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MISSION BBQ says Thank You to Our Customers *Donation to Wreaths Across America is \$282,376*

Glen Burnie, MD, (February 27, 2018) - Yesterday, MISSION BBQ announced the donation of \$282,376, which was made possible thanks to the generosity of Our Customers and their support of the American Heroes Cups. The donation will help to sponsor 18,000 wreaths to remember our fallen U.S. veterans during the 2018 holiday season.

“In Serving, we give back. We try to do good. Through the wonderful and hard work of Our Teammates and the support of Our Customers, we are here today for the check presentation to Wreaths Across America,” began Bill Kraus, co-founder.

Wreaths Across American is known for its annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, their mission is to remember our fallen U.S. veterans, honor those who serve and teach the next generation the value of freedom. In addition to the wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, Wreaths Across America coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at 1,500 locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

“Our Mission is to Remember the Fallen, Honor those who Serve and to Teach our children the cost, the value and even what Freedom is. This money will not only purchase a wreath, but it puts it in the hands of a volunteer, where 1/3 of our volunteers are children,” said Karen Worcester, Executive Director, Wreaths Across America.

After the Check Presentation, Wayne Hanson, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Karen and Morrill Worcester presented MISSION BBQ with the Founders Award. This award was given for dedication in supporting our veterans, military and their families and for outstanding effort towards advancing the Wreaths Across America Mission.

“We wouldn’t have the freedoms we have today if it wasn’t for our nation’s veterans who stepped up for us time and time again,” said Kraus and Steve Newton, founders of MISSION BBQ. “We are humbled by the wonderful support of our customers and all the good that will be done for our so deserving American Heroes in remembering their lives, their service and their sacrifices.”

American Heroes Cups are available year-round, retailing at \$3.99 with \$2 of every cup purchase donated to a charity supporting veterans and first-responders. Now through March 31, 2017 proceeds from the American Heroes Cups will be donated to local police and fire charities. Customers are encouraged to bring back their American Heroes Cup on return visits to the restaurant and receive \$.99 refills.

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.

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

About Wreaths Across America:

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester 25 years ago. The organization's mission, Remember, Honor, Teach, is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies each December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

For more information, to sponsor wreaths or to sign up to volunteer, please visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

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