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## Two World Group Leaders Honored

Angelo Antoci, president of U.S. Growers Cold Storage, and Michael Henningsen, President of Henningsen Cold Storage, were inducted into the Distinguished Order of Zerocrats at the recent American Frozen Food Institute's (AFFI) annual Frozen Food Convention in San Diego, California. The Distinguished Order of the Zerocrats is an organization of industry professionals whose mission is to maintain the tradition of promoting the image and advancement of the frozen food industry.

In 1990 the Zerocrats established the Frozen Food Hall of Fame to honor individuals who have helped shape the industry with their hard work and dedication. Each year members nominate and vote on the Hall of Fame's newest inductees and honor them with a special ceremony at the annual AFFI Frozen Food Convention.

Formed in 1954 with 22 original members, and now numbering 100, The Order meets every year at the American Frozen Food Institute (AFFI) and National Frozen & Refrigerated Foods (NFRA) conventions. In addition to promoting the image and advancement of the industry, they raise money for scholarships.



Angelo Antoci takes the podium, while Mike Henningsen (left) looks on.



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## American Hit by F-1 Tornado



In one unusual winter evening, an F-1 tornado struck the American Cold Storage, Louisville, KY, warehouse, sucking out the rail dock wall, door and #1 freezer panel wall, causing the electrical transformer to catch fire. The Louisville, KY, facility was down in a matter of seconds; however, we were very fortunate that our

training and planning for such events paid off. Thankfully, no one was hurt, and we did not lose one case of product.

Our Louisville, KY, team under the direction of Gus Lazrovitch, Warehouse Manager, along with Paul Belden, Maintenance Manager, Kevin Williams, Night Shift Supervisor and Emmet Snawder, Assistant Operations Manager worked all



night long to secure the building, the freezers and the equipment along with ordering a new diesel generator. By mid-day of the next day, we were back in business shipping and

receiving product for our customers. Amazingly, we did not lose any of our customers' products. In fact, one client was so impressed, the company is expanding its business at the Louisville facility and is looking into expanding its business into other ACS facilities.

Terry McClafin, Vice President Operations, said "Thanks, Louisville Team for an outstanding job."

## 2008 World Group Dinner



**Left to Right:** Tom Madden, Rite Stuff; Bud Taylor, Bill Keenan, Paul Smigliani

The Annual World Group Dinner, during the American Frozen Food Institute's Frozen Food Convention in San Diego, was held aboard the U.S.S. Midway, the longest serving aircraft carrier in U.S. Navy history. Now a Navy museum, the ship's 47-year commission began one week after the end of World

War II and ended with the liberation of Kuwait in 1991. Attendees toured the carrier, visited the flight deck taking in the beautiful nighttime views of San Diego, saw vintage planes from the carrier's active duty days and dined in one of its aircraft hangars.

As a special treat the World Group enlisted retired US Navy Fighter Pilot "Thunder" Bud Taylor to speak at the event. During his 20-year career in the Navy, Bud flew 150 combat missions in Vietnam, had 1000 carrier arrested landings, and was in 1000 national security missions, many of those from the U.S.S. Midway. He has piloted various fighter jets including F-4's, F-14's, F-16's & F-18's. He has been awarded the

Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal, numerous Strike/Flight Air Medals, and the Navy Commendation Medal. To finish out his distinguished Navy career, Bud served as Commanding Officer of TOP GUN at nearby Miramar, and fortunately for him, just after the movie came out. As Bud describes it, he had no problems with recruiting and truly getting the cream of the crop during that time.

The World Group Dinner is an opportunity for World Group members to meet with current and potentially future customers, discuss the state of the industry, business opportunities and to have a great time. To find out more about future events contact your World Group members listed in this newsletter.



**Left to Right:** Bud Taylor and Doug Martin (Henningsen), Tony Lucarelli and Bud Taylor

## Snapshot: Steel Is Up On New Henningsen Portland Facility



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Henningsen's new logistics center in Portland, Oregon, is on track for its August 2008 grand opening. This first of 3 phases will have 20,000 pallet positions. Henningsen is finalizing commitments for phase

2, consisting of 15,000 pallets, with an eventual build out of 50,000 pallet positions. The new Portland operation will focus on high volume frozen, refrigerated and dry distribution to the Pacific Northwest, giving customers a central, one-source solution for a diverse product mix. The facility is designed for maximum flexibility, including multiple storage rooms and multiple temperatures all under one roof (-20 to +50), and will be supported by Henningsen's growing transportation management services.

## Larson Joins Henningsen as NE Regional Manager



**Todd Larson** has joined Henningsen Cold Storage in the new position of Regional Manager, Northeast Operations. He will work closely with the Scranton team, as well as spearhead the company's expansion in the Northeast.

Todd joins the Henningsen team with 15 years of logistics experience, most recently as General Manager for the Americold Allentown, PA, operation. Todd is ready to assist in your cold storage and distribution needs; call 610-207-1540 or [todd.larson@henningsen.com](mailto:todd.larson@henningsen.com).

## De La Fuente Joins American Cold Storage



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American Cold Storage welcomes **Cori De La Fuente** to our team as Office Manager of our Louisville Division. Cori grew up in south Texas, near South Padre Island in a town called Santa Rosa. After graduating high school in May 1985, she joined the US Army and was sent to San Antonio for basic training. Honorably discharged from the military in 1989, Cori began her college career at JCC Southwest.

Cori earned her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and Finance in 2006 from Sullivan University. At one point Cori attended both Sullivan University and Bellarmine University. She recently graduated from Bellarmine with a Master's of Business Administration degree.

Cori recently stated, "I am looking forward to getting back into the business world, management and working at American Cold Storage."

## Imperial News ... Fit for a King



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Congratulations to **Clayton Brown**, Operations Manager at Imperial Freezer Services, and his staff for a job well done. Imperial received a Superior rating from AIB International, the organization's highest rating, during a surprise sanitation audit conducted on February 14, 2008. This is the 10th consecutive Superior rating received from AIB.



AIB International is committed to protecting the safety of the food supply chain and delivering high value technical and educational programs. Comprehensive



GMP audits evaluate the adequacy of food safety programs, management systems, pest control programs, operational methods and personnel practices, maintenance for food safety and cleaning practices.

Imperial has added a second Customer Service Representative; please welcome **Penny Wilson**. Call Penny Wilson for help with any of your cold storage needs.

## NEXT ISSUE: TCS On The Move, Merchants Installs Red Prairie



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