



Biography

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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Matthew Whittaker Pacific Area Director

Matthew Whittaker is the Defense Commissary Agency's Pacific Area director, headquartered at McClellan, Calif. He has oversight of 51 commissaries divided into five zones in Japan, Korea, Guam, Alaska, Washington, California and Nevada. The area's annual sales exceed \$962 million. He was appointed to this position in March 2020 after serving for more than six years as the Zone 27 manager in DeCA's Central Area.

Mr. Whittaker, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, started his commissary career in 1995 and is highlighted by a series of progressively responsible assignments, including store director of the commissaries at Yongsan, South Korea; Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan and Zone 27 manager.



CAREER CHRONOLOGY

2014-2020, Zone 27 Manager, Fort Knox, Kentucky
2011-2014, store director, Misawa Air Base Commissary, Japan
2009-2011, store director, Yongsan Commissary, Korea
2007-2009, store director, Atsugi Naval Air Facility Commissary, Japan
2006-2007, retail manager, Misawa Commissary, Japan
2003-2006, retail manager, Sagamihara Commissary, Japan
2002-2003, store manager, Sasebo Commissary, Japan
2001-2002, grocery manager, Hario Commissary, Japan
1998-2000, grocery manager, Atsugi Naval Air Facility Commissary, Japan
1995-1998, materials handler, Kanto Plain Central Distribution Center, Japan
1994-1995, sales supervisor, Navy Exchange, Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan
1987-1994, active duty, United States Navy

AWARDS AND HONORS

Kuwait Liberation Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Navy Unit Commendation Medal

(Current as of July 2025)