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Turning Dirt: New Mexico



This quarter, NASCO would like to highlight our Southwest office, located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. NASCO has had numerous projects in the Southwest (Arizona and New Mexico) since 2001. Southwest operations recently completed a project for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the same school location where NASCO performed its very first project in the Southwest.

The FAR Side: Researching Bond Claims

by Beth Cartright

Splat!!! Another small business (SB) bites the dust. It's happening all around us and unfortunately, much of the implosion directly relates to construction.

This becomes problematic to NASCO by way of bond claims. We know government contracts are heavily bonded so the client is protected, but what protects us? Many times SB's are borrowing from Peter to pay Paul, and it's not until NASCO has paid in full that we find the SB has left a trail of debt a mile long. NASCO becomes aware of this debt through a call from an unpaid vendor/sub or a bond claim.

When notified by a sub, vendor and/or their legal representative that a claim is being considered or has been made against NASCO's bond, the site office should fax or scan a complete copy with all attachments to the Operations Manager (Todd, Neil or Phil) and the Corporate Office (Marty) immediately.

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NASCO's Southwest office recently announced the start of two projects for The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Artesia, New Mexico. Construction for each project is in progress and pictured above, below and to the right.



The first project consists of a 93,000 square foot, 2-story Multi-Activity Center building. The second project consists of a 35,000-square-foot building designated for Language Arts classrooms plus an additional unspecified 57,280-square-foot building.

Joe Clark, SPM for the Southwest Office, has assigned Richard Normandin to be the Project Manager for Bldg 36 and 37 and William (Bill) Medina to be the Project Manager for Bldg 75. Quality Control on both projects will be supervised by Alan Ward.

Although price was the most important factor, both project awards were an affirmation of NASCO's good standing with FLETC in Glynco, Georgia.

NASCO's Southwest office has also been awarded a Design/Build contract for 2 buildings at the Army Proving Grounds in Yuma, Arizona. Design is approx 90% complete. Construction began March 15th.



NASCO Paid Holiday Calendar

Memorial Day - May 25



NASCO Celebrates...

With Spring underway and Summer around the corner we have a great number of reasons to celebrate, but in this issue of the newsletter there are ALOT of birthdays and anniversaries on that list.

March Birthdays and Hire Date Anniversaries

Phil Rieman - La Plata	Beth Cartright - Corporate
Tommy Trosper - Leonard Wood	Chad Sutej - Malmstrom
Daryl Legg - Ft. Hood	Marty Rieman - Corporate

Jay Davis celebrated his sixth year with NASCO in March and Sandy Gilliland celebrated the beginning of her fourth. Charlie Rossi, Greg Hughes, and Beth Finlay all celebrated their third year while Dale Faylor celebrated the beginning of his second year with NASCO.

April Birthdays and Hire Date Anniversaries

Chadd Visintainer - Northwest	Cam Ehrlich - Southwest
Rick Luna - Corporate	Alan Ward - Artesia
Greg Sanden - Leonard Wood	Eddie Vice - Anniston
April Adams - Leonard Wood	Matt James - Corporate

Marty Rieman will celebrate his fourth year with NASCO while Eddie Vice, Hank Dowler, Steve Norton, and Lynne McGuffey all celebrate their second year with the company.

May Birthdays and Hire Date Anniversaries

Michael Johnston - Florida	Kay McDuffie - Florida
Rusty Sheppard - Corporate	Max Troutman - Ft. Gordon
Danny Bolser - Southwest	Neil Burton - Quantico
Mike Cogswell - Florida	

In May, David Gooch and Beth Cartright will begin their fourth year with the company. Perrish Rowland and Roy Summerville will celebrate their third and Skip Bondur his second.

June Birthdays and Hire Date Anniversaries

Dan Guy - Northwest	Bruce Merrell - Anniston
Jennifer Oertli - Corporate	Ken Mayer - Corporate
Paula Hammond - Corporate	Brandon Spry - Ft. Hood
Brian Turnbull - Holloman	Katie James - Corporate
Roy Summerville - Florida	

Linda Compton and Brian Turnbull both begin their fourth year with the company and Dan Guy his third. Jeffrey Jacobson and Gary Lavaron each will celebrate their second year with NASCO.

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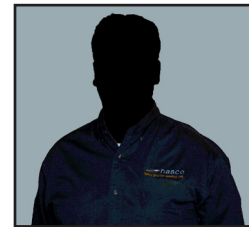
The next step is to conduct research on the project in question and other projects the vendor/sub worked on.

- Determine if the claim is made by a sub or vendor that is contracted directly to Nasco or if the claim is from a 2nd or 3rd tiered vendor/sub.
- If the claim is made by a 2nd or 3rd tiered sub or vendor, make contact and obtain the following information:
 - o Name of the primary sub
 - o Name of the project on which the 2nd or 3rd tiered sub or vendor performed work
 - o Amount owed and copies of the subcontracts or purchase orders
 - o Amount of payments provided to date
 - o Copies of invoices
 - o If work involved labor, include copies of Certified Payrolls
- Notify the primary sub of the bond claim. If the sub contests the claim, unsatisfactory materials, non-performance, etc., a written statement must be submitted to the claimant with copies provided to the claimant's legal representative, the bonding/surety representative, and Nasco. If the claim remains unresolved, Nasco must take steps to resolve the matter immediately.
- Determine the amount of payments provided to the primary sub to date. Reports can be obtained from accounting.
- Determine any unpaid/accrued amounts still owed to the primary sub.
- Report findings to the Operations Manager and Corporate.

Quote Of the Quarter

Each Newsletter we will be adding a quote from a prominent, influential, non-famous or even NASCO related individual. Your challenge is to identify who said the quote. Answers will be accepted until May 1, 2009. Please see rules below. And this Quote of the Quarter is...

*"Jeezy Peezy"
Who said this quote?*



Answers should be submitted via e-mail to either Beth or Emily and once you have submitted an answer you are no longer able to guess. Answers will be accepted up to one month AFTER the newsletter is sent out, each issue we will publish the cutoff date for answers. If there are multiple correct answers, ONE winner will be drawn AT RANDOM and that person will win a NASCO mystery prize. The answer will be published in the next issue of the newsletter along with the winner of the NASCO mystery prize.

New Employees Join NASCO's Corporate Team

Native American Services Corp has recently hired new additions to our Corporate Accounting Department and Business Development Team.

Lars Benson joined us in March as the new Manager of Business Development. Lars has an extensive background in Bids and Proposals and brings many years of experience to the job.



Lars holds a Bachelors degree in English from Utah State University, and is also a self-published author.

He and his wife, Sara, will be relocating their family from Rigby, Idaho to join our team here in the Northwest. They have four beautiful children, three boys and a girl. They welcomed their 4th child (a boy) March 31st. Congratulations Lars and Sara!!

Jennifer Oertli joined our Accounting Department in early February as our new Senior Accountant. Although it was a bit crazy around here with the move and adjustment to our new office, Jennifer was a trooper when it came to getting herself settled in and started on her new job.

Jennifer holds a degree in accounting from the University of Montana and has over 16 years of accounting experience under her belt.



After graduating she settled down in Kingston, Idaho with her husband, Jeramie, and two daughters, Paige and Hayden.

From all of us here at NASCO - Welcome to the Team, you two!

NASCO Corporate Headquarters Moves into New Building



Well, we finally did it! After a couple years of planning, organizing, some set-backs and re-organizing, we are officially moved in and up and running in our new Corporate office!

The move happened in February, with all hands on deck helping to move computers, supplies and files, as well as put together and arrange office furniture, set up individual work stations,

decorate....you name it! It was a long week or so, but we made it – with only a few touchups needed here and there.

Now that we are settled and most of the kinks have been worked out, all of us here would like to thank you for your patience during our move. We were only offline for a few hours but luckily that didn't slow up operations.



Construction on the fitness center has recently wrapped up with the delivery of our gym equipment. In addition to a full work out facility, we have not one, but two, racquetball courts. Once the snow melts completely, landscaping will finish up the design in mind and the overall construction will be complete.



For those of you who will be joining us for the Summer Picnic this year, you'll need to prepare yourselves for a bit of healthy athletic rivalry. Not only will there be the usual NASCO horseshoe competition, be forewarned that we here at the corporate office have been practicing our raquetball skills, and we're ready and waiting for some new blood to play against! (Currently, Matt James and Marty Rieman are the "Top Dogs" to take down on the court)

Construction in the Kitchen

Sandy's Ziploc Omlets:

*This works great for when you are cooking for one or for the whole family. Tip for groups: have each person write their name on the outside of their **Quart size Ziploc bag** with permanent marker.*

Directions:

1. Crack 2 eggs (no more than 2) into the Ziploc bag, shake to combine them.
2. Add your favorite Omelet ingredients such as; cheese, ham, onions, green peppers, tomatoes, hashbrowns, etc. *For groups, its fun to set out a variety of ingredients so people can create their own omelet.* After ingredients are added, shake the bag to mix them well.
3. Make sure all the air is out of the bag and ziped up and sealed completely.
4. Place the bags into rolling, boiling water for exactly **13 minutes**. *You can usually cook up to 6 or 8 omelets ina large pot.*
5. Cut the bags open and the omeltets will roll right out of the bag.

Prepare for everyone to be amazed.

Serve with fresh fruit or coffee cake.

Prepare the uncooked omelet the night before for a quick and easy breakfast in 13 minutes.

Katies' 7 Layer Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 stick of butter/margarine
- 1 cup grahm cracker crumbs
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 6 oz butterscotch chips
- 6 oz chocolate chips
- 1 can sweet condensed milk
- 1 cup walnuts

Directions:

- Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.
- Melt butter/margarine in a jelly roll pan. spread in pan (in layers) - grahm cracker crumbs, shredded coconut, butterscotch chips and chocolate chips. Drizzle sweet condensed mile on top and add walnuts on top.
- Bake for 30 minutes.

Our Mission

NASCO will provide high quality construction utilizing the experience, technical knowledge and teamwork of our employees. Our "hands-on" approach is a fundamental value implemented since the very beginning of NASCO and carried forward by each employee on every project we construct.

We welcome your comments, inquiries, and newsletter ideas. Please e-mail Beth or Emily.

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Thanks to Sandy Gililand, from our Holloman office, and Katie James, from our corporate office, for sharing their recipes. If you would like to share a recipe in our next newsletter, please e-mail Beth or Emily.

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