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MEDIA RELEASE: Fort Benning services to return to normal hours

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FORT BENNING, Ga. – In the wake of a Department of Defense announcement reducing furlough days from 11 to six, over the next few weeks, affected Fort Benning services will return to normal operating hours.

The Fort Benning Commissary will be open seven days a week effective Aug. 19. The commissary has been closed on Mondays due to the mandatory furloughs.

All furloughs for Department of Defense Education Activity instructional and support staff on ten-month contracts have been canceled. These employees were subject to five furlough days to ensure a creditable school year. Canceling the furlough days for these personnel will result in a full school year.

Martin Army Community Hospital is evaluating personnel availability and will announce restored hours as soon as possible.

Patrons of the commissary and hospital are encouraged to be patient as deliveries and schedules are restored during the next two weeks.

The furloughs were initiated by automatic federal government budget reductions, or “sequestration,” and were scheduled to continue through the end of September.

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