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Jackson, Russo get new commissary assignments

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FORT LEE, Va. – Kim D. Jackson is the new store director of the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commissary, Fla., and Dennis P.J. Russo is the new assistant store director of the Marine Corps Base Quantico Commissary, Va. Both were selected through the Defense Commissary Agency’s career assignments program.

“Kim and Dennis are proven leaders and they certainly are deserving of their new assignments. I look forward to seeing how their energy, creativity and expertise will make their stores better places for our customers to shop and for our employees to work,” said Rogers E. Campbell, DeCA East director.

Jackson has been the assistant store director at Whiting Field for the past two years. She’s filling the director’s job vacated by Jack Spence, who left last summer to become store director of the Hurlburt Field Commissary, Fla.

Jackson began her commissary career in 1987 as a cashier at the Tyndall Air Force Base Commissary, Fla. She has also worked in commissaries at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., and Naval Station Orote, Guam.

Russo comes to Quantico after working three years as the assistant store director of the commissary at Osan Air Base, South Korea. He spent 13 years of a 24-year Army career working in commissaries, and began his DeCA civilian career in 1993 as the assistant commissary officer of the Fort Benjamin Harrison Commissary, Ind.

Russo has travelled far and wide, having served in commissaries in the United States,

Europe and the Far East. He's been store director of commissaries in Texas, Colorado, Japan and Turkey.

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