

## **Aluminum Blanking Company's Founder and Board Chairman, Marvin Hole**

Our Founder and Board Chairman Marvin Hole is one of the leading authorities on press room equipment and metals processing - having spent his career as a brilliant Engineer/Designer, Manufacturing Representative, Equipment Manufacturer, and Stamping/Blanking business owner.

### **A Pioneer in Light-Weighting Automotive Vehicles**

Following the energy crises of the 1970's the first established CAFE standards for MPG and carbon emissions were set to take effect in 1978. Marvin was ahead of the industry when he predicted that automotive and metals corporations would need to work together and develop light-weighting solutions to meet the MPG targets; such as the use of aluminum for automotive body panels.

In 1977, Marvin decided to direct his industry knowledge and contacts to explore that solution. He organized an informational summit and invited 30 to 40 leaders representing the Metals Divisions of all three North American OEMs. In what may be the first such event of its kind, Marvin had arranged for a Metallurgical scientist from a leading U.S. aluminum mill to present and discuss the benefits and suitability of aluminum for vehicle light-weighting.

At that time there existed no processing capacity with which to meet the certain and future demand for aluminum blanks in the automotive industry. Marvin followed through with his belief in aluminum as a light-weighting solution two years later when he and his fellow engineer and business partner Berlyn "Tuck" Baringer determined to fill that gap with the formation of Aluminum Blanking Company in 1979.

### **Building ABCo**

Marvin and Tuck started ABCo with 2 blanking lines and one shear line within 26,000 square feet of production space. In 1987 ABCo unfortunately lost Tuck Baringer to a long illness, after which Marvin purchased Tuck's share of the company. Marvin has since grown ABCo to three plants housing 7 blanking lines, in over 176,000 square feet of production space. ABCo's lines are dedicated to serving both automotive and commercial customers in the toll processing of aluminum.

Throughout ABCo's history Marvin has not only lead the company, but has also engineered many innovative tooling and equipment designs specific to processing aluminum and to satisfy unique customer requirements.

### **Background and Career History**

Marvin was born in Detroit, and later grew up in Pontiac, Michigan. After serving in combat as part of the European campaign during WWII, Marvin attended the University of Michigan where he received a B.S in Industrial Mechanical Engineering.

He started his career in a family tool and die design business, but soon left to join a firm representing and deploying products from the leading press room equipment manufacturers. He continued in that role on and off for over 25 years with great success, building an unsurpassed reputation of knowledge and integrity with his clients and end customers.

A true engineering entrepreneur at heart, Marvin started and operated additional businesses during that time, including a small stampings operation, a press room equipment manufacturing joint venture, an industrial brake design and manufacturing firm, and a used press room equipment resale firm. Most of these businesses were sold or are still in operation.

Throughout the years, Marvin has built a strong reputation and work culture of honesty, integrity, quality, service, creativity and innovation. His strong legacy of team building and generosity is by example; Marvin highly values each individual team member and honors the contributions of all, at all times. Evidence of this is found in the conscientious, skilled, and dedicated ABCO team whose average time with the company is over 14 years, while many have been with the company over 20 years.

Marvin has been married to his wife Barbara for 60 years, and has five children and fourteen grandchildren.