

Awareness is best protection against terrorism

Did you know August marks the Army's third annual observance of antiterrorism awareness month?

Antiterrorism awareness is a critical aspect of our profession both on and off duty because the threat of terrorist attack is real. Terrorism remains an enduring, persistent, worldwide threat to our nation and the Armed Forces.

One of our most effective techniques to prevent a terrorist attack is training and awareness of all of our key personnel: military, DoD civilians and DoD contractors and family members. Maintaining awareness in all activities on and off post will help ensure the safety and security of the Lawton-Fort Sill community.

There are several ways people can help support Fort Sill during antiterrorism month.

First all military, DoD civilians and DoD contractors can ensure they have performed their annual AT Level 1 training. This training is available online at <https://atlevel1.dtic.mil/at/>. This training can also be taken by family members and is required for all family members over the age of 14 who are accompanying a military member outside the United States, such as on PCS orders.

Reporting suspicious activity is also a very important part of AT awareness month. Any suspicious activity should be reported. The tenants of the Army IWatch



Did you know?

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Program, "See Something, Say Something" should be used for reporting suspicious activity.

The Fort Sill IWatch phone number is 580-558-0000 to report suspicious activity. Suspicious activity can also be reported through the unit chain of command, through Lawton Crime Stoppers at 580-355-4636 for suspicious activity in the Lawton community, or 9-1-1 if it is an emergency.

Everyone functions as

extra eyes and ears for anything out of the ordinary to augment the security forces on Fort Sill. Additional IWatch resources are available at <http://www.myarmy-onesource.com/family-programsandservices/iwatch-program/default.aspx>.

Additionally, it is imperative that all Fort Sill personnel maintain awareness during travel outside the United States. Military, DoD civilians and DoD contractors on official travel must obtain a

country specific antiterrorism travel brief before their travel. This briefing is available through unit AT Officers. All key personnel are highly encouraged to review Department of State country information at http://travel.state.gov/travel/travel_1744.html, as well as register with the trusted travelers program, http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/registration/registration_4789.html, before traveling outside the United States.

Knowing how to respond to an active shooter event is also very important. An active shooter is defined as an individual with a firearm who has been shooting citizens, and who continues to do so even in the presence of responding

officers. This individual is willing to exchange fire with officers and kill unarmed citizens. Individuals should respond to an active shooter event by evacuating if it's safe to do so, hiding out of sight if evacuation is not possible, and as the last resort taking action against the shooter when their life is in immediate danger. Training for active shooter response is available online at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS907.asp>.

The protection of our facilities and our people requires continued vigilance. We can prevent and defend against the threat of terrorism to remain the most decisive land force in the world. See Something, Say Something!

Commissary to close 2 days for product, aisle reset

Fort Sill Commissary release

The Fort Sill Commissary will be closed beginning Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. through Aug. 21 for a total store reset. The store will reopen Aug. 22 at 7 a.m. for early bird shopping and its regular shopping begins at 9:30 a.m.

The Fort Sill Commissary will be closed Aug. 20-21, while it undergoes a "reset" as part of the Defense Commissary Agency's ongoing effort to enhance the shopping experience.

The reset is part of an agencywide program that systematically changes how products are displayed on shelving throughout a commissary to better serve customer shopping patterns.

The goal is to give com-

missaries worldwide a more customer-friendly product flow and a layout that is as consistent as possible from location to location.

"We hate to inconvenience our customers with the closure, but this is something we'll all appreciate when it's done," said Store Director, Billy Benner.

Darnell Hicks, DeCA Store Operation team lead (Resets), said the design changes will make shopping more convenient for commissary patrons at all installations.

"Although we have to take into consideration that no two commissaries are constructed exactly alike, a customer-friendly product flow means dog food will be next to pet supplies instead of the



The Fort Sill Commissary will close Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. while it undergoes a product reset as part of the Defense Commissary Agency's effort to enhance shopping. Once completed, aisles will feature customer-friendly product flow of items.

charcoal, peanut butter is best found next to the jam, and you shouldn't have to

cruise three different aisles to find all your cleaning products. It's a simple mat-

ter of making the commissary layout more sensible by 'resetting' the store," he said.

DeCA is intent on making the commissary shopping experience faster and easier - making the commissary the place to shop every day, not just on pay day. One of the priorities is to help busy, active-duty military shoppers make a quick run through their commissary and get home more quickly.

"The whole idea, in a nutshell, is to get convenience into the shopping experience," said Arland. Consistency is also part of the reset equation with different fort commissaries having basically the same layout.

"We try not to inconvenience the customers while

resetting stores," said Arland, "but we often have to close the store for a day, sometimes two, to tear down the shelving and move it and restock. Our customers usually like the new layout once they get used to it. Sales increases always follow a store reset and that's an indication that the user-friendly product flow is a good change."

To make changes easier for customers to follow, stores have aisle layout maps available as well as generic item locators on its web pages. Store web pages are under the locations link at <http://www.commissaries.com> along with store hours, contact information, store news and special customer service features.

Exchange gives back-to-school savings plus 'tax holiday'

By Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

With a new school year right around the corner, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is stocking the shelves to help students with all their school needs. From supplies to clothing, the Fort Sill Main Exchange has it in store for students and parents.

"Every product is, of course, tax free every day at the Fort Sill Exchange," said Mae Padgett PX manager. "As a result, shoppers with Exchange privileges aren't subject to the restrictions and limited savings opportunities available through the upcoming 'tax holiday.' In fact, military shoppers who shop the Fort Sill Exchange during this year's 'tax holi-

The PX will effectively double the exchange's tax-free benefit from Aug. 3-5, Oklahoma's designated "tax holiday," offering an additional percentage off equivalent to the local sales tax rate to exchange prices.

day' will see an added benefit as local sales tax percentage discounts will be matched, by category."

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holiday," offering an additional percentage off equivalent to the local sales tax rate to Exchange prices.

Regardless of when they shop, parents can expect more while paying less with the Exchange's "Back-To-School" savings. On average customers save 24 percent and the "Price Match Policy" can save shoppers even more. "The Exchange's buying

staff has done its homework over the past year and we're ready to pass the savings lessons on to military families," said Padgett. "Even though we've crammed to deliver the best 'back to school' shopping experience possible, we're always prepared to match the lowest local price to ensure authorized shoppers are getting the best value for their back-to-school dollars."

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