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### **Veteran-Owned Soldier of the Sea Distillery Officially Opens in Comer, Georgia on January 27<sup>th</sup> with Tastings and Bottle Sales of its First Three Hand-Forged Whiskeys**

**COMER, GA, January 12, 2023:** Owners Mark Davis and Jennifer Berry announce the Grand Opening of **Soldier of the Sea Distillery** at 22 E. South Avenue in downtown Comer, Georgia on January 27<sup>th</sup> from 3PM-8PM, with a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce at 3:30PM. The SOS Distillery's adjacent pub and Comer's first— The Hive— will open soon.

Soldier of the Sea Distillery's first three whiskeys released in December of 2022, are *Moon Nectar*, Corn Whiskey, *Spirit Tree*, Bourbon Whiskey, and *Sea Duty*, Whiskey. *Sea Duty* is our first of three whiskeys honoring those that served at sea, land, and air. Each whiskey is hand-forged (handmade) and based on local honey as well as Madison County organic wheat and corn. Additional bourbon and whiskeys will be released over the next year.

*"Our bourbon is themed around supporting local farmers and protecting pollinators. We include honey in the fermenting process, not as a later infusion, which provides a very subtle honey profile but not sweetness. We also use copper stills which makes for a much smoother whiskey. Sea Duty and Spirit Tree are both aged in white oak barrels from Minnesota."* – Mark Davis, Soldier of the Sea Distillery

Owner Mark Davis is a veteran of the United States Marines and a graduate of the UGA College of Agriculture; he later mastered fractional distillation—a mandatory skill in the making of fine whiskey—during his tenure at a top pharmaceutical company. Owner Jennifer Berry is the Apicultural Research Professional and Lab Manager for the University of Georgia Bee Program, and she teaches beekeeping to people around the world, including those incarcerated in Georgia's prisons. The couple's love of bees, local agriculture, protecting pollinators, and of course, whiskey led to the evolution of Soldier of the Sea Distillery.

The Distillery is open Thursdays through Saturdays, 4PM-8PM for tastings and bottle sales, with the Grand Opening on January 27<sup>th</sup> running from 3PM-8PM. Check the website and social media for news about future whiskey releases, the opening of The Hive pub, and current distillery hours.

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