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## **Deli, bakery services return to FLW Commissary**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Fort Leonard Wood Commissary shoppers can look forward to deli and bakery services returning with a soft opening, June 22.

A new contractor is slated to take over deli-bakery operations at 44 Midwest commissaries that were impacted when a contractor-provided service ceased at the end of February, due to performance issues.

“I’m pleased to announce that Military Deli and Bakery Services Inc. has been awarded the contract, and this will allow us to transition these stores back to contractor-operated deli-bakeries,” said Joseph Jeu, the Defense Commissary Agency director and CEO.

Wanda Dotson, Fort Leonard Wood Commissary officer, said they are ecstatic to be able to provide patrons this service again.

“We are really excited about the soft opening of MDBS deli and bakery,” Dotson said. “The deli and bakery is a service that is very popular with our commissary patrons.”

The contractor will specialize in products unique to the surrounding area, including select deli meats and cheeses. Cakes and other bakery products will be available for special events. Sushi services are also scheduled to return, July 10 as part of the contract, Dotson said.

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Since the end of February, the commissary agency has been providing limited deli-bakery services at all the commissaries with the exception of Fort Sill, Oklahoma. This was primarily done by hiring many of the former contractor's employees on temporary appointments as government employees.

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*Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only four reception stations in the Army, and the Army's largest Noncommissioned Officers Academy.*

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