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DeCA announces Best Commissary Awards nominees

By DeCA Office of Corporate Communication

FORT LEE, Va. – The Defense Commissary Agency announced nominations for the agency’s most prestigious honors, the annual Best Commissary Awards.

“This recognition pays tribute to the DeCA team – employees and industry partners – who work so hard every day, worldwide, to serve our service members and their families,” said Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA director and CEO. “Just to be considered for a Best Commissary Award is an achievement worth noting.”

Finalists in the respective categories are:

- **Director’s Award – best U.S. superstore:** Naval Station Norfolk Commissary, Va.; Naval Base San Diego Commissary, Calif.; and Schofield Barracks Commissary, Hawaii
- **Bill Nichols Award – best large U.S. commissary:** Ellsworth Air Force Base Commissary, S.D.; Fort Sill Commissary, Okla.; Fort Wainwright Commissary, Alaska; Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay Commissary; and Keesler Air Force Base Commissary, Miss.
- **Dan Daniel Award – best large overseas commissary:** Camp Foster Commissary, Japan; U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr Commissary, Germany; Royal Air Force Lakenheath Commissary, England; Osan Air Base Commissary, South Korea; and U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, South Korea

- **Richard M. Paget Award – best small U.S. commissary:** Cannon Air Force Base Commissary, N.M.; Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake Commissary, Calif.; Fort Greely Commissary, Alaska; Minot Air Force Base Commissary, N.D.; and White Sands Missile Range Commissary, N.M.
- **L. Mendel Rivers Award – best small overseas commissary:** Camp Casey Commissary, South Korea; Camp Carroll Commissary, South Korea; Camp Stanley Commissary, South Korea; Fleet Activities Chinhae Commissary, South Korea; and Naval Station Rota Commissary, Spain

DeCA's Best Commissary Awards recognize overall excellence in commissary operations and service. Selection of nominees is highly competitive and is based on operations, performance and accountability. Four of the awards honor legislators who protected the commissary benefit and championed quality-of-life issues for the military and their families.

Winners will receive their awards May 24 at the DeCA and American Logistics Association 2011 Training Event and Conference in Norfolk, Va.

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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 amounting to thousands of dollars annually. For current savings figures for various groups – single member up to a family of seven – visit <http://www.commissaries.com>. 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.*