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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

August 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 September 4th program will be given by the Quad City Ukulele Club (QCUC). They play songs that range from the patriotic to rock.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Col Davenport House Picnic Pavilion, Durnin St. The menu will be fried chicken, baked beans, pasta salad, rolls, chips, cookies, coffee, tea and water all prepared by the Golf Club kitchen, all for \$8.00, 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.

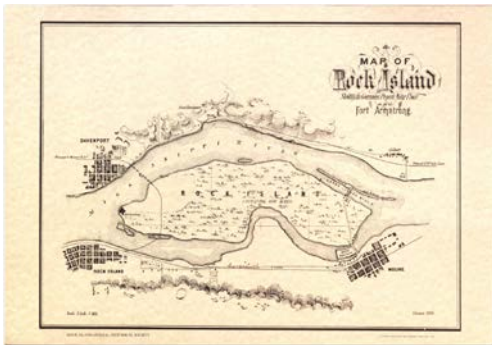
Drivers and passengers entering the Arsenal must have a valid picture I.D. Let the guard know you are attending a function at the Col Davenport House Picnic Pavilion. Remember, those coming across the Government Bridge from Iowa need to proceed to the Rock Island Gate as the Davenport Gate will be closed for inbound traffic.

Of interest - Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District Association 2014 Homes Tour, September 20-12, 12-4 PM. For more information: 563-326-3290, marion_meginnis@msn.com or at <http://davenportgoldcoast.org>. Digital photos of homes are available on request.

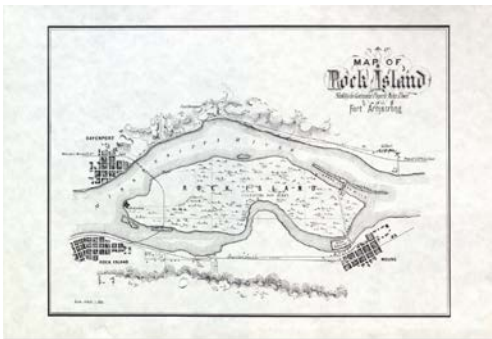
Note:

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.

Coming soon to our website will be the sale of the maps below. The price will be \$10 each which includes postage and handling.



20X14 inch Peach Parchment Map of Rock Island Showing Government Property, Water Power and Fort Armstrong Drawn in 1859 and included the 1861 Appeal to Congress



21x14.5 inch Antique White Parchment Map of Rock Island Showing Government Property, Water Power and Fort Armstrong Drawn in 1859 and included the 1861 Appeal to Congress



20X14 Map Showing Historical Spots in Vicinity of Rock Island from the Rock Island Daily Union July 25 1915

**Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Volunteers
July 2014**

Judy Belfer - Board business
Dick Hochstetler –Board financial business
Monica Holeman - Historical Society dinner reservations
Anne Jochum - Board business and publicity; newsletter
Jim Jochum – Board business; newsletter
Linda Miller –Historical Society dinner reservations

**Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Museum Volunteers
July 2014**

Kyle Dickson - Photographic archives project
Joel Dohrmann - Historic tour of Quarters One
Marceia Duhm - Historic tour of Quarters One
Anne Jochum – Photographic archives project; Vietnam War Commemoration project
Jim Jochum – Photographic archives project
Mary Maland - Historic tour of Quarters One
Morris Merle – Historic tour of island
Tessa Pozzi - iBook project
Greg Shelangouski – Photographic archives project
Pat Steen - Historic tour of island; Historic tour of Quarters One

**Rock Island Arsenal Museum
May, June, and July 2014 Activities**

On Thursday, May 1, 2014, Bill Johnson, Jodie Creen Wesemann, Kris Leinicke, and volunteer Dale Heiser, Jr. conducted a professional development tour of the museum and behind-the-scenes for 28 members of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command (ASC) Army Reserve Unit (ARE).

On Monday, May 12, 2014, two Spanish cannon (RIA 9692 and RIA 9693) were moved to new concrete mounts located at the museum's front entrance along North Avenue. The cannon were moved temporarily for the North Avenue construction project in 2012/2013. The concrete mounts were paid for with funding from the U.S. Army Center of Military History, Fort McNair, DC.



On Tuesday, May 13, 2014, volunteer intern, Tessa Pozzi, started her internship at the museum. Tessa is an Art History major at St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, and worked on creating iBooks of the museum's gun collection.

On Wednesday, May 14, 2014, Jodie Creen Wesemann conducted a professional development tour of the museum exhibit hall for 22 cast and crew members of the U.S. Army Soldier Show.

On Wednesday, May 21, 2014, museum volunteer, Greg Shelangouski, was interviewed and filmed by WHBF-TV, Channel 4 for a segment of *Inside The Gates*. The segment was titled *Arsenal Museum Volunteers* and aired May 22, 2014.

On Wednesday, May 21, 2014, museum intern, Dale Heiser, Jr., was interviewed and filmed by WHBF-TV, Channel 4 for a segment of *Inside The Gates*. The segment was titled *An Intern's Story* and aired May 29, 2014. That same day, Dale concluded his volunteer internship through Operation Warfighter program. He completed 571 hours during his internship and significantly contributed to improvements in the organization of the museum's resource materials.

On Thursday, May 22, 2014, the Quad City Convention & Visitors Bureau shot video on the inside of the museum as part of an in-house video on local museums.

On Thursday, May 22, 2014, Bill Johnson conducted a professional development tour for six Joint Munitions Command (JMC) Quality Assurance (QA) employees. The tour included behind-the-scenes, as well as an overview of the exhibit hall.

On Tuesday, May 27, 2014, volunteer intern, Kyle Dickson, started his internship at the museum to assist with the organization of the photograph collection. Kyle is a History & Classics major at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois.

On Saturday, June 7, 2014, Bill Johnson participated in the Pioneer River Days hosted by the Davenport House, Rock Island Arsenal. The museum's information table included a hands-on activity for the general public. Individuals could use reproduction stereoviewers to view reproduction stereoviews of Rock Island Arsenal. Due to inclement weather, the event ended early. Fifteen people stopped at the museum's information table.

On Friday, June 27, 2014, Jodean Rousey Meleski completed a 120-day detail with the Plans and Operations Division, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS), U.S. Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal, for the purpose of a developmental assignment. She was assigned as an Operations Specialist (Taskings).

On Monday, June 29, 2014, Jodie Creen Wesemann began a 120-day detail with the Plans and Operations Division, DPTMS, for the purpose of a developmental assignment. She is assigned as an Operations Specialist (Taskings) until October 25, 2014.