

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

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On-Base Shopping Privileges to Expand:

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 includes a provision to open on-base commissary, exchange and MWR privileges to stateside Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war, and those with service-connected disabilities and their caregiver spouses. Once implemented on Jan. 1, 2020, the new beneficiaries will be allowed to use these facilities on the same basis as any service member, dependent or military retiree, although a user fee might be created for this population to offset additional expansion expenses. The delay to enact is to give the military services, exchange systems and Defense Commissary Agency time to ensure the launch is seamless. Gate access and shopping privileges will be based on the new VA-issued Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC), which identifies the holder as having a service-connected disability. The DOD's electronic physical access control VHIC to enable streamlined access to installations.

E-BENEFITS

WHAT IS IT?

eBenefits is a joint VA/DOD web portal that provides resources and self-service capabilities to Veterans, Service members, and their families to research, access and manage their VA and military benefits and personal information. Through secure credentials, allows access to personal information and also provides a list of links to other sites that provide information about military and Veteran benefits.

WHAT CAN A VETERAN DO WITH IT?

- * access official military personnel documents.
- * view the status of their disability compensation claim.
- * transfer entitlement of Post-9/11 GI Bill to eligible dependents.
- * register/update direct deposit information.

HOW DOES A VETERAN SIGN UP FOR IT?

www.ebenefits.va.gov

MY HEALTHEVET

WHAT IS IT?

- *Internet gateway to your health benefits and services.
- * Access to health information, links to Federal and VA prescription refill.
 - * View appointments, copay balances, and their VA medical records online.

HOW DOES A VETERAN SIGN UP FOR IT?

- * Register www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/home