



PROJECT:

Canteen Building 132 Renovation

As the **prime contractor** we were required to complete an A/E design; including specifications and renovation of 4,161 square feet dining facility, as well as significant portions of the dining and food preparation areas at the American Lake VA Hospital in Tacoma, Washington.

The project entailed a 4 step design process, which was vital in ensuring that the new kitchen equipment and dining facility furniture purchased by the VA would fit within the allotted space, while maintaining the functionality of the canteen.

After completing the design, construction entailed asbestos abatement, demolition of non-load bearing walls, removal of textured wallpapering, demolition of suspended ceiling systems and light fixtures and removal and disposal of existing booths and tables. The work also included reconfiguring the electrical and mechanical systems, installation of two 12 foot exhaust hoods, installation of the Veteran Affairs supplied serving line equipment and dining facility furniture, modifications to the existing fire alarm and fire suppression system installation of a new suspended ceiling system and light fixtures, drywall preparation and painting.

The most challenging aspect of the project was that the entire facility had to remain fully functional and operational during all phases of construction. To accomplish this, we broke down the construction into 5 phases. Utilizing temporary barrier walls, day and night shifts, and a strict construction schedule, Cherokee Construction Services completed the project a month ahead of schedule and below budget.



Project Highlights:

- 100% Design-Build
- 5 Construction Phases
- 4,161 Square Feet of Building Renovation
- Facility Remained Fully Functional & Operational During Construction

Project Vitals:

- **Client:** US Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District
- **Location:** American Lake VA, Tacoma, Washington
- **Contract Amount:** \$ 463,752.00
- **Duration:** September 2008 – July 2009
- **Contract #:** W912DW-08-D-1017, #0002
- **Amount Self-Performed:** 65%
- **NAICS Code:** 236220