

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

Welcome to the Command Post!

ICYMI: The Washington Commanders Launch Annual Season of Giving, OrthoVirginia Community Pop-Up Tour Kicks Off at Virginia Football State Championship, Former Quarterback Doug Williams Says Goodbye to RFK Stadium, and Quarterback Taylor Heinicke Tops Axios DC Power Players List

In Case You Missed It:

This week the Washington Commanders launched the Season of Giving in conjunction with The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation, announcing a series of initiatives aimed at making a positive impact in the lives of children and families across the DMV. The team also announced a new partnership with the Virginia High School League to help highlight and support youth athletic activities. Finally, team leadership joined DC Mayor Muriel Bowser, local elected officials, and other area sports leaders for a farewell celebration for RFK Stadium.



Commanders Kick Off 2022 Season of Giving

The Washington Commanders and the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation announced the launch of the Season of Giving, an annual program geared toward supporting underserved children and families in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia during the holiday season. Key events include the second annual Toy Giveaway at FedExField on December 17, the annual Toys for Tots toy drive during the team's Week 15 matchup against the New York Giants on Sunday Night Football December 18, and special events led by Washington Commanders players throughout the Holiday Season.

The Season of Giving initiative was launched in 2020 to positively impact neighboring communities, spread holiday joy and cheer, and engage fans in ongoing efforts to

build a stronger community. The month-long initiative is supported by the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation, Washington Commanders players, and community partners including the Toys for Tots Foundation and United Airlines. **For more information on this year's activations, visit [HERE](#).**



Commanders Announce Partnership with Virginia High School League

As part of its work to highlight exceptional student-athletes, coaches and schools across the DMV, the Commanders last week [announced a new partnership](#) with the Virginia High School League (VHSL), the Commonwealth's leading organization for high school athletic activities. The partnership officially launched on Saturday, December 10, during the Football State Championship games that took place at Old Dominion University's S.B. Ballard Stadium.

During the championship games, the Commanders activated their Party Shack, a mobile marketing and hospitality unit, which offered giveaways, experiential elements, and games. Washington Legends Gary Clark and Josh Morgan also made an appearance to visit with fans at the stadium. Saturday's events marked the first installment of the Washington Commanders-OrthoVirginia Community Pop-Up Tour, which is designed to raise awareness of the importance of healthy play and physical performance through events and activations throughout the Commonwealth. **Please click [HERE](#) for photos and b-roll of the event.**

Saying Goodbye to RFK Stadium

Last Thursday, Washington Legend quarterback Doug Williams joined DC Mayor Muriel Bowser, former Lieutenant Governor of Maryland Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, and representatives from other DMV sports teams, including the Washington Nationals, D.C. United, and the Washington Spirit to mark the ceremonial removal of the [last orange seats](#) at RFK Stadium, which was home to the Washington football team for 36 seasons (from 1961 through 1996).

WTOP [reported](#) that during the event Williams called the venue “hallowed ground,” noting the football team won 63% of its games at RFK Stadium, culminating with a final game against the Dallas Cowboys in 1996. Read more from [Washingtonian](#) and [WTOP](#) (photo credit: [Washingtonian](#)).



Heinicke Tops Axios DC's 2022 Power Players List

Over the weekend, Washington's own Taylor Heinicke snagged a top spot on Axios' Power Players list of D.C.'s most influential people. Beginning in Week 7, Heinicke has led the team to a 7-5-1 record with wins over Green Bay, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, Houston, and Atlanta. Earlier this fall, Heinicke's nine-yard pass to the end-zone marked the 3,000th touchdown in the franchise's history. With over 5,330 passing yards in 2022 alone, Heinicke has helped lead the Commanders to winning form.

Read more on Axios DC's Power Players [HERE](#).

