

Charles E. Martin Award for Outstanding Service to ORSSAMT

Charlie, as he was known to his friends and colleagues, proudly supported The American Medical Technology Society. He served as President of the Oregon State Society, Western District Councillor, Military Personnel Councillor, and member of the National A.M.T. Board of Directors (1960-1964).

He retired after more than 30 years in the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps (Now Medical Service Corps). Twenty-four of these Navy years were spent teaching medical technology to Navy personnel in Washington, D.C. and at the U.S. Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He even wrote his own text books on every aspect of medical technology.

He then spent 16 years at Oregon Technical Institute (now Oregon Institute of Technology) in the Department of Medical Technology.

Many of us were students of his and studied from the text books he wrote. He retired again after heading this department for many years.

He then took a position as Supervisor of the Medical Technology Training Program at United Medical Laboratories in Portland, Oregon.

He finally retired for good after a short time with this company.

He touched thousands of lives in the field of Medical Technology during a career that lasted more than 40 years. To those of us who knew him, he was a friend, a mentor, and one of the most knowledgeable people in the field of Medical Technology that ever lived. We could not have commemorated Oregon's most coveted award with a better name.

Each person who wears the pin must earn it with hard work and dedication. So if we appear to be extra proud of that little pin, we are! You now have a better understanding of why it means so much.

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