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Buley is DeCA's new public health, safety director

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FORT LEE, Va. – Army Col. Michael A. Buley is the Defense Commissary Agency's new director of public health and safety, announced DeCA Director and CEO Joseph H. Jeu.

He replaces Army Col. David R. Schuckenbrock, who retired from the military in June.

Buley reported to DeCA Aug. 15 from Fort Lewis, Wash., where he served as commander of the Western Regional Veterinary Command. As DeCA's director of public health and safety, he leads a staff that plans and implements the agency's consumer health and safety programs.

“We have a dedicated network of food safety specialists whose mission is all about ensuring the products in our commissaries and the stores themselves are the safest possible,” Jeu said. “With Colonel Buley's experience as a senior veterinary commander, I'm confident DeCA will continue operating with the highest standards in food safety.”

In 1986, Buley entered active duty as a first lieutenant in the Army Veterinary Corps after graduating from Texas A&M University. His previous assignments included stops at Port Hueneme, Calif.; Torrejon Air Base, Spain; and Fort Sam Houston, Texas. From the fall of 1998 to spring 1999, he was deployed to Bosnia under Operation Joint Endeavor as the commander of the 43rd Medical Detachment (Forward). In 2001, as a lieutenant colonel, he commanded the Southern Europe Veterinary Detachment in Vicenza, Italy; and for the next three years directed veterinary support for the Department of Defense in the Mediterranean region from Spain to

Turkey.

From 2004 to 2007, Buley, promoted to colonel, commanded the 100th Medical Detachment in Heidelberg, Germany. There, he was the senior veterinary commander in Europe, directing all veterinary service support to U.S. forces in Europe. He also served as senior staff veterinarian for U.S. European Command.

He left Europe to attend the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., in 2007 and one year later became the commander of the Western Regional Veterinary Command at Fort Lewis.

“As DeCA’s director of health and safety, I look forward to supporting such a worthy mission as delivering the commissary benefit to our honored service members and their families,” Buley said. “I’ve been a tremendous fan and a loyal customer of the commissaries throughout my career. Now I get to do my part to help these stores and their products remain among the safest in the retail industry.”

Buley has a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Texas A&M University; a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville; and a Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies, Naval War College. He is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and is board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine.

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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 amounting to thousands of dollars annually. For current savings figures for various groups – single member up to a family of seven – visit <http://www.commissaries.com>. 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.*