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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April 2014 Newsletter

Hello Members:

We continue to look for an editor for our newsletter. If you are interested, please contact any of the board members.

Our May 1st program will be "Women at Rock Island Arsenal during the First and Second World Wars." The program will be given by Kris Leinicke, Director of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Arsenal Club, Gillespie Street. The menu will be tossed salad with breadsticks, Chicken Picatta, pasta, seasonal vegetable medley, rolls and dessert all 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 April 28th. 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.

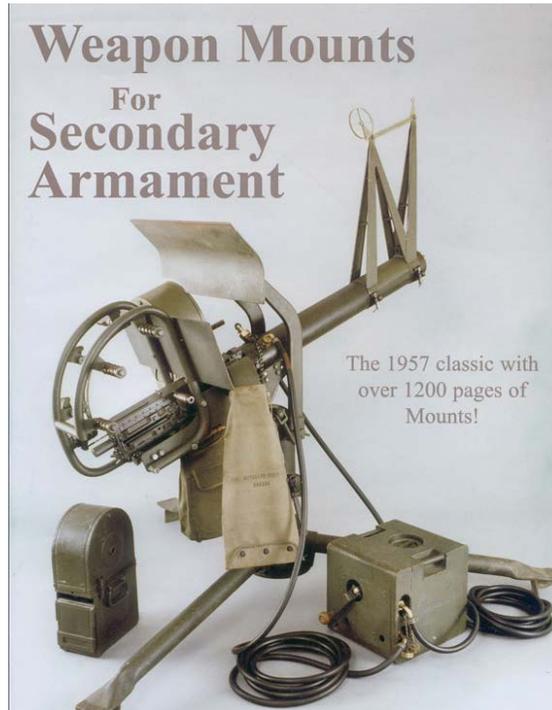
Our meetings are open to both members and non-members. Those who wish to skip dinner and attend just the program portion of the meeting, starting at 7:00 p.m., may do so free of charge.

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 inbound traffic.

Special Offer

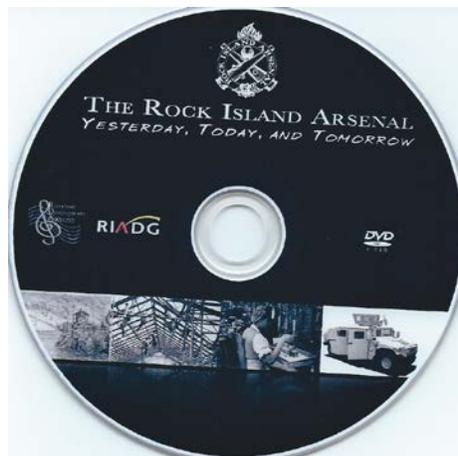
We have received a very limited quantity of the book Weapon Mounts for Secondary Armament to sell in support of our organization. The books were provided to us by Mary Maguire in honor of her husband, Richard Maguire. While working at the Detroit Arsenal designing tank cupolas and secondary armament, Mr. Maguire was instrumental in amassing an enormous amount of information and data and getting a

contract to put it all in a resource manual. The information in the manual was declassified and finally put into a book of over 1200 pages (see photo below). The book can be found on Amazon for \$69.95. We have five to sell for \$50 each + S&H. The slower media cost to ship is \$7.10 or for \$12.35 the book can be sent to you Flat Rate Priority. Books will be sold on a first-come first-served basis. If interested in purchasing a copy please call 563-355-2823 or email to contact@arsenalhistoricalsociety.org.



On Our Website

We are also selling copies of the DVD "The Rock Island Arsenal: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." Please check our website for details.



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.

Welcome New Members!

Lois Borchardt
Diann Moore
Elizabeth (Betty) Peterson
Jim Roeder
Curtis Roseman
Gregory Vogele

Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Volunteers March 2014

Judy Belfer - Board business
Arlis Enburg – Board business; board meeting minutes
Dick Hochstetler –Board financial business
Monica Holeman - Historical Society dinner reservations
Anne Jochum - Board business and publicity; newsletter
Jim Jochum – Board business; newsletter
Jolene Keeney – Board business
Linda Miller – Board business; Historical Society dinner reservations
Pat Morthland – Board business
Martha Wahe – Board business

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Dale Heiser, Jr. - Photographic archives/scanning projects, collections inventory
Anne Jochum – Photographic archives project
Jim Jochum – iBook project
Morris Merle – Historic tour of island
Jeremy Murray - Photographic archives project, iBook project
Clark Ramser – 150th documentation project

Rock Island Arsenal Museum March 2014 Activities

On Thursday, March 6, 2014, with the approval of US Army Garrison – Rock Island Arsenal (USAG-RIA) Public Affairs, Kris Leinicke and Bill Johnson worked with Western Illinois University – Quad Cities (WIU-QC) graduate students, Jeremy Murray and Kevin Schafer, to obtain photographs of several Civil War artifacts. The artifact images will be used in a “create your own exhibit” activity in the WIU-QC museum studies program’s iBook.

On Tuesday, March 18, 2014, Bill Johnson conducted the semiannual inventory of weapons by disinterested officers. The two individuals involved in the inventory were from USAG-RIA Resource Management and Army Contracting Command -Rock Island (ACC-RI).

On Tuesday, March 18, 2014, Kris Leinicke presented the program "Women at Rock Island Arsenal in the First and Second World Wars" to the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Blackhawk Chapter 338. Twenty seven retirees were present.

On Friday, March 21, 2014, Kris Leinicke presented a program on the Rock Island Barracks to PEO Chapter FJ. Seventeen members were present.

On Saturday, March 29, 2014, Kris Leinicke attended the Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony at Jumer's Casino and Hotel, Rock Island. The event was hosted by the Quad Cities Chapter 299 of Vietnam Veterans of America. Attendance at the event was to observe and learn in support of the Vietnam Commemoration in 2015, 2016, and 2017.