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## Schmidt, Collins, Matthias get new assignments

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**NOTE:** To see photographs of the store directors in this news release, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/commissary/sets/72157625613515379/>.

**FORT LEE, Va.** – Robin Schmidt returns as the manager of Zone 24, Troy Collins returns as the Fort Belvoir store director and Antonio “Tony” Matthias heads to Fort Campbell to be the store director there, in the Defense Commissary Agency’s latest career assignments program selections.

“Robin, Troy and Tony are proven leaders in the commissary management specialist field and their moves will enhance the delivery of the commissary benefit in their areas,” said Rogers E. Campbell, DeCA East director. “They have each developed and honed their skills and knowledge in their assignments, so we’re expecting great things to come out of these new assignments.”

Schmidt was Zone 24 manager from 2001 to December 2008 when she was selected to be DeCA’s liaison as a senior DeCA fellow at the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Collins, who was the Fort Belvoir Commissary director for two years, filled the Zone 24 manager position in January 2009, and Matthias became the Belvoir commissary store director in March 2009.

In her OSD job, Schmidt was responsible for the overall development, establishment, implementation and direction of policies for the defense-wide resale program. She began her commissary career in 1981 with the Air Force Commissary Service and was among the agency’s first zone managers when the zone manager concept was adopted in 1995.

As Zone 24 manager, Collins oversaw a lot of territory – Northern Virginia, Maryland, Puerto Rico and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where DeCA provides commissary products to a NEXMART store there. Fort Belvoir became the first commissary in history to top \$100 million in annual sales when Collins was the store's director in 2008. His commissary career began in 1983 and includes commissary system assignments while serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Matthias is going to Fort Campbell to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of longtime store director Sharon Parton. He served two years as store director of the Fort Knox Commissary, Ky., before taking the reins of the Fort Belvoir commissary. He began his commissary career in 1992 after retiring from the Air Force, and he has traveled extensively, having worked in commissaries in six states and in Germany.

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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.*