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Revere Copper Products: 225 Years Later, The Ride Continues *America's oldest copper manufacturer celebrates revolutionary milestone*

Mebane, NC: Revere Copper Products, <https://reverecopper.com> - Long after his famous midnight ride, Revolutionary War hero and visionary metalworker Paul Revere founded the company known today as Revere Copper Products. In 2026, the company commemorates its 225th anniversary, and rides on as the oldest continuously operating manufacturer in the United States.

Running parallel with America's 250th celebrations, Revere Copper Products has been in continuous operation since 1801 and remains a historic part of the nation's manufacturing fabric.

In 2023, the company launched a new manufacturing operation in Mebane, with continuous rotary extrusion lines, draw benches and silver plating capabilities, to expand its copper bar production and meet soaring high-tech demands. The company chose Mebane for expansion for a variety of reasons, including its ideal location near material suppliers and customers, as well as the outstanding workforce resources and business-friendly climate.

The company's namesake might barely recognize his transformed operation – from Revere's 19th century production of copper for national defense, to its 21st century role as a leading supplier for AI data centers, power distribution, electrical engineering and other industrial applications.

American history is Revere's history.

In the 1790s, when the American copper industry was virtually non-existent, Paul Revere had proven his skills as a successful metallurgist and silversmith; but his focus was changing. Working under contract with the recently established US Navy, Revere launched the continent's first copper rolling mill. Previously, the British had a virtual monopoly on rolled copper, and the ability to produce it domestically was a giant leap forward for national security.

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By 1801, Paul Revere was rolling copper sheets and supplying roughly 12,000 feet of it for use on one soon-to-be-legendary naval frigate: the USS Constitution. Also known as “Old Ironsides,” this oldest commissioned warship remains on display today in Boston Harbor, still proudly sporting copper on its hull.

Revere’s contributions to America’s defense didn’t end there, with the company supplying cannon and round shot for Union ships during the Civil War and with crews working round-the-clock as part of WWII’s “Arsenal of Democracy.”

By that time, the company had grown beyond its original location near Boston, MA. Revere has expanded and contracted over the centuries, arriving in Rome, NY in the 1920s and quickly putting down deep roots in that upstate New York community.

Revere today: Employee-owned and thriving

Revere Copper Products has been a private, employee-owned company since the 1980s, when Brian O’Shaughnessy took the reins as chairman, president and CEO, handing over a percentage of ownership to every employee. He led a decades-long effort, through good years and lean years, to turn the company into a manufacturing powerhouse.

Throughout its history, the company has been dedicated to serving its local communities, and the North Carolina team has quickly become involved across the Mebane area and Alamance County.

Today, Mike O’Shaughnessy is the second-generation leader of the company, with an eye on Revere’s historic past as well as its promising future.

“Everybody knows about Paul Revere’s midnight ride and that’s very important,” said O’Shaughnessy, “but when you dig deeper, you realize that he played a critical role in the earliest growth and success of this nation. He was asked to take on what were then considered impossible tasks and to complete them without hesitation. That aspirational tradition lives on today at Revere Copper Products.”

The modern version of this 225-year-old company now spreads over more than 1 million square feet of manufacturing space, turning out semi-finished copper bar, strip, sheet and plate. That square footage is a combination of the long-running copper mill/headquarters in Rome – with about 400 employees – and the more recent copper bar expansion into Mebane, where another 100 people are employed.

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The North Carolina growth came about as Revere leadership recognized opportunities to serve new and rapidly expanding high-tech copper markets. Today both locations are operating at high capacity, with output increasing and further capital investments ongoing.

Revere 225th Anniversary

“Our mission is to be the best in the world at what we do and have fun doing it,” says O’Shaughnessy, quoting from the company mission statement. He said Revere is committed to a culture of Continuous Improvement (CI), pointing out that the 2016 decision to move away from brass and focus strictly on copper, was a critical step toward today’s ongoing growth and success as a world class copper manufacturer.

Global copper demand is at an all-time high, due largely to the rapid growth of AI infrastructure, societal electrification and expansion of energy systems. Now more than ever, Revere Copper Products recognizes its role as a long-standing advocate for the domestic copper industry and for the overall security of American manufacturing interests.

“How many people can say ‘I run the oldest manufacturing company in the United States,’” asks O’Shaughnessy. “I sit in – not the literal chair – but the chair that Paul Revere occupied. That’s pretty special, and I’m excited to carry that legacy forward.”

Revere rides again. And again.

225 years after its founding, Revere Copper Products continues its founder’s legacy of hard work, ingenuity and innovation. The entire company is celebrating this milestone with pride, patriotism and a powerful vision for the future.

To learn more about Revere’s journey and planned anniversary events, visit:

<https://reverecopper.com/225th-anniversary>

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