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Alex Hernandez

CEO, HERNANDEZ CONSULTING & CONSTRUCTION



As a former U.S. Marine captain, Alex Hernandez finds that the military infuses many facets of his work as CEO at Hernandez Consulting & Construction.

Due to his own military experience and the large number of veterans on staff, the company is involved in numerous projects related to military and veteran affairs.

The firm restored four historic homes that were originally located on the construction site of New Orleans' VA Medical Center. After moving the homes to the edge of the medical campus, Hernandez and his team prepared the buildings for use helping rehabilitate wounded veterans, a cause that's important to Hernandez.

"A lot of our projects are improving the lives of people. I would probably say the biggest thing that excites me about the work that we do is that it's going to help people live and

survive and get better and recover," Hernandez said.

Hernandez first came to New Orleans as an undergraduate and Navy ROTC student at Tulane University. He returned there after five years in the Marines to complete his MBA. After moving to New York to work in banking, Hernandez once again felt called back to New Orleans to help with rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Katrina and to pursue his desire to do "something a bit more entrepreneurial."

Hernandez was introduced to contracting in his disaster recovery work and created Hernandez Consulting & Construction.

He says the company has also completed about 40 historic renovations. Recently, it launched a plan to offer employee stock ownership, joining just a few others as Louisiana's partially employee-owned construction firms.

Hernandez Consulting & Construction has plans to expand into Texas, where the company has already completed federal projects.

—Adrienne Underwood