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Air Force Memorial Progress Continues

January 2006 marked the midpoint milestone of the Air Force Memorial (AFM) construction project, with completion targeted for October 2006. This national memorial will recognize the aviation pioneers of yesterday and honor those serving their country today.

The project is supported by the collaborative efforts of Dee Hendrix, Space Policy and Acquisition Division (SPAD), Michael Ryon, Engineering and Technical Services Division (ETSD), and Juan R. Rodriguez, Federal Office Building No. 2 (FOB2) Building Management Office, Federal Facilities Division (FFD). Describing work on the project as both “challenging and rewarding,” Mr. Rodriguez credits careful planning and cross-divisional support for the lack of interference to existing building operations and customer service. “The FOB2 team’s cooperative working relationships, together with their professionalism and expertise, have been exemplary throughout the project,” said Mr. Rodriguez.

In September 2004, Washington Headquarter Services (WHS) /Defense Facilities Directorate (DFD) undertook the demolition of Federal Office Building No.2 Wing 8 and the preparation of the construction site. Major milestones of this effort included the disconnection of utilities from the remaining facility, installation of the utility infrastructure for the Memorial, and grading to -1 foot of subgrade. The demolition and site preparation was completed within budget and in a timely manner. WHS/DFD project members attribute the successful completion of this effort to the teamwork exhibited by FFD, SPAD, ETSD, Griffin Services, and Forrester construction. Construction of the Memorial began in January 2005.



Construction on the Air Force Memorial is due to be complete by October 2006.

“Dee, Juan and Mike have been exemplary in distinguishing themselves in support of this very large and complex project,” said Bill Battle, FOB No. 2 Building Manger. “They have spent many long days and nights, over the past several years, working with a vast of array of organizations, contractors, and private citizens; as well as local, county, state, and federal officials to untangle the intricate web of problems associated with this Byzantine Air Force Memorial effort. Despite many obstacles, these three have represented WHS admirably in overcoming the challenges presented by such a multifaceted and technically difficult project. I congratulate them on successfully bringing their many collective talents to bear in every situation - at every milestone - and under tight deadlines. In the final push to complete this project, they continue to demonstrate that the Washington Headquarters Services Agency can be relied upon to provide premier facilities management and administrative support services to the federal sector.”

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Serving the Customer

The Defense Facilities Directorate (DFD) is striving hard to ensure that customer service is a top priority among its employees. The DFD Strategic Plan, Goal 4 states: “We will implement a customer-service training program to ensure that all employees have the tools and knowledge to deliver high quality service.” To support this goal, the Management Support Division (MSD) began the implementation of directorate-wide customer service training on December 5, 2005. The training is provided by The Baldwin Group and will continue through March 2006.

New Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Manager



Mr. Robert (Bob) Bauer, Jr., PE, joined the Defense Facilities Directorate (DFD) on November 14, 2005 as the BRAC Program Manager, Washington Headquarters Services (WHS), Defense Facilities Directorate (DFD). Mr. Bauer's professional experience, effective leadership, strong supervisory skills, and strategic vision make him ideally suited to build and lead a team of professionals who will support the ambitious goals established by the 2005 BRAC Commission.

Mr. Bauer's domestic and international leadership assignments have focused on Project and Program Management, Engineering, Project Planning and Programming, Installation and Facilities Support, and Public Works. He plans to bring a collaborative spirit to the BRAC effort as well as build and lead a team of professionals that smoothly execute a historic program for the Department of Defense. "After just a short period here, it's clear I have much to learn and large shoes to fill but I am confident that my past experience and training, coupled with the very capable and professional staff here at WHS/DFD, has positioned me well to contribute as the BRAC Program Manager toward the dynamic goals established by the BRAC 05 Commission," said Mr. Bauer. "I am truly thankful for the chance to be a part of the great Pentagon team, its rich history and its international mission."

Mr. Bauer enjoys a busy family life with his wife of 23 years, their two children, and the family's two Labradors. In addition to enjoying many recreational outdoor activities, Mr. Bauer is actively involved with youth mentoring programs and the New Shiloh Biblical and Theological Institute, Baltimore, MD.

DEE'S FAMOUS CHILE

2 large cans of Hunts Tomato Sauce
3 small cans of Del Monte tomatoes for chile
1 1/2 pounds ground meat
1/2 pound top round steak cubed/cut up
1 large can of dark kidney beans drained
1 small can of light red kidney beans drained
1 package McCormick Chili Seasoning - Mild
1 package McCormick Chili Seasoning - Hot
1 can tomatoes with green chiles
Chili Powder to taste
1/2 teaspoon or so of cinnamon
2 teaspoons of sugar
pepper to taste
1 onion chopped

*In a small sauce pan put top round steak, cover with water and chilli powder and cook till meat is done. Meanwhile, brown onion and ground beef and add chili powder. When meat is browned stir in McCormick seasoning packets mixing well. Then, add tomatos, tomato sauces, beans, tomatos with green chilis, cinnamon, sugar and more chili powder. Simmer for as long as you like and serve. I normally cook macaroni noodles and serve chili over macaroni and top with onions and cheddar cheese.
Note: Instead of top round steak, you can substitute gound italian sausage (hot or sweet).*



*Tony Conques, Space Policy and Acqisition Division (SPAD) Director and Bill Nicholson, SPAD Deputy Director, judge the entries for the SPAD Chili Cook off held on February 15.
1st Place Winner - Dee Hendrix
2nd Place Winner - Gregory Jabs*

FFD Tests Electronic Display Monitors

As part of the Integrated Management Communication (IMC) initiative, the Defense Facilities Directorate (DFD) in coordination with the Information Technology and Management Directorate (ITMD) took its first "live" steps by working with the Federal Facilities Directorate (FFD) to implement two electronic display systems. The systems utilize large screen monitors to disseminate key information to building tenants. The monitors are located outside of the FFD main office, Rm. 2B146 and the Pentagon Building Management Office, Rm. 2A258. The purpose of the IMC is to disseminate relevant and timely information to the Pentagon occupants. The FFD actions are the first steps of many to come for this major initiative.

"The installation of these prototype systems has provided us with many lessons learned that will guide our continued efforts to provide our customers with increased access to building wide information, said Adrian Upshur, FFD Division Director.

Diggs Named Assistant Building Manager



Darryl Diggs was named Assistant Building Manager, Federal Office Building No. 2 effective December 25, 2005. Mr. Diggs has served in various capacities within the Defense Facilities Directorate, (DFD) for twenty years. His most recent position was that of Assistant Program Manager for Environmental Services in the Pentagon Building Management Office (PBMO).

In assuming his new position, Mr. Diggs said he looks forward to working in a brand new arena and with a team he describes as “swift and on the ball.” “I can learn a lot from them,” said Diggs. His new responsibilities include tracking, coordinating and directing all projects involving engineering support, contract support, operations, maintenance, alterations, repairs, and environmental services work.

“Mr. Darryl Diggs has proven himself a respected leader who brings years of problem solving experience - along with fresh, new and innovative ideas - to the FOB2 Management team,” said Bill Battle, FOB2 Building Manager. “His presence has already been noteworthy in that he has become relied upon to use his hands-on approach in managing all aspects of the FOB2 Building Management Office. Moreover, his unflappable demeanor and networking skills have already endeared him to many of our customers and staff. We welcome Mr. Diggs aboard and look forward to having him continue the FOB2 tradition of providing premier customer service to our clients and community.”

Mystery Employee



Our Mystery Employee began working with the Defense Facilities Directorate (DFD) as an electrician in the Pentagon Building Management Office (PBMO) from 1997-2003. He served as a Building Management Specialist with the Leased Facilities Division (LFD) from 2003 until January 2005. He returned to FFD-PBMO in January 2005 as an Electrical Engineer. “The most fun part of my job is my daily challenges working with and resolving various issues with the contractors,” said our Mystery Employee.

Our Mystery Employee is a native of Washington, D.C. and is happily married. He enjoys racquetball, basketball, and playing cards. His highlight of the day is spending quality time with his lovely wife.

Reflecting on his years working with DFD, our Mystery Employee describes the organization as an excellent place to work. “DFD has provided multiple advancement opportunities for me. If I could make one thing better in DFD, it would be the communication between the shops and management to ensure that everyone understands the goals and missions of DFD and FFD, which will allow us to work as one team. I think everyone is already working extremely hard toward this purpose.”

Employees of the Quarter Recognized

We are proud to recognize the following four employees as recipients of the DFD Employees of the Quarter (EoQ) Award for the Fourth Quarter 2005 and the First Quarter 2006. This award acknowledges and recognizes outstanding Employees of DFD who are setting the standards for excellence and innovation, which have the greatest impact on the organization.

Fourth Quarter 2005 EoQ Award Recipients



Bob Candido is the Assistant Building Manager for the Pentagon and is assigned to the Pentagon Building Management Office (PBMO), Federal Facilities Division (FFD). Mr. Candido has been with DFD since August 2001. Mr. Candido has highlighted the importance of our work to our employees by showing them the importance of the mission (DoD) that we support,” said his supervisor, Mike Bryant, Building Manager for the Pentagon.



John Middleton serves as an Electronic Industrial Control Mechanic in FFD-PBMO. Mr. Middleton serves as a team leader and is instrumental in supervising other mechanics and electricians in the complexity of troubleshooting problems with the HVAC systems, fire alarm, and electrical systems. When describing his experience while working in DFD, Mr. Middleton said, "My time with DFD has been very rewarding and has given me an opportunity to tackle many challenges both technical and personal. DFD has many opportunities for those dedicated to customer service."

First Quarter 2006 EoQ Award Recipients



Lisa Passagaluppi is a Management Analyst assigned to the Management Support Division (MSD). She has been a member of the DFD family since August 1997. "My personal and professional motto is to always be a team player and to provide support when and where it's needed. I really enjoy being a part of the DFD team and working with my friends in MSD," said Ms. Passagaluppi. "We rely on Lisa's support across the board. She makes things happen quickly, she gets results, she's a ball of fire," said her supervisors, Mario Lopez, Director MSD and Susan Ady, Deputy Director, MSD.



James Graves serves as the General Foreman at the Pentagon Heating and Refrigeration Plant (H&RP), Federal Facilities Division. "Everyday, every hour and every minute, Mr. Graves and his crew have to run and function as a successful team, with a momentum and enthusiasm in meeting challenges to produce chilled water and steam, and to make sure that all sewage pumping stations are in working order. The Pentagon Reservation totally depends on Mr. Graves' successful operation in providing a comfortable workplace," said his supervisor, Mr. Bhatti, Manager, PHRP.

Passing of George Petrello

Mr. George Petrello, an employee of the Defense Facilities Directorate, passed away on Saturday, October 29, 2005. Mr. Petrello was a Safety and Occupational Health Manager with the Safety and Environmental Management Branch, Engineering and Technical Service Division. Mr. Petrello had more than 36 years of combined service in both the military and the federal government. "George always displayed the highest level of vision and initiative in his response to increasing safety requirements for Washington Headquarters Services," stated his supervisor, Mr. Scott Bohnhoff.

The Mystery Maintainer
Robert Walker