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**MISSION BBQ donates over \$100,000 to Special Operations Warrior Foundation**

*Check Presentation held at the Brandon, FL location*

Brandon, FL (April 19, 2017) MISSION BBQ co-founders, Bill Kraus and Steve Newton announced the donation of for \$105,964 to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. The check was presented to President and CEO, VADM. Joseph Maguire, USN, Retired at the Brandon location. This donation was made possible by the generous support of their Customers every time they purchased an American Heroes Cup during 2016. Available at 6 locations throughout Florida, \$2 from the purchase of an American Heroes Cup is donated to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

The partnership between Special Operations Warrior Foundation and MISSION BBQ began in December 2015. MISSION BBQ was able to donate \$101,141 in 2016, which was made possible by the generosity of their Customers. “The Special Operations Warrior Foundation is honored to be teamed with and supported by Bill Kraus and Steve Newton and their great MISSION BBQ Team. MISSION BBQ’s patriotism and philanthropy are second to none and our Foundation simply could not execute our mission in support of America’s Special Operations Forces without MISSION BBQ’s generosity,” said VADM Maguire. “The Mission of MISSION BBQ is to Serve, Honor and Thank our American Heroes. In Serving, we give back and are Proud to do our part for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation,” said Bill Kraus and Steve Newton.

**About MISSION BBQ:**

MISSION BBQ opened its doors for business on September 11, 2011. We believe there is nothing more American than BBQ. And nobody more American than the brave men and women who have sworn to protect and serve Our Communities and Our Country. We do what we do for the love of our soldiers, firefighters, police officers, and first responders—all our loved ones in service. We set across this great land from Texas to Kansas City, the Carolinas to St. Louis...to discover the secrets of great BBQ. Every day we strive to serve you authentic BBQ made from the freshest, most delectable ingredients, and serve it to you in a patriotic dining room filled with tributes to those who’ve made Our Country great, given to us by the people who earned them. Stop by at lunchtime, and you might catch us during our daily salute to the Stars and Stripes.

For more information about MISSION BBQ: <http://mission-bbq.com/>

**About Special Operations Warrior Foundation:**

Special Operations Warrior Foundation began in 1980 with a battlefield promise to provide college educations for the 17 children surviving the nine special operations men killed or incapacitated during a daring attempt to rescue 53 Americans were being held hostage in Iran.

The Special Operations Warrior Foundation, a top-rated nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization, ensures full financial assistance for a post-secondary degree from an accredited two or four year college, university, technical or trade school as well as educational and family counseling to the surviving children of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps special operations personnel, who lose their lives in the line of duty. Additionally, the foundation provides immediate financial assistance to severely wounded and hospitalized special operations personnel.

For more information about Special Operations Warrior Foundation: <http://specialops.org>