

Redskins, USAA Recognize Veterans & Active Duty Service Members At 'Salute To Service' Game

The Redskins and USAA, the presenting sponsor and Official Military Appreciation Sponsor of the Washington Redskins, joined forces to honor military members past and present on Nov. 16 vs. the Buccaneers.

The Washington Redskins and USAA continued their tradition of honoring our nation's veterans and active duty military through the team's annual "Salute to Service" game on Nov. 16 against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Redskins and USAA, the presenting sponsor and Official Military Appreciation Sponsor of the Washington Redskins, joined forces to honor local military by inviting more than 50 guests from local military units to the game. In addition, General Larry O. Spencer, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, General Jay Paxton, Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, Admiral Michelle Howard, Vice Chief Naval Officer of the U.S. Navy and a representative of the U.S. Army served as honorary captains.

Prior to kickoff, the Redskins presented a special military challenge coin, designed and created by USAA, for use in the official coin toss. The long-standing tradition among military members of carrying such coins symbolizes unit identity and collective brotherhood, and the coins are often traded or collected among unit members. USAA's design of the military challenge coin for the Salute to Service game pays homage to that revered tradition.

The Redskins also displayed Salute to Service banners on the sidelines honoring all branches of the United States Armed Forces, as well as honored members of the military on-field. As part of the Redskins' season-long military appreciation efforts, three families of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors – a non-profit geared towards helping those grieving the death of a loved one serving in America's Armed Forces – were highlighted in-game on the video boards.

In addition to the tributes detailed above, the following Salute to Service elements, as well as pregame and in-game ceremonies, were planned to recognize veterans and current members of America's Armed Forces:

- Salute to Service goal post wraps, pylons with camouflage ribbon decals and wall banners in the back of the end zones.
 - Camouflage ribbon lapel pins, towels, players' gloves, captains' patches and helmet decals.
 - Footballs featuring camouflage ribbons.
 - Military guests of USO-Metro and Redskins Salute, the Official Military Appreciation Club of the team formed the fan tunnel for player introductions, as well as participate in the "living flag" ritual, sponsored by USAA.
 - Sgt. Vicki Golding of the United States Army sang the national anthem.
 - Kaplan University and the American Freedom Foundation's Military Family Scholarship Program awarded a four-year scholarship to a military family member in an on field ceremony in the second quarter.
 - The Military Order of the Purple Heart Services Foundation hosted a Purple Heart pinning ceremony at halftime.
 - Lenovo, the Official PC of the Washington Redskins, and proud technology provider to USO Centers, made a donation to the USO in on-field ceremony in the third quarter.
- For more on how USAA appreciates our military,



veterans, and their families, through its Redskins and NFL sponsorships, please visit www.salutetoservice.com.

For more information on Redskins Salute, the team's Military Appreciation Club, please visit www.redskinssalute.com.

The Washington Redskins Salute to Service Game is part of the NFL's "Salute to Service" campaign. For more information on the NFL's commitment to the military and veterans, visit www.nfl.com/salute.



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Redskins Host Three TAPS Families At Team Facility, Game

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The Melton family represented their fallen soldier, Jesse Melton. A beloved brother and son, Jesse served in the United States Marine Corps. He was a diehard Redskins fan, and his family shared stories of how committed he was to his teams, even when

things got tough.

Janice Chance, Joshua Melton, Derrick Peoples and Jenine Melton live the legacy of their fallen hero every day, vowing to never grieve, but to always fight for the heroes of our great nation.

The Caboteja family - Brigitte, Brittany and Lena - keep the memory of their husband and father, SSGT Nicanor Lopez "Nick" Caboteja Jr. alive every day by continuing the tradition of wearing Redskins gear and cheering on their favorite team every Sunday.

Brittany, 15, and Lena, 8, carry their alliance to their father's favorite team as a way to honor and feel close to him. Nick Caboteja served in the United States Marine Corps.

The McIlvaine family - Sheryl, Alexa (9) and Michael (13) - honors Sgt. James R. McIlvaine. This family also keeps the memory of their hero alive by continuing their tradition of rooting for the Redskins.

Each family was able to sit down

to share their story with Larry Michael, the Voice of the Redskins. Each interview talked about the bravery and heroism displayed by each one of these valiant heroes.

The Melton, Caboteja and McIlvaine families were also given a tour of Redskins Park and had two surprise visitors along the way. Quarterback Robert Griffin III and linebacker Adam Hayward greeted each family at varying stops along the tour for words

of encouragement and laughter.

The families were also given tickets to the Salute To Service Game Nov. 16, when the Redskins took on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at FedExField, and were honored on the field as their interview snippet was played throughout the stadium.

These videos helped commemorate the strength of those military families and to honor those who have lost their life serving this great nation.



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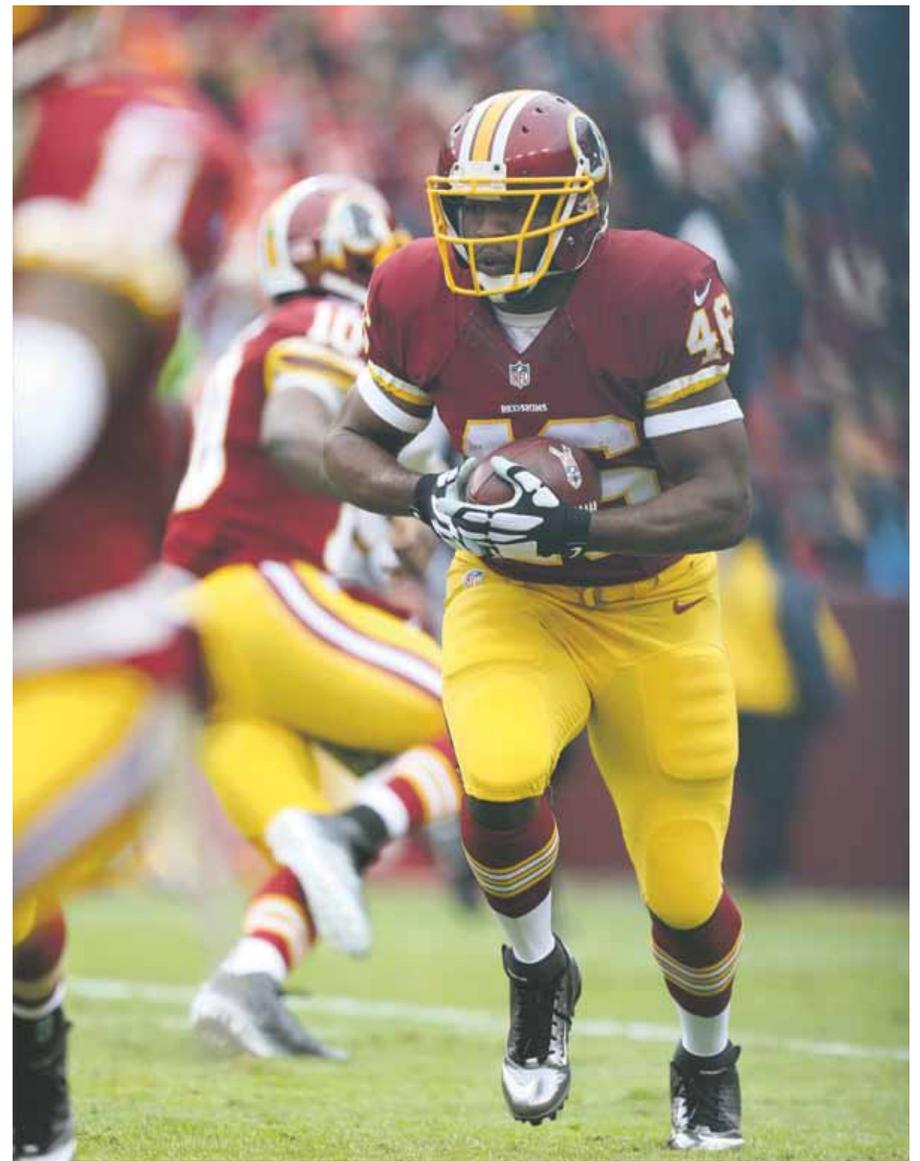
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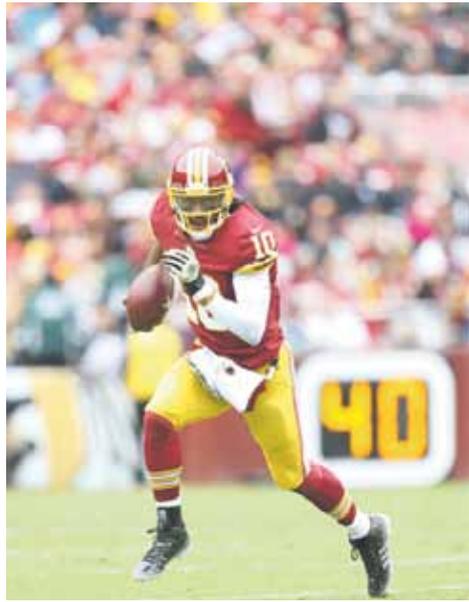
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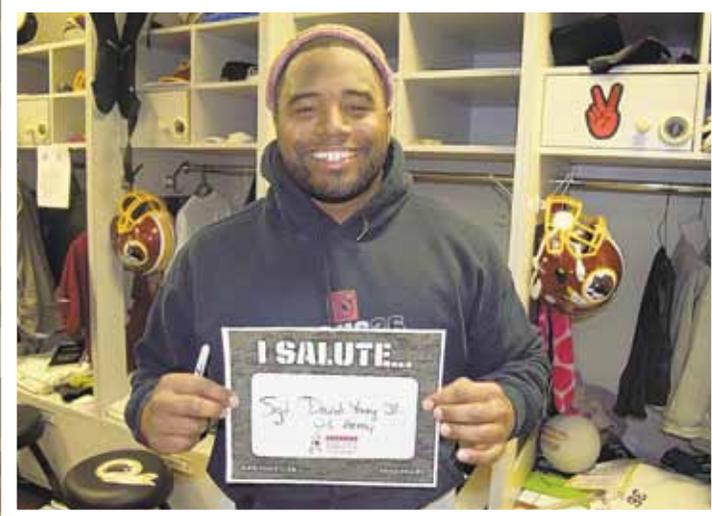
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Redskins vs. Buccaneers Salute to Service Game Photos

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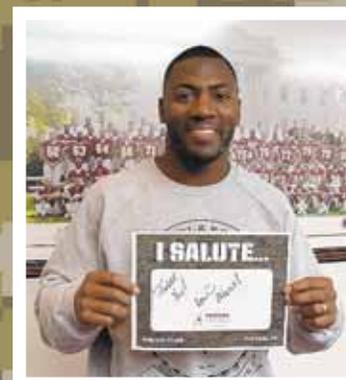
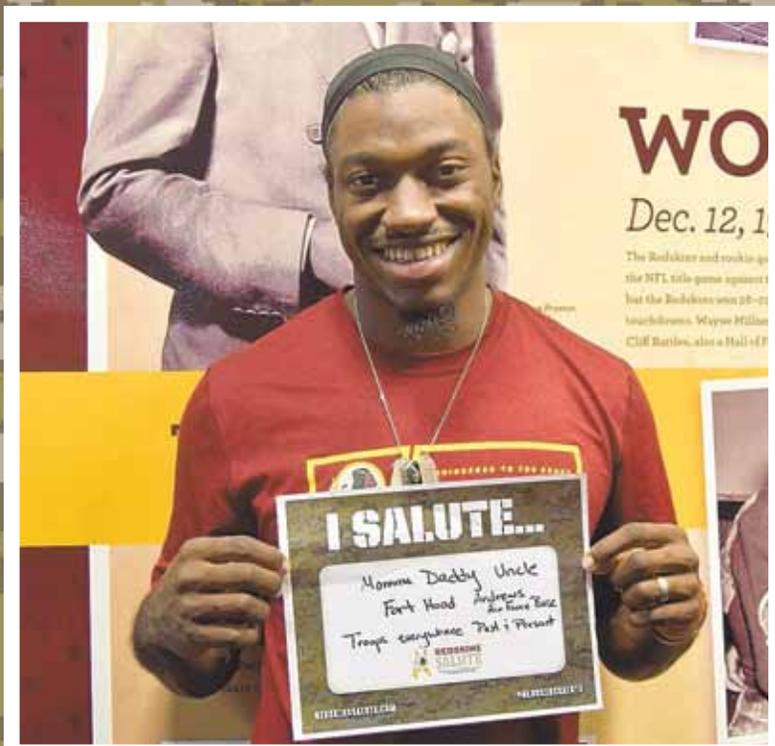
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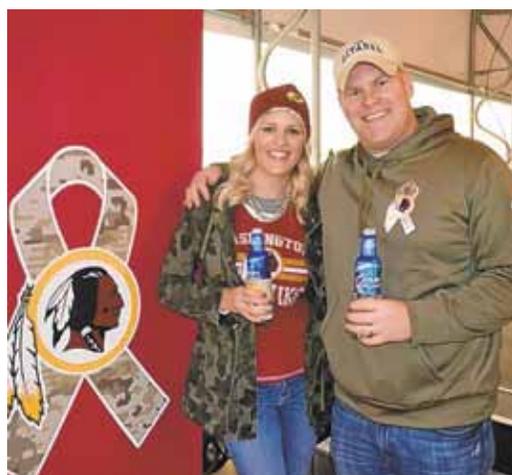
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Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation, USAA, Host Second-Annual Salute To Play 60

The Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation and USAA, an Official Military Appreciation Sponsor of the Redskins, hosted the 2nd-annual Salute to Play 60 event on Sept. 30 for hundreds of participants from about 10 military installations.

**By Stephen Czarda
Redskins.com**

The Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation, the Department of Defense and supporting sponsor USAA, an Official Military Appreciation Sponsor of the Redskins, on Sept. 30 hosted the second-annual Salute to Play 60 event at Fort Belvoir for hundreds of youth participants from various military installations.

Wanting to preach the important of staying active, WRCF and USAA brought along some celebrity instructors to help the young boys and girls get through their exercises – Redskins players.

Among the players in attendance were quarterback Robert Griffin III, running back Alfred Morris, fullback Darrel Young, wide receiver Ryan Grant, tight end Niles Paul, offensive lineman Shawn Lauvao, defensive lineman Jason Hatcher, linebacker Trent Murphy and safety Akeem Davis.

Joining the players were Tanya Snyder, wife of owner Dan Snyder, WOW Wives, the First Ladies of Football and Nike Trainer Deanna Jefferson.

Kicking off the event was a VIP meet and greet between the players and senior military leadership, followed a check donation presentation of \$5,000 each to Air Force, Navy, Army and Marine Corps youth programs on behalf of WRCF.

Snyder and Redskins legendary quarterback and front office executive Doug Williams then spoke to the participants and their families.

“We’re so excited to be here on behalf of the Washington Redskins and the Charitable Foundation and everybody that had a part in today,” Snyder said. “Show your energy on the field. This is about getting those endorphins going and moving.”

Williams thanked service members for their around the clock work in making sure the country remains safe.

“It’s good to see the young guys out and the young ladies out today -- enjoy yourself,” he said. “I just want to say thank you for allowing us to come out here today to be a part of Play 60. But also thank you for what you’ve done to allow us to be free to do this. Thank you.”

Participants were then divided into six different groups where they rotated between stations involving Zumba, an inflatable obstacle course, nutrition relay races, flag football and yoga.

Morris – who played quarterback during his group’s time at the flag



football station – said he enjoyed the event’s core philosophy of teaching both the importance of physical activity and proper nutrition.

“I’m not really sure on the childhood obesity statistics, but they’re higher since I was young,” the Pro Bowl running back said. “It seems to continue to rise – bad food choices and stuff like that. So to be able to come out here and get them active and teach them things about making the right choices when it comes to eating.”

Morris said he was happy to relay to the children in attendance how important a balanced, healthy diet really is.

“I think it’s very informative for these kids, because when I was coming up, we didn’t have as much information,” he said. “If you don’t know, how can you fix it? So it’s good that this event is not only physical, but they get nutrition information as well. That’s awesome.”

Griffin III, who was in the shoes of the participants not too long ago as a former military brat himself, said any event in which both kids and military are at the forefront is important.

“We’re here for the Salute to Service Play 60 and we got a lot of players out here giving back to this community,” he

said. “It means a lot to me. I have family members who experienced the military life for a long time and some are still in it. ... It’s just good to give back to these kids, show them that we’re here and appreciate not only their parents’ service, but their service as military brats.”

Ronney A Wright, Force Master Chief, USN, (Ret) and Military Affairs Representative for USAA, echoed Griffin III’s sentiment.

“We love taking care of the military and their families,” he said. “We know what it means to serve. The event we’re taking care of today with NFL Play 60 is the best, because it’s all about the kids and taking care of them and keeping them active.”

After trying his hand at playing offense as the kids tried to pry his flags away from him, Hatcher said he wanted to learn something from them and their parents, especially with his background not being as military heavy.

“We’re out here on the military base and you just learn a lot from these guys about leadership,” Hatcher said. “It’s just a good overall event for us. I’m glad I came out.”

Hatcher said those in the military “make my job look easy compared to what they do.”

“So I pick their brains to see what they’re going through and how we can incorporate it in our team,” the Pro Bowl defensive end said. “I’m here for the kids, as well, and to spend a few hours being active with them.”



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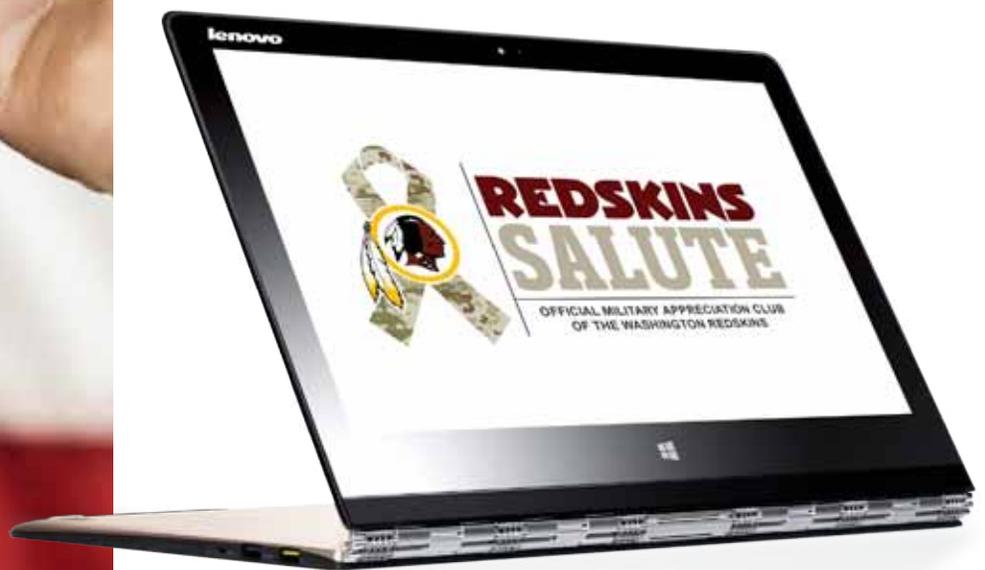


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