



Biography

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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David C. Carey Jr. West Area Director



David C. Carey is the Defense Commissary Agency's West Area director, headquartered at McClellan, Calif. He has oversight of 55 commissaries, divided into six zones in 14 states. The area's annual sales exceed \$1.1 billion. He was appointed to this position effective Jan. 5, 2020 after serving since 2011 as director of the Pacific Area.

As Pacific Area director, Mr. Carey led 51 commissaries, divided into five zones throughout Japan, Korea, Guam, Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, California and Nevada. The area's annual sales exceed \$1 billion.

Mr. Carey served on active duty in the Air Force from 1982 to 1992, holding positions with the Air Force Commissary Service. During Operation Desert Shield/Storm he was deployed to Southwest Asia.

He entered civil service in 1992 at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas and has continued to work to forward commissary operations overseas and in the U.S. Early in his civil service career he served as store director for several commissaries to include one of DeCA's largest stores, Fort Bragg, N.C. As DeCA's Zone 6 manager, he was responsible for the operations of 11 commissaries in Texas. As DeCA West director of operations he provided technical operations guidance for 113 commissaries and eight central distribution centers.

Beginning in 2009, as deputy director of DeCA West, he had oversight of 45 commissaries in the Pacific Theater, Alaska, Hawaii and Washington.

EDUCATION

2015, Federal Executive Institute Center for Excellence, Leadership for a Democratic Society.

2009, Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration, Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Fla.

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

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

2011 – 2020, director, Pacific Area, McClellan, Calif.

2010 – 2011, deputy director, DeCA West, McClellan, Calif.

2009 – 2010, acting deputy director, DeCA West, McClellan, Calif.

2008 – 2009, director of operations, DeCA West, McClellan, Calif.

2004 – 2008, zone manager, Zone 6, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

2002 – 2004, store director, Fort Bragg South, N.C.

2001 – 2002, commissary management specialist, DeCA headquarters, Fort Lee, Va.

2000 – 2001, store director, McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.

1999 – 2000, store administrator, McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.

1997 – 1999, commissary officer, Orote Naval Station, Guam

1995 – 1997, commissary officer, Sasebo/Hario Fleet Activities, Japan

1994 – 1995, store manager, Sasebo Fleet Activities, Japan

1992 – 1994, accounting technician, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas

1982 – 1992, active duty Air Force, various locations in the U.S. and overseas

AWARDS AND HONORS

Defense Commissary Agency Meritorious Civilian Service Award

Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award

Defense Commissary Agency Superior Civilian Service Award

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