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## ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### October 2017 Newsletter

Hello Members:

Our November 2nd program will be presented by Mr. Dave Heller, President and CEO of Main Street Baseball, LLC and the majority owner and Managing Partner of four affiliated minor league baseball teams: the Quad Cities River Bandits (Midwest League, Single-A affiliate of the Houston Astros), the Wilmington Blue Rocks (Carolina League, Advanced-A affiliate of the Kansas City Royals), the Billings Mustangs (Pioneer League, short-season affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds) and, most recently, the Lowell Spinners (New York - Penn League, short-season affiliate of the Boston Red Sox). Mr. Heller graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with honors from Brown University and earned a Master's Degree in Politics from Oxford University (Nuffield College), where he was awarded an Overseas Research Scholarship. He went on to Yale University, where he completed his Master's thesis and taught his own undergraduate seminar.

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 30th. 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/>

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.

### Website News

Our "Stories Behind the Artifacts" project from the Rock Island Arsenal Museum is up and running. Look for recent entries on the Effie Afton Bell, the reproduction George Washington sword, and workers passes. Our web site is [www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org/museum/](http://www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org/museum/). Find the topic papers in the "Collection and Historical Highlights" tab.

## **Member News**

A longtime member of the historical society, Mary Hochstetler passed on October 5, 2017. Mary's biggest gift was sharing her husband Dick with us, and she would often accompany him when he worked on the historical society finances. For many years we have been the beneficiary of countless hours of Dick's volunteer time and talents.

Longtime member and volunteer Eva Hammond passed away on September 7, 2017. Eva was one of our members who worked at Rock Island Arsenal during the Second World War. After she retired in 1990, Eva volunteered in the museum gift shop, edited the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society newsletter for many years, assisted with collections inventories, and did many other tasks to support the successful operation of the museum and the historical society.

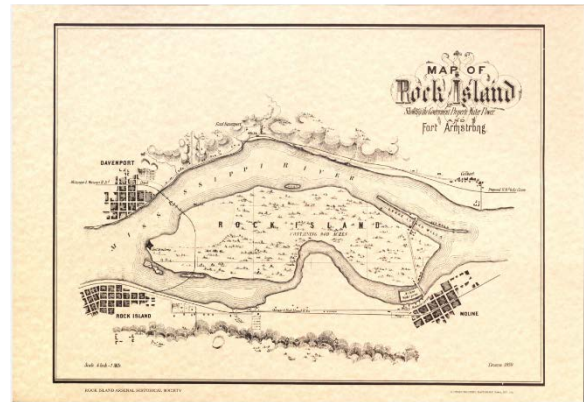
### **Thanks to Historical Society Volunteers** (September 2017)

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  
Stuart Waxenberg – Board business

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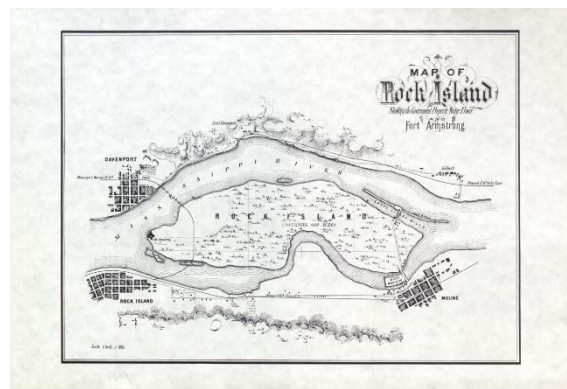
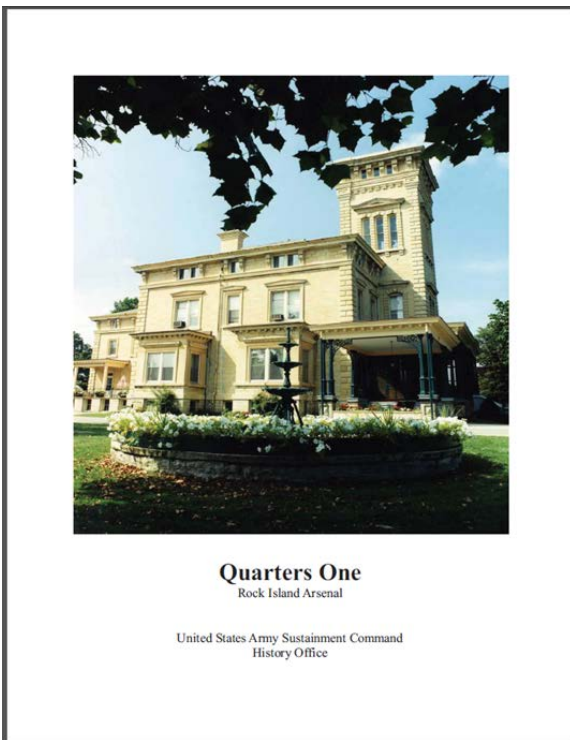
Anne Jochum – Photograph organization project  
Jim Jochum – Research requests  
William Johnson – Research requests  
Morris Merle – Museum desk duty, photograph organization project, visitor statistic compilation, historic tours of island for Hugs Tours, USS Guadalupe Navy Reunion  
Greg Shelangouski – Photograph organization project  
Amelia Seutter – Richard Barnett documents and memorabilia organization project, updating artifact files  
Nancy Neuhaus – Army-Navy “E” award final file organization

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

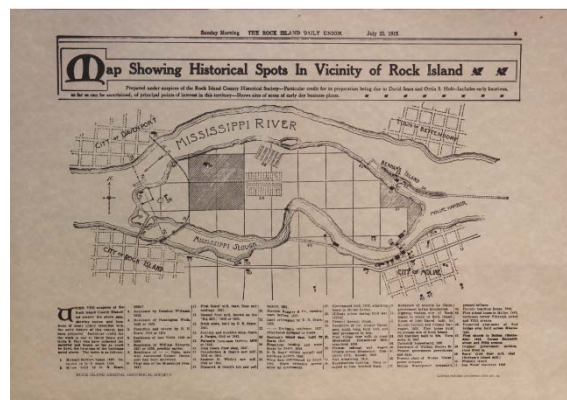
The book: Quarters One, Rock Island Arsenal for \$15 each;



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