



Biography

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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James J. “Jay” Hudson Jr. **Principal Deputy, Director of the Store Operations Group**

James J. “Jay” Hudson Jr., is principal deputy, director of the Store Operations Group for the Defense Commissary Agency, with headquarters at Fort Lee, Va. In this position, he is responsible for agency wide tasks and initiatives focused on store support and improvement for the agency’s nearly 240 commissaries.

Mr. Hudson began his commissary career in 1981 when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he held a broad range of commissary jobs until being honorably discharged in 1992. He began his civilian career with DeCA that same year when he was selected as store manager for Naval Submarine Base New London, Conn.

In 2005, Mr. Hudson was selected for the agency’s Corporate Successor Development Program for the third consecutive intake – the only participant to achieve that distinction.

Mr. Hudson’s awards include the DeCA Meritorious Civilian Service Award, DeCA Superior Civilian Service Award (twice), Air Force Commendation Medal, and Air Force Achievement Medal (twice).



EDUCATION

2006, Bachelor of Arts degree in management, Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wis.

2006, Federal Executive Institute Center for Excellence, Leadership for a Democratic Society

2005, Bachelor of Arts degree in marketing, Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wis.

2000, 2001, 2005, Federal Executive Institute Center for Excellence, Executive Leadership Program, DeCA Commissary Successor Development Program

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

2008 – 2011, Director, Performance and Policy, DeCA Headquarters, Fort Lee, Va.

2005 - 2008, Director, Corporate Communications, DeCA Headquarters, Fort Lee, Va.

2004 - 2005, Chief, Corporate Operations Group, DeCA Headquarters, Fort Lee, Va.

2002 - 2004, Zone Manager, DeCA Eastern Region Zone 28, Naval Air Station Oceana, Va.

2001 - 2002, Chief, Operations Assistance Team, Eastern Region Headquarters, Virginia Beach, Va.

2000 - 2001, Store Director, Vogelweh AB, Germany

1998 - 2000, Commissary Management Specialist/Merchandiser, Midwest Region Headquarters, San Antonio, Texas

1994 - 1998, Commissary Officer, Holloman AFB, N.M.

1992 - 1994, Store Manager, NSB New London, Conn.

1981 - 1992, active duty, U.S. Air Force.

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