

Waterproofing & Restoration



Valcourt Fast-Tracks Project with Partners

Valcourt's Florida Waterproofing and Restoration Branch was posed with a significant challenge in early March, when a previous client, W.G. Yates Construction, Inc., requested that they take a look at a fast-track project for post-construction modification to The Palms of Destin



Resort and Conference Center. The twin-tower luxury condominium in Florida's panhandle required immediate repairs and both Yates and the homeowners association for The Palms of Destin wanted them completed before the end of May when the summer condo rental season starts in full force.

Valcourt reacted quickly to review what was needed on the two 12-story high-rise buildings in order to put an effective project plan in place. The fact that Yates and Valcourt have worked together on previous projects helped streamline the process. Yates is a premier construction company with numerous high-end residential and commercial properties in the southeast. Along with Bruce Dykes of the Yates Destin office, the Valcourt panhandle team worked to finalize the scope of work: joint sealant removal and replacement, crack repair using Dow 790, and the application of two coats of Dow Allguard elastomeric coating, which provided a 10-year warranty.

The project posed a number of challenges that many people believed could not be overcome in the timeframe allotted for completion. Valcourt quickly assembled a team and presented a proposal and project schedule in mid-March. Within a few days the operations team was onsite with two 9-man crews for each building, led by Sammy Massias and Steve Jackson. Their teams utilized ten 2-man cages and two swing stages to complete the work on 22 drops per building. They completed the project on May 22, one week earlier than planned.

To complicate coordination of the project, both Yates' personnel and the homeowners' engineering firm, Building Engineering Consultants, Inc., performed multiple inspections on Valcourt's swing stages, requiring flexibility and planning between the three companies. To keep the project on schedule, the material supplier, Coastal Construction Products, was at the ready to perform material tests with short notice. The team at Coastal made sure that the 3,000 gallons of material were always delivered on time to ensure that the rigorous project schedule was met without fail.

Thanks to the relationships Valcourt's panhandle team has created with clients, engineers, and suppliers, the company was able to take on this important fast-track project without skipping a beat.

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Valcourt's DC/Baltimore Waterproofing and Restoration Branch has added a new member to its growing business development team. Ben Carver joined us earlier this year, having transferred from our Florida Waterproofing and Restoration Branch where he was a Project Manager.

Before joining Valcourt, Ben owned his own residential construction company in Sarasota, Florida, for eight years. His experience also includes building long-term relationships with property managers in the commercial real estate industry, as he formerly owned a commercial cleaning company.



Ben attended East Carolina University and has a bachelor's degree in production management. He also has an MBA from East Carolina. He enjoys living in the nation's capital, spending time with his family, as well as fishing and sports of all kinds.

"I'm very excited to be working for Valcourt in this dynamic market," says Ben. "The people have been great and very knowledgeable about their business and industry." Valcourt is pleased to have Ben now working with our clients in the D.C. and Baltimore areas.

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Valcourt recently completed a major plaza deck and parking garage restoration project at 200 Winston Towers in Cliffside Park, New Jersey. Winston Towers is a 31-story luxury high-rise apartment complex managed by RCP Management Company of Princeton, New Jersey. RCP specializes in the management of community associations, apartment complexes, and commercial properties.



Mary Faith Radcliffe is a principal of RCP Management, and Past President of IREM Chapter 1 in New Jersey. Liz Comando, RCP Senior Vice President and an active member of CAI in New Jersey, attended the April CAI National Conference in New Orleans as did Mike Amoroso and Stan Wellinsky of Valcourt's New Jersey Waterproofing and Restoration Branch. Both companies believe in the importance of involvement in industry associations such as CAI and IREM.

Valcourt hopes to be involved with several additional restoration projects for RCP. "Working with RCP is a pleasure; they know what they are doing and treat you like a project partner," states Mike. Comments Liz, "Valcourt's professionalism was evident throughout their work at Winston Towers. The project went off without a hitch, we were kept informed of the job's status, our tenants were treated with respect, and the work was finished on time."