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50 States of Coffee Shops

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Compass Coffee: Washington, D.C.

It's only fitting that the best coffee shop in the capital is run by people who fought to protect our nation. **Compass Coffee** was started by a pair of former Marines who bonded over late-night coffees while deployed in Afghanistan. They did most of the fabrication at their Shaw neighborhood shop by hand, including the woodworking and welding. The coffee is also a DIY affair, roasted to match a flavor matrix they've devised to help customers find their favorite blend. The 80 seats and free Wi-Fi mean there's plenty of room to hang out, and campers are further encouraged to stay awhile by sandwiches and salads from local food incubator Union Kitchen.

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