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DeCA West store director assignments announced

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NOTE: To see photographs of the store directors in this news release, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/commissary/sets/72157625492816498/>.

FORT LEE, Va. – Five store director positions have been filled in DeCA West.

“These new assignments reflect DeCA’s focus on positioning leaders where they can continue to have the greatest impact on meeting the needs of our military customers,” said DeCA West Director Keith C. Hagenbuch. “All five store directors are highly motivated to provide world-class service, and I’m pleased to have each one of them on our team.”

The assignments are:

- **Donald Fleck**, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.
- **Clyde Nolen**, Fort Sill, Okla.
- **Juan Rodriguez**, Randolph Air Force Base, Joint Base San Antonio
- **Johnny Sterling**, Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.
- **Josephina Stewart**, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif.

Donald Fleck, former store director at Lackland Air Force Base, Joint Base San Antonio, returned to Ellsworth Air Force Base in November where he served as store director from 2002 to 2004. Fleck began his commissary career in 1980 as a commissary officer at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., while he was in the U.S. Air Force. He has also served as store director at

U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg, Germany; Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.; Fort Bliss, Texas; and San Vito Air Station, Italy.

Fleck replaced Nelson Torres, who retired in September.

Clyde Nolen was tapped to be store director at Fort Sill. He will leave the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., where he has been store director since September 2008. Nolen has also served as store director at Fort Hamilton, N.Y. He has held commissary management positions at Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif.; Dover Air Force Base, Del.; Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.; Naval Air Station Meridian, Miss.; and Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan. Prior to the commissary, Nolen served for nine years in the U.S. Navy.

Nolen will replace Donald Johnson, who became DeCA's Zone 8 acting manager in March and was permanently assigned in September.

Juan Rodriguez will depart the store director position at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, to become store director at Randolph Air Force Base, Joint Base San Antonio. Rodriguez served in the U.S. Army as a nuclear weapons technician from 1976 to 1982, and he joined civil service in 1986. His management experience includes grocery manager at Fort Campbell, Ky., and assistant commissary officer at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Rodriguez will replace Ruby Ervin, who is now a store manager at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

Johnny Sterling, assistant store director at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, will fill the store director position at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M. Sterling served on active duty with the U.S. Army from 1977 to 1982. His commissary experience began in 1990 with Army Troop Support Agency at Fort Bliss, Texas. He has worked as a produce manager at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash., and as a store manager and store director at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas.

Sterling will replace Fred Pena, who is now store director at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Josephina Stewart took the reins as store manager at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., in early November, after serving as store manager at the Sasebo Commissary on Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan, since 2008. Stewart has also been general manager and grocery merchandiser for the commissary at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. She has worked for DeCA since 1994.

Stewart replaced Rebecca Look, who retired in May.

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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.