

Trinity Forge Celebrates Two Employees Reaching Remarkable 50-Year Service Milestones

Longtime employees Richard Hughes and Don Moody mark a combined century of service to the Mansfield, Texas forging company

MANSFIELD, TX, UNITED STATES, August 24, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Trinity Forge](#) is celebrating an extraordinary milestone in its 71-year history as two longtime employees, Richard Hughes and Don Moody, reach 50 years of service with the company.

Hughes is the first employee in Trinity Forge's history to achieve 50 years of service, with Moody reaching the same remarkable milestone shortly thereafter. Together, the two employees represent a combined century of experience, dedication and institutional knowledge at the Texas-based manufacturer.

Trinity Forge will recognize the milestone during a special employee celebration on Tuesday, August 25th at 11:30 a.m. at the company's Mansfield, Texas facility.

"Over five decades, Richard and Don have made lasting contributions that have strengthened our organization through periods of growth, change and challenge," said [John Fairbanks](#), CEO of Trinity Forge. "Both are valued members of the Trinity team. Their knowledge, dedication and commitment to quality represent the values that have helped Trinity Forge succeed for more than seven decades, and we are incredibly proud to recognize this extraordinary milestone."



Richard Hughes and Don Moody celebrate an extraordinary milestone: 50 years of service each to Trinity Forge, representing a combined century of dedication, experience and commitment to American manufacturing.

Founded in 1955, Trinity Forge has grown and evolved alongside the industries it serves while maintaining its Texas roots. Today, the company is a modern closed-die forging and precision machining manufacturer providing built-to-print metal components for demanding applications across industries including aerospace, agriculture, automotive, defense, mining, oil and gas, power generation, and railway and mass transit.

Richard Hughes: 50 Years of Service

Richard Hughes joined Trinity Forge directly out of high school in 1976, beginning his career in the forge department alongside his father and brothers. At the time, Trinity Forge's production environment looked considerably different from the advanced manufacturing operation of today, with employees working with mechanical board hammers and gas furnaces.

As Hughes gained experience, he developed a particular interest in the tooling side of the forging business. He eventually worked his way into the die shop, where he served as supervisor for many years and helped oversee a critical part of the company's manufacturing process.

Hughes later transferred to Trinity Forge's engineering department, where he continues to contribute his extensive hands-on knowledge as an engineering technician.

During his five decades with the company, Hughes has experienced firsthand the evolution of American forging, from traditional mechanical equipment and labor-intensive processes to modern technology and increasingly sophisticated engineering and quality standards.

"I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have spent my career at Trinity Forge and for all the people who have helped me learn and grow along the way," said Hughes. "When I started here out of high school, I never imagined I would be celebrating 50 years. I've seen a tremendous amount of change in our industry and at Trinity, but what has always stood out to me is the people. I'm proud of what we've accomplished together and thankful to have been part of it."

Hughes' 50-year anniversary marks a company first: he is the first employee in Trinity Forge's history to achieve five decades of service.

Don Moody: 50 Years of Service

Don Moody's relationship with Trinity Forge dates back to 1967, when he first joined the company. He later served his country for two years as a U.S. Army infantry soldier during the Vietnam War.

Over the course of his years with Trinity Forge, Moody has held a wide range of positions that have given him extensive experience across the company's manufacturing and quality operations.

He spent many years operating a forging hammer before moving into quality control, becoming one of Trinity Forge's first quality control inspectors. Moody later served as a forging supervisor, adding leadership and production oversight to his extensive shop-floor experience.

Today, Moody continues to put that knowledge to work as a Quality Assurance Specialist, helping ensure that products shipped by Trinity Forge conform to the company's rigorous quality requirements and customer specifications.

"Trinity Forge has been an important part of my life, and I'm grateful for the opportunities I've had here and the people I've had the privilege of working with over the years," said Moody. "I've had the chance to work in many different areas of the company, from the forging floor to quality and supervision, and each role has given me a new perspective. I'm proud to see how Trinity has grown and changed, and it means a great deal to be recognized for 50 years of service."

Together, Hughes and Moody have witnessed a remarkable period of transformation at Trinity Forge. Over the course of their careers, the company has progressed from the mechanical board hammers and gas furnaces of earlier decades to sophisticated modern forging and machining capabilities and quality systems serving highly demanding industries.

Their milestones also come at a time when manufacturers nationwide continue to focus on developing, retaining and transferring knowledge across generations of skilled workers. Hughes and Moody's careers offer a rare example of long-term commitment to American manufacturing and demonstrate the value of experience, mentorship and institutional knowledge in the skilled trades.

"For 71 years, Trinity Forge's success has ultimately been built by its people," Fairbanks added. "Richard and Don are an important part of that history. Their experience and willingness to share what they have learned are invaluable to the next generation of our workforce, and it is a privilege to celebrate this milestone with them."

About Trinity Forge

Founded in 1955, Trinity Forge is a Texas-based closed-die forging and precision machining manufacturer headquartered in Mansfield, Texas. For more than 70 years, the company has specialized in built-to-print forged and machined metal components for leading aerospace, defense, transportation and industrial manufacturers. Combining forging, precision machining, engineering and other value-added capabilities, Trinity Forge has built a reputation for quality, precision, durability and service. The company is ISO 9001:2015 and AS9100D certified and continues to advance American manufacturing while honoring its longstanding heritage of craftsmanship and forging excellence. For more information, visit <https://trinityforge.com/>.

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