



Biography

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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Michael J. Dowling **Deputy Director** **and Chief Operating Officer**



Michael J. “Mike” Dowling, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Defense Commissary Agency’s deputy director and chief operating officer responsible for overseeing the agency’s retail operations, safety and security, program management, plans, commissary support functions and systems engineering in support of the day-to-day operations of DeCA’s worldwide chain of nearly 240 commissaries. He assumed this position effective July 17, 2012.

Mr. Dowling previously served as the executive director for Infrastructure Support with oversight of directorates responsible for all agency operations affecting logistics, acquisition management, engineering and central distribution centers. He assumed this position in October 2011 following DeCA’s reorganization and after previously serving as director of the agency’s Europe Region.

Mr. Dowling’s awards and honors include the Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the Superior Civilian Service Award, and the National Performance Review’s Hammer Award. He is also a three-time recipient of DeCA’s Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

EDUCATION

1978, Bachelor of Arts degree in history, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

2011 - 2012, Acting Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, and dual-hatted as Executive Director for Infrastructure Support, DeCA HQ, Fort Lee, Virginia

2009 - 2011, Director, DeCA Europe, Kapaun Air Station, Germany

March 2009 - August 2009, Acting Chief Operating Officer, DeCA HQ, Fort Lee, Virginia

April 2008 - March 2009, Director, DeCA East, Fort Lee, Virginia

Nov. 2007 - April 2008, Acting Chief Operating Officer, DeCA HQ, Fort Lee, Virginia

Aug. 2007 - Nov. 2007, Director, DeCA East, Fort Lee, Virginia

2004 - 2007, Director, DeCA Europe, Kapaun Air Station, Germany

2003 - 2004, Director, Performance and Policy and Deputy Chief Operating Officer, DeCA HQ, Fort Lee, Virginia

2002 - 2003, Deputy Director, Operations and Product Support Business Area, DeCA HQ, Fort Lee, Virginia

2001 - 2002, Chief, Product Support Business Area, DeCA HQ, Fort Lee, Virginia

2000 - 2001, Acting Deputy Region Director, DeCA European Region, Kapaun Air Station, Germany

1993 - 2000, Chief, Logistics Division, DeCA European Region, Kapaun Air Station, Germany

1991 - 1993, Chief, DeCA Liaison Office, Defense Personnel Support Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1989 - 1991, Liaison Officer, U.S. Army Troop Support Agency Liaison Office, Defense Personnel Support Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1978-1989, active duty officer, U.S. Army

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