



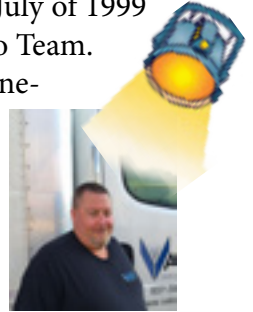
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# PRESSing NEWS

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## IN THE VALCO SPOTLIGHT: DONNIE BRIGGS

Our Associate Spotlight this month shines on Donnie Briggs who was hired in July of 1999 and recently “celebrated” his seventeenth year anniversary of being part of the Valco Team. Donnie’s main responsibility is delivering Valco products/parts/assemblies in a ninety-mile radius. For over seventeen years he has and continues to do a great job representing Valco when he is delivering or picking up freight. Donnie also has a 17 year accident free driving record and we want to congratulate and thank him for this great achievement as well.



Donnie was born and raised in Springfield and graduated from Southeastern High School (Go Trojans) in 1990. Most of us who know Donnie will find it hard to believe, but he was a member and letterman of his tennis team while in high school. After graduation he started his working career at Long John Silver’s where he did a variety of jobs for nearly four years. One thing he seemed to excel at was cooking that “healthy” deep fried food.

From the world of fast food, he moved into installing carpet for the next six months. He quickly decided he did not want to be spending the rest of his working days on his knees so he soon took a job with the Monte Zinn car dealership. He started off doing reconditioning work and from there he moved into the parts department and soon was delivering and picking up parts. After four years with Monte Zinn, Donnie made the giant leap to Valco as our main driver.

Donnie’s luckiest day, besides the day he started working at Valco, was when he purchased ONE \$5.00 raffle ticket at the Clark County Fair and had the winning ticket for a 1979 Corvette, which he drove home that evening.

A surprising discovery we learned about Donnie was his poetry skills. He is the author and winner of a poetry contest in which his poem was featured in a special edition of “Who’s-Who book for poets”. The poem is also engraved on a sculpture, which is on display in the main downtown Columbus library.

In 2004 Donnie married Kim, who is a teacher at Horace Mann Elementary School in the Springfield City Schools. They are the proud parents of two children, Kaden who is 10 and Addi who is 7. Donnie’s hobbies include golf, attending Blue Grass concerts, and spending time with family, especially watching his two children play soccer.

He says he considers himself a small town guy and still enjoys being on the road for most of his day. We thank Donnie for all he has done and continues to do for Valco and for our many customers that he delivers to. We look forward to having Donnie as a vital part of our Team for many years to come. We hope he continues to be safe and accident free out there!

## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

This month’s featured product is a power supply unit that is used for industrial trucks. The production process starts by the lasering of the 1/4” stainless steel box and the aluminum lid. After the parts are lasered they move into the press brake department where all the parts are formed to print and each one checked for size and squareness. The parts are then moved to the welding department where they are welded and ground. The aluminum lid is also welded and DA sanded for a nice cosmetic look.



After the welding and sanding operations are completed, the unit is ready for powder coating. Each unit is painted whatever color is specified for that particular unit. The last operation takes place in the assembly area where 4 batteries are installed along with relays, fuses, cables and other accessories that complete the unit. The unit is now ready to be installed and most importantly to dependably start the vehicle every time the key is turned.

Valco values the trust and faith our customer has in us to provide this intricate power supply unit. We certainly appreciate this opportunity that has been given to us.



Jon Young . . . . . October 3rd  
Mark Winn . . . . . October 8th  
Mark Ropp . . . . . October 16th  
Ed Leventhal . . . . . October 19th  
Zac Lawson . . . . . October 24th

We wish each of you a great day on your special day and an even better year. Here's hoping for many more birthday celebrations for each of you in the years ahead. Enjoy your special time of year.

### Years of Service

Larry Huxley . . . October 1 . 9 Years!  
Dave Koepp . October 8 . 15 Years!!  
Jason Kennedy . October 19 . 1 Year  
Darren Perez . October 22 . 4 Years

We thank each of you for your many contributions to Valco's success and growth. Your many efforts are greatly appreciated and we look forward to working with you in the years ahead.



It is nearly impossible not to realize that November 8, 2016 is election-day and will have significant implications for all of us. You will have the opportunity to make yourself heard by voting on or before November 8th. Needless to say you must be registered to vote and this is not the year to remain on the sidelines. The last day you can get registered to vote is Tuesday, October 11th at 9:00 p.m. Early voting and absentee voting starts on Wednesday October 12th. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. till 7:30 p.m. on November 8th so there is no reason not to vote.

You can learn more by going to <http://electionsonthe.net/oh/clark/> or calling the Board of Elections at 937-521-2120. Be sure to make yourself heard in 2016.

## Valco Passed with Flying Colors!



On August 25 & 26, Valco had its annual ISO 9001 surveillance audit and we are proud to say we passed with "flying colors." We owe a big THANK YOU to all of our Associates for making this audit such a success! We also want to recognize and thank Jim Neidhardt for not only being the lead

Valco associate on the ISO audit but taking the lead on all of our ongoing quality initiatives. Next year will prove to be quite challenging as we prepare to transition into the new 2015 standard of ISO. The new standard focuses more on up front planning and preparation for new products rather than reacting to problems as they occur and trying to prevent them in the future.

Although the transition will be challenging, it will be exciting to see how our company evolves to embrace the requirements of the new standard. Valco is constantly looking for new ways to develop ourselves as a premier supplier through training and updating our resources by utilizing technology where applicable. We believe that as we move forward and implement the concepts of the new standard, we will become an even better support partner for our many customers.



We want to welcome the newest members of the Valco Team as we recently took a major step forward and upward in upgrading our fork lift fleet by purchasing three new Mitsubishi fork life trucks. Enjoying their best new friends who provide them with a much smoother ride are (from

left) Jim Hardesty, Dave Denney and Bryant Wells. We wanted to get a picture of each truck before they experienced their first run in with a wall or post.

### Great Quotes

"If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to it." Jonathan Winters

"Map out your future, but map it out in pencil." Jon Bon Jovi

"If you don't like something, change it; if you can't change it, change the way you think about it." Mary Engelbreit

"One who fears failure limits his activities. Failure is only the opportunity to more intelligently begin again." Henry Ford

"Resolve to be a master of change rather than a victim of change." Brian Tracy

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