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Founding Fathers Products to release new light beer

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Founding Fathers Products, which uses part of its profits to help military families, is set to release a light beer in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Founding Fathers said in a news release Tuesday that the new beer is a blend of two-row and six-row malts with a light body and slight carbonation.

The Long Lake-based company's initial beer, Founding Fathers Lager, sold its first 7,500 cases after hitting shelves in November. Founding Fathers also said it will release a premium line this summer.

The beer is currently only available in Minnesota and North Dakota. It's brewed by City Brewing Co. of La Crosse, Wis.

Founding Fathers, founded in 2009 by [Phil Knutsen](#), plans to expand its distribution to Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee in April.

Part of its pitch to consumers is that it sells American-brewed beer and that half of the company's profits go to causes supporting military troops and their families.