



Steve Cortazzo 2012

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Name: Steve Cortazzo

Title: Managing Director

Company: Kemper System America, Inc.

Location: Closter, NJ (U.S. Sales Office)

Place of birth: Bronx, NY

Family: Wife Amy; daughters Marissa, and twins Angelina and Stephanie; son Mike, daughter-in-law Jessica, and grandchildren Damien and Aria.

College: Graham Junior College, Boston

First job unrelated to your current field: Home beverage sales (age 12)

First job in current field: Atwater Construction, Bronx, NY (age 14)

What your firm does now and its plans for the future?

The answer is the same: To continue to lead the industry in high-performance solutions for roofing, surfacing and waterproofing - both for new construction and restorations. And it's not just technology. We want to improve every aspect of the business.

Hobbies: Golf

Favorite novel: Invincible

Favorite film(s): "Patton," "Casablanca"

Keys to success: Building relationships with people, learning what they need and emphasizing solutions. I owe much of my success with Kemper to the architects and consultants who understood that long-term performance matters more than price, and put their confidence in us on major projects.

Person(s) you most admire (outside of family): Vince Lombardi and Rudy Giuliani.

If you had to choose a different profession, what would it be? High School Football Coach / History Teacher