

Mitchell L. Bacow W8JYZ - N4MB *1915-2007* Initially a immigrant to this country at age 5 from Minsk, Belarus, finding a home in Pontiac, Michigan. Scouting was a important phase of his young life and he earned Eagle Scout. Esteemed graduate of Wayne State University Law School, class of 1941, who throughout his long and distinguished career has always valued high professional standards and ethical behavior. A Military veteran, life long ham radio enthusiast and friend of many on the radio networks.



It is very clear, “The Apple Doesn’t Fall Far From the Tree!” - The date 19 April 2002 Inaugural Address - Office of the President - Tufts University. Incoming President Dr. Lawrence Bacow KA1FZQ, son of Mitchell Bacow W8JYZ-N4MB, partial comments in his address had testimony of the greatest thing that could be said of ones parents, wife and friends; Dr. Bacow said; “I’d like to begin, however, by thanking a few of the people responsible for the fact that I am standing before you today in these robes: My father Mitchell Bacow, who taught me the importance of honesty, integrity and always speaking ones mind. Dad, I hope the latter will not get me into too much trouble in my new job.”

“My late mother, Ruth, who recognized that I was born to be a teacher long before I ever did. My wife, best friend, now Tuft’s first lady, and I also hope Tufts’ first friend, Adele, who has helped to make my life so rich, so full and so much fun. And our two sons, Jay and Kenny, the light of my life, who help me immeasurable by telling me things about college life that most university presidents never get to hear firsthand.”

In 1985 Ruth and Mitchell Bacow created a Endowed Scholarship to Wayne State University Law School - This award was founded to encourage high ethical standards for legal professionals and to reward students who demonstrated such standards.

A letter on the Internet found 11 November 2006 - A Patriotic Honor from Edgewater Point Estates, Boca Raton, Fl, honored its resident veterans, one of which was our subject Mickey Bacow N4MB.

Although trained as a lawyer, Mitchell entered the Army Air Corps as a radar officer because of his ham radio background. The Army sent our subject to Yale for special training. He was very proud that he graduated 12th in his class of over one hundred, especially given that he was the only non-engineer in that group. He made a special contribution to the war effort by figuring out we were losing a large number of planes to the enemy fire on bombing runs because the Japanese had determined how to identify our IFF countermeasures (Identify Friend or Foe) signal that was automatically sent by our bombers. As a result of his efforts the number of planes lost decreased immediately. He participated in the invasion of Tarawa, one of the bloodiest battles of the war just prior to the invasion of Iwo Jima. Mickey retired from the Air Corps having earned the rank of Major.

Mickey Bacow expired age 92 at Boca Raton in 2007. His original call was re-issued to Bob Green our esteemed friend who makes all of these pages possible www.w8jyz.com - We are very much interested in finding W8JYZ and N4MB QSL cards. We know Mickey was a regular on the “Old Goats” fraternal ham radio net on 14.347 for many years. More information on Mickey’s interests would be appreciated.

The Recital Hall at Tufts has a Steinway Concert Grand donated to the memory of Mr and Mrs Mitchell Bacow and Margaret/Joel Fleet MD. Stay tuned we just may have more information on this talented operator who left us in 2007. With appreciation to Tufts.Edu - KA1FZQ and w8jyz.com