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DeCA announces nominees for 'Best Commissary' awards

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FORT LEE, Va. – DeCA has announced this year's nominees for its Best Commissary awards. Nominees in their respective categories are:

- **Best superstore:**
Fort Eustis, Va.
Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.
- **Best large U.S. commissary:**
Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.
Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.
- **Best large overseas commissary:**
U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr, Germany
U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen, Netherlands
- **Best small U.S. commissary:**
Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
Naval Support Facility Dahlgren, Va.

- **Best small overseas commissary:**

Camp Stanley, South Korea

Camp Zama, Japan

These annual awards recognize overall excellence in commissary operations and service. Selection of nominees is highly competitive and is based on operations, performance and accountability.

This year's 10 finalists are subject to an unannounced inspection by the DeCA inspector general's office and an unannounced command visit.

Winners will receive their awards at the DeCA and American Logistics Association 2009 Training Event and Conference in Richmond, Va., in May.

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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 \$3,400 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.*