



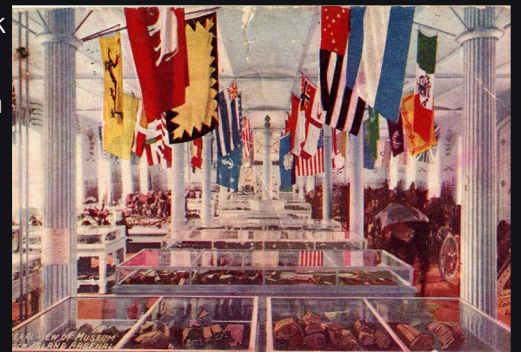
THE RIA MUSEUM



ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL Installation



Established on 4 July 1905 with just a handful of artifacts, the Rock Island Arsenal Museum is the second oldest Army Museum behind West Point. The first shipments of artifacts to the museum happened in 1903, when Chief of Ordnance MG William Crozier sent 15 boxes of materiel. The original museum was housed in modern-day Building 102 - across the street on Rodman Avenue from its current Building 60 location. During World Wars I and II, the museum shut down to increase the available floor space for shop operations. The museum moved to its current location shortly after World War II and reopened in 1948. The only other time the museum closed was during the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent renovations from 2020 to 2023.



For a short period of time, it was referred to as the John Browning Museum, but it was returned to the Rock Island Arsenal Museum name in 1986. Since then the museum has slowly shifted its focus to the mission and people of Rock Island Arsenal.

- Established 4 July 1905
- Second oldest Army museum
- Originally in Building 102
- Started with just 15 boxes
- Has been closed 3 times
- Moved to Bldg 60 in 1948
- Formerly John M. Browning Museum

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