



BLOCK HOUSE 1816

## ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### January 2016 Newsletter

Hello Members:

Our February 4<sup>th</sup> program speaker will be Dr. William Hampes, Professor Emeritus of Psychology/Sociology from Black Hawk College. His many interests include visiting historic architecture and reading biographies. He has done extensive research about the psychology of humor and published articles in various psychology journals. Currently, he is member of the Board of Directors of CommUniversity. His presentation will be on the COL Davenport house.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu will be garden salad, top sirloin with mushroom gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, and apple 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 February 1st. 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 as of December 1, 2015. Please use the following link to learn more about the new process.**

<http://www.usagria.army.mil/AccessRequests/>

**Regarding the use if an Illinois driver's license to obtain access/a pass, please see the link below:**

<http://www.army.mil/article/160963>

**Note: An Illinois driver's license is acceptable to use with a pass if you already have a pass issued before the current Department of Defense guidance concerning Illinois driver's licenses.**

#### Welcome New Members

The following individuals became new members during "Be ATourist In Your Own Backyard!"

Tessa Callender

Fabian Harper

Tami Mahl

**Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Volunteers  
November and December 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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Anne Jochum – Photographic archives project  
Jim Jochum – Scans of photos for requests for information  
Morris Merle – One historic tour of island  
Greg Shelangouski – Photographic archives project

**Rock Island Arsenal Museum  
November and December 2015 Highlights**

On Monday, November 2, 2015, Kris Leinicke presented a program about the history of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum to members of the Rock Island Kiwanis club.

On Monday, November 9, 2015, Kris Leinicke presented a program on the Rock Island Prison Barracks, the Civil War prison camp, to participants at the Rock Island County Senior Community Center.

On Friday, November 20, 2015, artifacts loaned to the Putnam Museum were returned to the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The French 75 gun was returned on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. Funds were obtained from Installation Management Command (IMCOM) for the French 75 to be repainted by the Rock Island Arsenal-Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center (RIA-JMTC).

The week of November 30 – December 4, 2015, the Rock Island Arsenal Museum was audited by a US Army Audit Agency (AAA) team. The museum was one of six US Army Museums selected to participate in an audit of property accountability requested by the US Army Center of Military History (CMH), Ft. McNair, DC.

On Monday, December 7, 2015, Kris Leinicke presented a program on Women at Rock Island Arsenals in the First and Second World Wars to participants at the Rock Island County Senior Community Center.

On Monday, December 7, 2015, all museum staff members (Jodie Creen Wesemann, Bill Johnson, and Kris Leinicke) led groups of US Army Sustainment Command (ASC) Soldiers in behind the scenes tours of the museum facility. Sixty ASC non-commissioned officers (NCOs) participated in this professional development opportunity.

All three museum staff members completed the annual 100% inventory of the weapon collection in the month of December. The biennial (every two-year) inventory of the entire collection of 12,790 artifacts was completed by Jodie Creen Wesemann. This inventory must be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup> in odd-numbered years.

**Member News**

It's time to renew your membership.

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**2016 Membership Dues**

**ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**Membership dues are: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Couple**

Please make checks payable to the *Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society* and mail to Richard D. Hochstetler, 1209 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. Apt. C103, Rock Island, IL 61201

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