



Senators Defeat Commissary Privatization Test

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The Coalition and the American Logistics Association would like to thank Senators Mikulski and Inhofe, the 38 Senators that co-sponsored, the 42 military and veteran organizations that fought alongside #SaveOurBenefit and the thousands of service members, their families, and concerned citizens that sent letters to their Senators to protect the Commissary benefit. [READ MORE](#)

AFGE applauds Senate for striking down military commissary privatization pilot

The Dallas Morning News

The American Federation of Government Employees applauds the Senate for striking down a proposal to begin privatization of Department of Defense commissaries under a pilot project. "Preserving the commissary benefit is a priority for AFGE and that's why our DoD members sent nearly 2,000 emails to their lawmakers voicing opposition to the privatization project and other harmful provisions in the NDAA," National President J. David Cox Sr. said. [READ MORE](#)

Commissary Privatization De-Railed

National Association for Uniformed Services

On Tuesday the Senate struck a provision from its 2017 NDAA that would have created a pilot program to privatize some military commissary stores. We thank all our members and supporters who sent emails and contacted their Senators! Your efforts went a long way in persuading the Senate to do away with this provision and protect the valuable commissary benefit! [READ MORE](#)

Society of Military Widows joins SaveOurBenefit

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We'd like to welcome the Society of Military Widows (SMW) to #SaveOurBenefit and thank them for helping our Coalition protect our military service members and their families' EARNED commissary and exchange benefits. [READ MORE](#)

Senate fails to pass bigger pay raise for troops in defense budget

Military Times (tiered subscription model)

A Senate plan to boost next year's military pay raise and increase the end strength of each of the armed services failed Thursday over ongoing funding fights between lawmakers. The vote sets up tough negotiations this summer with the House, which has already passed its own defense bill. The Senate version provides for a 1.6% pay raise, overhauls to the military medical system and defense acquisitions, and billions in new equipment. [READ MORE](#)

Carter proposes changes to "Up or Out" promotion system

ABC News/The Associated Press

U.S. military troops may be able to sidestep the Pentagon's entrenched, 100-year-old "up or out" promotion system under sweeping new proposals unveiled Thursday, aimed at keeping high-tech experts or other specialists on the job. In announcing the plan, Defense Secretary Ash Carter marked the third—and most dramatic—installment in his campaign to modernize the military's antiquated bureaucracy. [READ MORE](#)