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# Express Line

Your Commissary....It's worth the trip!

## NAS JAX Commissary

### Commissary Gift Cards help extend holiday cheer



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Mon. 0900- 2000  
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Sat. 0900- 2000

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Dept.	Ext.
Customer Service	7152
Asst. Store Dir.	7141
Grocery	7163
Produce	7159
Meat	7156
Secretary	7155

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*Kevin Robinson, DeCA public affairs specialist*

During the holiday season, a Commissary Gift Card can be an easy option for anyone to extend the gift of groceries to service members and their families, said the director of the Defense Commissary Agency.

“Whether it’s mom and dad wanting to help out with a holiday dinner for their son or daughter stationed overseas or a

military unit assisting a junior enlisted family struggling financially, the Commissary Gift Card is a quick way to extend the benefit during the holidays,” said Joseph H. Jeu. “You don’t have to be an authorized shopper to give this gift.”

Unveiled this summer, the Commissary Gift Card comes in denominations of \$25 and \$50. Anyone can purchase a card through the DeCA website, [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com)

or in a commissary. However, only authorized commissary customers can use it in a commissary.

For full article go to:  
[Gift Cards](#)



### DeCA and AAFES announce holiday recipe contest

*Sallie Cauthers, DeCA marketing and communications specialist*

This holiday season, the Defense Commissary Agency and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service are offering shoppers an opportunity to win shopping sprees just by entering their favorite recipes.

Now through midnight Dec. 31, commissary and

exchange shoppers can go online at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/Community/patriotfamily/contests.htm> to enter their favorite holiday family recipe. Once on the site, customers will see the contest details, rules and a link to an email address for their recipes. Customers can also go to [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) to

find a link to the contest registration page.

There are three recipe categories: main dish, side dish and dessert.

For full article go to:  
[Recipe Contest](#)



### Join your commissary on Facebook

Are you hungry for Commissary News? There’s lots of food for thought on your commissary’s Facebook page. Find us at

[www.Facebook.com/YourCommissary](http://www.Facebook.com/YourCommissary) and maximize your savings, learn about coupons, find shopping tips, share recipe ideas and get the word about special

events. Your commissary; your first choice for savings!  
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**Staying informed of food-safety-related recalls can be a full-time job.** Thanks to Commissaries.com it’s just a couple of clicks away. Click [Stay Informed](#) for alerts on products sold in commissaries or [All Recalls](#) and scroll to FDA for all recent food alerts and product recalls.

## Share the spirit of the season with gifts from your commissary

*By DeCA Home Economist Kay Blakley*

Stretch your holiday budget this year by transforming affordable ingredients from your local commissary into memorable gifts for special friends and family on your holiday list. They'll be thinking sweet thoughts of you with each luscious bite.

For someone who loves fruit preserves, think about a gift of pear honey. All it takes is a few ripe pears, a can of crushed pineapple, a bit of sugar and about 30 minutes

of your time to produce one of the best fruit spreads you've ever tasted.

Have you ever made peanut brittle? It's easy to make and fun to watch some serious foaming action when baking soda is added to the hot candy syrup. Pack it into small coffee cans, recycled as gift containers.

**For full article and recipes go to:**  
[Gifts from your Commissary](#)



## Scholarships for Military Children

Applications for the 2012 Scholarships for Military Children will be available beginning Dec. 1 at commissaries worldwide as well as online at

[www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org). High school or college students who have questions about the program may contact Scholarship Managers at 856-616-931 or [militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com](mailto:militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com).

**See More:**  
[Scholarship Video](#)

## Store Director's Scoop

For the month of December your commissary is going all out to provide you with additional savings with our side walk sale. Each week we are featuring a different manufacturer with deep discounts. Shop the holiday sidewalk sale and you will agree.

In our lobby area we have featured many of your favorite holiday items so if you visit the lobby you will be able to purchase most of your holiday items prior to shopping the shelves. Also in our lobby you will find an award winning Coke display also passing additional savings on to you. Bet you can't find Coke any

cheaper anywhere in Jacksonville.

We have a full line of fresh and frozen turkeys so bring on the shopping experience. Need a ham? We have a full line of hams at commissary pricing.

My staff and I take great pride in serving the most deserving customers in the world.

We will close at 4 P.M. on Christmas Eve, close Christmas Day, and holiday hours on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Holiday hours on the 26<sup>th</sup> will be 9 A.M. till 5 P.M. No early bird hours on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

