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FORT ARMSTRONG CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION REVISITED

When: Wednesday, June 10th 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 June 6.

See photographs and documents from the Fort Armstrong Centennial Celebration in 1916. Kris Leinicke, Director of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum, is the speaker at this Lunch & Learn program presented by the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) on Wednesday, June 10th at 12 noon at the Arsenal Golf Club. As a special treat, the Quarters One mansion will be open at 11 a.m. on that day for guided tours for registered Lunch & Learn attendees.

The Fort Armstrong Centennial Celebration was held June 18-24, 1916, and included parades, a "Court of Honor" and Native American village on Arsenal Island, and many other activities.

For 20 years, 1816 to 1836, Fort Armstrong served as a cornerstone for the communities developing on both sides of the river. The fort's importance was recognized in 1916, when community members representing each of the Tri-Cities organized and built a replica blockhouse to mark the site of the former fort.

Kris Leinicke is the Director of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum, and has been employed at the museum for the past 25 years. She is also a visiting instructor at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, and teaches a public history (museums) class for the history department.

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.