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## **Local Business Owners Take Home Top Honors and Awards**

**CUMMING, Ga. (Dec. 21, 2017)** – Scott and Sharon Specker, owners of Five Star Painting of Cumming, earned the Five Star Painting Franchisee of the Year Award and Top Gun honors at the 2017 Dwyer Group International Conference recently held in Orlando, Florida.

The Franchisee of the Year Award is the highest honor than can be earned by a franchisee in the Five Star Painting network. The winning franchise must show consistent growth through proper training and management of the organization, consistent high sales volume and quality customer service.

The Top Gun award goes to franchise owners who achieve top sales and reach operation benchmarks. The Top Gun recipients represent the top 10 percent of Five Star Painting franchise owners across North America.

“The idea of ‘Top Gun’ was established by the Navy in the 1960s as a way to give training and credit to elite fighter pilots,” said Mary Kay Liston, president of Five Star Painting. “Taking a page from the Naval Top Gun Program, each year we recognize our franchise leaders for their accomplishments and dedication to the trade. It takes dedication, hard work, expertise and commitment to reach the Top Gun goal and we are honored to have these winners on our team.”

The Top Gun designation was inspired by the 1980’s movie of the same moniker. Don Dwyer, the late founder of Five Star Painting parent company, Dwyer Group, initiated the concept. He felt the top franchise owners went the extra mile and did what it took to be exemplary.

“We’ve been successful because of the tremendous team we’ve put together,” said Scott Specker. “They believe in the system and they believe in us, which has helped us get to where we are today. We’re also incredibly proud to be a part of such a reputable brand as Dwyer Group, which has enabled us to grow and perfect our Five Star Painting business.”

“Scott and Sharon understand that working with other Dwyer Group franchisees isn’t only the Neighborly thing to do, but also good for their business,” said Liston. “By following the Five Star Painting system, the Speckers have seen tremendous success. Franchisees like them represent the bright future of the brand across the country.”

### **About Five Star Painting®:**

Five Star Painting®, a Neighborly company, is North America’s premier interior and exterior painting franchise. Founded in 2004, Five Star Painting operates from over 150 locations worldwide. Acquired by Dwyer Group® in 2015, Five Star Painting is part of Neighborly, a community of home service experts, leveraging Dwyer Group’s nearly 2,500 professional home service experts across 13 brands in the U.S. and Canada with a unique direct service function that provides consumers assistance with nearly all aspects of their home care needs. Neighborly brands

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