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# PRESSing NEWS

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## Spotlight of the Month: Adrian Woodson

Our Valco Associate Spotlight this month shines on **Adrian Woodson**, who is part of our first shift grinding department. Adrian was officially hired on October 23, 2017. He was born in Charleston, West Virginia but his family soon moved to Springfield to be closer to his mother's family. Adrian went to the Springfield City schools and graduated from North High School (Go Panthers) in 1998. During his high school years, he played on both the football and basketball teams. During his basketball playing days the Panthers played in the final four state tournament losing to eventual state champion, Cleveland Heights.



After high school graduation, Adrian enlisted in the Army where he spent the next four years. During his four years of service he became a combat engineer, while also learning carpentry and masonry skills. As part of his combat duty he was deployed to Afghanistan. After his four years of active duty he returned to Springfield and became part of the National Guard. As part of his National Guard service he was once again deployed, this time to Iraq for another tour of duty. Fortunately, he returned safe and sound and after completing his four years of service with the National Guard was hired at Wittenberg University. He worked at Wittenberg for a total of eight years as the main chef for providing all of the meals for the students at the main campus dining room at the student union. After eight years he decided to find something that provided year-round work with new and more opportunities. Luckily for us he chose to become part of the Valco Team to pursue those new opportunities.

Adrian is married to Shaneka who works as a nurse's aide at Heartland Nursing Home in Springfield. Together they are the proud parents of five children ranging in ages from 2 to 15 years old. Between work and actively being involved in the lives of his five children, Adrian does not have much free time. When he does though he enjoys playing sports, watching sporting events, reading and listening to music. We are very happy to have Adrian as part of our team and we especially THANK him for his eight years of military service and helping to keep all of us safe. We look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead.

## Product of the Month

July's product of the month is a one off display case designed by a valued customer of ours. This particular customer needed a way to display their products as they traveled around the state.

Valco worked hand in hand with the customer to come up with this durable showcase (pictured here) that was mobile and had both hinges and a locking hasp. The unit was to also be fitted with lighting so customers are able to get a good view of the products being offered at the shows.

There were a multitude of holes that had to all line up in order for this beautiful display case to come together. From the drawings, our laser and press brake work was spot on and all the pieces lined up perfectly.

Again, we would like to thank our customer for letting Valco be part of such a special project. We appreciate being able to work in a true partnership to create something this unique and functional.





# Happy Birthday

Matt Johnson . . . . . August 7th  
Dave Denney . . . . . August 12th  
Jakob Barker . . . . . August 17th

We wish each of you a great day on your special day and an even better year that is filled with lots of laughs, good health, and much success. Here's hoping for a lot more birthday celebrations in the years ahead. Enjoy your special time of year.

## Years of Service

Steve Queen . . . August 10 . . . . 9 Years!  
Paul Blevins . . . August 18. . . . 8 Years!  
Jimmie Hall . . . August 20 . . . 16 Years!!  
Storm Shoemaker . . Aug. 21 . . . 1 Year  
Charlotte Brickles . Aug. 26 . . 16 Years!!

Thanks to each of you for all you have done and continue to do for Valco and our many customers. Your many contributions are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

## Great Quotes

“It is easy to make a buck. It’s a lot tougher to make a difference.”

*Tom Brokaw*

“Motivation is the fuel necessary to keep the human engine running.”

*Zig Ziglar*

“Minds are like parachutes—they only function when they are open.”

*Tomas Dewar*

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

*Albert Einstein*

“For success, attitude is equally as important as ability.”

*Harry F. Banks*



## LABOR DAY 2018

We will be celebrating our last summer holiday, Labor Day, on **Monday, September 3rd** by taking the day off from work. This of course is a paid holiday for all full time Valco Associates. Normal production and business hours will resume on **Tuesday, September 4th**. We hope you get to spend the day doing those things you enjoy the most with the people you enjoy being with the most. Have a great holiday and be safe and smart out there.



Springfield’s Annual Food Truck Competition comes back for a fifth year on August 18! It is definitely the tastiest event of the summer with 35 food trucks competing. Come out to Veterans park to try

out the food trucks’ gourmet signature dishes while enjoying free musical entertainment throughout the day and evening. There will also be a beer garden. We can’t think of a better way to spend a Saturday in August!



**Bradley Castle** started on May 20th and is part of our production support team on first shift.



**Madeline Asper** started on June 19 and is going to be a senior at our local CTC where she will be in her second year of welding classes. She is working for us this summer and hopefully will continue part time when school starts.



**Dan Penwell** started July 16 as part of our 2nd shift brakepress department.

*We are glad to welcome Bradley, Dan and Madeline as our newest associates and look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead.*



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