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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORY

When: Tuesday, June 7th at 12 noon

Where: Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club on Arsenal Island

Cost: The cost for lunch is \$15 CHDF members; \$17 Non-members

RSVP: Mail check, payable to CDHF c/o Donald O'Shea, 3113 2nd St., Moline, IL 61265

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Reservations in advance are required. RSVP by June 4.

Learn about the history of the 9-foot navigation channel in the Mississippi River from Scott Pettis, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District, at this Lunch & Learn program presented by the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) on Tuesday, June 7th at 12 noon at the Arsenal Golf Club.

A clear channel is needed for the barges and other vessels that make the main stem Mississippi one of the great commercial waterways of the world. The task of maintaining a navigation channel is the responsibility of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A series of 29 locks and dams on the upper Mississippi, most of which were built in the 1930s, is designed primarily to maintain a 9-foot deep channel for commercial barge traffic.

Scott Pettis has been an active duty Coast Guard and Coast Guard reservist for the past 35 years.

Visitors, ages 16 and older, must show a U.S. photo I.D. at the entrance to the Island.

For more information on CDHF membership, volunteer opportunities, and the Colonel Davenport House, visit their website at 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 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 was the first house built in the area. The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Foundation relies on volunteers to maintain and operate the house. It is open for tours from May through October. For more information, visit their website at www.davenporthouse.org.

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