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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May 2013 Newsletter

Hello Members:

June Board of Directors Election – The ballot for the three positions which expire this year is attached. Ballots may be submitted via email to contact@arsenalhistoricalsociety.org, via USPS sent to the address listed on the bottom of the ballot or they may be handed in to the Board at the June meeting.

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 newsletter.

Our June 6th program will be given by members of the Louisa County Historical Society. The presentation will be “Six Littleton Brothers from Louisa County, Iowa: All Casualties of the American Civil War”

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Arsenal Golf Club. The menu for will be tossed salad with bread sticks, Citrus Soy Marinated Flat Iron Steak, sweet corn, twice baked potatoes, 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 June 3rd. You may call **Monica Holeman** (563) 650-4349, or **Linda Miller** (563) 355-6165 or you may email Linda at: 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.

Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Volunteers (April)

Judy Belfer - Board business
Arlis Enburg - Board meeting minutes; Board business
Dick Hochstetler –Board financial business; Board business
Monica Holeman - Historical Society dinner reservations
Anne Jochum - Publicity; Board business
Jim Jochum – Board business
Jolene Keeney - Board business
Cindy Lundine - Historical presentation of Rock Island Arsenal
Linda Miller - Board business; Historical Society dinner reservations
Pat Morthland - Board business; arranged speaker for Historical Society dinner
Martha Wahe - Board business

Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Museum Volunteers (April)

Anne Jochum – Photographic archives project
Jim Jochum – Prop collection cataloging project
Alan Larsen – Photographic archives project
Mark Meleski - Photographic archives project
Morris Merle - Historical tours of the Arsenal
Andrew Padavich – Photographic archives project; Collection inventory
Clark Ramser - Research project documenting the 150th Anniversary Celebration
Greg Shelangouski - Photographic archives project; Collection inventory
Tarah Sipes - Photographic archives project; Collection cataloging

Rock Island Arsenal Museum April 2013 Activities

On Wednesday, April 3, 2013, Jack Wilson, Survivor Outreach Services, Army Community Service, was interviewed by Clay LePard, WHBF Channel 4, for a segment of *Rock Island Arsenal: Inside the Gates*. “Honoring the Fallen Soldiers” explained the Fallen Soldier exhibit in the museum.

On Thursday, April 4, 2013, Bill Johnson provided a tour of the weapon collection to three members of the Illinois State Crime Lab.

On Friday, April 5, 2013, Kris Leinicke presented the program “Women at Rock Island Arsenal in WWI & WWII” to members of PEO Chapter FJ. The program was held at Steeplegate Inn, Davenport, Iowa, with 21 in attendance.

On Friday, April 19, 2013, Jodean Rousey Murdock provided a volunteer orientation to Amanda Elliff. Amanda is a graduate student in the Museum Studies program at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Campus and will be completing her student internship at the museum.

On Friday, April 19, 2013, Kris Leinicke presented the program "Women at Rock Island Arsenal in WWI & WWII" to members and guests of Moline Masonic High 12 #88. The program was held at Denny's at South Park, Moline, Illinois, with 26 in attendance.

On Friday, April 19, 2013, Jodean Rousey Murdock and Jodie Creen Wesemann provided an Officer's Professional Development (OPD) tour of the museum exhibit hall, artifact storage, and the museum resource center for Army Contracting Command – Rock Island Arsenal. Seven were in attendance.

On Tuesday, April 23, 2013, Bill Johnson provided an Officer's Professional Development (OPD) tour of the museum's weapon display for First Army, IWF-G2. Three were in attendance.

On Wednesday, April 24, 2013, a volunteer recognition was hosted in the resource center for the Rock Island Arsenal Museum and Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society volunteers. Certificates of appreciation were handed out to 18 volunteers in attendance. Mr. Himsl, Garrison Manger, thanked the volunteers for all their hard work the past year and assisted with the presentation of certificates.

The Society of American Bayonet Collectors Journal, Winter 2012 issue, included an article on "Model 1905 Leather Scabbards" by Tom Wiltzius, PhD, John Siekierka, and Harold Hopp. Acknowledgement was given to Kris Leinicke for providing information on Rock Island Arsenal leather inspectors.

The Sunday, April 28, 2013 issue of the Cedar Rapids Gazette included an article by Lori Erickson, "Arsenal Island: Small island with a big history." In addition to mentioning the museum, the article included an historic image provided by museum staff.

BALLOT

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Board of Directors

Please vote for three directors for the board of the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society, each will serve a three year term to expire in 2016.

_____ Anne Jochum (incumbent)

_____ Richard Hochstetler (incumbent)

_____ Jolene Keeney (incumbent)

_____ (write in your choice)

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Current members of the Board of Directors

Term expires 2013

Anne Jochum
Richard Hochstetler
Jolene Keeney

Term expires 2014

Judith Belfer
Linda Miller
Martha Wahe

Term expires 2015

Arlis Enburg
Jim Jochum
Pat Morthland

This ballot is due Thursday, June 6, 2013, at the annual meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m.,

**Or, ballots can be mailed to: Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society
c/o Rock Island Arsenal Museum
Rock Island Arsenal
Rock Island, IL 61299-5000**