



Biography

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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Anthony E. (Tony) Watson Director of Acquisition Management

Anthony E. “Tony” Watson is Director of Acquisition Management for the Defense Commissary Agency, with headquarters at Fort Lee, Virginia. He is responsible for the oversight of the agency’s contracting mission in support of 235 commissaries worldwide. His selection is effective June 2020.

Mr. Watson leads an acquisition workforce of over 140 employees who procure a wide variety of commodities and services, including commercial activity services, supplies, equipment, architect-engineer services, construction, resale, and information technology, as well as contracting policy and e-business systems. Total acquisitions for the agency exceed \$4 billion annually.

Mr. Watson retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2006, after serving 22 years in several acquisition-related fields including inventory management, logistics management and contracts management. His prior military service also included experience in resource and budget management. During his Air Force career, he served in regular and classified assignments at multiple stateside locations, in Europe and the Middle East beginning in the contracting career field in 1991. His last active-duty assignment was at the 1st Contracting Squadron, 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, Virginia, as the Infrastructure Flight Superintendent.

After retiring from active duty, Mr. Watson immediately began his federal civil service career in contracting with the U.S. Army at Fort Eustis, Va., working for a DOD joint command, U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). As a team lead responsible for the life-cycle contracting for the U.S. Army Special Operations helicopter fleet, Mr. Watson’s duties also included the Agency/Organization Program Coordinator (A/OPC) for the Government Purchase Card (GPC), the Small Business Professional (SBP) and as a career field manager (CFM).

Mr. Watson left the U.S. Army in 2015 and went to work for the U.S. Navy in June 2015 for the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) co-located at Newport News Shipbuilding. During his tenure as a division head in the contracting department, he oversaw administration of numerous multi-billion-dollar contracts for the Navy’s nuclear aircraft carrier fleet Refueling Complex Overhaul (RCOH) program, nuclear attack submarine repair and availabilities, and the construction of the Navy’s newest nuclear attack submarine programs.

Mr. Watson joined DeCA in June 2020 after acquiring 29 years of contracting experience in multiple DOD agencies to include participation on the 2013 DoD Procurement Management Review (PMR) Team for Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) conducting contract program reviews and compliance inspections. He brings a wealth of acquisition knowledge to the agency in all types of contracts, procurement of varying types of requirements and unique acquisition methods.

Mr. Watson has been a member of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) since 1999. He has completed all acquisition Level 400 courses through the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) and is a DOD-certified Acquisition Professional in Contracting – Level III under the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA). He is also a certified member of the DOD Acquisition Corps.



EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration with a specialization in management, Northcentral University, Prescott, Arizona.

Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (graduated cum laude), Saint Leo University, Saint Leo Florida
Associate in Applied Science, Logistics, Community College of the Air Force.
Associate in Applied Science, Contracts Management, Community College of the Air Force.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

2015 - 2020, Division Head, U.S. Navy, NAVSEA, Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Newport News, Virginia
2006 - 2015, Team Lead/KO, U.S. Army, Technology Applications Contracting Office, Fort Eustis, Virginia
2005 - 2006, Flight Superintendent, U.S. Air Force, 1st Contracting Squadron, Langley AFB, Virginia
2003 - 2005, Flight Chief, U.S. Air Force, 379th Expeditionary Contracting Squadron, Al Udeid AB, Qatar.
1999 - 2003, Flight Chief/Team Lead/CS, U.S. Air Force, 1st Contracting Squadron, Langley AFB, Virginia
1991 - 1999, Buyer/Contingency Contracting Officer, 437th Operations Grp, Charleston AFB, South Carolina

AWARDS AND HONORS

Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service (2015)
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters (2003, 2005 and 2006)
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters (1986, 1989, 1995 and 1999)
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters (1988, 1991)

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