



Harold Jaffe

Mr. Harold Jaffe, Chief of the Systems Management Office of the US Army Electronic Warfare Laboratory.... requested that no luncheon or public ceremony be held at this time. We honor his request. The level of service rendered by Harold Jaffe to the Army and his country, however, simply mandate recognition and gratitude. It is the purpose of this memorandum, on behalf of his friends and colleagues who so admire and love him, to express some small measure of our esteem for him, and our thanks for the privilege of serving with him.

Harold Jaffe has given 36 years of innovative technical competence, leadership, courage and dedication to our country.... he has led the group that has borne the brunt of the acquisition and fielding of major, complex EW systems, including GUARDRAIL, QUICK FIX, TLQ-15, and others....he served as Chief of the Communications Intelligence Technical Area, Leader of the Direction Finding Team, and Project Engineer of dozens of major programs. He has perhaps, been critically involved in the successful development and fielding of more Army EW equipment than any other single individual. That comes across as a large statement...said without apology. The record bears it out.

But the measure of this man has been far more than creative systems engineering and leadership. From a technology point of view, it was Harold Jaffe who contributed so much to the final solution of HF direction finding on aircraft—a thing the textbooks said couldn't be done because of the disparity between wavelength dimensions and aircraft size. It was

when he, along with then First Lieutenant Herb Hovey who were among the first Americans to track Sputnik. These renowned achievements have been undergirded by an almost continuous level of personal innovative contributions to the design of Army EW equipment which were successfully fielded: the AN/TRD-3, AN/TRD-4, AN/TRD-10, AN/TRD-15 and AN/TRD-26 which are used worldwide. In addition, there were the special non-nomenclatured quick reaction equipments fielded in the Southeast Asia conflict.

Perhaps the fundamental source of these technical achievements is the dedication that has characterized Harold Jaffe's entire career....From installing the earliest DF capability in 1951 to dozens of periods of volunteer service in Southeast Asia...to frequent support to field exercises in Europe, Harold has given more of himself to the combat army than most civilians and many career soldiers. EW/Intelligence needs of urgent nature tend to surface in every crisis faced by the country; and Harold Jaffe responded to that need over and over again, producing significant new capability and direct assistance to the community and soldiers in the field. That same dedication has been in every day of his service in the laboratory throughout these years of exceptional performance. Those of us who have been privileged to serve with him are the better for it, and proud to call him Friend, From those who shared his earliest contributions to those of us who have benefited from his strength and breadth as a senior manager, there is a collective respect, and love that cannot go unrewarded. On behalf of our Laboratory, the Army, and our Country, we salute Harold Jaffe for that for which he has given us all.

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