

Charleston Profile

Ronald Jones
Base volunteer

Ronald Jones is a volunteer at the Dorchester Gate Visitors Center. He registers vehicles and issues visitor's passes to contractors and people visiting military members on base.

Jones is an Air Force retiree. He served from 1956-1977, retiring as a master sergeant. He began his military career as a B-52 electronic countermeasures technician. He then went into missile systems as a verification checkout equipment technician and a flight analyst. Later, Jones was a special agent with the Office of Special Investigations. He was stationed at Keesler AFB, Miss., Minot AFB, N.D., Langley AFB, Va., Clark AB, Phillipines, and Kadena AB, Japan.

Jones has been a volunteer on base for almost two years because "being a retired person, you can't play golf seven days a week," he joked. "I have to find some other outlet."

Jones was born in California and raised in Pennsylvania before he joined the Air Force. He's lived in Mount Pleasant for the past nine years. He has four children, 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He enjoys playing golf in his spare time.

Jones said he's impressed with the quality of airmen today and with Charleston AFB.

"It appears to me that the young people are well motivated, highly trained and a delight to be around," he said.



Senior Airman Michael Duhe

Spotlight

Retirement ceremony: A retirement ceremony for Col. James Norris is Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. at the Charleston Club. A reception will follow. Dress is uniform of the day or flight suit for military members, casual for civilians. All members of the base community are invited.

There will be a dinner honoring Norris and his wife, Opal, Thursday at the Charleston Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Dress is very casual (i.e. blue jeans).

Cost is \$13.50 for club members and \$16.50 for non-members. To make reservations, call 437th Operations Group - 2nd Lt. David Du Bois at 963-3385; 437th Logistics Group - 2nd Lt. Gordon Pearson at 963-2543; 437th Support Group - Rosemarie Perry at 963-3800; 437th Medical Group - Maj. Rosemary Richardson at 963-6173; Wing Staff - Maj. Don Starr at 963-2852; and the 315th Airlift Wing - Cheryl Merritt at 963-3338.

Retirement ceremony: The 17th Airlift Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Phillips today at 3 p.m. in the Yonkie Auditorium (Bldg. 54). A reception will follow in the break room adjacent to the auditorium.

Retirement ceremony: The 437th Supply Squadron is hosting a retire-

ment ceremony for Maj. Paul Sylvester Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. at the Charleston Club.

Around the base

Council meeting: The 437th Medical Group Healthcare Consumers Council meeting is today at 2 p.m. in the Community Education Center ball room (Bldg. 221).

Topics of discussion will be availability of medications, the new automated refill equipment, prescription priorities, Internet formulary and how to reduce your waiting time at the pharmacy. TRICARE and clinical updates will also be discussed.

For information, call Tech. Sgt. Steven Cook or Master Sgt. Barry Harvey at 963-6901 or 7702

Chief's Group: The CAFB Chiefs' Group will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Charleston Club. All chiefs (active duty, Reserve, retired) are invited and encourage to attend.

AFRES: For questions about Air Force Reserve assignments, Palace Chase and Palace Front, call Reserve career counselor and in-service recruiter Master Sgt. Betty Hill at 963-4499.

Memorial: A memorial fund has been set up for the family of Tech. Sgt. Dale Bannister. Bannister, who