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## ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### February 2013 Newsletter

Hello Members:

We are still looking for someone to take over the responsibilities of putting out this publication. Please let the Board and/or Kris Leinicke know if you would be willing to help with the newsletter.

We want to welcome the following new member: Chip Hawkinson

Our March 7<sup>th</sup> program will be given by Guest Speakers Jim and Maureen Schebler. Their presentation will be about the Davenport School Museum and some of the historical treasures in their collection. Both Jim and Maureen have had a lifelong interest in history, especially local and regional history.

Maureen graduated from Marycrest College in Davenport with majors in social studies and secondary education. Maureen has worked in a variety of positions with Davenport Public Library and as well as a Davenport Schools para-educator in media.

Jim graduated from St Ambrose College with majors in political science and secondary education. Jim was employed by the Rock Island Public Schools for 39 years. In retirement, he was employed as a part time instructor at Augustana College in Rock Island in the Education Department. He has also co-authored several articles for the *Illinois History Teacher* magazine.

Today, Jim and Maureen are volunteers at the Davenport School Museum and have been working on digitizing items in the museum collection and preparing presentations based on these collections.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Arsenal Golf Club. The menu will be tossed salad with bread sticks, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, rolls, and dessert prepared by the Golf Club Chef, all for \$14.00, including tax and tip. Please have your check or cash ready to give to **Dick Hochstetler** or **Linda Miller** when you arrive.

Reservations are due by noon on Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>. You may call **Monica Holeman** (563) 650-4349, or **Linda Miller** (563) 355-6165 or you may email Linda at:

[chiicaliinda@aol.com](mailto:chiicaliinda@aol.com). Dinner cancellations must be made by the reservation deadline or you will be liable for costs incurred and billed accordingly.

Our meetings are open to both members and non-members. Those who wish to skip dinner and attend just the program portion of the meeting, starting at 7:00 p.m., may do so free of charge.

Drivers and passengers entering the Arsenal must have a valid picture I.D. Let the guard know you are attending a function at the Golf Club. Remember, those coming across the Government Bridge from Iowa after 5:30 p.m. need to proceed to the Rock Island Gate as the Davenport Gate will be closed.

**Note:** The Rock Island Historical Society/Rock Island Arsenal Museum website is up and running. Please take some time and visit - <http://www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org>. Feel free to forward the link.

Since the RIAHS website went live on December 10, 2012, 1,656 individuals have visited the site. Of those visitors, 1,232 were from the United States, 155 were from 25 different foreign countries, and 269 were from indeterminate locations.

### **Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Volunteers (January)**

Dick Hochstetler –Board financial business  
Monica Holeman - Historical Society dinner reservations  
Anne Jochum - Board business  
Jim Jochum – Board business  
Linda Miller - Board business; Historical Society dinner reservations

### **Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Museum Volunteers (January)**

Anne Jochum – Photographic archives project  
Jim Jochum – Photographic archives project  
Alan Larsen – Photographic archives project; Historical tours of the Arsenal  
Andrew Padavich – Photographic archives project  
Greg Shelangouski - Photographic archives project  
Tarah Sipes - Photographic archives project; Collection inventory and cataloging

### **Museum News January 2013 Activities**

On Thursday, January 24, 2013, William Johnson worked with Louise Paradis of the US Army Garrison- Rock Island Arsenal (USAG-RIA) Plans, Analysis, and Integration Office (PAIO) to create and install a display for the Interactive Customer

Evaluation (ICE) program. The display was installed in a Heritage Hall display case in Building 60.

On Saturday, January 26, 2013, Kris Leinicke presented a program on the Sesquicentennial of the Rock Island Arsenal at the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Eighth Western Rivers District, Division 9's Change of Watch. The program was held at the Golden Leaf Banquet Hall, Davenport, Iowa, with 44 members in attendance. The program was done to accommodate a request for support from the US Army Sustainment Command (ASC) Historical Office.

From Tuesday-Thursday, January 29-31, 2013, researchers Joe and Kathy Farmer photographed microfilm and microfiche records for information related to research on equipment, leather product, and small arms development. William Johnson assisted Joe Farmer in photographing the Krag 1892 carbine in the museum's collection.

The seventh and final issue of *Minnesota's Heritage...Back to the Sources* was published in January 2013. The publication focuses on the Dakota War of 1862, and an article by Corinne L. Monjeau-Marz and Stephen E. Osman titled "What You May Not Know About the Fort Snelling Indian Camps" includes a stereoview image of the Rock Island Barracks provided by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum.