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### DeCA announces significant personnel moves

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**FORT LEE, Va.** – Delbert “Del” Myrick, the director of operations for DeCA East, will supervise a new group of senior business experts as they develop financial management and supply chain solutions for the Defense Commissary Agency’s Enterprise Business Solution.

Myrick’s new job is part of a series of key personnel assignments and new positions at its corporate headquarters. The effective date of these actions is Jan. 17. These moves are designed to continue “a cross-pollination of ideas and efforts” across the agency landscape, said DeCA Director and CEO Philip E. Sakowitz Jr.

“We are blessed with a corps of talented professionals in DeCA who know what it takes to deliver a world-class commissary benefit,” Sakowitz said. “Our goal with these reassignments is to help spread the wealth of this good leadership across functional areas.”

Through the agency’s application of the Enterprise Business Solution, Myrick’s staff will analyze complex business processes and recommend supporting technology and business changes to the business transformation steering group chaired by headquarters Chief of Staff JoAnn Chambers and sponsored by Chief Operating Officer Tom Milks. Myrick has served as DeCA East director of operations since June 2007.

“With his experience and expertise about the commissary benefit, Del has been the right person at the right time for us at region ops,” Vitikacs said. “I know he’s going to make us proud in his new position.”

In related moves, the following personnel changes are also taking place at headquarters:

- Ronald Smith, chief of the operations business group for performance and policy since December 2008, has been named to a position on the staff of the Defense Department's Resale Activities and Nonappropriated Fund Policy Office. "Ron already has a reservoir of military resale knowledge related to a previous tour as a resale fellow at OSD," Hudson said. "It's apparent that they appreciate his talents, too."
- Joyce Chandler, acting director of operations for DeCA East since March 2009, has been selected chief of the operations business group for performance and policy. She succeeds Smith. "Working operations is second nature to Joyce, and she proved that at DeCA East," said Vitikacs. "We expect her to do likewise at headquarters."
- Mary DeSantis, a business management specialist in the special projects division of the sales directorate since December 2008, has been selected director of region operations, DeCA East. She replaces Myrick. "Mary has done a fabulous job at special projects, especially with her coordination of DeCA's participation in the scholarship for military children program," said Randy Chandler.
- Marye Carr, a commissary management specialist with performance and policy since July, has been named a business management specialist in the sales directorate. She replaces DeSantis. "This is a homecoming of sorts for Marye because earlier in her career she had been a buyer in the MBU," Hudson said. "Special projects is getting a dedicated, hard-working individual who excels wherever she goes."

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