



## **Welcome to the Command Post!**

*ICYMI: Fanatics Sportsbook Officially Launches First Retail Location at FedExField and Chris Bailey Sits Down with Military Times to Discuss Salute Program*

### ***In Case You Missed It:***

Last week, Fanatics, in partnership with the Washington Commanders, made history by becoming the first sports betting operator to open a retail sportsbook inside an NFL Stadium. Also last week, Washington Commanders' Salute lead Chris Bailey sat down with the *Military Times* to discuss his career journey and the team's work to support our military community through the Washington Salute Program.

### **Commanders and Fanatics Launch First Retail Sportsbook at FedExField**

On Friday, January 20, the Fanatics Sportsbook and Washington Commanders celebrated the launch of the first retail sportsbook inside an NFL Stadium, marking Fanatics' entry into the legal sports betting market. During Friday's event, Washington Commanders Team President Jason Wright said, "When our journey began over two years ago, we knew we had to reinvigorate the guest experience at FedExField and open the campus to the community. Today is a special moment in realizing that vision as we open this innovative sportsbook, operating seven days a week for sports fans throughout our community."

The first official bet was placed by Commanders' 2022 Fan of the Year Chris Bryant, who wagered on fellow Washington Wizards and Capitals to win their next matchups. Fans can find the Fanatics Sportsbook alongside the Washington Commanders Team Store inside FedExField. The store offers legal sports betting on all major sports and is open seven days a week from 10am-12am ET. Bets will not be accepted on days when the Commanders host home games. ***Photos and b-roll from the launch can be found [HERE](#). Click [HERE](#) to watch a sizzle reel of the grand opening on Friday January 20.***



### Chris Bailey Discusses Sports and Service with the Military Times

Last week, the Washington Commanders' Chris Bailey sat down with *Military Times* to discuss his unique role as the team's Salute lead. With 25 years of military experience, Chris steers the team's outreach and programming with active-duty military, veterans and their families across the DMV. "It's an easy tie to the DMV, kind of the home of our nation's military, and what that all means and all the responsibilities, privileges and honors that come with command," Bailey said.

Chris' goal for the program is to maximize the Commanders' robust platform to organize best-in-class initiatives for local service men and women, including pregame events, training camp events, organized team activities, and partnerships including the United Service Organizations (USO) and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. **Read the full article from the *Military Times* [HERE](#).**

