** ImpactLife Blood Drive, donor bus in Commissary parking lot, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
**July 11:** 158th Anniversary Rock Island Arsenal Established by Act of Congress  
**July 12:** Medal of Honor established  
**July 14:** Rock Island Arsenal Full Scale Exercise, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
**July 14:** Army Reserve Element Change of Command, location TBD, 10-11 a.m.  
**July 15:** JMTC Change of Command, Bldg. 212, 10-11 a.m.  
**July 16:** ImpactLife Blood Drive, donor bus in Commissary parking lot, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
**July 19:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District Regional Meeting, Clock Tower Building, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**July 21:** First Army Relinquishment of Command, 10 a.m.  
**July 21:** USAG RIA Assumption of Responsibility, Heritage Hall, 10 a.m.  
**July 22:** RIA Newcomer's Orientation, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 8-11:30 a.m.  
**July 22:** Out Processing Levy Brief, 9:30 a.m. - noon

Intelligence, Assured Positioning Navigation and Timing, Air and Missile Defense, Soldier Lethality and Synthetic Training Environment. (More: [www.army.mil/article/248270](http://www.army.mil/article/248270))

### **Farewell Rock Island District**

I'll just go ahead and say it: This sucks. I've put off writing this farewell column as long as possible, trying not to face the fact that my time at the Rock Island District is rapidly dwindling. Serving as your district commander has been the highlight of my career, and I hate seeing it come to an end. To say the last three years have been eventful would be a massive understatement. I hardly know where to begin to acknowledge the amazing work this district has accomplished for the Nation and our partners and stakeholders throughout the region. It's a record of nearly unparalleled success despite unprecedented challenges. Record-breaking appropriations and workload; a record-breaking flood; a record-low temperature in the Quad Cities; and record-breaking winds from a derecho – too many superlatives to go into. (More: [www.dvidshub.net/news/400398](http://www.dvidshub.net/news/400398))



### **Materiel, Installation Enterprise Support Critical To FORSCOM Mission**

Gen. Michael X. Garrett, commanding general of U.S. Army Forces Command, met with Gen. Ed Daly, commanding general of Army Materiel Command, July 1 at AMC headquarters to learn more about the full range of AMC's support to FORSCOM units and people. & Maj. Gen. Chris Mohan, commanding general of Army Sustainment Command, outlined for Garrett the full range of ASC's support to FORSCOM, including field support, strategic divestiture and Army Prepositioned Stocks. He explained how ASC recently established Modernization Displacement and Repair Sites, or MDRS, that unburden units of excess equipment and prepares them to receive new equipment as part of the Army's Regionally Aligned Readiness and Modernization Model, or ReARMM. "We are [at full operating capability] and are positioned to execute MDRS," Mohan said. "To support ReARMM, we are currently developing our concept for defueling right before fielding of new unit equipment." (More: [www.army.mil/article/248180](http://www.army.mil/article/248180))



### **JMC Welcomes Build the Bench Interns**

Recently, the Joint Munitions Command held an in-person orientation week for interns new to JMC, as part of the Build the Bench program. JMC continues to focus on recruiting new talent and developing the talents of the workforce in various mission areas throughout the organization, to include logistics management specialists, general engineers, quality assurance specialists, health physicists, and financial management analysts. This effort ensures mission sustainability and success as JMC prepares for upcoming retirements throughout the command. Orientation week began with reciting the Oath of Office and the formal swearing in as government employees. MLRC Deputy Director, Bryan Arensdorff, and G1 staff member, Heather Tahja, assisted the new employees with



obtaining JMC badges, provided information about recruitment and career programs, and talked about the importance of mandatory training. (More: [www.army.mil/article/248229](http://www.army.mil/article/248229))

### **The Crane Crew Spotlight**

The Rock Island District's newly christened Quad Cities heavy lift crane is undoubtedly one of the most powerful tools owned and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It's million-pound lifting capacity makes it a useful asset to the region but the team of people operating and maintaining it on a daily basis make it a truly valuable resource. The Quad Cities crane crew, made up of a master, operator and engineer, prides themselves in keeping the vessel in a pristine, always organized and maintained condition. They are constantly inspecting and monitoring all working aspects of the vessel to keep it operational for many years to come. Anthony (Tony) Frost, who serves as the engineer for the Quad Cities, knows every working inch of the crane barge. His career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began May 2017 but he's been serving in the military since 2005. Today, he continues to serve as platoon sergeant for a U.S. Army Reserve unit, in addition to working for the Corps. (More: [www.army.mil/article/248215](http://www.army.mil/article/248215))



### **Advanced Manufacturing Summit Draws Army Technology, Logistics Leaders**

The U.S. Army has begun to adopt Advanced Manufacturing as an elegant, efficient solution to readiness and maintenance needs across the force and is ready to take the step from producing additively manufactured parts to certifying and qualifying those parts for use. ✂ Michael Cadieux is the Director of the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (DEVCOM) Ground Vehicle Systems Center. Along with TACOM and its Rock Island Arsenal-Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, GVSC recently entered an agreement with ASTRO America to build one of the world's largest 3D printers; a printer large enough to manufacture a ground vehicle's hull in one piece. "GVSC remains at the forefront of support to Army's readiness through our aggressive pursuit of Advanced Manufacturing capability," said Cadieux. (More: [www.army.mil/article/248290](http://www.army.mil/article/248290))



### **Editorial: Keeping Pace with Change**

In a little more than a year, the world's largest metal 3D printer will be moved to the Rock Island Arsenal. At 30 feet long, 20 feet wide and 12 feet tall, this new piece of high technology will be about as long and almost twice as wide as an M1A1 tank. This new 3D printer, currently being built in Rockford, is intended to manufacture what the Army calls a jointless hull — essentially, a chassis or underside for a large ground combat vehicle. Delivery of the new 3D printer to the Arsenal is expected in about 14 months. The effort is being led by ASTRO America, the prime contractor, which will work with subcontractors Ingersoll Machine Tool, Siemens, and MELD Manufacturing to build the machine. The center on the Arsenal will be in charge of its operation. (More: [https://qctimes.com/opinion/editorial/editorial-keeping-pace-with-change/article\\_a7daf8f3-3dfc-563d-9649-89283b7288d6.html](https://qctimes.com/opinion/editorial/editorial-keeping-pace-with-change/article_a7daf8f3-3dfc-563d-9649-89283b7288d6.html))





## DOD Aims for New Enterprise-Wide Cloud by 2022

The Defense Department announced it's going in a new direction for enterprise cloud services to provide capabilities to warfighters across the joint force. This new effort is called the Joint Warfighting Cloud Capability. The new contracts are expected to be awarded by April 2022, said the department's acting chief information officer. "We are launching what we call the Joint Warfighting Cloud Capability, or JWCC, which will be based initially on direct awards to fill our urgent, unmet requirement for a multi-vendor enterprise cloud spanning the entire department in all three security levels with availability from CONUS to the tactical edge, at scale," said John Sherman during a media discussion at the Pentagon. (More: [www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2684754](http://www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2684754))



## 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, B positive, B negative, and AB negative**, but all types are needed. ImpactLife is hosting a blood drive in in the ImpactLife Donor Bus in the Commissary parking lot, on **Friday, July 9 and 16**, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email [bhancock@impactlife.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil)**

## Korean War Armistice 68th Anniversary Wreath Laying Ceremony

The Korean War Veterans Association Quad Cities Chapter 168 will hold a ceremony to commemorate the 68th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day on **Tuesday, July 27**, at 10 a.m., at the Memorial Walkway, at the Rock Island National Cemetery. The ceremony will include a wreath laying, rifle salute, and taps; the observance and ceremony is open to the public to attend. The keynote speaker will be Col. Todd J. Allison, garrison commander, U.S. Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal. Allison took command on July 9, 2020, in the midst of a global pandemic and response to the COVID-19 virus, and in just a handful of weeks led the garrison and installation through the impact of the derecho weather event. His career deployments include serving in support



of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan in 2001-2002, and three deployments to Iraq totaling 35 months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Prior to the garrison, Allison commanded the 8th Special Troops Battalion at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. The Korean War, which began June 25, 1950, with the North Korean army's invasion of South Korea, officially ended July 27, 1953, a day now officially recognized as Armistice Day. The signing marked the end of the longest negotiated armistice in history: 158 meetings spread over two years and 17 days. About 5.7 million American service members served during the Korean War. More than 33,667 U.S. service members died in battle with another 3,249 dying of non-battle injuries, such as accidents and illness. Partnerships forged on the battlefield during the Korean War endure today as U.S. forces remain steadfast in their commitment to our Korean and Indo-Pacific allies to maintain a free and open Pacific region.

### **Attic Thrift Shop Hours for July**

The Attic Thrift Shop will be open **Tuesday, June 29**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Then in July on the following dates (10 a.m. - 2 p.m):

- Tuesday - **July 13, 20, & 27**
- Thursday - **July 22**
- 3rd Saturday - **July 17**

Follow us on Facebook at Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop where photos of new arrivals are posted including designer purses, golf clubs (men's and ladies'), tanzanite jewelry, wooden jewelry case, home decor, clothing for the whole family, and more. Your donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. No consignments at this time. All purchases must be paid with cash or check. No debit or credit cards at this time. Masks are required if unvaccinated.

### **DoD Extended Policy Guidance For Identification Card Operations During the Corona Virus Disease 2019 Pandemic**

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](mailto:usarmy.ria.usag.mbx.id-card-office@mail.mil).

## 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



### Closure of Parking Lot OK (July 6 to Dec. 30)

Parking Lot OK (Vicinity Building 56 and 68) will be closed from **July 6 to Dec. 30** for temporary use as a contractor staging area for the upcoming Building 68 construction project. Signage, fencing and barricades will be place for safety and to direct traffic.

### 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



*There are no announcements at this time.*

# Active Duty/Reserve Zone



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## Military Weighing Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccine after Full FDA Approval

Defense Department senior leaders have had “preliminary discussions” about making the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory for all U.S. troops once the vaccines receive full approval from the Food and Drug Administration, Pentagon spokesperson John Kirby said during a Tuesday afternoon press briefing. Kirby was adamant that the vaccine remains voluntary — for now. “Right now it’s being used under Emergency Use Authorization, which makes it a voluntary vaccine,” he said. “Should the FDA approve it, then I am certain that Pentagon leadership will take a look at what our options are going forward, including the potential option of making mandatory.” But when a reporter asked him about the Army ordering its commands to prepare for the vaccine to become mandatory in September, Kirby added that the military is already considering its “logical next steps...if and when FDA approval comes in.” (More: [www.militarytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2021/07/06/military-weighing-mandatory-covid-19-vaccine-after-full-fda-approval](http://www.militarytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2021/07/06/military-weighing-mandatory-covid-19-vaccine-after-full-fda-approval))

## Sexual Assaults Will No Longer Be Prosecuted by Commanders

Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III accepted all of the recommendations of an independent review commission that stood up in March and delivered its findings just last week. The commission recommended an array of changes in how the defense department and the services that fall under it will handle sexual assaults. “On my first full day as secretary of defense, I committed that we must do more as a department to counter the scourge of sexual assault and sexual harassment in our military,” wrote Austin in a memorandum published today. “As I stated then — this is a leadership issue and we will lead.” Austin reviewed recommendations made by the IRC and said he agrees with everything submitted. (More: [www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2681848](http://www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2681848))

## USO Frank'n Friday Is Back

Please join us for our first Frank'n Friday of the year this **Friday, July 9**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. We will have hot dogs, salad, baked beans, and dessert. This event is open to currently serving military members, dependents, and retirees with valid ID. 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>)

## USO Geo Bachelor Night

Geo Bachelor Night is back! Please join us on **Wednesday, July 14**, for Sports Fans Pizza. We will meet at the picnic tables in Memorial Park at 5 p.m. Please RSVP to Margo by COB **July 12** ([mdavis@uso.org](mailto:mdavis@uso.org)) This event is open to Geo bachelors/bachelorettes and single military service members. You must be currently serving active duty, guard or reserve with valid Military ID. In case of rain, we will meet inside the USO Center in Building 110.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kkiesey@bbbs-mv.org); Ally Sweeney, [asweeney@bbbs-mv.org](mailto:asweeney@bbbs-mv.org), or Beth Clark, [bclark@bbbs-mv.org](mailto: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](http://www.bbbsmv.org/overtheedge).



**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>

*There are no announcements at this time.*



# 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.

## Army Diversity Policy Promotes the Workplace Melting Pot

In line with the Federal government and Department of Defense (DoD), the US Army is putting a renewed emphasis on diversity, inclusion, and equity (DEI) policies, with the aim of maintaining a vibrant workforce that represents the wide-ranging backgrounds of the American people. As policies continue to evolve, the Army is working to ensure that the current workforce understands the issues at hand, while simultaneously recruiting from a comprehensive pool of potential workers. These DEI policy changes have not come easily. Over the course of the past decade, numerous amendments have combined to create an increasingly inclusive environment within the federal workforce. This era of change can be traced to Executive Order 13583 (August 18, 2011), Establishing a Coordinated Government-wide Initiative to Promote Diversity and Inclusion in the Federal Workforce. 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 sought 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/248105](http://www.army.mil/article/248105))

# 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.

## MWR Hours of Operation

All MWR services and programs have returned to their normal operating hours. RIA-FMWR has returned to regular service for all our eligible patrons. For information on all RIA-FMWR services, locations, and operating hours/eligibilities, please visit: <https://rockisland.armymwr.com>

## Appointments Now Available at the Auto Service Center

Is your vehicle clunking, thunking, grinding, whining or squealing? Tired of looking at the Check Engine light? Stop by the newly repainted Auto Service Center (Building 351) and make an appointment for our skilled team of mechanics to diagnose that noise or error code and fix it at a fair and honest rate. Whether you're simply due for an oil change or tire rotation or you have something more major that needs repair, give us a call at 309-782-8631 and let our skilled and trustworthy mechanics keep you rolling down the road. If you're more hands on and like to work on your own vehicles, schedule time for self-help service and get your ride fixed while saving money. For more information and appointments, call 309-782-8631, Tuesday - Thursday: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## 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](mailto:anna.winters@us.army.mil)) (website: <https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/leisure-travel-office>)**

### MWR Flea Market

The Flea Market will be held **Saturday, July 10** 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. For more information or to sign up as a vendor, please contact Anna Winters with Leisure Travel at 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.

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# 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](http://www.facebook.com/RIACYSS))

*There are no announcements at this time.*

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# 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](#).

## 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](http://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](mailto: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. (email: [robert.l.lampert.naf@mail.mil](mailto: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 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](https://www.facebook.com/RIAEmployeeAssistanceProgram).

*There are no announcements at this time.*

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# 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Contact Mary Hansarik at [mary.p.hansarik.civ@mail.mil](mailto: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>

## Credentialing Assistance

Annual close-out requirements for FY21 and new start requirements for FY22 credentialing assistance (CA) requests. From Access, ArmyU: Soldiers may continue to submit credentialing assistance requests through ArmyIgnitED for courses or exams that have start dates up to **Sept. 30**. Soldiers must submit requests no later than 11:59 p.m. on **July 31**. Soldiers may submit Fiscal Year 22 requests through the ArmyIgnitED beginning 12:01 a.m. **Aug. 1** with a start date of **Oct. 18** or later. For questions please email the Education Center staff at [usarmy.ria.imcom.mbx.aces-customer-management-tool@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ria.imcom.mbx.aces-customer-management-tool@mail.mil).

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# Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange



The Rock Island Commissary, [www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/rock-island-arsenal](http://www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/rock-island-arsenal), and the Exchange,

[www.shopmyexchange.com/company/storeDetails.jsp?storeId=1074020](http://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](http://www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/rock-island-arsenal). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) (Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/YourCommissary](https://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](mailto:rockisland@deca.mil) and type 'Subscribe' in the subject line.

## Army & Air Force Exchange Service Celebrates 126th Anniversary with \$1.26 Express Deals in July

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is celebrating its 126th anniversary with special deals at its Express stores and restaurants throughout July. On July 25, 1895, the War Department issued General Order 46 directing commanders to establish an exchange at every post. Since then,

exchanges have faithfully served military members wherever they are called to serve. To mark the anniversary, Soldiers, Airmen, Guardians and other military shoppers can enjoy \$1.26 deals on snack favorites and more at Express stores through July 31. (More: <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/ExchangePost/2021/07/08/army-air-force-exchange-service-celebrates-126th-anniversary-with-1-26-express-deals-in-july>)

### **Barbecue, Picnics – Outdoor Fun: Go To Your Commissary in July to Save More on Your Holiday and Summer Gatherings**

July is that time of year when families, friends and food come together to create the ultimate outdoor barbecue. As the grills heat up for the Fourth of July holiday or just plain old summer fun, commissaries can help customers enjoy their cookouts with more money in their pockets. “Life is definitely more fun for our customers when they can stretch their dollar by taking advantage of the savings provided by their commissary benefit,” said Marine Sgt. Maj. Michael R. Saucedo, the Defense Commissary Agency’s senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director. “In July, the commissary is bringing more sales promotions to the table to help service members and their families save more on their groceries.” (More: [www.commissaries.com/our-agency/newsroom/news-releases/barbecue-picnics-outdoor-fun-go-your-commissary-july-save-more](http://www.commissaries.com/our-agency/newsroom/news-releases/barbecue-picnics-outdoor-fun-go-your-commissary-july-save-more))



## **Arsenal Archive**



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

### **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](http://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 Returns to HPCON-Alpha**

### **Those not fully vaccinated are to continue DoD mitigation measures**

The senior commander at Rock Island Arsenal authorized a change in the installation's operational status to Health Protection Condition - Alpha, effective July 6. Discussing the change, Col. Todd Allison, Garrison Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal, said social distancing and venue capacity restrictions were reduced in mid-May in line with the [Department of Defense memorandum, dated 13 May 2021](#). COVID case rates and hospitalizations have declined, and hospitals ability to treat have improved in the greater Quad-Cities region. In addition, a larger percentage of the region's population continues to get vaccinated. HPCON-Alpha also lifts the restrictions on gathering capacities – indoor locations such as RIA's Fitness Center are now able to operate at full occupancy. Unvaccinated personnel, however, must continue wearing masks when moving between equipment or not actively exercising. The change allows the resumption of installation services that were offered before the onset of the pandemic more than a year ago. Family and MWR facilities can operate at full capacity; Child Development Centers can open additional spaces for youth; and guests are allowed to attend ceremonies and events at full capacity. Army Community Service, the Lock & Dam Lounge, Auto Service Center, Leisure Travel Office, Outdoor Recreation, and events held in Heritage Hall (Building 60) resumed their pre-pandemic full occupancies. The move to HPCON-Alpha does not mean the pandemic is over. We are still under a national emergency and we will not let our guard down. Those with questions about fully returning to work should discuss it with their supervisor. All current protection measures, cleaning/sanitizing requirements, mask requirements for unvaccinated personnel, and physical distancing guidance will remain in place. 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. Locate a convenient vaccine location at [www.vaccinefinder.org](http://www.vaccinefinder.org). Don't Wait, Vaccinate!

## **COVID-19 Pandemic Not Over, Concerns Over Delta Variant Growing**

Nearly 68% of active duty personnel have been vaccinated against COVID-19 with at least one dose. But that still leaves many service members vulnerable to the delta variant of the virus, health officials at the Pentagon said. Due to the effectiveness of the Defense Department's ongoing vaccination program, COVID-19 case counts across the department are dropping and installation commanders have been reducing local health protection conditions, or HPCON levels, Dr. Terry Adirim, the acting assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said during a press briefing today at the Pentagon. "However, the delta variant poses a threat to that return to normal," Adirim said. "We are particularly concerned with the impact of the delta variant on our unvaccinated or partially vaccinated population, and its potential spread at installations that are located in parts of the country with low vaccination rates." (More: [www.army.mil/article/248220](http://www.army.mil/article/248220))

## **COVID 'Stay Safe' Principle Also Works For Responsible Sex**

During the past year, people have learned to protect themselves and their loved ones from COVID-19 by using three simple public health practices to prevent infection and decrease spread:

- Maintain distance from potential sources of infection



- Wear protection
- Get tested

These same public health practices are similar to those recommended to protect us from other infections that are transmitted from person to person. This includes sexually transmitted infections, or STIs. (More: [www.army.mil/article/247963](http://www.army.mil/article/247963))

### **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](http://www.federaltimes.com/management/pay-benefits/2021/06/09/feds-could-be-rewarded-for-getting-the-covid-vaccine))

## **Notes for Veterans**



### **VAntage Point Gets New Look, Mobile Integration**

VAntage Point, the official VA blog, will be down July 11 for maintenance. The site redesign will include functional efficiencies, a more modern appearance and full mobile integration. Users who try to access the site July 11 will be redirected to a page that says the site is undergoing maintenance. The redesign will come online late July 11 or early July 12. As a result, there will be no July 11 Veteran of the Day. (More: <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/90947/vantage-point-gets-new-look-mobile-integration>)

## **Around the Q.C.**



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

Once you have joined you can see a listing a 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](mailto:morganmeseke@gmail.com) to volunteer.

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# Island Insight

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