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Army Master Sergeant Levi N. Kenner

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Aiken, S.C., native Army Master Sergeant Levi N. Kenner is the senior operations sergeant in the Operations Directorate at United States Northern Command.

As the senior operations sergeant, Kenner's duties include operations security, personnel security, monitoring visitation authorizations, and establishing liaison with various agencies outside of the command to ensure mission accomplishment.

My job supports homeland defense by providing services to all the NORTHCOM Operations Directorate (J3) staff to assist them with whatever they may need to deal with the real world issues," Kenner said. "I assist the J3 in making sure things get done."

Kenner, who arrived at USNORTHCOM nine months ago, said he enjoys his job because, "No two days are the same and each day is extremely challenging and rewarding."

He describes his job as a combination of a policeman, a counselor, an administrative director, an information booth manager, and a mid-level manager of a large organization.

Kenner's approach to each task is quite simple. "I want people to know that I will always do the best I can to provide them with the best I have," said the 23-year Army veteran.

Looking for some direction in his life, Kenner joined the Army in August of 1980.

"I lacked discipline and knowledge in the things that could have only be obtained by experience," he said. "The military – through the leaders I've had — has significantly taught me how to evaluate myself more closely and as a result, made me a better person today."

In addition to those military leaders, Kenner credits his family, teachers and ministers for shaping him into a more complete and understanding person.

"I've been very fortunate to have a lot of good people take time to educate and develop this poor fellow from South Carolina," he noted. "I hope I can do the same for the next guy."



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