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### Two DeCA West employees fill store leadership roles

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**NOTE:** To see photographs of the two DeCA West employees mentioned in this news release, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/commissary/sets/72157626091995201/>.

**FORT LEE, Va.** – Raul Abrego is the new store director at Moffett Federal Air Field, Calif., and Leonora Martinez is the new store manager at Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan.

“Both Raul and Leonora have shown their abilities and dedication to delivering world-class customer service,” said DeCA West Director Keith C. Hagenbuch. “I’m pleased to have them in key leadership positions where they can use their talents to meet the needs of our military customers at store level.”

Abrego has been the deputy store director at Moffett Federal Air Field for the past 14 months. He fills the director position vacated by Eric Firestone, who retired in December 2010.

Abrego is a former U.S. Army sergeant who worked as a test station operator on Pershing missiles in Germany in the late ’70s. After leaving active duty, he worked extensively in maintenance and club management with the U.S. Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command in Germany. He joined the commissary system in 1998 as a store worker at Patch Barracks Commissary, Stuttgart, Germany.

Progressive promotions moved Abrego into a supervisory role at Patch Barracks, and in 2005, he became the store manager at Kelly Barracks Commissary, also at Stuttgart. He has studied business administration at Chaffey Community College and at California State University Fullerton.

Martinez has been the produce manager at the Orote Commissary, Guam, for the past two years. She fills the Fleet Activities Sasebo store manager position vacated by Josephina Stewart, who is now store manager at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif. The Sasebo Commissary is a satellite store of the Hario Commissary, also on Fleet Activities Sasebo.

A former U.S. Army sergeant, Martinez served with the 110th Quartermaster Company, supporting the 101st Airborne Division at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. She has 12 years of customer service experience gained while working in the private sector in the United States and with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service in Germany. She joined the commissary system in 1995 as a sales store checker at the Orote Commissary, Guam, and has held many key positions in that store.

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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.*