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# Tickets On-Sale Now for the 2022 Lockheed Martin Commanders' Classic Presented by USAA

Tickets available at CommandersClassic.com

**Arlington, Texas** – Tickets are on sale now for the Lockheed Martin Commanders' Classic, presented by USAA. The epic matchup between Air Force and Army is coming to Globe Life Field on November 5, 2022.

This is the second year for the storied rivalry to be played at Globe Life Field, and the 57<sup>th</sup> meeting between the U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Military Academy. The game time will be announced at a later date. Army will be the home team for the 2022 matchup.

## Tickets are on-sale NOW at CommandersClassic.com.

"The competition, rivalry and pageantry of the 2021 matchup between Army and Force was the epitome of what we strive to bring to Globe Life Field," said Sean Decker, President of REV Entertainment, and Executive Vice President of Events and Entertainment for the Texas Rangers. "This game is about more than football, and we are honored to host it at the Home of the Texas Rangers."

"I also want to thank Lockheed Martin for its continued support of the Commanders' Classic. Their commitment to our nation's military is second to none and they are a tremendous asset to the success of this great event."

REV Entertainment will once again host and operate the games with marketing assistance from Dallas-based LST Marketing.

New for 2022 are exclusive deck-level field suites, located on platforms directly adjacent to the sideline, providing a unique game and hospitality experience. Also returning in 2022 are pre-game tailgates. Guests interested in a tailgating experience will have the opportunity to reserve space in Tailgate Alley located directly adjacent to Globe Life Field, as well as club space inside of the stadium – availability is limited. Fans interested in the unique hospitality and tailgating experiences may contact info@REVentertainment.com.

The 2021 Commanders' Classic was the first-ever college football game at Globe Life Field. Army defeated Air Force 21-14 in overtime during the inaugural game.

Air Force leads the all-time series, 38-16-1. This will be the Falcons and Black Knights fourth time to play each other at a neutral site, 1959 (13-13 tie) in New York's Yankee Stadium, 1963 (Army, 14-10), 1965 (Air Force, 14-3) at Chicago's Soldier Field and 2021 at Globe Life Field.

## Sky Ball Gala at Globe Life Field

As part of today's Commanders' Classic on-sale announcement, the Airpower Foundation announced they will host *Sky Ball XX* at Globe Life Field for the second year in a row.

"We are extremely excited and proud to announce the 20th Anniversary of Sky Ball," said Sid Eppes, board chairman of the Airpower Foundation. "I cannot tell you how heartwarming it is to see the tremendous outpouring of support from long-term supporters, our new premier partner, REV Entertainment, and of course, a team of volunteers who contribute their time, talent and resources. The best part is everyone involved is moved by one simple spirit of love and respect for our nation's military and their families. It's beyond words."

Sky Ball XX will take place at Globe Life Field on Thursday, November 3, 2022. Sky Ball XX will be the Kick-off Military Fundraising Gala for a jam-packed weekend of military appreciation in Arlington, Texas. This year marks two decades of the Airpower Foundation raising the much-needed funds to support our military servicemen and women, veterans, and their families.

Sky Ball is the premier fundraising event for the Airpower Foundation and has raised over \$25 million since its inception. All funds raised go to thoroughly vetted military support programs through a grant process.

"Sky Ball kicks off an exciting weekend of events for the Commanders Classic. Not only was last year's Sky Ball event a powerful and moving event, but it was also a huge success, and I am excited to watch the event continue to grow in its 20th year," said Decker. "On top of the tremendous event they put together, The Airpower Foundation represents ideals and values that we are honored to support as an organization."

For more information visit AirPowerFoundation.org

## Full Schedule:

Thursday, November 3: Sky Ball XX (AirPowerFoundation.org) (Globe Life Field) Friday, November 4: Air Force vs. Army Pep Rally (Location TBD) Friday, November 4: Air Force vs. Army Boxing Match presented by USAA (Location TBD) Saturday, November 5: Lockheed Martin Commanders' Classic, presented by USAA

## Quotes on the Lockheed Martin Commanders' Classic Presented by USAA

## Jim Ross, City of Arlington Mayor

The Commanders' Classic is a tremendous representation of the City of Arlington's longstanding commitment to our nation's military. Globe Life Field serves as the perfect home for the iconic matchup between Air Force and Army and I am thrilled to welcome the two storied programs back for a second year.

## Mike Buddie, Director of Athletics, United States Military Academy

We are excited and honored to play in the Lockheed Martin Commanders' Classic at Globe Life Field for the second straight season. Last year's dramatic overtime win was one of the best games in the history of this great rivalry. We are thankful to Lockheed Martin, REV Entertainment and the Texas Rangers for the opportunity to continue to highlight our Cadet-Athletes on this national stage. We are looking forward to seeing our fans in the DFW area.

## Nathan Pine, Director of Athletics, Unites States Air Force Academy

We are looking forward to returning to the Metro-Plex this coming season to compete again in the Commander's Classic. Texas is an important region of the country for the entire Academy in terms of recruiting, graduate engagement and growing supporters. We look forward to the game next fall and continuing our partnership with Lockheed Martin, REV Entertainment and the Texas Rangers"

#### Greg Ulmer, Executive Vice President, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics

Lockheed Martin is honored to continue to serve as the title sponsor of the Commanders' Classic football game later this year. Our military service members are at the center of everything we do at Lockheed Martin and this sponsorship allows us to support the brave men and women of our armed forces who keep our nation safe. We are looking forward to another great game this year.

#### John Lopes, Chairman, and CEO, LST Marketing

The Lockheed Martin Commanders' Classic presented by USAA is more than just a game. It is a celebration of freedom and honors those who defend our liberty. LST Marketing is proud to collaborate again this year with REV Entertainment, the Texas Rangers, Army West Point and the U.S. Air Force Academy to bring this great event to Texas.

Credential information will be available at a later date. For more information contact credentials@REVentertainment.com

#### About REV Entertainment:

REV Entertainment is a full-service company with the goal of producing first-class sports and entertainment events both in Arlington and nationwide. REV Entertainment officially launched in 2021 as a result of the success of Rangers Events, which has served as the exclusive booking agent for all non-MLB game day events beginning in 2012. REV Entertainment has also created and produced several original concepts, including the creation of the Lockheed Martin Commanders' Classic, Bout at the Ballpark and the State Farm Showdown. REV Entertainment also includes REV Production Services, which was created in 2020 as the nation's first unaffiliated stadium flooring production company that specializes in the procurement, transportation, installation, and cleaning of stadium flooring and barricades. *REVEntertainment.com*.

#### About Globe Life Field:

Globe Life Field is not only the home of the Texas Rangers but has also hosted numerous sports and entertainment events since its opening in March 2020. These include the Major League Baseball NLDS, NLCS, and World Series and Wrangler© National Finals Rodeo in 2020 and the State Farm College Baseball Showdown, over 50 total college baseball games, the Hella Mega Tour featuring Green Day, Fallout Boy, and Weezer, and Chris Stapleton in Concert in 2021. Last fall, the building hosted ten football games, the Lockheed Martin Commanders' Classic presented by USAA between the U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Military Academy and nine high school regular season and playoff contests. *GlobeLifeField.com* 

#### **About Lockheed Martin:**

Headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, Lockheed Martin is a global security and aerospace company that employs approximately 110,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. Please follow @LMNews on Twitter for the latest announcements and news across the corporation.

#### About USAA:

Founded in 1922 by a group of military officers, USAA is among the leading providers of insurance, banking and investment and retirement solutions to more than 13 million members of the U.S. military, veterans who have honorably served and their families. Headquartered in San Antonio, USAA has offices in seven U.S. cities and three overseas locations and employs approximately 35,000 people worldwide. Each year, the company contributes to national and local nonprofits in support of military families and communities where employees live and work. For more information about USAA, follow us on Facebook or Twitter (@USAA), or visit <u>usaa.com</u>.

#### About LST Marketing:

LST Marketing connects brands with consumers through sports and entertainment. A veteran owned company, LST Marketing operates from its offices in Dallas and Indianapolis. LST Marketing leverages its talented team to transform client objectives into captivating programs of all shapes and sizes. LST Marketing supports blue-chip companies in the areas of Sponsorship Strategy, Event Production, Talent Integration, Experiential Activation, Virtual Experiences and Multicultural Marketing. For more information go to LSTMarketing.com

#### **About Airpower Foundation:**

The Airpower Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 1999 with its roots dating back to 1958 with community engagement dedicated to supporting the military families at Carswell Air Force Base. The mission of the Airpower Foundation has dramatically expanded over 23 years. Through Sky Ball, our premier military fundraising event and the generosity of our donors and sponsors, more than \$25 million dollars has been raised. These funds support hundreds of vetted programs and organizations which positively impact thousands of our service members, veterans, and their families. The Airpower Foundation Board of Directors is a diverse group of professionals who volunteer countless

hours of their time and are dedicated to supporting those who commit their lives to maintain the freedoms and liberties enjoyed by all Americans.

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