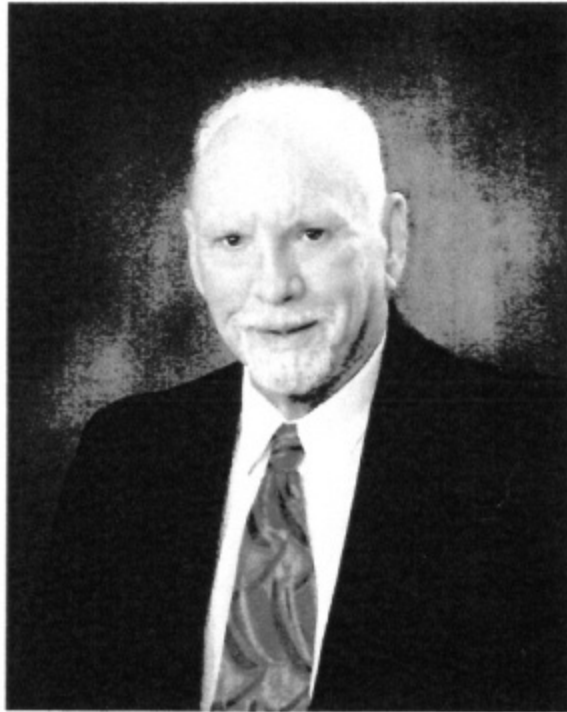


# Charles M. Lyon, MD, FACS

Supporter of Athletics



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Charles M. Lyon, MD, FACS

Date of Birth: January 1, 1935

Place of Birth: Morristown, New Jersey

Resident of El Paso: 1960 – 1965  
1970 – 2008

Marital Status: Married: Karen Carter Lyon

Children: Mary Lyon Donaldson  
Charles Monroe Lyon, IV  
Kathleen Lyon Gwinn  
Michael Lyon  
Tiger Lyon  
Tabatha Lyon Johnson

Education: 1952: St. John's High School, Paterson, NJ: Diploma  
1956: Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ: Bachelor of Arts  
1960: New Jersey College of Medicine & Dentistry (now Rutgers  
New Jersey Medical School), Newark, NJ: Doctor of  
Medicine  
1965: William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, TX  
General Surgery Residency

Employment Status: Retired General Surgery

Work History: 2004 – 2007 Medical Director, Center for Wound Healing  
and Hyperbaric Medicine  
Mountain View Regional Medical Center  
Las Cruces, New Mexico

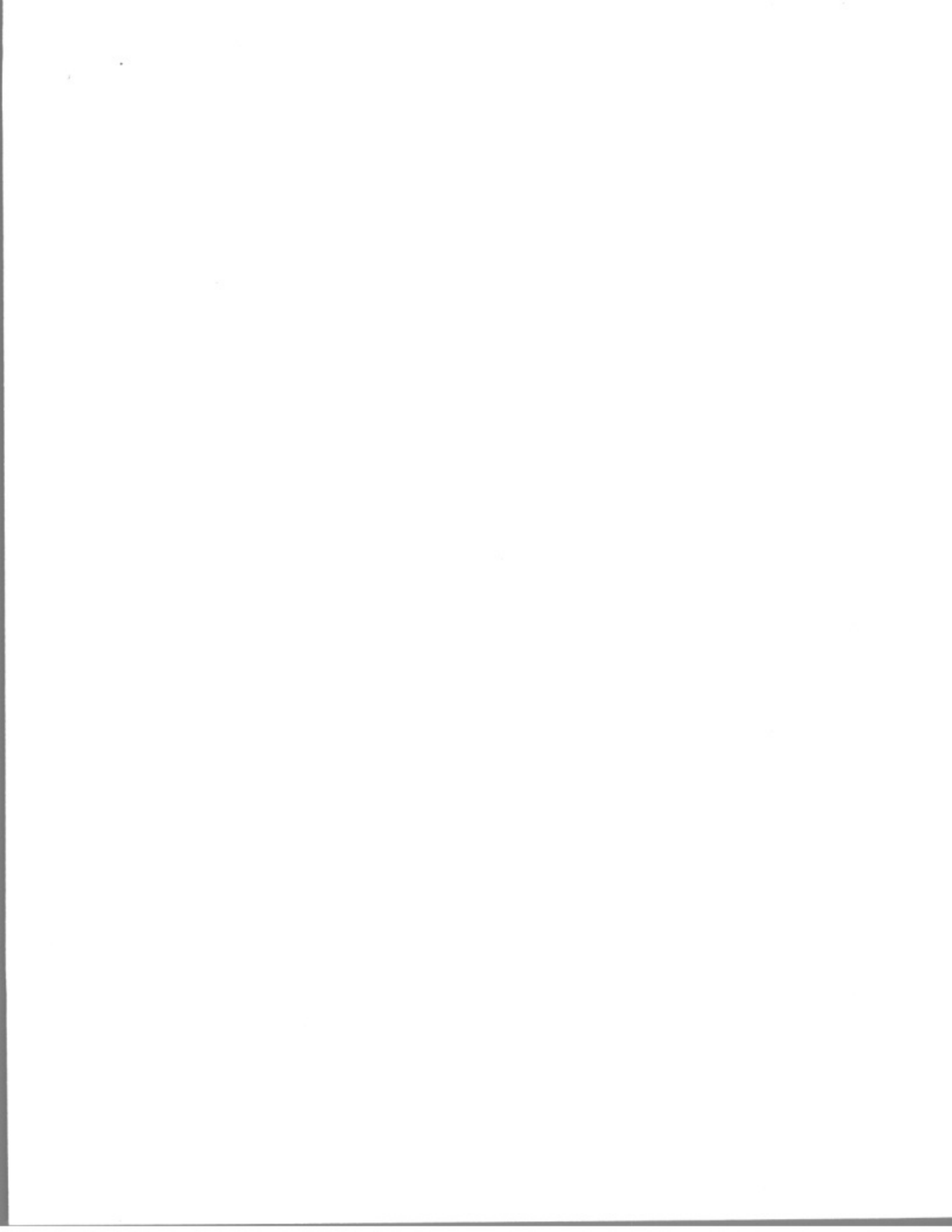
1991 - 2007 Private Practice  
General surgery, wound care & hyperbaric  
medicine, sports medicine  
El Paso, Texas

1991 - 2002 Medical Director  
Wound Care Center  
Columbia Medical Center-West  
El Paso, Texas

1979 – 2002	Founder and Medical Director Burn Care Unit Columbia Medical Center-West El Paso, Texas
1970 – 1994	General Surgery Practice El Paso, Texas
1967 – 1970	Lieutenant Colonel and Chief Department of Surgery 130 <sup>th</sup> General Hospital Nuremberg, Germany United States Army Medical Command Europe
1966-1967	Commanding Officer 45 <sup>th</sup> Surgical MUST Hospital (MASH Unit) Republic of Vietnam
1965-1966	Assistant Chief of Surgery U.S. Army Hospital United States Military Academy West Point, New York

Honors:

1997	Leadership Advisory Council Curative Healthcare Services Setauket, New York
1993	Outstanding Service to Burn Care Columbia Medical Center-West El Paso, Texas
1985	Outstanding Contributions to Burn Care in El Paso El Maida Shriners El Paso, Texas
1983	People to People Delegate, Burn Care Physicians Republic of China



1970	National Defense Meritorious Service Medal United States Army United States of America
1967	Vietnam Service Medal Vietnam Campaign Medal
1967	Legion of Merit for Service in the Republic of Vietnam United States Army United States of America
1966	Certificate of Achievement United States Military Academy West Point, New York

To: El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee

From: Candidate: Charles M. Lyon, MD  
Candidate Category: Supporters of Athletics

Dr. Charles Lyon has been an avid sports fan and supporter since his earliest memories. He played both baseball and basketball in middle school and high school in New Jersey, but his great love was boxing and he fought matches at the welterweight division throughout his teen years in New Jersey. When he was discharged from the Army Medical Corp in 1970 after 11 years of service in such places as West Point, Viet Nam and Nuremburg, Germany and established himself as a general surgeon in El Paso, he turned his sports love in to a lifelong dedication to the support of and medical care of athletes. In order to truly understand his passion for sports medicine, a brief history of his surgical training and practice in the Army Medical Corp is helpful. As Senior Resident in General Surgery at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in 1965, Lt. Colonel Kelwin Nelson, wrote of Dr. Lyon "This officer has performed in an outstanding manner during the entire fourth year of his general surgery residency. He has avidly cared for his patients ... and is extremely astute in his diagnostic measures, constantly thinking." Colonel George Martin, Chief of Professional Services, added "This officer has been an outstanding senior resident in general surgery. He has the profound knowledge and critical attitude necessary for future outstanding accomplishments. His approach to problems is not strictly academic, thus allowing latitude for contingent considerations."

In Major Lyon's first assignment at the United States Military Academy at West Point, Lt. Colonel Robert Leonard wrote of Dr. Lyon "He provided the highest quality of surgical care to members of the US Corps of Cadets, the staff and faculty, and the Command of the US Military Academy. In recognition of his outstanding performance at this station, Major Lyon was awarded the Certificate of Achievement." During his tenure at West Point, Dr. Lyon began his lifelong dedication to athletes and sports medicine. In one particularly challenging incident, Coach Bobby Knight, then Head Coach for the West Point basketball team "requested" to come in to the operating room during surgery on one of his star players. Dr. Lyon, in protection of his patient's safety, the sterility of the operating room and the necessity for maintaining the privacy of his patient's medical care, diplomatically denied Coach Knight's request. While not particularly happy at being denied access to the operating room, Coach Knight recognized that Dr. Lyon was in command of the surgical suite just as he was in command of the basketball court. It was a lesson in mutual respect for opposing positions.

Following West Point, Major Lyon was assigned to the combat zone of Viet Nam as the Deputy Commander of the 45<sup>th</sup> Surgical Hospital. He assumed command of the hospital following the commander's sudden death as a result of enemy hostile action. Colonel Charles Pixley, Commanding Officer of the 68<sup>th</sup> Medical Group who later became Lieutenant General Pixley, Surgeon General of the Army, wrote of Dr. Lyon, "This officer was also confronted with the unique challenge of organizing and making operational the first Surgical MUST Hospital sent to Vietnam. Under Major Lyon's driving leadership, this hospital became fully operational within five days after arrival of the main body at final location. It can be truly said of Major Lyon that he epitomizes the acme of a soldier, officer physician and medical specialist." In order to exercise command of the hospital, Major Lyon gave up the majority of his clinical medicine, but during heavy workload periods, he spent many hours in general surgery and took surgical call with all the other surgeons. During one particularly heavy period of fighting in 1967, Major Lyon and his surgical staff cared for over 165 soldiers in a mass casualty situation unfolding over a 55 hour period without break for any of the surgical staff. For this action as well as his exceptional performance as the Commanding Officer of the 45<sup>th</sup> Surgical Hospital, Dr. Lyon was awarded the

National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Legion of Merit, one of the U.S. military's most distinguished awards, ranking just below the Silver Star. It and the Medal of Honor are the only two decorations issued as neck wear.

Dr. Lyon parlayed this foundation of excellence and experience in trauma, burn care, orthopedics and general surgery into a remarkable 40 year medical career in El Paso including the provision of volunteer medical and surgical care to numerous sports teams and athletes in the El Paso region.

### 1970s – 1980s

- Dr. Lyon served as team doctor for the El Paso Sun Bowl Football Host Committee for over 10 years from 1973 - 1983. In this position, not only was he responsible for coordinating all medical care for the players and coaches but also for the faculty and alumni of the respective teams including University of Washington, Texas A&M, Auburn, Mississippi State, Kansas, Texas, Stanford, Houston, and SMU. He was joined in his service by the wonderful Dr. Don Ewalt, who hosted the opposing teams in those years.
- Dr. Lyon was the boxing doc for both amateur and professional bouts for many years with Dr. Raul Rivera and Judges Joe Borzie and Dr. John Dickerson. One of the highlights of his years doing this was the CBS broadcast featuring heavyweights Marty Monroe and Ron Ball and El Paso's own Tony Perea and Ernie Shavers in which Tony took the only loss of his career. Additionally, Dr. Lyon served as a judge at several amateur bouts, skills he learned from Mr. Borzie and Dr. Dickerson.
- Dr. Lyon was the high school team doctor for Jefferson High School Silver Foxes under the coaching leadership of the charismatic Chicky Castaneda and Coronado High School Thunderbirds under the great Don Brooks and Bob Berryhill. Dr. Lyon served at Coronado as the team doctor from 1975 – 1984 and then assisted with care of athletes during his son, Tiger's, playing days on the Thunderbird Football Team from 1999 – 2003. In 2002, Dr. Lyon and his wife, who was serving as the President of the Thunderbird Football Booster Club, helped to raise thousands of dollars to install a new scoreboard at Quarles-Brooks stadium.
- Dr. Lyon was the team doctor for the El Paso Diablos baseball team from 1975 - 1985 when Jim Paul, who Dr. Lyon fondly refers to as the 'Father of El Paso Baseball', built a minor league dynasty at the original Diablo Field and then later at the northeast location. Dr. Lyon was a member of Jim's 'Group of Fifty', which supported the Diablos financially as well as through in-kind provision of medical care to the players.
- Dr. Lyon was Chairman of the El Paso Medical Society Sports Medicine Committee from 1975 to 1982. In his leadership capacity, he developed sports medicine clinics for physicians, trainers, coaches and other individuals involved in sports medicine at the middle, high school and college

levels. He also assisted in developing sports medicine policies for the schools and recruited physicians to serve as team doctors for sports teams throughout El Paso.

- Dr. Lyon organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Sports Medicine Symposium in El Paso in the early 1980's with speakers including the team physician from the University of Washington football team, whom he had hosted when Washington played in the Sun Bowl in 1979. In 1981, Dr. Lyon was honored to be invited by the Huskies to the Rose Bowl. Unfortunately, they lost to the Michigan Wolverines 23 – 6.

### 1980s – 2000s

- Dr. Lyon was a member of the University of Texas @ El Paso Century Club from 1983 – 1990, providing financial support to the UTEP golf team as well as medical care to the student athletes and coaches. He worked with the late Russ Johns, his best friend, to raise money for Coach Cricket Musch's team and to provide medical care for the student athletes.
- Dr. Lyon served as sponsor and coach for youth basketball teams in El Paso in the 1990s for his son, Tiger's, teams. They made trips to Albuquerque as well as playing in El Paso. The most poignant memory of these trips was so many of these kids telling Dr. Lyon they had never left El Paso and they had never stayed in a hotel. Dr. Lyon covered all the costs and those young boys just loved being able to play video games on the television and eat out in restaurants. The funniest part of the story is that, when the team checked out of the hotel to return to El Paso on Sunday, there was an extraordinarily high telephone bill. It seems that the players were calling their parents and girlfriends to tell them how much fun they were having and didn't know that the long distance telephone calls were not included in the price of rooms. It was an amazing experience for Dr. Lyon and his family. The team's big rivals were the Westside Sun Devils, coached by Manny Frias, just as it was in football for the city leagues.
- Dr. Lyon was the team physician for the El Paso Buzzards, a minor professional hockey team that played in the Western Professional Hockey League (WPHL) from 1996 to 2001. During the five seasons in El Paso, the Buzzards had a 180-127 Win/Loss record and won the WPHL Championship in 1997 and 1998.
- Finally, Dr. Lyon served as one of several personal physicians to basketball legend and Naismith Hall of Famer, Coach Don Haskins, "The Bear". Coach Haskins used to come to the office and always came through the private entrance so he could get in and out. "The Bear" didn't believe in making appointments or waiting. In his book, *Glory Road*, Coach Haskins singled out Dr. Lyon and several other physicians for special thanks in the post script notes for his years of service taking care of him.

Dr. Lyon has great memories of all these activities and cherishes these sports reminiscences. It would be a remarkable capstone on his 50+ years providing medical and surgical care to athletes and their



families, coaches, and fans for him to be selected as a member of the 2017 El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee class.

## Reference Letters

Ken Schrom	1998 Inductee
Phil Prieto	2011 Inductee
Coach Don Brooks	2001 Inductee
Jon Teicher	2001 Inductee
Jim Paul	1976 Inductee
Bernie Olivas	2011 Inductee
Wayne Thornton	1995 Inductee

Kenneth Schrom <kschrom@cchooks.com>

To the Selection Committee of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame:

Dear Friends,

I want to personally indorse Dr. Charlie Lyons for membership into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. Dr. Lyons has been a supporter of athletics his entire life. I first met Dr. Lyons when he was our team physician for the El Paso Diablos back in the 70's, he was a pleasure to be around and did an outstanding job helping to keep us all healthy. We have continued to stay in touch through the years and have shared memories of our love for sports. Dr. Lyons would be wonderful addition to our Hall.

Regards,

Ken Schrom-Member since 1998.

Phil Prieto  
724 Tayopa Ct.  
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Dear EPAHF Selection Committee Members,

It is a great honor for me to recommend my friend and medical colleague, Dr. Charles Lyon, for induction in to the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame in the Supporter of Athletics category. I have known Dr. Lyon since 1970 when he chose to return to El Paso to practice medicine after 11 years of service to his country at the United States Military Academy, in Viet Nam, and in Germany. Dr. Lyon and I both had offices in University Towers across from Providence Memorial Hospital and we became mutual referral sources for our patients. In addition to his general surgical practice, Dr. Lyon was a driving force with Pat Goff and the El Paso Shriners for the establishment of a Burn Unit at Sun Towers Hospital (now Las Palmas Medical Center) and we cared for many burn patients together as well as scores of El Paso athletes that he cared for over the course of his 40 years in private practice in El Paso. Dr. Lyon was particularly dedicated to high school athletics and he worked tirelessly at Jefferson and Coronado to insure that student athletes had good medical care and that all sporting events were attended by medical professionals. He was also a personal friend and physician for Coach Don Haskins and cared for him in his later years. There probably isn't a physician in El Paso who has been a greater advocate for athletics and sports medicine. I strongly recommend your consideration of this remarkable physician for induction in the 2017 El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame as a Supporter of Athletics.

*Phil Prieto*  
EPAHF 2011 Inductee

El Paso Hall of Fame Selection Committee Members,

I am writing in support of Dr. Charles M. Lyon nomination for El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame as a supporter of athletics. Dr. Lyon served Coronado as team doctor from 1975-2003. He volunteered countless hours of his time to support Coronado High School athletics. He did physicals at Coronado yearly. He donated all the money charged to the athletic training program at Coronado High School. His donations helped support the athletic training room at Coronado High School for many years. His donations made Coronado's training room one the most modern training rooms in El Paso during this time. Dr. Lyon volunteered to attend away games in and out of town at his own expense. He always wanted to make sure there was doctor present for the athletes. He was available to see athletes at a moment's notice. He was also instrumental in raising money for a new scoreboard at Quarles/Brooks stadium. He supported all athletics at Coronado High School. I personally have known him for over forty years. He was a true supporter of Coronado High School athletics. He was always a gentleman to athletes, parents, and coaches. I know him as a true friend and I am honored to nominate him for the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Don Brooks



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March 1, 2017

To El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

I am writing to endorse Dr. Charles Lyon for inclusion in the El Paso Athletics Hall of Fame in the supporter category.

I have known Charlie right from the time I first arrived in El Paso in January of 1980 to assume my responsibilities as the voice of the El Paso Diablos. Charlie was the Diablos team physician at that time and he quickly became a friend, confidant and mentor to a young broadcaster just seven months removed from college.

There is no doubt in my mind that his work not only with the Diablos but with UTEP Athletics, El Paso area high schools, the Sun Bowl Association and area boxing uniquely qualify Charlie for a much deserved spot in the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

Please do not hesitate on contacting me if you have any further questions about Charlie.

Sincerely,

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February 28, 2017

El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Committee;

I want to highly recommend and endorse Dr. Charlie Lyon to the Committee for their consideration as a "Supporter of Athletics" category nominee. As you look back on his tremendous history with El Paso athletics, you will see that he made a difference in each and every sport he committed himself to. The key word here is 'committed'.

Dr. Lyon never became involved in any sport that he didn't commit himself to 100 percent! Some he passed on, but those who were lucky enough to get his commitment....they got the best sports doctor in the whole county.

I can speak on a firsthand basis about his commitment to Diablos baseball. He was always available for our players. Sometimes before games, sometimes after games, and sometimes they needed to go to his office for help. He was always there for them. The major league clubs that the Diablos were affiliated with highly scrutinized any local doctors before letting their players be seen by a doctor. Dr. Lyon was only one of two that passed their very demanding qualifications and experience. And if that wasn't enough, he also became a member of our "Group of Fifty" club. This group of El Pasoans went out and sold season box seats and had to hit a quota of 16. We never got to the magic mark of 50, but did achieve about 36 members, and year after year Dr. Lyon hit his goal in his commitment to support Diablos baseball. But then this is Dr. Lyon!

All the committee needs to do is look back on his impressive resume and see what an asset he has been to 'our' athletic programs in 'our' city. He always 'walked the talk'. Just look at his involvement in El Paso sports. Team doctor for Sun Bowl's medical coordinating committee (10-years)....doctor for boxing events at the Coliseum and even served as a judge for amateur bouts....team doctor for Jefferson High football.....team doctor for the great teams at Coronado High under Don Brooks (10-years)....then again at Coronado from 1999 to 2003 (5-years) plus being a catalyst in raising enough money to buy a new scoreboard for the T-Birds. Chairman of the EP Medical Society 'Sports Medicine' committee (8-years) when no one else would step up to chair the group and make it into something useful long before 'Sports Medicine' became what it is today.

I proudly recommend Dr. Charles Lyon to the Committee for induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

Respectfully,



Jim Raul





March 1, 2017

To the Members of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame:



This is a letter of recommendation for Dr. Charles Lyon as an inductee into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame in the category of Supporter of Athletics. I have known Dr. Lyon for over 40 years and his contribution to athletics in El Paso is unquestionably deserving for induction. As you can see by his resume', he has been active in athletics as a physician not only in El Paso, but on the national level as well. Dr. Lyon didn't limit his services to only one faction of sports. He lent his expertise in medicine to football, basketball, boxing, baseball, hockey and every other sport that needed his services, treating and helping athletes in all sports. He was considered one of the best surgeons in the country, helping athletes recover and back on the field of competition as soon as possible.



But his support did not stop there. He was also very generous financially as well, paying the way for youth basket all teams on out of town trips. He also gave his support his support to the El Paso Diablos, the UTEP golf team as well as volunteering his services as team physician for high schools in El Paso. He also served as physician for the Sun Bowl Association during the visiting teams stay in El Paso for the Sun Bowl football game.



All of his accomplishments in athletics in El Paso are very deserving to be a member of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame, but when you look at everything he has done outside of El Paso as well, I cannot think of a better candidate for induction.



If you have any questions regarding Dr. Lyon, feel free to call me at 915-490-7255.



Sincerely,

Bernie Olivas  
Executive Director  
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February 28, 2017

**Dear El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Committee:**

I am writing at this time in regards to the nomination of Dr. Charlie Lyon and his nomination to the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame in the category of Supporter of Athletics.

Although it has been several years since seeing Dr. Lyon his established reputation and generosity in helping those in need is well-known in the area along with being an outstanding in the medical field in support of athletes and athletics.

The El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame has a long list of outstanding community leaders and athletes that adorn the Don Haskins Center showcasing these great men and women and how they make El Paso proud.

Dr. Charles Lyon is another that surely should be considered for this elite class of individuals as he would represent the Hall of fame very proudly.

**Sincerely Yours,**

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