



# 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, California. He has oversight of 60 commissaries, divided into six zones in 15 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 Pacific Area Director.

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 Storm he was deployed to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

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, North Carolina. 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**

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

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

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

#### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY**

2011 – 2020, director, Pacific Area, McClellan, California

2010 – 2011, deputy director, DeCA West, McClellan, California

2009 – 2010, acting deputy director, DeCA West, McClellan, California

2008 – 2009, director of operations, DeCA West, McClellan, California

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

2002 – 2004, store director, Fort Bragg South, North Carolina

2001 – 2002, commissary management specialist, DeCA headquarters, Fort Lee, Virginia

2000 – 2001, store director, McClellan Air Force Base, California

1999 – 2000, store administrator, McClellan Air Force Base, California

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

*(Current as of July 2025)*