



Biography

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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Master Gunnery Sergeant Anthony D. Polk **Senior Enlisted Advisor for Overseas Operations**

Marine Master Gunnery Sergeant Anthony D. Polk is the Defense Commissary Agency's (DeCA) Senior Enlisted Advisor for Overseas Operations, a position he's held since Aug. 8, 2022. He is responsible for advising the DeCA Executive Director for Store Operations on enlisted service members' needs related to the commissary benefit and serving as the agency's overseas liaison to senior enlisted leaders of the armed services supporting areas within the European and Pacific communities.

The Europe and Pacific areas consist of 84 commissaries in 13 countries, and 57 of those stores are overseas. Master Gunnery Sergeant Polk is stationed at the DeCA Europe Headquarters located on Kapaun Air Station, in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Marine Master Gunnery Sergeant Anthony Polk came to DeCA after serving as logistics chief for the 3rd Marine Division, G-4 at Camp Courtney, Okinawa, Japan.

He entered the Marine Corps in 1998 and attended boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina. He subsequently attended Logistics School on Camp Johnson, North Carolina, where he graduated as an embarkation specialist.

In 2003, Master Gunnery Sergeant Polk deployed as a sergeant in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and again to Iraq in 2004 for Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2012, he deployed again, this time as a gunnery sergeant to Afghanistan as the staff non-commissioned offer-in-charge of the 5th Kandak Afghanistan Army advisory team.

Throughout his career, Master Gunnery Sergeant Polk has held a variety of leadership and expertise broadening assignments in the continental United States and overseas.

In 2013, Master Gunnery Sergeant Polk received orders to USS Peleliu in Norfolk, Virginia, to serve as the combat cargo assistant; while there he was promoted to master sergeant. He left the Peleliu in 2014 to serve nine months aboard USS Somerset. He later served with the Naval Amphibious Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade 9TF 61/5), where he served as senior enlisted advisor and operations chief for the Logistics Directorate.

In 2016, Master Gunnery Sergeant Polk received orders to Okinawa, Japan, to serve as the logistics chief for the 12th Marine Regiment. Two years later, he was assigned to Combat Logistics Regiment 37 to serve as operations chief, and in 2020, he became chief of logistics for the 3rd Marine Division G-4 at Okinawa, Japan.



EDUCATION

- (2022) Master of Arts degree, Transformational Leadership (University of Maryland Global Campus)
- (2018) Senior Enlisted Joint PME (Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia)
- (2016) First Sergeant/ Master Sergeant Reginal Seminar (Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia)
- (2015) Joint Course on logistics (Fort Lee, Virginia)
- (2011) Logistics Operations Chief Course (Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, California)
- (2009) Joint Maritime Prepositioning Forces Staff Planner Course (Naval Base Coronado, California)
- (2007) Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Career Course (Quantico, Virginia)
- (1998) Basic Logistics Embarkation Specialist School (Camp Johnson, North Carolina)
- (1998) Basic Training (Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina)

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Joint Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal (2)
Navy and Marine Corps Accommodation Medal (4)
Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

2020 - 2022, Logistics Chief, 3rd Marine Division, Camp Courtney, Okinawa, Japan
2018 - 2020, Operations Chief, Combat Logistics Regiment 37, Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan
2014 - 2016, Senior enlisted advisor and Operations Chief, Naval Amphibious Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (TF 51/5), Naval Support Activity Bahrain
2013 - 2014, Combat Cargo Assistant, USS Peleliu, later aboard USS Somerset, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
2009 - 2012, Battalion Logistics Chief, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, later Battalion Operations Chief, Combat Logistics Battalion 4, Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan; while there deployed to Afghanistan
2007 - 2009, Logistics Chief, First Marine Aircraft Wing, later Embarkation Chief, Marine Air Control Group 18 (MACG-18), Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa Japan
2005 - 2007, Embarkation Chief, Marine Forces Command (MARFORCOM), Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads, Norfolk, Virginia; while there deployed to Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to support embarkation and detainee operations
2002 - 2004, Embarkation Chief, Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 2 (VMU-2), Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina; while there deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003) and for Operation Enduring Freedom (2004)
1999 - 2002, Embarkation Clerk, Marine Tactical Warfare Squadron 1, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina; while there deployed to Prince Sultan Air Force Base, Saudi Arabia
1998 - 2000, Embarkation Specialist, Marine Aircraft Group 14 (MAG 14), Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

2019, Master Gunnery Sergeant
2014, Master Sergeant
2009, Gunnery Sergeant
2006, Staff Sergeant
2002, Sergeant

(Current as of September 2022)