



Some Assembly Required: The CSI Newsletter

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Welcome to the 22nd Edition of *Some Assembly Required!*



Left: Shout out to Shop 19 (Metal Shop @ NSP) for sandblasting and repainting the bathroom partition after some plumbing work in the CSI Admin building.



Left and Above: Niobrara love seat, chair, and Platte chairs made in Shop 16 (Sewing Shop @ OCC) and Shop 29 (Wood Shop @ OCC) for Verdigre Public Library in Verdigre, NE.



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3 Questions With a CSI Employee - Mark Berthiaume, Procurement Specialist

1. What is one of your favorite projects you've been a part of? **I would say the purchase of the new CSI trucks. Finally, after nearly 3 years we are approaching the delivery day! Or the electric dock installation in the warehouse, both of these affected many people's backs in a positive way.**
2. What is something we purchase a lot of that many may not know about? **Screws and Hardware. Everything we build must contain at least 100 or more of these. Maybe slightly exaggerated but not by much. We usually purchase quantities in excess of 10,000 or more.**
3. What is one of your favorite memories while working at CSI? **Ah, the good times! Arriving to work at 0500 to remove snow and finding out that 4 of our 5 trucks had gelled fuel tanks thanks to the extreme cold temperatures. You have to love winter!**



Left and Above: Some items before they were delivered to customers! An Ithaca chair with some new fabric patterns (Made in Shop 20, Wood and Chair Shop @ NSP), and a U-Shaped desk.



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Happy Retirement and Best Wishes!

Brian Pantzlaff - Manufacturing Manager

Sam Palin - Inventory Control Supply Technician

Congratulations on Years of Service!

Chris Mantzios, Sales and Marketing Manager- 5 years

Erika Meyerhoffer - Workforce Development Manager - 5 years

Greg Cudaback - Sign Shop 28 Supervisor - 10 years

Joyce Siddall - Wood Shop 61 Supervisor - 10 years

Shawn Martindale - IT Business Systems Analyst - 15 years

Congratulations on the New Position!

Ed Poppert - Manufacturing Manager

*Ideas for future newsletters? Please contact Deidre Boyle via email or by phone!
This newsletter wouldn't be possible without the whole staff contributing. Any
ideas or information is appreciated. Thank you!*



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CSI Successfully Completes American Correctional Association External Audit

October 14th, 2022 – Cornhusker State Industries (CSI) successfully completed an external audit by the American Correctional Association (ACA). The ACA is a part of the Global Correctional Association. CSI scored 100% on their Mandatory files and 100% on their Non-Mandatory files. Accreditation from the ACA is earned through compliance with standards that are developed, reviewed, and refined for the operation of correctional programs that safeguard life, health, and safety of personnel working in corrections as well as the incarcerated individuals. Compliance begins with review and revision of CSI's procedures each year, review and revision of each standard, review and revision of each standards file and all documentation to prove compliance. This documentation is requested from all areas of CSI as well as other Facilities by the ACA Manager.

In January 2023, CSI staff members will present at a panel hearing at the 2023 ACA Winter Conference to complete the accreditation process. Upon confirmation by the panel, CSI will fully be accredited by the American Correctional Association for the next three years.

Lauren Cabanas HR/ACA/Safety Manager who heads the CSI reaccreditation effort says "after having completed this audit, it was clear to me that my HR & Safety responsibilities play into every bit of the ACA audit when it comes to meeting training and safety standards." She recognizes that "even though I am not working on specific files every day, the entire CSI team provides the appropriate backing documentation by completing training, tracking tools and ensuring the safety in our shops". She compliments her teammates by saying "I would not have been able to complete the audit successfully without the help from all of our CSI teammates."

CSI first achieved ACA accreditation in 2008 and will have their next external audit in 2025.



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