



We are deeply saddened to announce the January 13, 2013 passing of Thomas Oscar Fultz, Jr., a modern mosquito control pioneer and innovator. Affectionately known as Oscar, he served in the United States Marine Corps and was a veteran of the Korean War. During his illustrious career, Oscar served as the Assistant Director and Entomologist at the Indian River, FL Mosquito Control District (1958-1960), and the Director of the Polk County, FL Arthropod Control Department (1961-1964). He retired from the Chatham County, GA Mosquito Control Department after serving as Director for 32 years. Included in his many achievements, Oscar was among the first to use high speed rotary ditchers for mosquito control source reduction, and among the first to employ cold fog, ULV technology for routine mosquito control. As a measure of his influence, Oscar authored twelve scientific papers, was a founding member and 1976 President of the Georgia Mosquito Control Association, a founding member and 1978 President of the Mid-Atlantic Mosquito Control Association, and 1985-1986 President of the American Mosquito Control Association. Additionally, Oscar holds the unique distinction of being the only non-Floridian Director to serve as President of the Florida Mosquito Control Association (1992). Oscar Fultz received numerous professional awards including two Meritorious Service Awards from the American Mosquito Control Association (1973, 1986); a Certificate of Commendation from the Georgia Air National Guard for vector control instruction (1976); a Certificate of Appreciation from the Director of the Center for Disease Control/Assistant Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service for vector control consultation and instruction (1977); and, the highest honor awarded by the Mid-Atlantic Mosquito Control Association, the Rowland E. Dorer Award for outstanding contributions to mosquito control (1992). There is no question that Thomas Oscar Fultz, Jr. left an indelible mark on the mosquito control industry.