

Charles H. Lyles Award Recipient 2006

Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Past Charles H. Lyles Award Recipients

<i>Charles H. Lyles</i>	1984
<i>Theodore B. Ford</i>	1985
<i>J.Y. Christmas</i>	1986
<i>John Breaux</i>	1987
<i>John Ray Nelson</i>	1988
<i>I.B. "Buck" Byrd</i>	1989
<i>Hugh A. Swingle</i>	1990
<i>John A. Mehos</i>	1991
<i>J. Burton Angelle</i>	1992
<i>Louis A. Villanova</i>	1993
<i>Theodore H. Shepard</i>	1994
<i>Edwin A. Joyce, Jr.</i>	1995
<i>Tommy D. Candies</i>	1996
<i>Walter M. Tatum</i>	1997
<i>Thomas L. Heffernan</i>	1998
<i>Trent Lott</i>	1999
<i>James M. Barkuloo</i>	2000
<i>Walter W. Fondren, III</i>	2001
<i>Jerald K. Waller</i>	2002
<i>Andrew J. Kemmerer</i>	2003
<i>Hal R. Osborn</i>	2004
<i>Leroy Kiffe</i>	2005



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The Commission takes great pleasure in announcing that Mr. Robert P. Jones has been selected as the 2006 *Charles H. Lyles Award* recipient. He and his wife of 51 years, Mindy, currently reside in Tallahassee, Florida. He is a member of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and when he has a free moment enjoys reading, fishing, carpentry and golf.

Bob attended high school at St. Joseph's Academy in St. Augustine, Florida and then went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree from the University of South Florida. In 1950, he enlisted in for the United States Marine Corps as a reservist and served on active duty in the Corps from September 1953 until October 1955 when he was honorably discharged.

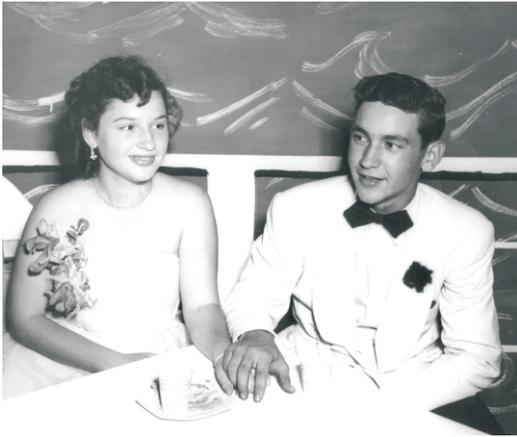
After the military, he worked in construction as an apprentice, then journeyman bricklayer in the St. Augustine area. In 1961, he became the Deputy Tax Assessor for St. John's County where he was involved in all facets of tax and property value assessment for the county. As part of this job he participated in the first property revaluation of St. Johns County. In 1963 he was appointed to the national staff of the U.S. Jaycees in Tulsa, Oklahoma as the Internal Affairs Manager in charge of membership, parliamentary procedure, and various other aspects of the national Jaycees. Then in 1964 he was hired into his current position, Executive Director of Southeastern Fisheries Association (SFA). The overall objective of this job is to accomplish basic association work for a consolidated group of commercial fishing interests which includes: (1) publication of monthly newsletter; (2) manage annual convention and semi-annual meeting; (3) lobby state legislature on bills affecting any aspect of the fishing industry; (4) deal with members' problems on a daily basis; (5) coordinate international interests to promote the industry; and (6) lobby in Washington, DC when federal legislation is proposed affecting the industry. In addition to his duties at SFA, he is also President of Robert P. Jones & Associates, Inc., a consulting firm that represents a number of rural Florida counties and school districts.

Throughout his career Mr. Jones has been involved in and served on a variety of fisheries-related committees, task forces, and delegations. He is currently a certified HACCP trainer and has trained over 850 individuals who work in the seafood industry. Also he is a member of the Food Safety Task Force, USCG Advisory Committee, EPA's Gulf of Mexico Initiative, Citizen's Advisory Committee, and Shrimp Advisory Committee for the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. In the past he has been involved in a number of activities including assisting in the development of the Cannonball Jellyfish fishery, leading a delegation to Japan concerning underutilized species, serving on the advisory panel for the Alaskan

Pipeline development, and founding the Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Development Foundation, Inc. As its first president. He was a member and chairman of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, as well as serving on various of committees for both the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils. He was a consultant (regarding catfish aquaculture) to Hindustan Lever in India and advisor to the National Academy of Science on vessel safety. He has been a member of such groups as the Oceans Policy Task Force, U.S. Department of Commerce Federal Task Force on Capacity & Overcapitalization, U.S. Department of State Ocean Affairs Advisory Committee, Advisory Committee of the Coastal Plains Regional Commission, MARFIN, Florida Society of Association Executives, Keep Florida Beautiful Board, Florida Department of Natural Resources Seafood Advisory Council, and the Carrabelle Port & Airport Authority. Finally, he has been a lecturer at Florida State University, University of South Florida, Oregon State University, and University of Florida.

It is with great pleasure that the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission presents this year's *Charles H. Lyles Award* to such an admirable and deserving recipient.

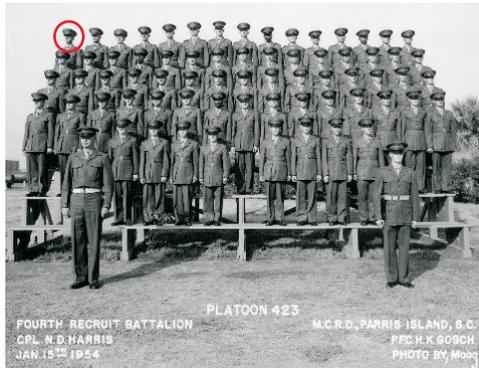




Mindy and Bob at their 10th grade prom



GULF OF MEXICO FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL



Marine Corps picture from Parris Island, SC in 1954



Discussing fisheries issues with Congressional personnel