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## **MISSION BBQ Opening 1st Location in Illinois**

*Downers Grove, IL location to Open on February 5*

MISSION BBQ is opening its 58th location in Downers Grove, IL on Monday, February 5, 2018. This will be the 1st location in Illinois for the restaurant known for its traditional American BBQ with a hefty side of patriotism.

Co-founders, Bill Kraus and Steve Newton achieved the original goal of 40 restaurants two years ahead of schedule in November 2016. The opening of the Downers Grove location is part of MISSION BBQ's new expansion plans, with a targeted goal of 80 restaurants throughout the Eastern U.S. by the end of 2018.

As is tradition with the opening of every MISSION BBQ, the Downers Grove location will host charity nights throughout the week leading up to the Grand Opening, with all sales donated to organizations chosen by local police and fire departments in the Downers Grove Community, as well as to the USO.

All Grand Opening events will be held at: MISSION BBQ, 1570 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515

### **Firefighters Friends and Family Night - Private Party - Invitation Only**

Wednesday, January 31: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Benefiting the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance

### **Police Officers Friends and Family Night - Private Party - Invitation Only**

Thursday, February 1: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Benefiting the Hundred Club of DuPage County

### **Military Appreciation Night - Open to the Public**

Friday, February 2: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Benefiting The USO—Illinois

### **Grand Opening Day - Open to the Public**

Monday, February 5: 12 Noon

Live rendition of the National Anthem, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony. Doors open immediately afterward.

### **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/>