

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) Main Exchange 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 placed with 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.

This is a good opportunity to remind retirees that shopping at AAFES is not just restricted to what you see on the shelves. The AAFES catalog offers a wide range of products that can be ordered for delivery to the store. AAFES also continues to partner with other retail stores to expand your shopping options. Check AAFES on-line to see the merchants that have teamed with AAFES to offer even more of a choice.