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DeCA East store director assignments announced

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FORT LEE, Va. – Eleven store director assignments highlight recent commissary management selections for DeCA East commissaries.

“Many already know about these moves because some were made a couple months ago, but it’s fitting to take time to formally announce them and commend people for their accomplishments,” said Rogers E. Campbell, DeCA East director. “Like all store director assignments, they were approved by DeCA’s Acting Director and CEO Tom Milks, and I gladly welcome the contributions they’re making to the East region team and to the customers we are privileged to serve.”

The assignments are:

- **Antonio “Tony” J. Andre** from assistant store director of Marine Corps Base Quantico Commissary, Va., to store director of Andrews Commissary, Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility, Md.
- **Susan Edmonds**, from store director of the C.E. Kelly Support Facility Commissary, Pa., to store director of Fort Gillem Commissary, Ga.
- **Linda D. Elliott**, from assistant store director to store director of the Bolling Commissary, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, D.C.
- **Bernard Ellison** from store director of Patch Barracks Commissary, Germany, to store director of Fort Jackson Commissary, S.C.

- **Jerry D. Hamilton** from store director of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base Commissary, N.C., to store director of Fort Bragg North Commissary, N.C.
- **Gordy Harris** from store director of Keesler Air Force Base Commissary, Miss., to store director of Tyndall Air Force Base Commissary, Fla.
- **Tyrone Jenkins** from store director of Mitchel Field Commissary, N.Y., to store director of Fort Hamilton Commissary, N.Y.
- **Marty D. Roberts** from store director of Columbus Air Force Base Commissary, Miss., to store director of Keesler Air Force Base Commissary, Miss.
- **Jack L. Spence** from store director of Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commissary, Fla., to store director of Hurlburt Field Commissary, Fla.
- **Margaret Stanley** from store director of Hurlburt Field Commissary, Fla., to store director of Naval Station Mayport Commissary, Fla.
- **Wayne K. Trotter** from general manager to store director of the C.E. Kelly Support Facility Commissary, Pa.

Tony Andre was tapped to be store director of the Andrews Commissary, filling the vacancy left by former store director Rena Dial, who now works at DeCA Headquarters, directorate of operations. Andre has more than 35 years of commissary system experience, which began in Europe; he's been a store director of more than five commissaries and is a former DeCA zone manager. His last two store director assignments were at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, and Fort Myer, Va.

Susan Edmonds became store director of the Fort Gillem Commissary, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of former store director Jim Black. Edmonds had been the C.E. Kelley Support Facility Commissary, store director for two years when she was tapped for the Gillem job. She's worked in commissaries in Germany, North Carolina, Georgia and Washington during her 28-year commissary career.

Longtime Bolling Commissary employee **Linda Elliott** became the store's director, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of former store director Michael Madigan. Elliott started her commissary career in 1988 at Fort Lee, Va., and has been at the Bolling Commissary since 1992, spending the last five years as the assistant store director.

Bernard Ellison took the reins of the Fort Jackson Commissary, after serving two years as store director of the Patch Barracks Commissary, Germany. He filled the Jackson vacancy created when former store director Glennie Scott retired. A retired sergeant major, Ellison had

extensive commissary experience during his 24-year Army career and has been store director of the Mannheim, Germany, and Naval Support Activity New Orleans, La., commissaries.

Jerry D. Hamilton, store director of the Seymour Johnson Commissary since 2002, filled the Fort Bragg North Commissary store director position vacated by Jerald Johnson, who is now the store administrator of the Charleston Air Force Base Commissary, Joint Base Charleston, S.C. Hamilton's commissary career spans to 1981 and he's served in commissaries in Germany and England as well as in the states.

Gordy Harris, longtime store director of the Keesler Commissary, filled the Tyndall Commissary store director position vacated by Michael Yaksich, who is now operations director at DeCA Europe. Harris began his commissary career in 1985 and had been at Keesler since 1995, first as the store administrator, and had been store director since 2005.

Tyrone Jenkins, store director of the Mitchel Field Commissary, stays in the state to be store director of the Fort Hamilton Commissary, filling the vacancy created when Anthony Piccolo left to be the Kirtland Air Force Base Commissary, N.M., store director. Jenkins' commissary career spans to 1985 and he was store administrator of the Fort Hamilton store for six months before he became director at Mitchel Field in 2007.

Marty D. Roberts filled the Keesler Commissary store director vacancy created when former store director Gordy Harris left to be Tyndall Commissary store director. Roberts had been director of the Columbus Commissary since August 2008. He started his commissary career in 1985 as an intern at what was then Arnold Air Station, Tenn., and was a store director of commissaries in Germany and England before taking the reins at Columbus – his first stateside store director assignment.

Jack L. Spence, who led the Whiting Field Commissary for eight years, takes the reins of the Hurlburt Field Commissary, filling the position vacated by Margaret Stanley. Spence's commissary experience spans to 1982 when he began with the Navy Resale System Support Office, known as NAVRESSO. Under his leadership, Whiting Field won DeCA's U.S. Best Small Commissary Award in 2004.

Longtime Hurlburt Field Commissary store director **Margaret Stanley** assumed the reins at the Mayport Commissary in May, having spent 18 years as the Hurlburt store director. Stanley began her commissary career in 1981 in England, and was commissary officer at Altus Air Force Base, Okla., before taking over at Hurlburt Field.

With seven years experience at the C.E. Kelly Support Facility Commissary, **Wayne K. Trotter** has been named store director following the departure of former store director Susan

Edmonds, who is now store director at Fort Gillem. Trotter, a former grocery manager of the Ansbach Commissary, Germany, began his commissary career in 1996.

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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.*