



BLOCK HOUSE 1816

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October 2016 Newsletter

Hello Members:

Our November 3rd program will be presented by Mr. Michael Schmidt, retired history and theater teacher. Mr. Schmidt has also been active for a longtime with Quad City Music Guild as member, director, actor, and as well as many other aspects of the organization. His presentation will be "The Anomalies of the Lincoln assassination".

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 31st. 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
(September 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

Thanks to Museum Volunteers
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Louise Erps – Brochure project
Julia Evans – Collections related projects, Ammunition and Explosives survey
Pat Hagedorn – Brochure project
Anne Jochum – Photograph organization project
Jim Jochum – Research requests, government publications added to database
Maureen Lonergan – Collections related projects, Integrative Pest Management (IPM) program
Morris Merle – Historic tour of island, museum desk duty, research requests, photograph organization project
Greg Shelangouski - Photograph organization project

Museum Highlights
(September 2016)

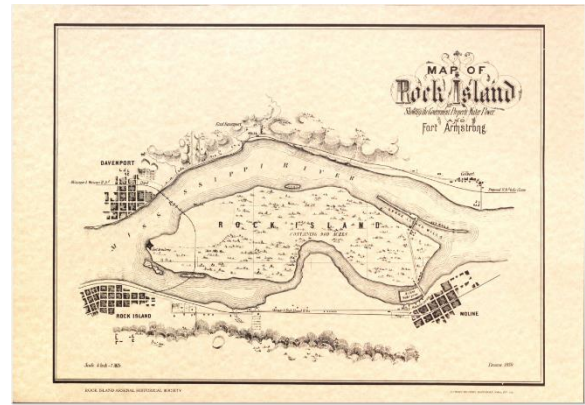
Early in the month of September, a QASAS (Quality Assurance Specialist Ammunition Survey) team worked with volunteer intern Julia Evans and Kris Leinicke to complete a survey of the ammunition and explosives in the museum collection.

The semiannual disinterested weapons inventory by serial number was conducted on September 20 and 21, 2016. Under the direct supervision of the museum staff member, a total of six individuals from other offices conducted the inventory totaling 48 hours of effort. The individuals who volunteered for this duty were: Jeremiah Dietel, Gerald Handy, Kenneth Hergenrader, Consuela Rogers, Leslie Wells, and Jodie Creen Wesemann.

Pat Hagedorn and Louise Erps have begun an effort to exchange brochures with other heritage organizations in the Quad Cities area.

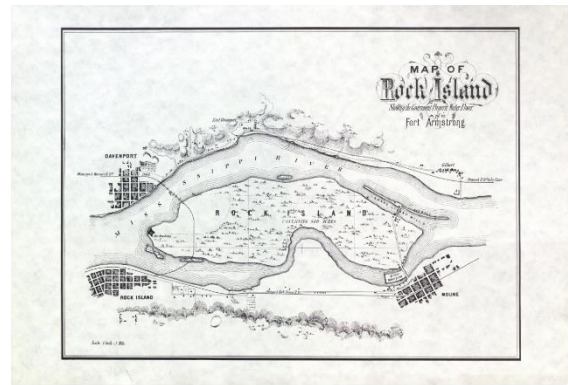
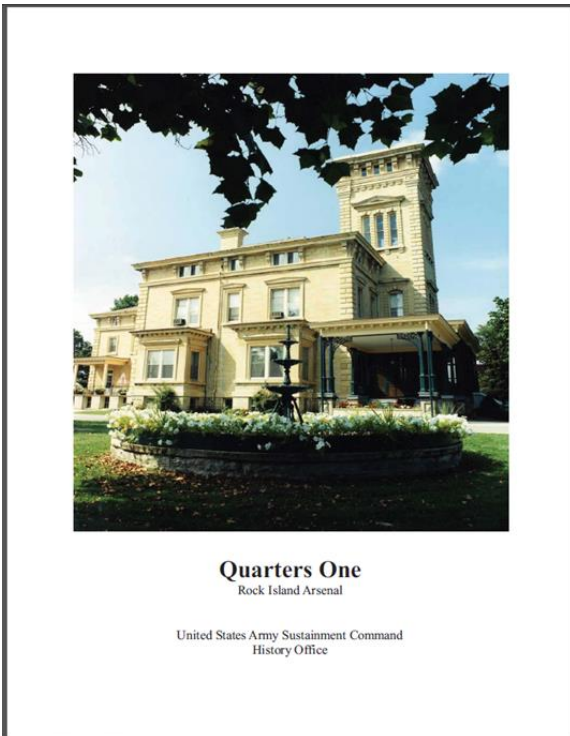
Two individuals from US Army Sustainment Command (ASC) shared museum duty with the museum staff member. Sorn Jessen, the ASC History Office Intern, and SGT Brenton Scott staffed the museum during hours of operation on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and three out of four Saturdays.

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

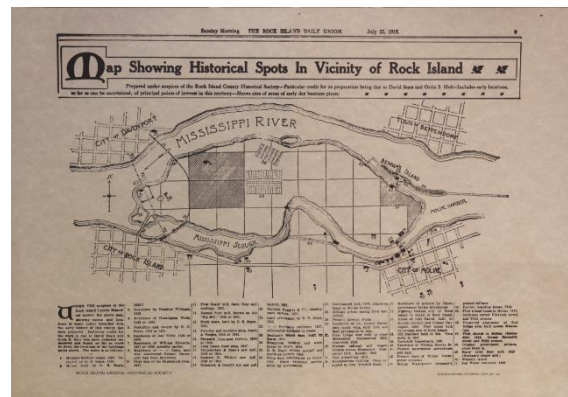
The book: Quarters One, Rock Island Arsenal for \$15 each;



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