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Carey named deputy director for DeCA West

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FORT LEE, Va. – David C. Carey Jr. has been selected as a deputy director for DeCA West. His selection was effective Jan. 31. As one of the region’s two deputy directors, he is responsible for 45 stores and eight central distribution centers located in Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa. Carey served as director of operations for DeCA West before being appointed its acting deputy director in April 2009. His replacement as director of operations has not been named.

“David has experienced the commissary operation from multiple levels and locations, and always excelled,” said DeCA Director and CEO Philip E. Sakowitz Jr. “I’m confident that his strong leadership skills, coupled with his knowledge of our overseas business, will provide DeCA with the guiding hand we need to continue growth and excellent service to customers in the Asia/Pacific and Northwest areas.”

Carey began his commissary career in 1982 while on active duty with the Air Force, where he served in troop support subsistence operation and store manager positions. He deployed to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain while with the Air Force Commissary Service during Operation Desert Storm.

He joined the Defense Commissary Agency as a civilian in 1992. As a DeCA employee, he has served as store director at Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan; Naval Station Orote, Guam; McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.; and Fort Bragg South, N.C. Through the Commissary Successor Development Program, he worked for two years in DeCA’s resource management

business area in the agency's headquarters at Fort Lee, Va., with assignments in budget, strategic planning, and human resources and workforce management. Carey became the Zone 6 manager in 2004, and in 2008 coordinated the opening of the commissary at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas – the first commissary to serve a joint reserve base. In 2008, with four years of zone manager experience, Carey became director of operations at DeCA West, providing technical operations guidance for 113 commissaries and eight central distribution centers.

Carey holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and has completed executive leadership courses at the Federal Executive Institute.

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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 about \$3,300 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.*