



Biography

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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Alisa R. Wilma **Interim Director of Public Health and Safety**

Army Col. Alisa R. Wilma is the Defense Commissary Agency's interim director of Public Health and Safety. 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. Her temporary appointment was effective Dec. 15 and is expected to last until mid-June when DeCA's permanent selection for director of public health and safety is online.

Col. Wilma temporarily returns to the helm of DeCA public health and safety after serving as director of public health and safety from 2016 to 2019. She subsequently moved on to the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in May 2019 as the deputy commander for DOD's Public Health Command-Central. She will continue to serve in that position as she performs her DeCA responsibilities.

At DeCA, Col. Wilma leads and manages the agency's 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 2014 to August 2016, Col. Wilma commanded the 463rd Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service Support) at Fort Benning, Georgia. During her command, she deployed teams to Liberia in support of Operation United Assistance as part of the Ebola relief effort and to Kosovo as part of NATO's international peacekeeping force. In July 2015, Col. Wilma deployed the 463rd to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield, Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Enduring Freedom. During this deployment members of her unit further deployed to Qatar, Jordan, Iraq and Afghanistan.

From 2012 to 2014, Col. Wilma was assigned to the U.S. Army Africa/Southern European Task Force, where she planned veterinary missions throughout Africa and supported the command's food safety and preventive medicine mission.

From 2010 to 2012, then Maj. Wilma served as the command veterinarian for the Area Support Group-Kuwait at Camp Arifjan Kuwait where she supervised all clinical and preventive veterinary services throughout Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, United Arab Emirates and Oman.

Col. Wilma has earned the Expert Field Medical Badge and is a board certified Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine.



EDUCATION

2020, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

2012, Command and General Staff Officers' Course - Intermediate Level Education, Fort Lee, Virginia

2003 - 2006, Long Term Health Education Training with a focus on food science and emphasis on food virology, University of California, Davis

1999, Masters of Preventive Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis

1998, Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis

1993, Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science, University of California, Davis

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

2019 - present, Deputy Commander for DOD's Public Health Command-Central, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas

2016 - 2019, Director of Public Health and Safety, Defense Commissary Agency, Fort Lee, Virginia

2014 - 2016, Commander, 463rd Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service Support) at Fort Benning, Georgia

2012 - 2014, Command Veterinarian, U.S. Army Africa/Southern European Task Force, Vicenza, Italy

2010 - 2012, Command Veterinarian, Area Support Group-Kuwait, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

2007 - 2010, Deputy Director, DOD Veterinary Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
2006 - 2007, Instructor, Captain's Career Course, Army Medical Department Center & School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
2000 - 2003, Commander, 21st Medical Detachment (VS) (SM), Camp Darby, Italy, during which time the unit deployed to Kosovo in support of Task Force Med Falcon
1998 - 2000, Branch Chief, McGuire Air Force Base – Fort Dix Branch Veterinary Services
1998, Graduated veterinary school, entered active duty and promoted to Captain
1996, Commissioned as Second Lieutenant

AWARDS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (four oak leaf clusters)
Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters)
Meritorious Unit Commendation (one oak leaf cluster)
Kosovo Campaign Medal
NATO Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Order of Military Medical Merit

(Current as of December 2020)