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"The mission of the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation is to preserve the Colonel Davenport House and site, and foster knowledge of the history and development of the Quad Cities region through tours of the house, exhibits, and educational programming."

MORE PROGRESS ON THE EAST WING PROJECT

The east wing project came to a halt due to the end of summer volunteers and hospitalization of Buster Miller. Jim Westphal continues to work on the project on weekends and after school. The basic footprint for the 400+ square-foot addition is complete and now awaits flooring and eventual framing. Boyler's Ornamental Iron, Riverdale, Ill., donated steel I-beams for the center support. Special thanks to Seabee Josh Voss who transported the heavy I-beams to the house. Many stones were salvaged from the old reservoir on the island which was razed in 2010. These extra stones will be used for the chimney on the east side of the new addition. We are searching for a reasonable tradesperson to fabricate the window frames for the new addition. The sashes (the part that holds the glass) were salvaged and restored and now await painting and the new frames.

Buster Miller, CDHF Board President

FIRST ARMY VISITS COL. DAVENPORT HOUSE

Public Affairs and Protocol representatives of the newly-arrived First Army visited the Colonel Davenport House in August to examine possibilities for special events at the site for not only First Army soldiers and their families, but community activities built around special holidays, like Labor Day, Thanksgiving, or the 4th of July (which is the anniversary of Colonel George Davenport's tragic death at the hands of the "banditti of the prairie"). Possible CDHF events like "Ghost Tales" will also be offered with publicity support of both the Rock Island Arsenal Garrison and First Army Public Affairs offices, encouraging participation of Army families.



Many U.S. Army posts, camps and stations regularly schedule community events around patriotic holidays, often at historic sites related to those locations. In and around Washington, D.C. are especially well-known for their 4th of July picnics and fireworks displays. Because of First Army's special responsibilities in training Reserve and Guard soldiers, it could be especially useful to their mission to set up these kinds of public events for their soldiers and families.

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SEPTEMBER LUNCH & LEARN DATE CORRECTION

Wednesday, September 14 at 12 noon DATE CHANGE

Campbell's Island's Colorful History - Presenter: Matt Flynn

Campbell's Island was the site of the Battle of Rock Island Rapids, one of the westernmost battles of the War of 1812, when a band of approximately 500 Sauk warriors allied with the British Army clashed on July 21, 1814, with an American force led by Lieutenant John Campbell of the 1st U.S. Regiment of Infantry. This victory helped to enable the Sauk to maintain their control over the Quad Cities area for almost 20 more years. Reservations due September 10.



Programs takes place at the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club. No pass is needed to access Arsenal Island. Just bring a U.S. photo ID to show at the guard gate.

Cost is \$15 for members; \$18 for non-members. **Reservations in advance are required.** Mail check, payable to CDHF c/o Don O'Shea, 3113 2nd St., Moline, IL 61265. Questions? Please contact Don at (309) 762-8156 or pelagius@qconline.com

HISTORIC CLOCK TOWER TOUR

CDHF members can take a tour of the Historic Clock Tower on Wednesday, October 5th at 1:00 pm. Scott Pettis, from the Corps of Engineers, will give us a historical tour. Pettis has been an active duty Coast Guard and Coast Guard reservist for the past 35 years. There is walking and climbing stairs involved on the tour. Call Judy Tumbleson at 786-5980 or 738-8547 cell to reserve your spot. Spacing is limited.

NOTE FROM THE CDHF PRESIDENT

Greeting and thanks for your concern and support during my recent illness. I was particularly pleased with the manner that the board members and committee chairs continued to keep the foundation rolling and on track. Thanks for your calls and emails of encouragement. We had a somewhat successful initial membership drive and hopefully the board challenge will continue to bring in several more new members. We need new members, volunteers, guides, and sutlers. Please use your creativity to bring in new and energetic members. Thanks again for your support.

Buster Miller, CDHF Board President

WHAT ARE YOUR VOLUNTEER INTERESTS?

The CDHF is compiling a directory of information about our volunteers' interests and skills. Please let us know if you are aware of someone who could donate additional time for sutlery, giving tours, or help with cleaning or repairs around the house. We always have opportunities for additional workers. Also, remember our video that is available for programs in the community. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Janice Peterson at 563-359-1988 or Peterson1@mchsi.com

ANNUAL GHOST TALES EVENT

Listen to spooky stories at **GHOST TALES** on the grounds of the Colonel Davenport House on Arsenal Island at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 24. Admission for this family-friendly event is \$3 for adults; \$2 for children under college age; and families are \$10. Concessions will be available. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or blanket. Come before the main event to get a guided tour of the Colonel Davenport House from 5:45-6:45 p.m.



Attendees ages 16 and older must show U.S. photo I.D. In case of inclement weather, "Ghost Tales" will be relocated to the picnic shelter just east of the house on the Island. If you'd like to volunteer at Ghost Tales doing concessions, taking admissions, etc., please contact Jessica Waytenick at 309-737-4280 or waytenik@winco.net.

IMPORTANT RAILROAD VISIT

Iowa Interstate Railroad Chairman Henry Posner III and his guests from Britain visited the Colonel Davenport House when they were in town for the Train Festival 2011 in July. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit and tour. They received copies of the "Your Obedient Servant" book.

LOCAL HISTORY TRIVIA NIGHT

The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation hosts its first trivia night on Saturday, November 12th at 6 pm at the Arsenal Island Cafeteria in Building 60. All local historical groups are encouraged to put a table of 8 people together!

It will be \$10 a person (or \$80 a table). Individual reservations will be placed together at one table. Food will be available for purchase and cannot be brought in. Cash bar also available. There will be items on which to buy chances and a 50-50 drawing. Call Judy Tumbleson at 786-5980 or 738-8547 cell to reserve your table.



OUT AND ABOUT

The CDHF had a booth at Hoover's Hometown Days in early August at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch, Iowa. We had a display table with artifacts, pictures, books, and games used mostly in the traveling trucks that can be taken to classrooms.

WELCOME NEW CDHF MEMBERS

Oscar Leidenfrost, James Westphal, Lindsay Schaefer, Emilie Liljegren, Scott Pettis, Karen Miller, Austin Miller, Mary Michalek, Ann Lawler, and Judy Vukelich



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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 14 - Lunch & Learn at the Arsenal Golf Clubhouse at 12 pm

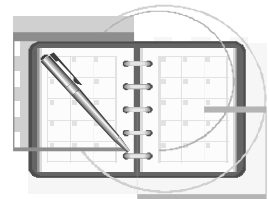
September 24 - Ghost Tales at the Colonel Davenport House at 7 pm

October 5 - Arsenal Historic Clock Tower Tour at 1 pm for CDHF Members

October 30 - Colonel Davenport House Ends Regular Hours for Season

November 11 - Colonel Davenport House Open for Veteran's Day from 1-4 pm

November 12 - CDHF Trivia Night at Arsenal Cafeteria at 6 pm



MEMBERSHIP SALE

There is a sale going on for new members who join the CDHF! The CDHF membership is offering \$10 annual dues for Students, Teachers, Military, and Government workers. A corporate/affiliate membership has also been approved for \$200 per year. We encourage all members to recruit at least one new member for 2011. We must keep our base of membership and volunteers active and growing.

“Old buildings do not belong to us; they belonged to our forefathers, and they will belong to our descendants.”

- William Morris (an English writer and craftsman who tried to encourage people to save historic sites more than a hundred years ago.)