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**MISSION BBQ donates \$49,302 to Semper Fi Fund**  
*Check Presentation held at the Jacksonville, NC location*

Jacksonville, NC (May 15, 2018) MISSION BBQ co-founders, Bill Kraus and Steve Newton announced the donation of \$ 49,302 to Semper Fi Fund. The check was presented to Tanya Washington, representative of the organization. This donation was made possible by the generous support of Our Customers when they purchased an American Heroes Cup during 2017. 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.

“MISSION BBQ’S heart, soul, and passion for our veterans deeply touches all of us at Semper Fi Fund. We are blessed to have them with us on our journey to care for those who have sacrificed so much in the service of our Nation. Together, we are accomplishing great things for our wounded, injured, and ill service members from all branches of the service—we cannot wait to see what comes next. Thank you, MISSION BBQ!!” said Karen Guenther, President, CEO and Founder of Semper Fi Fund

**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 post 9/11 combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically 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 in order 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 watchdog groups: an A+ from CharityWatch – one of only two veteran nonprofits to receive this rating last year – and seven consecutive “4-Star” ratings from Charity Navigator, an achievement attained by only 3% of rated charities. Learn more at [www.semperfifund.org](http://www.semperfifund.org).