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Save Our Benefit Awards Gold Medal Commissary Shopping Spree to Military Family

*'Honoring Pride, Chasing Gold' contest coincided with the 2012 Summer
Olympic Games*

Washington, D.C. (August 17, 2012) – After receiving nearly 700 contest entries, The Coalition to Save our Military Shopping Benefits, a group advocating for the preservation and patronage of commissaries and exchanges, announced the winner of its “Honoring Pride, Chasing Gold” contest. Brenda Horn, a patron of the commissary at Quantico, Virginia was randomly selected as the gold medal grand prize winner. Horn was awarded a \$2,350 commissary shopping spree.

Every time the U.S. Olympic Team won gold in London, the Gold Medal Shopping Spree grand prize pool grew by \$50. When a U.S. Military Olympian won gold, the pool grew by \$100. The final jackpot represents the 46 gold medals won by Team USA and the gold medal won by Army Sgt. Vincent Hancock for skeet-shooting.

“The enormous enthusiasm for this contest is further evidence on how commissary and exchange privileges are such a fundamental part of military life. The benefit is sound economics for the federal budget and a critical source of savings for the family budget,” said Patrick Nixon, President of the Coalition to Save our Military Shopping Benefits. “All of us associated with Save Our Benefit enjoyed cheering on our athletes in London. We thank all our contest participants and are especially happy for our commissary winner.”

Military resale programs save military families 20 to 50 percent off their purchases and provide billions of dollars in aid to on-base community support programs. Nearly 50,000 veterans and military families are employed on bases at exchange, commissary and community sales outlets, while more than 60 percent of workers in commissaries have a military affiliation.

These benefits are being threatened by looming sequestration, the Deficit Reduction Panel, and individual and committee efforts taking place in Congress that are aimed at balancing the budget. In recent weeks a several organizations have announced their support for the Coalition and its mission to preserve the resale benefit, including the Military Officers Association of America, National Industries for the Blind, Fleet Reserve Association, and the National Military Family Association.

For more information on the Coalition to Save Our Military Shopping Benefits, please visit www.SaveOurBenefit.org.

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