



## *Biography*

### DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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#### **Ronald Yoder** Central Area Director



Ronald A. Yoder is director of the Defense Commissary Agency Central Area with oversight of 46 commissaries located in 14 states spanning from Wisconsin and Michigan in the north to Florida and Louisiana in the south. The area's annual sales exceed \$1.2 billion. He assumed this position in February 2019.

Yoder has been employed in various capacities within the commissary system since 1997. He's been at DeCA Headquarters in Fort Lee, Virginia, the past two years as the chief of the store operations division, where he was responsible to the agency's Store Operations Group for store support, strategic planning, operational program development and execution of all vital store operational functions for 236 commissaries worldwide. As such, he supervised a team of subject matter experts in all facets of grocery operations, deli/bakery, management and customer service.

Yoder started his commissary career with DeCA as materials handler at the Kanto Plain Central Distribution Center in Japan from 1997 to 1998. While in Japan, he would later serve as the store manager at the Camp Kure Commissary (2000 - 2002) and the produce manager at Yokota Air Base Commissary (2002 - 2003).

After a two-year assignment as a store administrator at the commissary on Naval Station Everett, Smokey Point, Washington, Yoder returned to Japan where he served in successive assignments from 2005 to 2014 as a store director at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, later at Sagamihara and then at Yokota Air Base. Yoder returned to the United States in 2014, where he served as the store director at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Commissary, Texas. Two years later, he was selected manager of Zone 21, based at Naval Submarine Station New London, Connecticut.

#### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY**

2019-Present, Central Area Director, Fort Lee, Virginia  
2017-2019, Chief, Store Operations, DeCA Store Operations Group, Fort Lee, Virginia  
2016-2017, Zone Manager, Zone 21, New London, Connecticut  
2014-2016, Store Director, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas  
2010-2014, Store Director, Yokota Air Base, Japan  
2007-2010, Store Director, Sagamihara, Japan  
2005-2006, Store Director, Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan  
2003-2005, Store Administrator, Naval Station Everett, Smokey Point, Washington  
2002-2003, Produce Manager, Yokota Air Base, Japan  
2000-2002, Store Manager, Camp Kure, Japan  
1998-2000, Produce Manager, Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan  
1997-1998, Materials Handler, Kanto Plain Central Distribution Center, Japan  
1995-1997, Private Industry, Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Defense Commissary Agency Superior Civilian Service Award (2016)  
Defense Commissary Agency EEO Leader of the Year (2011)

*(Current as of February 2019)*