

# Island Insight

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## JMC's Storage Reform Efforts Increase Munitions

Joint Munitions Command executes an annual budget of 3.5 billion dollars for ammunition production, storage and demilitarization. Providing the Joint Force with ready, reliable and lethal munitions to sustain global readiness involves a



coordinated and efficient storage plan. JMC is in the process of reforming how it stores munitions to ensure its depots are efficiently using their facilities. As JMC reforms storage of production components, demil, training and war reserve munitions, munitions readiness to support the Warfighter during Multi-Domain Operations increases. Storage reform is about storing munitions in designated areas, in alignment with an overarching master storage plan. "The purpose of storage reform is to ensure our JMC depots are storing munitions in the most effective and efficient manner to support munitions readiness," said Jared Shuppy, JMC general supply specialist, JMC planning directorate. JMC's five-year plan provides coordinated storage reform efforts throughout its munitions enterprise. This effort began with three depots in 2018 and has expanded to six

## Upcoming Dates

<u>Aug. 7</u>: 61st Anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart

<u>Aug. 7</u>: Workforce Wednesday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3-7 p.m.

**Aug. 8**: Active Duty Out Processing Levy Brief, Conf. Rm. 25, Bldg. 90, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

<u>Aug: 8</u>: Thirst-day Thursday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3-7 p.m.

Aug. 8: RIA Veterans Network, Lock & Dam Lounge, 5 p.m.

<u>Aug. 9</u>: Pre-Retirement Briefing, Bldg. 56, 1st floor, classroom 2 (Room 122), 8 a m

Aug. 9: MVRBC Blood Drive, CRD Room, Bldg. 60, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Aug. 11: National Spirit of '45 Day Aug. 12-16: DA Photos, Bldg. 90, Basement, Rm. B11, 7:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.

Aug. 12-16: SFL-TAP Workshop, Bldg. 56, 1st floor, classroom 2 (Room 122), 8 a.m.

<u>Aug. 13</u>: QC Success Fair, St. Ambrose University, Rogalski Ballroom, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Aug. 14: Workforce Wednesday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3-7 p.m.

<u>Aug. 14</u>: Arsenal-QC Connect, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3 p.m.

Aug. 15: Army Chaplain Corps' Holy Day of Obligation - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass, Baylor Conf. Rm., 3rd Floor, Bldg. 103, 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

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installations in 2019. The depots determine which and how many buildings they will review each year and plan a monthly breakout of projected completions. All depots either have met or exceeded their plans year-to-date. JMC monitors monthly completions from each depot through reports identifying misaligned buildings. Currently, 1,129 storage buildings have been realigned at installations, which equates to 26 percent of the five-year plan. A challenge facing the depots is the changing life-cycle of munitions. Munitions sometimes become destined for demil due to serviceability issues, obsolescence or becoming excess to need. When this happens, the assets are usually stored alongside "go-to war assets," and then need to be moved to a different facility. (More: <a href="https://www.dvidshub.net/news/334569">www.dvidshub.net/news/334569</a>)

#### Seasoned Combat Leader Sworn In As Army's Vice Chief Of Staff

Experience on the battlefield helped earn Gen. Joseph Martin the nomination to the Army's second highest military rank. Martin was sworn in as the Army's 37th vice chief of staff in a Pentagon ceremony Friday, following a steady progression of the service's senior leadership into higher positions within the Department of Defense. Gen. Mark A. Milley, the Army's chief of staff, said Martin's extensive time in combat during several deployments amply qualified him for the job. "This is probably one of the top two, maybe three, general officers with combat experience," said Milley, who presided over the ceremony. "He



has been in combat at every level of command. This guy's got five combat tours. He's got over 40 months in combat. It's an amazing combat record." (More: <a href="https://www.army.mil/article/225014">www.army.mil/article/225014</a>)

#### National Army Museum Quickly Taking Shape before 2020 Opening

With doors expected to open next year, the National Museum of the United States Army is quickly coming to life. Located on an 84-acre hilltop site at Fort Belvoir, just south of the nation's capital, the 185,000-square-foot gleaming, stainless-steel structure will offer free admission to the public and give a comprehensive look at more than 240 years of Army history and traditions. The museum's goal is "telling the Army's story to an estimated 750,000 visitors every year," said Tammy E. Call, museum director, and "creating new opportunities for the public to connect with the American Soldier." The museum is also dedicated to



"remembering and honoring their legacies," Call said, of Soldiers and veterans. "This will be America's Army museum," she added, "telling the Soldier's story 364 days a year." (More: <a href="https://www.army.mil/article/225035">www.army.mil/article/225035</a>)

#### **DOD Launches New Program To Catch Repeat Sexual Assault Offenders**

The Department of Defense now has a new investigative tool to help identify perpetrators of sexual assault. The new Catch a Serial Offender--or "CATCH"--Program, fully operational as of Aug. 5, is run by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service for all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and the National Guard. CATCH gives people making a Restricted Report of sexual assault an opportunity to anonymously disclose suspect and incident information to help the Department of Defense identify repeat offenders. The details the victim provided to the CATCH Program are



compared to others' CATCH entries and other sexual assault reports. If the information appears to match with other allegations (one victim's submission on a suspect matches another victim's

submission), the participating victims are notified privately. Participants can then decide whether to convert their Restricted Report to an Unrestricted Report and participate in the investigation of the suspect. (More: <a href="https://www.army.mil/article/225346">www.army.mil/article/225346</a>)

#### These Social Media Scams Target the Military

Nowadays, you have to be cautious of everything you do online. Scammers are always trying to get money, goods or services out of unsuspecting people -- and military members are often targets. Here are some scams that have recently been affecting service members, Defense Department employees and their families.

#### **Romance Scams**

In April, Army Criminal Investigation Command put out a warning about romance scams in which online predators go on dating sites claiming to be deployed active-duty soldiers. It's a problem that's affecting all branches of



service -- not just the Army. CID said there have been hundreds of claims each month from people who said they've been scammed on legitimate dating apps and social media sites. According to the alleged victims, the scammers have asked for money for fake service-related needs such as transportation, communications fees, processing and medical fees -- even marriage. CID said many of the victims have lost tens of thousands of dollars and likely won't get that money back. (More: <a href="https://www.army.mil/article/225228">www.army.mil/article/225228</a>)

#### Thank You from the Family of Lt. Col. Gerald "Joe" McCarthy

We are genuinely grateful for the patriotic reception our father, Lt. Col. Gerald "Joe" McCarthy, U.S. Army, Ret., received during his funeral procession to the National Cemetery on July 9. On behalf of our mother, Neala McCarthy, and the rest of our family, please extend our gratitude to the Rock Island Arsenal military personnel and employees who took the time to line the streets and honor our father's service and dedication to our country. He would have been so proud, not only by the large number of people participating in the reception, but also by the patriotism that the participation signified. Our father felt that it was a privilege and an honor to serve in the United States Army. He had a real hero's send off, and, for that, we are truly thankful. Sincerely, Joe's daughters, Jennifer Wertzler (Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin) and Nora VanSpeybroeck (Rock Island)

#### **AAFES Sponsored Food Truck**

Effective Aug. 5, a Los Primos Mexican Grill Mobile Food Truck began service on the Arsenal from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. serving a variety of food items. They are parking on the west side of Gillespie Street, across from the Lock and Dam canopy, facing Rodman Avenue. In order to allow Los Primos Mexican Grill parking, cones are being placed in the selected parking spot for their truck. We request that you do not remove the cones for any reason. We hope everyone will enjoy the additional lunch option.



#### **Trinity Freedom Run 5K**

The Trinity Freedom Run 5K, taking place **Thursday, Aug. 8**, in East Moline, is all about our American Forces - Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Air Force, and Navy - joining together in the spirit of camaraderie and community. It's a chance for the troops to extend the military 'esprit de corps' and civilians to thank them for their support, to say thanks simply by participating. All races start and finish on the 700 block of 15th Avenue, downtown East Moline, Illinois, Races include:



- Frontline Mile Run/Walk
  - o Extremely flat, out-n-back
- 5K Run/Walk
  - o One hill with gradual inclines fast downhill
- Double Time
  - o 5.8 mile loop, if 5K is not enough
- MIA Division
  - o For those who can't attend, but want to support
- Ground Pounder Fun Run
- o A kid-friendly obstacle course & run, all within view of the commanders (parents) For more information, visit <a href="www.freedomrun5k.org">www.freedomrun5k.org</a>.

#### **Blood Drives**

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the room outside the CRD Room (in Bldg. 60), on **Aug. 9 and 16**, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email <a href="mailto:shoegerl@mvrbc.org">shoegerl@mvrbc.org</a> with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119. There will also be a blood drive on **Aug. 22 and 29**, in the JMTC Cafeteria at 1:45 a.m.; supervisor's permission is required to participate.

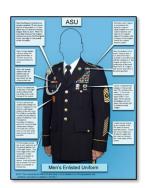


<u>Charlie Corpuscle says</u>, "Donors who coming in to give blood at the Rock Island Arsenal will be able to claim one of our blue Heroes Are Our Type shirts. All donors may call 563-359-5401 or email <u>shoegerl@mvrbc.org</u>.

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.

#### **VIOS Schedule for August through December**

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **Aug. 12-16**, **Sept. 16-20**, **Oct. 21-25**, **Nov. 18-22**, and **Dec. 9-13**. Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the Visual Information Ordering Site for the available times: 7:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the VIOS site <a href="https://vios.army.mil">https://vios.army.mil</a> for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 90, Basement, Room B11). Priority is: 1. Active Duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official Government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders -



Command Photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. All scheduled dates can be found on the RIA VIOS website <a href="https://vios.army.mil">https://vios.army.mil</a>.

#### **Spiritual Resiliency Event**

Join us for a Spiritual Resiliency Event, the Assumption of Mary Catholic Mass, on **Thursday, Aug. 15**, in the Baylor Conf. Rm., 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Father Richard Adam from Sacred Heart Church in Davenport will offer a special mass for those who are interested. This event is sponsored by the ASC/JMC/First Army Chaplain's Office. For questions please call 309-782-4603.



#### **Necker's Jewelers Diamond Dash 7k Adventure Race**

It's time for the 10th Annual Necker's Jewelers 7k Adventure Race on **Saturday, Aug. 17**, at 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., on Rock Island Arsenal. Part 7k race. Part adventure, riddles, and trivia. A whole lotta fun, and all for charity: Honor Flight of the Quad Cities & USO Rock Island (serving the entire QC area). Grab a partner (both of you must be over 21 by race day) and register today. More than \$40,000 in prizes, including the top prize of a Hearts On Fire Diamond Engagement Ring. This year they're also offering a military discount. It's \$25 for a team of two through **Wednesday, July 31**, when the early registration discount ends at midnight. Then it's \$40 for a team of two starting **Aug. 1** (normally \$50, so they're offering a 20% discount for military on that one.) (More: www.facebook.com/events/813482865689593)

#### **Riverfront Pops Concert Moves to Arsenal Island**

The 37th annual Riverfront Pops concert will not be held at LeClaire Park this summer. Due to damage from flooding, it will move to Arsenal Island. It was relocated to Modern Woodmen Park in 2008 and what is now the TaxSlayer Center in 1993. Brian Baxter, the Executive Director of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, says there were around 15 possible alternative sites for this year's concert, but the island was the clear choice. "It really preserves the experience of the event for our audience. And everyone will be able to do their



normal Riverfront Pops thing, bringing their lawnchairs, bringing their coolers full of their wine and cheese and all of that. So we really felt that preserving the culture of the experience was important." The Rock Island Arsenal will declare the concert a "public event" as it did with the Red, White and Boom event this month, so normal security procedures will not be necessary. Attendees who are 16 and older will just be required to show a driver's license or state ID. The Quad City Bank & Trust Riverfront Pops concert on **Saturday**, **Aug. 17**, will feature the music of Queen, then finish the evening with fireworks set to John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." (More: www.wvik.org/post/riverfront-pops-concert-moves-arsenal-island)

#### **Colonel Davenport House Open for Tours on August 17**

(www.facebook.com/events/481887919022022)

The Colonel Davenport House, located on the North end of Arsenal Island, is open for guided tours of the house and grounds for extended hours on **Saturday**, **Aug. 17**. The Quad City Symphony Orchestra is hosting their annual Pops Concert on the Rock Island Arsenal that Saturday. The Colonel Davenport House is nearby the concert site and open for guided tours from 12-5 p.m. that day. Admission is \$6 adults; \$4 for seniors; children 12 years and younger and active military are free. The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) is a nonprofit, all-volunteer

organization that works to preserve Colonel George Davenport's former home and share his story with the community. For more information, visit their website at <a href="https://www.davenporthouse.org">www.davenporthouse.org</a>.

#### **ASC Change of Command**

The Commanding General United States Army Materiel Command requests the pleasure of your company at the United States Army Sustainment Command Change of Command Ceremony at which Maj. Gen. Duane A. Gamble will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. Steven Shapiro on **Thursday, Aug. 29**, at 9 a.m., at Memorial Field on Rock Island Arsenal; the inclement weather location will be Heritage Hall. R.S.V.P. by **Thursday, Aug. 22**, to <u>patricia.a.hulett2.civ@mail.mil</u> or 309-782-4421. Military dress will be OCP with beret; civilian dress will be business.

#### **Honor Flight of the Quad Cities**

Honor Flights are free to veterans who served during a time of conflict (such as WWII, Korea and Vietnam). While there, veterans will get to see the monuments erected in their honor. The public is urged to attend the welcome home at the Quad City International Airport at 10 p.m. The next flights will be:

- Thursday, Sept. 12
- Thursday, Oct. 31

Honor Flight of the Quad Cities asks that you do not call, but wait for them to call you. Veterans are assigned slots in order of date that applications were received, with WWII and Korean veterans being given priority. For more information and photos, visit the web site at www.honorflightqc.org.

#### Saluting Branches V

The 5th annual Saluting Branches event will be held at Rock Island National Cemetery on **Wednesday, Sept. 18**. Arborists United for Veteran Remembrance is an opportunity for tree care professionals throughout the country to unite and do what we do best – provide exceptional tree care – to keep our veterans cemeteries safe, beautiful places for all those who visit. (More: <a href="www.salutingbranches.org/location/rock-island-national-cemetery">www.salutingbranches.org/location/rock-island-national-cemetery</a>)



#### Stand Down For Homeless Vets - 3 day Event 2019

The next Stand Down For Homeless Vets will take place **Sept. 19-21**, 6 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island, hosted by QCA Bridging the Gap. Bridging the Gap QCA, Inc. has been hosting Stand Downs in the Quad Cities area for 16 years. Four years ago, they expanded their mission from one yearly Stand Down to two. The Stand Down's are always held on the 3rd weekend in September and the 3rd Thursday in February. Typically these event offer services to 75-100 homeless veterans and their families in the area. The original Stand Down for homeless veterans was modeled after the Stand Down concept used during the Vietnam War to provide a safe retreat for units returning from combat operations. At secure base camp areas, troops were able to take care of personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment. Stand Down afforded battle-weary soldiers the opportunity to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being.

#### Illowa Council BSA Rock Island Arsenal Heritage Camporee

Scouts in troops within the Boy Scouts of America Illowa Council – save the date for the Illowa Council BSA Rock Island Arsenal Heritage Camporee Friday through Sunday, Sept 20-22, on Arsenal Island. The Illowa Council and the Rock Island Arsenal invite Scouts BSA troops to camp on the Mississippi at Arsenal Island and participate in two days of fun, competition, reflection, and exploration. Activities being planned include touring of historic landmarks such as the Colonel Davenport House, the National Confederate Cemetery Memorial, visiting the Army Corps of Engineers Locks & Dam 15, the Clock Tower Building, and the Rock Island Arsenal Museum's 1,250 gun collection. Worship service will take place at the Rock Island National Cemetery. There will also be an overland navigation course featuring a "Scout Warrior" competition at the Arsenal's "Best Warrior" Soldier Skills Course. Do you have what it takes? Form patrols... practice teamwork... brush up on scout skills... dust off your compass... get physically fit... get ready for a beautiful



location surrounded by history and an opportunity to meet our military service men and women. (More: www.facebook.com/events/609329586220177)

#### **RIA AUSA Chapter Event**

RIA AUSA is holding a quarterly members' appreciation event on the first Thursday of October, on **Oct. 3**, in the cafeteria in Bldg. 60, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in conjunction with 'First Thursday.' It is RIA AUSA's way of thanking their current members and providing insights about the Army's professional association to others that may not be aware it exists. The event is free to all members and brats, chips, water, and dessert will be served.

## **Emergency Leave Transfer Program to Assist Federal Employees Affected By November 2018 California Wildfires**

If you are interested in donating annual leave, complete OPM Form 1638 and submit to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Bldg. 104, no later than **Thursday, Oct. 17**. You must state on the 1638 which ELTP you are donating to. This initiative has been directed by the President. The POC is Jaime Slocum at 309-782-2430. (OPM Form 1638:

https://archive.opm.gov/FORMS/PDF\_FILL/opm1638.pdf)

#### Signature Series I: War Reflections

Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Veteran's day **Saturday**, **Oct. 26**, 7:30-9:30 p.m., on Rock Island Arsenal in Heritage Hall, Building 60, with two works inspired by human experiences during the World Wars. Olivier Messiaen composed Quartet for the End of Time while a prisoner of War in German captivity. The piece was first performed at the camp outdoors in the rain by Messiaen's fellow prisoners. Brian Baxter's Ho sentito di una terra distante is a song cycle based on the diary of an Italian American soldier,



Bernardino Bernardini, using lyrics from Marcella Mencotti's imaginary opera "His Military Life" to accompany the novel "Pro Patria." Tickets are \$25 for adults, and \$10 for students. The program will feature Naha Greenholtz, violin, Hannah Holman, cello, Daniel Won, clarinet, Marc Zyla, horn, Michael Cox, trombone, Julianna Han, piano, Jessica Usherwood, soprano, & Michael Hawes, baritone. This is presented in partnership with the Rock Island Arsenal and sponsored by WVIK, Quad Cities NPR. (More: www.facebook.com/events/453490242149598)

#### **Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts**

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — Contents of the Island Insight are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the Department of the Army. The views and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Garrison or the Department of the Army. — **Urban Farmhouse Moline**: Stop in our Moline location and show your badge to receive 10% off your purchase during the month of July. 1209 4th Ave. inside the Element hotel; open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Antonella's II: Offering a 20% discount to all military services active or reserves, seniors and their immediate families on all menu items (must have ID). We are located at 421 river drive, in Davenport. We take reservations for large parties, please call at 563-324-9512. Our hours are Mondays − Closed; Tuesday-Wednesday 4-9 p.m.; Thursday − 11 a.m. − 2 p.m. and 4-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.; and Sundays – 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. **OC Wellness Group**: Come in for discounted chiropractic care for you, and your family. This offer is valid to all active duty, reserves, and veterans. We are located at 2220 E 53rd Street in Davenport. Call us today to book your appointment at 563-355-3100, restrictions can apply. **Sundown Mountain Resort**: Offering a military discount of 30 percent off lift tickets and rentals. Valid for active duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired service members, and their immediate families; located at 16991 Asbury Road, Dubuque, Iowa. **Bayside Bistro**: Offering a 10 percent discount to active, retired, reserve and National Guard members and government civilians on all menu items. We're located in the Village of East Davenport, 1105 Christie Street, Davenport; open Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sunday; 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mondays (off). **R.I.A. Federal Credit Union**: Arsenal employees, get \$25 when you open up a new member checking and savings account at our branch in Bldg. 61. Active duty members and veterans, thanks to our partnership with Military Cost Cutters, you can get \$100 when you open a new member checking and savings account with us. Download the Military Cost Cutters app, show proof of military status, and you can get \$100 deposited into your account. Level II Fitness: The new state of the art gym located inside the new TBK Bank Sports Complex at 4850 BettPlex Drive, Bettendorf is offering a 30 percent discount to all Rock Island Arsenal employees on membership rates. Must show badge or paystub as proof of employment. Golden Royal Barbershop: We're offering \$2 off on haircuts just for military; our shop is located in Moline and 1318 4th Ave or call 309-524-4599. Armored Gardens BBQ **Restaurant**: We're offing a 10 percent discount on all food items, to all Rock Island Arsenal employees with badge; great environment, great location, amazing food – located downtown Davenport (two blocks from the Arsenal Bridge) 315 Pershing Avenue. Veterans Barber Shop and Salon: We're offering a 20 percent discount for military families at the salon part of the Veterans Barber Shop and Salon at 113 E Main St., Geneseo, Illinois. Huckleberry's Pizza & Calzones: The Original Huckleberry's Great Pizza & Calzones, 223 18th Street, Rock Island, offers all active military personnel with an I.D. a 10 percent discount on their food purchases. Dine-in or carryout available Wednesday thru Friday for lunch and dinner and for dinner on Saturday evenings. Infinity Salon & Spa: Located at 220 W 3rd St. in Davenport, we offer 15 percent off services for military and the Arsenal Island workforce. We are a full service salon: hair, manicure, pedicures, massage, waxing, facials, for men, women, and children. Eligible personnel only need to show a military or work ID. New Life Chiropractic Clinic: All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 18th Street in Bettendorf. This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.



#### Gillespie Street Parking and Sidewalks Intermittently Closed for Repairs

Effective July 29, the Directorate of Public Works is intermittently closing sidewalks and parking along Gillespie Street from Rodman Avenue to Blunt Road to complete repairs. Signage and barricades are installed to denote the work area closures. The project is scheduled to be completed by **Friday**, **Aug. 30**, weather dependent.

#### Repair Building 170 Water Main

Effective July 29, the Directorate of Public Works began a project to repair the water main servicing Building 170 and other area buildings. The initial and primary work is directly around Building 170, but the overall work area will include South Avenue to Beck Avenue and Gillespie Street to East Street. The work includes excavating for new water main's, valves and hydrants. Traffic will be limited to one lane at times. Signage and barricades will be located to warn and direct traffic. Short-term water outages and boil orders are expected in the work area. Separate notifications will be provided prior to any additional water outages. The project is scheduled to be completed by **April 2020**, weather dependent.

#### Moline Bridge to Open For Weekend Pedestrian Traffic

Effective July 5, pedestrians are authorized to use the Moline Bridge on weekends. Cones will be in place to guide both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Walkers will use the west side of the bridge to and from Moline, drivers must use the 14th Street ramp to exit the installation during pedestrian hours, outbound ramp onto River Drive will be closed to vehicle traffic. Beginning at 5 p.m. Fridays the cones will be in place and will lead to the Moline gate where guards can check identification and allow safe crossing to Arsenal sidewalks. The cones and barricades will be removed Sunday evenings to allow for normal Monday traffic.

## Closures for Parking in Lot 0L for Material Staging and Around Building 90 for Cornice Repair

Effective June 10 through **Friday, Oct. 4**, the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) closed parking in lot 0L for contract personnel to stage material and equipment in support of the Building 90 Cornice Repair project. DPW is also intermittently closing parking, sidewalks, and entrances around Building 90 for contract personnel to remove and replace the stone cornices and re-point the mortar joints. As the contractor moves around the building, the areas of work will be closed off. As work proceeds above doorways, access will be curtailed, exterior barricades will be placed and interior signage will be placed notifying occupants of Emergency Exit Only. Emergency Services will have access to doors at all times and in the case of an emergency, the contractor will cease operation to allow for safe passage of employees. The closures may be extended due to weather or other unforeseen issues.

#### Repair Sanitary Line across Sylvan Slough

Effective July 29, the Directorate of Public Works began a project to repair the Sanitary Sewer line running between the City of Rock Island and Building 204. The work includes demolition of the existing line and installation of the new line. The contractor is directionally boring from Rock

Island to the area just west of Building 204. The existing line is suspended underneath the RIA viaduct bridge and will be removed once the new line is operational. We expect little or no impact to employees and traffic. Signage and barricades are installed to denote the work area. The project is scheduled to be completed by **Tuesday**, **Dec. 31**, weather dependent.

#### Closure for Repair Whittemore Street and North Avenue Intersection

Effective July 29, the Directorate of Public Works began a project to repair Whittemore Street from North Avenue to Durnin Avenue. The area is closed to common traffic. Mission traffic will be accommodated as possible through scheduling with the POC. The work includes demolition, earthwork, grading, new pavement, curb and gutter, utility work and landscaping. Signage and barricades are installed to denote the closures and work areas and to warn and direct traffic. The project is scheduled to be completed by **Tuesday**, **Dec. 31**, weather dependent.



## Courtyard, Parking, Sidewalk, and Building Entrance Closures in Support of Stone Cleaning and Treating Project

Effective May 16 through **Friday**, **Oct. 18**, the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) is intermittently closing courtyards, street parking, sidewalks and entrances to the buildings for contract personnel to continue cleaning the exterior stone of Buildings 60-62, 64, 66-68 and 106. As the contractor moves around the buildings, the areas of work will be closed off. As work proceeds above doorways, access will be curtailed, exterior access will be taped off and interior signage will be placed notifying occupants of Emergency Exit Only. Emergency Services will have access to doors at all times and in the case of an emergency, the contractor will cease operation to allow for safe egress of employees.

- Treating schedule:
  - o Buildings 60-62: July 25 Oct. 2

Rain will dictate these schedules and dates may change.



#### **Program Makes Moves Cheaper For Military Spouses**

Military spouses with careers that require a professional license or certification can now get help covering the costs of transferring those credentials when they experience a permanent-change-of-station move with their service member spouse. The 2018 National Defense Authorization Act allows each service branch to reimburse spouses up to \$500 for relicensure and certification costs resulting from relocations or PCS moves that cross U.S. state lines. Spouses of both active-duty and Reserve component service members are eligible for this benefit as long as their members are serving on active duty. Covered costs include recertification fees and exam and registration costs, along with costs associated with gathering verification documents such as transcripts, test scores,

practicum hours and previously held licenses required to continue in the same profession a spouse had before moving. (More: www.army.mil/article/224983)

#### **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:

- Aug. 8, Conf. Rm. 25, Bldg. 90
- Oct. 10, Conf. Rm. 12, Bldg. 90

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

To register call MPD at 309-782-1526 or sign up in <u>TEDs</u> using keyword "Levy Brief."

#### **Blue Star Museums**

Participating museums across the country offer free family admission for active duty military families from Armed Forces Day through Labor Day. Last year, over 680,000 military families visited Blue Star Museums. Our Chapter Directors plan special events and opportunities with museums from Alaska to Florida and points in between. We build things, create art, go on scavenger hunts and have fun together all summer long. (More: <a href="https://bluestarfam.org/family-life/blue-star-museums">https://bluestarfam.org/family-life/blue-star-museums</a>)



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

#### **Upcoming Motorcycle Rider Training Dates**

- Basic Rider Course (BRC): Sept. 17-18
  - Two days of (classroom & motorcycle range) rider instruction.
  - o Training motorcycles are provided.
- Military Sport Bike Rider Course (MSBC) **Sept. 19** 
  - One day of (classroom & motorcycle range) rider instruction
  - o Bring your own sport motorcycle to the course.
  - o Course is for sport bikes only.
  - No standard, touring or cruiser motorcycles bikes allowed.
  - Students must attend all sessions and pass a written and skills evaluation in order to receive credit for the course. Who can attend? Only active duty service members or any service member on orders (IDT, AT for guard/reserve).



#### PPE Requirements:

- Helmet: DOT approved helmet
- Eye protection: designed to meet or exceed ANSI Z87.1
- Protective clothing: long sleeve shirt or jacket, long sturdy pants
- Footwear: sturdy over the ankle footwear/boots
- Hand protection: full-fingered gloves made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material Students taking the ERC or MSBC must provide the following at check-in:
  - Military ID
  - Valid motorcycle license or permit
  - BRC Card
  - Valid motorcycle registration
  - Valid proof of motorcycle insurance

If using a barrowed motorcycle, you must bring a signed letter from the legal owner authorizing you're use of the motorcycle. To register for a course:

- Go to <a href="https://imc.army.mil/airs">https://imc.army.mil/airs</a>
- Select "Northeast" from region dropdown menu
- Select "Rock Island Arsenal" from Garrison dropdown menu
- Select "Course Needed" from Courses dropdown menu
- Stoll to the correct month on the calendar to register for the course

The point of contact for the motorcycle training is Tony Kruse, Garrison Safety Office, 309-782-2314 or 1380; <a href="mailto:anthony.r.kruse.civ@army.mil">anthony.r.kruse.civ@army.mil</a>.



The Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) program formulates, directs, and sustains a comprehensive effort to maximize human potential to ensure fair treatment for military personnel, family members, and civilians without regard to race, color, gender, religion, or national origin, and provide an environment free of unlawful discrimination and offensive behavior. Garrison EEO office hours: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; 309-782-1488; Website: https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/about/Garrison/equal-employment-opportunity-program

#### **Women's Equality Day Observance**

Join us for the Women's Equality Day Observance hosted by the ASC Equal Opportunity Office on **Thursday**, **Aug. 22**, 1-2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Building 60. To sign up for the Women's Equality Day Observance in TEDs use keyword "WED2019." For additional information or accommodations please contact Sgt. First Class Babatunde Akala at 309-782-3021 or Sgt. First Class Lisa Robinson at 309-782-9269. This event is open to the public, if you are unable to sign up in TEDs, you can sign up at the event. The guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Michelle M.T. Letcher, Commanding General, Joint Munitions Command. Letcher assumed the duties of Commander of the Joint Munitions Command and the Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command on June 14, 2018. She is a native of Oak Forest, Illinois, and was commissioned in



the Air Defense Artillery branch via the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1995. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in social work from Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, and a master of science in human services and counseling from the State University of New York at Oswego, a masters in advanced military studies from the Command and General Staff College, and a master of arts in national security and strategic studies from Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. The nation's annual observance of Women's Equality Day, formally on Aug. 26, commemorates the addition of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920, which guaranteed women the right to vote. This action marked the culmination of the long struggle by women to gain an equal voice in their government. The women's suffrage movement in America began in 1848, when the first women's rights convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York, led by Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The 19th Amendment is a testament to the courage and tenacity of the women and men who challenged the nation to live up to its founding principles. The U.S. Army celebrates Women's Equality Day by recognizing the service of women to the nation since 1775 and who remain an invaluable and essential part of the Army. The Army recognizes not only the significance of women's contributions, but also the value of diversity and inclusion. (Guest speaker bio: www.jmc.army.mil/Leadership.aspx?id=CommandingGeneral)

# 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 <a href="https://rockisland.armymwr.com">https://rockisland.armymwr.com</a> for information on all MWR programs. How is MWR doing? Tell us by going to <a href="https://ice.disa.mil">https://ice.disa.mil</a>, navigate to "Rock Island Arsenal" and search "MWR" for a full listing of all our programs and services.

#### **QC Marathon Volunteers Needed**

Attention -- We are in need of volunteers here on Rock Island Arsenal for the Quad Cities Marathon that runs through the installation on **Sunday, Sept. 22**, 6 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please call 309-782-6789 for more information and to sign up.

#### Is Your Check Engine Light On?

If so don't delay in getting it into the Auto Skills Shop in Building 351. The longer you wait, the more likely the repair is to be more expensive. Let our skilled and trustworthy mechanics diagnose and fix the problem before it becomes a bigger issue. Call the Auto Shop at 309-782-8631 to make an appointment today.

#### Island Oasis Café and Grill

The Island Oasis Café and Grill is outside. Our hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please come out and enjoy the weather in front of Building 67. Menu will include daily specials, like the Ribeye Sandwich on Thursdays. During inclement weather we will move back

indoors for the day. Look forward to seeing you there! For more information please call 309-782-4372.

#### New Menu at the Lock & Dam Lounge

Have you been to the Lock & Dam Lounge in Bldg. 60 lately? If not you should definitely come give it another look as we have recently rolled out our new food menu. With fan favorites like our Arsenal Burger basket and mouthwatering, hand-cut rib eye steak sandwiches paired with a side of delicious fried pickles or onion rings there's sure to be something for everyone in the family to enjoy. While you're here make sure to try a pint of Arsenal Pale Ale as this is the only place you can get this great local craft brew. Also on tap are several craft beers from Lakefront Brewery and other local brewers for \$4 from 4-6 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Check out the full menu on our Facebook page: <a href="www.facebook.com/LockandDamLounge">www.facebook.com/LockandDamLounge</a> and make sure to like the page to stay up to date on all the great programs and events happening here. Please call Damen at 309-782-4372 for more info.

#### Workforce Wednesdays and Thirst-day Thursdays at the Lock & Dam Lounge

Stop in to the Lock and Dam Lounge on Wednesdays and Thursdays, open 3-7 p.m., and take advantage of \$2 domestics, \$4 craft beers, and \$1 sodas on special from 4-6 p.m. The Lock & Dam Lounge is the only place you can get Arsenal Pale Ale and Lock & Dam Lager so gather your friends and coworkers and come see us for a round after work. Call 309-782-4372 for more info.

#### **Fitness Center Closure**

The Fitness Center is closed on Sundays through Labor Day.

#### **Arsenal Island Clubhouse Closure**

The <u>Arsenal Island Clubhouse</u> food, beverage, and entertainment services ended on June 28. This closure supports the upcoming transition to the Enhanced Use Lease, which will take affect later this year. Please continue to use the <u>Island Oasis Café & Grill</u> at Bldg. 67, open Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., and the <u>Lock & Dam Lounge</u> in Bldg. 60, open Wednesday and Thursday, 3-7 p.m., for your food, beverage, and entertainment needs.





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, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. (email: <a href="mailto:anna.winters@us.army.mil">anna.winters@us.army.mil</a>) (website: <a href="https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/leisure-travel-office">https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/leisure-travel-office</a>)

#### **Circa 21 Dinner & Playhouse performance of Shear Madness**

Join us at Circa 21 Dinner & Playhouse for a performance of Shear Madness on **Saturday**, **Aug. 17**. After 38 years, this is the longest running comedy in history — and for good reason. America's

favorite comedy whodunit delights audiences with its unique blend of madcap improvisation and spine-tickling mystery. Shear Madness takes place in a hair salon and is chock full of up-to-theminute spontaneous humor. During the course of the action, a murder is committed and the audience gets to spot the clues, question the suspects, and solve the funniest mystery. The outcome is never the same, which is why many audience members return again and again to the scene of the mayhem. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and tickets are \$49.75 per person.

#### **Choice Hotels**

Need lodging for the night or for vacation? Choice Hotels has more than 3,500 participating hotels worldwide. Stay with a Choice Hotel and save every time. Go to <a href="https://www.choicehotels.com">www.choicehotels.com</a> and enter ID#0023054 to save 15% on your stays.

#### Leisure Travel Has Discount Tickets on Summer Theme Park Fun

Are you headed to Florida for Disney World or Universal Studios fun this summer? Staying closer to home and looking for deals on Six Flags or Adventureland tickets? The Leisure Travel Office in Building 333 should be your first stop. With deep discounts on tickets to all these great parks, we can save you some money. Call Leisure Travel at 309-782-5890 for more info and to book your tickets.

#### **Galena County Fair**

Join us at the Galena County Fair on **Saturday, Oct. 12** – one of Galena's most popular events featuring more than 150 vendors selling a variety of high-quality, original handmade arts, crafts and fine arts. Delicious fair food, kids games and live music. Cost to enter the event is \$2. A van will be departing from the Rock Island Arsenal, Bldg. 333 parking lot at 9 a.m. and departing Galena at 4 p.m. Cost per person is \$30 per person. 10 seats available. For more information or for reservation call the Leisure Travel Office at 309-782-5890.

#### **Disney On Ice Presents Dream Big**

Join us for Disney On Ice Presents Dream Big at the TaxSlayer Center **Dec. 5-8**. Adventure awaits as Disney's most adventurous dreamers put their courage to the test in Disney On Ice Presents Dream Big. Join fearless Moana and the greatest demigod that ever lived, Maui, on an action-packed voyage to restore the stolen heart of Te Fiti. Journey with the Disney Princesses as they create their own happily ever after when Disney On Ice presents Dream Big skates into the TaxSlayer Center. MWR has discounted seats on sale now. Call 309-782-5890 for more information or to purchase seats.

#### **Universal Orlando Military Salute Promotion**

Universal Orlando is extending the special Military Salute Promotion offer valid for use through **Dec. 31**. Get four days for one low price:

- <u>Ticket Option #1</u>: 2-Park, 4-day Park-to-Park ticket (Universal Studios Florida and Islands of Adventure) Adult \$200, Child (3-9) \$196.
- <u>Ticket Option #2</u>: 3-Park, 4-Day Park-to-Park ticket (Universal Studios Florida, Islands of Adventure and Volcano Bay) Adult \$240, Child (3-9) \$235.75.

Limited blockout dates only for Volcano Bay on 3-Park promotional ticket option **June 14 – Aug. 18**. These tickets are available for use on any four days between now and **Dec. 31** (do not have to be used consecutive days) last day of use **Dec. 31**, when the ticket expires in full (includes all holidays) unused days will be forfeited maximum of six tickets per qualifying: Active or Retired U.S.

military, National Guard, Reservists, U.S. Coast Guard, who possess a valid military photo ID, spouses of eligible service members and DOD civilians with valid ID.

#### Adventureland

Adventureland 2019 one-day admission tickets are on sale now! MWR Leisure Travel has discounted tickets for \$35. Adventureland Park has more than 100 rides, shows and attractions, including the new Monster steel roller coaster. Rides for all ages are available, from mild to wet-and-wild. Shows throughout the park feature a variety of family entertainment. Don't miss Iowa's newest water park, Adventure Bay. Water park admission is included with admission to Adventureland Park.

#### **Movie Tickets**

MWR Leisure Travel has discounted movie tickets. Davenport 53rd Cinema's movie ticket = \$9; Moline Great Escape movie ticket = \$9; Gift Pack \$27 (two tickets with \$10 concessionaire card)



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 inservice 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: <a href="https://rockisland.armymwr.com/categories/cys-services">https://rockisland.armymwr.com/categories/cys-services</a>) (Facebook: <a href="https://rockisland.armymwr.com/categories/cys-services">www.facebook.com/RIACYSS</a>)

#### After School Program Sign up in MilitaryChildCare.com

The Before and After School Program sign up opened in Military Child Care.com on Aug. 5. The schools that we will be bussing to are:

- Moline: Franklin Elementary, Wilson Middle School and Moline High School
- Bettendorf: Bus hub, which will service all Elementary schools and Bettendorf Middle School, Bettendorf High School
- Pleasant Valley: Riverdale Heights and Cody Elementary, PV Jr. High School If you reside on the installation, busing will be available to these schools in the Davenport School District: McKinley Elementary, Sudlow Jr. High or Central High School. On Wednesday, Aug. 7, we fill spaces according to who is on the waitlist at that time. After we offer out spaces, we will send the bus registration form to everyone. If you have any question, please feel free to call or e-mail me at <a href="mailto:tina.d.bevier.naf@mail.mil">tina.d.bevier.naf@mail.mil</a> / 309-782-2165.

#### **End of Summer Teen Bash**

The Teen Resilience Program and CYS would like to invite all Arsenal-affiliated youth grades 6-12 and a friend to our no cost End of Summer Teen Bash on **Friday, Aug. 9**, 6-9 p.m., at the School Age Center, Building 150. The activities include an interactive performance by Guys In Ties Improv Comedy, Xtreme Dart Combat, Glow Dodge Ball, and open rec. Youth will be served

Hungry Hobo sandwiches and pop. Teens are not required to be registered with CYS, but it is encouraged. We would like to welcome all of our new teens to this event.



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.

## Back to School Tips For Parents of Special Needs Kids: Be Wise, Be Optimistic, Be Loving

Starting or returning to school for most children can be very scary. Back to school time can be exceptionally difficult for not only children with special needs but their parents as well. Preparing yourself and being ready for the school year will empower you to help reduce your stress and anxiety, resulting in your ability to better help your child through many challenges.



#### Be wise

Be your child's best advocate by educating yourself on your child's condition, understand the challenges they face, and learn what resources are available. Keep current by reviewing their education program, goals and familiarize yourself with special education laws. Get to know their teachers and support staff, and familiarize yourself with the parent advocate at their school or district. Give them your contact information so they know you and know how to contact you. A wise parent is a prepared parent. Ease the transition by establishing or returning to routines. A week or two before school starts, re-adjust bed and wake-up times. Familiar faces are welcome when school begins, so call ahead and ask to meet the principal and request a tour of the school. While there, if staff agree, take photos of the office, classroom, principal, teachers, aides, nurses, lockers, cafeteria, restrooms, and make a little social story photo book with what to expect in each area of the school. Arrange for multiple visits to the school if necessary. Allow your child to get comfortable with the new clothes, supplies, and backpacks, so they have time to adjust to their new routine.

#### **Be Optimistic**

Your attitude matters. Not only will your child pick up on how you're feeling, but also they're likely to respond accordingly. The important thing is to remain calm and express enthusiasm about the new school year. Beliefs determine behaviors and your child's biggest obstacle may be his or her inner thoughts rather than what reality is. Let your child know whatever the school year may hold, "we will get through it!" A positive outlook can go a long way to helping kids adjust to the changes. If your child is unable to verbalize such feelings, realize they may demonstrate their anxiety in their behavior. Be aware of changes in emotions, melt downs, sleep issues, etc., and be

prepared to respond with what best helps your child to calm and return to a healthier emotional place. Document with your child and share a list with their teachers of "This is what I am good at," and "This is what helps me stay calm and relax".

#### **Be Loving**

Celebrate every success. Children will hear plenty about their flaws and their failures, so make sure you celebrate their successes, even small ones i.e. making a good grade, making a new friend, finishing homework on time. Kids can to be noticed and acknowledged for everyday successes at home that other kids may brush off as too easy, i.e. remembering to feed the dog, getting up on their own, using good manners. Noticing your child's successes and accomplishments helps build your child's confidence and self-esteem. Last, but not least, take care of yourself. Parents of a special needs child should always keep this in mind. It is important for parents to remember to take "me time" to pursue a hobby or some other personal passion. Below are links to very helpful websites providing back to school tips:

- www.understood.org/en/community-events/blogs/expert-corner/2014/09/16/the-best-way-to-ease-the-back-to-school-transition
- www.specialneedsalliance.org/back-to-school-tips-for-children-with-special-needs
- www.readingrockets.org/article/back-school-tips-parents-children-special-needs

#### **Discovery Time Playgroup**

Summer is here and it is time to get the kids out of the house. Join Discovery Time Playgroup on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for crafts, stories, field trips, and fun. The group is open to military dependents aged 0-5 and their caregivers and meets in Moline just off the installation at Community Christian Fellowship. There is no pre-registration required and all activities are free to attend. For more information, please contact the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program at 309-782-3049 or email Jennifer.a.kerr10.civ@mail.mil.

#### **ACS Relocation Program Offering Tours of RIA Factory**

The Army Community Service Relocation Program is offering a tour of the RIA factory. We will learn about the history of the factory and its current capabilities. The tour has limited seating.

- Thursday, Sept. 19
  - o 9-10:30 a.m.
  - o RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 12

Eligibility is only open to military who are new to the area, civilians, and their families; family members of deployed service members, and families with foreign born family members. To R.S.V.P contact ACS at 309-782-0829.

#### **RIA Volunteer & AFTB Council Meeting**

This meeting is designed to provide a platform for the installation to collaborate efforts, share information, and ideas, and discuss issues revolving around volunteering & Army Family Team Building. The meeting is held quarterly on the second Tuesday of the month. If you would like to attend an upcoming council meeting please contact ACS. Upcoming Council Meetings:

#### • Tuesday, Oct. 8

The meetings will be held from 9-10 a.m. in the ACS Training Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, in Bldg. 110. R.S.V.P. Required: to sign up contact ACS at 309-782-0829.

# 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., Bldg. 333, Phone: 309-782-8630. (email: <a href="mailto:robert.l.lampert.naf@mail.mil">robert.l.lampert.naf@mail.mil</a>), Website: <a href="mailto:https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation">https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation</a>

#### Summer Is Here So Get Outside and Enjoy It

Outdoor Recreation, located in Building 333 (next to the Exchange) has all the gear and equipment to get you into the great outdoors this summer. Whether you're looking for canoes and kayaks + fishing poles to float the Maquoketa River, campers and all the camping gear you'll need for a fun weekend camping or our newly added inventory of bikes to get out and enjoy all the great trails around the QC, Outdoor Rec has you covered. Learn more about all the great equipment available to you on our website at: <a href="https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation">https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation</a> and call ODR at 309-782-8630 to reserve your gear.

#### **RV Storage Lot Spaces Available**

Outside vehicle storage is offered in a secured access controlled lot. Patrons can store campers, boats, and personally owned vehicles and more. Fees for outdoor storage spaces are \$30/month and with no contract you can store with us for as little or as long as you need. For more info and to reserve your spaces, call Outdoor Recreation at 309-782-8630.

#### Yard Sale Table Special

Let Outdoor Recreation Help with your yard sale. Rent five tables for the price of four and use them for 13 days; \$20. Pick them up on a Thursday or Friday and return them two Tuesdays later. This will allow you to get your sale set up and help ensure its' success. This special runs from **July 3 to Nov. 5**. For more information please call 309-782-8630.

#### Canoes and Kayaks

Paddling season is fast approaching. Outdoor Recreation has new kayaks and a trailer available for your use. Before you can sign them out the State of Illinois requires that you complete a boater safety class. To meet this requirement there is a free online course at <a href="http://rentalboatsafety.com">http://rentalboatsafety.com</a>. Simply view about 15 minutes of videos covering basic canoe/kayak operation and safety then take the quiz. We will need to keep a copy of your certificate of completion on file at Outdoor Recreation. We will need a copy for everyone in your group, to include children, who will be paddling these canoes and/or kayaks. For more information please call309-782-8630.

#### Cargo Trailers

Are you moving your kids back from college or changing residence? To help make this move easier Outdoor Recreation has cargo trailers available for your use. Please call 309-782-8630 for more information or to make your reservation.

#### **Special Event Equipment**

Do you have a graduation party or other special event coming up? Outdoor Recreation has party canopies, tables, chairs, charcoal grills, backyard games and bounce houses to help ensure the success and fun of your event. Please call 309-782-8630 for more information or stop by Outdoor Recreation any time Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. and our staff will gladly show you all of the items available.

#### **Storage Units Available for Rent**

Did you know that Outdoor Recreation has storage units that are available to rent right here on the Island? If you're in need of short or long term storage, we have the solution for you. Units measure 10' x 15' and are available for \$80/month, use it for as little or as long as you have a need to store items. For your convenience we also offer automated online billing. Call 309-782-8630 for more info and to reserve your space(s) today, these available units won't last long.



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 <a href="https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/my-fort/all-services/army-substance-abuse-program">https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/my-fort/all-services/army-substance-abuse-program</a> 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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rock-Island-Arsenal-EAP/124853580916835">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rock-Island-Arsenal-EAP/124853580916835</a>.

#### **Employee Assistance Abuse Program Groups**

The Employee Assistance Abuse Program 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. Upcoming dates for groups offered by the Employee Assistance Program, employees can register in TEDs or call 309-782-0965:

- Sept. 18: Real Colors, Real Colors, Bldg. 104, 3rd Floor, North Central Training Room, 8 a.m. 12 p.m.
- Sept. 24: Emotional Intelligence, Bldg. 104, Baylor Training Rm. 1, 10 a.m. 12 p.m.
- Oct. 16: Working With You Is Killing Me, Bldg. 104, Baylor Training Rm. 1, 10 a.m. 12 p.m.
- Nov. 14: Real Colors, Real Colors, Bldg. 104, 3rd Floor, North Central Training Room, 8 a.m. 12 p.m.
- Dec. 4: Real Colors, Real Colors, Bldg. 104, 3rd Floor, North Central Training Room, 8 a.m. 12 p.m.

• <u>Dec. 11</u>: Emotional Intelligence, Bldg. 104, Baylor Training Rm. 1, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. 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.

#### 101 Critical Days of Summer Safety Campaign

101 Critical Days of Summer (Memorial Day through Labor Day) safety campaign is intended to remind us that we cannot afford to lose focus on safety either on or off duty. The summer season is a dangerous time of year for the Army with notable increases in off duty accidental fatalities. Festivals, road trips, swimming, fishing, hiking, boating, camping, and motorcycle riding are common outdoor activities during the summer. Intense planning often goes into making these outdoor activities a success. When planning your summer activities, remember the effects of alcohol or prescription drugs, and identify the risks associated with impairment while participating in various activities. Always remember to make responsible decisions while enjoying your summer activities. Summer holiday celebrations often include barbeques, picnics, water sports, vacationing with family and friends, and fireworks. However, many holiday weekends can be filled with tragedy instead of celebration. The Fourth of July is one of the deadliest holidays of the year when it comes to alcohol-impaired driving crashes on our highways.

deadliest holidays of the year when it comes to alcohol-impaired driving crashes on our highways. According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, during July 4th, holidays over the last five years (from 2010 to 2014), 780 people lost their lives in crashes involving drivers who had BACs of at least .08 g/dL. This summer, don't let your celebrations end in an arrest or tragedy. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk injuring yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant and not the way you want to celebrate your summer.



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: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: 309-782-2065 Fax: 309-782-7901. Please visit our website to learn more: <a href="https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/my-fort/all-services/continuing-education-services">https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/my-fort/all-services/continuing-education-services</a>

#### SFL-TAP, Career, Entrepreneurship, Higher Education Tracks, Pre-Retirement

If Soldiers in your organization are within 24 months of retirement or 18 months of separation, or even just thinking about life after military service, please encourage them to sign-up and attend this vital training. Space is still available, it is open to all branches of service, Retirees (space available), veterans (180 days after separation). Soldiers can bring along their family members as well. Please spread the word, this is not a one-time check the block, transitioning members should start early as this will give more time to attend training as often as it is needed.

- Pre-Retirement Briefing, Aug. 9 and Oct. 25
- SFL-TAP Workshop, Aug. 12-16 and Oct. 28-Nov. 1
- Entrepreneurship (Boots to Business), Aug. 26-27, and Nov. 4-5
- Career Exploration Planning, Aug. 28-29, and Nov. 6-7

All classes will be held Bldg. 56, 1st floor, classroom 2 (Room 122), 8 a.m. start time, classrooms (same hallway as the Education Center). For more information contact 309-782-7780 or email usarmy.ria.usag.mbx.hrm-tsm@mail.mil.



The Rock Island Commissary, <a href="www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/rock-island-arsenal">www.shopmyexchange.com/shopping/store-locations/rock-island-arsenal</a>, and the Exchange, <a href="www.shopmyexchange.com/exchange-stores/United%20States/IL/Rock%20Island/Rock-Island-Arsenal-9999912">www.shopmyexchange.com/exchange-stores/United%20States/IL/Rock%20Island/Rock-Island-Arsenal-9999912</a>, are for active duty military and retirees only. There are exceptions for select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you. Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information here: <a href="www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/rock-island-arsenal">www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/rock-island-arsenal</a>. For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: <a href="www.commissaries.com">www.commissaries.com</a> (Facebook: <a href="www.commissaries.com/yourCommissary">www.facebook.com/yourCommissary</a>)

If you would like to be placed on our email contact list to receive periodic information on events happening at your Rock Island Arsenal Commissary, please email us at: rockisland@deca.mil and type 'Subscribe' in the subject line.

## Commissary 'Back to School' Sidewalk Sale Coming to Rock Island Arsenal Commissary

The Rock Island Arsenal Commissary will be having a Back-to-School Sidewalk Sale on **Friday** and Saturday, Aug. 16-17. Our customers deserve the very best. This super sale offers great savings throughout the store. We are proud of our military community and its rich heritage and history, and we are honored to serve you, saving you money and delivering the benefit that you so richly deserve is our business. The modern commissary benefit saves you money. Shop your commissary proud, committed, and more. (More at <a href="https://www.commissaries.com">www.commissaries.com</a>)

#### Sidewalk Sales, Sweepstakes, Healthy Meals Take Center Stage In August

Commissary patrons can be on the lookout for "Back-to-School" sales and sweepstakes along with sidewalk sales beginning mid-August with a focus on healthy meals and snacks. "When it comes to food for school lunches and snacks, the commissary is your first stop for significant savings," said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Tomeka N. O'Neal, the Defense Commissary Agency's senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director. "And while you're there check out the exchange for low prices on school supplies." Throughout August, the agency's industry partners – vendors, suppliers and brokers – are collaborating with commissaries to offer discounts beyond everyday savings. Also,

check the end of the aisle for themed items with extra low pricing. Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs. Customers should check with their store manager or visit their <u>store page</u> to verify what's available at their store. To read the complete story, go to the DeCA <u>website</u>.

#### **New Survey Helps Commissaries Better Serve Their Patrons**

Commissary shoppers worldwide can easily share their opinions more often as the Defense Commissary Agency rolls out "ForeSee," a customer experience survey tool. "ForeSee is a robust survey tool that's used by NEXCOM and many other commercial retailers to gain real time customer feedback," said retired Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, who, in addition to being DOD special assistant for commissary operations, is also CEO of the Navy Exchange. "DeCA is committed to delivering a premiere customer experience in every store and this is a powerful tool to help us do that." Customers can access the purchaser receipt survey using the link, <a href="https://mydeca.me/receipt">https://mydeca.me/receipt</a>, printed at the bottom of the receipt. They have seven days from their purchase date to log on and complete it. To read the entire story, go to the DeCA <a href="https://website">website</a>.

#### Stateside Commissaries Serve As Collection Sites for Feds Feed Families

Stateside commissaries are again serving as collection points for the Feds Feed Families campaign for 2019, which began June 26, and continues through Aug. 9 at participating military installations. Participating installations help collect items most needed by food pantries and then donate them to area food banks. Commissary customers and employees participate by purchasing needed food and personal hygiene products for donation while shopping at the commissary, or by bringing items from home and dropping them off at the store. Another option commissaries have made available are prepackaged donation bags. Store workers assemble bags of various appropriate items. They're placed around stores where patrons can easily pick them up as they shop. To read the entire story, go to the DeCA website.

#### Military Shoppers Can Win \$12,500 in Exchange Gift Cards in Unilever Back-To-School Sweepstakes

Military shoppers can look and feel their best this fall with a \$500 Army & Air Force Exchange Service gift card in the Unilever/Axe Back-to-School Sweepstakes. The Exchange will give away cards to 25 lucky winners—\$12,500 in total. From Aug. 2 through Aug. 29, authorized Exchange shoppers age 18 and older may enter the sweepstakes at ShopMyExchange.com/sweepstakes. No purchase is necessary to enter or win. "Everyone has a shot to clean up with a \$500 gift card from the Exchange," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Luis Reyes, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor. "And it's easy for service members, military families and retirees to enter and win." (More: www.dvidshub.net/news/334235)

#### MILITARY STAR Shoppers Can Get Smart Savings on Back-To-School Fashion

Military families around the world can save on back-to-school fashion with their MILITARY STAR® cards from Aug. 1 to 8. Shoppers will receive 10% off all children's, women's and men's apparel purchases of \$100 or more when they use their MILITARY STAR card. The offer is valid at the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Navy Exchange and Coast Guard Exchange, as well as ShopMyExchange.com, myNavyExchange.com and ShopCGX.com. "The Exchange, NEXCOM and CGX are joining forces to make back-to-school shopping easier for the military community," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Luis Reyes, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor. "This limited-time offer is one of many promotions MILITARY STAR cardholders earn throughout the year."

(More: <a href="https://www.dvidshub.net/news/332817/military-star-shoppers-can-get-smart-savings-back-school-fashion">www.dvidshub.net/news/332817/military-star-shoppers-can-get-smart-savings-back-school-fashion</a>)

**Exchange Shoppers Can Double the Savings during Back-to-School 'Tax Holidays'** 

At the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, every day is a tax holiday. While several states are offering back-to-school tax-free weekends, military shoppers can double up on the savings as the Exchange is offering an additional discount to match the local tax savings. Exchanges in the 16 states that are hosting tax holidays will offer a percentage off (equivalent to the local tax rate) select back-to-school items, such as clothing, footwear, computers and school supplies. Eligible items vary by state. "Shopping tax-free is a benefit military shoppers have earned," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Luis Reyes, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor. "The additional savings during the tax holiday is a way the Exchange says 'thank you' to our service members and their families as they prepare for a new school year." (More: www.dvidshub.net/news/331371)

Electronics Eligible for Back-To-School Layaway at the Exchange for Limited Time

Back-to-school shopping doesn't have to break the bank. To help military families stay on budget while preparing for the school year, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is expanding its layaway program to include computers, tablets and more from July 1 to Aug. 31. Laptops, desktops, iPads, notebook computers, tablets and other electronics that support educational excellence are not usually eligible for the Exchange layaway program, but Soldiers, Airmen and families can enjoy the expanded program before the school year. "There can be a lot of costs that hit all at once when preparing for the start of school," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Luis Reyes, Exchange senior enlisted advisor. "The extended layaway gives families more flexibility to plan their back-to-school budget." (More: www.dvidshub.net/news/329960)



Information for the Arsenal Archive is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sundays and Mondays, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. (website: <a href="www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org/museum">www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org/museum</a>) (Facebook: <a href="www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org/museum">www.facebook.com/RIAMuseum</a>)

#### Brown Bag Lunch & Learn - The Battle of the Atlantic

Bring your lunch and learn about the Battle of the Atlantic from ASC Assistant Historian Mark Struve on **Monday, Sept. 9**, 12-1 p.m., at the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Battle of the Atlantic is a complex battle that spans the length of World War II and beyond. Beginning with the use of Unrestricted Submarine Warfare by the Germans in 1939, the battle impacted the war in several waves and touched dozens of Navies around the world. It was the only battle to reach its conclusion after the war ended, lasting until 1946. Still, the Battle of the Atlantic served as the springboard for many modern tactics and advances in naval warfare and technology ranging from improved Sonar, to anti-submarine warfare. All program attendees must obtain a visitor's pass at the Visitor Control Center (23 Prospect Drive, Moline, IL 61265) and enter through the Moline Gate.



#### Tick Facts: Dangers at the Height of Tick Season

From April to September, tick activity spikes throughout the United States. With high tick activity comes the importance of increasing awareness of common tick-borne illnesses and how to prevent them. According to Army Maj. Elizabeth Wanja, of the Uniformed Services University for Health Sciences, outdoor activities during peak tick season raise the chances of transmitting pathogens from living organisms that can carry diseases. These organisms include mosquitos, fleas and, you guessed it, ticks. "Outdoor activities like farming, camping, and military training exercises in grasslands or edges of the forest increase chances of these pathogens' transmission," Wanja said. Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that 77 percent of all insect-borne diseases are carried by ticks. Lyme disease, transmitted through bites from deer ticks, remains the most common of these diseases. However, Lyme is not the only disease to be aware of. (More: <a href="https://health.mil/News/Articles/2019/07/31/Tick-Facts-Dangers-at-the-height-of-tick-season">https://health.mil/News/Articles/2019/07/31/Tick-Facts-Dangers-at-the-height-of-tick-season</a>)

#### Program Offers Proactive Measures to Assess Health of Soldiers, Army Civilians

Few things are more difficult or traumatic for Soldiers than an operational deployment overseas. Even Civilians who work for the Department of the Army are sometimes called to deploy to these operations. Problems that can emerge days or even months after a Soldier or Civilian returns home include traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress, depression, suicide, substance abuse, chemical exposure, and long-term injuries. The U.S. Army's Deployment Health Assessment Program (DHAP) identifies deployment-related health problems and connects Soldiers and Army Civilians with the right care when needed and ensures that Soldiers are assessed pre and post combat. "This program is designed to ensure that Soldiers are medically capable of accomplishing our mission," said Master Sgt. Edmondson, NCOIC of R2I and Training Division in the SHARP, Ready & Resilient Directorate. "In addition, for Soldiers who may not be medically capable, DHAP identifies their challenges and provides them with a plan of action to get back into the fight." (More: www.army.mil/article/224998)



## VA Hosts Initiative That Assists In Securing Financial Futures for Veterans, Service Members and Their Families

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will host the Economic Investment (EI) Initiative: Puget Sound 2019, Aug. 6 – 8 at the South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia, Washington, to help those who serve or have served in uniform find continued success in civilian life. The EI Initiative is a free, three-day event that will connect Veterans, transitioning service members and their families with health care, education, employment and benefits resources. "As we continue to focus on how we can improve the lives of Veterans, service members and their families, VA remains committed to successful transitions and the total welfare of the military and Veteran community," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "VA is excited to bring this Economic Investment Initiative to the Puget Sound region." (More: <a href="https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5290">www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5290</a>)

#### **Exploring Veterans' Preferences for Receiving Genetic Test Results**

VA funds an array of studies on genes and their role in health and diseases. The centerpiece is the Million Veteran Program (MVP). It's one of the world's largest databases of health and genetic information. Scientists are using the data to learn about PTSD, diabetes, Gulf War illness and other conditions affecting VA patients. The data is coded, to protect Veterans' privacy. MVP does not return individual genetic results to enrollees. But as VA genetic research continues to expand, researchers want to learn about Veterans' preferences in this area. Dr. Sara Knight of the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System is leading a study that aims to find out if Vets want their results returned, why they'd want them returned, and what details they'd want to see and under what circumstances. (More: <a href="www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/64227/exploring-veterans-preferences-for-receiving-genetic-test-results">www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/64227/exploring-veterans-preferences-for-receiving-genetic-test-results</a>)

## VA, DeepMind Develop Machine Learning System to Predict Life-Threatening Disease before It Appears

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in partnership with DeepMind Health, published results in the July 31 edition of Nature, on the development of an artificial intelligence (AI) system that can forecast a deadly kidney disease in advance. In keeping with VA's efforts to help improve the lives of Veterans through research and innovation, the breakthrough finding shows the model developed by the researchers can predict the presence of Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) in patients up to 48 hours in advance, which could help doctors determine treatment options to prevent further deterioration of the kidney. AKI is notoriously difficult for doctors and nurses to detect; when it occurs, patients often deteriorate very quickly. The AI model permitted identification of over 90 percent of the most severe Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) cases 48 hours sooner than with usual care. That early detection permits improved medical care that can reduce progression to serious consequences such as need for dialysis. (More:

www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5287)

#### VA Has Cured 100,000 Veterans of Hepatitis C

As World Hepatitis Day is marked nationwide this week, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has reached a significant milestone, having cured more than 100,000 Veterans of chronic hepatitis C virus infection (HCV), establishing VA as a global leader in the diagnosis and treatment of HCV. HCV infection can lead to advanced liver disease (ALD), liver cancer and early death. Curing HCV can prevent the development or progression of ALD, cutting death rates by up to 50%. Until recently, HCV treatment required medications to be taken daily by mouth and weekly by injection for up to a year, with cure rates as low as 35%. Additionally, this treatment had disabling medical and psychiatric side effects, which caused over half of patients to stop treatment prematurely. "These efforts have been nothing short of life-saving for tens of thousands of Veterans, and that's precisely why VA has made diagnosing, treating and curing hepatitis C virus infection such a priority," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. (More: www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5289)

#### Here's How 3 Million More People Will Get Military Shopping Benefits

As about 3 million more people will soon be eligible to shop at military stores, officials are working to make sure these new customers will have access to bases, and that the shelves will be stocked. Starting Jan. 1, all service-connected disabled veterans, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war and primary veteran caregivers will be eligible to shop at commissaries and exchanges, and officials from three federal agencies are preparing the way. The newly eligible customers will also

be able to use certain morale, welfare and recreation activities. It's the largest patronage expansion in more than 60 years, said Virginia Penrod, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for manpower and reserve affairs, who spoke at a recent meeting of the American Logistics Association. (More: <a href="https://www.militarytimes.com/pay-benefits/2019/07/22/heres-how-3-million-more-people-will-get-military-shopping-benefits">www.militarytimes.com/pay-benefits/2019/07/22/heres-how-3-million-more-people-will-get-military-shopping-benefits</a>)



Aug. 8-10: Tug Fest (LeClaire, Iowa and Port Byron, Illinois) More: www.tugfest.org

August TBA: Ya Maka My Weekend (downtown Rock Island) More: www.downtownrockisland.org

Aug. 17: Floatzilla (Sunset Marina in Rock Island) More: www.floatzilla.org

Aug. 17: Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops (LeClaire Park in downtown Davenport) More: www.qcso.org

Aug. 17: Village Wine Walk (Village of East Davenport) More: <a href="https://www.villageofeastdavenport.com">www.villageofeastdavenport.com</a>

<u>August TBA</u>: World Series of Drag Racing (Cordova International Raceway) More: <u>www.racecir.com</u>

Aug. 22-25: Alternating Currents Festival (downtown Davenport) More: www.alternatingcurrentsqc.com

Aug. 24: Vettes on the River (LeClaire, Iowa) More: www.visitleclaire.com

Aug. 24-25: Farm Days (Village of East Davenport) More: www.villageofeastdavenport.com

Aug. 31 - Sept. 1: Rock Island Grand Prix (downtown Rock Island) More: www.rockislandgrandprix.com

**Sept. 7**: QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show (John Deere Pavilion in Moline) More:

www.visitjohndeere.com

Sept. 7-8: Beaux Arts Fair (downtown Davenport) More: www.beauxartsfair.com

**Sept. 13-14**: Celtic Festival & Highland Games (Centennial Park in Davenport) More:

www.celtichighlandgames.org

Sept. 14: Taming of the Slough (Sylvan Slough) More: www.riveraction.org

**Sept. 14**: Brew Ha Ha (LeClaire Park in Davenport) More: <a href="www.jayceesqc.org">www.jayceesqc.org</a>

Sept. 21: Quad Cities Marathon (Moline) More: www.qcmarathon.org

Sept. 21-22: Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts (Village of East Davenport) More: www.midcoast.org

Sept. 22: Quad Cities Marathon (downtown Moline) More: www.qcmarathon.org

Sept. 27-28: Hot Air Balloon Festival (Island County Fairgrounds in East Moline) More:

www.quadcitiesballoonfestival.com

Sept. 29: Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic (Rock Island) More: www.cornbelt.org/nearby\_races.htm

Oct. 13: Apple Fest (downtown LeClaire, Iowa) More: www.visitleclaire.com

October TBD: Row the Miss Regatta (Mississippi River in Moline) More: www.tworiversymca.org

Oct. 24: Fright Night (Schwiebert Park in downtown Rock Island) More: www.downtownrockisland.org

Oct. 26: Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race (Village of East Davenport) More: www.lagomarcinos.com

Oct. 26-27: Boo at the Zoo (Niabi Zoo) More: www.niabizoo.com

Oct. 26: Witches Walk & Costume Parade (downtown LeClaire, Iowa) More: www.visitleclaire.com

Oct. 26: Halloween Parades (Bettendorf and Davenport)

Nov. 16-24: Quad City Arts Festival of Trees (RiverCenter in Davenport) More: www.qcfestivaloftrees.com

Nov. 16: Festival of Trees Parade (downtown Davenport) More: www.qcfestivaloftrees.com

Nov. 16: Lighting on the John Deere Commons (downtown Moline) More: www.lightingonthecommons.com

Nov. 24: Christmas Walk (Walnut Grove Pioneer Village) More: www.scottcountyjowa.com



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