

Good afternoon Teammates,

We are going to consolidate and schedule these messages for Monday and Thursday, unless something urgent comes up. Just want to you to know what to expect.

At the risk of sounding a bit self-serving, tomorrow is a day near and dear to my heart since my husband served 8 years on Active Duty. Our military families move mountains to make sure our service members can do their jobs and often overcome lots of hardship to keep the home front running. This group is already seasoned in living life a little differently than the average - so take a second pause to recognize our military spouses tomorrow - especially you folks in uniform!

MILITARY SPOUSES: Tomorrow is National Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Thank you to all the military spouses who keep it all together all year long!! While we observe the day officially on Friday, May 8, we extend our respect to military spouses all year.

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF: Army Emergency Relief was founded in 1942 by Secretary of War Henry Stimson and Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Marshall to relieve undue financial stress on the force. Through zero-interest loans, grants, and educational scholarships, AER ensures no Soldier faces financial hardship on their own.

The campaign is on-going to raise funds. If you are inclined, your donation will make a direct impact on Soldiers serving on the front line of COVID-19 response <https://give.armyemergencyrelief.org/>

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN: Nonprofit organizations face increased demand for their services while responding to needs of COVID-19 victims, but they struggle with reduced resources due to limited donations and canceled fundraising events.

OPM approved a special solicitation and opened the CFC online pledge portal and mobile giving app through June 30 to accept supplemental, one-time or recurring donations to the CFC-participating charities of your choice via credit card, debit card, or bank transfer. This is an opportunity to help even more if you are able. If you did not make a payroll pledge during the 2019 campaign, you have the additional opportunity to pledge via payroll allotment.

<https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome>

Supporting charities in this way empowers them to do what they do best, benefiting all of our communities locally and around the world during this time of great need.

NEW RESOURCES: Michiganders can now text "RESTORE" to Crisis Text Line to get mental health support; MDHHS wants residents to Stay Home, Stay Well

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163-527860--,00.html>

SELFRIDGE IMPACTS:

COMMISSARY:

- Two item limit per customer on fresh beef, pork, chicken, and turkey.
- All commissary customers must have a valid Military ID that authorizes shopping there – no visitors.
- You must wear a mask.
- Only 50 customers are allowed in the commissary at any one time.
- The Commissary hours are Tues. - Fri. from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat. – Sun. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Monday.
- The first hour of commissary operations is reserved for patrons 60 and older. The commissary will remain open until 6 p.m. to accommodate all other customers. For more information, contact the Commissary Manager William Hess, at (586) 239-4464.
- The commissary reserves a supply of paper towels, toilet paper, and cleaning wipes for uniformed service members in the event they sell out of these products in the morning. Uniformed service member who can't find these products on the shelf on Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch hours, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., should go to the back of the store (by the double doors) and ask the store manager to retrieve the product they need.

BASE EXCHANGE:

The Selfridge Base Exchange has adjusted their hours of operation. The store is open Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Gas Station is open Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Best to go looking for your hats and mittens - they might get one more wear this season in the coming days.

My best to you all!

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