

Postmaster Leaves Kodiak for Warmer Climates

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Despite both being islands with decent surfing, there's not much that Puerto Rico and Kodiak have in common. Both, however, do have U.S. Post Offices and need postmasters. And in this case, Cabo Rojo's gain will be Kodiak's loss, as Postmaster Bill Kersh leaves here for there next month.

Kersh, who's been postmaster in Kodiak for about seven years, recently accepted a similar job just about as far away from Kodiak one can get and still be in the United States.

Cabo Rojo, on the southwest corner of the island, has a population of 50,000 in the city, with several other towns surrounding it. Kersh has never been there, but plans a visit soon.

In Kersh's time as the Kodiak postmaster, there have been a lot of changes, both in staff and infrastructure. Though the size of the staff is a fraction of what it was when he arrived, due to the Postal Service's well-publicized financial troubles, Kersh said the people he worked with here were top-notch.

Kersh also involved himself actively with the community, serving five years on the Planning and Zoning Commission and participating with several groups around town, including the Lions, Elks and Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Kersh and his family will be leaving for Puerto Rico in mid June.