

Commissary patrons advised to stock up for emergencies

Disaster preparedness can help improve your odds for survival, and the Defense Commissary Agency and its industry partners are working together to offer items needed for severe weather survival kits at low prices, said DeCA Director of Sales Chris Burns. “Your commissary can help you do that. We’ve got lots of items to stock up your survival kit.” Since April 1, canned chicken, powdered milk, batteries, weather-ready flashlights, all-weather tape, first aid kits, lighters, matches, candles and hand sanitizer have been reduced in price as part of DeCA’s severe weather promotional package that runs until Oct. 31. The package coincides with the prime times for both tornado and hurricane seasons in the United States. Tornado season runs from April to July. For more about the 2012 hurricane season or on ways to prepare for emergencies, visit the following websites: the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/outlooks/hurricane.shtml>; the Centers for Disease Control, <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp>; the Red Cross, <http://www.redcrosslv.org/disaster/materials.html>; and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, <http://www.fema.gov>.

Farmers Markets top list of July promotions

Military customers searching for hot deals in July such as Farmers Markets only have to venture as far as their local commissary for discounts, giveaways and other promotions, said Chris Burns, the Defense Commissary Agency’s director of sales. “Your commissaries have planned a few outdoor activities this summer to include the ever-popular Farmers Markets occurring throughout the month of July as well as pet promotions and festivals continuing every weekend at select locations. Whether they’re getting ready to grill or just looking for greater savings, we want our customers to know their commissary benefit is here for them.” Throughout July, DeCA’s industry partners – vendors, suppliers and brokers – are collaborating with commissaries to offer discounts beyond everyday savings. Click on this link for a list of July promotions: https://www.commissaries.com/press_room/press_release/2012/DeCA_46_12.cfm. Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs. Customers are asked to check their commissary for details on dates and times for Farmers Markets and other sales promotions.

Commissaries announce coupon policy changes

Effective May 1, the Defense Commissary Agency has changed how its stores handle coupons and product returns without receipts, among other things, as the agency enacts customer service policy changes to protect the commissary benefit. “The average coupon user might not notice the policy changes because they are aimed at preventing possible misuse of the commissary benefit – primarily using coupons to get large amounts of cash back,” said Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA director and CEO. To acquaint customers with the changes in the coupon acceptance policy, it has been posted on the agency’s website at http://www.commissaries.com/inside_deca/publications/directives/DeCAD40_6_PC_3.pdf and on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/YourCommissary.

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