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**OLIVER RETIRES FROM PORT FREEPORT AFTER 46 YEARS**

**FREEPORT, TX (January 27, 2014)** – James Oliver has worked at Port Freeport for 46 years – the past ten years as terminal manager – and is now retiring.

“I have really enjoyed my time at the Port,” said Oliver. “I’m grateful to have worked with so many great employees who have all become my friends.”

Over the course of more than four decades, Oliver has seen lots of progress at Port Freeport, about which he commented, “This port has really grown up. The facilities have multiplied, and the workload has increased dramatically.”

After a two-year stint in Vietnam with the U.S. Army, Oliver, discharged as a private first class, came to work at Port Freeport on Jan. 4, 1968, as a timekeeper and clerk. He was promoted in 1971 to assistant dock superintendent and later to terminal manager.

As terminal manager, Oliver’s wide-ranging duties included ordering labor to meet daily cargo-handling needs, supervising port maintenance, scheduling vessel calls and handling Port purchases.

“I couldn’t think of a better ‘right-hand man’ than James Oliver,” said Port Freeport Director of Operations Al Durel, to whom Oliver reported. “His dedication to the Port and to his job was absolutely unsurpassed, and it is a genuine pleasure to have worked with him.”

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