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To members of the D.C. Metropolitan Area Branch,

This Smart Brief is a journal style email message intended to help keep you informed about various uniformed service benefits available to PHS officers. This journal also provides status of legislation/s in both the Federal and local State governments that could potentially affect the benefits available to PHS officers, dependents, as well as retirees.

For the current posting, please forward any questions or comments to LT Robert Windom at rwindom@psc.gov. Thank you.

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Current Posting

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- 1. **Free Fitness Center Access**
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1. **Military Installation Commissaries**

Commissaries are grocery stores operated on military bases by the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA). Unlike commercial grocery stores, which are operated to make a profit for their owners, commissaries are operated as a benefit to active duty service members, retirees, Guard and Reserve members, and their families.

Commissaries sell groceries "at cost" plus a 5 percent surcharge that covers the construction of new commissaries and the modernization of existing stores. The low-cost groceries at commissaries are offered as part of the military pay and benefits package. A military family can save an average of 30 percent or more on groceries by shopping regularly at their commissary. That can add up to thousands of dollars in savings over the course of a year -- about \$3,000 annually for a family of four and about \$1,000 for a single service member.

DeCA manages 258 commissaries around the world. While their most important attraction is low prices, commissaries offer other unique features, including:

No sales tax. Commissaries do not charge state or local sales tax.

Baggers are independent contractors who work for tips only. The tip is optional.

Open only to service members, retirees, and their families. IDs are generally checked at the register. Guests are usually allowed when accompanied by an authorized customer.

Commissaries accept cash, checks, and most credit and debit cards. You may be asked to write the member's duty telephone number and rank on the check. Social Security numbers no longer need to be written on your personal check.

****Below list is not all inclusive.** Go to http://www.commissaries.com/store_locator.cfm to find your nearest commissary.

The Walter Reed Army Medical Center Store

2460 LINDEN LANE, SILVER SPRING, MD 20910, Store Phone: 301-295-7448

Aberdeen PG Commissary

ABERDEEN BLVD & SPRINGFIELD STREET, ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND (APG), MD 21005, Store Phone: 410-278-3101

Andrews AFB Commissary

1684 STARKEY AVE. ANDREWS AFB, MD 20762, Store Phone: 240-857-6512

Annapolis NSA Commissary

KINKAID RD, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21402, Store Phone: 410-293-9030

Fort Detrick Commissary

BLDG.#1510 PORTER STREET, FREDERICK, MD 21702, Store Phone: 301- 619-2990

Fort Meade Commissary

MAPES AND MACARTHUR RDS. FORT MEADE, MD 20755, Store Phone: 301-677-7465

Patuxent River Commissary

2173 CUDDIHY ROAD, NAS PATUXENT RIVER, MD 20670, Store Phone: (301)342-3789

Bolling AFB Commissary

185 CHAPPIE JAMES BLVD. BOLLING AFB, WASHINGTON, DC 20332, Store Phone: 202-767-4695

Fort Belvoir Commissary

6020 GORGAS ROAD, FORT BELVOIR, VA 22060, Store Phone: 703-781-0536 (703) 806-6674/6377/5853

Fort Myer Commissary

523 CARPENTER ROAD, FORT MYER, VA 22211, Store Phone: 703-696-3674

2. Commissary Case Lot Sale Information

Commissary Case-Lot sale prices offer savings from 30% - 70%. *Please see attached* for a few of the local sale dates. Please contact your local commissary to confirm case-lot sale dates.

3. Six Flags America Military Appreciation Days

June 29 – July 5, 2009, Six Flags America is honoring men and women of the military and their families, with a SPECIAL DISCOUNT TICKET OFFER! Ticket price is only \$18.00. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please contact your local installation ticket office for more information.

The Walter Reed Commissary will have it's Case Lot Sale

When: Friday, May 8, 2009 1000-1700

Saturday, May 9, 2009 0800- 1500

Sunday, May 10, 2009 1000- 1500

Andrews AFB Commissary first Case Lot Sale for year 2009 will be: Thursday May 21st, Friday May 22nd, and Saturday May 23rd.

Bolling AFB Commissary case lot sale will be May 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2009.

Fort Detrick Commissary CASELOT SALE WILL BE THURSDAY MAY 21 - SATURDAY MAY 23 2009, AND OUR FALL ONE WILL BE THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17 - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19 WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

Fort Belvoir COMMISSARY CASE LOT SALE 2009
MAY 15, 16, & 17, 2009, SEPTEMBER 4, 5, & 6, 2009

Fort Meade Commissary will hold the Annual "May Case Lot Sale" at the Fort Meade Post Pavilion from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 21-22, Saturday May 23, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m, and Sunday May 24, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fort Myer Commissary case lot sale will be May 1, 2 and 3, 2009