



BLOCK HOUSE 1816

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

September 2015 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 October 1st program speaker will be Dave Bakke, Naturalist/Park Officer for the Muscatine County Conservation Board. His presentation will be an overview of the Muscatine County Conservation Board Activities and Facilities and if time permits an Aldo Leopold activity.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu will be garden salad, braised brisket with natural gravy, mashed potatoes and carrots, and chocolate cake 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, September 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 Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. 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.

**Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Volunteers
August 2015**

Judith 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
Jolene Keeney – Board business
Linda Miller – Board business, Historical Society dinner reservations
Martha Wahe – Board business

**Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Museum Volunteers
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Joe Grady – Second World War exhibit upgrade
Anne Jochum – Photographic archives project
Jim Jochum – Scans for Joint Munitions and Technology Center (JMTC) video
project
Morris Merle – One historic tour of island
Greg Shelangouski – Photographic archives project

**Rock Island Arsenal Museum
August 2015 Highlights**

On Monday, August 10, 2015, Kris Leinicke presented a program on Rock Island Arsenal History to 18 participants in Project Now's Rock Island Senior Community Center.

On Monday and Tuesday, August 10 & 11, 2015, Dr. Charles Cureton, Director of Army Museums for the US Army Center of Military History (CMH), Washington, DC, visited the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. Dr. Cureton's visit was to provide support for the tour conducted of the museum facility for Mr. Gerald O'Keefe, Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, on August 10th.

On Monday and Tuesday, August 10 & 11, 2015, two ROTC cadets selected images and information for a project to update the Joint Munitions and Technology Center (JMTC) video.

On Wednesday, August 12, 2015, Jodie Creen Wesemann conducted a professional development tour of the museum facility for 13 ROTC cadets assigned to the Rock Island Arsenal for a four week summer program.

From Monday, August 1 to Thursday, September 3, 2015, a Command Supply Discipline Program (CSDP) inspection of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum was conducted by a team from CMH's Museum Support Center, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The purpose of the inspection was to review collections accountability and physical security measures, as well as conduct a 100% inventory of the weapons in the collection. Bill Johnson escorted the inspection team as they conducted the weapons inventory.