



Biography

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

1300 E Avenue, Fort Lee, Virginia 23801-1800

Robert J. Bunch **Executive Director for Store Operations Group**

Robert J. Bunch is the Defense Commissary Agency's executive director for the Store Operations Group, managing and directing tactical store support for DeCA's nearly 240 commissaries configured under 26 field zones in 46 states, 13 countries and two U.S. territories. He is responsible for ensuring that continual quality of service is provided to commissary patrons while maintaining the agency's mission integrity. He was selected to this position effective Nov. 6, 2022.

Before his selection as executive director of Store Operations, Mr. Bunch served as the director of DeCA's Central Area with oversight of 46 commissaries located in 14 states spanning from Wisconsin and Michigan in the north to Florida and Louisiana in the south. The area's annual sales exceed \$1 billion. That selection was effective April 2021.

Prior to being director of Central Area, Mr. Bunch had served since 2022 as chief of the Operations Guidance & Program Standardization Division in the Store Operations Directorate at DeCA Headquarters.

Mr. Bunch began his commissary career in 1996 as a grocery manager at the Key West Naval Air Station Commissary in Florida. During his commissary career he has subsequently held every leadership role in the field including store administrator, store director and zone manager.

Prior to DeCA, Mr. Bunch served in uniform, retiring from the U.S. Army in 1995 after having served honorably in a myriad of assignments throughout the world to include serving in the Persian Gulf War for which he was awarded a Bronze Star and a Meritorious Service Medal. Upon his retirement he went to work as a store manager for Delhaise America's Food Lion Division, Salisbury, North Carolina. He was store director for the Brevard, North Carolina, Food Lion when he changed his career path to join DeCA with an assignment to the Key West Florida Commissary.



CAREER CHRONOLOGY

2022-Present, executive director of Store Operations Group, DeCA Headquarters, Fort Lee, Virginia
2021-2022, director, Central Area, DeCA Headquarters, Fort Lee, Virginia
2011-2021, chief, operations guidance & programs standardization division, DeCA Headquarters, Fort Lee, Virginia
2009-2011, chief, customer service division, performance and policy directorate, DeCA HQ, Fort Lee, Virginia
2006-2009, zone manager, Zone 12, DeCA West
2004-2006, store director, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
2003-2004, store director, Yokota Air Base, Japan
2001-2003, store director, Fort Wainwright, Alaska
2000-2001, store administrator, Key West NAS, Florida
1996-2000, grocery manager, Key West NAS, Florida
1995-1996, store manager, Delhaise USA Food Lion, Brevard, North Carolina
1975-1995, supply and service assignments, active duty, U.S. Army

AWARDS AND HONORS

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Distinguished Civilian Service Medal
Basic Commissary Officer Course Spirit Award (Selected by peers)
Advanced Commissary Officer Course Communications Award (Selected by peers)

(Current as of November 2022)