



BLOCK HOUSE 1816

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October 2013 Newsletter

Hello Members:

Our November 7th program will be given by Guest Speaker Gena Schantz, President of Heritage Documentaries. Ms. Schantz will introduce and play ""The Rock Island Civil War Prison: Andersonville of the North?" the Heritage Documentaries' DVD of the Rock Island Arsenal Confederate prisoner of war camp.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu will be house salad, breadsticks, stuffed chicken breast with cranberry sauce, glazed carrots, garlic and shallot whipped potatoes, and dessert prepared by the Golf Club kitchen, 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 November 4th. 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 need to proceed to the Rock Island Gate as the Davenport Gate will be closed for incoming traffic.

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

Arlis Enburg - Board meeting minutes; Board business
Dick Hochstetler –Board financial business; Board business
Monica Holeman - Historical Society dinner reservations
Anne Jochum – Board publicity; Board business
Jim Jochum – Board business
Jolene Keeney - Board business

Linda Miller - Historical Society dinner reservations; Board financial business; Board business
Pat Morthland - Board business
Martha Wahe - Board business

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(September)

Sarah Blevins - Artifact conservation project; exhibit project
Amanda Elliff - Artifact conservation project; exhibit project
Anne Jochum – Photographic archives project
Jim Jochum – Scanning project
Alan Larsen – Historical tours of Rock Island Arsenal
Morris Merle – Historical tours of Rock Island Arsenal
Andrew Padavich – Photographic archives project
Greg Shelangouski - Photographic archives project
Pat Steen - Historical tours of Rock Island Arsenal

Rock Island Arsenal Museum
September 2013 Activities

During the month of September, funding was obtained from the US Army Center of Military History (CMH), Fort McNair, DC, to construct new concrete supports for the two Spanish cannon that formerly faced North Avenue near the front entrance to the museum. The cannon were moved in October 2012 as the project to reconfigure and resurface North Avenue progressed. At that time, it was discovered the concrete supports were cracked and the interior metal supports were corroded.

On Thursday, September 5, 2013, Kris Leinicke met with COL Speights, Garrison Commander, Garrison CSM Judkins, and Tracy Neitzer, Public Works, at Memorial Field to discuss options of relocating the memorials north of Rodman Avenue to Memorial Field and moving macro artifacts to accommodate the relocation of the monuments.

On Friday, September 6, 2013, Bill Johnson and Jodean Rousey Murdock provided a behind the scene tour of the Resource Center and the primary artifact storage to seven employees from Deere & Company's Corporate History & Records Management Services. Paul Ferguson, Joint Munitions Command (JMC), and Ron Plante, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), accompanied the group.

From Friday, September 6 to Sunday, 22 September 22, 2013, the museum was listed as a participant in the second annual Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau (QCCVB) "East-West Riverfest 2013." Participation was limited to maintaining current museum operating hours as this event was scheduled during a time of potential furlough, and additional activities could not be scheduled. The participation fee was paid by the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society.

On Tuesday, September 10, 2013, Bill Johnson conducted the biannual weapons inventory with two disinterested parties from other garrison directorates.

On Wednesday, September 11, 2013, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities (WIU-QC) graduate student interns, Amanda Elliff and Sarah Blevins, completed the project to house vinyl covers in the collection. A total of 96 covers were fabricated for 48 artifacts or artifact parts. The interns began work on an Inspection thematic exhibit in the museum and preliminary work for an iBook project for the weapons wall.

On Monday, September 16, 2013, Kris Leinicke met and toured the museum facility with Jeremy Murray, a graduate student with the WIU-QC Museum Studies program. Jeremy will be completing a case study on the Rock Island Arsenal Museum for a museum administration class.

On Monday, September 23, 2013, Kris Leinicke provided a private tour of the museum to LTG Michael Tucker, Commanding General, First Army. LTG Tucker was accompanied by his aide, MAJ Adlai Wood.

On Thursday, September 26, 2013, Kris Leinicke attended a meeting on an iBook project organized by Dr. Ann Rowson Love, Director of the WIU-QC Museum Studies program. The iBook project is to promote the program and the local museums that provide volunteer opportunities for the graduate students. The meeting was held at the WIU Moline Riverfront Campus.

**The Gold Coast - Hamburg Historic District Association
Box 4904, Davenport IA 52808**

Hello Gold Coast Friend,

The Gold Coast - Hamburg Historic District Association proudly invites you for a day to remember in the Gold Coast in Davenport, IA. If you would like to participate or have some of your friends, co-workers and/or employees enjoy a holiday in our historic neighborhood, we'd love to host you. The Gold Coast is Davenport's First Neighborhood, settled by German immigrants in the 1850's. Renovation is continuing today to bring all the homes back to their former glory. The Gold Coast - Hamburg Historic District Association presents:

"A Holiday High Tea"
Saturday, December 7, 2013

A Day in an Elegant Home in the Gold Coast

The Henry Frahm Home
321 W. 6th St., Davenport, IA 52803

Note that there is one home open this year with 2 different seating times.

Henry Frahm, a brewer, built this wonderful house in 1880. It's a Second Empire style with mansard roof and decorative brick detail. You'll have a chance to see the great holiday decorations on the first floor of the Frahm. This is a fundraising event of the GC-HHDA to further education for people of all ages about our historic district. A portion of the ticket price is also tax-deductible.

Entertainment will be provided by members of the Barley House Band

General admission price for the event is \$40. Early Bird Reservations by October 26, +60 Club members, and Red Hat Society members pay \$35 -- \$20 of this amount is tax deductible, and you will receive written verification of the deduction. You may contact us with your response or questions. Please fill out the accompanying form and return with your reservation. Seating is limited so a prompt response will assure your selection.

Please remember in the true tradition of a High Tea, this will be a full meal! Also, in order to help us out with our preparations, it would be helpful to us if you arrive no earlier than 15 min. before the event. The event is on – snow or shine. We're sorry there will be no refunding of any reservations unless someone takes your place, but it is still tax deductible.

Thank you. We look forward to seeing you at High Tea. For more information on the Tea and our organization, visit our website at www.davenportgoldcoast.org.

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