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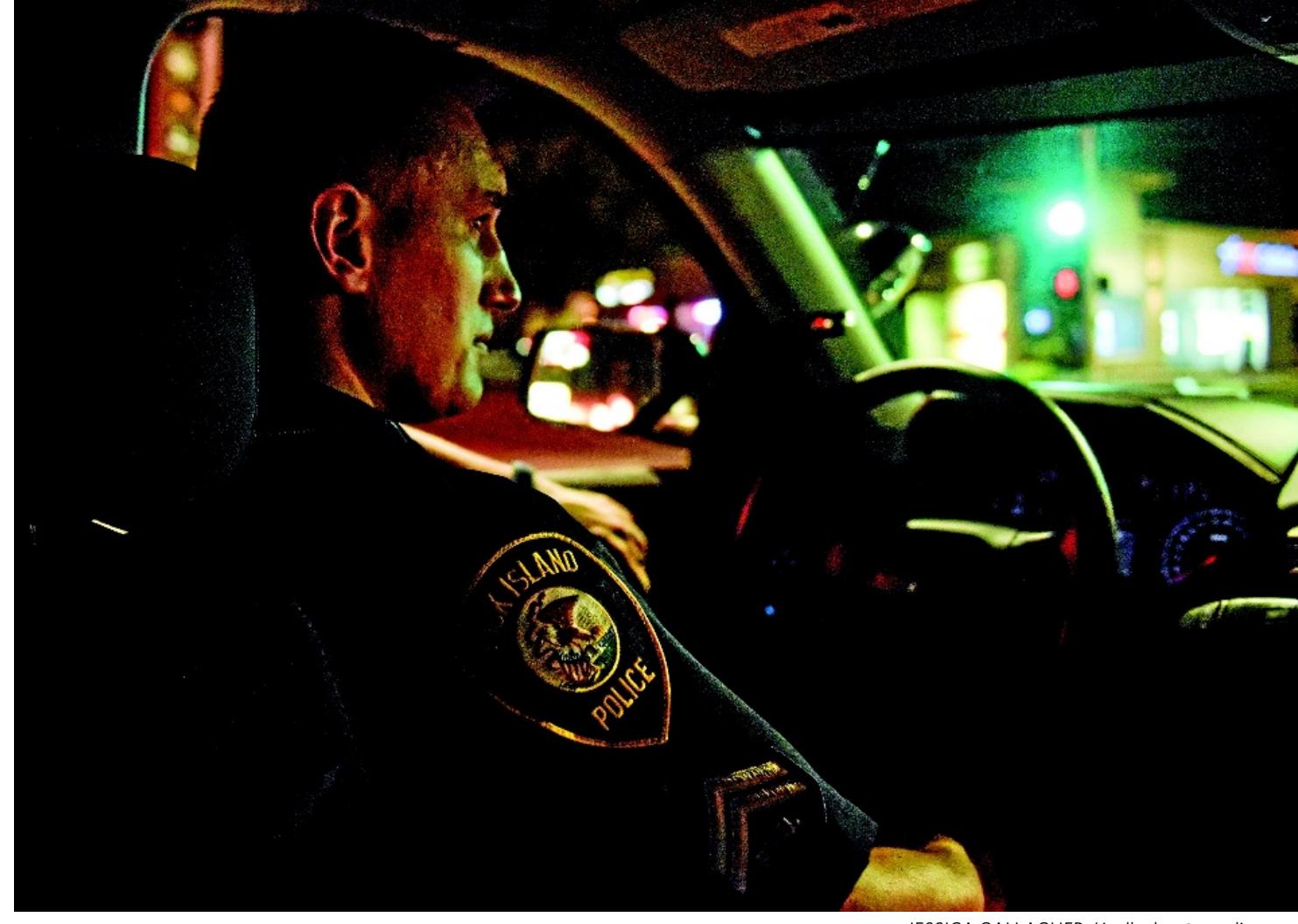
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Officer Anthony "Tony" Zier of the Rock Island Police Department patrols the streets of Rock Island on Aug. 18.

## On the beat with Q-C cops

Many a morning, friends and even people I don't know have rattled their newspapers at me, pointing to yet another news story about a joy ride taken by teens in a stolen vehicle, or about shots being fired here or there.

So we decided to see for ourselves what life is like on the beat for officers in Rock Island and Davenport. Barb Ickes, columnist for the Quad-City Times, went on a Davenport patrol, and I rode with a Rock Island officer.

Here is what we witnessed ...

### Long night on RI streets has impressive ending

At 2:45 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 19, I was standing in the middle of The District in downtown Rock Island.

I was in the final stages of my ride-along with Rock Island Police.

In front of me, organized chaos reigned. Five bars, all within a football field's throw of each other, were closing or getting ready to close, meaning customers were streaming out of their doors.

"You're nice; you're nice; you're nice; and you, well, you are a grump," an intoxicated 20-something female said to members of the Rock Police Department's Tactical Operations Unit, on duty this particular morning to keep the peace in The District.



**JOHN MARX**

And peace they kept. Calling their work "good" would understate the effort.

Many years ago, before police officers, bar owners and city leaders of Rock Island took a united stand, it was Wild West time most every 3 a.m. Sunday in The District.

Not any longer.

The Rock Island Police Department, with a nice hand from security staffs at the bars, has cleaned up downtown, and I got to witness it firsthand.

The night-turned-morning ended calmly.

My ride-along with Rock Island patrolman Anthony "Tony" Zier, was winding down. It was an impressive ending to what had been a long night.

#### HE LOVES THIRD SHIFT

At approximately 10:45 p.m., staff photographer Jess Gallagher

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## 'You see the impact on people's lives'

This is where black lives and blue lives converge. In an upstairs office of the Davenport Police Department, the second shift on Friday, Aug. 17, began as it always does — with a briefing on what the NETS unit could expect out of the night. But it's the unexpected that keeps cops in the Neighborhoods Energized to Succeed unit pounding familiar pavement.

"Be safe tonight," unit commander Lt. Kevin Small said to his four officers. "It's Friday night."

The unit is "special," according to Sgt. Andrew Harris, and he should know. He'd already committed four years of his career to the NETS mission when he left the unit, as required, following a promotion. Then, after nearly two years in patrol, he put in his request to

go back to NETS three years ago.

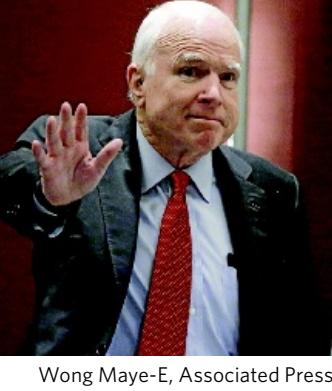
My ride-along with the sergeant made instantly obvious what keeps him in the city's most challenging neighborhoods: He is doing what most cops get into law enforcement to do — something that matters.

"Years ago in the Goose Creek neighborhood, you'd use multiple siren sounds when responding to a call, so it sounded like several squads were coming," he said.

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Davenport Police Sgt. Andrew Harris has served for more than a decade on the department's Neighborhoods Energized to Succeed, or NETS unit. He firmly believes that positive police presence helps reduce crime by improving police/civilian relationships. With children, he uses stickers that illustrate a police badge as popular currency.



Wong Maye-E, Associated Press

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., greets the audience as he arrives to deliver a speech in Singapore on June 3, 2016. McCain, the war hero who became the GOP's standard-bearer in the 2008 election, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018. He was 81.

## War hero McCain dies, 81

Senator devoted life to fighting for everyone

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WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain, who faced down his captors in a Vietnam prisoner of war camp with jut-jawed defiance and later turned his rebellious streak into a 35-year political career that took him to Congress and the Republican presidential nomination, died Saturday after battling brain cancer for more than a year. He was 81.

McCain, with his irascible grin and fighter-pilot moxie, was a fearless and outspoken voice on policy and politics to the end, unswerving in his defense of democratic values and unflinching in his criticism of his fellow Republican, President Donald Trump. He was elected to the Senate from Arizona six times but twice thwarted in seeking the presidency.

An upstart presidential bid in 2000 didn't last long. Eight years later, he fought back from the brink of defeat to win the GOP nomination, only to be overwhelmed by Democrat Barack Obama. McCain chose a little-known Alaska governor as his running mate in that race, and turned Sarah Palin into a national political figure.

After losing to Obama in an electoral landslide, McCain returned to the Senate determined not to be defined by a failed presidential campaign in which his reputation as a maverick had faded. In the politics of the moment and in national political debate over the decades, McCain energetically advanced his ideas and punched back hard at critics — Trump not least among them.

The scion of a decorated military family, McCain embraced his role as chairman of the Armed Services Committee, pushing for aggressive U.S. military intervention overseas and eager to contribute to "defeating the forces of radical Islam that want to destroy America."

Asked how he wanted to be remembered, McCain said simply: "That I made a major contribution to the defense of the nation."

One dramatic vote he cast in the twilight of his career in 2017 will not soon be forgotten, either: As the decisive "no" on Senate GOP legislation to repeal the Affordable

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