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MISSION BBQ PRESENTS NEARLY \$500,000 TO HONOR FLIGHT NETWORK ON FOX & FRIENDS



At MISSION BBQ's newest restaurant in Lady Lake, Fla., Steve Newton, co-founder, MISSION BBQ; Joe Hambright, Villages Honor Flight; Bill Welser, President-elect, Honor Flight Network Board of Directors; Meredith Rosenbeck, CEO, Honor Flight Network; Rob Hempel, Villages Honor Flight; Bill Kraus, co-founder, MISSION BBQ, hold a check for \$493,378 which MISSION BBQ presented to Honor Flight Network.

LADY LAKE, Fla. (September 29, 2020) – Yesterday, MISSION BBQ co-founders Bill Kraus and Steve Newton presented a check to Meredith Rosenbeck, CEO of Honor Flight Network for \$493,378 on a [live broadcast](#) of FOX News' *Fox & Friends* from MISSION BBQ's newest location in Lady Lake, Florida. The funds for the donation were raised this summer with the help of customers who purchased the limited-edition American Heroes Cup dedicated to supporting the Honor Flight Network.

“Honor Flight is proud to have partnered with MISSION BBQ as we recognize the service of our nation's Veterans,” said Rosenbeck. “We are humbled by MISSION BBQ's generosity to help us bring more Veterans to Washington, D.C. for their day of honor.”

Every year, the Honor Flight Network takes more than 20,000 Veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the national memorials built in their honor, all at no cost to the Veterans. Most 2020 flights were postponed due to COVID-19 precautions. Honor Flight Network expects the MISSION BBQ donation to cover the cost of bringing approximately 1,000 Veterans to the nation's capital when trips resume next year.

"Every day we strive to celebrate what makes our country great and to honor those who have served for us," said Kraus. "We are truly privileged to be partnering with Honor Flight Network, an organization that shares a very similar mission and values as our own."

About Honor Flight Network

The Honor Flight Network began as a group of volunteer pilots flying World War II veterans to see the new national World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. The Network has since expanded to 125 hubs across the country. In addition to World War II veterans, the organization transports those who served in the Korean War, Vietnam War, intermediary operations, and in special cases of terminal illness or injury, veterans from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Since 2005, the Honor Flight Network has taken more than 240,000 veterans to Washington D.C. to visit memorials dedicated to honoring the sacrifices of those who served. For more information, visit honorflight.org.

About MISSION BBQ:

MISSION BBQ opened its doors for business on September 11, 2011, 10 years after the world changed. 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 12 noon as we sing Our National Anthem. Everyday. For more information about MISSION BBQ: mission-bbq.com