



Hammerheads Newsletter Issue 01

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New Beginnings

Introducing the WBC Hammerheads Newsletter.



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A brief forward by your editors...

Hello WBC! Welcome to the very first rendition of the Hammerheads Quarterly Newsletter. In each issue, we will feature one HH Committee member as well as showcasing exciting project updates from HH members, celebrating job promotions, and providing a list of job openings and upcoming events. Many thanks for those who contributed to this first issue! Want to be featured or share your news? Read to the end!



Meet World's Best Girl-Dad

Lee Armstrong

VP/Owner

Sparkle Painting Co, Inc.

Tell us about your company:

Sparkle Painting is one of the largest commercial painting companies in the mid-Atlantic specializing in painting, wallcovering, intumescent coatings, floor coatings, floor polishing and floor joint sealants. We are a family-owned and run company that prioritizes consistency and customer service. There is no project that is too large or too small for us to handle.

How did you get involved in our industry?

Got involved at an early age working high school summers for the family business. Went to college with the mindset I would one day work in construction. After multiple summer internships with large general contractors, my father persuaded me to come work with him and I have never looked back.

Why do you love it?

I love most aspects of construction and the daily challenges it presents. With that being said, I do have a special place in my heart for preconstruction/estimating. There is no bigger bittersweet moment in life than winning a big project. First is the euphoria of winning that is shortly followed up with the angst of "what did I miss?".

Where are you originally from?

Alexandria, Virginia.

What is your educational background?

Bachelor of science, business management, Louisiana State University.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

"There is a thin line between failure and success".

What skill would you like to master?

Language. I would like to become bilingual/fluent in Spanish.

What is your favorite restaurant in the DMV?

Filomena Ristorante. I highly recommend everyone goes during Christmas to see their decorations.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Like any good contractor, I spend all my free time playing golf.

Share a fun fact about yourself:

I was the first Armstrong to have a female offspring in over one hundred years. It was the best surprise of my life and I am absolutely enamored with my daughter.



Project Milestones

Michael Feihe (Plano-Coudon Construction) - Finished a Co-living new construction building in NE DC Square & Lot Development presents Viva at Capitol Hill, a new concept to H Street Corridor/Hill East. Plano-Coudon Construction converted a former urban church building into a new, modern co-living apartment with the help from Teass-Warren Architects. With a total of 8 units, 47 bedrooms and 19,000 SF – Viva at Capitol Hill is now available for leasing.

Ashley Arbolino (HITT Construction) - Completed an office project in Arlington with a confidential client with project architect, Gensler (NJ office).

Josh Kappel (Davis Construction) - The Kiley, a residential building project located at 600 4th St SW, Washington, DC has received Building Final Inspection on 1/27 and is expecting Certificate of Occupancy by 2/26.

Nathan Tegarden (R.W. Murray Co.) - Demolition began February 15th at Hamilton Iron Works facility in Woodbridge, VA. This project consists of 3,000+ SF of Office renovation and a 720 SF addition onto their pre-engineered metal building.

Please congratulate our Hammerhead members on these great project milestones!

Recent Promotions

Michael Feihe with Plano-Coudon Construction has been promoted from Project Engineer to **Assistant Project Manager**.

Josh Kappel with Davis Construction has been promoted from Project Engineer to **Assistant Project Manager**.

Please congratulate Michael and Josh the next time you chat with them!



Upcoming Events

As we look forward to warmer weather, keep your eye on these upcoming events:

- [Virtual Wine Tasting](#)
5/6 @ 4P-6P
- [Volunteer at FoodBank Day](#)
3/28 @ 9A-12P
Future dates: 4/18, 5/16 @ 1P-4P
- [Rebuilding Together](#)
Email Andrew Tomlinson for info
Check the WBC website for other virtual events.

Job Openings

[Staff Accountant](#) | Forrester

[Assistant Project Manager](#) | Plano-Coudon Construction

[Project Manager](#) | Plano-Coudon Construction

[Superintendent](#) | Plano-Coudon Construction

[Estimator/Senior Estimator](#) | ACECO, LLC

Want to be featured or contribute your successes/events/job openings?
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