



# Biography

## DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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### **COL Patti K. Glen** **Director of Public Health and Safety**

Army COL Patti K. Glen is the Defense Commissary Agency's 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 appointment was effective June 2, 2025.

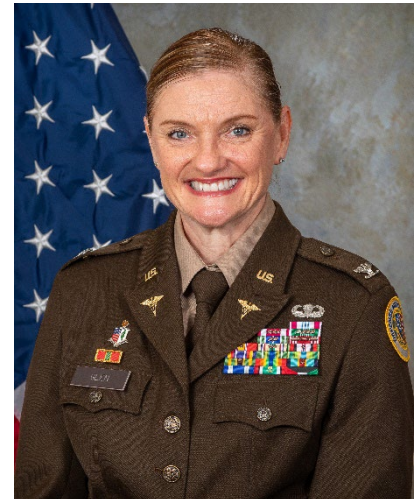
At DeCA, COL Glen leads and manages the agency's health and safety personnel in Asia, Europe and the United States, providing review and oversight of health and safety site visits to include disposition of issues identified. She and her headquarters staff provide the DeCA interface with other military and federal public health, food safety, and personnel safety elements.

Before coming to DeCA, COL Glen graduated from the Air War College (Grand Strategy Seminar) after a 10-month residency at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. This followed her tenure (2023-2024) as the Chief of Veterinary Services Division, Defense Health Agency Public Health, at DHA HQ Falls Church, Virginia. There she served as Staff Officer to the Office of the Assistant SECDEF for Health Affairs and the DHA and advisor to the Chief, U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, on VS issues across the Components. Her team provided strategic planning, oversight, and policy guidance on the DoD VS mission, integrating DoD VS activities as appropriate across DoD, international, federal, and state agencies, and civilian organizations. Additionally, her team oversaw veterinary regulatory and doctrinal publications and accomplishment of mission priorities for food protection, animal medicine, veterinary public health, animal welfare, and animal care and use in research throughout the DoD, coordinating global health engagement (GHE) and veterinary Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) activities.

COL Glen has served in various assignments as a veterinary corps officer: Fort Belvoir, Virginia, veterinary treatment facility officer-in-charge (OIC); 4th Squad OIC, Osan, South Korea; completed long-term Health Education Training, earning a Master of Science in Public Health from George Washington University; 72nd Medical Detachment Veterinary Service Support Deputy Commander, Wurzburg, Germany; AMEDD C&S Captain's Career Course Instructor; South Texas Veterinary Branch Chief, JBSA Fort Sam Houston (FSH) ; Veterinary Capability Developer, Directorate of Combat and Doctrine Development, JBSA FSH; 248th Medical Detachment Veterinary Service Support, Deputy Commander, Fort Bragg, NC; Public Health Activity – Fort Bragg, Deputy Commander; 106th Medical Detachment Veterinary Service Support/Public Health Activity – Korea, "DRAGON DOGS," Commander; Public Health Activity – Fort Belvoir, PROTECT THE NORTH, Commander.

COL Glen enlisted in the Army as a musician in 1988 and served in various Army Division Bands (2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas; 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., where she deployed to Desert Shield/Storm; 3rd Infantry Division, Wurzburg, Germany; and the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas).

COL Glen departed the Army in 1996 to complete pre-requisites for veterinary school at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. After receiving a Health Professions Scholarship in 1998, she commissioned back into the Army, earning a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Texas A&M University in 2002, and went back on active duty in May 2002.



#### **EDUCATION**

Graduate of the U.S. Air War College (Grand Strategy Seminar), Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

Master of Science in Public Health, George Washington University, Washington D.C.

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, College Station, Texas  
Airborne School, Fort Benning, Georgia

#### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY**

2023 - 2024, Chief of Veterinary Services Division at Defense Health Agency  
2021 - 2023, Commander of the Public Health Activity – Fort Belvoir  
2019 - 2021, Commander of the 106th Medical Detachment Veterinary Service Support/Public Health Activity – Korea, Camp Humphreys, South Korea  
2018 - 2019, Deputy Commander of Public Health Activity – Fort Bragg  
2015 - 2018, Veterinary Operations Officer, 248th Medical Detachment Veterinary Service Support – Fort Bragg, North Carolina  
2012 - 2015, Veterinary Capability Developer, Directorate of Combat and Doctrine Development – JBSA FSH  
2011 - 2012, South Texas Veterinary Branch Chief – JBSA FSH  
2010 - 2011, Command and General Staff College (Intermediate Level Education) – Fort Leavenworth, Kansas  
2009 - 2010, AMEDD C&S Captain’s Career Course Instructor – JBSA FSH  
2007 - 2009, 72nd Medical Detachment Veterinary Service Support Deputy Commander, Wurzburg, Germany and Bamberg, Germany  
2006 - 2007, George Washington University, Long Term Health Education MSPH – Washington, D.C.  
2004 - 2006, 4<sup>th</sup> Squad Officer-in-Charge, Osan Air Base, South Korea  
2002 - 2004, Officer-in-Charge, Veterinary Treatment Facility, Fort Belvoir, Virginia  
1998 - 2002, Earned scholarship for TAMU CVM via the Health Professions Scholarship Program and Commissioned as Captain upon completion  
1988 - 1996, Enlisted in the Army as a musician and served in various Army Division Bands (2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas; 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where she deployed to Desert Shield/Storm; 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Wurzburg, Germany; and the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas)

**MILITARY HONORS AND AWARDS**

Meritorious Service Medal – 4 Awards  
Army Commendation Medal – 9 Awards  
Army Achievement Medal – 3 Awards  
Army Superior Unit Award  
Army Good Conduct Medal – 2 Awards  
National Defense Service Medal – 2 Awards  
Southwest Asia Service Medal – 2 Awards  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Korea Defense Service Medal  
Armed Forces Service Medal  
Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon – 2 Awards  
Army Service Ribbon  
Overseas Service Ribbon – 3 Awards  
NATO Medal  
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)  
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)  
Parachutist Badge

*(Current as of July 2025)*