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Building's Bones Almost Complete

As our second Alaskan Construction Season, also known as summertime, winds down, we are happy to report that the project is still on track. 3,000 tons of steel have been installed this summer and 75% of the concrete is in place. Boilers, holding tanks and major electrical equipment are in place which will allow the facility to 'stand alone' for a minimum of 4 days in case of a catastrophic event. A "Topping Off" ceremony is planned for 5 September at 1100. This traditional ceremony celebrates a major milestone in the project: that the structural steel is complete! This accomplishment is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of the contractor and all the sub-contractors. Interior work will be the focus during the upcoming colder months. Walls, electrical and mechanical systems, doors, floor finishes, ceilings, lights, switches, windows, and so much more will be put into the facility over the next seven to eight months. In addition to the activities occurring on the job site, the HFPO staff continues to work diligently with the BACH staff reviewing operational plans, equipment requirements lists, furniture requirements and all the details necessary to ensuring a smooth move. The HFPO staff is also active in the development of the Communications requirements for the new facility. This complex activity involves the planning, design and installation of over twenty different communications systems. Our influence on medical facilities is not limited to the Alaskan Interior, as CPT Ross Davidson has deployed to the Middle East Theater in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His skills are sorely missed here at the Health Facility Project Office.



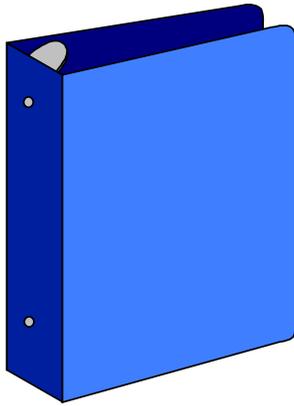
Various stages of the exterior wall construction are visible. Metal studs, insulation, vapor and air barriers, gypsum wall sheathing, EFIS, and CMU veneer all are required in a typical section of wall.



Major Koger inspects the progress on the second floor as craftsmen prepare for future composite deck pours. Typical composite deck used throughout the facility is reinforced concrete slab poured directly on pan decking supported by an extensive structural steel framework.

Transition Question of the Month:

What is a '2nd Level' Review?



The Blue Book is one of the most important planning tools the MEDDAC can develop regarding the replacement hospital. It is defined as "a User developed guide to the functional operation of the new facility." Each section prepares a Concept of Operations. The Concept of Operations is used by that section, the Transition Manager/Committee, and the HFPO to define transition activities, identify design problems, orient new personnel, buy equipment and validate staffing so the right furniture can be purchased. As you can see, written down and agreed upon, the Blue Book becomes the basis for a myriad of critical decisions. It also captures all the hard work of the past and keeps us from reinventing the wheel when key staff rotates. After this round the Blue Books will be reviewed by the Deputy Commanders and when approved all requests for change must come through the appropriate committees. Below you will find the schedule for the 2nd Level Blue Book reviews.

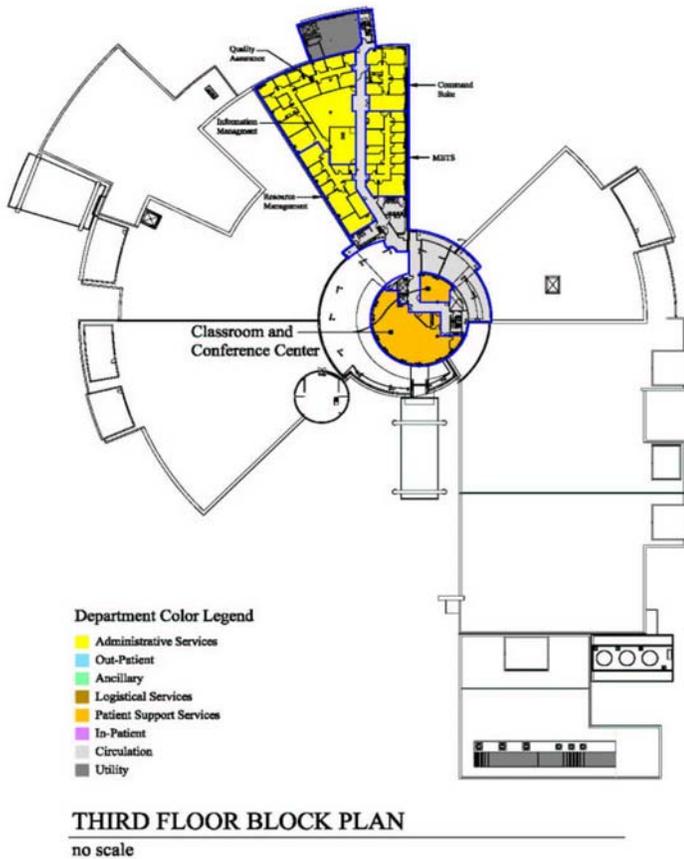
Blue Book Review Schedule

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME
Lab	5 Aug	0800	ER	12 Sep	0800
Radiology	7 Aug	1300	Nutrition Care	12 Sep	1300
VA	12 Aug	0800	Internal Medicine	18 Sep	1300
Pharmacy	13 Aug	0800	Command	22 Sep	0800
ENT / Audiology	13 Aug	1300	Mother-Baby / Nursery	24 Sep	0800
Optometry	20 Aug	1300	RMD	26 Sep	0800
Dental	21 Aug	1300	OR / CMS	30 Sep	0800
Medical Company	25 Aug	0800	Anesthesia	2 Oct	1300
Personnel	25 Aug	1000	APU / PACU	6 Oct	0800
PAD	27 Aug	0800	In-patient Unit	8 Oct	0800
Physical Therapy	28 Aug	1300	METS	14 Oct	0800
Orthopedics Clinic	2 Sep	0800	IMD	16 Oct	1300
Surgical Clinic	4 Sep	1300	Family Practice	20 Oct	0800
Managed Care	8 Sep	0800	Facilities	22 Oct	0800
Clinical Services Div	8 Sep	1300	Logistics	22 Oct	0800
Pediatrics	10 Sep	0800	Medical Maintenance	22 Oct	0800
OB/GYN	10 Sep	1300	Property	22 Oct	0800

The Third Floor

This is the third of a four part series.

The Third Floor of the new hospital is an entirely administrative area. There is a conference center in the central "Green" area which will hold approximately 200 people and can be sub-divided into three separate areas if needed. There is also a large classroom on the north side which can be sub-divided into two smaller classrooms. The hospital's Headquarters offices reside in the north wing of the facility. One primary corridor bisects the Command Suite and METS from RMD, IMD and the QA functions. The third floor is accessible via stairwell and elevators in the "Green" with an additional emergency exit stairwell at the north end of the floor.



A Glimpse into the Army's future officers

The following piece was written by our ROTC Cadet while he was stationed at HFPO for his summer internship.

Many cadets would think that going to Alaska for Cadet Training as a Lieutenant (CTLT) would not be the most worthwhile way to spend the rest of their summer. I, on the other hand, found it very rewarding. Not only did I learn valuable leadership skills, I was also involved in one of the most interesting and exciting projects within the Medical Service Corps. First and foremost, I was able to sit down with officers in five different fields of the Medical Service Corps and discuss their military experiences. And I got the opportunity to be a vital part of the Health Facility Project Office team by researching and developing a systems review of the Physiological Monitoring System that will be installed in the Basset Replacement Hospital. With luck, I'll be able to work on this system for my senior thesis. During my time, I was given a tour of the construction site for the new hospital and of the current hospital complete with a trip to the Operating Room to view a surgery. Finally, I was able to shadow a Lieutenant who was a Medical Evacuation Platoon Leader and viewed the equipment that a forward support unit utilizes in the field. Overall, I would have to say that this has been my most rewarding Army experience to date.



Mr. Ron Zeke the Vet Clinic's Admin Assistant, enjoying his beautiful new work environment. The Clinic's phone numbers are 353-2910 / 5436



The new Veterinary Treatment Facility, Building 3597 on Oak Street, is complete and open for business. A Grand Opening Ceremony, complete with a demonstration of the Military Working dogs, is scheduled for 9 September at 0900.



Dan Gerdes, HFPO's Project Engineer, explains a mock up of an exterior wall.

Site Visits

With the second winter season coming upon us you can see that the New Bassett is coming together nicely. The HFPO team will be completing walk-throughs in specific areas to familiarize staff and to identify any issues that can be readily addressed. But for the next 18 months or so we will be offering limited site tours for staff wishing to get a closer look at the construction.

Please call Dawn Davids at 353-5826 to arrange a walk-through. For safety reasons we will limit the tour groups to a maximum of 8 persons.



The HFPO staff would like to welcome aboard Jerry Stebbins. Jerry is our new Equipment Requirements Manager (ERM). He will assist in the planning, development, and administration of the equipment requirements

needed to organize and administer logistical support operations for the New Bassett Project Office.

Joan McInerney is also a not-so new addition to our office. Joan is the new IM/IT person for the New Bassett Project Office. She is responsible for all IM/IT decisions for the New Bassett Hospital.



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