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The Coalition sent out a Call to Action alert this week to our members encouraging them to attend the upcoming Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (MCRMC) public hearings and a town hall meeting near Fort Bragg and Pope Army Airfield, or to share the information with friends who live in the local area. In addition, we encouraged members to take the Commission's survey and leave comments on their website.

The Coalition also shared this information with our Save Our Benefit Facebook followers and valued associate members. We continue to encourage service members, veterans, and their families to attend these meetings, and to share their opinions and concerns with the Commission...



Dear Coalition Member:

Here is your chance to let the Commission reviewing military compensation and retirement benefits know how important your Commissary and Exchange benefits are to you and your family . . .

If you live in the vicinity of Fort Bragg and Pope Army Airfield -- or know someone who does -- The Coalition to Save Our Military Shopping Benefits (#SaveOurBenefits) encourages you to attend the Commission's upcoming public hearings and town hall meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2014.

The public hearings will take place from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Embassy Suites, 4760 Lake Valley Drive, Fayetteville, North Carolina, 28303. The town hall meeting is scheduled from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the same location. These meetings are accessible to members of the general public including individuals with disabilities.

The Commission wants to hear from service members, veterans, retirees, military families and other interested parties regarding pay, retirement, health benefits, and quality of life programs to include commissary and exchange benefits.

We encourage you to attend the town hall meeting and let your voice be heard!

The Commission will also hear from senior commanders of local military commands and their senior enlisted advisors; unit commanders and their family support groups; local medical and education community representatives; and dining facilities, grocery, and other quality of life organizations during the public hearings. For further information or to access an agenda, visit: <http://bit.ly/1pJ96G>.

The Commission hearings are part of a series of public hearings being conducted across the United States and on select military installations. In addition to holding these hearings, the non-partisan congressionally mandated Commission is seeking input from service members and their families through a survey being sent out over the next couple of months. **If you receive the survey, we encourage you to take the time to complete it.**

The Commission also continues to encourage military families and concerned citizens to **leave comments on their website at:** <http://bit.ly/T2Ofcx>.

Since many of the key decisions affecting service members and their families' compensation and retirement benefits have been pushed to the Commission -- through the efforts of #SaveOurBenefits members, military and veterans' service organizations, and the military resale community -- it is important that they hear from you directly!

**Please plan to attend the public hearings and town hall,
share this message with your friends, and let the Commission know how important
your Commissary and Exchanges benefits are to you and your family!**

**Join [Save Our Benefit](#). [Like us on Facebook](#).
Ask your friends to join our efforts as well!**

The Coalition to Save our Military Shopping Benefits is working to ensure service members, veterans, military families, employees, people with disabilities, and concerned citizens have a voice in shaping policies that impact our nation's ability to keep a healthy and vibrant military resale system.

WASHINGTON POLICY MAKERS NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU TODAY!