



Commissaries: What will the Commission recommend?

National Military Family Association

So, the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (MCRMC) is releasing their report this week and we're all wondering, what will it say about commissaries and how will it affect military families? We don't know what the MCRMC will recommend. The Commission is not bound to refer to any institution's ideas about what compensation should look like. However, we know funding must remain at current levels to preserve the commissary savings benefit that ensures families can thrive no matter where they go.

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Military commissaries facing budget axe once again?

The Military Life - KPBS

Military commissaries would have to shut their doors to shoppers by up to two days a week, under a draft Defense Department budget document obtained by the Military Times. The document lists proposed cuts to the Defense Commissary Agency's budget for fiscal 2016: The Defense Commissary Agency [must]... meet a DoD mandate to come up with \$322 million in annual savings — nearly one-fourth of DeCA's annual baseline budget of \$1.4 billion.

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Pentagon struggles with budget cuts

Washington Examiner

"We will not be able, in this institution, to fulfill the commitments of the president's defense strategies with the kind of continued, abrupt, steep, large cuts that sequestration will demand," stated Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel. But even those closest to the fight don't know if there's a fix. "That fix has got to pass the House of Representatives, it's got to pass the Senate, and it's got to be signed into law by the president," said Congressman Max Thornberry, House Armed Services Committee chairman. "The Armed Services Committee alone cannot fix it."

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Dempsey: Sequestration is 'Absolutely Crazy'

DoD News, Defense Media Activity

Sequestration is "absolutely crazy," will hurt national security and make it "impossible" for the United States to meet its global commitments, according to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The world has changed dramatically since sequestration was passed into law in the Budget Control Act of 2011, Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey said. The sequestration mechanism forces across-the-board government spending cuts, a "mechanical withdrawal" that "doesn't allow you to balance your books," Dempsey said.

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NJ lawmakers warn against new base closings round

The Hill

A bipartisan group of New Jersey House members is urging the Defense Department to avoid proposing a new round of military base closures in its next budget request. "At a time when the United States faces adapting threats from around the globe, including groups like [the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria], we cannot afford to diminish the capabilities we use to neutralize these threats, and protect our freedoms at home," the lawmakers wrote in a letter to Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel late last week.

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