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MILITARY LIFE AT FORT ARMSTRONG

When: Wednesday, April 15th at 12 noon

Where: Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club on Arsenal Island

Cost: The cost for lunch is \$13 CHDF members; \$16 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 April 11.

Military life at the forts in the United States' early days was not easy; it was more tedious and monotonous with hard manual labor involved. Most recruits saw little or no combat and were looked upon to settle disputes with the Native Americans.

Local author and historian Regena Schantz takes a look at life for early soldiers stationed at Fort Armstrong on Arsenal Island in her presentation entitled "No Small Sacrifice: Military Life at Fort Armstrong." She will speak at the Lunch & Learn presented by the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) on Wednesday, April 15th at 12 noon at the Arsenal Golf Club.

Regena Schantz was one of the founding members of the CDHF in 1978 and served on the board for the first 15 years. She has contributed a chapter on Fort Armstrong for *Frontier Forts of Iowa*, to be published later this year, and is also a contributing editor of *Echoes From the Past*, a history of Riverside Cemetery and the people who are buried there, to be published this Spring.

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 on Thursday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. For more information, visit their website at www.davenporthouse.org.

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