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Katrenick selected new manager of Zone 9

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FORT LEE, Va. – Jerome Katrenick, chief of the operations section at Defense Commissary Agency West, headquartered at McClellan, Calif., has been selected as the agency’s Zone 9 manager. His appointment is effective April 12. Katrenick replaces Del Hoercher who retired at the end of 2008.

In this position, Katrenick oversees the operation of 11 commissaries located in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

“As chief of the operations section, Jerome was intricately involved in all aspects of store operations,” said Keith Hagenbuch, acting director for DeCA West. “His proven leadership and operational expertise will be a great asset for all Zone 9 stores. I am confident that he will build on past successes to help Zone 9 stores excel in delivering a premium commissary benefit.”

Katrenick began his commissary career with the Army Troop Support Agency in 1987, as a store worker in Munich, Germany. After a short break he returned to federal service as a meat cutter at Fort Belvoir, Va. During the next 10 years he held progressive management positions at six stores on the East Coast and was actively involved with the opening of three new commissaries at Fort Myer, Va., Fort Monmouth, N.J. and Fort Hamilton, N.Y. Katrenick was appointed as acting store director at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., in 2002. He served as store director at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., and then McClellan, Calif. between 2003 and 2007, prior to his selection as chief of the DeCA West operations section.

Commenting on his new appointment, Katrenick said, “I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work as chief of the operations section for DeCA West. The experience has expanded my knowledge of the intricacies of store operations from a corporate perspective. While I will miss my colleagues at the region, I look forward to getting back out into the field.”

Zone 9 commissaries include Buckley Air Force Base, Fort Carson, Peterson Air Force Base, and the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado; Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley in Kansas; Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska; Minot Air Force Base and Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota; Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.; and F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.

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