

Retiree Corner:

AAFES to the Rescue

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In the **Retiree Corner** column published in the Nov 6 issue of the *Morning Calm*, I discussed how to get on-line affordably. The first step to getting on-line was to purchase a low-cost netbook computer.

A retiree later contacted me and asked how a retiree without SOFA status could order a netbook if the retiree could not receive items weighing more than one pound through APO mail. The solution is at your Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES).

I visited the Osan Exchange on Nov 19 and discovered that there's now a display of netbooks from different manufacturers and in different colors. So that's the most convenient option where you can see exactly what you're buying. But if that selection is not to your satisfaction, you can also visit the BX/PX Customer Service counter.

Any authorized AAFES patron is able to place an order through Customer Service for delivery to the AAFES store. I checked the AAFES web site and found that AAFES offers several models of netbook from different manufacturers. The netbook I ordered via Amazon was cheaper than the netbook available through AAFES. Much of that price difference was because I bought one at a special sale price.

To take advantage of the delivery to the store, place your order at the Customer Service desk to ensure that the proper delivery address is placed with your order. When the order is filled at AAFES Hq, your order is sent along with other items to be delivered to the AAFES Main Store. When it arrives, Customer Service will notify you that your order has been received and you can pick it up at the Customer Service desk.