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### Martin new chief of staffing, classification

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**NOTE:** To see a photograph of Verla Martin, visit  
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**FORT LEE, Va.** – Verla S. Martin, former manager of the workforce shaping program, has been named chief of the staffing and classification division in the Defense Commissary Agency’s human resources directorate.

Martin’s selection was effective Oct. 24. She succeeds Teresa Duncan, who retired in August. DeCA has already begun recruitment actions for its next manager of the workforce shaping program.

As chief of staffing and classification, Martin is responsible for directing DeCA’s commissary career program, overseeing the classification of all position descriptions for the agency, and managing other related functions such as hiring reform, diversity recruitment and the workforce restructuring and shaping management program.

Martin, a Prince George, Va., native, began her federal career in 1973 as a clerk stenographer at what was then the U.S. Army Logistics Center at Fort Lee, Va. She went on to work as a clerk stenographer at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. In 1979, Martin returned to Fort Lee as a temporary clerk typist with the civilian personnel office. By 1993, she had accepted a position with Defense Supply Center-Richmond as a member of the Defense Logistics Agency-DeCA team that provided human resources services to DeCA headquarters; she would later become supervisor of that team.

By 1999, Martin joined the DeCA East region staff, and in 2001, she relocated to DeCA's human resources operations division as a staffing branch chief and remained there until that office closed.

In 2009, Martin joined the headquarters human resources staff as the workforce shaping program manager. In that capacity, she was responsible for providing staffing and workforce restructuring advice to managers in areas such as voluntary early retirement authority, also known as VERA, and voluntary separation incentive payment authority, also known as VSIP; base realignment and closure; reorganizations; and succession planning.

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