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Employee Newsletter

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Job Spotlight: NOAA (0703/1104)

After first starting construction in early 2007, the NOAA project in Riverdale, Md., is coming to an end. The building is being built for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as its new hurricane and climate prediction center. It contains office space, lab space, a data center, and UPS battery backup. It was designed with a unique underfloor air distribution system. As one can imagine, this requires an additional level of coordination, both in the field and during the coordination process. But thanks to Paul Ellis, most of the field problems were minimized. This type of system is also very difficult to balance, but the balancing crew led by Charlie Tate, was able to work through the issues and successfully balanced this system.

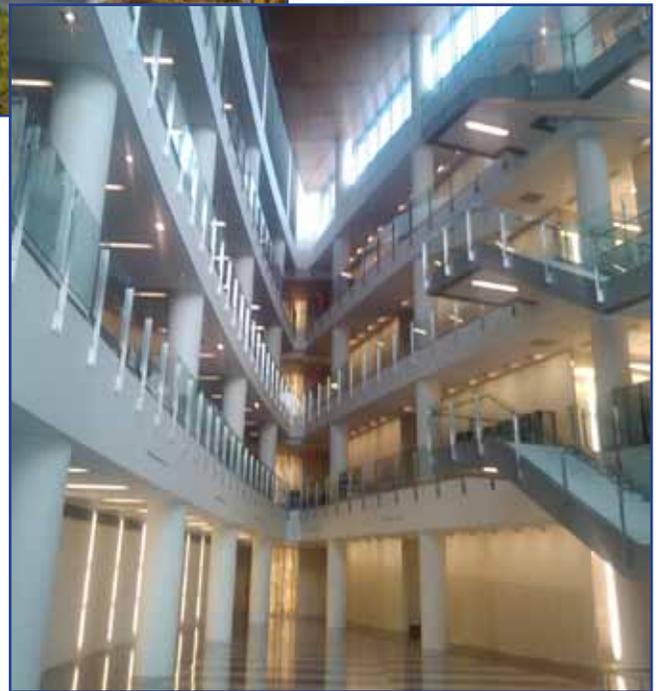


Originally started with Opus East as the General Contractor and Developer, construction moved along steadily until January of 2009, and was about 75 percent complete when construction stopped. After a two-year wait, Pierce returned to finish the job in April 2011, this time with our client, Skanska, as the new General Contractor. Starting up a job after sitting empty that long was difficult. All the equipment need to be inspected, and the condition of the pipes, duct, and materials left onsite needed to be verified.

After inspections and refurbishments, the job still had to be finished. Thankfully, a very dedicated crew of plumbers led by Ken Hollingshead, fitters, led by

Tony Cash, and sheetmetal employees led by Cody Cain, picked up the pieces and reached substantial completion. Special thanks to our commissioning group leader, Herbert (Sonny) Edwards, for starting up equipment that sat 2+ years, which is not an easy task.

Pierce has a slight presence on-site to clean up our minimal punchlist, and finish the commissioning process by performing a few changes for the owner.



The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.

-Babe Ruth



EMPLOYEE highlights



Blake King

Plumber journeyman Blake King started working at Pierce Associates in 2009 at the New Campus East job as a third-year apprentice. Blake soon graduated as salutorian from Local 5 in 2010, worked briefly at DOI, but then spent most of his time with Pierce working at Kaiser Permanente under Jeff Horsmon. Currently, Blake is working at the Patriot Ridge job.

Blake says one of the best things about his job is "working for Pierce and the good group of people you get to know and work alongside." Blake started in the construction industry following in the footsteps of his father and two older brothers. He was raised in St. Mary's County, where he lives today with his wife, Jessica, and their son, Nathan.

In their spare time, Blake and his wife enjoy traveling. They especially like Caribbean destinations, and his recent favorite is Jamaica. When not at work, Blake spends time fishing with his brothers at Chaptico Wharf on the Potomac River and taking care of the house and yard work.



Justin Sheppard

Justin Sheppard started with Pierce as a sheet metal apprentice in May 2006, working on the Gaylord Hotel & Convention Center. Since then he has worked on a number of Pierce jobs including: the Constitution Center, New Campus East, Balfour Beatty's Office Renovation, and Kaiser Permanente in Tyson's Corner.

He finished his apprenticeship in January 2011 and is currently working as a journeyman at the Bureau of Engraving.

When asked about his time with Pierce, he stated, "One of the things that I like most about working for Pierce is having the ability to learn from so many knowledgeable and experienced people in the field. I learn something new every day." Justin's family has a long history with Pierce that stretches back three generations. His grandfather, Leo Sheppard, began with Pierce in April 1964. Justin's father, Dale, is currently Pierce's Vice President of Construction, and his uncle, Scott, is Pierce's coordination manager.

Justin grew up locally in Aldie, Va., and attended Loudoun County High School before joining Local 100 Sheet Metal Union. He lives in Leesburg, Va., with his wife, Lindsay, and his three year old daughter, Madison. The family will soon be growing, with a son expected in mid-July. In his free time, Justin enjoys playing with his daughter, spending time with his wife, and hanging out with friends. He is also taking classes at National Labor College to obtain his bachelor's degree in Construction Management.



Ketría Garrett

Ketría Garrett started working at Pierce Associates in 2010 at the New Campus East project. She came to Pierce on a recommendation from LaShan Payton and started working on-site doing general administrative duties for the field, including weekly time entry. Using the experience she gained in the field, she moved to the

main office in July 2011, where she was responsible for time entry for all jobs. She was recently promoted to Payroll Specialist. She continues to complete payroll for all jobs, while also handling union matters, company taxes and certified payroll. While Ketría says her new position can be challenging at times, she likes to stay busy and enjoys the new experience.

Ketría was born in Oxnard, Calif., and moved to Alexandria, Va., when she was 11 when her mother married into the military. She graduated high school from TC Williams in 2003 and immediately went into the

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work force. Recently she has been taking classes at The College of Southern Maryland. Katria currently lives in Waldorf with her mom and sister, Precious.

When not at work Katria enjoys hanging out with her friends and watching movies. Each year, she also looks forward to traveling back to Calif., where she visits with cousins and spends time in Los Angeles and Malibu.



Royce Foltz

Pierce Associates welcomes back steamfitter Royce Foltz and is excited to have him as a part of our team again. Royce began his apprenticeship in 1998, and then worked for various companies on a variety of projects. Royce previously worked for Pierce at the Howard Hughes

project as a subforeman.

Currently, Royce is the General Foreman on the Summit I & II project in Reston, Va. This is a core and shell project with two, six-story buildings and a fast-track schedule. With a hands-on approach, Royce effectively manages his team to keep up with the pace of the project. He is excited to be back with Pierce and looks forward to completing the Summit project.

Royce grew up in Winchester VA, where he and his family remain today. He is married to his wife of thirteen years, Jamie, and they have two children: ten-year-old son, Colton, and eight-year-old daughter, Carson. He and his family enjoy many outdoor hobbies including: camping, deer hunting, and fishing. For Father's Day, Royce and his family went camping in W. Va., near Seneca Rocks, where they spent the majority of their time hiking and exploring the mountains.

Department Corner

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

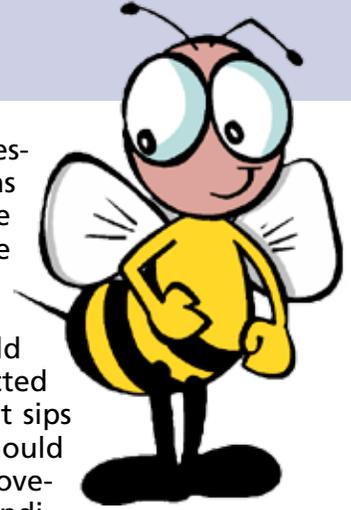
As many of you are aware, a year ago Pierce started a service group that is managed by Tom Croce with Clyde McGowan and recently hired Stacy Holt as service mechanics. The group's main focus is supporting our construction projects, but in the last six months they have picked up many outside contracts as well. Currently, they have ten service contracts and many other customers, who want service on their existing equipment or need outdated equipment replaced. Should a project be too large for their resources, they call on Tim Aley, Steve Kilts, and Paul Thiel for manpower support.

Last spring, Tom was asked by HBO of New York City if Pierce would install some drinking water equipment in one of the Baltimore City

Schools, as part of a documentary they were filming, "Drinking Water in Our Schools." Clyde and plumber, Brian Sonon, performed the installation and received rave reviews; you might even see them when the program airs!

Last fall, Pierce was contacted by Rutgers University and the University of Massachusetts for our assistance with the mechanical design and installation of their solar homes being built for a contest on the National Mall in Washington, DC. This was such a great success that General Contractor, Skanska, called and asked if Pierce would bid on the mechanical portion of a 3,000 square-foot solar tree house for the Boy Scouts in River Gorge, W. Va. Unfortunately, we were unable to accommodate that work at this time.

One of Service's most valued clients is Filtrine, a drinking water equipment manufacturer from New Hampshire. To date, Pierce has performed more retrofits on their equipment than any contractor in the United States. Some of Service's other customers include the State Department, Baltimore City Schools, Organization of American States, Watergate Complex, Defense Logistics Agency, and many others. The success of this division is due to the team work of all of our trades. Steamfitters, Plumbers, Sheet Metal, Teamsters, and the office personnel who keep all of our paper work in order.



Construction work is filled with hazards and challenges every day. One hazard is working when the outside temperatures are on the rise. The transition from mild spring to summertime temperatures can be abrupt and can catch everyone unprepared. When this happens there is a huge potential for heat-related injuries. Understanding what we can do to beat the heat is essential. Follow these steps to beat the heat:

Drink plenty of water. It is recommended water should be consumed throughout the day to maintain good hydration. OSHA states at least one pint of water is needed each hour while performing moderate activity during moderate heat. More water is needed with increased heat or activity.

Allow time for adjustment to the heat. This process is called "acclimatization;" it involves a gradual increase in activity to allow the body to adjust to an environmental condition. The physical demands of work should be lowered temporarily and gradually restored over a short period of time. The OSHA recommended timeframe is a five-day period.

Be aware of the signs and symptoms of heat injury. There are several heat injuries, and heat stroke is the most serious. A brief summary of heat injuries follows:

Heat Cramps – A condition that causes muscle pains due to physical labor in the heat. Heat cramps are caused by the loss of fluids and salts due to sweating. The treatment is drinking water and/or sports drinks every 15 minutes to replace fluids and salts.

Heat Exhaustion – A more serious condition that can cause headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion, irritability, weakness, heavy sweating, and body temperature to exceed 100.4 degrees. Treat heat exhaustion by moving the overheated person to a cooler location

and removing unnecessary clothing, as well as shoes and socks. Place cold compresses on the affected person's head, neck, and face, and also wash him with cold water. Encourage affected person to take frequent sips of cool water. There should be immediate improvement in the person's condition. If there is no change or symptoms worsen, then emergency medical treatment is necessary.

Heat Stroke – This is a medical emergency that can result in death. Heat stroke occurs when the internal body temperature exceeds 104 degrees. Symptoms include confusion, unconsciousness, seizures, and lack of sweating. For treatment, immediately call 911 for medical assistance, move the worker to a cool area, and remove as much clothing as possible. Wet the person with cool water and make sure air circulates to speed cooling. Place cold wet cloths, wet towels, or ice all over the body, or soak the person's clothing with cold water and place on the victim. Do not leave the victim unattended.

Hot temperatures are a challenge we face every year, but knowing the signs and symptoms of heat injury in conjunction with minor temporary changes in work procedures will assure that everyone goes home safe every day.

Reference: "Protecting Workers from the Effects of Heat", OSHA Fact Sheet

Pierce Team Wins Golf Tournament

Pierce Associates was well represented at the SMAC-NA Mid-Atlantic Chapter Golf Tournament on May 17th. Paul Theil, Larry Aley, Phil Cuellar Jr., and Matt Hill teamed up and won the tournament! Additionally, Phil Cuellar Jr. won the longest drive contest.

Seventy members and guests participated in this year's tournament, which was held at Old South Country Club. It was a great chance to meet and network with fellow sheet metal contractors over lunch, dinner and golf.



Job Update

NCE (0706)

GC: Clark/Balfour Beatty – NCE, A Joint Venture

Architect: RTKL / Kling

Engineer: RTKL / Kling

At long last, NCE is almost complete. All outstanding changes have been settled and warranty completed. One change order involving building-wide TAB verification remains to be completed.

Both CBB, NGA and the USACE were very pleased with Pierce's work on the project, and Pierce hopes this translates into opportunities for future relations with these valued clients. Many thanks to Fred Gilbert, Dave Harrison, Mike Taylor, Roy Brown, and Paul Thiel's team for finishing the project on a strong note.

National Archives Phase 2 (1111)

Owner: GSA

GC: Grunley Construction

Architect: Hartman - Cox Architects

Engineer: URS Corporation

Pierce Associates and our client, Grunley Construction, were contracted to perform the renovation work for the National Archives Building – Interior Alterations. The work was broken down into several phases, and Sequence 1 has been completed.

The scope includes renovation of the existing library and office space, including, but not limited to: selective demolition of concrete moat slab, waterproofing, landscaping, new grade beams, new steel columns and beams, new metal deck, roofing, skylights, shelving, floor plate demolition, interior demolition of walls, ceiling, finishes, casework, fixed equipment; abatement of hazardous materials; in-

terior construction and finishes of commercial grade; incidental renovation of related offices and conference rooms; modification of existing mechanical and fire protection systems; new lighting and modified electrical service.

Pierce's work is being led by Sheet Metal Foreman John Cumberland, Steamfitter Foreman Ronnie Stokes, and Plumber Foreman Tim Jimmo. As the building will remain occupied during normal business hours for the entirety of the renovation project, these men and their crews no doubt have many challenges to overcome. So far, so good!

Patriot Ridge Project (1106)

Owner: COPT (Corporate Office Properties Trust)

GC: The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company

Architect: Wisniewski Blair & Associates, Ltd.

Engineer: KTA Group

Patriot Ridge is nearing completion scheduled for the beginning of July. Installation is complete and TAB and commissioning work is expected to be done by the end of June. Thanks to Mike Taylor, Brian Ellis, Dave Harrison, Scott Sisk and Tom Liverette for completing this project on time despite many obstacles along the way. With more site work on the horizon, it is Pierce's hope we can continue to satisfy our clients' needs in the future.

FDA – Site Utility Distribution (1110)

Owner: GSA

GC: Drake

Architect: Kling-Stubbins

Engineer: Kling-Stubbins

The FDA Site Utility Distribution project cleared some major hurdles and is expected to come in strong. The project started a month behind schedule and is currently slated to finish almost 30 days ahead. The phase four milestone has been com-

pleted and we are nearing completion of the work inside of the Clark site, which has posed increased challenges in coordinating with another project, multiple trades, and several unforeseen conditions. Thanks to the excellent field leadership of Dale Weiland and his hardworking team of fitters, they have overcome every obstacle encountered thus far. To date, the crew completed Phases 1 thru 4, 8 thru 10, and is working its way out of the Clark site in Phase 7. Phases 5 and 6 will finish out the underground portion of the project. The work inside Bldg. 71 is complete, with a portion remaining inside the Bldg. 64 mechanical rooms.

FDA CUP (1004)

Owner: Honeywell Building Solutions

GC: ESA

Engineer: Hankins & Anderson, LLC

Work at the FDA CUP is moving along at a rapid pace. Major equipment deliveries are a regular occurrence and the majority of the pipe rough-in in the three-level building has been completed. The shell of the building is nearing completion, with the roof currently undergoing leak testing and exterior finishes currently being installed. The 2,000,000-gallon thermal energy storage tank, installed by Pierce's subcontractor, Natgun, was completed, tested, and backfilled this spring. Work is underway on the cooling tower basin, the fuel oil tank basin, and the transformer yard enclosure.

The pipe fitter crews, led by Harry Jordan and Richard Cherba, roughed-in the majority of the heating hot water, chilled water, low pressure steam, medium pressure steam, natural gas, condensate, and RO systems in the three-story building. This summer will be a big push to finish all installation activities for the first project milestone in late August. June, July, and August will be filled with con-

trols hook ups, equipment hook ups, pipe testing, and insulation. Major equipment deliveries will include the water treatment equipment in June, chillers in July, and the heat recovery steam generators in August.

The plumbing crew, led by Brett Dougherty, completed the storm water system and is currently pushing to complete the sanitary system before wall close-ins. The plumbing crew has also begun installation of domestic water in the turbine hall as well as pump discharge piping in the basement. By the end of this summer, plumbing installation should be complete, and we should begin domestic water commissioning in early September.

The sheet metal crew, led by John Nolan, completed the majority of rough-in in the basement and second floor of the three-story building. The crew has moved down to the first floor and will soon begin ductwork and fan installation on the roof. Once complete on the roof, the crew will rotate over to the turbine hall to install ductwork and stacks for the turbines and HRSG's.

St. Elizabeth's/DHS (1108)

Owner: GSA

GC: Milani Construction

Engineer: RMF Engineering

The St. Elizabeth's Electrical Vault is nearly complete, with the only remaining work being a small portion of controls and Functional Performance Testing with the Cx agent. The bulk of the project was sheet metal installation, and its primary system consisted of four exhaust fans that removed waste heat produced by the transformers and switchgear installed in an underground concrete vault. The secondary duct system was seven AC units that cooled the switchgear rooms. The sheet metal work was led by Joe Mattia and completed in late April. The remaining work on the project was plumbing, mostly

roof drains and three sump pumps. This work was led by Julius Wright and completed in late April as well.

The month of May brought TAB and Cx to the site. The TAB work, led by Rodney Meyer, was completed quickly and efficiently, and the Cx work was led by Roy Brown. All pre-functional checklists have been completed, and we await the completion of the controls work to finish Cx.

Pentagon Tenant G Chilled Water Lines (1112)

Owner: Dept. of Defense

GC: Drake, Inc.

Engineer: Hankins & Anderson, LLC

Pierce's Design/Build partnership, ESA, was contracted by Washington Headquarters Service (WHS) to install new Mission Critical Chilled water within the Pentagon. While the overall job was small, the need to complete the work only during two weekend shutdowns made it extremely complex. The first shut down started at 6:30pm on a Saturday and ended at 6:30pm the following Sunday. While unforeseen issues seemed to keep popping up, the crew kept moving forward. Led by Ronnie Stokes, the team finished installing the two, new-mission, critical-chilled water lines on time and without any notices of noncompliance, much to the satisfaction of WHS's head of Quality Control. Additionally, both WHS and Pentagon personnel commented this crew was one of the best steamfitter crews they have worked with. Well done!

Bureau of Engraving and Printing Paper Storage (1113)

Owner: Bureau of Engraving and Printing

GC: Washington Gas

Engineer: RMF Engineering

Work continues at the Bureau of Engraving as Pierce has begun its third project there for our client, Washington Gas Energy Systems. On this most recent two-year proj-

ect, Pierce is turning two existing paper storage vaults into one large vault and adding two mechanical rooms to service the redesign. The work includes demolition of walls and equipment, painting, lighting, fire sprinkler, HVAC systems, and updating the fire alarm system. To keep at least one vault operational while the construction is going on, we are performing the construction in two phases. So far, under the careful supervision of our project superintendent Justin Sheppard, Pierce is almost 75 percent complete with Phase One and about four months ahead of schedule.

Corcoran Hall 302 Renovations (1116)

Owner: George Washington Univ. - Facilities

GC: Clark Construction Group, LLC

Engineer: Ballinger

Clark Construction awarded Pierce Associates the mechanical contract for the renovations to the Lab-302 at Corcoran Hall, which is located on the George Washington University Campus. The plumbing work, led by foreman Tom Liverette, included lab waste, domestic cold and hot water, compressed air, and several high-purity gases. Meanwhile, Ronnie Stokes and his steamfitter crew installed reheat coil piping, radiant panels, and Energy Recovery Unit heating and chilled-water piping.

Sheet metal may have faced the biggest challenges, as the new energy recovery unit was designed to be installed in the existing attic, which had very limited access. The unit was factory-fabricated and broken down into smaller pieces to assemble on site. Once received, John Nolan and his crew assembled the unit in place, then had it pass a factory-witnessed leakage test. In addition to the energy recovery unit, the supply and exhaust ductwork was routed from the attic thru the fourth floor to the third-floor laboratory where seven exhaust valves and fume hoods were installed.

The project is to be completed in mid July 2012.

Security Perimeter at St. Elizabeth (1201)

Owner: General Services Administration

GC: Balfour Beatty Construction

Engineer: Environmental Sys. Design

Architect: Perkins & Will

Balfour Beatty Construction awarded the Mechanical and Plumbing package for the Phase 1B Pump House & Generator Building to Pierce Associates. The work consists of a new pump house and generator building adjacent to the existing pump house facility. The new pump house will provide the necessary upgrades to support West Campus development for the Department of Homeland Security. Additionally, it will continue to provide service to the East Campus owned and operated by the DC Department of Mental Health until the proposed 2.2 million-gallon gravity tank is in operation. Pierce forces are currently led by plumber foreman Gene Sappington, and work is anticipated to be completed by November 2012.

NIH 9800 Medical Office Building (1205)

Owner: Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.

Architect: Gaudreau, Inc.

GC: Forrester Construction Co.

Engineer: Kibart, Inc. Consulting Engineers

Forrester Construction awarded the Mechanical and Plumbing package for the NIH 9800 Medical Office Building to Pierce Associates. This remodel will allow four research groups of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) laboratories to relocate and increase the efficiency of their respective programs. The groups will occupy space within three of the buildings located at

9800 Medical Center Drive (MCD).

The four NIH groups include the following programs:

- The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) Drug Design and Synthesis (DDSS)
- The Clinical Center (CC) Molecular Bio-Lipoprotein (MBL)
- The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) NIH Chemical Genomics Center (NCGC)
- The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) Therapeutics for Rare and Neglected Diseases (TRND) program.

The remodel/construction will require the entire construction team to perform at its best; the aggressive schedule requires substantial completion only 275 days after notice to proceed.

Montgomery College Science East (1114)

GC: Whiting-Turner

Architect: Stantec

Mechanical Engineer: Burt Hill

Work just started at Montgomery College, where Pierce is participating in the renovation of the Science East building on the Rockville campus. Pierce successfully completed a tie-in of temporary chilled water piping to the campus' chilled water distribution. This tie-in will allow the two buildings near our construction area, Science West and Computer Science, to function while the underground lines are demolished and replaced.

Thanks to the hard work of foremen Ron Stokes' and Harry Jordan's crews, Pierce was able to tie into four 8-inch lines, a two-inch compressed air line all underground, and have both of the other buildings back up and running. This was done during a marathon, 26-hour work period.

With Mike Stauffer and the coordination team hard at work complet-

ing the coordination process, and we look forward to the next step, installing the four-pipe system in the Science East crawl space.

Ross Hall (1202)

Owner: George Washington University

GC: Clark Construction Group, LLC

Engineer: Affiliated Engineers, Inc.

Ross Hall is George Washington University's primary biomedical research and teaching facility. Constructed in 1973, Pierce Associates did the original mechanical and plumbing work on the project (PAI job number 7003). The building consists of seven levels above grade and two levels below grade. The below-grade levels are parking, building support facilities and a vivarium. The first two levels above grade are for medical instruction, while the third floor contains air-handling units, mechanical equipment and facilities offices. The upper four levels contain lab and offices for medical research.

George Washington University was awarded a grant from NIH to fund the renovation of the fifth and sixth floors to create research facilities for the Neglected Diseases of Poverty Research Center. In order to create this facility, modifications are also being made to adjacent floors, to include infrastructure upgrades on the third floor mechanical spaces, sub-basement, central utility plant and roof. Since Ross Hall is a teaching and research facility, much of the building will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, during the renovation.

Clark Construction is the general contractor on the site. Notice to proceed with work in the building is expected this month. Mike Stauffer is heading up the coordination effort on the project, which is well underway. Jeff Horsmon, Ray Meyer, and Tony Davis will be the lead trade foremen on the project, while Anne Brodfuehrer and Karl Miller will manage the project team.

Pierce Associates: Employee Notes

Congratulations to the following individuals for completing their Apprenticeship and achieving Sheet Metal Journeyman status as of January 1, 2012:

- Mike Nugent
- Terrell Whiting
- Les Fauver
- Carl Lambert, Jr.

We are very happy to announce that Donald Howard completed all exams and practical tests and is now a Certified Crane Operator. Next year, this certification will be one of only two that OSHA will recognize.



Richard Michael Cherba III, born January 15.

Congratulations to Koran Thomas and Marcello Romero. They recently attended the USACE/NAVFAC Contractor Quality Management Certification Course in Arlington, VA and received their certificates which are valid for five years from the date of issuance.

The Corrigan family recently welcomed the arrival of their newest addition, Natalie May. She was born June 3 at 2:05 a.m., weighed 8.8 lbs. and was 21.5" long. Miss Natalie joins big sisters Ashley and Bethany who are excited to have "recruited" another member for their tea parties!



Natalie May Corrigan, born June 3.

Congratulations to Matt & Lisa on their beautiful baby girl!

Lee Ann Green bowled her highest game 279 and her series was 643.

Earlier this year, Richard Cherba welcomed his first grandbaby to

the family! Richard Michael Cherba III, or "Tripp," was born to Rick and Haley Cherba on January 15 and weighed 9.10 lbs. Congratulations to the Cherba family!

Amanda Lee Miller married Fernando Avila on June 2 in Chincoteague, Va. The service was touching and beautiful, the weather and scenery couldn't have been better, and as the groom pointed out, "Karl Miller throws one helluva a party!" Jane & Karl were blessed to have their son, Lt. Tyler Miller, come home for the wedding! He is doing well and enjoying

time with his new wife, Michelle. They bought kayaks when he got home and explored the Swansboro area. Unfortunately, he had to return to Afghanistan June 14, but should be back in late October. His deployment is more than half completed!

We are pleased to announce the arrival of Skarlett Mae, born to Barrett & Michaela Sullivan on January 25. Miss Skarlett weighed in at 7.1 lbs. and was 19" long. Congratulations to Barrett and Michaela on their new little one!

Joseph Matthew Spencer graduated from Stafford High School Summa Cum Laude on Saturday June 16, 2012. Joe

enjoyed competing in Cross Country and Track and was voted "Most Courteous" and "Prom King," both

his junior and senior years. Joseph will attend Christopher Newport University (CNU) where he plans to study business and psychology.

Joseph Spencer is Andrew Spencer's younger brother; Andrew worked for Pierce Associates on the Gaylord National Harbor, NCE and MedImmune projects.

Andrew J. Spencer graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) with a Mechanical Engineering B.S. He works for Areva in Lynchburg, Va., in the nuclear energy sector. He also passed the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam to become an Engineer in Training.

Areva is a world-leading company in nuclear energy. It is the only company with a presence in each industrial activity linked to nuclear energy: mining, chemistry, enrichment, combustibles, services, engineering, nuclear propulsion and reactors, treatment, recycling, stabilization, and dismantling.

Andrew worked for Pierce Associates as a CQC and Commissioning Expeditor on the Gaylord National Harbor, NCE and MedImmune projects.

In February, Tom Croce and former employee, Helene Fenwick, completed an advanced Open Water Scuba Diving course in Blue Grotto, Fla. Their families were there to cheer them on. The course was spread over 8 months and 5 different dive locations and consisted of the following adventure dives: Underwater Navigation, Underwater Photography, Deep, Night, Peak Performance, and Wreck diving.



Skarlett Mae Sullivan, born January 25.

Anyone interested in pursuing diving may contact Tom Croce at the office number or call him on his cell.

On a recent golf outing, Tom Croce tried his hand at the local casino in Hershey, Pennsylvania. While playing the two-cent slot machine, lights started flashing and the call attendant light blinked on. Tom thought he broke the machine until he was surrounded by casino employees who told him he just hit the Progressive Jack Pot.

Tom says, "Even with the winnings, I still need to work for Pierce until I'm 95, so I can afford to send my two daughters to college." After taxes, there is just enough money for a couple of good summer parties!

In May, Tom Croce's daughter, Tessa, received the Girl Scouts' highest honor, the Silver Trefoil, at Trinity College in Washington, DC. Tessa performed 100 hours of community service at the Girl Scout Community Service level, the National level, and the Global level to receive this award. She served as a program aide for younger scouts by assisting with their scout meetings for her Girl Scout Community level hours. She volunteered at Operation Santa to organize gifts for needy children, assembled food baskets at Thanksgiving, fed the homeless, cleaned up a local park, and worked at National Family Health and Fitness Day. At the Global level, she volunteered at a Latino Children's Wellness Festival and staffed a Multicultural Obesity Summit for inter-faith communities, schools and local businesses. Tessa is committed to helping her fellow neighbor.

Anna Lonchar, Joe and Eleanor's daughter, won the Buckner Award at Marstellar Middle School in Bristow, VA. This is an award that is given to the hardest-working 7th grader that also exhibits outstanding character. She and two other classmates were nominated for the award and their teachers ultimately decided who the winner should be. Anna wants to study accounting in college and ultimately become a CPA like her father.

Training & Events @ Pierce

Matt Hopke attended DBIA Boot Camp at George Mason University. He then passed the DBIA exam, making him a certified DBIA Associate.

Tim Aley, Cody Cain, Justin Shepard, Anne Brodfuehrer, Paul Thiel, and Rodney Meyer attended Fire Life Level 1 Supervisory Class through SMACNA.

Tristan Churm attended LG Variable Refrigerant Flow Training held at the Newseum.

Matt Corrigan, Anne Brodfuehrer, Dan Donaghy, Mike Harper, and Tristan Churm attended "Leaving Behind Your Legacy" seminar sponsored by MCAA.

Dale Sheppard attended SMACNA/SMWIA Large Contractor Meeting in Irving, Texas.

Tristan Churm and Matt Hopke attended the DBIA-Mid-Atlantic Region's "Design-Build Energy and Sustainability" seminar.

Arnold Weiss and Larry Aley attended the Mid-Atlantic Construction Safety Conference & Expo May 10, which was sponsored by the Chesapeake Regional Safety Council.

Anne Brodfuehrer attended "Avoid Construction Claims and Litigation" seminar sponsored by SMACNA Mid-Atlantic.

Tim Aley, Danny White, and Dale Sheppard participated with Sheet Metal Workers Local 100 in the

USA's 4th Annual AFL-CIO Capital Area Sporting Clays Shoot in Queenstown, MD.

Lou Spencer attended "LEAN Construction: Variation in Production System" and "LEAN Construction: Pull In Production," sponsored by AGC of DC.

Keith Knarr sat in on a webinar sponsored by AGC of America entitled "The Outlook for Materials, Equipment & Labor Costs".

Dale Sheppard, Anne Brodfuehrer, and Bryan Miesowitz attended the GMM Annual Meeting and "The Good/Bad of BIM and IPD" seminar, sponsored by ASA of Metro Washington.

Matt Hopke attended the DBIA-Mid-Atlantic Region's "Healthcare Design-Build Projects".

Marcello Romero & Koran Thomas completed the Construction Quality Control Management Course through AGC of DC.

Mike Spears attended a two day seminar on BIM sponsored by AGC of DC.

Lenny Richards, Jim Thore, Hank Via, Donald Howard passed the examination and received their District of Columbia Operating Engineer Class 7B license in May. Donald Howard also passed the examination and received his District of Columbia Operating Engineer Class 7C license.

Job Updates

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St. Elizabeth's Tunnel Project (1005)

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Architect: Perkins + Will

Engineer: Environmental Systems Design

Work at St Elizabeth's Site Utility project is coming to a close, with crews from all three trades finaliz-

ing trim out and addressing punch list work. Site HVAC piping has been cleaned, flushed, and laid-up, while ductwork and plumbing are completing their final checkouts. Foremen Tony Davis, Julius Wright and Joe Mattia have done an excellent job, and it is our hope that our clients at Balfour Beatty, Tishman/Aecomm, and GSA benefit greatly from the hard work of their crews. Project completion is scheduled for July 1.

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(Left) On May 7, Pierce and Crane Rental rigged 3 gas compressors, 2 blowdown tanks, and 2 de-aerators into the FDA CUP Expansion. Shown to the left is one of the three gas compressors being craned into the second floor service opening.

(Below) Al Bonner's secret to avoiding traffic on his way to work at 1005.

