

INDUCTEE
Jack R. Barckhoff, P.E.

Graduated. . . .1947

Childrendaughters Jodi Webb and Linda Merritt and 6 grandchildren

ResidesVictoria, Minnesota

Jack joined the Naval Reserves in 1946 and graduated from Gahanna Lincoln High School in 1947. He enrolled in Mechanical Engineering at The Ohio State University (OSU) in 1950. He also enrolled in the ROTC four year program at OSU and received his commission as a Field Artillery Officer. After 4 years at OSU, and then serving in the military, he returned to OSU to broaden his studies to include Marketing and Business.

In 1956 he took a position with The Lincoln Electric Company, a very prestigious Cleveland company, known for its Incentive Management opportunities of individual growth and advancement. For the next twenty years, Jack's career with Lincoln reflected that promise. He served Lincoln as a Technical Welding Engineer and became well known for his technical knowledge and business acumen which eventually lead to management.

By 1976, Jack left Lincoln Electric to develop a whole new concept of welding management to improve overall company welding operations and thus fulfill his dream of implementing a systematic company-wide approach. He developed and copyrighted the Total Welding Management System and launched his company, Barckhoff Welding Management, offering a "broad spectrum of technical consulting and training services as well as managerial welding-related services to make his clients more productive, competitive and profitable. One of his major clients said "the Barckhoff...program has been the single most significant change in quality and productivity improvement of our products since we started our company 150 years ago. Jack's...system is now an important part of our company culture."

Jack has seen his management system implemented worldwide, saving companies millions of dollars annually to their bottom line profits. He has been called upon to share his expertise lecturing and keynoting at professional trade shows and seminars nationwide. He has published two books, sold worldwide, as well as written many articles and technical papers on his management system. Through the years, his expertise has brought him back to OSU as an Adjunct Professor to teach his Total Welding Management System. He also taught ROTC classes at OSU. He freely gives this time to teach at OSU.

Jack established and funds two yearly awarded scholarships (The Jack Barckhoff Welding Management Scholarship) for OSU students. Robert Lockwood, a friend, says "Jack [guided by his Christian faith], has been very supportive of causes assisting the less fortunate, in particular, Merrick, a nonprofit helping handicapped persons, and Feed My Starving Children, a nonprofit ministry to feed millions of children around the world."

Professionally, Jack is a Certified Professional Engineer and Life-time member of the American Welding Society (AWS) in which he has served as Section Chairman, received the Meritorious Award, and was appointed a Counselor/Fellow of which only four to six are selected each year out of a membership of 64,000. Jack also served on the Board of Trustees of the AWS Foundation which awards student scholarships. Stephan Muras, a retired teacher/counselor for 40 years remarked of Jack "that he is the top of his chosen calling, more than a job; he has made his life of work a vocation."