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WEST STAR AVIATION Appoints General Manager for New KCHA Location

East Alton, IL, January 18, 2016 - West Star Aviation is pleased to announce that Thomas Hilboldt will be the General Manager for their newest location in Chattanooga, TN (KCHA).

Tom has over 40 years experience in aviation and in his new role, he will oversee all operations for this location. Tom began his career in aviation at Midcoast Aviation in 1978 as the Technical Services Supervisor. He joined West Star in 2013 as a Shift Supervisor and he was quickly promoted to Satellite Manager at their Chicago Executive Airport (PWK) in 2014 where he worked until he accepted promotion to General Manager for KCHA.

"Tom Hilboldt has grown quickly in our company and we are pleased to have him as General Manager of our new Chattanooga location," says, Rodger Renaud, Chief Operating Officer, West Star Aviation. "Tom is well known and respected throughout the aviation industry and has proven skills that will continue to add positive growth for our new location."

Based at the new Chattanooga, TN (KCHA) location, scheduled to be operational February 1, 2016, Tom will be responsible for overseeing all operations of the new 40,000-sq.-ft. heated hangar and will oversee all maintenance, interior, avionics and mobile response team services. For more information on West Star's KCHA location, please call (423) 661-8902 or thilboldt@wsa.aero.

Voted #1 Preferred MRO in *Professional Pilot* magazine's annual "Preferences Regarding Aviation Services and Equipment" (PRASE) Survey for two consecutive years, West Star Aviation, Inc. specializes in the repair and maintenance of airframes, windows, and engines, as well as major modifications, avionics installation and repair, interior refurbishment, surplus avionics sales, accessory services, paint and parts.

In addition to its facilities in East Alton, IL; Grand Junction, CO; and Columbia, SC. West Star Aviation runs maintenance operations at Aspen-Pitkin County Airport in Aspen, CO, Chicago Executive Airport in Chicago, IL, Centennial Airport in Denver, CO and a new facility opening this year in Chattanooga, TN. The company also provides complete FBO services for transient aircraft at its newly remodeled East Alton and Grand Junction facilities. West Star Aviation, Inc. is an industry leader in technical experience and expertise while providing world-class customer services in all the organization's divisions. For more information visit www.weststaraviation.com or call 800-922-2421.

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