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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

September 2016 Newsletter

Hello Members:

Our October 6th program will be presented by Mr. Steve Robinson. After working for Dr. James Van Allen at the University of Iowa as a design supervisor in Dr. Van Allen's space research program, Mr. Robinson went work for the federal government as an industrial engineer. During his tenure with the U.S, Government he served as the Chief of RIA-REARM Project and eventually retired as the Director of Science and Engineering at the Rock Island Arsenal. His presentation will include a review of human metal working history from copper age to iron age; a brief discussion of iron/steel metallurgy; a review of manufacturing systems from artisan blacksmith shops to modern industry; and hot forging at the arsenals.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu will be a Soup, Salad & Sandwich Buffet featuring fresh baked breads cookies, coffee, tea, and water all prepared by the Golf Club kitchen, all for \$11.00, 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 October 3rd. 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.

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/>

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 Historical Society Volunteers
(August 2016)

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

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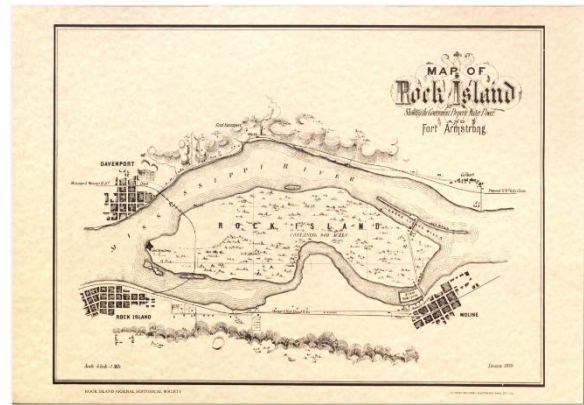
Julia Evans – Collections related projects, Ammunition and Explosives survey
Anne Jochum – Photograph organization project
Jim Jochum – Research requests, government publications added to database
Maureen Lonergan – Collections related projects
Morris Merle – Museum desk duty, research requests
Greg Shelangouski - Photograph organization project, monthly collection inventory

Museum Highlights
(August 2016)

Kris Leinicke conducted a behind-the-scenes tour of the facility for 10 ROTC cadets who were starting a three-week internship with the Rock Island Arsenal - Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center (RIA-JMTC).

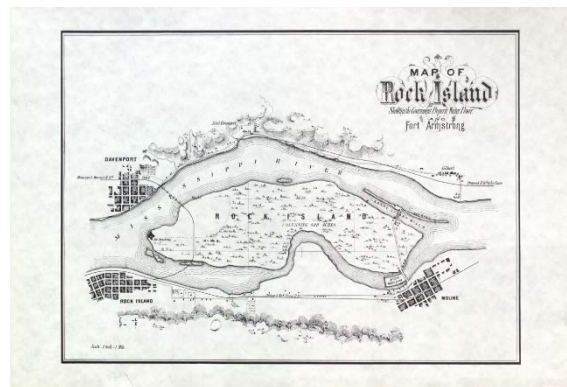
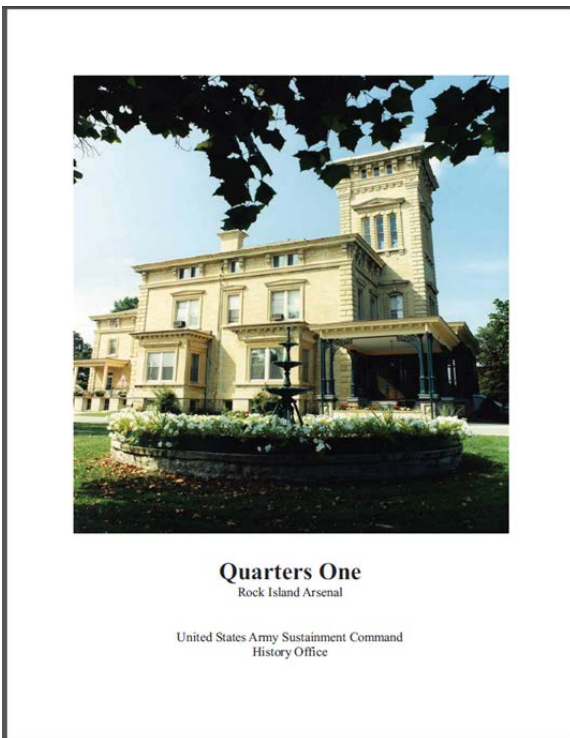
On August 29, 2016, a QASAS (Quality Assurance Specialist Ammunition Survey) team began working with volunteer intern Julia Evans and Kris Leinicke to complete a survey of the ammunition and explosives in the museum collection.

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



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

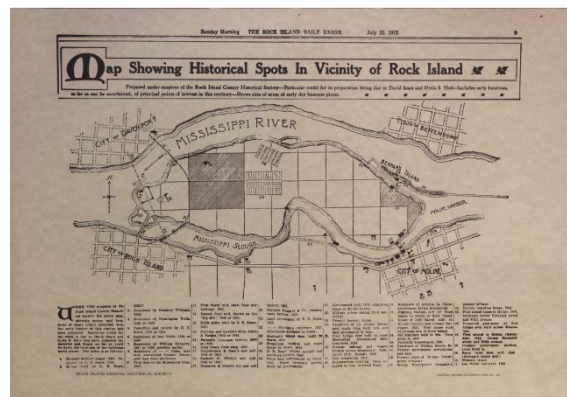
The book: Quarters One, Rock Island Arsenal for \$15 each;



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

and the maps below for \$10 each.

All prices include postage and handling.



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