



Warren Kay Pincock (1919-1996)

1995 Medal of Merit Recipient

Kay Pincock was born in Teton, Idaho. He graduated from the University of Idaho in 1944 and served in the United States Navy during both World War II and the Korean War. Between tours of duty, he worked as general mine foreman and chief engineer at the Bonanza Mine in Idaho, and for Phelps Dodge Corporation as a stope and ventilation engineer in Bisbee, Arizona. In 1951, Mr. Pincock became chief pit engineer at the Lavender Pit for Phelps Dodge in Bisbee and was responsible for the feasibility, evaluation, and mining of one of the first large copper porphyry deposits.

Between 1965 and 1968, Mr. Pincock was general superintendent at the Molycorp Questa Mine in New Mexico, after which he began a consulting business in Tucson, Arizona. In 1972, Mr. Pincock founded the consulting firm of Pincock, Allen & Holt, Inc., which grew under his direction to establish a worldwide reputation providing technical direction for open pit mining. Projects included those on six of the seven world's continents in base and precious metals, as well as coal, uranium, and industrial minerals. Mr. Pincock retired in 1982, but continues to offer his expertise to the mining industry. He is currently a principal of the Minerals Advisory Group and a director of MINK Mineral Resources, Inc.