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## Green, Houston newest DeCA East zone managers

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**FORT LEE, Va.** – Joseph Green and Kimberly K. Houston, the newest DeCA East zone managers selected through the Defense Commissary Agency’s career assignments program, are doing quite well overseeing 17 commissaries in seven states, according to Rogers E. Campbell, the region’s director.

“Both Joseph and Kimberly are doing fantastic jobs, and are more than living up to the expectations placed on them this summer through their selections to zone managers by DeCA’s leadership,” said Campbell. “Their oversight of the stores in their zones is positively impacting the overall quality shopping experience our customers have come to expect.”

Green was store director of the Robins Air Force Base Commissary, Ga., when he was tapped to be Zone 28 manager, with its hub store at Fort Lee, Va. Houston was store director of the Little Rock Air Force Base Commissary, Ark., when she was tapped to be Zone 26 manager, with its hub store at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Green already had zone manager experience, having spent three years as the Zone 2 manager in Georgia before heading to DeCA Europe in 2005, where he led commissaries in Germany and Italy. He returned to the states in June 2009 to direct the Robins Air Force Base Commissary. Green began his commissary career in 1988 at Hanau, Germany, and has also worked in commissaries in Colorado, North Carolina and Georgia. His zone has seven commissaries in Virginia and one in West Virginia, with combined annual sales of about \$370 million.

Houston assumed the DeCA Zone 26 manager position vacated earlier this year by Roger Payne upon his retirement. Houston began her commissary career in 1983 while a student at the University of Texas. She has worked at commissaries in Texas, Louisiana and Illinois, and spent the last two years as the Little Rock Air Force Base store director. Her zone has nine commissaries in Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee and Wisconsin, with combined annual sales of about \$207 million.

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**About DeCA:** *The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices – savings worth more than \$4,400 annually for a family of four. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.*