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County Director of Veterans Services named

Kenosha, WI – County Executive Jim Kreuser has named Derrell Greene as the new county Director of Veterans Services.

Greene will serve as the interim director, by Executive Order, until his appointment has been confirmed by the Kenosha County Board.

Thomas R. Lois had served as the county's Director of Veterans Services for 21 years and retired on October 31st.

Greene, 56, is a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel. His 23-year Army career includes serving in Saudi Arabia in 1991 during Operation Desert Storm. He also served in South Korea, Thailand, Guam, Germany, Japan and Spain.

Among his military commendations are a Bronze Star, a Defense Meritorious Medal and a Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Military service was a family tradition for Greene. His father served for 29 years in the U.S. Army, retiring in Anchorage, Alaska.

Greene began his own military career in 1974 as a second lieutenant through the Army ROTC program. During his military career, he served in various positions, from platoon leader, staff officer to company and battalion commander. At the time of his retirement in 1997, Greene worked as a Joint Plans Officer, working with members of the Marines, Air Force and Navy at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.

"I am very pleased to appoint Mr. Greene, a retired Lieutenant Colonel with a distinguished military background, as Director of Veterans Services. Beyond serving in Desert Storm, his military experience includes close work with all branches of our country's armed forces. His family background and military experience will bring the perspective needed to bridge the needs of veterans of all generations and service experiences. I know all Kenosha County veterans will benefit from the services offered by the Office of Veterans Services under Mr. Greene's leadership."

Greene said it will be a great honor to work with veterans and their families.

“At Veterans Services, we intend to provide first class service to our active, retired, disabled, National Guard and reservists to ensure they are aware of services available to them and they receive the benefits they have earned,” Greene said.

Most recently, Greene was Chief Safety Officer for Greatwide Trucking in Pleasant Prairie.

Greene has a Master of Arts Degree in contract/acquisition management from Florida Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from Southwestern State University. His wife, Adelene Greene, is the county Director of the Division of Workforce Development. He is a member of the NAACP Kenosha Branch and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.