Biography



DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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William E. Sherman General Counsel

In his role as general counsel, William E. Sherman serves as the Defense Commissary Agency's principal advisor, providing legal guidance and support to the director and other staff members, including its three region directors. He also acts as the agency's designated ethics officer and is the senior agency staff member responsible for alternative dispute resolution.

Mr. Sherman has served in this position since May 1991 when he came to the agency as an Air Force colonel who had just completed nearly two years as staff judge advocate for what was the Air Force's largest legal office – the 13th Air Force at the former Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines. He retired from the Air Force July 31, 1996.

Mr. Sherman is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of North Dakota; the United States Court of Military Appeals; the United States Court of Appeals, eighth and federal circuits; and the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota.



AWARDS AND HONORS

Defense Commissary Agency Superior Civilian Service Award Defense Superior Service Medal Legion of Merit (one oak leaf cluster) Meritorious Service Medal (two oak leaf clusters) Air Force Commendation Medal (one oak leaf cluster)

EDUCATION

2004, graduate, Department of Defense Leadership and Management Program

1984, graduate, Air War College (seminar)

1979, graduate, Air Command and Staff College (seminar)

1978, graduate, Air Force Squadron Officers School (correspondence)

1970, Juris Doctor degree, University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, N.D.

1967, Bachelor of Arts degree in history, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N.D.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1991 - present, General Counsel, Defense Commissary Agency, Fort Lee, Va.

1989 - 1991, Staff Judge Advocate, 13th Air Force, Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines

1987 - 1989, Staff Judge Advocate, McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.

1984 - 1987, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.

1980 - 1984, Staff Judge Advocate, Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

1979 - 1980, Chief of Military Justice, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1977 - 1979, Military Judge for the United States Air Force Trial Judiciary, second circuit, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1975 - 1977, Staff Judge Advocate, Webb Air Force Base, Texas

1972 - 1974, Chief of International Law and Claims, Kadena Air Base, Japan

1970 - 1972, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate and Claims Officer, 46th Combat Support Group, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

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