



## Trace Creek Construction Completes Huntington BRAC Facility Renovation



*Kentucky construction firm Trace Creek has completed a multimillion-dollar renovation of a BRAC facility for the Office of Veterans Affairs in Huntington*

**HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - July 11, 2018 - [PRLog](#)** -- Trace Creek Construction has completed a \$7.9-million renovation of the Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital administration offices in Huntington, Vanceburg, Kentucky–based Trace Creek was a teaming partner on this project with general contractor and construction management firm Semper-Tek and architectural-engineering firm Miller-Remick. The new VA facility is part of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program.

BRAC is administered by the Office of the Under-Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics and is the method used by the Department of Defense to reallocate government buildings for new purposes. Major demolition and remodeling of a 20,000-square-foot, 1950s-era National Guard Armory was performed to provide administrative space for the Huntington VA. The renovated building will house scheduling, billing, and records personnel as well as additional clerical staff.

This project began with an asbestos abatement process. Next, all walls were demolished except for exterior walls and interior corridor walls. The exterior walls in the east section were braced, and the roof, structural steel roof bracing, and bar joist were removed.

New masonry construction, structural steel framing, a bar joist, and decking were added to the east section of the building's elevation, raising it eight feet. Both the east and west sections of the building received a new thermoplastic polyolefin roof.

The center section of the building was completely removed to accommodate a new foundation and elevator tower. During demolition, the soil at the construction site was determined to be unsuitable for the building design. Dwyer, a geotechnical and structural specialty services company, designed and installed foundation stabilization equipment under the designed pier and foundation locations to prepare the ground for the new foundation.

The elevator shaft was built in the building's center section with an overlay of stacked stone. It incorporates a glass and stainless-steel handrail that wraps around its south and west sides. A structural steel and cast-in-place concrete balcony encompasses the entire width of the main lobby. This center part of the building was fitted with a metal roof panel designed to fit the curved structural steel of the new elevator shaft.

The entire project used structural steel, masonry block, cast-in-place concrete, metal wall studs, insulated metal wall panels, and aluminum and glass curtain walls.

"To be able to transform an empty, unused building into a beautiful, new facility that will be used daily is very satisfying to us," said Trace Creek President David West. "We're proud to have played a part in bringing this structure back to life."

### **About Trace Creek**

Trace Creek Construction, Inc., is a Kentucky-based contractor that performs construction-related services from offices in Vanceburg, Lewis County, Kentucky. With more than 25 years of experience, Trace Creek specializes in construction management, design/build and general contracting. Trace Creek's operating philosophy—"Your job is our reputation"—infuses all aspects of their work, and their innovative construction approach is based upon the careful planning and execution of projects that perfectly meet their client's needs and budgets.

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