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Center for Wounded Vets is Privately Funded

For some of those working on the National Intrepid Center of Excellence on the Bethesda National Naval Medical Center campus, the job is more than a job—it's personal. The 72,000-square-foot center, funded privately by the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, is the first to focus on the research, diagnosis and treatment of military personnel suffering from brain injury and psychological health issues. It is scheduled to open next summer.

"When a soldier has his brain damaged in combat, there's not a lot of great research on how to fix the brain, so to speak, so this building is dedicated to figuring out how to fix soldiers' brains," said David Wysong, project manager for Turner Construction Co., the general contractor.

For Wysong, Chuck Wagner and many of the others leading this project, the job is personal, as well as professional. Some of the subcontractors have made personal commitments to helping wounded veterans in other areas of their lives and feel indebted to these American heroes; others have personal relationships with wounded veterans. And individuals in each of these companies have given a lot of heart, soul and sweat to



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National Intrepid Center of Excellence

Location: 8901 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD

Roofing: Installed a Thermoplastic Polyolefin Membrane roof. Commonly referred to as TPO, this rubber-like material can be recycled.

General Contractor: Turner Construction

make this project come together in half the time it would have taken for a similar government-funded job.

"Everyone associated with the project has given a little bit—donated some money or time," Wysong said. "Turner is making an in-kind donation

in that we didn't price this as a commercial job. All of the subs are in the same mode, helping us provide for the soldiers, giving us their best prices and then some." The budget for the project is \$70 million, but Wysong said it would be significantly more than that if all the donated services were registered.

The facility will be noticeably different than traditional military medical facilities—starting with glass walls and an open design. Wagner Roofing installed a 20-year TPO Cool Roof system, which has helped the building in becoming LEED-certified.

As Wysong explained, a portion of the building is dedicated to looking inside soldiers' bodies with equipment such as MRIs. Another part will be dedicated to physical research, where they may, for example, put a soldier on a piece of equipment called a Solo Step to evaluate how he or she walks. One machine, called the CAREN (computerized rehabilitation system) is a 180-degree domed space that will allow patients to exercise muscles and relearn skills. The center will operate as an out-patient facility, and patients will work with their primary care

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Under
the **Roof**
at Wagner

Mary Day

Job: Service Manager



Years at Wagner: 3

Lives In: Bladensburg, MD

Visiting Sites: We have outings two to three times a year. I'm now getting into some small estimating jobs, so I'll be able to visit the job as it's going on.

Favorite Roofing Job in D.C.: The Dominican House

Construction History: I've been in construction since I was 16, and learning about roofs just added a whole new perspective. Now, I can actually look at a particular roof and say with confidence, "That's slate."

Can't Live Without: Computer

Pastimes: Spending time with my two girls and baking pies, cakes and cookies. I bring baked goods into the office and the staff loves it.

Best tip for readers: From my many years in maintenance, I have found that gutter and roof-related problems often come from not cleaning gutters and downspouts. The fall and spring are the best times, and we have taken care of many customers' problems with our semi-annual roof maintenance agreement.

LINDSAY KEISER

Historic Bostwick House Becomes Lab for UMD Students

One of the first rules of preservation is that a house is only as good as its roof. Don Linebaugh, director of the Graduate Program in Historic Preservation at the University of Maryland's School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, knows this from experience. So when funding came through for the historic Bostwick House in Bladensburg, Md., he got busy hiring Wagner Roofing to replace a couple problematic roofs.

"The roofs were in bad shape," said Linebaugh, who is an associate professor at the school's College Park campus. "They were 'at the end of their

usable life,' as an appraiser might say. We wanted to make sure we had good roofs on all the buildings before we got started on the interiors, so we could guarantee a dry workspace inside."

The house, built in 1746, is owned by the Town of Bladensburg, which has an agreement with the university so students and professors can use the space as a preservation training site. The school provides the town with preservation management expertise, Linebaugh serves as the project manager for the site, and a student curator lives at the house, maintaining it in a preservation-friendly manner.

"This is the first partnership that the university has had with any historic building," said Bladensburg town clerk Pat McAuley. "It's beneficial to

the town, and it's great for the students. This project [replacing the roofs for the site's big barn and the kitchen wing to the main house] was one of the first big repair jobs. It's been a long time coming." The grant for the work on Bostwick, the oldest surviving structure in the town, came from Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Legacy Program. The town currently has \$450,000 from state and federal grants; the entire project will cost approx \$1 million.

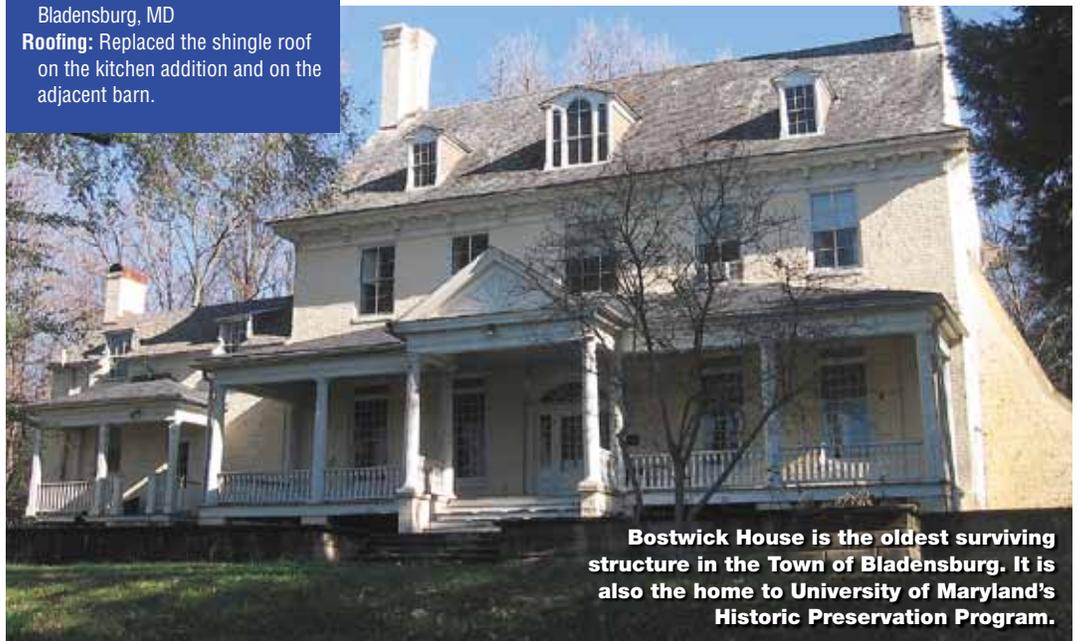
"There's been very little done since the last owners of the house walked away," Linebaugh said. "So you can really see the problems, which presents a case where the students

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Bostwick House

Location: 3908 48th St., Bladensburg, MD

Roofing: Replaced the shingle roof on the kitchen addition and on the adjacent barn.



Bostwick House is the oldest surviving structure in the Town of Bladensburg. It is also the home to University of Maryland's Historic Preservation Program.

PATRICK ALLEY (2)



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Letter From the President

Remember Our Servicemen and Women

I recently read letters that my mother wrote to my father when he was in Italy during World War II, and I came across the one that is featured on the back of this newsletter. While my father was overseas, my mother kept Wagner Roofing running, while raising my brother and me as a single mom. I realized how many parallels there are between wartime back then and wartime today, when there are similar scenarios being played out all across the country. It reminded me, as I am reminded so often these days, that supporting our troops when they come home is critical to their future—and to ours.

Wagner Roofing is proud to have worked on building the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (covered in this newsletter). The Intrepid is our second job with Turner Construction on facilities that help our wounded troops. The first one was the Walter Reed Amputee Training Center, in March 2007. With both projects, the goal was to complete the facility as soon as possible so our vets could receive treatment. And with both, Turner and the subcontractors were recognized by the Army Corps of Engineers for speed of construction.

At a recent Yellow Ribbon Fund function, I had the opportunity to meet several injured soldiers, who have been recuperating at Walter Reed. One of the soldiers, Ramon, now mentors returning troops.



He plays golf with a prosthetic left arm, but that didn't stop him from out-driving Tiger Woods at the AT&T National in July. He drove 240 yards down the middle—Tiger drove much farther but not in the fairway.

Every interaction with a wounded soldier is another story of inspiration. My mother taught me the importance of supporting our troops, and today, I encourage every one of you to think about how you can do so—whether it's through a monetary donation to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund or Yellow Ribbon Fund, a donation of goods/services to these organizations, volunteer work or job placement support for returning vets. After we've seen them go through hardship and pain, let's come together to help make their holidays merry.

Chuck Wagner

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facility to map a plan of diagnosis and recovery.

The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund continues an effort begun in 1982 by Intrepid Foundation founders Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher. Between 1982 and 1999 the Fishers made contributions to the families of hundreds of military personnel lost in performance of their duty. Zachary's nephews, Arnold, Richard and Tony, have since taken over the mission. The family also started a separate organization, the Fisher House Foundation, in 1990, to house families of hospitalized military person-

nel. Three Fisher Houses will be built to complement the Intrepid Center. The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund was started in 2000 under the auspices of the Intrepid Museum Foundation and established as an independent nonprofit in 2003. The fund has provided nearly \$75 million to support the families of U.S. military personnel lost in service and for severely wounded military personnel and veterans.

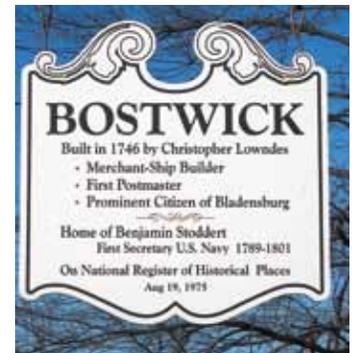
"It's rare in today's climate that people do the kinds of things the Fisher family has done," Wysong said. "They're completely altruistic." ●

To donate, please visit www.fallenheroesfund.org.

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can get engaged in a real-life property." In addition, the student curator, Patrick Alley, is writing his thesis on training those in the building trades to work on historic roofing.

The Bostwick House was built by Christopher Lowndes, a leading merchant who was named the commissioner of the town of Bladensburg in 1745 and appointed one of the justices of Prince George's County in 1753. The home was left to Lowndes' son-in-law, Benjamin Stoddert, the first Secretary of the Navy, who also built Halcyon House at 3400 Prospect St. in Georgetown in 1783 (where Wagner replaced the slate and copper



roofs in 1995). Southeast of the house are several 19th-century outbuildings, along with a barn, which Wagner re-roofed. The house has been in the hands of only three families during its more than 250-year history. The property was sold to the Town of Bladensburg in the late 1990s. As funding becomes available, the entire roof of the main house will be replaced. ●

Serving the Community

Wagner Roofing supported the following organizations in 2009.

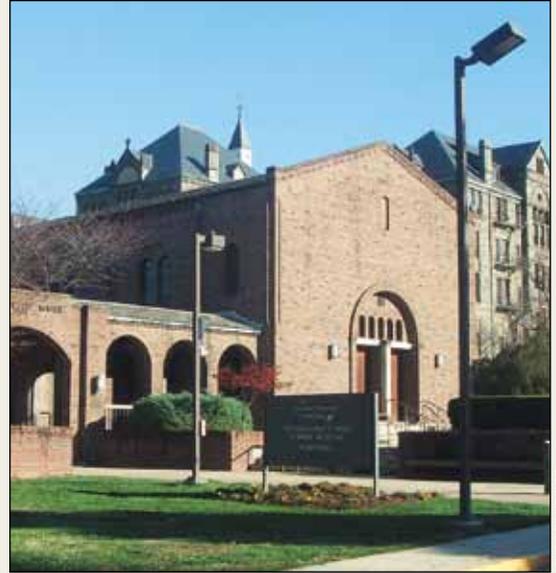
- Yellow Ribbon Fund
- National Rehabilitation Hospital
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Shepherd Foundation
- Poor Roberts Charities
- Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund
- National Foundation for Cancer Research



Chatel Real Estate—2113 N St., NW, Washington, DC. Replaced the built-in gutters, restored the structural cornice and replaced the copper shingles on the mansard roof. Insert shows new copper shingles that will be installed.



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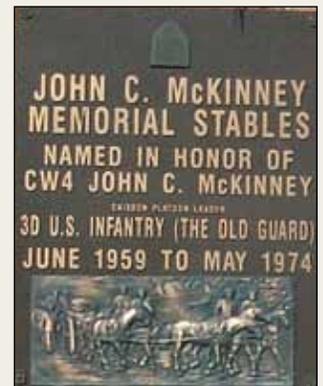
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Catholic University, Ward Music Hall—620 Michigan Ave., NE, Washington, DC. Functions as the university's Music School and Performance Hall. Performances range from solo artists to operas. Installed a new rubber roof.



DAN WILLIAMS

Fort Myer—Sherman & Jackson Avenue, Fort Myer, VA. A military community that can be traced back to 1861. It is now home to the Army's official ceremonial unit and the Washington Metropolitan area security force. Installed a new slate roof on the stables.



In the Works

Other Wagner jobs in progress or recently completed.

Apple Computer Store—1229 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC. A Thermoplastic Polyolefin Membrane roof will be installed. Commonly referred to as TPO, this rubber-like material can be recycled.

Church of Holy Communion—3640 Martin Luther King Blvd., SE, Washington, DC. A 113-year-old Episcopal Church and the new Bishop John T. Walker School for boys (K through eighth grade). Restored the slate roof and installed a new rubber roof and copper gutters.

In the Works



6th & I Synagogue—6th and I streets, NW, Washington, DC. In 2004, installing tile and copper on the Northeast dome. In 2010, work will begin on the remaining domes as seen in the front elevation photo from 1949.



CHUCK WAGNER



LINDSAY KEISER

Manna Inc.—823 Evans St., NE, Washington, DC. Manna's mission is to create quality affordable housing for low-income individuals. Installed a new rubber roof. This is the same street where Otto Wagner started Wagner Roofing in 1914.



LINDSAY KEISER

Cosmos Club—2121 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC. A social club for individuals distinguished in science, literature and the arts. Installing a new copper built-in gutters over the library.

Back When...

Friday, Dec. 7th

Dearest Sweetheart,

Two more letters from you today, gosh almighty but I'm lucky. And honey, such nice long ones too. I hope you've started hearing from me again, because I think there's nothing worse than no mail.

The firm of Wagner and Wagner have 2 new customers, I'll have you know. They came from the ad in the star which I'm enclosing. You know it sawned on me after I'd sealed the letter last night that the C St. job I was telling you about I forgot to mention the price. The reason I forgot is I finished the letter and then figured the job and meant to put the price back in....so it's \$39.00. The two new customers are a Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Cowan both live in Chevy Chase and have small leaks. No job too small that's our motto.

I have about 10 jobs to figure here and bill and I will do it tonight and mail you the duplicate job sheets so you can see how our estimating is.

Went shopping today, Kmas Shopping. My aching pocketbook. I got a large blackboard to tack up on the wall, thought maybe it might discourage our youngest talent for wall drawing. A pull toy for Chuck, for Jack some books, Tom-Tom, a gun that shoots airplanes, a foot ball and a game. I was in a store and they told me on Mon. they'll have metal wagons in. I thought I'd get Jackie one. Pauline has Peteys pool table that she said Jackie can have. Beats me, but he wants one. I'm going to buy Rita's rocking horse from her for Chuck and get him a few little things. Wish to goodness, it was here and gone. Christmas without you just won't be nothing. I'll make it nice for the kids though.

I was really loaded down with pkgs. and couldn't get on a st. car so I called Uncle Ed and he came down and picked me up. He'd told me to the night before, but I didn't intend to really do it. Anyway, I thought it was awful nice, you know how crowded it is downtown in traffic.

And now my dear if you'll excuse me I'll type some bills.. I intended to do it lastnight, but Jackie felt pretty bad so I had to stay upstairs with him. He feels a little better today...his fever seems to be just about gone, but the sulphur has left him kind of weak. I think he'll be OK tomorrow.

So long until tonight, my pet, I love you.
Lots and lots of love,

Evelyn



Evelyn and Jack Wagner, 1938.
When separated by war, Evelyn took over the business and communicated with Jack through letters like the one featured here.

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