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Commissaries announce holiday schedule

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Alaska.

FORT LEE, Va. – Military

commissaries will operate under a holiday schedule beginning Nov. 23, the Defense Commissary Agency announced.

The announcement means that many of the commissaries normally closed on Mondays will be open Nov. 23, expanding available shopping hours for patrons preparing for their holiday meals. Similarly, most stores will also be open Monday, Dec. 21, except for Hario Village Housing Area, Japan; U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch, Germany; Yuma Proving Grounds, Arizona; and Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak,



A young soldier shops at the Fort Lee, Virginia, Commissary. (DeCA photo: Kevin Robinson)

All commissaries will be open on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) and New Year's Eve (Dec. 31) except for Robinson Barracks, Germany, which is closed Dec. 31.

All commissaries will be closed on Thanksgiving (Nov. 26), Christmas (Dec. 25) and New Year's Day (Jan. 1).

Patrons are reminded to check the "Store Information & Holiday Hours" box on their store's <u>webpage</u> for specific operating schedules.

"We hope that our schedule helps patrons to maximize their benefit and save money over the holidays," said Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Michael R. Saucedo, senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director.

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About DeCA: The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Commissaries provide a military benefit, saving authorized patrons thousands of dollars annually on their purchases compared to similar products at commercial retailers. The discounted prices include a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

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