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Childhood friends reunite with flooring installation project

Pictured, from left: Childhood friends Ralph Presciutti and Jeff DeFranco reunited after 30 years when DeFranco's industrial coating company installed new floors in the Greece American Legion, where Presciutti serves as commander.



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Two childhood friends reunited recently when NY State Industrial Coatings Inc. installed flooring for the Greece American Legion. Jeff DeFranco, founder and president of NICI, and Ralph Presciutti, commander of the Greece American Legion, grew up together in Greece while attending Craig Hill Grade School and Greece Athena High School.

DeFranco would later go to college and earn a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry. Shortly after graduation, he began his industrial coating and construction company. Presciutti pursued a career in military, later returning to Greece to become commander at the Greece American Legion.

After 30 years of losing touch, the two childhood friends reconnected unexpectedly. Presciutti needed an industrial floor installed after researching Rochester-area companies. He contacted NICI and discovered the company belonged to DeFranco. DeFranco met with Presciutti and specified a high performance epoxy floor system specific to various areas throughout the facility.

DeFranco, a lifelong supporter of the men and women serving in the armed forces, donated all of the materials necessary to complete the project. NICI started phase one of the floor preparation in early February, and the project has been successfully completed. All scheduled installations were built around the American Legion's requests, as NICI strives for minimal disruption to normal business operations.