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⌚ Additional points listed inside.

⌚ Post is open sunrise to sunset.

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Rock Island Arsenal Museum

The Rock Island Arsenal Museum explores the history of Rock Island Arsenal and its commands from 1805 to the Present.

The Museum is open **10 am to 4 pm Tuesday through Saturday** and closed on all federal holidays and the day after Thanksgiving.

For more information, call **309.782.5021**.

You can also get more information on the museum via their Facebook page at facebook.com/riamuseum.

You may also find information on their website at arsenalthistoricalsociety.org.

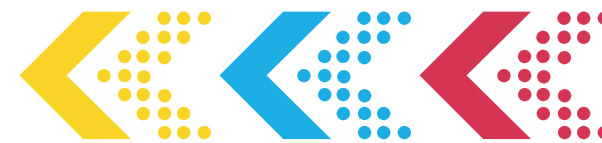
Different Types of Ordnance

There are many different kinds of ordnance systems that fulfill many different and very specific roles. In addition, there are many different kinds of means of delivery.

Memorial Field has a lot of different systems but does not include all types. Some examples of what you'll find here include howitzers, field guns, and rocket launchers. These use a variety of different payload delivery systems such as rockets, missiles, and artillery shells.

What is important to remember as you proceed through this tour is that each of these individual systems fulfilled a unique role that was not only evolving as warfare did, but also evolving as the mission requirements changed.

To learn more about the different kinds of artillery and ordnance systems, scan the code to the right.



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USING THIS TOUR

1. Use the map on the back of this guide and navigate to the point you are interested in.
2. With the camera on your phone, scan the QR code at the top left of the back of this guide.
3. Click the link displayed in the window.
4. Match the number on the website with the point you're interested in.
5. Click the corresponding link and repeat step 4 for each point.

This tour uses a color system on the back to denote some key information about the point of interest.

- A foreign system redesigned by the U.S.
- A system designed & produced by the U.S.
- A foreign weapon system.

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U.S. ARMY **THE ORDNANCE OF** **ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL**

The first American ordnance on Arsenal Island arrived in 1816 with the establishment of Fort Armstrong. These batteries were in place to control navigation on the upper Mississippi River. When the Black Hawk war ended in 1832, the Fort was repurposed as a weapons depot that operated into the 1860s.

One of the most significant contributions to World War I by the arsenal was the recuperator and carriage for the French 75-mm gun. Later, developments led to the production of the M101 howitzer, M198 field gun, M119 howitzer, and XM70 rocket launcher.

This guide will help you navigate through the assorted ordnance pieces on display at Rock Island Arsenal.

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GET STARTED!

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1 M115 Howitzer

Function: **8-in Heavy Towed Howitzer**
Service Life: **1951 - present**
Number Produced: **Around 500**

2 Type 59-1 Gun

Function: **130-mm Field Gun**
Service Life: **1951 - present**
Number Produced: **Around 3,660**

3 M4A3 Sherman

Function: **Medium Armored Tank**
Service Life: **1942 - 2018**
Number Produced: **49,234**

4 M50 Ontos

Function: **106-mm Self-Propelled Anti-Tank Gun**
Service Life: **1955 - 1970**
Number Produced: **297**

5 M51 Skysweeper

Function: **75-mm Anti-Aircraft Gun**
Service Life: **1951 - 1973**
Number Produced: **Around 1,800**

6 M1 Bofors

Function: **40-mm Anti-Aircraft Gun**
Service Life: **1930 - present**
Number Produced: **Over 150,000**

7 D-44 (M1945) Gun

Function: **85-mm Anti-Tank Gun**
Service Life: **1945 - present**
Number Produced: **Over 8,000**

8 M101 Howitzer

Function: **105-mm Light Howitzer**
Service Life: **1941 - present**
Number Produced: **10,200**

9 XM123 Howitzer

Function: **Experimental 155-mm Medium Howitzer**
Service Life: **1961 - 1962**
Number Produced: **2**

10 XM124E2 Howitzer

Function: **Experimental 105-mm Light Howitzer**
Service Life: **1961 - 1962**
Number Produced: **2**

11 L119 Gun

Function: **105-mm Light Field Gun**
Service Life: **1975 - present**
Number Produced: **Around 5,000**

12 M198 Howitzer

Function: **155-mm Lightweight Howitzer**
Service Life: **1968 - present**
Number Produced: **Over 1,600**

13 M65 Atomic Annie

Function: **280-mm Heavy Motorized Gun**
Service Life: **1953 - 1963**
Number Produced: **20**

14 M114 Howitzer

Function: **155-mm Medium Howitzer**
Service Life: **1941 - present**
Number Produced: **Over 10,000**

15 M2A2 Terra-Star

Function: **Experimental 105-mm Howitzer**
Service Life: **1969 - 1977**
Number Produced: **2**

16 T88 Rocket Launcher

Function: **7.2-in Multiple Rocket Launcher**
Service Life: **1942 - 1945**
Number Produced: **Unknown**

17 Nebelwerfer 41 Rocket Launcher

Function: **150-mm Multiple Rocket Launcher**
Service Life: **1939 - 1945**
Number Produced: **5,283**

18 XM70E2 Rocket Launcher

Function: **Experimental 115-mm Rocket Launcher**
Service Life: **1959 - 1963**
Number Produced: **7**

19 M5 Gun

Function: **76-mm Anti-Tank Gun**
Service Life: **1942 - 1945**
Number Produced: **Around 2,500**

20 T66 Rocket Launcher

Function: **4.5-in Multiple Rocket Launcher**
Service Life: **1944 - 1954**
Number Produced: **500**

21 T27E1 Rocket Launcher

Function: **4.5-in Multiple Rocket Launcher**
Service Life: **1941 - 1945**
Number Produced: **Unknown**

22 M1 Gun

Function: **57-mm Anti-Tank Gun**
Service Life: **1941 - 1971**
Number Produced: **15,637**

23 M3A1 Howitzer

Function: **105-mm Split Trail Howitzer**
Service Life: **1943 - present**
Number Produced: **2,580**

24 M55 Howitzer

Function: **8-in Self-Propelled Howitzer**
Service Life: **1950 - 1969**
Number Produced: **550**

25 BMP-1 Armored Transport

Function: **Armored Personnel Carrier**
Service Life: **1966 - present**
Number Produced: **Around 6,500**

26 MGR-1 Honest John

Function: **762-mm Rocket Launcher System**
Service Life: **1953 - 1977**
Number Produced: **Over 7,000**

27 M36 Tank Destroyer

Function: **90-mm Self Propelled Anti-Tank Gun**
Service Life: **1944 - 1953**
Number Produced: **2,324**

28 M16A1 Half-Track

Function: **Multiple Gun Motor Carriage**
Service Life: **1942 - 1958**
Number Produced: **3,550**

29 Mark VIII Tank

Function: **Heavy Tank**
Service Life: **1919 - 1932**
Number Produced: **100**



30 Rodman Guns

Function: **Coastal Defense Columbiad**
Service Life: **1861 - 1905**
Number Produced: **1,840 across all sizes**



Additional Ordnance

More ordnance pieces and information on them can be found in the Rock Island Arsenal Museum, located in building 60.

