

New commissary pricing models to be tested

Military Times

Defense officials have begun charting a new course for the future of commissaries and exchanges, laying out their plans in a fact sheet provided to some military service organizations. The fact sheet is not clear as to "how much of the current system we're changing, and to what end," said Joyce Raezer, executive director for the National Military Family Association. "And who's speaking for the people who need the commissaries? It has to be transparent to the customer." [READ MORE](#)

MOAA'S top 10 legislative goals for 2016

Military Officers Association of America

Ensure TRICARE reform sustains top-quality care, prevent disproportional fee increases, sustain military pay comparability with the private sector, block erosion of compensation and commissary benefits, protect military retirement/COLAs, sustain wounded-warrior programs and expand caregiver support, end disabled/survivor financial penalties, fix Guard/Reserve retirement, improve spouse and family support, and assure timely access to the VA and eliminate backlog. [READ MORE](#)

Task force proposes food stamp improvements to reduce hunger in US

Al Jazeera America

The White House should establish a council to study hunger in the United States, while Congress should reform existing nutrition programs to ensure that food stamp recipients are incentivized to purchase healthier food and can find work without losing their benefits, the bipartisan National Commission on Hunger said in a landmark report. [READ MORE](#)

Congress to Pentagon: Don't even think about closing military bases

The Fiscal Times

The Defense Department has been pressing for years to close unneeded bases in the U.S., which would save billions and help gradually downsize and reconfigure the military. Lawmakers argue that the timing is wrong for another BRAC amid widespread public concern about defense and the threat of ISIS terrorists. [READ MORE](#)

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U.S. Senator John McCain

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