



Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service

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Mr. Craig Menear, Chairman, President and CEO
Home Depot
2455 Paces Ferry Road, NW
Atlanta, GA 30339

Dear Mr. Menear:

We were recently notified by one of our members that they were denied the military discount at a Home Depot store, despite it having been extended to them for many years. We don't know why this happened at this store and hope it is just an aberration. The individual in question is a Public Health Service (PHS) officer, and she possesses the same ID card as do members of the armed forces of our country.

Officers of the PHS have been serving our country since 1889. They have served in every war we have fought since that time and have died in these wars and been recognized for their sacrifice. They wear military uniforms, receive military pay and allowances, and are veterans under federal law. They can be buried in VA cemeteries. They are recognized as "military" in the federal code at 50 U. S. Code § 511 and 5 U.S. Code § 8331. If all of this doesn't make these officers worthy of the Home Depot military discount, then I don't know what does.

Not that you will make your decision based upon what others do, but Lowe's extends its military discount to PHS and NOAA officers.

Please feel free to contact me at the address and phone number below.

Sincerely,

Col. James T. Currie, USA (ret.)
Executive Director