Coalition Update



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Coalition urges caution against fast-tracking commissary, exchange reforms

The Department of Defense is proposing that the law governing these programs and protecting these benefits be either repealed or waived to allow DoD to immediately proceed with implementation of changes to products, pricing and funding mechanisms that have served the system well over the past 30 years. We now fear that these proposals are being fast-tracked, have limited process for review and patron input, and are applied system-wide with no limitations on scope or duration. **READ MORE** (Link to letter)

Military and Veterans organizations voice concern with commissary proposals The Military Coalition

The Military Coalition (TMC), representing more than 5.5 million current and former service members and their families and survivors, thanked Congress for their ongoing commitment to sustaining the value of the commissary but expressed concern about the latest DoD proposals for law changes regarding the defense commissary program. **READ MORE** (Link to letter)

The Pentagon is making a huge mistake on military retirement

Military Times via Veterans of Foreign Wars

The 2016 National Defense Authorization Act created the blended military retirement system for which the Department of Defense had been screaming. Now, the Pentagon is trying to gut its overall value and availability to junior enlisted and officers before its implementation in 2018. **READ MORE**

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