NMC Invests in Community and Business

The Norco Manufacturing Complex takes pride in its role as an industrial leader in the community. Whether it is through record-breaking contributions to the United Way of St. Charles or helping develop the workforce of tomorrow through scholarships in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and process technology (P-TECH), the Norco Manufacturing Complex looks for ways to meaningfully contribute to the community where its employees live and work.

“Supporting our community, ensuring the safety and well-being of our neighbors, and reaching out to those in need are important aspects of our operations in St. Charles and surrounding parishes,” said NMC General Manager Don Weaver. “Equally crucial to our operations is identifying ways to re-invest in our business to remain competitive in the industry and a major employer in the area. This is why we’re so excited about the Louisiana Refining System.”

“The pipelines will enable us to connect to crude sources as well as exchange products with the Convent refinery.”

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Norco Manufacturing Complex is operated by Motiva Enterprises and is comprised of Motiva’s Norco refinery and Shell’s Norco chemical plant. The projects included in the Louisiana refining system do not involve the chemical plant.

According to Weaver, the Norco and Convent refineries will remain separate operating facilities but work together to create opportunities that will utilize the combined crude capacity of 505,000 barrels per day for the combined sites. “The integration will bring all the major refining assets of both refineries together in a highly competitive system,” he said.

The integration process begins with the planned construction of the Maurepas Pipeline System, which includes a 35-mile and a 34-mile intermediates pipeline enabling Norco and Convent to exchange feedstocks, and a 34-mile crude pipeline connecting a terminal in St. James Parish to the Norco refinery. The pipelines will be owned, constructed, maintained and operated by SemGroup Corporation, a publicly traded midstream services company.
A Visit with Veterans

Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home residents played Bingo, enjoyed snacks and received treat bags during a summer visit by Norco Manufacturing Complex employees. Representatives of the site’s LAWave (Louisiana Women Adding Value Everywhere) and Milnet (Military Network) groups entertained the veterans while spending time learning more about their years of service.

“Visiting with veterans was an opportunity to bring a little cheer to their day,” said NMC IM/IT Manager and LAWave member Lynn Bonnette. “More importantly, it was a gesture to show our gratitude to them for the sacrifices that they made through service to our country.”

Located in Reserve, the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home is next to the St. John’s Parish Senior Citizens Center and the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic. The facility offers a variety of amenities including a fishing lake and a large chapel, in addition to complete medical care including skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, Alzheimer/Dementia care, and transportation services.

Grant Applications Accepted

Nonprofit organizations can now submit proposals for a grant from the Norco Community Fund or the Norco Economic Development Fund, established by an endowment from the Norco Manufacturing Complex. The deadline for submitting grant proposals to either fund is September 30, 2015. Applicants must apply online.

The Norco Community Fund considers funding for programs that serve the Norco community in the areas of arts/humanities, community development, education, environment, human services, health care and youth development.

The Norco Economic Development Fund considers funding programs that support: small business retention/new job creation; career development/training; quality of life and youth opportunities.

The funds are Donor Advised Funds of The Greater New Orleans Foundation. For additional information, application criteria and to apply for a grant, go to www.gnof.org.
“It is clear that it’s not just our employees who are talented and dedicated – they are instilling these qualities at home, too. Congratulations to all of the recipients and best wishes as you head off to college.”

DAN ROMASKO | Motiva President and CEO

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NMC Hosts High School Students at Leadership Seminar

Students from Hahnville, Destrehan, East St. John and West St. John High Schools attended a leadership development seminar this summer with tuition sponsored by the Norco Manufacturing Complex.

The Annual Louisiana Youth Seminar held on Louisiana State University’s Baton Rouge campus engages junior and senior students in a week-long program focusing on leadership qualities such as effective communication skills, setting and achieving goals, team building, understanding and accepting others, developing self-confidence, and conducting effective meetings.

Attending this year’s seminar were Ashley Riddick, Mallory Rougeou, Camryn Mikesell, Savannah Whitney, and Gabrielle deBruler of HAHNVILLE HIGH; Faith Ryan, Reagan Pfister, Nyla Moore, Naomi Westbrook, and Sara Gauthier of DESTREHAN HIGH; Jhontre Green, Myca Parker, Kaitlin Williams, Destiny Rodriguez, Ayana Henry, Ta’Nia Higginbotham, and Paige Elder of EAST ST. JOHN HIGH; Glasia Walker, Christina Holmes, and Marcus Boudoin of WEST ST. JOHN HIGH.

LYS is a unique leadership program which has impacted over 9000 young leaders over the past 45 years. For more information visit www.LouisianaYouthSeminar.org.

“We are investing in our future leaders. This experience hopefully inspires students to discover their true potential.”

DON WEAVER | NMC General Manager

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Students participating in the Louisiana Youth Seminar this summer are pictured with Superintendent Felecia Gomez-Walker. Back row, left to right: Ashley Riddick, Mallory Rougeou, Faith Ryan, Superintendent Gomez-Walker, Camryn Mikesell, Reagan Pfister, and Nyla Moore; and front row: Savannah Whitney, Gabrielle de Bruler, Naomi Westbrook, and Sara Gauthier.

Service ANNIVERSARIES

Someone You Know Works for Norco

40 Years
Philip Millet

35 Years
Brian Allen
Harold Armstrong
Tyler Aymee
Randall Cavalier
Bradley Emerson
Rose Floyd
David Gardner
Kenneth Gordon

35 Years
James Grayson
Gerald Lemaire
Mario Pivaral
Larry Russell
Dale St. Pierre
William Walls

25 Years
Johnnie Bonds
Henry Garner
Richard Keller

25 Years
Deborah Laurent
Chris Loup
Steven Mendoza
Bruce Schexnaydre
Paul Shirer
Neal Simon
Bertis Tamplain
Lynn Trent

20 Years
Gary Louque

15 Years
Ellery Bridges
Michelle Carmouche
Steven Dominguez
Edward Ferguson
Eilbert Frances
Winston Joseph
Timothy Keller
Frederick King
Troy Labat
Matthew Normand
Peter Ragusa

10 Years
Tracy Alexander
Donald Johnson
Mark Mondello

5 Years
Ernest Barthe
Saurabh Chaugule
Sam Ricks