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# Island Insight

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## Two Decades On, RIA Joins Community in Remembering 9/11 Attacks

Two decades have passed since the 9/11 terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001; one decade has passed since Rock Island Arsenal dedicated a memorial both to those who died in the attacks and who have given their lives in military service since. On Sept.



10, members of the RIA community, and of the surrounding Quad Cities community of Illinois and Illinois, gathered at the memorial for a late morning ceremony honoring and remembering the victims of the attacks and the service members who have given their lives in combat in the past 20 years. The memorial consists of two small towers made of brick, symbolizing the twin towers of the World Trade Center that came down in the 9/11 attacks, and a replica of the Pentagon, which was also attacked that day. One of the brick towers is marked with a gold star, representing those who have died in military service, while the other is marked with a blue star, representing those continuing to serve today. A plaque at the memorial reads, "We will carry their legacy into the future and forever honor their selfless sacrifices in the name of freedom." During the ceremony, local first responders placed a firefighter's

## Upcoming Dates

**September:** National Preparedness Month

**September:** National Insider Threat Awareness Month

**September:** Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month

**September:** National Recovery Month

**Sept. 15 – Oct. 15:** Hispanic Heritage Month

**Sept. 16:** Thirsty Thursday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3 p.m.

**Sept. 17:** National POW/MIA Recognition Day

**Sept. 17:** Constitution Day

**Sept. 17:** U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command 50th Anniversary

**Sept. 17:** JMC Change of Command, 10 a.m.

**Sept. 17:** ImpactLife Blood Drive, donor bus in Commissary parking lot, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Sept. 18:** U.S. Air Force 74th Birthday

**Sept. 18:** U.S. Air National Guard Reserve 74th Birthday

**Sept. 22:** First Day of Autumn

**Sept. 22:** Saluting Branches, Rock Island National Cemetery

**Sept. 22:** Workforce Wednesday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3 p.m.

**Sept. 23:** Thirsty Thursday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3 p.m.

**Sept. 24:** ASC Org Day, Memorial Park, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Sept. 25:** Navy Operational Support Center Rock Island Change of Command, NOSC, 10 a.m.

helmet and a police officer's cap atop the brick towers, in honor of the first responders who gave their lives on Sept. 11 while trying to save others. Leonard and Brenda Luxmore, the parents of Bryant "B.J." Luxmore of New Windsor, Illinois, then carried and placed a wreath at the memorial; Cpl. Luxmore was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan in 2012. (More: [www.army.mil/article/250149](http://www.army.mil/article/250149))

### **'Instantaneous Change': Rock Island Arsenal Changed Security Protocols Following 9/11**

Rich Gonzalez, physical security chief, Physical Security Division, U.S. Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal recalls the biggest changes that came after the terrorist attacks: "The largest and instantaneous change that everyone in the Quad-Cities and our workforce will always remember is that the Arsenal was an open post, meaning a person could drive onto the installation without an ID check; today a visitor's pass is required." While that was a huge change we have excellent security and in the wake of 9/11 and through the years the security has become more and more efficient to allow us to guard against anyone who would do us harm while allowing visitors quick and speedy vetting to get a pass that will allow them access for a year. Those with a pass are encouraged to come visit anytime from dawn till dusk. We're part of the heritage of the Quad Cities, we're proud of that, we were before 9/11 and we still are now. I hope folks who might think that the Arsenal is 'Fort Knox' can know that while our security is top notch, you can visit and be part of the heritage and history that the Arsenal offers." (More:

[https://qctimes.com/news/local/instantaneous-change-rock-island-arsenal-changed-security-protocols-following-9-11/article\\_1e1e8a8e-b99d-5407-bdec-f0d9486c324f.html](https://qctimes.com/news/local/instantaneous-change-rock-island-arsenal-changed-security-protocols-following-9-11/article_1e1e8a8e-b99d-5407-bdec-f0d9486c324f.html)) (Rich Gonzalez Was Hired At The Arsenal Right Before 9/11. Then He Was Part of New Security Measures)



### **JMC, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers Move Munitions, Save Taxpayer Money with Operation Patriot Press**

Joint Munitions Command, seven subordinate depots and more than 1,000 U.S. Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers moved almost 9,000 tons of munitions as part of Operation Patriot Press this year, increasing both depot and Soldier readiness. The annual exercise, which ran from mid-May to the beginning of August, allowed National Guard and Reserve Soldiers to access hands-on, real-world training to improve their Army occupational skills, opportunities that are typically difficult for these troops to acquire. "Soldiers are actually able to do their jobs during Operation Patriot Press," 1st Lt. Michael Shoop, OPP liaison officer for the 246th Transportation Battalion, Michigan Army National Guard out of Jackson, Michigan, said. "It's great experience for our newcomers and returning Soldiers to come practice driving longer distances and doing onload and offload procedures." The Soldiers transported munitions JMC already needed to move to other depots that are better aligned with respective installation capabilities for demilitarization and maintenance. (More:

[www.army.mil/article/250250](http://www.army.mil/article/250250))



## Biden Calls Unity America's Greatest Strength on 9/11 20th Anniversary

Unity in America is the nation's greatest strength – reflected by a coming-together of U.S. citizens in the days and months that followed the greatest attack on U.S. soil by terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001, twenty years ago, President Joe Biden said. Speaking to the nation in a recorded address yesterday from the White House, the president addressed the nation and the families of the 2,977 people from more than 90 nations who were killed that fateful day at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and a countryside field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania — in addition to the thousands more who were injured.

"America and the world commemorate you and your loved ones — the pieces of your soul," Biden said, addressing family members of those who perished that day. (More:

[www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2771577](http://www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2771577))



## Army to Create Independent Entity to Oversee Sexual Assault Cases

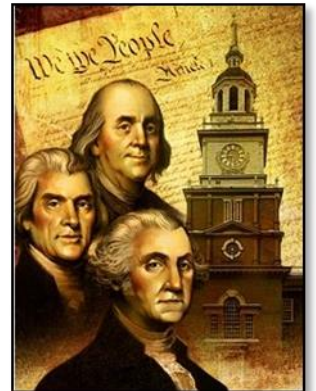
To better protect Soldiers from sexual harassment and assault, the Army will establish an office designed to make decisions to take action on such crimes, the service's top civilian leader said Sept. 7. "We have a moral responsibility to take care of our Army family like it's our own family," said Secretary of the Army Christine E. Wormuth during a livestream of the National Discussion on Sexual Assault and Harassment Prevention at America's Colleges, Universities and Service Academies. Under direction from the Defense Department, each of the nation's military branches will create similar offices amid growing concerns of sexual harassment and sexual assault cases in the armed forces. Previously, commanders bore the responsibility of prosecuting sexual assault cases, but now the new offices will assume that role. (More:

[www.army.mil/article/250044](http://www.army.mil/article/250044))



## DoD to Observe Constitution Day, Citizenship Day

The Department of Defense will observe Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, **Friday, Sept. 17**, to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution in Philadelphia on that day in 1787. Specifically, Congressional Appropriations Bill H.R. 4818, P.L. 108-447, requires federal agencies to provide new employees with educational and training materials on the U.S. Constitution as part of the new employee orientation materials; and provide all federal agency employees educational and training materials on the Constitution. To assist in celebrating this event, training and educational materials will be provided to all DoD employees to encourage them to hold ceremonies and special programs. The [Web site](#) provides useful information and resources, including an interactive course that helps people learn more about the Constitution and how this landmark document continues to guide this nation. The Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy said in 2008 that we have a special obligation to understand and appreciate the Constitution and the role we each play in providing "for the common defense. Observance of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is one way for each of us to take some time to reflect upon our civic duties, rights and obligations through a renewed appreciation of this document." ([More](#))





## Regional Critical Blood Shortages, ImpactLife Blood Drives

The ImpactLife Blood Center has ongoing critical shortages of the following blood types: **O positive, O Negative, A positive, A negative, B negative, and AB negative**, but all types are needed. The Blood Donor Bus will be available for scheduled donations in the Commissary parking lot on **Friday, Sept. 17**, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email

[bhancock@impactlife.org](mailto:bhancock@impactlife.org) with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at

563-359-5401; you may also log on to [www.ImpactLife.org](http://www.ImpactLife.org) and use code 029 to locate the blood drives. **ImpactLife is requiring masks for donors, staff, and volunteers in all of their facilities and donor buses.** ImpactLife encourages those working remotely to visit one of their three local donor centers.

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

ImpactLife will have a donor promotion, this will be a \$10 electronic gift card redeemable at Amazon, Dunkin', Lowe's, Target, Starbucks, and Walmart. **The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information:**

[www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil)



## EOY Fuel Station Closure & VIL Keys

The installation fuel station on Island will be shut down for End of Year inventory **Wednesday, Sept. 29**, at 3 p.m., and will not be accessible until **Friday, Oct. 1**, after 7 a.m. VIL keys that are used to obtain fuel from the fuel station, are due to expire on **Wednesday, Sept. 29**; please ensure you update your keys prior to that expiration date. Please contact LoRhonda Dickerson at 309-782-1883 or Iris Garner 309-782-1630 for guidance on updating VIL Keys to avoid an interruption of your service.

## Attic Thrift Shop Hours or September

The RIA Attic Thrift Shop will be open in September from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the following days:

- Tuesdays – **Sept. 21 & 28**
- Thursdays – **Sept. 23 & 30**
- 3rd Saturday – **Sept. 18**

The Attic is located in Building 60, NW Corner (basement); our phone number is 309-782-6977 if you have any questions. Follow us on Facebook at Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop where you can check out photos of newly arrived items. Again, masks are required of everyone while shopping inside at the Attic. Your donations are always appreciated. They may be dropped anytime in the donations box outside the Attic door or brought to the shop when open.

## RIA Quarterly Retirement Ceremony

Army Sustainment Command will host the RIA Quarterly Retirement Ceremony on **Thursday, Sept. 30**, in Heritage Hall, Building 60, at 2 p.m.

## 224th Brigade Engineer Battalion Trunk-or-Treat

224th Brigade Engineer Battalion is excited to announce the inaugural Trunk-or-Treat event at the Davenport Readiness Center on **Sunday, Oct. 24**, from 2-4pm. This event is a fun-filled afternoon of games, bounce houses, food, and more for our past and present Iowa National Guard service members and families. You are invited to participate as a vendor in this fun and informative Trunk-or-Treat event. Vendors are required to decorate their trunk or table, provide treats or toys to be given to youth participants and may provide informational materials about their programs or business to the service members and families. Vendors are encouraged to dress up in costumes appropriate for a 2-12 year-old audience. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative trunk. To become a vendor, please contact the [tomelissa.a.simatovich.civ@mail.mil](mailto:tomelissa.a.simatovich.civ@mail.mil) by **Friday, Oct. 1**. Thank you for your support and consideration.

## Los Primos at RIA

Los Primos is on Arsenal Island serving up their delicious Mexican food during the lunch hour. Los Primos now has steak burritos and quesadillas as part of their new expanded menu. 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.

## 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:

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

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

- Hours of operation: Monday; Wednesday- Friday: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Closed for lunch 12-1 p.m.; No walk-ins after 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.); Tuesday: 7:15 a.m. – 12 p.m. (No walks-in after 11 a.m.).
- We recommend customers schedule appointments when possible to reduce waiting times.

Appointments may be scheduled at following website: <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco>

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

# Arsenal Traffic/Construction



## **Lane Closure at East Street and Ramsey Road intersection**

The Director of Public Construction Contractor closed the intersection at East Street, King Drive and Ramsey Road in order to reconstruct East Street. The closure is requiring traffic to alternate from **Monday, Sept. 6 to Saturday, Sept. 18**. The East bound lane closed Sept. 6. The West bound lane closed Sept. 13. Both lanes will be reopen **Saturday, Sept. 18** for normal two way traffic. Alternating traffic signs and stop signs are posted at the intersection for safety and to direct traffic.

## **Closure of Sylvan Drive at Rodman Avenue Intersection**

Director of Public Works will close Sylvan drive at the Rodman Avenue intersection **Sept. 13-27** in order to excavate electrical lines. Access to the JMTC employee parking lot will be from the Beck drive following the yellow arrows on the attached map. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, Navy Operational Support Center Rock Island, Rock Island Commissary, the Exchange, and Outdoor Recreation will need to follow Beck Avenue to Gillespie Street to Rodman Avenue. Davenport gate operations will be conducted as normal 2-5 p.m. Signage will be placed for safety and to direct traffic.

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

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

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

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

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

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## Building/Space Closures



### Building 212 (SE) Overhead Door Repair

Effective Sept. 15, Directorate of Public Works began replacement of the overhead door in the southeast corner of the Building 212 foundry. The work is scheduled to be completed by **Wednesday, Sept. 22**, but may be extended due to unforeseen issues. The personnel door will remain available minus intermittent closures when installation steps would create a safety hazard. Barricades have been placed for safety and traffic control.

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## Active Duty/Reserve Zone



### Army Announces Implementation of Mandatory Vaccines for Soldiers

The Army outlined its plan today to fully comply with the Secretary of Defense's order requiring all Service members to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The Army began implementing the Secretary of Defense's order on Aug. 24, following DoD and White House guidance. Before then, vaccines had been optional. "This is quite literally a matter of life and death for our Soldiers, their families and the communities in which we live," said Lt. Gen. R. Scott Dingle, the U.S. Army Surgeon General. "Case counts and deaths continue to be concerning as the Delta variant spreads, which makes protecting the force through mandatory vaccination a health and readiness priority for the total Army." While Soldiers who refuse the vaccine will first be counseled by their chain of command and medical providers, continued failure to comply could result in administrative or non-judicial punishment – to include relief of duties or discharge. Soldiers have the ability to request an exemption from receiving the vaccine, if they have a legitimate medical, religious or administrative reason. Soldiers who are pending exemption requests will not be subject to adverse actions until the exemption is fully processed. (More: [www.army.mil/article/250277](http://www.army.mil/article/250277))

### Army Tests New EFMP System, Targets Assignment Process For Select Families

The Army is currently piloting a new Exceptional Family Member Program online enrollment process to improve the assignment research and selection process for EFMP participants, G-9 officials said Thursday. Close to 300 Soldiers and family members are participating in the initial test of the integrated Army Enterprise EFMP system, or E-EFMP, from Aug. 27 through Sept. 30, said Paul Grossman, EFMP lead for Soldier and Family Readiness, Army G-9. The new system should reduce the time Soldiers and families dedicate toward investigating care and support options during the permanent change of station process, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston said recently during the 2021 Fires conference, hosted by Fort Sill, Oklahoma. (More: [www.army.mil/article/250139](http://www.army.mil/article/250139))

## 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 **Thursday, Oct. 7**, 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.



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## 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>

## National Concussion Awareness Day

National Concussion Awareness Day is a chance for health care practitioners, teachers, coaches and parents to connect and discuss baseline testing, signs and symptoms and the social and emotional issues that can result from mild traumatic brain injury. Health care professionals, non-profit organizations and support groups from across the United States will be participating in the sixth annual National Concussion Awareness Day on **Friday, Sept. 17**. National Concussion Awareness Day is recognized by the Brain Injury Association of America. National Concussion Awareness Day will be recognized on the third Friday of each September yearly. (More: <http://nationalconcussionawarenessday.com>)



# Equal Employment Opportunity Focus

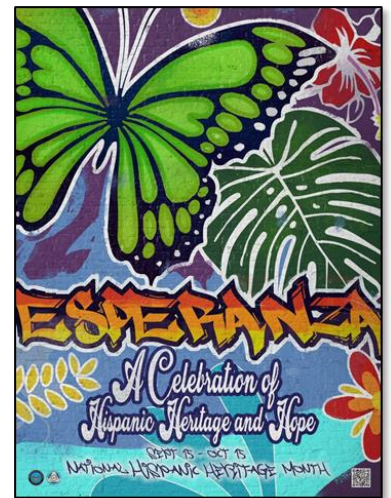


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It is the policy of the Department of Army to provide equal opportunity in employment for all people and to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age (40 and over), disability, genetic information, and/or reprisal for prior EEO activity. Any Department of the Army employee, former employee, or applicant for employment, and certain contract employee, who believes they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex (includes pregnancy, equal pay, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national original, age (40 and over), mental or physical disability, genetic information, and/or reprisal for prior EEO activity in an employment matter, subject to the control of the Army, may initiate the EEO complaint process. To file an EEO complaint, you must contact the Garrison EEO Office within 45 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory incident and express your intent to initiate the complaint process. The Garrison EEO office is currently providing services virtually. Please contact EEO staff at 309-782-2548.

## National Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from **Sept. 15 to Oct. 15**. During this celebration, the Army commemorates and celebrates the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the nation, society, and culture. The theme for the 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month is *Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope*. The observance begins Sept. 15 with the anniversaries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and, Nicaragua. This month also encompasses Mexico's Independence Day on Sept. 16, the Independence Day of Chile on Sept. 18 and Spain's "National Day" on Oct. 12. The Army understands the value and strength that an all-inclusive, diverse environment generates. To sustain a high-quality force that is trained and ready, the Army will continue to ensure that all Soldiers and civilians are given the opportunity to maximize their talents and potential and are treated with dignity and respect. Through coordinated efforts throughout the Army, this observance will be used to inform Army audiences and celebrate the contributions of Hispanic Soldiers, civilians, and their families. ([DoD Celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month](#)) ([Hispanics in the U.S. Army](#))



# 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.

## Rocktoberfest

2021 Rocktoberfest steins have arrived and supplies are limited so don't miss your chance to own one of these cool, custom beer steins. The mugs will be \$25, which will include the mug, first beverage at the Rocktoberfest and \$1 discount using the mug for beer purchases during "opening hour prices" until next year's Rocktoberfest. Purchase yours at the Lock and Dam Lounge any Wednesday or Thursday starting at 3 p.m. or at the Island Oasis, Monday-Friday 11-1 p.m. while supplies last. With your stein secured you'll just need to dig your lederhosen or dirndl out of the closet and you'll be all set for Rocktoberfest 2021 at the Lock & Dam Lounge on **Friday, Oct. 15**, starting at 3 p.m. This family friendly annual Arsenal tradition will feature fun for all members of the family. Live music by local favorite bands, Guttenberg German Band & Cody Road, and of course lots of good German style food and beer. Additional details to follow. With the new mugs available and preparing for Rocktoberfest we would like to clear out all of the 2019 mugs. Please plan to stop by and collect your 2019 mug no later than **Thursday, Sept. 16**. You can pick up your old mug during normal business hours on Wednesday and Thursday's from 3-7 p.m. Call 309-782-6319 for more information.

## 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 temporarily closed on May 1; a monthly evaluation is ongoing – at this time the lower RIA daily on-island workforce population continues to have Company Kitchen in a holding pattern before consideration of reinstating services. Company Kitchen has been committed to providing limited services to the Arsenal workforce during the pandemic. Continuing service under the existing conditions isn't feasible. 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 when a larger workforce population facilitates it. The Island Oasis is located at the Fitness Center (Building 67) and 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](mailto:anna.winters@us.army.mil)) (website: <https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/leisure-travel-office>)**

### MWR Flea Market

MWR is planning a Flea Market at the Rock Island Arsenal for vendors to sell just about anything, aside from non-approved items. The Flea Market will be held **Saturday, Sept. 25**, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Memorial Field Pavilion parking lot. Patrons/vendors may pull in with their vehicle to unload their items and may also bring a 10x10 pop up tent if they wish. Cost to be a vendor is \$10 for a 10x10 spot, which includes a 6 ft. table and chair. Additional tables may be requested for \$5 each and additional chairs are \$1 each. Please contact us by 3 p.m. on **Thursday, Sept. 23** to reserve your spot. For more information or to sign up as a vendor, please contact Anna Winters with Leisure Travel at 309-782-5890.

### Quarters One, Paranormal Investigation

Did you know that when it was still used as housing, Rock Island Arsenal's Quarters One was the second largest residence in the Federal inventory, second only to the White House? Join us **Oct. 29 and 30** as we partner with the Illinois Paranormal Research Team to explore the haunted history of this massive Italianate style mansion on the banks of the Mississippi River. The doors open at 5 p.m., the Army Sustainment Command Historian will present some historical info and facts beginning at 6 p.m. and the Illinois Paranormal Research Team will begin their investigation at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25/person and participants must be at least 18-years-old to attend. Face masks, social distancing and Arsenal visitor's passes (if needed) are required. Please RSVP and prepay at the Leisure Travel Office in Building 333 or call 309-782-5890 for more information.

### Kids Cosplay

Does your children have a favorite movie, book or game character? Do they like to dress up? MWR is hosting their inaugural Kids Cosplay. Bring your child dressed up as their favorite character and have some fun. Several children activities will be offered and there will be several "meet a character" areas. This event will be held in Heritage Hall, Building 60, on **Saturday, Nov. 6**. There will be two separate time slots – 10 a.m. – noon or 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Cost to attend is \$10 per child; 30 spots are available for each time slot; face masks are required. For more information contact the Leisure Travel Office 309-782-5890.

### **Adventureland Resort and Waterpark Tickets**

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

### **Great Entertainment at Great Prices**

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

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## **Child & Youth Services**



**Child & Youth Services provides a full range of child care programs and services for children ages six weeks through senior year in high school. Services include full-day, part-day, hourly, pre-k, school outs, summer programming, sports and fitness, and instructional classes. All CYC programs/facilities will be closed all federal holidays, CYC 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](https://www.facebook.com/RIACYSS))**

*There are no announcements at this time.*



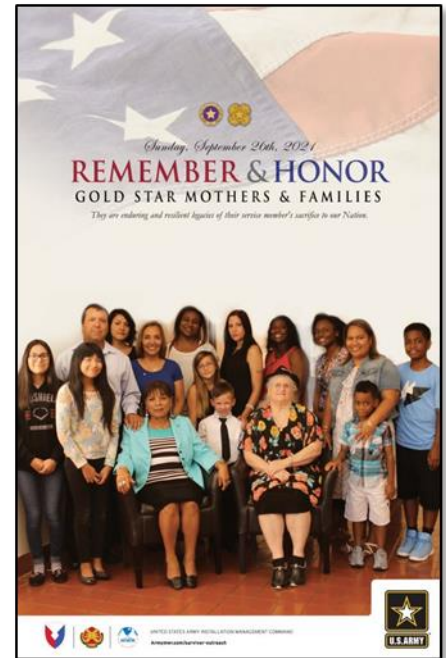
# Army Community Service



Army Community Service is an Army-wide community, social service program that provides services that assist Soldiers, Family members, and Department of the Army civilians maintain readiness, develop self-reliance, resiliency and stability. U.S. Army Installation Management Command provides these services through a network of programs that support goals related to recruitment, retention, morale, and operational readiness of the force. ACS on RIA is located in Bldg. 110, 1<sup>st</sup> floor SE; visit our ACS website <https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-service> or phone 309-782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. Find us on Facebook click here: [www.facebook.com/RIAACS](http://www.facebook.com/RIAACS). 24/7 Domestic Violence Crisis Line: 309-912-6089. The ACS center is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 12-4:30 p.m.

## Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day is observed in the United States on the last Sunday of September. The U.S. Congress recognizes this as the day when America honors surviving parents and families of fallen service members – specifically those who died while on active duty. The term “Gold Star” originated during World War I. Americans displayed flags in homes, businesses, schools and churches bearing a blue star for each Family member serving in the military. Families stitched a gold star over the blue star to honor those members who died during military service. On **Sunday, Sept. 26**, the Army will join the nation in observing Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day. Gold Star Mothers and Families are the legacies of their service member's ultimate sacrifice, and the Army considers Gold Star Mothers and Families as integral members of the Army community. The Army is dedicated to paying tribute to fallen service members in recognition of the loved ones they left behind. During the Soldier's funeral service, the Army presents the surviving Family members with a Gold Star Lapel Button or the Lapel Button for Next of Kin of Deceased Personnel in honor of their fallen Soldier. IMCOM is committed to continue to provide quality care, support and services to surviving family members, through programs such as Army Survivor Outreach Services. The Army is dedicated to providing ongoing support to more than 78,000 surviving Family members of fallen service members. Army Survivor Outreach Services offers resources including supportive counseling, financial education, benefits coordination and support groups to surviving Family members for as long as they need or request Army involvement. Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day is dedicated to remembering and honoring the surviving families of fallen service members.



## Active Duty Out Processing Levy Brief

Out Processing Levy Brief schedule - this briefing is designed to provide you with access to the information and resources you need to complete your permanent change of station move. Service members that are put on assignment will sign up for the next available briefing. Spouses are

encouraged to attend with or without their sponsor and should bring a power of attorney in case specifics need be discussed or coordinated. Upcoming Levy Brief dates:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 26**
- **Wednesday, Jan. 19**
- **Wednesday, April 20**
- **Wednesday, July 20**

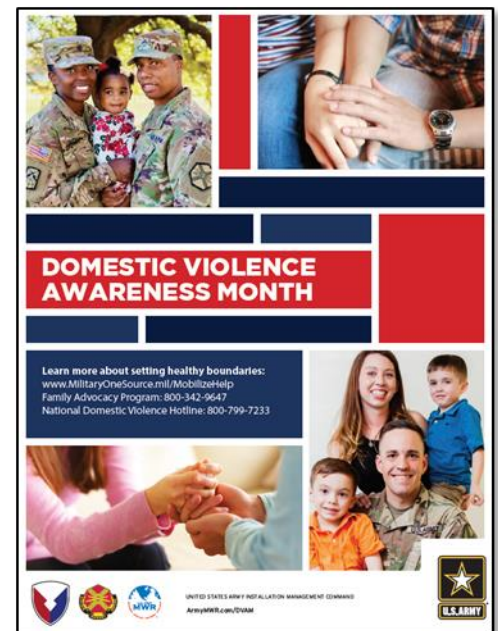
Delivered through MS Teams, 9:30 a.m. – noon; to register call MPD at 309-782-1526.

### **Domestic Violence Support Group Offered Twice Weekly**

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

### **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

The U.S. Army supports the **Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM)** observance every October to bring attention to an issue that undermines the Army values. Through Army-provided programs and community support, the Army will continue to promote healthy relationships, support victims and hold perpetrators accountable. **Domestic violence** goes against the Army values and has negative effects on both Soldier and Family readiness. The Army makes it clear in word and deed that domestic violence is unacceptable and not tolerated, and resources are available for those who need help. The Army is committed to fully supporting its Families and assisting in the development of their resiliency, health and wellbeing. Our awareness, connectedness, and support can make the difference in giving someone an outlet or lifeline to safety and success. Without awareness we are blind, without action we are perpetual, and with these two key ingredients, we can create social change that leads us to a healthier, happier existence. Just as abuse is a pattern of abusive behavior(s), we can create a pattern of change in doing our part by: Raising Awareness -Taking Action -To= Create Social Change!



### **Domestic Violence Awareness Month at ACS**

Join us throughout the month of October to bring awareness to the issue of **domestic abuse**. ACS will be offering many ways to get involved and help us make a difference: **Oct. 1 and 18:** Join us from 11 a.m. – noon in the ACS training room Building 110 to learn how to support the ones we love, with "Family and Friends Guide to Help Someone in an Abusive Relationship." **Oct. 5:** We will be having our Island wide March for awareness beginning at 11 a.m. with opening remarks at the Exchange and ending remarks in front of Building 110 to conclude our march down Rodman Avenue. If you are unable to begin the march with us at the Exchange please join us as we pass your building to show your support. We are planning on having an open house afterwards with light snacks so you can get to know the ACS office and our staff. If COVID-19 restrictions impact the number of people allowed to convene indoors we will move the open house to Memorial Park. **Oct. 14:** Legal advocates from our community partners at Family Resources will be offering a zoom training at 1 p.m. discussing the difference between a civil and criminal order of protection and some of the differences between the laws in Iowa and Illinois. Please R.S.V.P to Crystal Bartholomew at 309-782-3773 or [crystal.l.bartholomew2.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:crystal.l.bartholomew2.ctr@mail.mil). We will be having a

coloring contest and [dress your pet in purple contest](#) for the kids. Coloring pages can be found in the ACS office or in our hallway display in Building 110 and you can begin to submit your pictures on the ACS Facebook page beginning **Oct. 11** and the winner(s) will be announced on **Oct. 22**. We will also be having the [Paint the Island Purple](#) contest this year. Submit pictures of your workspace decked out in [purple](#) to the ACS Facebook page beginning **Oct. 8** with the announcement of the winner(s) on **Oct. 29**. Please watch the ACS Facebook page throughout the month for helpful information surrounding [domestic violence](#). If you would like more information on strengthening healthy relationships, or feel unsafe in your current relationship, contact Crystal Bartholomew, Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate at [crystal.l.bartholomew2.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:crystal.l.bartholomew2.ctr@mail.mil) or by phone at: 309-782-3773.

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## MWR Outdoor Recreation Office



Outdoor Recreation is your one-stop rental shop for all your outdoor adventures, special events, home maintenance and repair. No matter the season, we have the equipment to get you out into the great outdoors. From skis and snowboards to campers and canoes, we have you covered. Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m., Building 333, Phone: 309-782-8630. (email: [robert.l.lampert.naf@mail.mil](mailto:robert.l.lampert.naf@mail.mil)), Website: <https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation>

*There are no announcements at this time.*

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## Employee Assistance Program



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

### Relationships, Connections and Support Critical To Preventing Suicide

Challenges created by the pandemic have left many feeling stressed and isolated. During times like these, relationships and interpersonal connections to family and friends are vital to a person's wellbeing. As the Department of Defense and the Army observe Suicide Prevention Month this September, officials say it's critical for people to remember the role that social connections play in preventing suicide, and that help is always available. This year's theme, "Connect to Protect: Support is Within Reach," emphasizes the importance of personal connections and encourages

everyone to “reach” for support when in need, says Traci Waters, Army Substance Abuse Program manager. (More: [www.army.mil/article/250062](http://www.army.mil/article/250062))

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## Education/Training Review



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

### 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](mailto:usarmy.ria.imcom.mbx.aces-customer-management-tool@mail.mil). Visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/riarmyedcenter](https://www.facebook.com/riarmyedcenter).

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## Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange



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

### ‘Thinking Outside the Box’: Commissaries Offer Healthy, Economic Meal Solutions

Preparing nutritious food at home does not have to be difficult or expensive. With “Thinking Outside the Box” recipes, your commissary continually offers meal solutions that are quick, healthy and economical with ingredients typically offered at enhanced savings to our customers. (More: [www.commissaries.com/our-agency/newsroom/news-releases/thinking-outside-box-commissaries-offer-healthy-economic-meal](http://www.commissaries.com/our-agency/newsroom/news-releases/thinking-outside-box-commissaries-offer-healthy-economic-meal))

### 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.

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

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# Arsenal Archive



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

## RIA Museum Closed For Renovation

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



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# Healthbeat



The Rock Island Arsenal transitioned from Health Protection Condition Alpha (HPCON A) to HPCON Bravo Plus (HPCON B+) effective Aug. 23. The decision to transition to HPCON B+ was made based on guidance outlined in the [Secretary of Defense memorandum dated April 29, 2021](#), which takes into consideration increasing case rates and community transmission levels in and around the Quad Cities. Implemented measures under HPCON B+ includes enforcing social distancing in all gathering places, to include reduced gathering sizes to 40 percent normal capacity. Additionally, RIA is maintaining the current DoD indoor mask mandate applicable to the workforce, visitors, and contractors, for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, per the DoD memorandum dated July 28, 2021 – "[Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities](#)," stating 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 \(CDC\)](#).

*There are no announcements at this time.*

# Notes for Veterans



## Quad Cities Vet Center

Has anyone heard of a vet center? Approximately 75% of all veterans have never heard of the Vet Center. All services are 100% free and confidential. The goal of a Vet Center is to provide counseling, outreach and referral services, to help veterans make a post-war adjustment to civilian life. All services are free and include:



- Counseling:
  - Individual
  - Group
  - Marital & family
  - Bereavement
  - Drug & alcohol
  - Military Sexual Trauma (MST)
- Employment guidance
- Liaison with the VA
- Benefits assistance
- Outreach in urban and rural communities
- Coffee and a safe place to talk
- Counselors with combat experience
- Flexible hours and walk-ins are welcome

All service branches including Reservists and National Guard members who served on active duty in a combat zone and have been discharged under honorable or general conditions are eligible. Parents, spouses, and children of armed forces (Reservists and Guardsmen) personnel who died in the service of their country are welcome. Upcoming local community events include:

- Sept. 26: Quad Cities Illinois Out of the Darkness Walk: Beacon Harbor Pkwy, East Moline
- Sept. 26: Quad Cities Iowa Out of the Darkness Walk: Veterans Memorial Park, Bettendorf

The Quad Cities Vet Center is located at 465 42nd Ave. (Avenue of the Cities), Suite 140, East Moline, IL 61244; and can be reached at 309-755-3260.

## VA Honors Lives Lost, American Heroism on 20th Anniversary of 9/11

In commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the U.S., the Department of Veterans Affairs will host several tributes throughout its enterprise to recognize loved ones lost, loved ones injured and those forever changed by the tragic events. VA's Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefit Administration and National Cemetery Administration facilities across the nation will host local 9/11 commemorations the week of Sept. 7, in remembrance of America's heroes and those tragically lost. "The events of Sept. 11, 2001 called brave men and women of the armed forces to serve their country and VA will never forget to honor their service and sacrifice," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "Looking back on the past 20 years, I am reminded of the incredible perseverance and strength of our nation — characteristics inspired by the Veterans whom we serve at VA." (More:

[www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5711](http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5711))

## **Loving Kindness Meditation Proves Effective for PTSD**

Meditation has been linked to a number of health benefits, including decreased anxiety and lower cardiovascular risk. But research on the potential benefits of meditation for patients with PTSD has been inconclusive. Veterans interested in meditation are advised to try different types to see which one is most helpful. (More: <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/94416/loving-kindness-meditation-proves-effective-for-ptsd>)

## **Enhanced Pension Benefits Can Help Eligible Wartime Veterans, Surviving Spouses Increase Income**

If you are a wartime Veteran who meets certain income, net worth, age or disability requirements, or you are a surviving spouse, then you may be eligible for VA's pension benefits. But did you know that VA's Aid and Attendance and Housebound benefits, or enhanced pension, can boost your pension payments? If you need help with daily activities, or if you are housebound, you may qualify for an increased monthly pension. (More: <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/94273/enhanced-pension-benefits-help-eligible-wartime-veterans-increase-income>)

## **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>)



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# Around the Q.C.



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

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

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

## 24th Annual QC Marathon Needs You

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



# Island Insight



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