

## Portland, Oregon REALTOR® Ken Becket Earns Military Relocation Professional Certification

Member of USAA For Over 45 Years

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September 22, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Ken Becket is a Real Estate Broker with Coldwell Banker SEAL in Portland, Oregon. He obtained his MRP Certification in March of 2014. "Coldwell Banker SEAL recruited me to work exclusively with their Military market" says Ken, "so having a Military Relocation Professional Certification was a logical step for me."

Ken was born in Honolulu, Hawaii just three weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He grew up in Hawaii as a 'Military Brat' of a Naval Officer. Ken had his first exposure to Military life on a personal level as the high school he attended had mandatory ROTC for all male students.

After high school graduation, Ken moved to Oregon to pursue undergraduate



studies, majoring in chemistry at Pacific University located in Forest Grove close to Portland. "I was always interested in the physical sciences – physics, biology and chemistry" recalls Ken.

After 2 years at Pacific, Ken moved back to Honolulu to continue his studies at the University of

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At the time he was self-employed for 15 years as a salesman where he sold class rings, caps & gowns and yearbooks to high schools and colleges in the Pacific Northwest. He then

went on to establish an equipment lease finance brokerage with his wife Beverly, which served a national market.

Ken went into Real Estate when a declining economic cycle became a challenge for profitable equipment leasing. He had always been interested in Real Estate and obtained his Oregon Real Estate Broker license in 2003. Ken says, "Real Estate represented the opportunity for me to utilize many of the skills I cultivated from my diverse background. I learned the necessary techniques of time management and the art of being an independent contractor early on."

Ken began his Real Estate career with Prudential, an internationally recognized company. He was immediately hired into the Relocation division as the Marketing and Operations Manager in the Portland area. After 2 years in this position, Ken became a full-time Relocation Broker for Prudential serving such clients as Nike, Adidas, Genentech, Intel and Federal Government Agencies.

"Having lived in the Portland area for as long as I have, I truly enjoy sharing some of the delightful and unique aspects of living here. The water is pure, the air is clean and the schools are great. This is a wonderful place to raise a family" says Ken. "All of my children and grandchildren live here."

In fact, in 2013 Portland, Oregon was voted one of the most livable cities in the United States, and Money Magazine determined that Portland was the best place to live in the country, citing the city's roaring high-tech economy, small school classes, and strong job market, in addition to a high quality of life that includes short commutes, pedestrian-friendly shop-lined streets, and "loads of culture."

In 2014 Ken was offered an opportunity to handle Military Relocation for Coldwell Banker SEAL and he has truly enjoyed relocating Military families.

Although Oregon has no active Military installations, many high-tech industries are actively seeking out and hiring those who have served in the Military. "I've been a member of USAA for over 45 years" says Ken, "and I really appreciate working with Military families – not just the Military member, but also their extended families who are eligible for USAA or the Navy Federal Credit Union. I'm working almost exclusively with Military Relocation now."

Ken Becket currently serves the greater Portland and surrounding area counties of Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Columbia and Yamhill. Some of the cities included in this area are Beaverton, Hillsboro, Tigard, Lake Oswego, Tualatin, Sherwood, Newberg, Gresham, Troutdale and Sandy.

Aside from being a Military Relocation Professional (MRP), Ken is also a Designated Relocation Specialist (DRS).

For more information about Ken, please visit these sites:

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