

These 5 military commissaries won awards for best stores

Military Officers Association of America

The Defense Commissary Agency has announced its list of the top stores across military installations. Commissaries in Alaska, North Dakota, California, Spain, and Germany were named the top stores stateside and overseas in the year 2016. Here's a look at the Defense Commissary Agency's (DeCA's) picks in each of the five categories. [READ MORE](#)

The fight to loosen the Senate's squeeze on military compensation

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In its estimates of the effects of key provisions in the House and Senate defense authorization bills for FY 2018, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) spotlights the higher out-of-pocket costs servicemembers and veterans and their families would face if certain Senate-devised personnel initiatives make it into the final bill. The Military Coalition, a league of 32 associations and veteran groups, criticizes the practice of funding new benefits through budget offsets created by lowering the value of existing benefits. [READ MORE](#)

Military spouses share employment challenges during White House visit

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An educator and a speech pathologist accompanied MOAA to the White House last week, where they briefed the president's team about challenges military spouses face when seeking or keeping quality employment. "I was very pleased at the engagement we got from Ivanka Trump," says Brooke Goldberg, MOAA's director of Military Family Issues Policy and Spouse Programs. "The setting was intimate, and there was a willingness to hear solutions from the military spouses in attendance." [READ MORE](#)

Air Force welcomes new undersecretary

U.S. Air Force

In 1977, Matthew Donovan left for Air Force Basic Military Training. Four decades later on Aug. 11, 2017, at the Pentagon, he ceremoniously recited the oath of office to be the undersecretary of the Air Force. Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson presided over the ceremony and welcomed Donovan back into the Air Force formation. [READ MORE](#)

The Army is testing a new combat fitness test

Military Times

The Army has spent more than a decade looking for a better way to not only measure combat readiness but also to train soldiers to that standard while reducing injuries. Program managers at the Center for Initial Military Training think they've finally got the right test: A six-event slog dubbed the Army Combat Readiness Test, which was rolled out in an early August pilot at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. [READ MORE](#)