



Navco Pizza is located at 1386 1/2 Navco Rd., and is open Monday - Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The store has in-house dining and carry out.

How Navco Pizza Gets a Slice of the Restaurant Biz

Standing apart in the crowded and competitive restaurant business isn't easy these days. Along with great food and a welcoming atmosphere, Navco Pizza owner **Randy Powe** believes the secret is becoming an integral part of the community in which the business operates.

"We have made a commitment to not only provide an authentic Italian experience but to maintain strong ties in our community," Powe says.

Powe and his six employees at Navco maintain those ties through their involvement in a

host of local school and church events, as well as the Dog River Cleanup and Breast Cancer Awareness events.

"The relationships we develop with our customers make us part of the community. That makes getting involved very easy," Powe says. "What is most rewarding is sharing my experiences with the young people who work for Navco Pizza."

Navco Pizza is the Mobile Area Chamber's Small Business of the Month.

The pizzeria was originally opened in 1998 by Jim Lewis, formerly a regional buyer for

Godfather's Pizza. Powe bought the business five years ago and has sought to grow it through producing superior pizza and pasta and keeping an open mind and an eye toward change.

"Thus far, what sets us apart is the quality of our product," Powe says. "However, one of our objectives is to drastically improve the Navco experience."

Along with its pizza, with dough made in-house daily, Navco offers a variety of subs, salads, wings, lasagna, spaghetti and its famous

calzone, which it touts as "the best-kept secret in town."

Offering dine-in, catering and delivery services, Powe is focused on continuing to develop the business. "What we are doing now is preparing for growth by establishing the processes that consistently produce quality products," he says.

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