



Biography

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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Lt. Col. M. Angela Parham **Director of Public Health and Safety**

Army Lt. Col. Angela M. Parham is the Defense Commissary Agency's director of Public Health and Safety, a position she's held since June 2019. She supports the DeCA director, his staff, and the entire DeCA network of stores and distribution facilities by developing policy and providing advice on issues pertaining to personnel safety, food safety and food defense.

Lt. Col. Parham leads and manages DeCA health and safety personnel in Asia, Europe and the United States, providing review and oversight of health and safety site visits to include disposition of issues identified. She and her headquarters staff provide the DeCA interface with other military and federal public health, food safety, and personnel safety elements.

From August 2016 to June 2019, Lt. Col. Parham was the command veterinarian for Army Central Command. She was responsible for executive oversight of the veterinary mission, including food safety activities, for all of the U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility, supporting Operation Spartan Shield, Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Freedom's Sentinel. Though stationed in Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, she traveled frequently to the Middle East, working in Kuwait, Egypt, Qatar, Afghanistan, Oman, Jordan, United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

From 2014 to 2016, Lt. Col. Parham completed an applied epidemiology fellowship with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Epidemic Intelligence Service, working in Atlanta, Georgia, and deploying to Sierra Leone.

From 2013 to 2014, Lt. Col. Parham served as the command veterinarian for the Area Support Group-Kuwait at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, where she supervised clinical and preventive veterinary services in Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, United Arab Emirates and Oman.

Lt. Col. Parham is a board-certified Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and has been inducted into the Order of Military Medical Merit.



EDUCATION

- 2016, Epidemic Intelligence Service applied epidemiology fellowship
- 2008, Masters of Science in Veterinary Preventive Medicine, Texas A&M University
- 1997, Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia
- 1991, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree in Biological Sciences, University of Georgia

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

- 2019 - Director of Public Health and Safety, Defense Commissary Agency, Fort Lee, Virginia
- 2016 - 2019, Command Veterinarian, U.S. Army Central Command, Shaw AFB, South Carolina
- 2014 - 2016, Epidemic Intelligence Service, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2013 - 2014, Command Veterinarian, Area Support Group-Kuwait, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait
- 2011 - 2013, Portfolio Operations Manager and Interim Food Protection Program Manager, Public Health Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland
- 2008 - 2011, Commander, Alaska District Veterinary Command, Fort Wainwright, Alaska
- 2007 - 2008, Long-Term Health Education and Training, Masters of Science candidate, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
- 2004 - 2006, Chief, Laboratory Animal Support Section, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia
- 2003 - 2004, OIC, 5th Squad, 129th Veterinary Detachment, Camp Walker, South Korea
- 2001 - 2003, OIC, Tyndall AFB Veterinary Treatment Facility, Tyndall AFB, Florida
- 1997 - 2001, (pre-Army) Civilian small animal practice veterinarian in Georgia

(Current as of June 2019)