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## DeCA Europe store director assignments announced

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**NOTE:** To see photographs of the store directors in this news release, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/commissary/sets/72157626285532234/>.

**FORT LEE, Va.** – Four store director assignments highlight recent commissary management changes in Defense Commissary Agency Europe.

“We are proud to announce the selections of these new store directors,” said Deputy Director Cheryl Conner, DeCA Europe. “Becoming a store director or moving to a larger store is a huge step in a commissary employee’s career.”

The assignments are:

- **Paula Bennett**, from store director, Royal Air Force Alconbury Commissary, England, to store director, Spangdahlem Air Base Commissary, Germany.
- **Arthur Tellers**, from store director, Ankara Support Facility Commissary, Turkey, to store director, Incirlik Air Base Commissary, Turkey.
- **Cynthia Weber**, from store manager, Fort Lee Commissary, Va., to store director, Royal Air Force Alconbury Commissary, England.
- **Deloris Hill**, from store administrator, Fort Hamilton Commissary, N.Y., to store director, Ankara Commissary, Turkey.

Bennett, the new store director at Spangdahlem Commissary, spent her last three and a half years as store director of the Alconbury Commissary. Bennett began her commissary career in 1995 as a sales store checker at Lakenheath Commissary, England. While there, she

progressed through several store positions, including promotions to produce department manager in 2000 and grocery manager in 2002. Later in 2002, she transferred to Columbus Air Force Base Commissary, Miss., as the store administrator, where she stayed until 2007.

Tellers, the new store director at Incirlik Commissary, started his commissary career in 1984 as a meat cutter at McClellan and Mather Air Force Base commissaries in California. In 1989, he was promoted to meat department manager at Los Angeles Air Force Base Commissary. Later, he transferred to Germany where he became grocery department manager at Vogelweh Commissary. After Vogelweh, he worked as the assistant commissary officer at Livorno Commissary, Italy, before taking his first store director job at Ankara.

Weber, the new store director at Alconbury Commissary, started her DeCA career in 1995 as a sales store checker at Buedingen Commissary, Germany. In 2002, she was promoted to lead sales store checker at Ramstein Air Base Commissary, Germany. She was later promoted to supervisory sales store checker. In 2004, Weber was selected for an internship with DeCA where she filled positions in commissaries at Langley Air Force Base and Fort Eustis, Va. After completing her internship in 2006, she became store manager at Royal Air Force Mildenhall Commissary, England. A year later she was promoted to the store manager position at Fort Lee Commissary, Va.

Hill, the new store director at Ankara Commissary, started her DeCA career in 1998 as a produce manager at Los Angeles Air Force Base Commissary. While there she was promoted to grocery manager. In 2003, she was promoted again and worked as grocery manager at Osan Air Base Commissary, Korea, and later at Nellis Air Force Base Commissary, Nev., before being promoted in 2007 to assistant store director at Fort Hamilton Commissary, N.Y.

“We feel our new store directors are more than ready for the huge task they are undertaking,” Conner said. “And, these promotions solidify our commitment to our customers by selecting the best.”

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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.*