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Island Insight

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JMC Interns Share Project Achievements with Senior Leaders

Interns with the Minority College Relations Program at Joint Munitions Command and Army Contracting Command presented the outcomes of their assignments to JMC and ACC leadership July 20. The interns worked on real-world projects



guided by employee mentors. Projects were determined based on agency need to provide value-added for the Army as well as the students. MRCP participants like Elizabeth Ferguson stated the importance of the program for her cohort as well as future aspiring federal employees. "Please continue to keep this program going; you are investing in future leaders," Ferguson said to the senior leaders during her brief. "This has been the best summer of my life so far. Please keep impacting future generations." Eighteen students from 11 historically Black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions took part in the 10-week program that provides work experience and introduces them to a real-time work environment as well as opportunities for career possibilities within the federal government. (More: www.army.mil/article/249176)

Upcoming Dates

August: Antiterrorism Awareness Month
August: Women's Equality Month
August: National Immunization Awareness Month
Aug. 7: National Purple Heart Day
Aug. 9: Spirit of '45 Day
Aug. 10: Department of Defense 72nd Birthday
Aug. 13: ImpactLife Blood Drive, Commissary, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Aug. 16: National Airborne Day
Aug. 17: U.S. Army Civil Affairs 66th Birthday
Aug. 20: ImpactLife Blood Drive, Commissary, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Aug. 26: Women's Equality Day
Aug. 26: Rock Island Arsenal Newcomers Orientation, TBD, 8 a.m.
Aug. 26: Ammunition Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 10 a.m.
Aug. 29: U.S. Marine Forces Reserve 105th Birthday
September: National Preparedness Month
September: Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month
September: National Recovery Month
Sept. 1: USAG RIA Organizational Day, Memorial Park, 10 a.m.
Sept. 5-11: Suicide Prevention Week
Sept. 7: Labor Day (*Federal Holiday*)
Sept. 9: RIA Quarterly Retirement Ceremony, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 2 p.m.

DoD Reinstates COVID-19 Mitigation Measures In Certain Geographic Areas, Arsenal Island Is Impacted

The Rock Island Arsenal is currently at **HPCON-Alpha**. At this time the Arsenal Island workforce, visitors, and contractors, are directed to wear appropriate face coverings in all indoor settings on Arsenal Island. Per the DoD memorandum dated July 28, 2021 – "[Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities](#)" installations must reinstitute mandatory use of masks indoors in geographic areas of **substantial** and **high** community spread of the COVID-19 virus as defined and publically identified by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#). Rock Island County is currently identified by the CDC to be at **substantial spread**; with Scott County identified at **high spread**. Regardless of the level of community transmission as identified by the CDC, those not fully vaccinated are to continue DoD mitigation measures in line with [Department of Defense direction](#). 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.gov. Don't Wait, Vaccinate! It should be noted that the new mask requirement does not change the HPCON condition at this time. Please consult with your supervisor on any other impacts this may have your work environment. No Garrison services are being closed or reduced at this time and gathering sizes are just below 100% capacity in accordance with HPCON Alpha. We will continue to monitor the community spread and reevaluate weekly.



Proud To Be Part of the First Army Family

My name is Tony Aguto, and I am a proud First Army Soldier. This is how I have introduced myself from my first day in command here at First Army, and it truly sums up my feelings about joining this historic and essential Army organization. I look forward to getting to know all of you but I wanted to use this opportunity to give you a brief introduction: At heart, I am a cavalryman. I commissioned from the U.S. Military Academy in 1988 as an Armor officer and have loved every day of it. The most prominent items in my office will always be my Stetson and my spurs. I learned everything I know from NCOs and I trust them – specifically my Command Sergeant Major John McDwyer – implicitly. I believe pride in our mission and heritage – and the stories of outstanding troops that touch us along the way – are what define us each as Soldiers. As a child, I learned from my grandfather, a trooper with the famed Filipino Scouts, how transformative a life of service and sacrifice can be. He was a Filipino farmer who joined the Americans in their fight against the Japanese in World War II. That's why I joined. (More: www.dvidshub.net/news/402437)



RIA's FMWR Rolls Out Red Carpet for Royal Guests

Historic Quarters 1 on Rock Island Arsenal has seen a fair number of VIPs in its day. From stars (in both the general officer sense, as well as celebrity types) to foreign dignitaries, the castle-like former residence has been the setting for many a grand event. It has never, however, had 35 princesses and 4 princes visit in one day -- until now! Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation recently hosted a “Story Time with Princesses” event at the venue, where storybook princesses in full-costumed attire read stories from their magical kingdoms and offered a variety of creative crafting events for little hands to make and take home. (More:

www.army.mil/article/249119)



Indoor Mask-Use Returns for Some Places in the Quad Cities

Some workplaces are returning to indoor mask use regardless of vaccination status following CDC guidance for “high” and “substantial” areas of transmission based on CDC metrics. In cities like Galesburg, officials announced at the start of the week that masks would be required to be worn in all city facilities. In Rock Island, the Department of Defense reinstated COVID mitigation efforts in certain areas which included the arsenal, one of the largest employers in the Quad Cities. “The first step is putting back masks on, even if you’re vaccinated so that’s essentially what we’ve done, but we’ve been able to continue to do our mission, keep services open similar to what you’re seeing out in Illinois and Iowa and the Quad Cities,” Colonel Todd Allison said, the Garrison Commander at the arsenal in reference to the guidance. (More: www.kwqc.com/2021/08/04/indoor-mask-use-returns-some-places-quad-cities)



JMC to Update Its Human Capital Strategic Plan

The Joint Munitions Command is currently updating its Human Capital Strategic Plan for the fiscal years 2022-2028, and in order to achieve its vision of evolving talent management and ensuring employees see themselves in the plan, JMC is incorporating the Army People Strategy’s main line of efforts in the life cycle of its talented workforce: acquire, develop, employ, and retain. The plan will include its priority mission objectives of people, readiness, and modernization, with a focus on mentorship and professional development. The plan is envisioned as a roadmap to success at each stage of the employee life cycle and efforts are being synchronized by the Human Resources directorate and staff at JMC’s 17 depots and installations. “People are our number one priority,” said Brig. Gen. Gavin J. Gardner, JMC commander, in a recent employee town hall. “Updating our Human Capital Strategic Plan is all about getting and retaining talent.” (More: www.army.mil/article/249071)



AMC Names NCO, Soldier of the Year

Army Materiel Command recognized their top warriors during a luncheon here July 30, after 11 of the organization's best competed in the AMC Best Warrior Competition at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, July 25-28. Sgt. 1st Class Tyler Price, who serves as a combat engineer advisor with the U.S. Army Security Assistance Training Management Organization in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, is AMC's noncommissioned officer of the year. Spc. Christian Kerkado-Colon, who serves with Corpus Christi Army Depot in Texas, is AMC's Soldier of the Year. During the event, AMC's senior enlisted leader, Command Sgt. Maj. Alberto Delgado, congratulated all the participants, praising their hard work and determination. "I often say this is the land of the free because of the brave. You are the best of our nation's best and are indeed the brave," he said. The runner up for NCO of the year is Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Tyndall. He serves as an Operations NCO with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, **Army Sustainment Command in Rock Island, Illinois**. (More: www.army.mil/article/249033)



Working Together to Reach Your Goals

We all remember key choices we've made both personally and professionally that have defined our present condition. When making those decisions, we often rely on parents, teachers and other mentors to help steer us in the right direction. Their thoughts and input helped shape us into the people we are today and our paths forward. My own career has been measurably enriched by many mentors over the years, both formal and informal. Without their guidance, I would not be where I am today- a member of the Senior Executive Service with the privilege of helping provide munitions readiness to warfighters. My most memorable mentor assisted me while I worked as a newly assigned ammunition management intern from the Defense Ammunition Center. He was an inventory manager whose wealth of knowledge and experience was renowned. Everyone went to him with their questions, and I wanted to be just like him- someone who helps others find answers. (More: www.army.mil/article/249044)



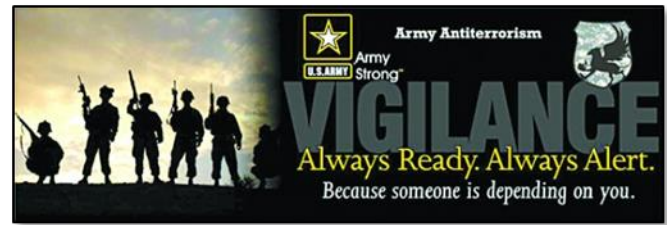
Website Informs Civilians About DOD Opportunities

Say "Department of Defense" and most Americans automatically envision uniformed soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen or Space Force guardians. They don't think of the sinews holding all this together: DOD civilians. "One of the things that I find so fascinating is that the Department of Defense civilian workforce ... is close to 950,000, and still people don't seem to know about it," said Michelle LoweSolis, the director of Defense Civilian Personnel Advisory Service. "We're really and truly one of the biggest civilian employers in the country." Your average citizen doesn't realize that you can come into the Defense Department and not wear a uniform, she said. (More: www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2715857)



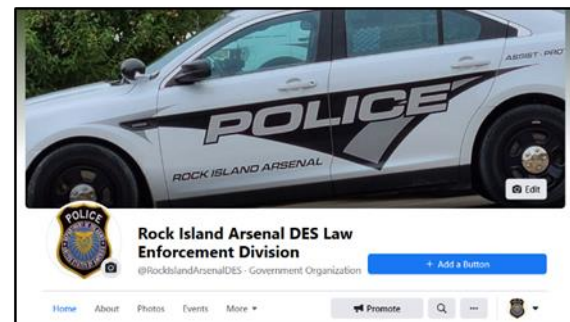
‘The Number One Enemy Is Complacency:’ Army Observes 12th Annual Antiterrorism Awareness Month

In an official letter to the Army workforce, Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth described today’s national security threats as being more complex and more dynamic than any other time in history. The Army and Army Materiel Command are observing August as Antiterrorism Awareness Month for its 12th annual observance in an effort to remind people that being aware and vigilant of possible threats is important every day. Bob Schuster, Antiterrorism and OPSEC Program Manager for Army Materiel Command, said a designated month for antiterrorism awareness helps people recognize the things that they should be paying attention to on a daily basis to ensure safety and security. He said maintaining vigilance both at home and abroad is the key to combatting terrorism, extremism, insider threats, and cybersecurity vulnerabilities. “It’s sort of like fighting crime,” Schuster said. “You may not be the victim of a crime every day, but you still need to be alert and aware every day. The number one enemy is complacency.” (More: www.army.mil/article/248932)



RIA Police Are On Facebook

The Rock Island Arsenal DES Law Enforcement Division has established and is actively posting on a Facebook page that they recently created to have a social media presence. The workforce and RIA community are encouraged to like and follow the page at www.facebook.com/RockIslandArsenalDES. The page states the RIA Police promote a high quality of life and sense of safety by providing the diverse Rock Island Arsenal community all of the resources available to the directorate. The Law Enforcement Division is dedicated to service the Rock Island Arsenal community with efficient and effective law enforcement and crime prevention techniques.



Corps of Engineers to Host Open House on Largest Diesel Towboat in the U.S.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, is hosting an open house aboard the Motor Vessel Mississippi on **Tuesday, Aug. 10** from 1-5 p.m. at River Heritage Park in downtown Davenport. The open house is free to the public and will include a walking tour of the vessel and a chance to view STEM-related exhibits about Rock Island District missions. No registration is needed to participate. The M/V Mississippi is the largest diesel towboat ever built in the United States and is owned and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It spends most of the year as a working towboat for the Memphis District, but is also used by the presidentially appointed Mississippi River Commission for conducting inspections of USACE projects along the Mississippi River. Due to COVID-19 precautions, a limited number of people will be permitted on the vessel in a rotational format during the open house. Social distancing measures will be in place and face masks will be required while onboard. Attendees are also advised to bring a valid photo ID and be prepared for a security check before boarding. (More: www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Media/News-Releases/Article/2709140)



August Hours for Attic Thrift Shop

The Attic will be open Tuesdays **Aug. 10, 17, 24 and 31**, and 3rd Saturday, **Aug. 21**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., in Building 60, NW corner (basement), corners of Gillespie and North Avenue. Note: Masks are again required of all persons in the Attic. All purchases must be paid by cash or check only...no debit/credit cards at this time. Come and check out all the new merchandise we have. Follow us on Facebook at "Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop" where photos of new merchandise are posted. As always, your donations are greatly appreciated as they help us continue to do our business of serving all military and civilians on Arsenal Island, as well as patrons outside the Arsenal. Because we are a not-for-profit organization sponsored by the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club (RIAWC), all proceeds go toward community grants to assist military and veterans throughout the community. We also provide scholarships for family members associated with Rock Island Arsenal.

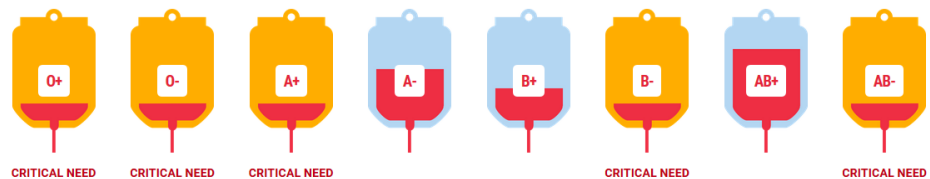
Los Primos at RIA

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.

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, 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. They will also have their Donor Bus at Building 390 on **Thursday, Aug. 19**, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email bhancock@impactlife.org with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401; you may also log on to www.ImpactLife.org and use code 029 to locate the blood drives. **ImpactLife is requiring masks for donors, staff, and volunteers in all of their facilities and donor buses.** ImpactLife encourages those working remotely to visit one of their three local donor centers.



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

ImpactLife will have a donor promotion, this will be a \$10 electronic gift card redeemable at Amazon, Dunkin', Lowe's, Target, Starbucks, and Walmart. Also through Sept. 12, all donors are automatically entered to win a \$500 gift card – three winners every week. Details and winners at: www.bloodcenter.org/win. **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**

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.

Irreverent Warriors Silkies Hike- Quad Cities

The Irreverent Warriors Silkies Hikes are a series of therapeutic events across the nation designed to prevent veteran suicide by bringing veterans together using humor and camaraderie to heal the mental wounds of war. Irreverent Warriors Silkies Hike Quad Cities is **Saturday, Aug. 28**, at the Dillion Memorial Fountain at 200 W. River Drive in Davenport, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This is not an athletic event, the hikes are between 4-10 miles, paced at 2-3 miles per hour. There are frequent stops for fellowship and food/beverages, and rucks, weight, and boots are optional. Veterans operate differently than most others in the face of tragedy or adversity in that they are more likely to use humor and camaraderie as a coping mechanism than anything else. In order to create and maintain this environment of support and understanding, civilians are not allowed to hike in our events. Silkies hikes are for veterans, active duty, National Guard, and reservists only. Please meet us for the initial festivities and/or at stop locations along the route if you'd like to receive your veterans with cheers, hugs, kisses, photos, videos, screaming, yelling, and excessive PDA. Irreverent Warriors events create a lasting network of support and communicates this message: "put the gun back on safe, put it back on the nightstand, and stick around a bit longer." COVID-19 procedures – in accordance with CDC regulations, temperatures will be taken, and a contact tracing/liability questionnaire will be completed prior to registration. A temperature lower than 101 degrees and a mask are required to be able to participate in the event. Hikers and volunteers can register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/irreverent-warriors-silkies-hike-quad-cities-ia-tickets-151002662027>



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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



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 every other Friday (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>)

USO Free School Supplies

The USO has free school supplies available for all of those eligible for USO services – stop by our center to supplement your children's supplies. We have pencils, pens, colored pencils, crayons and

more! 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>)

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 Orangefish. 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.](#)

Over the Edge 2021

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



Safety Spotlight



**ARMY SAFE
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The top priority of the installation safety office is to safeguard and protect service members, their families, civilian employees and Army property as well as to create the safest workplace and living environment possible. Website: <https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/about/Garrison/safety-office>

Prepare for Thunderstorms & Lightning

Lightning is a leading cause of injury and death from weather-related hazards. Although most lightning victims survive, people struck by lightning often report a variety of long-term, debilitating

symptoms. Thunderstorms are dangerous storms that include lightning and can create or cause powerful winds over 50 mph, hail, and flash flooding and/or tornadoes. (More: www.ready.gov/thunderstorms-lightning)

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.

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. Contact the office at 309-782-5890. (email: 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)

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 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 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 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 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 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, 1st floor SE; visit our ACS website <https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-service> or phone 309-782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. Find us on Facebook click here: www.facebook.com/RIAACS. 24/7 Domestic Violence Crisis Line: **309-912-6089**. The ACS center is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 12-4:30 p.m.

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 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 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), Website: <https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation>

There are no announcements at this time.

Employee Assistance Program



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

There are no announcements at this time.

Education/Training Review



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

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.

Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange



The Rock Island Commissary, www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/rock-island-arsenal, and the Exchange, www.shopmyexchange.com/company/storeDetails.jsp?storeId=1074020, are for active duty military, retirees, service-connected disabled veterans, and Arsenal Island DoD employees. Check out local specials and get POC information here: www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/rock-island-arsenal. For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com (Facebook: www.facebook.com/YourCommissary) If you would like to be placed on our email contact list to receive periodic information on events happening at your Rock Island Arsenal Commissary, please email us at: rockisland@deca.mil and type 'Subscribe' in the subject line.

Rock Island Commissary is Conducting CLICK2GO

Commissary CLICK2GO, the Defense Commissary Agency's new online ordering/curbside delivery service, is now at the Rock Island Commissary, 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 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 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.

Commissaries Help Parents Get More For Less in August As Children Return To the Classroom

The commissary brings greater savings on healthy breakfasts, lunches, after school snacks and more during the month of August to help families with their back to school efforts. "The commissary and industry are teaming up to provide greater savings for families as their children return to the classroom," said Marine Sgt. Maj. Michael R. Saucedo, the Defense Commissary Agency's senior enlisted advisor to the agency director. "In August, our customers can expect to see special back to school promotions on meals, snacks and other school-related items." (More:

www.commissaries.com/our-agency/newsroom/news-releases/back-school-savings-commissaries-help-parents-get-more-less)

ShopMyExchange.com Turns 25! Here's What's Ahead for Military Shoppers

On July 15, 1996, when “Independence Day” ruled the box office and “California Love” dominated the pop charts, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service debuted its website, then known as www.aafes.com. The site has evolved into today's ShopMyExchange.com, offering millions of name-brand products—tax-free with military-exclusive pricing—and emphasizing convenience for military shoppers, including honorably discharged Veterans. (More: <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/ExchangePost/2021/08/04/shopmyexchange-com-turns-25-heres-whats-ahead-for-military-shoppers>)

\$10,000 in Exchange Shopping Sprees Available through Red Bull Sweepstakes

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is rewarding six lucky military shoppers with shopping sprees in the Red Bull sweepstakes. Through Aug. 31, authorized Exchange shoppers 18 and older can enter at ShopMyExchange.com/sweepstakes. One grand-prize winner will receive a \$5,000 Exchange gift card, and five first-place winners will each receive \$1,000 Exchange gift cards. “Whether you want to splurge on some dream purchases or stock up on back-to-school essentials, an Exchange shopping spree can make that happen,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Osby, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor. “Our military shoppers are heroes and very deserving of these wonderful prizes.” (More: <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/ExchangePost/2021/08/02/10000-in-exchange-shopping-sprees-available-through-red-bull-sweepstakes>)



Arsenal Archive

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

RIA Museum Closed For Renovation

The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is undergoing a \$1.5 million renovation. The project includes the biggest modernization of the museum in more than 50 years. The renovation will refocus the exhibits on the history of the U.S. Army's organic industrial base, Rock Island Arsenal, and the Arsenal's current role in producing Army readiness. It is part of the U.S. Army Museum Enterprise's five-year reform effort to refine its collection and enhance education and training capabilities at its 47 field museums. To provide a sneak peek of the new exhibits, a series of virtual presentations will be held this summer outlining the new interpretation and exhibit design. Stay tuned for updates on the [Museum's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/RIAMuseum) or website, arsenalhistoricalsociety.org, as it undergoes this exciting process. The museum has been closed since March 2020 due to a nationwide surge in COVID-19 cases. “We look forward to reopening our doors to the Quad Cities community in the fall of 2022,” said Patrick Allie, Rock Island Arsenal Museum director. For more information or questions contact 309-782-3518.



Healthbeat

The Rock Island Arsenal is at [HPCON-Alpha](#). Those not fully vaccinated are to continue DoD mitigation measures in line with Department of Defense direction. Per the DoD memorandum dated July 28, 2021 -- "[Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities](#)" pertaining to reinstating the mandatory use of masks indoors in geographic areas of **substantial** and **high** community spread of the COVID-19 virus as defined and publically identified by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#). Rock Island County is currently identified by the CDC to be at **moderate spread**. At this time the Arsenal Island workforce is directed to continue to mask and adhere to mitigation measures if you are **not** vaccinated; all those who are vaccinated are not required to mask outdoors or indoors. 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. Don't Wait, Vaccinate!

Top Military Medical Doctor Predicts Coronavirus Longevity

COVID-19 and other such coronaviruses likely will stay in the environment and continue to mutate, Army Lt. Gen. Ronald J. Place, director of Defense Health Agency, said. "And we're going to have to deal with it," he told participants today at the Sea-Air-Space Exposition at National Harbor, Maryland, on the topic of the COVID-19 response and post-pandemic national security. The United States is in an "OK place, but not a great place," at this point in the COVID-19 pandemic, he said, adding, "I think one of the things that many of us believe — which is a fallacy — is that [COVID-19] is going to go away. It's not going away, just like influenza is not going away. And the thing about many viruses is they tend to mutate, and they tend to do things that keep them alive." (More: www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2719995)

Debunking Anti-Vaccine Myths with Scientific Facts

Even after months of vaccinations, and nearly one million service members have received a vaccine, myths and misinformation surrounding the COVID-19 vaccines still abound. However, the science behind the vaccines, and the effectiveness of those vaccines remain. Some of the reasons why military personnel say they are not getting vaccinated include:

- Skepticism about the effects of the COVID-19 disease on young, healthy service members
- Questions about the vaccine's possible long-term side effects that could emerge years later
- Changing information about the COVID-19 vaccines and the virus itself
- Concerns about a baby's health in a pregnant service member
- Fears among male service members about their future fertility

Many of these concerns stem from false, inaccurate, or misleading information gathered from social media and misinformation super-spreaders. Fact: The belief that young people cannot become seriously ill from catching the coronavirus is false. And newer, anecdotal reports suggest the virus's Delta variant is causing more serious illness in young people compared to versions of the virus that were spreading last year. (More: <https://health.mil/News/Articles/2021/08/05/Debunking-Anti-Vaccine-Myths-with-Scientific-Facts>)

COVID-19 Vaccines: Benefits Still Outweigh the Risks

Only a small fraction of people in the military community have experienced breakthrough infections after receiving a COVID-19 vaccination - and none of them have died, according to Defense Health Agency Director Army Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Ronald Place. Place revealed new data about breakthrough infections among people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at a July 20 virtual town hall for DHA employees. Place explained that the evidence shows how effective the vaccine has been and he encouraged all service members and others to get fully vaccinated. "The fact of the matter is the efficacy is very good," Place said. "From a safety perspective, for those of us who are [fully] vaccinated, it is exceptionally uncommon for us to need hospitalization." (More:

www.health.mil/News/Articles/2021/07/30/COVID19-Vaccines-Benefits-Still-Outweigh-the-Risks)

New Masking Policy for Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic

Effective immediately, subject to any applicable labor relations obligations, the following additional health protection measures will be in effect for all MEDCOM organizations.

- Service members, federal employees, on-site contractor employees, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask in indoor settings.
- Individuals must wear masks consistently while indoors except:
 - 1) when an individual is alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls and closed doors;
 - 2) for brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining at least six-feet distance and in accordance with instructions from commanders and supervisors;
 - 3) when the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes; and
 - 4) when necessary to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability

All individuals should also follow social distancing practices per the local HPCON A protection measures.



DOD Directs Employees in High Risk Geographic Areas to Start Wearing Face Masks Again

Following guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Defense Department has directed employees working in areas at high risk for transmission to begin using face masks again as a measure to prevent the continued spread of the COVID-19 virus, especially the fast-moving, highly-transmittable Delta variant. The new guidance for the department came in a [memorandum signed by Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen H. Hicks](#). "In areas of substantial or high community transmission, DOD requires all service members, federal employees, onsite contractor employees and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask in an indoor setting in installations and other facilities owned, leased or otherwise controlled by DOD," the memorandum read. (More: www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2711489)

Notes for Veterans



VA Online Scheduling (VAOS) Lets Eligible Veterans Request Community Provider Appointments

Veterans eligible for community care can use VA Online Scheduling (VAOS) to request routine appointments (e.g., initial primary care appointment, nutrition, routine podiatry, optometry and audiology – hearing tests) with an in-network community provider. When using VAOS to request certain types of clinical appointments, the system will check your eligibility. If eligible, you can request a VA appointment or a community care provider appointment. If you aren't eligible for a community appointment, you will still be able to choose a VA appointment. VA always welcomes Veterans to receive care with VA. (More: <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/92508/va-online-scheduling-vaos-lets-eligible-veterans-request-community-provider-appointments>)

Scott County/Home Base Iowa Partner to Serve Veterans

Veterans who put their boots – and roots – in Scott County now may be eligible for up to \$8,250 in relocation incentives thanks to a new partnership between Scott County and Home Base Iowa (HBI). Scott County has been designated as a Home Base Iowa Community, joining more than 100 other Iowa communities in the statewide network. The designation, which covers the entire county, involves several Quad Cities partners including Scott County, the City of Davenport, the Quad Cities Chamber and area employers. "It's an outstanding accomplishment having Scott County join other HBI communities across Iowa supporting veterans and their families," said HBI Program Manager Jathan Chicoine. "It's an important milestone in helping us onboard all 99 Iowa counties by Veterans Day of 2021." To honor veterans and transitioning military and to encourage them to relocate here, the Scott County Board of Supervisors and Davenport City Council have invested \$25,000 each to fund an incentive program. (More: <https://quadcitieschamber.com/news/blog/scott-county-home-base-iowa-partner-to-recruit-veterans>)

Around the Q.C.



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

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

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

24th Annual QC Marathon Needs You

Volunteer for the 24th Annual QC Marathon on **Sunday, Sept. 26**. The QC Marathon is a Boston Marathon qualifying race and is a great event for the whole community. The race starts and ends in downtown Moline and more than 8 miles of the race is run on the historic Rock Island Arsenal. This large event is only possible with the help of volunteers. Individuals and groups of volunteers are

need for aid stations along the course. Contact Morgan Meseke at 563-340-9683 or email at morganmeseke@gmail.com to volunteer.

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