

Steven Bankler, CPA

Client Spotlight



PLETZ CONSTRUCTION, LLC.

Buddy Pletz, a native San Antonian, grew up in the construction industry. His father was the owner of a San Antonio construction company for many years. Buddy earned a marketing degree at the University of Texas at Austin where he was an active member in the Phi Gamma Delta (Fijis) fraternity. He remains active with the Fiji alumni and currently serves on the fraternity's parent corporation.

After college, Buddy joined the Marines and was stationed at Camp Pendleton. He served two years active duty with the Marines in Laguna Beach, rising to Staff Sergeant after only eighteen months. He also met and married his wife Sarah while stationed there.

After his active duty service, Buddy moved back to Texas to work for his father and continue to serve his country as a Marine Reservist. After gaining several years of valuable experience under his father, Buddy established Pletz Construction in 1964. Initially, his focus was residential construction.

Over the first fifteen years he was in business, the company helped develop residential subdivisions including Colonial Hills, Mockingbird Hill Townhomes, and Windcrest Townhomes. He also constructed a 34,000 square foot Caterpillar facility near Austin.

In the 1980's, Pletz Construction changed directions and became more involved in commercial development. During this time, Pletz built several large warehouse developments in the San Antonio area. Buddy directly suffered from the failure of the Savings & Loans during this time, bringing some projects to a halt due to assets being frozen by the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC). His company survived with commercial remodeling work.

The company moved into more commercial projects

during the 1990's and beyond. Pletz is now San Antonio's oldest pre-engineered- metal building dealer and was well qualified to build these massive structures. His projects included Nissan Ingram Park, a 36,000 square foot facility, Mission Chrysler Jeep, a 42,000 square foot facility, and Reata Chevrolet in Castroville, a 32,500 square foot facility.

Pletz has also proudly worked on projects for various military bases in the area. Pletz constructed a Corrosion Control Hanger for Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, a Decontamination Center for Lackland AFB and an Electronic Radon Repair Facility at Kelly AFB.

Over the years, Buddy has had experience with all

types of development and construction projects and has been well connected with many influential citizens of the city. His forty years plus of building in San Antonio make him a great historian of the city. He has not only seen the city grow, develop, and change, but has taken part first hand. He has definitely helped shape this city not only through his company but also through his service.

Buddy has served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board

for twenty-seven years, serving as chairman for three of these years. He served as Disaster Chair during Hurricane Katrina, setting up the first distribution point in the US to collect and distribute supplies to Mississippi and Louisiana.

Buddy met Steve through a professional group (The Alternative Board) several years ago and was immediately impressed with Steve's tax knowledge and creativity. Steve has saved Pletz significant taxes over the past five years and keeps Buddy well informed of tax changes and incentives that directly affect his company.

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