

Wright-Patterson AFB Medical Center Renovation



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Partnering Mission

We, the Med Center Renovation Team, are committed to work together safely and effectively to renovate the WPMC to meet the current and future "train, treat and teach" requirements of the 88th Medical Group and its patients. We will use industry best practices and stealth construction to meet the project objectives on schedule, within budget and with minimal disruption to the center's mission of delivering world-class patient care.

Mark your calendars!

SAG Meeting
Thursday
June 5
8:30 a.m.
(Gov't only: June 4
1:00 p.m)



The Medical Center Complex at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is undergoing a major renovation.

ICU and Simulation Lab Work Completion

On Friday April 18, 2014 the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and the Simulation Lab were turned over to the 88th Medical Group. The entire area is approximately 14,400 square feet and includes 48 rooms, 2 Nurse Stations, a 24-hour ICU Monitoring Station, and their associated corridors and walk ways.

The original scope of work involved renovating all areas except the patient rooms. As the work neared completion the contractor discovered that the existing medical gas systems had leaks and therefore could not be certified. All the headwalls in patient rooms and the associated medical gas piping had to be removed and new ones installed in order to make the system functional and compliant.

The completion of the Intensive Care Unit section enabled the department moved in from the Emergency Unit from where it had been temporarily located. As of now it is fully occupied and functional.

The completed Simulation Lab Unit is now being used as Optometry department on a temporary basis. This has enabled work to start early in the Optometry, Ophthalmology and the ENT/Audio department, after the latter two departments moved into the old Hyperbaric space.



Pictured above is one of the completed Intensive Care Unit (ICU) rooms with the new headwalls.

May 2014

Welcome Safety Week 2014

By Matt White, Walsh Butt Joint Venture

At many great events and even the cities and towns we live in, there is always a welcome sign indicating that you are about to enter or partake in something great. That was and continues to be the theme surrounding Safety Week 2014.

As one of the 31 members of The Construction Industry Safety (CISI) group we are excited to be a part of Safety Week 2014. From May 4 through May 10 on Walsh Group projects across the country including those at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, project teams pulled out all the stops, engaged the workforce, and celebrated what it means to work safe. As one of the core values at the Walsh Group, we hold in highest regard the safety and well-being of our workers. A member of CISI, shared the following commitment to support this week long event: "Safety week provides a great opportunity for each of our project teams to exemplify the spirit and passion the organization embraces towards our desire that No One Gets Hurt. To foster all workers who come to our projects about the value that safety produces in the lives of us all. Safety week allows the organization to say that we truly care. Actively caring for my family, my fellow worker, myself and my company."



More than 150 workers signed the pledge board committing to work safely during the Walsh Butt Joint Venture's Safety Week 2014 held May 4-10.



Workers gather during the project cookout to closeout Safety Week 2014 where workers were recognized for 400,000 man hours worked with Zero Lost Time Accidents on the Medical Center Complex renovation.

Kicking off Safety Week 2014, tradesmen and women, Walsh Butt Joint Venture (WBJV) staff, and USACE participants joined in signing the Safety Pledge. More than 150 signatures were placed on the pledge board outside of the Joint Venture's office trailer. Their pledge and ours "I commit that I will work safely today and every day. I am not only responsible for my safety, but also the safety of my co-workers." The commitment of the Walsh Group was echoed throughout the project by the many men and women who work here each day; some since the project began work in January of 2012.

Throughout the week, the emphasis was placed on recognizing the hazards on a construction site, watching out for your fellow worker, and making choices. Crews and tradespeople were challenged to "Out-Do" each other by making the project a safer place. Recognizing the efforts it takes to be safe, Bill Vela, SSO, challenged the crews to show their awareness by adding to their daily Task Hazard Analysis (THA) steps and extra efforts they have made to reduce and eliminate hazards on the construction site. The crews responded and filled pages of THAs with additional actions that were implemented to find and eliminate hazards.

Why" is often asked. "Why are you doing it that way, why are you going

this way, why did you say that?" For the Management Team of WBJV, we asked the question: Why do you work safely? The response was overwhelming!

To read and witness the statements from the nearest and dearest of our men and women building this project, says it all. More than 20 thank you cards and appreciative gifts were handed out to those that contributed to the "Why I Work Safe" board.

As the week continued, we were fortunate to be supported by a fantastic presentation on electrical safety. Barry Smallwood of ESI Electrical Contractors gave a down to earth educational and informative seminar to the entire project crew on the basics of electrical safety and the do's and don'ts. We are fortunate to have the support of the 88th MDG for events like this held in their Auditorium. Like so many events and gatherings, we appreciate their support.

On the day of the electrical safety presentation, we were pleasantly surprised by a visitor who reminded all of us of the importance of safety and the side effects that mistreating its power can have. Everyone agreed that it is important to prevent occurrences that would have the same outcome for others.

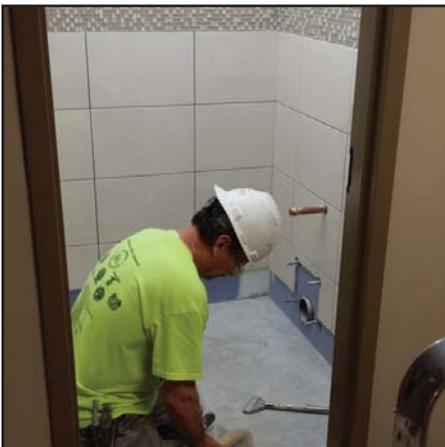
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A hard hat instruction and inspection seminar was provided by Bill Vela on Wednesday and multiple Safety Huddles throughout the day on Thursday continued the focus of safety in the workplace. Prizes and more giveaways were handed out on Friday and we concluded with involvement from some of our vendors.

As we rounded out the week with a project cookout, remaining giveaways, and final closing comments from the management team, we reinforced the message of choices, caring, and planning. With more than 400,000 man hours worked with Zero Lost Time Accidents we shared our appreciation for everyone's efforts and thanked them for a fantastic week. On a challenging project such as this at the Wright-Patterson Medical Center, it is important to stay on task. With the ever changing environment, the pressure to complete the project, and the stresses of caring for this facility, it is so very obvious that it begins and ends with the workers. If you have the opportunity, take a minute out of your day when you're in the building or on site and thank them for what they do.

From Floor to Ceiling



At left Jesse Kline with Weiffenbach Marble and Tile works on installing tile on the 4th floor while Noah Turner (at right), with OKI, works on ceiling panels on the 5th floor.

PDT Member Spotlight

Will Boone, USACE Project Engineer, Civil Engineer

What is your primary role on the job? (briefly discuss your roles/responsibilities/daily activities)

I track the status of the hospital's furniture equipment for the project whether it is new or reuse items. This includes getting with the users and determining their requirements, the execution of equipment modifications, and verifying and inspecting the installed equipment. I also track the room finishes for the hospital. I perform the usual USACE tasks like reviewing submittals, answering RFI's, and executing modifications. I run the weekly transition meeting where the project team members discuss and coordinate with the users about moving in and out of their department when work is to be performed.

What successes have you seen on the project this month/recently?

We completed Central Sterile. We completed the renovation of the reception area and waiting room of the Radiology department which looks good and the Radiology users like.

What hobbies do you enjoy when you aren't on the jobsite?

I like to bike, swim, and run. I play soccer, volleyball, and I do triathlons.



Will Boone

Workplace safety is our #1 priority!



**Safety by Choice,
Not by Chance**