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Road renamed in honor of Knox County veteran services officer

Knoxville, Tenn. — Today, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett announced that Dade Drive in northwest Knox County will now be known as Chuck Jones Drive, in honor of the longtime Knox County veteran services officer. Newly-named Chuck Jones Drive is located near the Ben Atchley State Veteran's Home and is one of the main approaches to the facility.

Jones, 82, has been serving Knox County's veterans for more than a quarter century. He was hired in 1985.

"Chuck is committed to this country and the veterans of this community, and he deserves to be recognized for that dedication," Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett said. "Over the years, Chuck has worked hard to see that Knox County's veterans and their families have access to the benefits they have earned by serving to protect our freedom."

Jones enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944, near the end of World War II, and was pressed into service as a cook when he was just 16 years old. He served during both WWII and the Korean War, and he spent a great deal of his time aboard Navy submarines patrolling the world's waters. He retired from the Navy in 1965 as a chief petty officer.

"It is an honor to have this road named after me, and to know that so many veterans and their families will travel this way on their way to the veteran's home," Jones said. "I chose to serve this country because I value freedom, not to get a pat on the back. It is a pleasure to continue serving Knox County's veterans as long as I can."

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett requested that the Metropolitan Planning Commission and the Knox County Commission approve the road renaming.

"I appreciate the support of both the Commission and MPC in helping to recognize Chuck's work for Knox County," Mayor Burchett said.

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