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## The Depot on Main Multi-Housing Project

**M**oln Concrete Products worked with Miller Architects & Builders, Cole Group Architects, and Herzog Engineering, LLC on The Depot on Main project in Zimmerman, MN. Named for the Great Northern Railway train depot which once stood on the site, The Depot on Main has 3-stories of apartments over a precast concrete underground parking and foundation structure. The project features a community room with outdoor deck, fitness room, playground, outdoor grills, and a climate-controlled underground garage parking facility.

This project was designed using precast concrete columns, prestressed beams, hollow core floor plank and architectural precast concrete form-liner wall panels for the underground parking and foundation. The ashlar stone form-liner pattern used on the 68-wall panels for this project has become a staple in the designs used for many other multi-family housing projects by the project team.

In addition to providing precast engineering services,

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# Molin Employee Tanya Griffin Receives Patriot Award

**A**n employee serving in the National Guard or Reserve, or the spouse of a Guard or Reserve member, may nominate individual supervisors and bosses for support provided directly to the nominating Service member and his or her family. The Patriot Award reflects the efforts made to support citizen warriors through a wide range of measures including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployment, caring for families, and granting leaves of absence if needed. Patriot Awards are awarded to individual supervisors, not to an entire staff or organization as a whole.

Nick Johnson, began working for Molin in March 2020 but, prior to joining Molin, he delivered precast products from Molin's plants to jobsites which made him familiar with Molin's operation and aided in his transition to working as a Molin employee working with mobile cranes in the field.



When Nick was hired, Molin knew of his upcoming deployment but went ahead and offered him the job anyway. Nick has been in the Minnesota National Guard for ten years. Seven of those years serving on state active duty. He is currently serving with 1-194 Field Artillery out of Alexandria MN and has now been deployed under Operation Freedom's Sentinel. He will be heading to the Middle East after a two-month training at Fort Sill, OK. Nick has a 3-year old daughter named Charlotte who is his number one cheerleader. Facetime has allowed Nick to stay connected to his daughter almost every day while in training. Also pictured is Nick with his sisters Andrea and Gina, and his Father Craig. We would like to recognize his family for the sacrifices they endure while Nick is away.

Molin considers it an honor to employ active service men and women and is committed to remaining flexible to work around military requirements. Because of this, Nick recently nominated his supervisor, Tanya Griffin



(Field Operations Manager at Molin) to be recognized with a Patriot Award. The award reads "The Office of the Secretary of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve recognizes Tanya Griffin of Molin Concrete Products as a Patriotic Employer for

contributing to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force."

The award is usually presented in person by the Army National Guard, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they were unable to hold an in-person ceremony. Molin is very thankful for Nick taking the time to recognize Tanya during his deployment. «



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Molin's scope of work on the project included production, delivery and installation of 33-precast concrete columns, 31-prestressed beams, 24,135 square feet of 8" and 12" thick hollow core plank, 690 square feet of solid precast concrete slabs and 68-architectural precast concrete wall panels. Molin coordinated with the design and construction team to meet the project's required schedule that included installing the precast concrete during a harsh Minnesota winter. Throughout the process, Molin's project manager and field superintendent coordinated site access, crane and trucking logistics, safety and installation plans with Miller Architects & Builders' project managers and job superintendent to make sure installation was completed safely and on time.

The use of precast concrete on this project enabled construction to continually progress in spite of the cold winter weather. Other key benefits of building The Depot on Main with precast concrete materials include reduced construction time, low sound transmission between below grade parking and housing, and fire separation between below grade parking and housing while offering a finished product that requires low maintenance. «

# Molin Announces New Hires and Retirements

**I am pleased to announce the hiring of new team members at Molin Concrete Products and the retirement of a long-term employee:**



Dan Bible  
President

**Brannen Stafford** joined Molin in August 2020 in the position of Maintenance Mechanic. **Allysa Kunkel** joined Molin in August 2020 as Sales Coordinator. **Kevin Franz** joined Molin in September 2020 as the Plant Manager for Molin's Precast Wall Panel Plant. **John Hendricks** joined Molin in September 2020 as an Estimator. **Rachel Soanes** joins Molin in September 2020 as IT Manager. **Roxann Ostendorf** retired from Molin in September 2020.



## Molin Hires Brannen Stafford

Brannen Stafford was hired as a Maintenance Mechanic for Molin in August 2020. Brannen's primary responsibilities are to conduct daily inspections, keep preventative maintenance schedules on track, and perform general maintenance and repairs on facility equipment and property structures.

Brannen is a graduate of Century College with an Auto Mechanics in Technology degree. He has an extensive construction background. Brannen previously worked as an Iron worker, where he worked on construction of buildings, bridges, and other structures. One of his greatest work-related achievements was being a part of the construction of the US Bank Stadium. This was also his most challenging job because he worked 350 feet in the air to set the beams which now hold the ceiling of the stadium. Brannen states "I am grateful for this opportunity. My personal mission is to strive to be the best version of myself and to add the most value that I can to this company. I strive to staying healthy physically and in my relationships with family, friends, and coworkers".

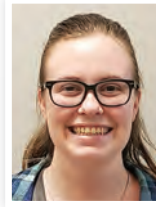
Brannen spends his time outside of work with his beloved cat and dog, working on physical fitness and restoring custom vehicles.



## Molin Hires John Hendricks

John Hendricks was hired as an Estimator for Molin in September 2020. John graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Stout with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 2005, obtained an MBA from Capella University in 2017 and became

PMP Certified in 2019. Prior to joining Molin, John worked for Lemna Environmental Technologies in the wastewater industry while also spending 15 years co-managing his family's organization Corexpo, a contractor in the exhibition services industry. John lives in Ham Lake with his wife and three children, is a youth football coach for the city of Blaine, and along with spending time with his family John enjoys the outdoors. John will office at our headquarters in Lino Lakes, MN.



## Molin Hires Allysa Kunkel

Allysa Kunkel was hired as a Sales Coordinator for Molin in August 2020 and will work from her office at our headquarters in Lino Lakes, MN. Allysa graduated with her Bachelor of Arts in History from St. Catherine University in December of 2013. Prior to joining Molin, she worked as an Administrative Assistant for Steiner Construction Services. Allysa got married in November of 2019. She and her husband recently bought a house in Center City. Outside of work, she loves to read, play video games, spend plenty of time outdoors, and has plenty of projects planned to fix up the new house.



## Molin Hires Kevin Franz

Kevin Franz has been hired as the new Plant Manager for the Molin Wall Panel production facility in Ramsey, MN. Kevin is originally from Brooklyn Park, MN and has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Minnesota. He has a great deal of experience in implementing continuous improvement projects, and root cause/corrective action systems. We are excited to have Kevin as a part of the Molin Team and look forward to seeing his innovation and contribution to the future success of the company.



## Molin Hires Rachel Soanes

Rachel Soanes was hired to join Molin as our new IT Manager. Rachel's role with Molin will include managing our user support resources, managing our technology infrastructure, and supporting managers and staff on implementation of new technology solutions. Rachel currently serves on the Board of Directors for Cloud Security Alliance and comes to us from a hedge fund company, where she implemented and maintained the IT cyber security program, employed new technologies, and managed IT Support teams. Previous to that, Rachel worked at Target Corporation in various positions, specializing in merchandising strategies, financials and technology improvements. Rachel graduated from Bethel University - St. Paul with a BA in Business Administration. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family, painting and traveling. Rachel will office in Lino Lakes in Molin's administrative office building.

## Roxann Ostendorf Retires from Molin



Hired in January of 1998, Roxann Ostendorf has been one of the most passionate and determined employees of Molin Concrete Products. Roxann's "customer first" approach made her the go-to person for all of our single-family projects. Over the years Roxann became the gold standard for what the customer experience should be when selecting Molin as their precast company of choice. Single family projects are difficult, time-consuming, and at times very demanding. We owe a large part of the success of our single family department to the tireless hours and work ethic of Roxann Ostendorf. She was integral in the luxury home market utilizing precast to make homeowners dreams become reality. True to her humble nature Roxann requested to retire quietly without fanfare or a formal celebration that she certainly deserved. All of us at Molin wish Roxanne the absolute best of what retired life has to offer. We will miss you Rox!

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