



Coalition urges conferees to roll back harmful commissary provisions

Save Our Benefit

We strongly urge the Senate and House conferees to roll back provisions in the Senate version of the FY16 National Defense Authorization Act, which transfers operating costs to patrons including provisions to: (1) allow the Secretary of Defense to increase prices of goods at commissaries; (2) allow domestic transportation costs to be factored into the cost of goods and prices charged to patrons; and, (3) have patrons pay with surcharge costs that have traditionally been paid with appropriations. These actions will destroy the commissary benefit.

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AMRA supports Save Our Benefit call to action

America Military Retirees Association

The House and Senate will be meeting over the next couple of weeks to iron out differences in their versions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year 2016. The Senate version of the NDAA includes language that would be detrimental to the commissary benefit and transfers operating costs to patrons: allows the Secretary of Defense to increase prices of goods at commissaries; allows domestic transportation costs to be factored into the cost of goods and prices; allows surcharge costs traditionally paid with appropriations to be paid by patrons. As the Senate and House conferees meet to discuss these important issues, they need to hear from military families!

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Reject military pay and benefits cuts

Military Officers Association of America

Over the next two weeks, members of Congress may leave Washington without having completed an annual defense bill. Some of the proposals up for debate in the defense bill are a bad deal for the military community, including: pay raises that fail to keep pace with the private sector; dramatic pharmacy fee increases; erosions to housing allowances; and continued cuts to commissaries. These shortsighted decisions will have a long-term effect on the future of America's military. Before Congress adjourns for the August recess, show your support. Speak up and tell your elected officials you support the House-passed provisions in this year's defense bill.

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Empty promises mean empty wallets for military families

National Military Family Association

Our United States all-voluntary military is still looking for men and women ready to serve and protect! Congress offers a competitive compensation package for your sacrifice, like a "marriage penalty" BAH cut for dual-military families, increased commissary prices, and capped pay raises below your private sector counterparts. Sound enticing? Find out what else your country's leaders think your military family deserves for your selfless call-to-serve, and how NMFA is fighting to stand against these injustices.

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Report: nearly 1 in 3 young adults too fat for military

Associated Press

The nation's obesity epidemic is causing significant recruiting problems for the military, with one in three young adults nationwide too fat to enlist, according to report issued Wednesday by a group of retired military leaders. The nonprofit, non-partisan group called Mission: Readiness (Military Leaders for Kids) is promoting healthy school lunches in Kansas and across the nation as a way to combat the problem.

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