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## ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### November 2015 Newsletter

Hello Members:

Due to the late cancellation this week by the planned December speaker, the program for our December 3<sup>rd</sup> is yet to be determined. As soon as the program details become available they will be emailed out. Anyone without a computer may call 563-355-2823 for more information.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu will be garden salad, lemon thyme chicken, rice pilaf, corn with peppers, and gingerbread muffins 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. 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.

**Attention: New requirements for accessing the Rock Island Arsenal beginning December 1, 2015. Please use the following link to learn more about the new process.**  
<http://www.usagria.army.mil/AccessRequests/>

**Note:**

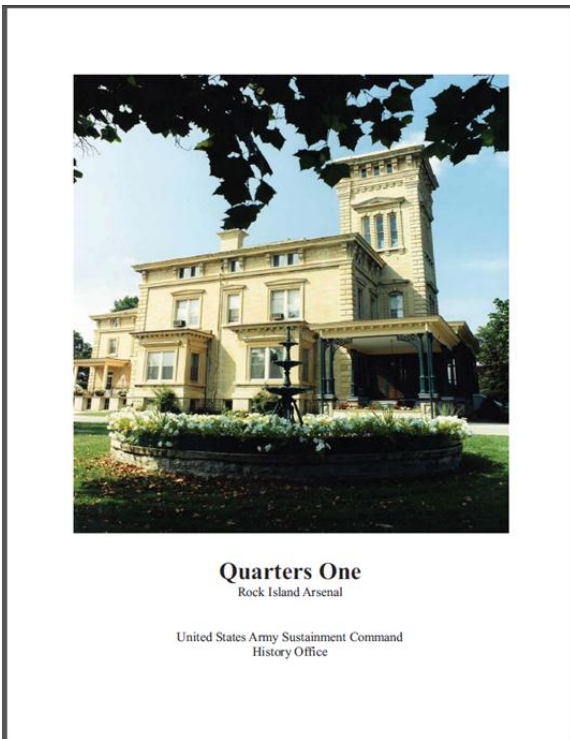
The Rock Island Historical Society/Rock Island Arsenal Museum website is up and running. Please take some time and visit - <http://www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org>. Feel free to forward the link.

**Just in time for you Christmas shopping, on sale at the web are:**

The DVD: The Rock Island Arsenal – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow for \$10 each;

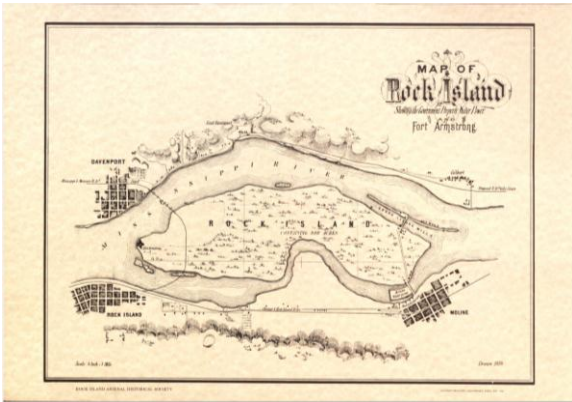


The book: Quarters One, Rock Island Arsenal for \$15 each;

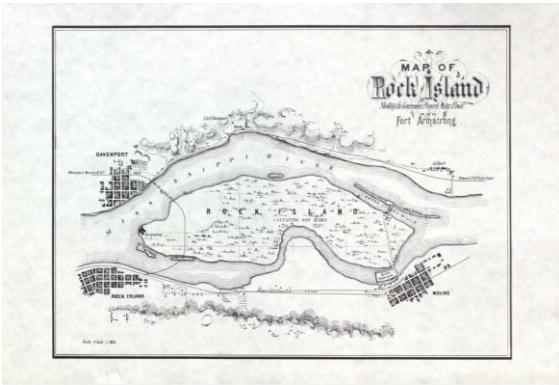


and the maps below for \$10 each.

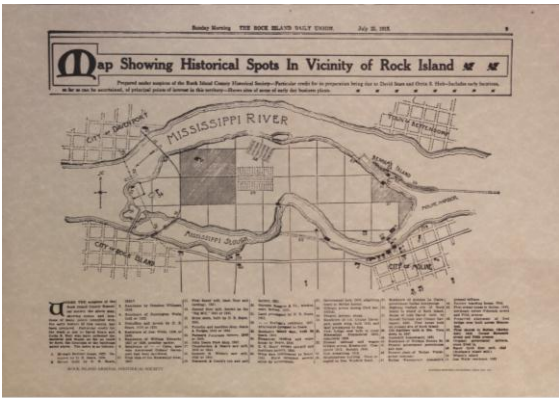
All prices include postage and handling.



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  
October 2015**

Judith Belfer – Board business; Ghost Hunters Dinner at Golf Club  
Dick Hochstetler – Board financial business  
Monica Holeman - Historical Society dinner reservations  
Anne Jochum - Board business and publicity; newsletter; CFC Charity Fair  
Jim Jochum – Board business; newsletter; CFC Charity Fair  
Jolene Keeney – Board business; Ghost Hunters Dinner at Golf Club  
Morris Merle – Military Retiree Appreciation Day  
Fred Miller – Military Retiree Appreciation Day  
Linda Miller – Board business, Historical Society dinner reservations, Military Retiree Appreciation Day  
Martha Wahe – Board business

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Anne Jochum – Photographic archives project  
Jim Jochum – Scans of photos for requests for information  
Alan Larsen – One historic tour of island  
Morris Merle – Two historic tours of island  
Greg Shelangouski – Photographic archives project

**Rock Island Arsenal Museum  
October 2015 Highlights**

During the month of October, the two auxiliary-propelled howitzers at Memorial Field, XM123 155mm and XM124E2 105mm, were painted.

On Thursday, October 8, 2015, Kris Leinicke was interviewed at Quarters 6 for an episode of Channel 4's "Rock Island Arsenal: Inside the Gates."

On Saturday, October 17, 2015, Jodie Creen Wesemann conducted a behind-the-scenes tour of the Museum Resource Center for six members of the Augustana College History Club.

On Thursday, October 22, 2015, Bill Johnson and Kris Leinicke conducted a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum facility for three students and instructor of the Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies' Care of Firearms Class. The Assistant Director of the Campbell Center also participated in the tour.

**Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society  
October 2015 Highlights**

On Wednesday, October 7, 2015, Anne and Jim Jochum hosted an information table at the CFC (Combined Federal Campaign) Charity Fair held at Heritage Hall at Rock Island Arsenal. Jim Jochum and Dick Hochstetler completed the paperwork for The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society to be approved as a participant in the CFC for 2015.

On Saturday, October 24, 2015, Morris Merle, Linda Miller, and Fred Miller hosted an information table at the Military Retiree Appreciation Day held at Heritage Hall at Rock Island Arsenal.

On Friday, October 30, 2015, Jolene Keeney and Judy Belfer sold Quarters One books at the Ghost Hunters Dinner at the Golf Club House.