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## **Retired Air National Guard colonel to serve Knox Co. veterans**

*Knoxville, Tenn.* — Retired Tennessee Air National Guard Colonel Richard Julian, 67, has been named Knox County's assistant veteran service officer, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett announced Wednesday.

Col. Julian spent nearly four decades of his life in the military. He retired in 2004 after spending 38 years in the Air National Guard.

"Colonel Julian has dedicated his life to serving our country, and now he will continue that service by helping this community to properly serve our veterans," Mayor Burchett said. "Knox County's veterans will be well served by having such a strong advocate working for them."

Knox County Veteran Service Officer Chuck Jones, who is himself a military veteran, will be Col. Julian's direct supervisor.

"I look forward to working with Colonel Julian as we continue to ensure that the Knox County Veteran Services Office is a helpful place for veterans and their dependents to get the information and help they need," Jones said. "His experience and background will be a great addition to our department."

Col. Julian began his career with the Tennessee Air National Guard in 1965, working his way up to 134<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing Support Group Commander in 1998. He held that post until his retirement in 2004. In addition to overseeing a \$23 million programming and construction project and managing an \$11 million annual budget, much of Col. Julian's work focused on helping veterans access the programs and services that they are entitled to.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to put my military experience to work for Knox County's veterans," Col. Julian said. "I am committed to helping our servicemen and women in any way possible, because they deserve nothing less."

More information about the Knox County Veteran Services Office can be found online at <http://www.knoxcounty.org/veterans> or by calling 865-215-5646.

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