



## Commissary guardians: Modernize? OK. Privatize? No way!

Stars and Stripes

Military associations and the resale industry that supplies groceries to base commissaries are sounding alarms over a provision in the Senate's fiscal 2017 defense authorization bill that would direct the Department of Defense to privatize up to five of its 240 base grocery stores for two years to assess if a commercial grocer can run all the entire system. Associations representing millions of commissary shoppers have joined with manufacturers and suppliers of store goods to try to stop the pilot. Their vehicle is a floor amendment from Sens. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., and Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., backed by 29 colleagues, that would delay any test until the U.S. Comptroller General delivers a report on privatization, which Congress ordered last year, and until lawmakers and DOD officials have time to study its findings. The report is expected within weeks. [READ MORE](#)

## Coalition urges Save Our Benefit members to write their Senators

The Coalition to Save Our Military Shopping Benefits

Privatizing your commissary is once again being considered by Congress. Prices will increase. Stores may close. Thousands of military families may lose employment. And it puts the benefit at great risk. Please take 60 seconds and let your Senators know how important the commissary benefit is to you and your family, and ask for their support of the Inhofe-Mikulski amendment. [READ MORE](#)

## The Exchange honors the service and sacrifice of military customers and their families

The Military Times

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## Obama marks Memorial Day by asking America to remember the fallen

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President Barack Obama on Monday marked Memorial Day by laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. "I'm honored to be with you once again as we pay our respects as Americans to those who gave their lives for us all," he told a crowd of military dignitaries, veterans and surviving family members at Arlington National Cemetery. [READ MORE](#)

## Veterans need more than your thanks

USA Today

About 2.7 million veterans have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, sometimes repeatedly. At least 970,000 have a recognized physical or psychological disability, and others have hidden scars. We're still at war, but this time the enemy is silence, and we can't win without your help. [READ MORE](#)