



## Coalition supports Military Patron Protection Act

The Coalition to Save Our Military Shopping Benefits

As the Coalition representing the millions of patrons and beneficiaries of exchange and commissary programs, we write in support of the Military Patron Protection Act advanced by Congressman Walter Jones. This important legislation would put in place needed protections to safeguard these valuable earned benefits for service members and their families. [READ MORE](#)

## Are commissaries in jeopardy?

Military Officers Association of America

The GAO released an overdue report required as part of commissary reform measures included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016. MOAA's main concern is that GAO's report indicates there are many more avenues of savings that have not yet been explored. If sales are decreasing, and DeCA loses additional patrons based on its new reforms, what does that mean for foot traffic at the exchanges - and the resulting dividends to local Morale, Welfare and Recreation funds? The Armed Services committees need to hear from you - send a [MOAA suggested message](#). [READ MORE](#)

## Take the Blue Star Families survey

Blue Star Families

The annual Blue Star Families Military Family Lifestyle Survey is the largest survey of its kind, used by policy makers in DC and across the country to learn about and meet the most pressing needs of military families. Last year, over 8,300 respondents contributed their voices to our 2016 Military Family Lifestyle Survey to provide a snapshot of the issues facing military family life. Adding your voice really matters!

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## Military families brace for what's next in Syria

National Military Family Association

President Trump ordered an airstrike on a Syrian airbase, and military families are watching intently. "I'm concerned about how this will play out going forward," military spouse Adrianna Domingos-Lupher shared. She and other military families know this action could lead to more deployments and more boots-on-the-ground missions. They worry about the safety of U.S. troops supporting rebel fighters in Syria, especially after this latest chemical attack. [READ MORE](#)