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DIRECTOR HIRED TO MANAGE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA’S ST. JOHN PARISH AIRPORT

LaPLACE, LOUISIANA

On March 1, 2013 Kent Greene was officially retained to direct the operation of Port of South Louisiana’s St. John Parish Airport. He will work with the Port’s administration team to oversee the current on-going improvement and expansion projects and supervise its day-to-day operations.

Greene is all too familiar with the St. John Parish airport. “St. John Airport is very special to me. That is where I learned to fly; that is where my aircraft is based; that is the runway I look forward to seeing after a long flight; that is my aviation home,” says Greene. “I am so excited about the progress happening at the airport. We are currently expanding the runway to better service larger aircraft and small corporate jets, which, weather permitting, should be completed by the end of April. We are in the process of opening a new temporary terminal building that will better serve the needs of pilots, flight crews, and passengers flying in and out of our airport. We are adding Jet-A fuel to the services offered at the airport.”

Born and raised in Tennessee, Greene made the New Orleans area his home in 1985. Although he has 23 years of experience in the automotive business, aviation is his passion. He earned his pilot’s license in 1999 after taking flight lessons at the St. John Parish Airport. Two years later, he began flying for the Coast Guard Auxiliary Squadron attached to the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station in New Orleans until 2008. Between 2005 and 2009, Greene was appointed Auxiliary Air Coordinator for said squadron. He has owned nine aircraft in the 14 years he’s been a pilot and, for the last four years, he has been in the aviation business, owning two aviation-related businesses. Greene and Julie, his wife of 27 years, are residents of St. Charles Parish along with their two sons Benjamin and Brandon.

“We are growing our airport and our services offered,” adds Greene. “If you haven’t been to St. John Parish Airport recently, please make a point to come see us soon.”

The Port of South Louisiana, a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, is the largest tonnage port in the Western Hemisphere. The cargo it handles accounts for over 50 percent of all Louisiana imports/exports.

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