



## *Biography*

### DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

1300 Eisenhower Avenue, Fort Lee, Virginia, 23801-1800

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#### **John T. Blythe III** **Acting Area Director, Central Area**

John T. Blythe III is the acting director of the Defense Commissary Agency's Central Areas with oversight of 58 commissaries divided into six zones and located in 17 states spanning from Wisconsin and Michigan in the North; Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas in the Midwest; and Florida and Louisiana in the South. The area's annual sales are nearly \$1 billion. This appointment is effective May 2026.

Mr. Blythe is also dual-hatted as the deputy director for both East and Central areas, which includes 114 commissaries located in 32 states spanning from New England and Wisconsin in the North to Florida and Texas in the south, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. These areas account for annual sales in excess of \$2.4 billion.

Prior to his appointment as deputy director for East and Central, Mr. Blythe served as the store director of the Fort Belvoir Commissary, Virginia, one of DeCA's top sales volume commissaries responsible for store operations with annual sales exceeding \$87 million.

Mr. Blythe started his commissary career in 1996 as a store worker at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass. He has since moved around the world with DeCA working in management positions of increasing responsibility. While as the store manager, Idar Oberstein Commissary, Germany, he was recognized as DeCA's best small commissary overseas. As Store Director at Fort Belvoir, his store has won several prestigious awards that directly benefit the military community such as Pro Camp and Mission Breakfast.



#### **EDUCATION**

Coursework in management, Cornell University

#### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY**

2021 - Present: Deputy Area Director for Central and East Areas, DeCA Headquarters, Fort Lee Virginia  
2017 - 2021: Store Director, Fort Belvoir Commissary, Virginia  
2013 - 2017: Store Director, Fort Meade Commissary, Maryland  
2012 - 2013: Store Director, Osan Air Base Commissary, Korea  
2010 - 2012: Store Director, Vogelweh Commissary, Germany  
2009 - 2010: Deputy Store Director, Ramstein Air Base Commissary, Germany  
2006 - 2009: Store Director, Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek Commissary, Virginia  
2005 - 2006: Store Director, Patch Barracks Commissary, Germany  
2003 - 2005: Store Director, Chievres Air Base Commissary, Belgium  
2002 - 2003: Store Director, Naval Submarine Base New London Commissary, Connecticut  
2000 - 2002: Assistant Grocery Manager, Ramstein Air Base Commissary, Germany  
1999 - 2000: Store Manager, Idar Oberstein Commissary, Germany  
1997 - 1999: Quality Assurance Evaluator, Naval Submarine Base New London Commissary, Connecticut.  
1996 - 1997: Store Worker, Hanscom Air Force Base Commissary, Massachusetts

#### **AWARDS**

Achievement Medal for Civilian Service (2000)  
Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement, 100.4% IG Score (2000)

*(Current as of May 2026)*