

## **AMSAA rededicates newly renovated building to the late Abraham Golub**

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MD--The Director of the United States Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA), Mr. James Amato, re-dedicated the newly renovated Golub Hall to the late Mr. Abraham Golub, a pioneer in the Operations Research Community, at a ceremony held on 3 June 2015.

Mr. Amato was joined in the rededication ceremony by former AMSAA Directors, Mr. David Shaffer and Mr. John McCarthy; former Center for Army Analysis (CAA) Director, Mr. E.B. Vandiver III; various AMSAA Alumni; and current AMSAA employees. Also in attendance were Mr. Golub's family, including his wife, Rita Golub; son, Dr. Mark Golub; daughter, Irene Fred-Holtz; and son-in-law, Gerald Holtz. The ceremony included a ribbon-cutting and the unveiling of a plaque describing Golub's career.

During the ceremony, Mr. Amato cited multiple examples of Mr. Golub's problem solving skills, innovation, creativity, and technical competence. He also addressed how the enhanced facility will facilitate the accomplishment of AMSAA's mission. The facility is intended to be the hub of AMSAA's "wireless campus" and contain state-of-the-art conference capabilities, along with ergonomically designed workstations. Mr. Amato explained how the facility is a true representation of Mr. Golub's never ending desire to take the Operations Research field to unprecedented heights.

"The people in this building will enjoy the resources they need to critically think, to analyze, to brainstorm, to execute, and to take the field of Operations Research and Systems Analysis to a whole other level. Which brings us back to Abe Golub...He took a discipline that was virtually unheard of and made it part of the Army's standard processes."

Additionally, Mr. Amato reflected on how the AMSAA workforce has and will continue to embody Mr. Golub's legacy.

"AMSAA's analysts are the true talent behind the great analytic efforts that we have provided over the decades. The professionalism, commitment and dedication of all our analysts, whether deployed in theater or working back at home station, are truly impressive."

Abraham Golub's distinguished military and civilian career began in 1941, at the beginning of WWII. As a Production Engineer in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, he computed the Ordnance materiel requirements needed to equip 100 divisions—the necessary number believed to fight WWII.

In 1946, he joined the Ballistics Research Laboratory (BRL) Weapon Systems Lab, which would later become AMSAA. Throughout the 1950s, Mr. Golub served in multiple key roles, including Assistant Director of BRL for Weapons Systems Analysis. After the Army created its first high-level Military Operations Research position in the 1960s, Mr. Golub was appointed as the Principal Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary for Operations Research, and was subsequently appointed as the first Scientific Advisor to the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development and technical advisor to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans.

As an early advocate for the operations research field, Mr. Golub was instrumental in the Army developing the robust analytical community, with analysts serving in influential positions, which exists today. Golub retired in 1976 after 35 years of Federal Service and passed away on 25 April 2000.