

ATSB Long-Time Employee Retirement

Ron Harper's long career with Associated Terminals has come to a close with his recent retirement. He will be missed, as he has been a team member since AT began operating at the Port of St. Bernard.

Ron began his career as an electrician in the early '60s, going to school and working nights. Ron attended United Electronics in Birmingham, Alabama while working the night shift at the Nifty Paper Company. Ron later became an Electrician at Avondale Shipyard learning the marine-industrial side of electronics with hands-on training for 8 years. This led to a position with Progress Electric. During this time Ron also supported his country as a member of the Army Reserves.

Ron and his wife of now 48 years, Sandra Harper were married in July of 1964. They have a daughter Angela and 2 grandsons, age 11 years and 15 months. Progress Electric, a marine service company, was a vendor used by Ryan Walsh Stevedoring to perform electrical repairs to their stevedoring and marine equipment. Management at Ryan Walsh recognized Ron's abilities and hired him to work at the New Orleans Public Bulk Terminal in 1981, bringing Ron "Full Ahead" into the marine and stevedoring industry. After 31 years of dedicated service and outstanding accomplishments, 10 of these years with Associated Terminals, Ron decided it was time to relax and enjoy more quality time with his family.

Ron is still active in the business; when questions arise he is there at the phone lending an ear and giving advice to all his friends in our company. Anyone looking to catch up with Ron can usually find him at the Athletic Club in Slidell twice a day. However if you're going in the morning, don't wait too late, as he is still an early riser and go-getter. Everyone who knows Ron would expect nothing less!