

BOWL NEWS

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Bell Helicopter “Bowl Week” Begins Saturday

Fort Worth, Texas, December 25, 2009 - “Bowl Week” for the seventh annual post-season collegiate football game in the “City of Cowboys and Culture” begins here Saturday with the arrival of the United States Air Force Academy as the Falcons will also hold their first of four practices at Kennedale High School.

The Air Force will be competing in the **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** for the third-straight year as the 2009 game at Amon G. Carter Stadium is a rematch of the 2008 contest where the University of Houston defeated the Falcons 34-28 before a record crowd of 41,127.



Houston, which is also competing in the **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** for the third-time after losing the 2005 game to Kansas, will arrive here Sunday in time for the **“Team Welcome Party”** at the world famous Billy Bob’s in the historic Fort Worth Stockyards. The Cougars’ first of two practices at Southlake Carroll Senior High School with be Monday.

The “pass first” 10-3 Cougars of Houston (ranked 25th in the latest USA Today poll and 27th in the AP rankings) meet the 7-5 “pass defense first” Falcons of Air Force in the **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** on New Year’s Eve. Kickoff is at 11 a.m. (CST) with the game being aired live on ESPN and ESPN Radio.

In addition to the **“Team Welcome Party”**, Air Force and Houston will dine Monday in downtown Fort Worth while visiting **Children’s Hospital** on Tuesday. The Falcons and Cougars will be honored Wednesday at the **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl Kickoff Luncheon presented by Armed Forces Insurances and the Omni Fort Worth Hotel**.

Retired Sgt. First Class Dana Bowman will be the featured speaker at the Wednesday noon luncheon at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel. Tickets for the luncheon can be purchased in advance by telephoning 817/810-0012. Tickets are \$25 per individual or \$200 for a table of eight.

Retired Sgt. First Class Bowman will also parachute into Amon G. Carter Stadium Thursday with two members of The Screaming Eagles Army parachute team and five members of the U.S. Air Force Academy’s Wings of Blue parachute team. All of this will occur prior to the kickoff of the 2009 **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl**.

Wednesday’s schedule will also feature the opening of the **Armed Forces Adventure** area in Parking Lot 3 on the North side of Amon G. Carter Stadium at 3 p.m. The **Armed Forces Insurance “Guitar Hero”** video game webcast featuring the **Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders** playing against military personnel in Iraq will be held from 3-5 p.m. followed by the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl **pep rally** and **fireworks** show at 6 p.m. The **pep rally** will feature the marching bands and cheerleaders from both Air Force and Houston along with the head coaches and players from the two schools.

Ticket prices for Thursday’s game between schools from Conference USA and the Mountain West Conference are \$50 for sideline seats, \$40 for upper deck seats and \$20 for end zone tickets. Ticket sells have exceeded 40,000 for the game at the 44,358 Amon G. Carter Stadium.

Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl - 2009 Schedule of Events (subject to change)

***MEDIA EVENTS - Open to reporters, photographers and videographers with a BHAFB credential.**

Saturday, December 26

All day Air Force Arrival Omni Fort Worth Hotel
4-5:30 p.m. *Air Force Practice Kennedale High School (901 Wildcat Way, Kennedale 76060)

Sunday, December 27

9 a.m.-6 p.m. *Media Information Center/Hospitality Marriott Courtyard-Blackstone
2:45-4:15 p.m. *Air Force Practice Kennedale High School
5 p.m. *Houston Arrival Renaissance Worthington
6-8 p.m. ***Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** Team Welcome Party..... Billy Bob's Texas

Monday, December 28

9 a.m.-6 p.m. *Media Information Center/Hospitality Marriott Courtyard-Blackstone
11 a.m.-1 p.m. *Houston Practice Southlake Carroll Senior High School (1501 West Southlake Blvd., Grapevine 76092)
2-3:30 p.m. *Air Force Practice Kennedale High School
6-7 p.m. * **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** Houston Team Dinner Reata Restaurant
7:15-8:15 p.m. * **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** Air Force Team Dinner..... Reata Restaurant
7:15-8:15 p.m. * **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** Houston Comedy Show Four Day Weekend
6:30-7:30 .pm. Team Trainers' Dinner Reata Restaurant
7:15-8:15 p.m. Bowl Staff Dinner Reata Restaurant

Tuesday, December 29

9 a.m.-7 p.m. *Media Information Center/Hospitality Marriott Courtyard-Blackstone
8 or 10 a.m. *Welcome Home A Hero DFW Airport
11 a.m.-1 p.m. *Houston Practice Southlake Carroll Senior High School
11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. *Air Force Practice Kennedale High School
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Kid's Play Day Main Event, Fort Worth Museum of Science & History
10 a.m.-3 p.m. Women's Day Out..... Sam Moon & Neiman Marcus
2-5 p.m. * **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** Charity Hospital Visit Cook Children's Hospital
7-8 p.m. Equipment Staff Dinner Reata Restaurant
7-8 p.m. Band Directors' Dinner Reata Restaurant

Wednesday, December 30

9 a.m.-7 p.m. *Media Information Center/Hospitality Marriott Courtyard-Blackstone
9:30-11:45 a.m. ***Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** Press Conference Omni Fort Worth Hotel
12-1:15 p.m. ***Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** Kickoff Luncheon..... Omni Fort Worth Hotel
1:30-2 p.m. **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** NCAA Pre-Game Meeting Omni Fort Worth Hotel
4-5 p.m. *Houston Walk-Thru Practice..... Amon G. Carter Stadium
3-8 p.m. *Armed Forces Adventure..... TCU (Lot 3)
3-5 p.m. *Armed Forces Insurance "Guitar Hero" TCU (Lot 3)
***Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders vs. G.I. Joes in "Guitar Hero" (live via overseas webcam)**
6-6:30 p.m. ***Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** Pep Rally Armed Forces Adventure (Lot 3)
7-9 p.m. *Band & Spirit Squad Party..... Billy Bob's Texas

Thursday, December 31

7-9 a.m., 4-8 p.m. *Media Information Center/Hospitality Marriott Courtyard-Blackstone
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. *Media Will Call Amon G. Carter Stadium, West Side Press Elevator
8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. *Media Press Meal..... Amon G. Carter Stadium, Davis Academic Center-Justin Center
8:30-10:30 a.m. ESPN VIP Party Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center
8:30-10:30 a.m. *Armed Forces Adventure..... TCU (Lot 3)
9 a.m. Gates Open..... Amon G. Carter Stadium
11 a.m. ***VII Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** Kickoff Amon G. Carter Stadium
Half-time *Great American Patriot Award Presentation Amon G. Carter Stadium
Following Game ***BHAFB** Post-Game Press Conference Four Sevens Team Meeting Room
Following Game-4 p.m. *Armed Forces Adventure..... TCU (Lot 3)
Following Game-5 p.m. ESPN VIP Party Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center

- **Air Force Practice Policy** - Media wishing to take photographs or tape video footage of practice may do so for the first 15 minutes only. Photographers and videographers are asked to stay around the perimeter of the practice fields. Players and coaches will be available for reporters after practice for 15 minutes. Contact Troy Garnhart (719/359-7432) for more details. Kennedale HS is located at 901 Wildcat Way, Kennedale 76060.
- **Houston Practice Policy** - The practices are closed, including no period of time for photographs or tape video footage. Players and coaches will be available for reporters after practice for 15 minutes. Contact Chris Burkhalter (713/775-1542) for more details. Southlake Carroll High School is located at 1501 West Southlake Blvd., Grapevine 76092.