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Commissary, Military Service Exchange, and MWR access extended to more Veterans beginning Jan 1, 2020

According to the Department of Defense, starting Jan. 1, 2020, all service-connected Veterans, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war (POW), and individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible Veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) can use commissaries, exchanges, and morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) retail facilities, in-person and online.

For more information regarding these privileges and access to military installations, visit <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/expanding-access>

Who is eligible Jan. 1, 2020?

- Veterans
- Purple Heart recipients
- former prisoners of war
- Veterans with 0-90% service-connected disability ratings

(For former service members who have not yet sought disability compensation from VA, visit <https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/>)

Required credentials.

- On Jan. 1, Veterans eligible solely under this act who are eligible to obtain a Veteran Health Identification Card must use this credential for in-person installation and privilege access. The card must display the Veteran's eligibility status (i.e., PURPLE HEART, FORMER POW or SERVICE CONNECTED). Apply here: <https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic/index.asp>.
- Veterans eligible solely under this act who are not enrolled in or are not eligible to enroll in VA health care, or who are enrolled in VA health care, but do not possess a Veteran Health Identification Card will not have access to DoD and Coast Guard installations for in-person commissary, exchange, and MWR retail privileges, but will have full access to online exchanges and American Forces Travel.
- Medal of Honor recipients and Veterans with 100% service-connected disability ratings are eligible for DoD credentials under DoD policy.



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January						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 .	9	10	11
12	13 VFW Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 MLK Birthday	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Phases of the Moon: 2:☉ 10:☉ 17:☉ 24:☉

Holidays and Observances: 1: New Year's Day, 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 VFW Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Phases of the Moon: 1:☉ 9:☉ 15:☾ 23:☾ Holidays and Observances: 14: Valentine's Day, 17: Presidents' Day (Most regions)						