

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Capital Region Builders Association (CRBA)



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Waguespack Homes

What company do you work for and what is your job description?

I am the owner of Waguespack Homes.

How long have you been a CRBA member and why did you choose to join?

I have been a CRBA member for about 10 years and chose to join to be in the know on upcoming and current changes in the industry I have been a part of for so long. I also wanted to have the opportunity to meet others dealing with the same things I'm dealing with.

How has CRBA aided in the way you do business?

I feel I am better prepared for changes that are coming down the pipeline such as code, permit, market and supply issues. I've also had a chance to meet suppliers and tradesmen at the events I was in need of.

What is your most notable memory while being involved with CRBA?

The Red Shirt event at the Capitol. I was amazed by the amount of people who stay on top of all the issues that affect all of us in this industry. These are very passionate and devoted members that volunteer a lot of their time to benefit so many people throughout this state and region. Most people don't realize how important CRBA is to the home building industry. They are fighting against and for legislation that could cripple home building and renovating for so many people within the Capital Region.

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While being a member, what is one thing you have learned and been able to apply to your job?

It's more than one thing. I have learned many things that have allowed me to tweak how I do things for the better. CRBA has so many members who have already walked the same path other builders and myself are trying to walk. These members are very successful, very knowledgeable and have been through ups and downs. However, most importantly, they are willing to share their experiences and knowledge. These are builders like Rusty Golden, Ray Kothe, Jerry Passman, Dwayne Gafford and many more. It's a comforting feeling knowing that I can reach out to any of these members when I have an issue I can't solve or one I need help with. Just hang around some of the CRBA events and mingle, you'll be better for it.

How have you been able to impact the community while being a CRBA member?

I've been able to be more involved with issues before the council and the permit department that would hurt fellow builders and myself in the Ascension Parish. I haven't always been successful, but it feels good to fight the fight. As I hear things coming down the pipeline at CRBA, I try to pass it on to as many builders as I can in hope that I can make things a little easier for all of us.

Have you received any awards or recognition? If so, tell us about it!

Ten Parade of Homes awards. I've been fortunate to win at least one award every year we have had an entrant. I also was awarded the 2017 Best Builder in Ascension.

What are your hobbies outside of work?

Hunting and tinkering with cars.

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What motivates you?

I definitely want to be someone my parents, wife and kids can be proud of. As a business, we want to make sure all of our customers love the home we get to build for them. Creating a custom home from someone's folder of pictures is a pretty good feeling.

Imagine it's your last meal you'll ever have. What would it be?

Something from Ruffino's with a glass (or two) of red wine.

What are the top three things on your bucket list?

I've been very fortunate to hunt, fish, race motorcycles, race cars, fly airplanes and participate in triathlons. I've done or am doing mostly everything I've had the slightest desire to do. You can say that when I go, there won't be any regrets.

Where are you originally from?

Prairieville, Louisiana.