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DeCA fills key leadership positions in RM

By DeCA's Office of Corporate Communication

FORT LEE, Va. – Lauren P. “Larry” Bands Jr., the Defense Commissary Agency’s chief financial executive, announced the selection of Kim M. Rouse as the agency’s new director of budget and manpower, and Cynthia L. Morgan as its new director of accounting.

“As a government agency, we are entrusted with the proper accountability and management of taxpayer funds,” Bands said. “I am pleased that Kim and Cynthia have ascended through the ranks of DeCA’s resource management directorate to fill these key roles. I am very confident that the experience, skills and knowledge they bring to their new positions will help DeCA continue being a model agency when it comes to financial stewardship.”

Rouse served as the acting director of budget and manpower since Oct. 3 when then director, Juliana Childrey, retired after 37 years of federal service. Before October, she had spent the last four years as the chief of the store execution division.

As director of budget and manpower, Rouse is responsible for planning, directing and coordinating the management and analysis of the agency’s Defense Working Capital Fund, which includes both resale stocks and commissary operations accounts. She also oversees the Surcharge Collections Trust Fund. Her selection is effective Jan. 2.

Rouse earned a Bachelor of Science in individualized studies with a concentration in accounting in 2005 from Virginia State University in Petersburg, Va. She also holds a Master of Science and Administration with a concentration in leadership from Central Michigan University in Richmond. She served in the Navy from 1982 to 1988 and began her civil service career in 1989 as a supervisory resource analyst with the Navy Resale and Services Support Office in

Staten Island, N.Y.

In 1991, Rouse joined DeCA as a supervisory accounting technician for the East Service Center at DeCA headquarters. By 1997, Rouse moved on to become a surcharge budget analyst at the Eastern Region and a year later moved to DeCA headquarters to become a budget analyst.

Morgan had served as the acting director of accounting since September 2010 when Bands, the previous accounting director, was chosen to serve as DeCA's acting chief financial executive. Before September, she had spent the last two years as chief of the accounting compliance and reporting division.

As director of accounting, Morgan is responsible for managing the agency's accounting operations, financial reporting, policy and systems, as well as being DeCA's liaison with the Department of Defense Comptroller's Office and Defense Finance and Accounting Service regarding accounting matters. Her selection is effective Jan. 30.

Morgan earned a Bachelor of Science in individualized studies with a concentration in accounting in 1989 from Saint Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va. She began her government service in 1987 as a systems accountant for the Defense Logistics Agency in Richmond, Va. From 1989 to 1992, Morgan served as an accountant for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Columbus, Ohio. She joined DeCA in 1992 as a systems accountant for the Eastern Region and later moved to DeCA headquarters at Fort Lee, Va., as an accountant for the accounting compliance and reporting division.

Both Rouse and Morgan are certified defense financial managers.

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