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AMERICAN AIRLINES, DALLAS MAVERICKS AND ABACUS TO HOST 11TH ANNUAL SEATS FOR SOLDIERS EVENT

Wounded service members honored with dinner and courtside seats to Mavs game

FORT WORTH, Texas – American Airlines, the Dallas Mavericks and Abacus are partnering for the 11th year to host Seats for Soldiers, a one-of-a-kind experience for our nation's military heroes. More than 100 wounded service members from Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio will join veterans from the Adaptive Training Foundation and reserve troops from the Dallas/Fort Worth area to enjoy courtside seats at the Dallas Mavericks vs. Washington Wizards game on Dec. 12 at American Airlines Center.

"Giving back to the people who serve and defend our country is a tremendous honor for the 100,000 employees of American Airlines," said David Seymour, American's senior vice president – Technical Operations and a veteran of the U.S. Army. "We are delighted to partner with the Mavs and Abacus to say thanks and provide these men and women a well-deserved night of great food and NBA basketball."

American will provide charter transportation between San Antonio and Dallas/Fort Worth through Fuel Smart, the airline's employee-led fuel conservation program that helps provide flights for wounded warriors and veterans using funds generated through employees' everyday actions to save fuel. In addition, American's pilots and flight attendants will volunteer their time for this occasion.

After arriving at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, the group will be treated to dinner at Abacus prior to attending the Mavericks-Wizards game. This year's featured menu by Abacus owner and executive chef Kent Rathbun includes a first course of a southwestern crab cake, ancho-bacon aioli, tortilla slaw and cilantro. The featured entrée will be maple-cherry glazed 24-hour braised short ribs, smoked olive oil crushed potatoes, caramelized baby carrots and roasted garlic demi. Dessert will be apple cobbler a la mode. Beverage service will also be provided, all free of charge to the service members.

"This event is always a memorable experience for everyone attending the game," said Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban. "We love that this event originated with a single fan and has continued to grow year after year. It's an inspiring reminder of the amazing people who make up our community."

Dallas Mavericks season ticket holder Neal Hawks originated the Seats for Soldiers concept, and he and other front-row season ticket holders have again donated their courtside seats, valued at more than $350,000. After the game, the soldiers will have the opportunity to meet the Mavs Dancers and Mavs ManiAACs, as well as players and coaches from both teams.

About American Airlines Group
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About the Dallas Mavericks
The Dallas Mavericks play in the Southwest Division of the Western Conference of the National Basketball Association (NBA) and began as an expansion franchise in 1980. The Mavs have won three division titles (1987, 2007, 2010) two conference championships (2006, 2011) and under the leadership of owner Mark Cuban, Head of Basketball Operations/GM Donnie Nelson and Head Coach Rick Carlisle, the team won its first NBA Championship in 2011. In addition to on-court success, the Mavs are committed to making a difference in North Texas through outreach programs and the Dallas Mavericks Foundation. For more information on Dallas Mavericks players, staff, stats and tickets, please visit mavs.com.

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