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Island Insight

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EAGLE Fort Leonard Wood Contract Supports Newest Soldiers, Trains Center's Interns

Clothing, equipping, transporting and feeding approximately 25,000 Soldiers as they navigate through the Training Doctrine Command's (TRADOC) Maneuver Support Center of Excellence (MSCoE)'s three schools, located at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, is a major effort



the base's Logistics Readiness Center (LRC) helps support. A team at Army Contracting Command-Rock Island (ACC-RI) provides the acquisition support that keeps the LRC running smoothly under the Enhanced Army Global Logistic Enterprise (EAGLE) Fort Leonard Wood contract. From the get-go, Soldiers come into contact with the LRC's services, via the two phases of the Clothing Initial Issue Point, in which they receive their uniforms in the first phase and Army Service Uniform in the second phase. In addition to clothing Soldiers, EAGLE contractors also support the transportation of all joint service trainees and international students – approximately 10,000 personnel are moved via bus across the installation daily. According to the LRC's Plans and Operations Center, EAGLE contractors also support maintenance efforts of the equipment

Upcoming Dates

- August:** Antiterrorism Awareness Month
- August:** Women's Equality Month
- August:** National Immunization Awareness Month
- 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. 1-4:** September Sidewalk Sale, RIA Commissary, 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 5-11:** Suicide Prevention Week
- Sept. 7:** Labor Day (*Federal Holiday*)
- Sept. 8:** Americal Memorial Dedication, Rock Island National Cemetery, 10 a.m.
- Sept. 9:** RIA Quarterly Retirement Ceremony, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 10:** ImpactLife Blood Drive, donor bus in Commissary parking lot, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Sept. 10:** RIA 9/11 20th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony, 9/11 Memorial, TBD
- Sept. 11:** Patriot Day (*flags at half-staff*)

necessary to enable training by having the sole maintenance support mission for all Commercial-Off-The-Shelf equipment for the schools. This consists of approximately 2,500 pieces of equipment ranging from simple lawn equipment to more complex equipment such as industrial tractors and marine equipment. Additionally, they support all of the equipment in the installation's 13 Dining Facilities, serving approximately 1 million meals a month – one of the largest in the Department of Defense (DoD). (More: www.army.mil/article/249245)

Community Rise in New COVID-19 Cases Triggers Modification to RIA Mitigations

The greater Quad Cities area has seen an increase in new COVID-19 cases and community transmission – Rock Island County is currently identified by the CDC to be at **high spread**; with Scott County identified at **high spread**. Area hospitalizations have increased slightly, but area health care resources remain very capable to treat and vaccinations are available to all personnel ages 12 and above with vaccination rates continuing to increase above 50 percent of the regional population fully vaccinated. In response the installation will maintain Health Protection Condition Alpha, but effective immediately mission partners will begin deliberately preparing to implement an increase to mandatory mitigation measures to reflect Bravo COVID-19 restrictions. All mission partners previously exempted for workplace occupancy limits to ensure critical mission success will implement appropriate internal risk based mitigation strategies to protect the workforce. Mission partners will refer to [Secretary of Defense memorandum dated April 29, 2021](#) to review additional measures under HPCON Bravo which impacts all indoor gatherings on Arsenal Island to include enforcing social distancing in all gathering places to include deliberately reducing gathering sizes to 50 percent normal capacity; while maintaining the current DoD indoor mask mandate direction for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals across the Arsenal to include the workforce, visitors, and contractors, 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 \(CDC\)](#). “It is our top priority to protect our forces and community against COVID-19,” said Col. Todd Allison, garrison commander, US Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal. “Our decisions are based on the facts in the surrounding greater Quad Cities area which has experienced a substantial increase in cases recently, so it is time to make some changes for the continued health protection of our workforce, families, and visitors.” 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! Please consult with your supervisor on any other impacts this may have to your work environment. No Garrison services are being closed or reduced at this time, however, gathering sizes may begin to become impacted as previously outlined above. We will continue to monitor the community spread and reevaluate bi-weekly.



AMC Announces Employee Awards For Second Quarter 2021

Ten Army Materiel Command employees from across the enterprise have been named AMC Employees of the Quarter for the second quarter, fiscal year 2021, representing a diverse and talented workforce of logisticians, contracting officers, engineers and program managers. AMC's Employee of the Quarter program recognizes civilian and military employees whose outstanding and innovative contributions made a direct positive impact on the command's mission goals during the quarter. While the award recognizes only one employee from AMC's 10 major subordinate commands, several awardees say the individual award also validates the successful work of employee teams. Expressing appreciation for the recognition, Jessica Blain, a logistics management specialist for the Aviation and Missile Command, said she is one member of a "great group of professionals who work tirelessly to support the warfighter and to be good stewards of taxpayer money. I take pride in what I do and the people I work with daily." That sentiment was echoed by Maj. Jeffrey Bess, whose work as a contracting officer with the Army Contracting Command provided the opportunity to support the White House initiative to build COVID-19 testing capability. "ACC-Rock Island (Illinois) put together an all-star team for this requirement. I am grateful to play a minor role, and for the opportunity to learn, grow and execute alongside a team of contracting professionals," he said. (More: www.army.mil/article/249409)



Taliban Take Kabul, U.S. Troops Arrive to Facilitate Departures

Afghanistan has fallen to the Taliban, and U.S. troops now in the country are working to secure Hamid Karzai International Airport to enable the safe departure of U.S., allied and Afghan partners from the country. News reports show many Taliban in the streets, some toting American weapons. Other videos show Taliban patrolling the streets in Humvees. The U.S. Embassy in Kabul is closed and President Ashraf Ghani has fled Afghanistan. Marine Corps Gen. Kenneth McKenzie, the commander of U.S. Central Command, met with Taliban leaders in Doha, Qatar. "I'm not going to detail the specifics of that discussion ... but I can tell you that the general was very clear in his discussions with Taliban leaders that any attack on our people, or operations at the airport would be met, swiftly, with a very forceful response," Pentagon Press Secretary John F. Kirby said today at the Pentagon. U.S. operations in Kabul are centered at the airport. "We are working to reestablish security at Hamid Karzai International Airport following breaches overnight that emanated from the civilian side of the airfield," Kirby said. "At this time, out of an abundance of caution, there are no flights coming or going, military or civilian." (More: www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2732900) ([President Details Role of U.S. Forces in Afghanistan](#)) ([Officials Say Kabul Airport Is Secured; DOD Evacuating Americans, Afghans](#)) ([U.S. Aims to Evacuate Up to 9,000 a Day From Afghanistan](#))



A Proclamation For Antiterrorism Awareness Month

Whereas, the vitality of our Rock Island Arsenal community depends on how safe we keep our homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and communities; Whereas, terrorists acts create fear and destroy our trust in others and in civic institutions, threatening the community's health, prosperity, and quality of life; Whereas, people of all ages must be made aware of what they can do to prevent themselves and their families, neighbors, and coworkers from being harmed by terrorists; Whereas, people of all ages must be made aware of the dangers of terrorist activities and how they can protect themselves from becoming victims of terrorism; Whereas, the personal injury, financial loss, and impact to communities from terrorists' attacks are intolerable and require investment from the whole community; Whereas, preventing and defeating terrorism includes community protection and security, we must go beyond these to promote self-awareness and self-protection to make Army communities safer for all ages and to develop positive opportunities and a bright future for young people; Whereas, adults must invest time and resources to understand and support effective antiterrorism prevention, deterrence, detection, and defense; adults must also engage our youth to ensure they adopt a proactive mindset of personal protection; Whereas, effective antiterrorism plans and programs succeed because of partnerships with law enforcement, security, other government agencies, civic groups, schools, faith communities, businesses, and individuals as they help to raise community awareness and responsibility and instill pride and sustained vigilance; Now, therefore, I, Todd J. Allison, USAG RIA Commander do hereby proclaim August 2021 as Antiterrorism Awareness Month at Rock Island Arsenal and urge all residents and Commands/Partners to invest in the power of prevention and work together to make Rock Island Arsenal a safer, stronger, more caring community. "SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING" For additional antiterrorism or force protection information and materials contact Nick Seibert, ATO/FP, at 309-782-4577, nicholas.f.seibert.civ@mail.mil.



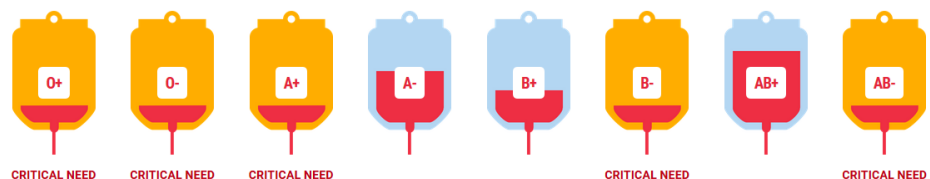
Regional Critical Blood Shortages, ImpactLife Blood Drives

The ImpactLife Blood Center has ongoing critical shortages of the following blood types: **O positive, O Negative, A positive, 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. 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**

Emergency Power Outage to Buildings

Public Works will conduct an emergency power outage on **Saturday, Aug. 21**, 7-9 a.m., to investigate the repairs necessary to address a recent power outage and medium voltage cable problems that provide power to Buildings 60, 61, 62, 73, 75, 312 and Quarters 1. These buildings will be without power on **Aug. 21**, 7-9 a.m.

August Hours for Attic Thrift Shop

The Attic will be open Tuesdays **Aug. 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.

Americal Memorial Dedication

The Americal Legacy Foundation will host a ceremony for the dedication of its Americal memorial at the Rock Island National Cemetery on **Wednesday, Sept. 8**, at 10 a.m. Speakers will include a representative from the Rock Island Arsenal, as well as individuals from the Legacy Foundation, an Americal historian, and the Vietnam Veterans of America Honor Guard. The Americal Legacy Foundation's purpose is to perpetuate the legacy of the Americal (23rd) Infantry Division in a variety of activities to preserve the division's important historical legacy. This event is open to the public.



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.

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



Garrison to Host 'Meet Your Neighbor' Town Hall for Arsenal Army Housing Residents

US Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal will hold a "Meet Your Neighbor" Army Family Housing Town Hall on **Monday, Sept. 13**, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Memorial Park Pavilion on RIA (alternate site is Heritage Hall if extreme weather impacts event; residents will be notified). The Town Hall is for all residents of RIA Army Family Housing and their Families (Deer Crossing, Eagle Point, East Circle and Historic District). The RIA Senior Commander and Command Sergeant Major, and the Garrison Command Team are excited to meet the AFH residents and introduce them to Garrison leadership to discuss resources, services, and activities available to all AFH residents. Additionally, food and beverages will be available for residents to include numerous fun activities for all ages, as well as important information that will be made available through tables and booths.



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>

There are no announcements at this time.

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.

Auto Service Center Self Help Saturdays

Exciting news from the Auto Service Center, dedicated self-help Saturdays are back. Starting **Saturday, Aug. 28**, Self Help Space Available service will be offered from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., then will continue every other Saturday. For those mechanically inclined come on in to perform all of your vehicles maintenance and repair jobs. Cost will be \$13.00 for the first hour and \$10 an hour for any additional hours needed. For more information please call 782-8631.

Workforce Wednesday and Thirsty Thursday at the Lock & Dam Lounge

Join us at the Lock & Dam Lounge for Workforce Wednesday and Thirsty Thursday specials from 4-6 p.m. Specials include \$5 craft beers, \$2.50 domestics and \$1 sodas. The Lounge opens at 3 p.m. Stick around for dinner too, we'll be serving up burgers, grilled pork tenderloins, pizza, wings and more. Come check out our new outdoor seating space. Located right outside the Lock & Dam doors. While you are here challenge your friends to a friendly game of bags. We also offer carry out service as well. If you're in a hurry to get home but don't want to cook, let us take care of dinner tonight. Please call 309-782-6319 for more information on the Lock & Dam Lounge.

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>)

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)

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.

Golf

Golf for children 6-11 and 12-17 years old will teach your child the game. All skills levels are welcome; class dates are **Aug. 30 through Oct. 6**.

- 6-11 year olds will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:45-5:30 p.m. (cost is \$70)
- 12-17 year olds will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Come and learn proper shot technique and mechanics, types of shots, proper club selection, and more, all in a fun, relaxed environment. The class culminates in playing actual golf holes at Red Hawk Golf Course, in Davenport. Weekday class sessions meet at RIA Sports Complex. Golf shirt provided. 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.

EFMP Family Activity Night

Army Community Service is hosting an Activity Night for Exceptional Family Members and their families. Join us on Friday Aug. 27, 4-6 p.m. in the Caisson Room, Building 60, for fun family games and activities. You can create a colorful picture with Dot Art, conduct a small science experiment, use your imagination with Play-Doh and Lego's, enjoy a friendly competition in a game of bags or pong, and stimulate your senses at the sensory table. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. To RSVP for this event call 309-782-4736 or email tracy.a.warren8.civ@mail.mil.

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>

Rock Island Arsenal Army Education Center

The Rock Island Arsenal Army Education Center is located in Building 56, Room 118, its hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; closed Tuesdays 12-3:30 p.m. Army Personnel Testing is Thursdays from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. by appointment only. Counseling/ArmyIgnitED is available through walk-ins. The customer service phone is 309-782-2065, and email is usarmy.ria.imcom.mbx.aces-customer-management-tool@mail.mil. Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/riarmyedcenter.

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



Rock Island Commissary information is located at: www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/rock-island-arsenal; Rock Island Exchange information is located at: www.shopmyexchange.com/company/storeDetails.jsp?storeId=1074020.

New Military Star Cardholders Save 15% on First-Day Purchases Aug. 20 to Sept. 2

Soldiers, Airmen, Guardians and military shoppers looking to save at military exchanges and commissaries can receive an additional 15% savings when they open and use a new MILITARY STAR® account. The discount applies to all purchases made the first day and is in place of the regular 10% discount for new cardholders. The savings will appear as a credit on the first monthly

billing statement. (More: <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/ExchangePost/2021/08/17/new-military-star-cardholders-save-15-on-first-day-purchases-aug-20-to-sept-2>)

Commissary Eligibility

The Defense Commissary Agency's commissary on Rock Island Arsenal is open to eligible patrons Tuesday through Saturday 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. The Arsenal Island workforce is reminded that Commissary eligibility is restricted to authorized Commissary patrons as defined by [Department of Defense Instruction 1330.17, DoD Commissary Program](#), to include active duty, Guard and Reserve members, military retirees, Medal of Honor recipients, 100 percent disabled veterans, and their authorized family members. Veterans with a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) documented service-connected disability rating became eligible for commissary shopping effective Jan. 1, 2020. Please refer to this instruction for a complete list of authorized commissary patrons, including organizations and activities, along with qualifications and any exceptions such as access to U.S. commissaries overseas. Authorized Commissary patrons are encouraged to check out the Commissary to take advantage of recent services such as Click2Go (available Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.), and the Quick Lunch – Grab n Go Fueling Station located at the front of the store. Note: Please do not confuse [DeCA Commissary eligibility](#) with [AAFES Exchange eligibility](#); the RIA Exchange became open to service-connected disabled veterans at the same time as the Commissary, but this year also became open to DoD CAC card holders.

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. “ShopMyExchange.com is one of the Exchange's many ways of serving those who serve worldwide,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Osby, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor. “The site will continue to grow, with increased ease of use and more choices for the best customers in the world.” (More: <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/ExchangePost/2021/08/04/shopmyexchange-com-turns-25-heres-whats-ahead-for-military-shoppers>)

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.

Arsenal Archive

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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



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Don't Hesitate: Vaccinate Today for School

Back-to-school time is here already, and many parents are required to show proof of vaccinations before their children can return to in-person classes. TRICARE covers the cost of physicals for school enrollment, which include vaccinations. Parents should know that these vaccines have been proven safe and effective many times over in large clinical trials in this specific population to fight or eradicate childhood diseases. The same goes for teenagers. So, protect your children. Protect yourself. Stay up to date and talk to your pediatrician or health care provider today about vaccinations for children and teens. (More: <https://health.mil/News/Articles/2021/08/13/Dont-Hesitate-Vaccinate-Today-for-School>)

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-foot 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 Ensures Access to Health Care as 9/11 Anniversary Nears

As the 20th anniversary of 9/11 approaches, the Department of Veterans Affairs is providing those who served awareness of and access to all their health care services, specifically in areas of mental health and post-traumatic stress care. VA Mental Health officials said there has been an uptick in Veterans seeking help, which could increase more as they come to terms with their service and as the Afghanistan withdrawal comes to completion. "Our nation is indebted to the men and women who served in Afghanistan and Iraq, because they made our world infinitely safer," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "Their service did not come without sacrifice as some carry physical and emotional wounds. We must ensure they get the world-class care they've earned and deserve." (More: www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5704)

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>

Quad Cities Regional Services for Veterans Project

The Quad Cities Regional Services for Veterans Project will take place on **Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22 and 23** at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, in the Iowa Room, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This event is the most comprehensive veteran services event in the region. It is a collaboration between the Quad Cities Community Veterans Engagement Board, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, state, county, and local organizations, and the community. Register for preferred day at <https://quadcitiesrsvp.eventbrite.com>. If you're wanting to file a new claim, bring your DD214 and any medical evidence supporting the claim. For help with existing claims, bring the VA Claim Form 526 or the claim number. (Flyer) More: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/quad-cities-regional-services-for-veterans-project-qc-rsvp-tickets-164038967969>

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 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 to volunteer.

Island Insight



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