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Kochuba selected chief of MBU's special projects

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FORT LEE, Va. – Gregory Kochuba, a research analyst with the special projects division, has been selected chief of that division for the Defense Commissary Agency's sales directorate, effective Aug. 30.

Kochuba fills the position left vacant by William Mehler, who retired June 1 after 30 years of government service. Mehler had been chief of the division since 2001.

“Greg brings a wealth of experience to this job, especially with his background as an accountant and senior auditor,” said Randy Chandler, director of sales. “His time as an executive assistant with the director's action group gave him a close and personal view of headquarters staff decisions that will serve him well in his new position.”

Kochuba now oversees a division that has a diverse ledger of responsibilities. His staff crunches the numbers on major sales data to determine how the benefit is doing and how it can be improved. And, through its reset and distribution branches, special projects has its stamp on the internal layout of DeCA stores worldwide as well as its customer service and logistics support to commissaries in Europe, Puerto Rico and the Navy Exchange in Cuba. The staff also manages the agency's participation in the highly visible Scholarships for Military Children program.

Kochuba began his civil service career in 1981 as an auditor intern for the U.S. Army. Within his first two years, he had advanced to senior auditor and in 1987 he moved to the Defense Logistics Agency, serving as a systems accountant. In 1992, Kochuba joined DeCA

headquarters as a systems accountant with resource management. By 1998, he became the agency's accountant and banking liaison officer.

In 2001, he was selected to serve as an executive assistant with the director's action group, a headquarters element that coordinated all staff actions involving the agency director. Three years later, he returned to resource management where he was promoted to chief of systems and financial services. In 2005, he became a financial analyst before joining the sales directorate as a research analyst.

Kochuba is a certified defense financial manager with a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting from King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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