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Special Veterans Day Hours at the Colonel Davenport House

The Colonel Davenport House, located on the north shore of Arsenal Island, will be open for special hours on Friday, November 11, 2011, for Veterans Day after the 1 p.m. Arsenal's cemetery ceremony.

The Colonel Davenport House will be open from 1:30-4:00 p.m., and admission costs just \$1.00. Guides will be available to answer questions. The gift shop will also be open, selling Early American items like toys and candle molds, souvenirs, and books, including two that give information about Colonel George Davenport and his military service, new books about the Mississippi River, and Mississippi River mud t-shirts.

Colonel Davenport was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving for ten years. He came to Rock Island in 1816 as a civilian who had a contract to supply rations to the soldiers at Fort Armstrong. He supervised construction of the bake house, the first building on Arsenal Island.

During the Black Hawk War, Gov. John Reynolds of Illinois commissioned Davenport as an assistant quartermaster with the Illinois Militia. This is how he got his honorary title of colonel.

Attendees age 16 and older must show U.S. photo I.D. since the Island is a working military facility. For more information, visit www.davenporthouse.org.

About the CDHF

The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) is a nonprofit volunteer group that works to preserve Colonel George Davenport's former home and share his story with the community. The Colonel Davenport House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1833-1834 and is on the North end of Arsenal Island in the Quad Cities. Colonel Davenport was the first permanent white settler in the Quad Cities and built the first house in the area. The Foundation relies on volunteers to maintain and operate the house. It is open for tours from May to October, Thursday-Sunday from 12-4 p.m.

MEDIA NOTE: All media must be escorted while on Arsenal Island.