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Commissary shoppers near what will be the expanded produce section of the commissary. Over the next 10 months, different sections of the commissary will be closed off for renovation and expansion.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Commissary changes are underway, but “under cover.” Barriers will separate commissary

shoppers from the extensive work that started January 24, with changes revealed as the renovation project moves from one part of the store to the next.

“Over the next 10 months the commissary will be getting a new décor package that will really bring us into the 21st Century,” said Larry Hoover, Carlisle Barracks commissary manager.

In August the Defense Commissary Agency awarded the Carlisle Barracks Commissary a \$3.9 million construction contract for architectural and refrigeration renovation

But the renovations aren’t just skin deep. There will be expansions along the perimeter of the store where dairy, meat and produce are kept.

“When the renovation is complete we will have more meat items more produce and frozen foods is going to explode,” said Hoover.

Hoover said that the expansions may cause the shifting of some items to other locations in the store temporarily.

“While we are working on particular sections, key items such as milk and fruit may not be in the same location but we will still have them,” he said.

Shoppers will also be able to eat healthier when the Army Physical Fitness Research Institute's nutritional guidelines become part of the shopping experience.

"In our quest to make this the best commissary in the Army, we are going to tie APFRI into our store, making us unique from everyone else," said Lt. Col. Janet Holliday, garrison commander.

"APFRI will collaborate with the commissary to recommend healthy products," said Lt. Col. Brian Bauer, APFRI executive officer. "We are currently working with the Commissary management to develop potential collaborative ideas," said Bauer.

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