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**MISSION BBQ donates \$681,424 to USO**

*Check Presentation held on Fox & Friends May 18*

New York, NY (May 18, 2017) MISSION BBQ co-founders; Bill Kraus and Steve Newton announced the donation of \$681,424 to USO, Inc. The check was presented to JD Crouch, CEO of USO Inc. on Fox and Friends this morning. This donation was made possible by the generous support of Our Customers when they purchased an American Heroes Cup during 2016. Available at 36 locations, \$2 from the purchase of an American Heroes Cup is donated to the USO.

The partnership between the USO and MISSION BBQ began in March 2016. “It’s our honor and privilege to Serve and Support such a renowned and giving organization like the USO. Whose volunteers, programs, and entertainers have supported American Heroes around the world for the last 76 years,” said Steve Newton, Co-Founder of MISSION BBQ.

**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 USO:**

The USO strengthens America’s military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation. At hundreds of locations worldwide, we are united in our commitment to connect our service members and their families through countless acts of caring, comfort, and support. The USO is a private, non-profit organization, not a government agency. Our programs, services and entertainment tours are made possible by the American people, support of our corporate partners and the dedication of our volunteers and staff. To join us in this important mission, and to learn more about the USO, please visit [uso.org](http://uso.org).