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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

November 2013 Newsletter

Hello Members:

We are still looking for an editor for our newsletter. If you are interested, please contact any of the board members.

Our December 5th program will be given by Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Board Member and Vice President Jolene Keeney. Her topic will be: The First 100 Years of History of Moline's Beautiful City Hall Building, 1913-2013.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at Quarters One, Gillespie Street. The menu will be tossed salad with breadsticks, filet of salmon with cucumber and tomato, coleslaw, rice pilaf, green bean almandine, 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, December 2nd. 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.

Quarters One Books Make Great Presents!

Books featuring Quarters One, once the second largest U.S. Government residence, will be available at our December meeting for the affordable price of \$10.00 each. The cover has a colorful photo of Quarters One, and the inside is packed with black and white photos plus a comprehensive historical narrative by U.S. Army Sustainment Command (ASC) Historian, George Eaton. You will definitely want one for

yourself, plus they will be especially important for anyone with ties to the Arsenal or anyone who might be interested in the past and the future of Quarters One. The book was commissioned by the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Board of Directors, with profits going to benefit the Museum. So do your part and buy a book...or two...or more!

Member News

Since we don't meet during January, this will be your last newsletter of 2013. The January newsletter will inform you about the February program and menu.

Your Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Board of Directors wishes you a Bountiful Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year.

Please 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. A total of 19,671 visits have been recorded from January to October 2013.

2014 Membership Dues

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Paste Mailing label or write name and address:

Telephone number:

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Membership dues are: _____ \$10.00 Individual _____ \$15.00 Couple

Please make checks payable to the *Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society* and mail to Richard D. Hochstetler, 1209 21st Ave. Apt. C103, Rock Island, IL 61201

What Your Dues Do

The main purpose of the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society is to support the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. While the museum receives federal funds, there are needs that the museum has which are not funded. At our Board Meetings the Museum Director, Kris Leinicke, requests these desired but unfunded items.

In 2013, the RIAHS funding support included supplies for the museum's emergency preparedness kit, sewing supplies for the WIU-QC graduate students' project

to construct storage bags to house vinyl covers in the collection, and membership in the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau.

While the services of volunteers for both the Historical Society and the Museum are truly valuable and appreciated, cash is also needed. One way we receive cash is through donations made by visitors to the museum in the box provided. Other sources of funding are the Gift Shop, fund raisers (such as the Quarters One Book now being sold), and Membership Dues.

Although our dues have stayed lower than most similar organizations for many years. Currently there are no plans to increase the dues even though the cost to mail the newsletter has increased. In addition to paper, labels, envelopes, ink, etc. the ever higher cost of postage is now a major expense.

Fortunately many of you have opted to receive your newsletter via email, eliminating the costs mentioned in the previous paragraph. There are many of you, however, who still receive your newsletter through the U.S. Postal Service. We have not purged our Membership List recently, and it includes quite a few of you who have not renewed your membership recently.

The bottom line is, we can no longer afford to mail the newsletter to those who are not current members. If you wish to keep receiving the newsletter starting with the January 2013 issue, please return your membership form and your check for your dues by January 15th. Thank you!

Upcoming Event

High Tea

Sunday December 8 at 3 pm a High Tea and tour of Quarters One at Rock Island Arsenal. Cost is \$25.00 for the afternoon of fun and refreshments from the RIA Golf Club. Tickets are available from Judy Belfer (563) 324-7779 or Judy Tumbleson (309) 738-8547. Visit <http://www.davenporthouse.org/> for more details. All funds go to the Col Davenport Historical Foundation.

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

Judy Belfer - Board business

Arlis Enburg - Board meeting minutes; Board business; Military Retirees Appreciation event

Dick Hochstetler –Board financial business

Monica Holeman - Historical Society dinner reservations

Anne Jochum – Board publicity; newsletter

Jim Jochum – Board business

Jolene Keeney - Board business

Fred Miller - Military Retirees Appreciation event

Linda Miller - Historical Society dinner reservations; Military Retirees Appreciation event

Pat Morthland - Board business

Martha Wahe – Board business

Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Museum Volunteers (October)

Sarah Blevins -Exhibit project; iBook project
Amanda Elliff - Exhibit project; iBook project
Anne Jochum – Photographic archives project
Jim Jochum – Scanning project
Andrew Padavich – Photographic archives project
Greg Shelangouski - Photographic archives project
Pat Steen - Historical tours of Rock Island Arsenal

Rock Island Arsenal Museum October 2013 Activities

In October 2012, two new concrete bases were poured in front of the museum's north entrance. The bases will support the Spanish cannon that were temporarily moved as part of the North Avenue renovation project.

From Tuesday - Sunday, October 1 – 6, 2013, due to Government Shutdown, the museum staff members were furloughed, and the museum was not open to the public from October 2 – 5, 2013. Under POMA (Pay Our Military Act), museum staff members were recalled on Monday, October 7, 2013. The museum was reopened Tuesday, October 8, 2013.

On Wednesday, October 16, 2013, Kris Leinicke and Jodean Rousey Murdock met with Ann Rowson Love and Sarah Blevins, Western Illinois University - Quad Cities (WIU-QC), to discuss an exhibit component for a WIU iBook project.

On Thursday, October 17, 2013, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities (WIU-QC) graduate student interns, Amanda Elliff and Sarah Blevins, installed final components for the Inspection Exhibit, a thematic permanent exhibit in the museum. The project was coordinated by Jodean Rousey Murdock.

On Saturday, October 26, 2103, the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society and the Rock Island Arsenal Museum participated in the Military Retiree Appreciation Day by hosting an information table. Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society volunteers Linda Miller, Fred Miller, Arlis Enburg, Jim Jochum and Anne Jochum staffed the table during the event. Approximately 45 people stopped by the information table.

On Monday, October 28, 2013, Kris Leinicke provided a tour of the museum exhibit hall to Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Greca, U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), Fort Bragg, NC, and CSM Young, First Army.

On Tuesday, October 29, 2013, Kris Leinicke provided a tour of the museum exhibit hall to Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Young, and two wives of senior First Army Family Readiness Group (FRG) leaders.