

New Mobile Federal Courthouse and John Campbell Courthouse Renovation

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STEEL TOPS OUT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

THE structure of the new Mobile Courthouse has reached its highest point with the ceremonial topping out on September 14, 2016. Following construction tradition the beam was set with a tree, a flag, and was accompanied by the ritual signing of the final beam. A topping out party for the workers and project team members is scheduled for September 29, 2016. The custom of decorating the upper-



View of the last beam set on Sep. 14, 2016

most point of the structure with an evergreen tree predates the structural-steel industry in America by hundreds of years and has old Northern European roots. There is no consensus among modern ironworkers as to what exactly the tree symbolizes. According to The Ironworker, the union's official publication, "for some the evergreen tree symbolizes that the job went up without a loss of life, while for others it's a good luck charm for the future occupants"(1984:11). [Text borrowed from questia.com]

SLABS START: Following behind structural steel, the next activity in the construction sequence is the placement of concrete on metal decking. The construction team experienced an initial setback to getting this started as the concrete would not flow through the pump and hoses as expected. The issue has been resolved and the team was successful with the first deck pour on 9/15/16.

100% DESIGN: The DB team delivered the 100% construction documents to the Government on 9/26/16. This submittal is currently under review and comments will be provided in the first weeks of October.

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