Quality-of-Life Update with CMSgt Angela Holden



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MILITARY STAR boosts interest-free purchasing power for uniforms



Keeping uniforms ready for duty is part of military life. An automatic increase in the MILITARY STAR® Military Clothing Plan credit limit—from $1,000 to $1,500—gives service members more flexibility to cover that expense.

The plan offers interest-free financing with 12 monthly payments and no minimum purchase or down payment required. Active-duty service members, Reservists and National Guard members can use it for qualifying military clothing, footwear, equipment and accessories, including DLATS-issued items and Exchange commercial uniforms.

This is practical support to help service members meet uniform requirements while managing their budgets.

Feast on tax-free Black Friday, Cyber Week deals



The season of giving is also a time to make every dollar count. Black Friday and Cyber Week deals at the Army & Air Force Exchange Service help military families make the most of every dollar while 100% of Exchange earnings support our military community.

From gifts to household essentials, shopping the PX and BX offers tax-free savings throughout the holiday season. Browse the weekly sales fliers to start planning.

Building lasting careers for military spouses



Military spouses bring experience, resilience and dedication to the Exchange mission. The team is honored to support their talents through rewarding careers.

The Exchange offers hiring preferences for eligible military spouses and career opportunities worldwide. Through the Associate Transfer Program, spouses can pursue continued employment, career growth and benefits when relocating with their service members during a PCS.

Help connect military spouses with opportunities at ApplyMyExchange.com.

Making the grade pays off for military kids



Military children show determination in the classroom through the many changes military life brings. The Exchange's You Made the Grade program recognizes their hard work.

Students in first through 12th grades—including homeschoolers—can bring report cards to PX/BX customer service each grading period. Straight A's earn a $20 Exchange gift card, while a B average earns $10, plus coupons for meals, services and more.

Participants can also enter a sweepstakes for a chance to win a $2,000, $1,500 or $500 Exchange gift card. The next drawing is in December.

Spread the word to military families about You Made the Grade—and give students another reason to take pride in their achievements.

How to collaborate with your PX/BX



The Exchange invests in aligning support with local mission objectives and customer requirements. We have a three-pronged approach to ensure operations are fully nested with installation priorities:

- General managers are first-line partners for garrison and wing commanders, attending meetings, providing updates and evaluating potential next steps. To find your local Exchange general manager's contact information, visit ShopMyExchange.com and select "Find a store."
- The Exchange's Vice Presidents of Community Outreach—LTC(R) Matt Cox and Col(R) Andy Weaver—are available to work broader opportunities including evolving mission requirements and strategic plans. Army installations can contact Matt at coxmd@aafes.com. Air Force and Space Force installations can reach Andy at weaveran@aafes.com.
- Additionally, I proactively visit installations to meet with leadership and authorized shoppers to strengthen operational support. You can reach me at holdenang@aafes.com.

The team appreciates the opportunity to work closely with you to support all who serve.