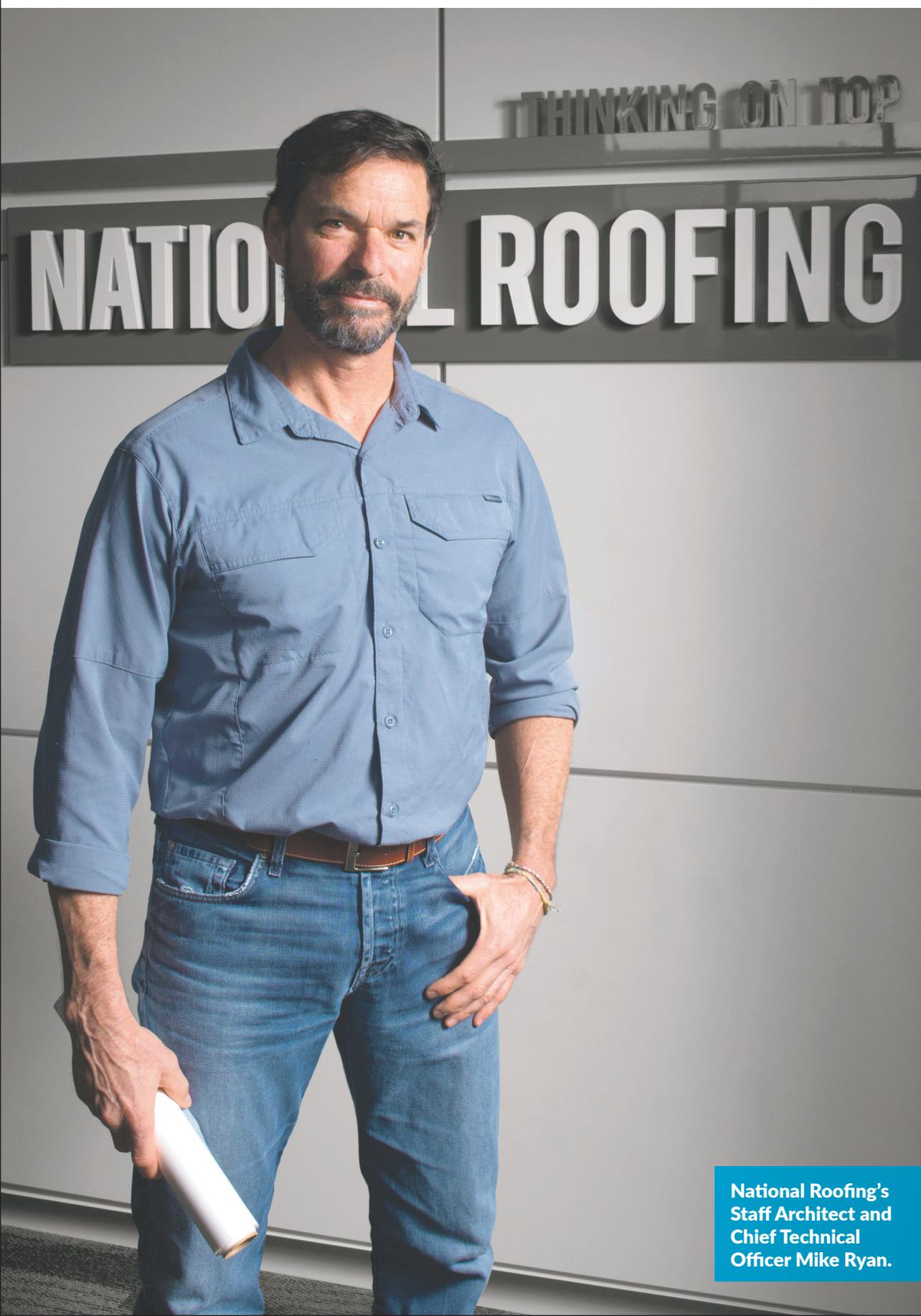


# STAFF ARCHITECT SHARES INSIGHT ON COMMERCIAL ROOFING



**National Roofing's  
Staff Architect and  
Chief Technical  
Officer Mike Ryan.**

The U.S. demand for commercial roofing is expected to grow 1.6 percent per year over the next several years, valued at \$7.8 billion according to recent Freedonia studies. How do commercial roof owners stay educated with new roofing materials, innovations, and maintenance? Here's how National Roofing, a local commercial roofing company, educates its customers.

National Roofing's Staff Architect and Chief Technical Officer Mike Ryan has created a newsletter that covers various roofing-related topics. In "Ramblings of a Recovering Architect," Ryan shares tips with designers, general contractors, and owners on how to make the best roofing decisions.

Here, Ryan discusses his position at National Roofing.

**Q: How is your position as a staff architect at National Roofing unique in the roofing industry? What benefits does it bring to the company?**

**A:** I do not believe any other roofing company in New Mexico employs a full time architect. National Roofing is fortunate to have the size and complexity to make my position here of value. I am responsible for providing an additional level of code review and sophistication to our deliverables, as well as finding innovative solutions for complicated roof shapes designed by architects. From my experience as a principal of an architectural firm, I am also able to bring a design team's perspective to our own document review process and help improve our submittal and administration procedures during construction. This often means stepping back to view the larger picture when trying to solve problems at the detail level.

**Q: What inspired you to write your newsletters?**

**A:** I started out as a framing carpenter and never wanted to leave that part of me completely behind – working here gives me a closer connection to the construction industry while still making good use of my architectural degree and license. I saw there was a demand for education, and I very much enjoy maintaining relationships with the architectural community and working with them to improve assemblies and resolve roof-related details. So, I send out a newsletter on roof-related topics I believe of particular interest to designers, building owners and facilities managers.

Whether you're familiar with your commercial roof or have never stepped a foot on it, consider taking advantage of National Roofing's resources. Sign up to receive Mike Ryan's Ramblings of a Recovering Architect newsletters. Visit [nationalroofing.com/ramblings](http://nationalroofing.com/ramblings) for more information.

National Roofing Company is the premier roofing and waterproofing contractor headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico serving the entire state. National Roofing installs state-of-the-art roofing systems and provides specialty services for challenging roof projects. Its service department is available 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, dedicated to inspections, warranty service, repair and re-roofing and short-term and long-term preventative maintenance.