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## DeCA director to retire in June after 38-year career

*By DeCA Corporate Communications*

**FORT LEE, Va.** – Defense Commissary Agency Director and CEO Joseph H. Jeu announced today that he will retire June 3 after more than 38 years of federal service. Jeu has served as DeCA’s director since January 2011.

Over the course of his six and a half years as DeCA director, Jeu has guided the agency through an enormous and challenging transformation; set an aggressive strategic direction to ensure the relevance of the commissary benefit for generations to come; and provided direction and oversight for the modernization of DeCA’s supply chain management systems.

His plan for transforming the commissary business model set in motion actions to transition the commissary benefit from an “at cost” benefit to a “variable-price” business model, intended to preserve the future of the benefit while reducing the agency’s reliance on appropriated funds.

Under his direction, the agency also acquired, developed and began deploying its Enterprise Business Solution (EBS), one of the most impactful business initiatives the agency had ever undertaken, which would modernize DeCA’s legacy business systems and revitalize the way it does business.

In announcing his retirement, Jeu noted, “The transformation is well on its way and the right people are in place to see it through. It’s time for me to leave it in their capable hands.”

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*purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. By shopping regularly in the commissary, patrons save thousands of dollars annually. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.*

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