

SPIRITS ON THE ROANOKE RIVER

TOUR THE WELDON MILLS DISTILLERY



Bruce Tyler, a 26-year Army veteran and attorney, and Michael Hinderliter have a dream!

“Michael and I have been friends for over ten years. Since I left active duty in 2014, we have talked about starting a business together. I have wanted to open a distillery since my wife started a residency at the University of Kentucky and we began touring distilleries in Kentucky. I literally sent Michael a text saying “hey, you wanna make booze?” He replied with yes, and I began extensive research into the industry,” Bruce explained.

Michael and Bruce wanted to start their distillery in a historic building with character. They saw the mill on the banks of the Roanoke River in Weldon, NC, online and immediately knew this was it for them. When they came out and visited the site for the first time, they immediately noticed the character of the mill and the surrounding downtown Weldon area. That, coupled with the beautiful river and waterfront park, set the hook for them.

Weldon Mills Distillery will offer a gathering place and also support for families of fallen soldiers. “This is especially close to my heart not only because of my service, but because my brother-in-law was shot down in Afghanistan and I witnessed the effects on my sister and our family. We are dedicating a bourbon and apparel line towards raising money for this effort. Additionally, we will have a Rockfish line of whiskey and apparel focused on rockfish preservation, as that is a major resource for the community,” Bruce continued.

Weldon Mills will produce two lines of bourbon with one dedicated

to the previously mentioned effort, and the other will be a premium reserve bourbon. The Mill will offer a regular whiskey and one flavored with sweet potato. Additionally, vodka and gin will be produced. They will be using a new process for these spirits, not yet used in the industry. Tours will be offered to embrace the local history and the spirit making process. Folks can enjoy a tasting and purchase bottles and memorabilia in the distillery. Additionally, they can purchase mixed drinks with spirits at the Mill.

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