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## ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### October 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.

Welcome New Member - Charles W. Geisewite

Our November 6th program will be given by Drew Horvath. He will be discussing some of the historic efforts that have been conducted by Joint POW/MIA Accounting (JPAC) Command an organization in Department of Defense, formerly known as Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii (CILHI). This joint unit deploys small teams all over the world as part of its mission to locate, recover, and identify unaccounted-for Americans from our nation's past conflicts.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Club. The menu will be mixed green salad with dried fruits and a cranberry vinaigrette, roasted turkey with gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans and pumpkin pie 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 November 3, 2014. You may call **Monica Holeman** (563) 650-4349, or **Linda Miller** (563) 355-6165, or you may email Linda at: [chiicaliinda@aol.com](mailto: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 Arsenal Island 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.

**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. Since it went live on December 10, 2012, the website has had 71,867 visitors who have viewed 87,026 pages.

### **Richard C. Maguire Scholarship Awarded**

The 2014 Richard C. Maguire Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Lauren Ayers of Madison, Wisconsin.

Ms. Ayers is a graduate student in the History Program at the University of Wisconsin. She plans to continue in the Ph.D. Program in History with a minor in the Center for Culture, History, and Environment studies. Ms. Ayers has a B.A. in History/Liberal Arts Honors with a minor in Geography from University of Texas at Austin

The Richard C. Maguire Scholarship fund was established after Mr. Maguire's death in 1985. Since 1987, the scholarship has been awarded annually to an individual studying for a Master's degree or a Doctorate in history or a related field.

Mr. Maguire was a charter member of the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society, when it was founded in 1972. He served in many capacities as elected officer and volunteer. In 1974, he was elected President and served for eleven years until his death in 1985.

Mr. Maguire was an Armament Engineer for the U.S. Government for 38 years. He helped design tank cupolas, turrets and gun mounts, crew served weapons, and the M16 rifle. He worked for the Detroit Tank Arsenal, for Rodman Laboratory at Rock Island Arsenal, and for the Industrial Based Engineering Agency (IBEA) at Rock Island Arsenal.

### **Steven T. Hershberg Lifetime Achievement Award Presented**

On October 2, 2014, Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Treasurer Dick Hochstetler presented the Stephen T. Hershberg Lifetime Achievement Award to Jim Jochum, Bettendorf, Iowa. The award was presented at the Historical Society's monthly meeting at the Arsenal Club, Rock Island Arsenal.

Mr. Jochum has actively served as the President of the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society from September 2010 to the present. During his tenure as President, the Historical Society has developed several membership recruiting initiatives, the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society/Rock Island Arsenal Museum website was developed and launched, and the Historical Society successfully completed its request to become a 501 [c] 3 non-profit organization.

The award is presented for distinguished service and unselfish dedication of time and effort to the advancement and perpetration of the goals and activities of the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society. This is only the eleventh award presented since its inception in 1996.

Stephen T. Hershberg (1942 – 1995) served as President of the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society from 1988 until 1995. Steve was a contracts negotiator with the Ammunition Procurement Directorate of the Industrial Operations Command at Rock Island Arsenal.

He was a graduate of Cornell University School of Engineering in New York City. A child prodigy, he graduated from Mannes College of Music in New York City with a master's degree in piano and with the hopes of becoming a concert pianist. He was drafted into the Army, and served as a Captain from 1967 to 1979. He had two tours of duty in Vietnam. He received the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the Bronze Star. He later served with the Army Reserves, and attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Steve was responsible for creating the permanent historical museum at the Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, New York, when he was stationed at that installation.

### **Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Volunteers September 2014**

Judith Belfer – Board business  
Arlis Enburg – Board business and 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  
Linda Miller – Historical Society dinner reservations; Board business  
Pat Morthland - Board business  
Martha Wahe – Board business

### **Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Museum Volunteers September 2014**

Thomas Allegro - iBook project  
Cliff Anderson - Photographic archives project  
Elaine Anderson - Photographic archives project  
Anne Jochum – Photographic archives project; Vietnam War Commemoration project;  
Credit Island 200th Memorial event  
Jim Jochum – Information Requests; Credit Island 200th Memorial event  
Alan Larsen – Historic tours of island; River Action golf cart tour  
Mary Maland - Historic tour of Quarters One  
Morris Merle – Historic tours of island; River Action golf cart tour  
Ed Reiter – Photographic archives project; historic tour of island  
Krista Sellers – Museum storyline project; Vietnam War exhibit project  
Greg Shelangouski – Photographic archives project  
Pat Steen - Historic tours of island; River Action golf cart tour

### **Volunteer Thanks**

On Monday, August 11, 2014, Kyle Dickson completed his summer internship with a total of 76 volunteer hours. As an undergraduate studying History and Classics at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, Kyle worked on two projects to learn more about archival management. He processed photographs and paper memorabilia recently obtained upon the retirement of the USAG-RIA Protocol Officer, Charles Cervantes. He

completed an iBook on General Officer pistols in the collection. As an additional task, he assisted Bill Johnson with the quarterly weapons inventory.

On Thursday, August 14, 2014, Tessa Pozzi completed her summer internship with a total of 60 volunteer hours. As an undergraduate studying Art History at St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, Tessa worked on the iBook project. She completed three iBooks (US experimental and SPIW weapons, US grenade launchers, and US submachine guns) to include manipulation of photographs taken with Bill Johnson; created a one page guide on creating iBooks; and coached two volunteers and staff members on the construction of iBooks.

### **Museum News September 2014**

On Thursday, September 4, 2014, Jodean Rousey Meleski and museum volunteers Alan Larsen, Morris Merle, and Pat Steen provided support and historical tour narratives for three golf cart tours of Rock Island Arsenal. The event was organized by River Action. Approximately 30 carts per tour with two riders each, a total of 180 visitors.

On Thursday, September 4, 2014, museum volunteer Mary Maland, provided a tour of Quarters One during the US Army Garrison – Rock Island Arsenal (USAG-RIA) Staff team building event. Kris Leinicke provided a tour of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum.

On Tuesday, September 9, 2014, volunteer intern, Thomas Allegro, started his internship at the museum. Thomas is graduate student in the Museum Studies Program at Western Illinois University - Quad Cities Campus, and he will continue the iBook project.

On Monday, September 15, 2014, Bill Johnson escorted Julie Johnston with River Action, while she shot a video of Dr. Roald Tweet. The video's topic was the first railroad bridge across the Mississippi River.

On Thursday, September 18, 2014, Bill Johnson and Jodean Rousey Meleski assisted researcher David Doyle and his wife Denise with photographing 7 weapons, and archive research pertaining to an additional 13 vehicles, weapons and caissons/carriages.

On Monday, September 22, 2014, Kris Leinicke and Bill Johnson escorted researcher Jeff Osborne to study and photograph the ammunition in the museum collection. Mr. Osborne is an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) specialist.

On Monday, September 22, 2014, Jodean Rousey Meleski and Bill Johnson provided a behind-the-scenes tour to 8 Soldiers and 4 Senior Staff from US Army Sustainment Command (ASC) G4 (Logistics).

On Tuesday, September 23, 2014, Bill Johnson conducted the quarterly weapons inventory with disinterested officers from two USAG-RIA Directorates.

On Friday, September 26, 2014, Jodean Rousey Meleski hosted an information table for the museum at the Moline Montessori School's Community Helper Day. Thirty-six students (pre-K through 6th grade) and 16 adults stopped at the table.