



# Biography

## DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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### **Alisa R. Wilma** **Director of Public Health and Safety**

Army Lt. Col. Alisa R. Wilma is the Defense Commissary Agency's Director of Public Health and Safety, a position she's held since September 2016. 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.

Lt. Col. Wilma leads and manages DeCA 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.

From August 2014 to August 2016, Lt. Col. Wilma commanded the 463<sup>rd</sup> Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service Support) at Fort Benning, Georgia. During her command, she deployed teams to Liberia in support of Operation United Assistance as part of the Ebola relief effort and to Kosovo as part of NATO's international peacekeeping force. In July 2015, Lt. Col. Wilma deployed the 463<sup>rd</sup> to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield, Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Enduring Freedom. During this deployment members of her unit further deployed to Qatar, Jordan, Iraq and Afghanistan.

From 2012 to 2014, Lt. Col. Wilma was assigned to the U.S. Army Africa/Southern European Task Force, where she planned veterinary missions throughout Africa and supported the command's food safety and preventive medicine mission.

From 2010 to 2012, then Maj. Wilma served as the command veterinarian for the Area Support Group-Kuwait at Camp Arifjan Kuwait where she supervised all clinical and preventive veterinary services throughout Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, United Arab Emirates and Oman.

Lt. Col. Wilma has earned the Expert Field Medical Badge and is a board certified Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine.



#### **EDUCATION**

- 2012, Command and General Staff Officers' Course - Intermediate Level Education, Fort Lee, Virginia
- 2003 - 2006, Long Term Health Education Training with a focus on food science and emphasis on food virology, University of California, Davis
- 1999, Masters of Preventive Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis
- 1998, Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis
- 1993, Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science, University of California, Davis

#### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY**

- 2016 - present, Director of Public Health and Safety, Defense Commissary Agency, Fort Lee, Virginia
- 2014 - 2016, Commander, 463rd Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service Support) at Fort Benning, Georgia
- 2012 - 2014, Command Veterinarian, U.S. Army Africa/Southern European Task Force, Vicenza, Italy
- 2010 - 2012, Command Veterinarian, Area Support Group-Kuwait, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait
- 2007 - 2010, Deputy Director, DOD Veterinary Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- 2006 - 2007, Instructor, Captain's Career Course, Army Medical Department Center & School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- 2000 - 2003, Commander, 21<sup>st</sup> Medical Detachment (VS) (SM), Camp Darby, Italy, during which time the unit deployed to Kosovo in support of Task Force Med Falcon
- 1998 - 2000, Branch Chief, McGuire Air Force Base - Fort Dix Branch Veterinary Services
- 1998, Graduated veterinary school, entered active duty and promoted to Captain

1996, Commissioned as Second Lieutenant

**AWARDS**

Meritorious Service Medal (four oak leaf clusters)  
Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters)  
Meritorious Unit Commendation (one oak leaf cluster)  
Kosovo Campaign Medal  
NATO Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Order of Military Medical Merit

*(Current as of October 2016)*