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American Airlines, Dallas Mavericks and Nick & Sam's to Host 14th Annual Seats for Soldiers Night

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Tradition continues with wounded service members being honored with a five-star dinner and courtside seats to Mavs game

DALLAS, Texas — American Airlines, the Dallas Mavericks and Nick & Sam's are proud to partner again for the 14th 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 reserve troops from the Dallas/Fort Worth area to enjoy dinner at Nick & Sam's Park Cities, as well as courtside seats at the Dallas Mavericks vs. Utah Jazz game tonight at American Airlines Center.

"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 Integrated 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 Mavs and Nick & Sam's to give them a much-deserved night of great food and NBA basketball."

The day begins with charter transportation provided by American from San Antonio to Dallas/Fort Worth. The charter is made possible by Fuel Smart, the airline's team member-led fuel conservation program that helps provide flights for injured service members, veterans and their families using funds generated through team members' everyday actions to save fuel. In addition, American's pilots and flight attendants volunteer their time to staff the flight for the occasion.

"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 season ticket holders 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 get the opportunity to meet and take photos with Mavericks players, coaches, dancers, ManiAACs and DJ Poizon Ivy.

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 Mavs vs. Jazz game. This year's menu, created by Nick & Sam's Corporate Chef and Partner Samir Dhurandhar, features a first course of shrimp and grits, creole crab cakes with a Cajun remoulade, prime beef egg rolls and a sushi platter consisting of kung pao lobster rolls, crispy tuna and shrimp tempura rolls. The second course is a Caesar salad. The main course features an Allen Brothers 10 oz. prime filet with sides of mashed sweet potatoes, green beans with almonds and creamed corn maux choux. The meal concludes with Dallas Mavericks seven-layer cake, pecan pie and pumpkin pie. Beverage service will also be provided, all free of charge to the service members, and the Nick & Sam's staff will also volunteer their time to host the group.

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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 restauranteur 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**.