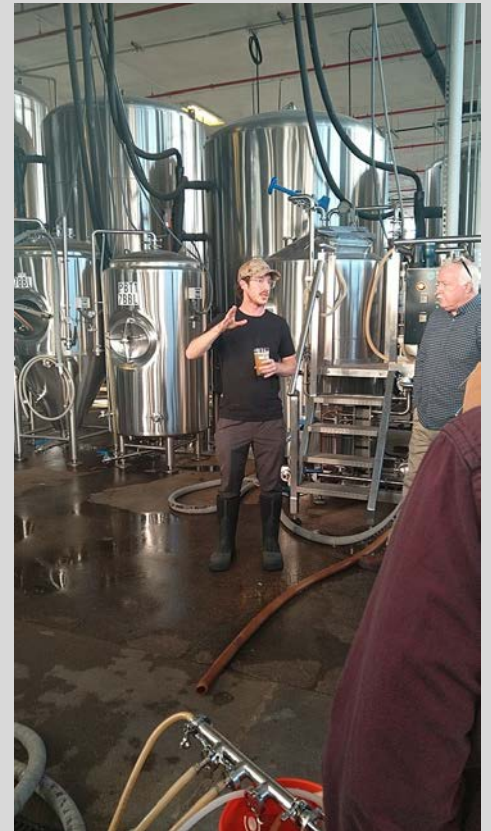




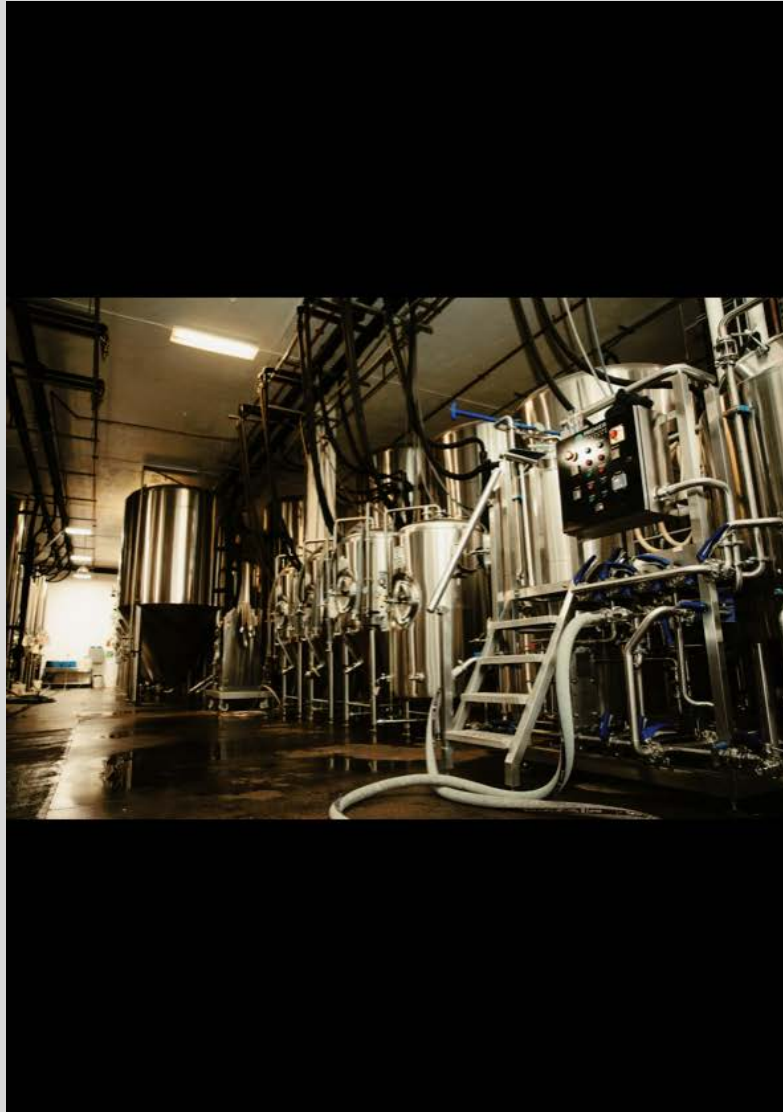
Armed Forces Brewery Tour

On February 20, 2024, members of IFMA gathered at the newly opened Armed Forces Brewery, located at 211 West 24th Street, Norfolk, VA in the Railroad District. The brewery opened in the old O'Connor Brewing Company facility, which closed in 2023. Prior to life as a brewery, the building was used as a food warehouse. Now, with a new paint job, a totally re-vamped tasting room, and a state-of-the-art brewing facility, Armed Forces is making and shipping beer across 15 states, with plans to continue to expand in the future. IFMA was given a guided tour by Head Brewer Dale Lazar, who provided a behind the scenes tour of the facility, a history of the company, and answered questions from members. The group was able to socialize together afterwards on the raised mezzanine level at the middle of the tasting room.



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Member Spotlight – Gene Bonney

**MANAGER, BUILDING MAINTENANCE
NORFOLK AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

How did you get into your current position?

My career at Norfolk Airport Authority (ORF) began in 2013 as a maintenance mechanic. My 20 years of plumbing and HVAC background prepared me for my journey here at ORF.

Earning the rank of Eagle Scout when I was 18 has helped me as I began my managerial career at ORF in 2018. I was promoted to Assistant Manager of Building Maintenance and in 2021 promoted to Manager, Building Maintenance.

How has IFMA helped your career?

In 2022 I joined IFMA, in the same year I became part of a talented group, IFMA Airport Facilities Council, the group allows airport facilities professionals to connect and network nationally. IFMA AFC hosts a yearly three-day conference at a different airport each year because nothing is the same at every airport. IFMA AFC has connected me with airport facilities professionals and vendors.

Any Advice for new members?

I still consider myself a new member. I have just begun to scratch the surface of all the opportunities IFMA has to offer. In our field networking and continued education are important, IFMA can provide both. At IFMAHR attending the monthly local business tours is a great networking opportunity, learning the behind scenes of our local businesses.

What do you do in your spare time?

My wife and I like spending time outdoors with our rescue dogs(Our Kids). We have a large garden where we grow year-round veggies; the kids love fresh veggies. When we are not gardening or working around the house, you can find us relaxing with our camper at a campground

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are turning the corner, it's starting to look like Spring, and the Hampton Roads chapter of IFMA has a bunch of fun events headed your way. Earlier this year we had the opportunity to tour the new Armed Forces Brewery (February). In March we will make our way over to Life Net in Virginia Beach. In April we will visit the Chesapeake Conference Center and in May we will have our annual golf tournament back at Sleepy Hole in Suffolk. We have partnered with FreeKind again this year for charitable outreach and will be raising money, once again, to support the IFMA Scholarship. We have a whole new slate of sponsorship levels and features for the golf tournament this year, and we look forward to having you all participate. We are still working on the details for our June event and in July we will meet to plan the 2024-2025 season. We will also be holding elections for Board Positions in June, so if you have any interest in getting more involved with this wonderful chapter, we would love to have you.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors, including MilliCare, Warwick Mechanical (Stepping up from Silver to Gold) and our newest Gold sponsor CertaPro Painters of Virginia Peninsula. What a great thing to have them come aboard with solid sponsorship. Thank you! At the Silver level we are supported by Harrisons by Apple Moving, and at the Bronze level we receive support from Causey Contracting, Dunbar Security, ECS Mid-Atlantic, Independent Services of Virginia and OnPoint Building Services. We appreciate their contributions and encourage all of our members to seek out their services when you have a corresponding need.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events. As always, if there is anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to let me know.

See you soon!

Michael

Join us for our April 9th facility tour at the newly renovated Chesapeake Convention Center



For information and to register to attend, visit our website calendar at www.ifma-hamptonroads.org/calendar or scan the QR code.





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ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING

MAY 21
Registration 11am
Shotgun Start 12pm

SLEEPY HOLE
Golf Course
Suffolk, VA

Proceeds of our tournament will go to the IFMA Scholarship Fund and Freekind.

Tournament Details:

- Tuesday, May 21 - 11 am Registration Opens - 12 pm Shotgun Start
- Mulligans and Raffle Tickets available for purchase at registration
- Register as a Foursome or Individual Player (we will place you on a team)
- Dinner & Awards Banquet following play
- Prizes for the Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and Best Score in 2 Flights
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