

## FOUNDERS AWARD

*John P. "Jack" Corley, CHP*

**John P. Corley**, Known to his numerous friends and colleagues as Jack, was born on August 14, 1922, in his mother's home town of Monaca, Pennsylvania, on the Ohio River, only 2 mi from the site of the future Shipping port Reactor on the Ohio River. He attended Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon University) in Pittsburgh, where awarded him a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering in 1942. To finance his education in those prewar waning years of the Great Depression, Jack worked as cleanup person I the metallurgy lab for fifteen dollars a week, then a much more munificent sum. It was here that the youthful Jack Corley got an indoctrination into occupational health and chemical protection, working as he did with the now banned toxic solvent carbon tetrachloride. After graduation, Jack served as a combat engineer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers until his discharge in January 1946. He returned to Carnegie Tech for a semester of graduate study, and then, while working as a member of a tire development team for US Rubber in Detroit, he answered a blind ad for chemical engineers and other scientific specialties to go to Pacific Northwest. And so, on July 28, 1947, after a three-month wait for a security clearance, Jack Corley officially joined the professional's staff of the General Electric Company at the Atomic Energy Commission Hanford site. It was the start of a half-century of dedicated service to the science, art, and profession of health physics.

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