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DeCA salutes military families worldwide

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FORT LEE, Va. – November has been proclaimed Military Family Month by President Barack Obama, and the Defense Commissary Agency is joining the president in saluting military families for their unyielding support of America’s courageous men and women in uniform. The president issued the proclamation Oct. 30, calling on all Americans “to honor military families through private actions and public service” for their “tremendous contributions in support of our service members and our nation.”

In keeping with the president’s proclamation, DeCA is recognizing and thanking military families with a banner on its Web site, <http://www.commissaries.com>, and with posters at each of its 255 commissaries.

“We at DeCA are extremely proud of the job the men and women of our military do for our country,” said Director and CEO Philip E. Sakowitz Jr. “Whether it is the young bride, mother of seven, father of three or middle-aged married couple, our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen leave someone behind when they deploy. When they leave, DeCA does its part to care for their families by ensuring they have the highest quality food items to choose from, the highest percentage of savings and the best customer service possible.”

November is also the kickoff of the 2010 Scholarships for Military Children, which has made DeCA an integral part of the military family community.

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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. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices – savings worth about \$3,300 annually for a family of four. 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.*