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# Island Insight

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## Bennett Assumes RIA-JMTC Command

Col. Martin J. Hendrix III relinquished command of Rock Island Arsenal – Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center to Col. Sheri Bennett in a change of command ceremony July 15 held at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois. The event, officiated by Maj. Gen. Darren Werner, commanding general, Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, was attended by local-area officials, leadership from other Rock Island Arsenal-based commands and members of the RIA-JMTC workforce. RIA-JMTC is one of six TACOM arsenals and depots. Bennett serves as the 51st commander of RIA-JMTC as well as the first female and first black commander in its 155 years of service to the nation. She served in various positions during previous assignments including chief of sustainment, plans officer, executive officer and battalion commander at duty locations that included Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Fort McPherson and Scott Air Force Base among several others. She also deployed four times in support of operations in Kosovo and Iraq. “TACOM always gets the cream of the crop,” stated Werner in remarks



## Upcoming Dates

- July:** Military Consumer Protection Month
- July:** UV Safety Month
- July:** Pledge to America's Workers Month
- July:** Health Innovation Month
- July 23:** USACE-RI Change of Command
- July 25:** Army Community Service 41st Birthday
- July 27:** National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- July 27:** Army Medicine Birthday
- July 29:** Anniversary of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps
- July 31:** Transportation Corps Birthday
- August:** Antiterrorism Awareness Month
- August:** National Immunization Awareness Month
- Aug. 4:** U.S. Coast Guard 230th Birthday
- Aug. 5:** Community Town Hall, TBD, 4:30 p.m.
- Aug. 7:** National Purple Heart Day
- Aug. 9:** Spirit of '45 Day
- Aug. 13:** ImpactLife Blood Drive, Commissary parking lot, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Aug. 20:** ImpactLife Blood Drive, Commissary parking lot, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Aug. 26:** Women's Equality Day
- Aug. 26:** Rock Island Arsenal Newcomer's Orientation, TBD, 8 a.m.
- Aug. 26:** Ammunition Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 10 a.m.

made during the event. “The best of the best come to TACOM to serve in some of the most incredible positions in the Army, and (commanding) Rock Island – JMTC is one of those positions.” He continued, “Colonel Shari Bennett is certainly one of the best and her track record shows it.” (More: [www.army.mil/article/248520](http://www.army.mil/article/248520))

### **Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony Welcomes USAG RIA Senior Enlisted Leader**

Command Sgt. Maj. John Dobbins was officially welcomed to U.S. Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal during an assumption of responsibility ceremony held in Heritage Hall, Building 60, on Rock Island Arsenal, on July 21. Dobbins assumed his duties as the senior enlisted advisor by receiving the command's colors from Col. Todd Allison, garrison commander, U.S. Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal. The garrison colors are the garrison commander's symbol of authority and represent his responsibilities to the organization; the command sergeant major is the custodian of those colors and the senior enlisted soldier in the garrison command, as well as principal advisor to the garrison commander. “So the Army has chosen CSM Dobbins to assume the mantle of garrison command to take on this challenge to help lead this garrison and take this organization to new heights – and the Army continues to get it right and deliver excellent leadership,” said Allison. “CSM Dobbins is a combat tested and proven leader with multiple combat tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. He has led organizations at every level from squad to battalion. Additionally, he is a combat medic with advanced life savings skills – which means my battle buddy can literally save my life.” (More: [www.army.mil/article/248714](http://www.army.mil/article/248714))



### **JMC Leaders Discuss Readiness and Modernization at Organic Industrial Base Summit**

Providing munitions to warfighters across the globe is a team effort. To maintain its successful management of more than \$59 billion of ammunition items for the U.S. armed forces, Joint Munitions Command and its subordinate arsenals, depots and ammo plants shared best practices with fellow leaders at the virtual AMC Commander's Organic Industrial Base summit July 7-8. Army Materiel Command, JMC's higher headquarters and the four-star command that delivers all equipment, ammunition and resources to American troops, hosted the quarterly event for OIB site commanders, life-cycle management commanders and other stakeholders to participate in a dynamic, proactive interchange to discuss both current and anticipated needs of service members. AMC senior leaders engaged directly with site commanders and emphasized the OIB sites' importance to Soldier readiness. “As we look at strategic readiness, what comes front and center is the Organic Industrial Base,” Gen. Ed Daly, AMC's commanding general and the U.S. Army's senior sustainer, said to the participants. “You are foundational and pivotal to that. I want to have this dialogue and discussion. How can we help you with OIB modernization efforts?” (More: [www.army.mil/article/248705](http://www.army.mil/article/248705))



## Veterans' Organizations Can Receive Free Ceremonial Ammunition

The U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command, headquartered at Rock Island Arsenal, provides blank ammunition and clips to American Legion posts, Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, Disabled American Veterans chapters, as well as other veterans' organizations, free of charge, to perform military funeral honors and to use at parades and other events. To order and receive the blank ammunition and/or clips, the veterans' organization must first have weapons issued through the ceremonial rifle program at the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive & Armaments Command in Warren, Michigan. Organizations that use privately-owned weapons or borrow weapons are not eligible to receive ammunition in this program. And only organization officers can request the blank ammunition and/or clips. The Joint Munitions Command is the Department of Defense's expert in ammunition. The blank ammunition is produced at JMC's Lake City Army Ammunition Plant in Independence, Missouri. The plant makes more than one billion rounds of small arms ammunition each year for the U.S. military, other government agencies, and NATO allies, including all types of 5.56 mm, 7.62 mm and .50-caliber ammunition. (More: [www.army.mil/article/248440](http://www.army.mil/article/248440))



## JMC: Supporting DEFENDER-Europe 21 from Behind the Scenes

As the participants in DEFENDER-Europe 21 return to their regular operations after the exercise, Joint Munitions Command is proud to have supported DEFENDER-Europe 21 through its mission of providing all conventional munitions for the U.S. Department of Defense. The command and its 17 subordinate depots, arsenals and ammo plants manage \$59 billion of munitions and sustain America's fighting forces by getting ammunition to troops wherever and whenever needed. "We're proud to deliver munitions logistics to warfighters," said Brig. Gen. Gavin Gardner, JMC commander. "Strong ammunition sustainment is especially important for a defensive exercise like DEFENDER-Europe 21." JMC's involvement began well before DEFENDER-Europe 21's official March start date. JMC is responsible for all conventional munitions used by the Joint Force and regularly delivers materiel readiness to the forward tactical edge. Warfighter deployment response times are decreased by prepositioning munitions across the globe. (More: [www.army.mil/article/248559](http://www.army.mil/article/248559))



## Defense Appropriations Bill Secures Millions for 3D Printing

The House Appropriations Committee approved a \$706 billion defense budget for the fiscal year 2022, which includes \$31.5 million towards additive manufacturing (AM) initiatives in Ohio and at least \$25 million for 3D printing projects at the Rock Island Arsenal's Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center (JMTC). For years, the U.S. military and its defense industrial base have incorporated AM technologies in research facilities nationwide, and the new bill approved on July 13, 2021 will ensure that several actions continue to be funded. The vice-chair of the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee, Ohio Congressman Tim Ryan, said he managed to secure \$100 million in federal funding for research and development capabilities that could benefit northeast Ohio businesses and universities. (More: <https://3dprint.com/283373/defense-appropriations-bill-secures-millions-for-3d-printing>)





## Army Addressing PCS-Related Issues as a Top Priority

The Army is addressing service members' PCS (permanent change of station) issues this summer with a newly created crisis action team, or CAT, that meets daily. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, military families are facing challenges created by national shortages of moving trucks and drivers. From April 1 through Sept. 30, a period Army leaders call the "summer surge," more than 54,000 people will move from one duty station to another. In response, leaders with the U.S. Army Materiel Command and its major subordinate command, U.S. Army Installation Management Command, have created a PCS Moves CAT. Similar action was taken two years ago when Army leaders tackled on-base housing problems. "People are the Army's number one priority, and the Army will do everything in its power to facilitate PCS moves for our families," said Lt. Gen. Doug Gabram, IMCOM commanding general. (More: [www.army.mil/article/248620](http://www.army.mil/article/248620))



## DOD Takes Phased Approach to Implementing Recommendations on Sexual Assault, Harassment

The Defense Department plans to move forward with all of the recommendations made by an independent review commission on sexual assault in the military. The commission's findings and 82 recommendations were made public earlier this month, and the department will move cautiously and deliberately in implementing each of them, the deputy defense secretary said. "I am taking a phased approach to developing comprehensive implementation plans across all of these recommendations," Kathleen H. Hicks said during testimony yesterday before the House Armed Services Committee. "Although we are on a fast timeline, our approach is methodical and deliberate." The Defense Department, Hicks reminded lawmakers, is the largest organization within the federal government, with nearly 2.9 million service members and civilians working at 4,800 sites in more than 160 countries. It'll be a challenge to implement the IRC's recommendations, she said. (More: [www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2702095](http://www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2702095))



## 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, and together with the senior commander they led the Garrison and installation in the recovery to the global pandemic. 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.

### Healthy Sleep Habits

The Commander's Ready and Resilience Council (CR2C) Health Promotion & Fitness Working Group invites you to attend "Healthy Sleep Habits" on **Tuesday, July 27**, 10-11 a.m., on [MS Teams](#). Join us for a presentation focusing on sleep habits - the good, the bad, and the ugly. Learn about the impacts of sleep deprivation, what happens in the body while we sleep, and how to improve your sleeping habits so you can feel your best every day. Our guest speaker is Chelsea Howe, wellness supervisor from UnityPoint Health. If you have TEDs, sign-up using keywords: "Healthy Sleep Habits CR2C." This event is an initiative of the CR2C Health Promotion & Fitness Working Group. Disclaimer: *This event does not imply endorsement of the presenter or material presented.* For questions email: [usarmy.ria.asc.mbx.wellness@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ria.asc.mbx.wellness@mail.mil)

### 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 27**

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.

### 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, Aug. 13 and 20**, 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)

### **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).

### **Los Primos at RIA**

Los Primos is on Arsenal 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.



### **Centennial Bridge Inspections in Rock Island Begin July 26**

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that weather permitting, an inspection of the Centennial Bridge carrying U.S. 67 across the Mississippi River in Rock Island County will begin **Monday, July 26**. The work will require daily lane closures through **Friday, Aug. 6**.

Work will begin on the northbound side of the bridge and the outer lane will be closed from **Monday, July 26, through Friday, July 30**. Work will later shift to the southbound side of the bridge on **Monday, Aug. 2**, and the outer lane will be closed through **Friday, Aug. 6**. The lane closures will be in place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Motorists can expect delays and should allow

extra time for trips through this area and be prepared for slow and stopped traffic. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

### **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**.

### **Closure of Parking Lot 2C (Building 227)**

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## **Building/Space Closures**



*There are no announcements at this time.*



## **Active Duty/Reserve Zone**



### **Through USO Illinois Rock Island: Sign Up for Nerd Fest Tickets**

A collaboration of nerddom. A celebration of community. A festival with a purpose! Join us **Friday, Aug. 27**, 10 a.m. through Sunday, Aug. 29, 6 p.m. at the River Center in Davenport. Come ready to play at the hundreds of trading card games and tabletop games, featuring Audio Dungeon. There will be tournaments and casual play for Pokemon, Magic: The Gathering, Yugioh, Digimon, and Dragon Ball Super. You'll also find Dungeons & Dragons, Pathfinder, StarFinder, and a great-sized selection of board games. The video game section will have most major titles for competitive and casual play, with competitive speed runs. Organizers are partnering with QC Co-Lab to create the world's largest Dice Tower with 100% of the proceeds going to charity. Dive into the interactive world of Lego Robotics and S.T.E.M. with the Davenport Community Schools CTE program. They're bringing lots of cool interactive and family friendly activities. Meet the well-known cosplayers at the All-Star cosplay corner, such as Sunny Doom, Vampy Snow, Papa Bear, and



Orangethefish. Saturday includes a Red Carpet cosplay contest and on Sunday is a Jr. Nerd cosplay contest at 1 p.m. followed by a family-friendly cosplay parade. Please note: These tickets are only available to active, Guard and Reserve military. Retired military, IRR military, DoD and civilian employees are not eligible to register for this event. A valid military ID will be required to pick up the tickets at the USO Rock Island. [Enter here to register for the ticket drawing.](#)

### USO Illinois Rock Island

The USO is open 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Join us for Muffins on Mondays, Olde Towne Bakery items on Wednesdays, and Frank'n Friday on Fridays (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.). 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).



## Safety Spotlight



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.*



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# Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



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.

*There are no announcements at this time.*

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# 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.

## 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.

## 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>)**

### 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, Aug. 7**, 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. For more information, please call 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](http://www.facebook.com/RIACYSS))

## Running/Jogging

Running/Jogging teaches children ages 11-17 years old proper stretching warm-up/cool down techniques while exercising. Various lengths of jogging/running incorporated depending on experience levels of class participants. The class starts and ends each day at the School Age Center (SAC) in Building 150. Participants will walk together to the sidewalk across from the SAC on the north side of Rodman and run/jog the path towards the Moline Gate. Sign up began July 21 with classes going **July 26 through Aug. 18** on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 a.m.; cost is \$25. All RIA-affiliated active duty, retirees, reservists, civilian, and/or contractor families are eligible to participate. Comfortable shorts/sweatpants, t-shirts, and tennis shoes are required, unless otherwise noted. Child must be registered with CYS to participate. Sports Physicals are required. To sign up, stop into Parent Central Services in Building 110 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. or call 309-782-0791. Contact Andy Milton, CYS Sports and Fitness Director, at [andrew.a.milton2.naf@mail.mil](mailto:andrew.a.milton2.naf@mail.mil) or 309-782-6793 for more information.

## Weightlifting

Weightlifting teaches children 11-17 years old foundational concepts of working out core group muscles, as well as how to find your way around a weight room, types of equipment to be utilized, and how to construct individualized workouts. The class meets each day at the Fitness Center, Building 67. Sign up began on July 21 with classes going **July 27 through Aug. 19** on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; cost is \$25. All RIA-affiliated active duty, retirees, reservists, civilian, and/or contractor families are eligible to participate. Comfortable shorts/sweatpants, t-shirts, and tennis shoes are required, unless otherwise noted. Child must be registered with CYS to participate. Sports Physicals are required. To sign up, stop into Parent Central Services in Building 110 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. or call 309-782-0791. Contact Andy Milton, CYS Sports and Fitness Director, at [andrew.a.milton2.naf@mail.mil](mailto:andrew.a.milton2.naf@mail.mil) or 309-782-6793 for more information.

## Cheerleading Football

Cheerleading Football for children 7-17 years old will cover age-appropriate introductory physical movements and fundamentals necessary to conduct cheers. No gymnastics-based maneuvers will be practiced (flips, cart wheels, etc.). Weekday Practices are Wednesdays 1x/week for six weeks. Group will cheer at three flag football contests on Saturday mornings (**Sept. 18, Oct. 2, and Oct. 16**). Uniforms will be provided (but participants do not keep) for the Saturday morning games. Session meets at Memorial Park; rain site is School Age Center (SAC), Building 150. Sign up began July 21 with classes going **Aug. 25 through Oct. 16** on Wednesdays 4:45-5:45 p.m., and on



Saturdays at a time to be announced; cost is \$50. All RIA-affiliated active duty, retirees, reservists, civilian, and/or contractor families are eligible to participate. Comfortable shorts/sweatpants, t-shirts, and tennis shoes are required, unless otherwise noted. Child must be registered with CYS to participate. Sports physicals are required. To sign up, stop into Parent Central Services in Building 110 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. or call 309-782-0791. Contact Andy Milton, CYS Sports and Fitness Director, at [andrew.a.milton2.naf@mail.mil](mailto:andrew.a.milton2.naf@mail.mil) or 309-782-6793 for more information.

### **Little Blitzers Football / Little Kickers Soccer**

Part of the Start Smart series, these two developmental six-week sessions for children 3-5 years old teaches children basic motor skills necessary to learn to play organized football and soccer while they work one-on-one and spend quality time with their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians participate with their child each week. The learning of basic sports mechanics and developmental movements are weekly goals. Balls will be provided and given to each parent/guardian/child pair to take home each week; at the end of the six weeks they keep the ball and the kids receive a t-shirt. Sign up will start on **Aug. 2** at 9 a.m. with football classes on Mondays 4:45-5:45 p.m. **Aug. 23 through Oct. 4** with a cost of \$25; and soccer classes on Tuesdays 4:45-5:45 p.m. **Aug. 24 through Oct. 5** with a cost of \$25. All RIA-affiliated active duty, retirees, reservists, civilian, and/or contractor families are eligible to participate. Comfortable shorts/sweatpants, t-shirts, and tennis shoes are required, unless otherwise noted. Child must be registered with CYS to participate. Sports Physicals are required. To sign up, stop into Parent Central Services in Building 110 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. or call 309-782-0791. Contact Andy Milton, CYS Sports and Fitness Director, at [andrew.a.milton2.naf@mail.mil](mailto:andrew.a.milton2.naf@mail.mil) or 309-782-6793 for more information.

### **Flag Football /Soccer League**

These two team sports leagues for children kindergarten to 8th grade will run eight weeks total – two weeks of practice weeknights two nights per week the first two weeks, then six weeks of one weeknight practice and one Saturday morning game per week. Possible practice and game locations at RIA: Sports Complex, Cannon Flats Recreation Area, or Memorial Park. All equipment is provided; players need athletic non-metal cleats for either sport, and shin guards are required for soccer. Teams are made up by CYS youth sports and fitness director after registration period ends and coached by adult volunteers. Kids desiring to play together on same team can make requests to do so; efforts will be made to accommodate requests, but no guarantees. Sign up began July 21 with class dates **Aug. 23 through Oct. 16**; kindergarten through 8th grade - weeknight practices; Saturday Games Times TBA; the cost will be \$65. All RIA-affiliated active duty, retirees, reservists, civilian, and/or contractor families are eligible to participate. Comfortable shorts/sweatpants, t-shirts, and tennis shoes are required, unless otherwise noted. Child must be registered with CYS to participate. Sports Physicals are required. To sign up, stop into Parent Central Services in Building 110 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. or call 309-782-0791. Contact Andy Milton, CYS Sports and Fitness Director, at [andrew.a.milton2.naf@mail.mil](mailto:andrew.a.milton2.naf@mail.mil) or 309-782-6793 for more information.

# 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.

## Happy Birthday to Army Community Service!

This July 25, ACS celebrates 56 years. We've come a long way since our beginnings in 1965, but our core mission of support has remained from the beginning. Let's take the opportunity to recognize our founder, Lt. Col. Emma Marie Baird, and the many others who have seen our programs grow and evolve in response to changing times and needs. ACS has over a half-century contributing to the Army's mission, keeping Soldiers, Families, and units ready and resilient in times of war and peace. Think of the varied ways we aid our military community, helping them through financial uncertainties, PCS moves, deployments, volunteer, and job opportunities. We accompany those who deserve some extra help, too, including Exceptional Family Members, wounded warriors, and survivors of fallen service members. I'm not overstating this: the Army couldn't do its mission as well as it does without ACS. We're still going strong, giving support to Soldiers, retirees, survivors, Civilians, and their Families across the globe every day. I want to thank the garrison staff who carry out our mission. With each interaction, you make the Army community better, and we appreciate you. – *Clara L. Schuler, Division Chief, Army Community Service, IMCOM G9, Family and MWR*



## No More Fighting Classes

This book by Alicia Munoz, LPC offers 52 chapters with 20 minute exercises to help couples learn how to communicate more effectively with one another. Classes will be offered in person in the ACS training room or through MS Teams on Tuesdays from 4-5 pm beginning **Aug. 3-Sept. 28**. A free book will be offered with participation in class. To RSVP email [crystal.l.bartholomew2.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:crystal.l.bartholomew2.ctr@mail.mil) or 309-782-3773.

## 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.

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## 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>

*There are no announcements at this time.*

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## 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).

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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.

## Rock Island Commissary Scheduled for CLICK2GO on July 27

Commissary CLICK2GO, the Defense Commissary Agency's new online ordering/curbside delivery service, is coming to the Rock Island Commissary tentatively on **Tuesday, July 27**, according to Penny Callison, the store director. "This service really speaks to the needs of our customers who can now plan, order and pay for their purchases on-line and then just drive to the store to get them without having to get out of their vehicle," said Callison. Here's a brief rundown of Commissary CLICK2GO's features:

- Easy-to-use navigation and search functions to help customers plan healthy meals and take care of their family's needs
- Enhanced product information

- Robust recipe features
- Featured sales and promotions
- Upgraded mobile-friendly experience
- No service fee (it was waived on all orders for a limited time starting June 28)

Information on how the service works is found on [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) with dedicated sections such as “How CLICK2GO Works.” First-time customers will need to create an account. In step with grocery shopping trends, DeCA is working to bring on-line ordering, payment and pick-up options to all commissary-eligible patrons. In early June the agency announced plans to expand Commissary CLICK2GO to all 236 commissaries worldwide, and the rollout status can be found on the agency’s web site. “I encourage all our shoppers to access the CLICK2GO page on [commissaries.com](http://commissaries.com) to learn more about it,” said Callison. Customers use a computer or mobile device to make their orders online where they select from commissary products offered based on the store’s stock assortment. After products are selected, the shopper selects a pickup time and pays for their order. At their appointed time they park in designated parking spaces where commissary workers bring their groceries. The Rock Island Commissary CLICK2GO will begin accepting internet orders on **July 27**.

### **‘The Very Best Deals!’: Commissaries, Industry Suppliers Partner To Create More Opportunities to Save For the Military Community**

More opportunities to save are on the horizon for commissary customers thanks to a new initiative created by the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) and its industry suppliers. Known as “Come Home to Savings, Shop Your Local Commissary,” this joint DeCA and industry promotion will be coming to commissaries worldwide starting in August, said DeCA Director and CEO Bill Moore. (More: [www.commissaries.com/our-agency/newsroom/news-releases/very-best-deals-commissaries-industry-suppliers-partner-create](http://www.commissaries.com/our-agency/newsroom/news-releases/very-best-deals-commissaries-industry-suppliers-partner-create))

### **‘We Go Where You Go’: Army & Air Force Exchange Service Marks 126 Years of Serving Military Community**

At home, abroad, in war zones, through natural disasters—wherever Soldiers, Airmen and Guardians serve, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service has gone with them for the last 126 years. On July 25, the Department of Defense’s largest retailer is celebrating its 126th anniversary of serving those who serve through more than 4,900 facilities, including department stores, convenience stores, Military Clothing stores, restaurants, barbershops and salons, mall vendors and more, as well as [ShopMyExchange.com](http://ShopMyExchange.com). (More: <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/ExchangePost/2021/07/22/we-go-where-you-go-army-air-force-exchange-service-marks-126-years-of-serving-military-community>)

### **Exchange Giving Away More than \$6,000 in Prizes for 126th Anniversary**

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service has been serving the best customers in the world for 126 years. To mark the milestone, the Department of Defense’s largest retailer is offering shoppers a chance to win more than 130 Amazon Echo prizes worth more than \$6,000. From July 23 to Aug. 19, authorized Exchange shoppers 18 years and older can enter to win one of six Amazon Echo Show 5 prizes or one of 126 Amazon Echo Dots at [ShopMyExchange.com/sweepstakes](http://ShopMyExchange.com/sweepstakes). (More: <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/ExchangePost/2021/07/21/exchange-giving-away-more-than-6500-in-prizes-for-126th-anniversary>)

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# 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.



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# Healthbeat



The Rock Island Arsenal is at **HPCON-Alpha**. Those not fully vaccinated are to continue DoD mitigation measures in line with the [Department of Defense memorandum, dated 13 May 2021](#). Most all facilities have resumed their full capacity limits. 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!

## Delta Variant Raising New COVID Concerns Across Nation, DOD

Senior leaders at Fort Knox are urging the workforce and community members to continue following all current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance and DoD/installation requirements regarding COVID-19 prevention. These measures remain important as cases of the newest COVID-19 strain, the delta variant from India officially known as B.1.617.2, continue to rise across the world. Major news agencies have reported the variant as being as much as 225% more transmissible than the original virus based on documentation from the United Kingdom's Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies. That group, in fact, reported that the delta strain "is as much as 50% more transmissible" than the B.1.1.7 variant discovered in England. (More: [www.dvidshub.net/news/401321](http://www.dvidshub.net/news/401321))



# Notes for Veterans

## **Online Scheduling – Manage Community Care Appointments Online at the Click of a Button**

VA is making it easier for you to schedule medical appointments with an in-network community provider if you are eligible for community care. VA Online Scheduling allows you to contact an in-network community provider to schedule an appointment. The goal is to minimize scheduling delays by empowering you to coordinate your community care appointments. While we are excited to offer this additional convenient scheduling option for community care, Veterans remain welcome to choose to pursue their care within VA. View your scheduled VA and community care appointments online at My HealtheVet. Find in-network community providers at the VA facility locator. (More: <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/92163/online-scheduling-manage-community-care-appointments-online-at-the-click-of-a-button>)

## **Veterans Can Request a Correction to Military Records Through a Review Board**

The Defense Department wants to make sure its veterans know they can apply to correct inaccuracies or injustices in their military records, including an upgrade in discharge, officials for the DOD's legal policy office said. "Veterans who believe they have suffered an inequity or injustice warranting a correction to their service record or who believe their discharge was unjust, erroneous or warrants an upgrade are encouraged to apply," said Christa Specht, director of the Office of Legal Policy. For example, veterans who received less than honorable discharges can file an application to request their military records be changed as long as they provide justifiable supplemental information for approval by their military department's Board for Correction of Military/Naval Records or Discharge Review Board. (More: [www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2698739](http://www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2698739))

## **Winning Design Selected In the 2021 Veterans Day Poster Contest**

An author-illustrator of children's books and advocate for military families is this year's Veterans Day poster contest winner. Matt Tavares, of Ogunquit, Maine, works closely with his publisher, Candlewick Press, to support an organization called United Through Reading. Their mission is to connect military families who are separated – by deployment or military assignment – through the shared experience of reading together. His design idea for this year's poster contest theme, the Centennial Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, was taken from an illustration he created for a book called Twenty-One Steps. (More: <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/90941/winning-design-selected-2021-veterans-day-poster-contest>)

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# Around the Q.C.



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