



Commissary Privatization

Military Officers Association of America

Update: Senators Inhofe and Mikulski's amendment to stop commissary privatization, PASSED the Senate Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. by a vote of 70 to 28! As there is no provision calling for a pilot program on privatization in the House version of the NDAA and the Senate provision to privatize has been removed, it has little chance of going forward. Thanks for your support on this important legislation! MOAA appreciates and supports Sens. Inhofe's and Mikulski's tireless commitment to preserving the commissary, which MOAA members consistently rank among the most important non-pay benefits.

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NAUS members advocacy help to stop efforts to privatize commissaries

National Association for Uniformed Services

Congratulation to NAUS members for their advocacy to stop efforts to privatize commissaries. Using NAUS CapWiz helped Senators Inhofe and Mikulski win their amendment to stop commissary privatization. With your help their amendment PASSED the Senate Tuesday by a vote of 70 to 28! This action would not have happened without your combined advocacy. [READ MORE](#)

White House threatens to veto Senate defense bill

The Hill

The Senate pressed forward Tuesday with debating the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act, which authorizes defense spending and policy. Lawmakers voted on two amendments and approved 15 others by a voice vote. The second amendment, introduced by Sens. [James Inhofe](#) (R-Okla.) and [Barbara Mikulski](#) (D-Md.), would prevent the privatization of commissaries, where military families buy groceries at lower prices. The amendment passed 70-28. As expected, the White House issued a veto threat of the Senate NDAA Tuesday afternoon. [READ MORE](#)

DoD signals support for online shopping benefit for veterans

The Military Times

Defense officials appear to support expanding online exchange shopping benefits to all honorably discharged veterans, according to a report recently sent to Congress. "Expansion of the online benefit is a low-risk, low-cost opportunity that requires no (taxpayer funding) from the exchange system and can generate meaningful incremental sales and earnings for the entire military community," officials stated. [READ MORE](#)