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MISSION BBQ donates \$61,618 to Semper Fi Fund

Check Presentation held at the Stafford, VA location

Stafford, VA (May 17, 2017) MISSION BBQ co-founders, Bill Kraus and Steve Newton announced the donation of \$61,618 to Semper Fi Fund. The check was presented to Sergeant Major Carlton Kent, Semper Fi Fund Board member and 16th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps. This donation was made possible by the generous support of Our Customers when they purchased an American Heroes Cup during 2016. Available at the Jacksonville, NC and Stafford, VA locations, \$2 from the purchase of an American Heroes Cup is donated to the Semper Fi Fund.

The partnership between the Semper Fi Fund and MISSION BBQ began in March 2016. "It's our honor and privilege to Serve and Support such a respected and giving organization like the Semper Fi Fund. Their volunteers, programs, and dedicated efforts have tirelessly supported America's Heroes," said Steve Newton, Co-Founder of MISSION BBQ.

"We are so grateful for the generous support of MISSION BBQ, a company that shares our mission of supporting wounded, critically ill and injured service members and their families," said Semper Fi Fund Founder, President and CEO Karen Guenther. "MISSION BBQ's American Heroes Cup campaign is tremendously successful, not only in raising funds, but also in generating awareness about the need for continued support for our service members and their families."

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 THE SEMPER FI FUND:

The Semper Fi Fund provides urgently needed resources and lifetime support for wounded, critically ill and injured members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. Case managers from the Semper Fi Fund work one-on-one with service members and veterans to understand and support their individual needs right now and throughout their lifetime. We keep our overhead low so our impact on the lives of service members and

veterans is greater. The Semper Fi Fund has been awarded the highest ratings from charity watchdog groups for six consecutive years: A+ from Charity Watch, one of only two veteran nonprofits to receive this rating, and Four Stars from Charity Navigator. To learn more, visit SemperFiFund.org.