

# Taking Care of Service Members and Families

## COMMISSARY FACT SHEET

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**25%****WE ARE FUNDING THE COMMISSARIES TO OFFER AT LEAST 25% SAVINGS**

### **FAST FACTS:**

- › **WHAT IS IT?** We are changing the commissary funding model to ensure the Defense Commissary Agency can provide the greatest savings possible to patrons. This action cuts grocery prices at the register to achieve at least 25% savings for commissary patrons.
- › **WHAT DOES IT DO?** This action eliminates the requirement for DeCA to earn a profit margin from higher prices to pay operating costs. This allows DeCA to lower prices across product lines by approximately 3-5% (this percentage varies by item/category). This translates to immediate savings for all commissary patrons.
- › **HOW DO I GET IT?** Continue to shop regularly at your commissary and expect to see falling prices across DeCA's 236 stores around the world over the next couple of weeks.
- › **WHO BENEFITS?** These savings and benefits are available to all eligible patrons by shopping at your local commissary or by using the commissary's online ordering platform, CLICK2GO <https://www.commissaries.com/shopping/click-2-go>.
- › **HOW MUCH CAN I EXPECT TO SAVE ON MY GROCERIES AT THE COMMISSARY?** Families who spend \$200 per week at the commissary can expect to save \$50 on the most commonly purchased groceries. Across the board, our military communities will see a visible price decrease on most items, particularly food staples like bread, milk, eggs, etc., as compared to grocery stores off the installation.
- › **WHY DO I STILL HAVE TO PAY A SURCHARGE AT THE COMMISSARY?** Because it is mandated by law, the commissary must collect a surcharge (currently 5%) to pay for commissary construction, equipment and maintenance. This surcharge is applied to the total value of each commissary purchase and shows up on your sales receipt as "SCG." All surcharge dollars collected are returned to commissary patrons in the form of continually improved commissary facilities and infrastructure.
- › **WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMISSARY?** We encourage you to visit the Defense Commissary Agency's website, [commissaries.com/](https://www.commissaries.com/) for access to frequently asked questions, eligibility, benefits and even coupons and additional savings.