

The fundamental basis for appropriated fund support in MWR programs is to provide a non-pay compensation benefit to active duty members and their families in support of mission readiness and retention. To this end, active duty military personnel and their families have priority access to all MWR programs. However, in the spirit of maximizing the availability of these non-pay compensation programs and activities, commanding officers shall attempt to make them available to all eligible patrons.

Any individual purchasing products or services from an MWR activity shall be positively identified as an authorized patron before the consummation of a sale. The credentials of patrons shall be carefully checked to ensure that each individual is entitled to patron privileges. Sales shall be made only to authorized patrons.

- a. All active duty personnel and their family members.
- b. Members of the ready reserve, reserves in training, members of the National Guard, and their family members.
- c. Military Cadets of Service academies and their families.
- d. Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and their family members.
- e. Commissioned Corps of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on active duty and their family members.
- f. Armed Forces retirees from active duty and their family members.
- g. Armed Forces retirees from reserves with/or without pay and their family members.
- h. Honorably discharged veterans with 100 percent service-connected disability and involuntarily separated Service members under the Transition Assistance Management Program and their family members.
- i. Medal of Honor recipients and their family members.
- j. Unremarried surviving spouses of military personnel who died while on active duty or while in retired status, and family members.
- k. Unremarried former spouses who were married to a military member for at least 20 years while the military member was on active duty of the armed forces, and their family members.
- l. Surviving children of a Service member, when not adopted by new parents, under 21 years old (or over if they are incapable of supporting themselves, or 23 years old if they are in full-time study).
- m. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of Defense (DoD) civilian employees and their family members when stationed outside the United States.
- n. Medical personnel under contract to the Coast Guard or Department of Defense when they are residing on the installation.
- o. Military and civilian personnel of foreign nations and their family members when on orders from the United States Armed Forces,
- p. DHS/DoD appropriated and nonappropriated funded civilian employees and their family members and retired appropriated and nonappropriated funded civilian employees and their family members and Coast Guard Auxiliarists.
- q. DHS/DoD contract personnel and technical representatives working full time at a Coast Guard unit.
- r. Former prisoners of war (POW) and spouses of current POWs or servicemen and women missing in action and their family members.
- s. Other Federal employees and contractors when working on the Coast Guard installation.
- t. Guests, when specifically invited and accompanied by an authorized patron for whom the authorized patron assumes full responsibility, may use the same programs and facilities as the authorized patron. Unit commanding officers may authorize local policies governing the number of guests and the frequency of use at specific facilities.