

American Airlines, Dallas Mavericks and Nick & Sam's to Host 15th Annual Seats for Soldiers Night

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Wounded service members honored with a five-star dinner and courtside experience at Mavericks game

Mavs star Luka Doncic signs autographs before the 2018 Seats for Soldiers event.

FORT WORTH, Texas — American Airlines, the Dallas Mavericks and Nick & Sam's are proud to partner for the 15th annual Seats for Soldiers, a one-of-a-kind experience to honor our nation's heroes. More than 100 wounded service members from Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio will join reservists from the Texas Army National Guard for dinner at Nick & Sam's Park Cities, as well as courtside seats to watch the Dallas Mavericks take on the Orlando Magic Nov. 6 at American Airlines Center.

The day will begin with the service members boarding an American Airlines charter flight from San Antonio to Dallas-Fort Worth, with American's pilots and flight attendants volunteering their time for the special flight.

"Giving back to the men and women who serve our country is a tremendous honor for the 130,000 team members of American Airlines," said David Seymour, American's Senior Vice President of Operations and a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. "American is honored and humbled by the sacrifice these individuals have made, and it is our privilege to partner with the Mavericks and Nick & Sam's to give them a much-deserved night of great food and NBA basketball."

After arriving at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, the group of soldiers will be treated to a four-course dinner

at Nick & Sam's Park Cities, prior to attending the Mavericks vs. Magic game. This year's menu, created by Nick & Sam's Corporate Chef and Partner Samir Dhurandhar, will feature a first course of sushi, prime beef egg rolls, crab cakes and shrimp cocktail. The second course is a mixed field greens salad with raspberry vinaigrette. The main course features an Allen Brother 10 oz. filet with sides of jalapeno grits, sautéed spinach and roasted mushrooms. The meal concludes with Dallas Mavericks seven-layer cake, apple pie, pumpkin pie and Sweet House vanilla and cinnamon ice cream. Beverage service will also be provided, all free of charge to the service members. The Nick & Sam's staff will also volunteer their time to host the group.

"Our annual Seats for Soldiers night is a reminder that we don't get to enjoy the game we love without the incredible sacrifices our soldiers make," said Dallas Mavericks Owner Mark Cuban. "This game is one small way for the Dallas Mavericks and our fans to say 'Thank You' and acknowledge the bravery of the men and women in uniform."

The concept for Seats for Soldiers originated with Dallas Mavericks season ticket holders Neal and Jamie Hawks, who, along with other front-row season ticket holders, have donated their seats – valued at \$350,000 – year after year to host the wounded service members. After the game, the soldiers will meet and take photos with Mavericks players, coaches, ManiAACs and DJ Poizon Ivy.

About American Airlines Group

American Airlines offers customers 6,800 daily flights to more than 365 destinations in 61 countries from its hubs in Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Phoenix and Washington, D.C. With a shared purpose of caring for people on life's journey, American's 130,000 global team members serve more than 200 million customers annually. Since 2013, American has invested more than \$28 billion in its product and people and now flies the youngest fleet among U.S. network carriers, equipped with industry-leading high-speed Wi-Fi, lie-flat seats, and more inflight entertainment and access to power. American also has enhanced food and beverage options in the air and on the ground in its world-class Admirals Club and Flagship lounges. American was recently named a Five Star Global Airline by the Airline Passenger Experience Association and Airline of the Year by Air Transport World. American is a founding member of oneworld®, whose members serve 1,100 destinations in 180 countries and territories. Shares of American Airlines Group Inc. trade on Nasdaq under the ticker symbol AAL and the company's stock is included in the S&P 500. Learn more about what's happening at American by visiting news.aa.com and connect with American on Twitter [@AmericanAir](https://twitter.com/AmericanAir) and at Facebook.com/AmericanAirlines.

About the Dallas Mavericks:

The Dallas Mavericks are a first class global sports and entertainment organization providing memorable experiences for fans worldwide. The Mavs compete in the National Basketball Association as a member of the Western Conference and play at American Airlines Center under the direction of Coach Rick Carlisle, General

Manager Donnie Nelson, Chief Executive Officer Cynt Marshall and Owner Mark Cuban. Since the inaugural season in 1980-81, the Mavs have won three division titles, two conference championships and one NBA championship in 2011. In addition to on-court success, the Mavs are committed to making a difference in North Texas through community outreach programs and the Mavs Foundation. For more information on Dallas Mavericks players, staff, stats and tickets, visit mavs.com.

About Nick & Sam's

Founded in 1999 by restaurateur Phil Romano, Nick & Sam's Uptown Steakhouse has become one of Dallas' most popular and attractive dining destinations. Our universal appeal is a result of exceptional prime steaks, chops, seafood, and world class sushi, in addition to the best selections of Japanese Wagyu in the U.S. and paired with a Wine List of 500 labels and outstanding customer service. Nick & Sam's name stems from the son of a friend (Nick) and Mr. Romano's son (Sam). This restaurant is the culmination of Mr. Romano's extensive experience in concepting, designing highly successful and original restaurants throughout the United States. An exceptional management and service staff has been assembled by Co-Owner Joseph Palladino to ensure optimum performance from day one with a goal of maintaining the highest customer service and satisfaction. Corporate Chef/Partner Samir Dhurandhar is constantly and consistently raising the bar with innovated edible conceptions using the highest quality ingredients and his pure passion to offer only the best to our guests. For more information, please visit <https://nick-sams.com>.