



# Biography

## DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

1300 Eisenhower Avenue, Fort Lee, Virginia 23801-1800

### **Joel L. Lockhart** **Acting Deputy Director** **and Chief Operating Officer**

Joel L. Lockhart is the acting deputy director and chief operating officer (COO) of the Defense Commissary Agency, headquartered at Fort Lee, Virginia. His appointment is effective April 20, 2026.

As acting deputy director and COO, Mr. Lockhart leads integration of the Agency's strategic plan and corporate business model. His responsibilities include overseeing operations, program management, engineering and support functions of DeCA's worldwide chain of 235 commissaries across 45 states and 13 countries.

Mr. Lockhart is also dual-hatted as director of DeCA's Supply Chain, a position he has held since Oct. 20, 2024. He previously held the position of director of the Logistics Directorate from March 12, 2023 to October 20, 2024.

As the agency's Supply Chain director, Mr. Lockhart exercises enterprise-level responsibility for global logistics and supply chain operations supporting 235 commissaries in 13 countries, including 8 Central Distribution Centers in the Pacific and Europe and a Central Meat Processing Plant in Germany, representing more than \$5 billion in annual sales and approximately 770 employees. He serves as the principal advisor to DeCA senior leadership on all matters related to supply chain performance and accountability.

Mr. Lockhart served more than 26 years on active duty in the United States Army. Prior to retiring from active duty in 2015, he served in a wide range of tactical, operational, and strategic-level assignments, including service in Panama, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Subsequently, he held senior roles as a defense contractor and Department of the Army civilian. Prior to his current assignment, he had served since September 2017 as senior supply management specialist in the Acquisition Logistics Policy and Programs Directorate, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Sustainment, ASA (ALT). There he was responsible for advising the ASA (ALT) leadership on strategies and resources necessary to execute supply management and property accountability policies, processes and procedures. Together, these roles span more than 38 years of professional service in support of the Department of War.

Mr. Lockhart is also a published professional author whose articles have appeared in *Army Logistician*, the Quartermaster Professional Bulletin, and the United States Warrant Officers Association *NEWSLINER*. His writings focused on property accountability, knowledge management, logistics systems integration, and warrant officer professional development, contributing to Army-wide dialogue on sustainment modernization and leader development.



#### **EDUCATION**

2001, Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts (Cum Laude), Excelsior College, Albany, New York

1995, Associates of Science in General Studies, Pikes Peak Community College, Pikes Peak, Colorado

#### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY**

2026 - Present, Acting Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Director, Defense Commissary Agency, DeCA Headquarters, Fort Lee, Virginia

2024 - Present, Director of Supply Chain, DeCA Headquarters, Fort Lee, Virginia (formerly Fort Gregg-Adams)

2023 - 2024 (March), Director of Logistics, DeCA Headquarters, Fort Gregg-Adams, Virginia

2017 - 2023, Senior Supply Management Specialist, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C.

2016 - 2017, Senior Logistics Business Process Analyst supporting Department of Army, Leidos, Inc., Richmond, Virginia

2016 - 2016, (January to July) Chief of the Logistics Enterprise Systems Division, Combined Arms Support Command, Fort Lee, Virginia

2015 - 2016, Business Process Reengineering Consultant supporting Department of the Army, Process Informatics Inc., Washington, D.C.

2015 - 2015, (April to September) Senior Logistics Business Process Analyst supporting Department of the Army,  
Leidos Inc., Richmond, Virginia  
1990 – 2015, Chief Warrant Officer Five, U.S. Army, various assignments  
1989 - 1990, Receiving Manager, Lowe's, Opelika, Alabama  
1987 - 1989, Unit Supply Specialist, U.S. Army, Fort Benning, Georgia

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

Demonstrated Master Logistician, 2012  
Level III, Lifecycle Logistics, Defense Acquisition University, 2019  
Information Technology Life Cycle Credential, 2022

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2026, General William G.T. Tuttle, Jr. Award  
2023, Inducted into the U.S. Army Quartermaster Hall of Fame  
2023, Meritorious Civilian Service Medal  
2021, Army Civilian Commendation Medal  
2014, Army Legion of Merit  
2003, Army Bronze Star Medal  
1987-2015, Army Meritorious Service Medal (7)  
1995, Joint Service Commendation Medal  
1987-2015, Army Commendation Medal (6)  
1994, Joint Service Achievement Medal  
1987-2015, Army Achievement Medal (6)  
1994, Presidential Service Badge  
2012, Army Staff Badge  
2003, Combat Action Badge  
2014, Combined Arms Support Command General Brehon B. Somervell Medal of Excellence  
2003, National Defense Industrial Association Award  
1998, Forces Command Major General Aubrey "Red" Newman Award  
2003, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association Leadership Award  
2014, Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment  
2019, Inducted into the Army Acquisition Corps

*(Current as of April 2026)*