



Biography

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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Marilyn Eller Central Area Director

Marilyn Eller is the Director of the Central Area for the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) with oversight of 58 commissaries divided into six zones and located in 17 states spanning from Wisconsin and Michigan in the North; Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas in the Midwest; and Florida and Louisiana in the South. The area's annual sales are nearly \$1 billion. Her selection is effective July 12, 2026.

Ms. Eller previously served as acting director of Central Area from February 23 to May 23, 2026.

From 2021 to 2026, Ms. Eller served as the Chief, Business Support; Store Operations for DeCA. In that role she managed and directed the strategic and tactical store support for all DeCA's 235 commissaries through collaboration with other Agency Directorates.

She was also responsible for operational system support, store support in all areas and business analytics for the Store Operations Group, ensuring that continual quality of service is provided to commissary patrons while maintaining the Agency's vision and mission integrity.

From 2016 to 2021 she served as the Chief, Business Support, for DeCA. Assigned as the functional program design, development and execution of all major operational system modifications and life cycle replacement of business operational systems. Provided expert functional and technical advice on emerging technologies, business processes, store operations, and trends across the retail business.

Prior to her assignment as the Chief, Business Support, Ms. Eller was assigned as a Lead Commissary management Specialist within the Store Operations Division within the Store Operations Group at Headquarters DeCA, Fort Lee, Virginia, and provided assistance to all DeCA commissaries worldwide using the various Legacy Operational Systems. Ms. Eller provided strategic planning, operational development and execution oversight for Store Operations.

Ms. Eller began her civil service career in 1996 as a part-time Sales Store checker. In 2003, she entered the commissary career program as a Grocery Department Manager. She subsequently served in various management positions within the commissary system, including many special projects at headquarters and region level.

Ms. Eller is the recipient of numerous DoD performance Awards.



CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2021 - 2026: Supervisory Commissary Management specialist – Chief, Store Support, Store Operations Group, DeCA Headquarters, Fort Lee, Virginia

2016 - 2021: Supervisory Enterprise Planning Specialist – Chief, Business Support, DeCA HQ, Fort Lee Virginia

2013 - 2016: Lead Commissary Management Specialist, Fort Lee, Virginia, DeCA HQ, Fort Lee Virginia

2012 - 2013: Commissary Management Specialist, DeCA HQ, Fort Lee, Virginia

2003 - 2012: Various Commissary Management positions

1999 - 2003: Inventory Management Specialist, Fort Buchanan Commissary, Puerto Rico

(Current as of July 2026)