

Dear Members and Sympathizers,

As it was previously discussed we are organizing a **one-day bus trip** to the Quad Cities on the Mississippi River.

We will leave at **8:00 am on Saturday, April 16, 2011** and return at about 8:00 pm the same day. We will meet at the **PNA office building at 6100 N. Central Ave**, Chicago. There is a large parking lot that will be available for our use on this day.

In the program is visit to the **Lock and Dam structure #15** (http://www.johnweeks.com/river_mississippi/pagesL/missLD15.html) where from the tourist visitor center we can observe operation in the very busy lock chambers and view operation of the movable span of the **Government Bridge** (http://www.johnweeks.com/river_mississippi/pagesB/umissB06.html). This historical bridge was **designed by Ralph Modjeski** and was opened to traffic in 1896.

Later we will visit the **Rock Island Museum and Arsenal historical monuments** (<http://www.tactical-life.com/online/exclusives/rock-island-arsenal/>).

After lunch we plan to go on a **short ride to Bettendorf to see impressive Memorial Bridge** (<http://www.aaroads.com/blog/2008/06/07/i-74-bridge-replacement-will-it-ever-get-built>). This is a suspension type bridge that was **designed by Modjeski** in 1930's.

The cost is **\$40 per person and must be paid during the next PAEA meeting** scheduled for **March 18, 2011**. We need to have your commitment early in order to make pre-payment to the tour bus company. Additionally, there is a limited number of seats available - please make your reservation early.

Important Note:

In order to gain entry to the Arsenal museum US citizens must have a picture ID; non-citizens must have a document to prove legal residency in the US. There should be no such requirement to all other sites.

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Warm regards,

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