

Legendary Flier Helps Young Pilots Grow Old



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You're probably never had
anyone like him before.
He's been flying for 25 years
and he's still going strong.
He's a legend.

BIEN HOA, Vietnam (AP)—Ruddy-faced Colver Jones is not just a pilot, he's a cockpit philosopher—twice as old as many of his flying mates and something of a legend.

Peering over an undisciplined Auburn mustache, the 48-year-old captain fixes young helicopter pilots with a baleful stare and warns: "There is no such thing as an old, bold pilot."

In Vietnam, however, there are plenty of young bold pilots, and Jones is dedicated to seeing that they age gracefully.

Having flown with a gunship company in Vietnam four years ago, Jones is ending his second tour as a pilot with the 20th Eng. Brigade. The engineer pilots fly cargo and liaison missions, haul dignitaries and command officers and maintain courier flights throughout the Mekong Delta.

It sounds safe enough but nothing is really safe in Vietnam.

Jones recalls a routine ferry mission to Saigon's airport one morning when the chopper taking off just ahead got caught in a burst of fire from a sudden skirmish on the ground—one crewman was killed with a bullet in his head.

"I always tell the new pilots to forget those wild combat stories and start fresh. There are no more instructors out here. You start learning from right now."

"It's a funny thing. I never met a kid who wouldn't listen." They listen, perhaps, because Colver Jones is known as "The Fox." In 25 years of flying he has had only one major accident, and he walked away from that one.

His accident came a decade ago flying survey planes for the engineers in Alaska. A submerged bit of thawing tundra ripped the floats from his light plane during a landing.

In Vietnam, he has never had a bullet hole.

Jones qualified as a glider pilot with the old Army Air Corps in World War II but never left the states. He did a hitch as an aviation machinist in the Navy, rejoined the Army Reserves and came back to fly in Korea for the Army.

His battered flight log numbers 4,000 hours, and Jones points out most of these came in short hops—not the lengthy flights of Air Force fliers.

After 19 years in the Army and nearing the end of his time in Vietnam, Jones is looking forward to picking up his wife and three children in Texas City, Tex., for his next job, flying Army survey teams in Latin America.

"After that," he said, "I may hang up my shoes but I'll still keep flying. I may get a ground job tied up with aviation safety."

Binh Dinh Gets Dental Kits

QUI NHON, Vietnam (Special)—The Qui Nhon Support Command Civil Affairs Office is distributing 1,000 home-care dental kits in the Binh Dinh Province through local hospitals, schools and orphanages.

The kits were obtained through the Gainesville, Fla., Chapter of the American Red Cross. The idea for their distribution originated from Spec. 5 Kenneth Newman, of Tacoma Park, Md., who works in the Civil Affairs Office.

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DECORATIONS and AWARDS

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Lt. Col. Avery S. Fullerton, Sgt. Billy R. Kelly, Spec. 4 Rodney A. Henderson, Pfc. Richard Farren, Pfc. Robert F. Thornton, Pfc. Douglas Snyder, all U.S. Army.
Capt. William T. Walley, 1st Lt. Dennis R. Johnson, Platoon Sgt. George M. Bush, Sgt. Leland E. Barnes, all U.S. Army.
Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device
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Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware, U.S. Army.
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7:00—News
7:05—Mormon Tabernacle Choir
7:30—Music From Around The World
8:00—News
8:05—Roger Carroll
9:00—News
9:05—Gary Owen Show
10:00—News
10:05—Bobby Trapp's Jazz Time
11:00—News
11:05—World In Music
12:00—News
Monday, July 1
12:00—News
12:05—Nightwatch
1:00—News
1:05—Nightwatch
2:00—News
2:05—Small World
3:00—News
3:15—Young Sounds
4:00—News
4:05—Herman Griffith
4:30—All That Jazz
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Sunday, June 30
3:00—News
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9:05—Nightfall
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11:00—News
11:05—Music Till Midnight

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1:30—Sports
3:30—Feature Movie
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6:00—College Bowl
6:30—Donny Thomas
7:30—News-Sports-Business
8:00—Window On Vietnam
8:05—California Girl
9:00—Ed Sullivan
10:00—Bonanza
11:00—Upstate News
11:05—Oan Martin

AFVN-TV (Da Nang)

Channel 11
Sunday, June 30
12:50—Test Pattern Party
1:50—Channel 11 Report
2:00—The Answer
2:30—I Corp Chapel Of The Air
3:00—Voyage To The Bottom Of The Sea
4:00—Sports

6:30—Vietnamese Special

7:00—College Bowl
7:30—Three Star Final
8:00—Ed Sullivan
9:00—Bonanza
10:00—Kraft Music Hall
11:00—The Lucy Show
11:30—Channel 11 Report
Monday, July 1
12:55—Test Pattern Party
1:55—Channel 11 Report
2:05—Movie
3:00—Special
4:30—Roy Acuff's Open House
5:00—Lost In Space
6:00—Big Picture
6:30—Vietnamese Special

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Sunday, June 30
12:00—News Briefs
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12:15—Sacred Heart
12:30—The Answer
1:00—Sunday Sports
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4:50—Information Special
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6:00—Ed Sullivan
6:30—G.E. College Bowl
7:00—Kraft Music Hall
7:00—Star Trek
8:00—Ed Sullivan
9:00—Bonanza
10:00—Channel 11 News
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11:45—Devotional

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6:15—Lawrence Welk
7:25—My Three Sons
7:30—News
8:00—Ed Sullivan
8:30—Bonanza
9:40—The Late Show
11:00—Late News

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Sunday, June 30
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6:15—Fourth Infantry Division "Focus"
6:30—The G.E. College Bowl
7:00—Evening Report
7:30—Ed Sullivan
8:30—Bonanza
9:15—Military News
9:30—Insight
10:00—Smother's Brothers
11:00—Information Special