

Deerfield Builders Supply, 77 SE 2 Ave., Deerfield Beach - 954-427-1010

WWII Vet, Edward P. Dietrich, started his small concrete block plant in 1947 and watched it grow to an 80,000 sq. ft. center for building supplies



[Top left] The original DBS store built in 1957. [Right] Ed Dietrich, with clipboard, checks load of lumber, 1957 [Left] Jessica Dietrich, Ed Dietrich (seated), Gretchen Dietrich and Brad Wanzenberg (2nd and 3rd generations). [Photos courtesy of Deerfield Builder Supply, Deerfield Beach]

Deerfield Builders Supply was founded in 1947 and began operations under the leadership of Edward P. Dietrich, its first president and general manager.

Ed had returned from Japan a year earlier after three World War II ship commands in the U.S. Navy.

Recently celebrating his 94th birthday, Edward P. Dietrich continues to maintain involvement in the business but in an advisory capacity from his homes in Deerfield Beach and North Carolina.

The second generation of this family business is represented by son, Edward H. Dietrich, who joined the business in 1976.

The third generation is also on board, represented by grandson, Bradley Wanzenberg, and granddaughters, Jessica Dietrich and Gretchen Dietrich.

Early operations began with the manufacture of concrete blocks. Soon lumber, hardware and other building materials were added to the mix and eventually block manufacturing was phased out as the company evolved into a full-fledged lumber yard.

The original operation occupied approximately 5,000 square feet of wood frame warehouses straddling Railroad Avenue. Now DBS operates out of over 80,000 square feet of manufacturing, warehouse, and office space on nearly five acres in Deerfield Beach with two satel-

lite locations in Tampa and Sarasota serving the Naples to Tampa Bay markets and Orlando.

The Deerfield location serves its core geographical market from Miami to north Palm Beach County. The company's export division operates out of Deerfield while shipping to the Bahamas and throughout the Caribbean.

Deerfield Builders Supply has always maintained a tradition of community service and involvement. DBS was a charter member of the Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce and is the oldest sponsor of the Deerfield Beach Little League. DBS is involved with Habitat for Humanity, local Historical Societies, overseas Missions, the Boy Scouts and much more.

DBS is as proud of its philanthropic efforts as it is of its hard-earned reputation in the Florida building materials industry. That tradition of serving the community was begun by Edward P. Dietrich and was recognized by the City of Deerfield Beach by the renaming of 2nd Avenue to Edward Dietrich Sr. Avenue.

DBS' customers include custom home builders, remodelers, national home builders, homeowners, governments and commercial/institutional accounts. While still heavily involved in the commodity forest products/building materials business, DBS' fastest growing market segments are in windows, doors, millwork,

and kitchen cabinetry. Recently DBS completed construction of a state-of-the-art reinforcing steel fabrication plant making it one of the finest in Florida.

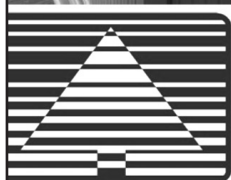
DBS offers window, door, cabinet, and millwork installations through its Florida licensed General Contracting affiliate, DBS Construction Services. Projects include

national award-winning cabinetry, a million-dollar country club window installation, technically demanding education and institutional jobs and historical restoration.



For 63 years, Deerfield Builders Supply has been helping South Florida build beautiful homes.

Whether you're a builder, remodeler, homeowner or architect, Deerfield Builders Supply has the top-quality products you need to successfully execute your designs. DBS can provide creative cabinetry, windows, doors, architectural millwork and more.



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