



Biography

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY
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Keith M. Owens Inspector General



Keith M. Owens is the inspector general for the Defense Commissary Agency, headquartered at Fort Lee, Va., a position he was selected for when the agency merged its inspector general and security office with its internal audit office effective July 1, 2012. Mr. Owens had been the director of the internal audit office since Sept. 27, 2010.

As the IG, he directs and manages inspection site visits to agency activities relevant to headquarters operations supporting more than 17,000 employees and nearly 250 commissaries located in 13 countries worldwide. DeCA has an annual appropriated funds budget of about \$1.2 billion and annual sales of nearly \$6 billion. His job also involves evaluating allegations, complaints and disclosures of fraud, waste and abuse, and allegations of misconduct and mismanagement affecting DeCA activities. In the area of security, Mr. Owens is responsible for managing the agency's antiterrorism, counterintelligence, critical infrastructure protection, force protection, information and operations security, and personnel and physical security programs.

As the agency's chief auditor, he is responsible for examining and auditing various systems, operations, programs and procedures.

Before arriving at DeCA, Mr. Owens served 18 years at the Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense, where he entered civil service in 1992. He has served in positions as program director, project manager and senior auditor under the Deputy Inspector General for Auditing.

Mr. Owens entered the U.S. Army in 1981 as a quartermaster officer. During his active-duty career, he served in Germany, North Carolina, South Korea and Washington, D.C. (the Pentagon), and progressed in rank to major. He transitioned from active duty in 1992 to the U.S. Army Reserve, and retired as a colonel in 2011. Military career highlights include service as a branch-qualified Army logistician and comptroller officer having military specialty skills as an inspector general, auditor and commissary officer. From 1989 to 1991, he served in South Korea as Taegu and Camp Carroll commissary officer, operating then under the Army Troop Support Agency. Also, from 1998 to 2002, he served as chief, Internal Review and Management Controls for the 9th Theater Support Command (Reserve). He has deployed in support of operations Joint Endeavor/Joint Guard (Germany/Bosnia), Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan/Cuba) and Iraqi Freedom (Kuwait/Qatar).

AWARDS AND HONORS

Bronze Star

Secretary of Defense Global War on Terrorism Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

National Defense Service Medal

2001, Recipient of the Office of Inspector General, Department of Defense, Edward R. Jones Award

1995, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense, Auditor of the Year

Department of Defense Level III Certified Logistics Audit and Evaluator

Officer in the Association of Quartermaster

Officer in the Association of Military Comptroller

EDUCATION

2002, Army Inspector General, Department of Defense Inspector General School, Fort Belvoir, Va.
2001, Department of Defense Military Comptroller, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
1992, Logistics Executive Development, Logistics Management College, Fort Lee, Va.
1991, Army Command & General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
1985, Quartermaster Officer Advanced School, Fort Lee, Va.
1981, Quartermaster Basic School, Fort Lee, Va.
1981, Bachelor of Science, Accounting, Virginia State University

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

2010-2012, Director of Internal Audit, DeCA Headquarters, Fort Lee, Va.
2008-2010, Audit Project Manager, Joint Operations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense, Arlington, Va.
2007-2008, Program Director, Qatar, Office of the Inspector General Field Office, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
2003-2007, Audit Project Manager, Readiness Operations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense, Arlington, Va.
2002-2003, Comptroller, Combined Joint Task Force-180, Afghanistan/Cuba
1997-2002, Senior Auditor, Readiness & Logistics Support, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense, Arlington, Va.
1996-1997, Logistics Operations, 21st Theater Support Command, Germany/Bosnia
1994-1996, Senior Auditor, Readiness Division, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense, Arlington, Va.
1992-1994, Auditor, Logistics Support Division, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense, Arlington, Va.
1992-2010, U.S. Army Reserve, Fort Belvoir, Va. and Arlington, Va.
1981-1992, U.S. Army, Quartermaster Officer, Germany; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Taegu and Camp Carroll, South Korea

(Current as of July 2012)