18TH ANNUAL LOCKHEED MARTIN ARMED FORCES BOWL

Mississippi State Bulldogs (3-7, 3-7 SEC)
No. 24 Tulsa Golden Hurricane (6-2, 6-0 AAC)

Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, 11:03 a.m. CST
Amon G. Carter Stadium (45,000) - Fort Worth, Texas

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ARMED FORCES BOWL NOTES

Bowled Over By Points
Over the past six years, the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl is the highest scoring bowl game of the more than three dozen in the nation with a combined total of 457 points scored. The Rose Bowl is next with 449 points scored over that period. The next highest scoring bowls are the Miami Beach/Frisco Bowl (428) and Orange Bowl (403).

Just Pointing This Out Too
The 457 total points over the last six Armed Forces Bowl games is an average of 38.1 per team. Only two teams over that time span have been held under 30 points. The 2016 game between Louisiana Tech (48) and Navy (45) is the highest scoring game in LMAFB history (93 points). In 2018, Army West Point set an all-time, all-bowl record with 70 points. Oddly, in the four games from 2010-13, the bowl saw just 152 points scored (19.0 per team) and only one team reached the 30-point mark.

DFW Is NCAA's Bowling Alley
This is the fourth of five college bowl games hosted in the DFW area in an eight-day span. While the Frisco Bowl was canceled, the New Mexico Bowl (Frisco-Dec. 24), SERVPRO First Responder Bowl (Dallas-Dec. 26), Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic (Arlington-Dec. 30), Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl (Fort Worth-Dec. 31) and College Football Playoff Semifinal at The Rose Bowl Game Presented by Capital One (Arlington-Jan. 1) are all on the schedule.

Welcome Back Carter
The Golden Hurricane are 2-6 all time in games played in Amon G. Carter Stadium, going 2-5 at TCU and 0-1 in a bowl game. This is the first time that Mississippi State has competed at the venue.

ALL-TIME RESULTS

Season	Game Date	Day	Kickoff	Result	Conferences	Length	Attendance
2003	Dec. 23, 2003	Tue.	6:35 p.m.	#18 Boise State 34, #19 TCU 31	WAC/C-USA	3:25	38,028
2004	Dec. 23, 2004	Thu.	5:35 p.m.	Cincinnati 32, Marshall 14	C-USA/MAC	3:21	27,902
2005	Dec. 23, 2005	Fri.	7 p.m.	Kansas 42, Houston 13	Big 12/C-USA	3:42	33,505
2006	Dec. 23, 2006	Sat.	7:08 p.m.	Utah 25, Tulsa 13	MWC/C-USA	3:13	32,412
2007	Dec. 31, 2007	Mon.	11:30 a.m.	California 42, Air Force 36	Pac-10/MWC	3:32	40,905
2008	Dec. 31, 2008	Wed.	11 a.m.	Houston 34, Air Force 28	C-USA/MWC	3:25	41,127
2009	Dec. 31, 2009	Thu.	11:04 a.m.	Air Force 47, Houston 20	MWC/C-USA	3:16	41,414
2010	Dec. 30, 2010	Thu.	11:02 a.m.	Army West Point 16, SMU 14	Ind/C-USA	3:04	36,742
2011	Dec. 30, 2011	Fri.	11:01 a.m.	BYU 24, Tulsa 21	Ind/C-USA	3:21	30,258
2012	Dec. 29, 2012	Sat.	10:45 a.m.	Rice 33, Air Force 14	C-USA/MWC	3:22	40,754
2013	Dec. 30, 2013	Mon.	10:46 a.m.	Navy 24, Middle Tennessee 6	Ind/C-USA	3:10	39,246
2014	Jan. 2, 2015	Fri.	11:02 a.m.	Houston 35, Pittsburgh 34	AAC/ACC	3:21	37,888
2015	Dec. 29, 2015	Tue.	1:03 p.m.	California 55, Air Force 36	Pac-12/MWC	3:37	38,915
2016	Dec. 23, 2016	Fri.	3:30 p.m.	Louisiana Tech 48, Navy 45	C-USA/AAC	3:36	40,542
2017	Dec. 23, 2017	Sat.	2:40 p.m.	Army West Point 42, San Diego State 35	Ind/MWC	3:02	35,986
2018	Dec. 22, 2018	Sat.	2:40 p.m.	#22 Army West Point 70, Houston 14	Ind/AAC	3:12	44,738
2019	Jan. 4, 2020	Sat.	10:34 a.m.	Tulane 30, Southern Miss 13	AAC/C-USA	3:31	38,513

* The 2010 and 2011 games were played at Gerald J. Ford Stadium in Dallas due to renovation of Amon G. Carter Stadium

You Don't Look Familiar
This is the first time the two schools have met on the gridiron.

SEC-SEC-SEC
Mississippi State is the first school from the Southeastern Conference to ever play in the game. With the inclusion of the SEC the Armed Forces Bowl has now featured teams from nine of the 10 FBS conferences, plus independents. The lone league yet to play in the game is the Big Ten.

Tulsa We Meet Again
This marks Tulsa's third appearance in the game, as the team played in the first designated "Armed Forces Bowl" in 2006, and returned to Fort Worth in 2011. The Golden Hurricane are 0-2 in the two previous games, falling 25-13 to Utah in 2006 and 24-21 five years later. Tulsa is the fourth team ever to play in the bowl at least three times, joining Air Force (5), Houston (5) and Army West Point (3).

Proud To Be With The American
The American Athletic Conference is being represented in the Armed Forces Bowl for the third straight year and the fifth time in the past seven years--Houston (2014, 2018), Navy (2016), Tulane (2019) and Tulsa (2020). They are the only schools who have played in the game as a league member. However, current conference affiliates have competed in the game 13 times in the bowl's 18 years--Houston (5x: 2005, 2008, 2009, 2014, 2017); Tulsa (3x: 2006, 2011, 2020); Navy (2x: 2013, 2016); Cincinnati (2004); SMU (2010) and Tulane (2019).

Bulldogs In Bowls
This game marks the 24th bowl game for Mississippi State, which has a 13-10 mark in its all-time outings. The Bulldogs are playing in a Texas bowl game for the fourth time, joining the 1974 and 1980 Sun Bowls and the 1998 Cotton Bowl Classic. MSU is 9-4 in its last 13 bowls.

Bowling Like A Hurricane
This is the 22nd bowl game in Golden Hurricane history, and Tulsa owns a 10-11 record in its previous contests. This is the third time that the team has appeared in the Armed Forces Bowl and the seventh time playing a postseason contest in the state of Texas. The list includes: Sun Bowl (1942), Oil Bowl (1946), Bluebonnet Bowl (1964, 1965) and Armed Forces Bowl (2006, 2011, 2020). Just one of the two Armed Forces Bowl appearances was in Fort Worth, as the 2011 tilt was played at SMU's Gerald J. Ford Stadium due to renovations at Amon G. Carter Stadium. Tulsa won its most recent bowl appearance, a 55-10 win over Central Michigan in the 2016 Miami Beach Bowl.

Home And Visitor
Mississippi State is designated as the home team. The Bulldogs will be using the east sideline and the south end zone locker room. Tulsa will be the visitors and will be located on the west sideline and the northwest corner locker room.

Texas On My Mind
Sixty-two players on the Golden Hurricane roster hail from the Lone Star State. In addition, head coach Philip Montgomery is a native of Eastland, Texas, and a graduate of Tarleton State. Three Bulldogs are Texas natives, while head coach Mike Leach spent a decade as the head coach at Texas Tech. In addition, former Mississippi State star Dak Prescott was a finalist for the 2014 Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award, which is based in Fort Worth, before becoming the starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys.

Starting Off Right
The team that has won the coin toss has won eight of the last nine Armed Forces Bowls, including the past five. Overall, the school that won the coin flip is 12-5 (.709).

BOWL HISTORY

Now in its 18th year, the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl was initially known as the Fort Worth Bowl. In 2006, it changed its name to become the only postseason game to honor all branches of the United States armed forces. It proudly is known across the country as "More than a Bowl Game."

Sponsored by PlainsCapital Bank for the 2003 and 2004 contests, the 2005 game was played without a corporate sponsor. Owned and operated by ESPN Regional Television, Inc. (ERT), the Armed Forces Bowl was sponsored for eight years by Fort Worth-based Bell Helicopter (2006-13). Lockheed Martin, a staple of the Fort Worth community, became the title sponsor in the fall of 2014.

The game has been televised annually on ESPN since its inception. Since 2014, First Team Radio has broadcast the game on the Armed Forces Bowl Radio Network. Westwood One (2003-05) and ESPN Radio (2006-13) previously provided the national radio coverage.

Amon G. Carter Stadium on the TCU campus has served as the site of 15 of the previous 17 games. The 2010 and 2011 contests were held at SMU's Gerald J. Ford Stadium in Dallas while TCU's home underwent a massive renovation.

The bowl has featured teams from nine conferences as well as three independent schools. The conferences represented include: American Athletic, Atlantic Coast, Big 12, Conference USA, Mid-American, Mountain West, Pac-12, Southeastern and Western Athletic.

Tom Starr (2003-08) was the first executive director of the Armed Forces Bowl. In 2009, Brant Ringler succeeded Starr as the bowl's executive director. He also is the executive director of the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl in Dallas.

Joining The Ranks

Tulsa, ranked No. 24 in the College Football Playoff Ranking, is the fourth top-25 team ever to play in the game. The first edition, known as the Fort Worth Bowl, featured No. 18 Boise State against No. 19 TCU. In 2018, Army West Point was ranked 22nd nationally.

It's Not Over Til It's Over

Nearly half (8 of 17) of the Armed Forces Bowl games have been decided by a touchdown or less, including five by three points or less. That includes a 35-34 victory by Houston over Pittsburgh in January of 2015 that featured the largest comeback in regulation in any bowl game ever (25 points). The Cougars trailed 31-6 with under 11 minutes remaining and 34-13 with less than four minutes left. Houston scored 22 points in the game's final 3:41, successfully recovering a pair of onside kicks in that time. Under interim head coach David Gibbs, the Cougars won the game with :59 left after successfully electing to go for a 2-point conversion.

Rise And Shine

This is the 14th consecutive year that the game is being played during the day. It is the 10th time, and the second straight year, that the game has kicked off prior to noon.

And A Happy New Year

This year's game is being played on New Year's Eve for the fourth time in the bowl's history and the first time since 2009. The Armed Forces Bowl was contested on the last day of the calendar three straight years from 2007-09. Each of those games also kicked off during the 11 a.m. (CT) hour.

Home Or Road Is A Toss Up

The school designated as the visiting team has won nine of the 17 games, but has lost three in a row. Home teams to win include: Boise State (2003), Cincinnati (2004), Utah (2006), Air Force (2009), Houston (2014), Army West Point (2017, 2018) and Tulane (2019).

Circling The Bases

Until this year, the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl has been the only collegiate football bowl game to host all three U.S. Service Academy football teams–Air Force (2007, 2008, 2009, 2012 and 2015), Army West Point (2010, 2017, 2018) and Navy (2013, 2016). In 2020, Army will play in the Liberty Bowl, making that game the second to host all three. The 2020 Armed Forces Bowl marks just the fourth time in the past 14 years that neither team in the matchup is an academy squad.

Not Sure Weather It Matters

The average temperature over the 17 previous Armed Forces Bowls has been 47 degrees. Last year's temperature (48) was just above that average. The highest temperature came during the 2005 game between Kansas and Houston (67 degrees). The coldest game was played in 2004, when Cincinnati and Marshall played in 28-degree conditions with a wind chill of 15.

Feels A Little NFL Drafty Here

Eighty players who have participated in the Armed Forces Bowl since it began in 2003 have been selected in the NFL Draft, including six in 2020. Six former bowl participants were NFL first-round picks, highlighted by California quarterback and 2015 game MVP Jared Goff (No. 1 overall by the Los Angeles Rams in 2016). Other first-rounders include: Kansas defensive back Aqib Talib (2008), Cal center Alex Mack (2009), Cal defensive tackle Tyson Alualu (2010), BYU defensive end Ezekiel Ansah (2013) and San Diego State running back Rashaad Penny (2018).

All-TIME ARMED FORCES BOWL COACHES

Season	Champion	Runner-Up
2003	Dan Hawkins, Boise State	Gary Patterson, TCU
2004	Mark Dantonio, Cincinnati	Bob Pruett, Marshall
2005	Mark Mangino, Kansas	Art Briles, Houston
2006	Kyle Whittingham, Utah	Steve Kragthorpe, Tulsa
2007	Jeff Tedford, California	Troy Calhoun, Air Force
2008	Kevin Sumlin, Houston	Troy Calhoun, Air Force
2009	Troy Calhoun, Air Force	Kevin Sumlin, Houston
2010	Rich Ellerson, Army	June Jones, SMU
2011	Bronco Mendenhall, BYU	Bill Blankenship, Tulsa
2012	David Bailiff, Rice	Troy Calhoun, Air Force
2013	Ken Niumatalolo, Navy	Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee
2014	David Gibbs, Houston (Interim)	Joe Rudolph, Pittsburgh (Interim)
2015	Sonny Dykes, California	Troy Calhoun, Air Force
2016	Skip Holtz, Louisiana Tech	Ken Niumatalolo, Navy
2017	Jeff Monken, Army West Point	Rocky Long, San Diego State
2018	Jeff Monken, Army West Point	Major Applewhite, Houston
2019	Willie Fritz, Tulane	Jay Hopson, Southern Miss

ALL-TIME ARMED FORCES BOWL STARR MVPS

Season	Champion	Runner-Up
2003	QB Ryan Dinwiddie, Boise State	QB Brandon Hassell, TCU
2004	QB Gino Guidugli, Cincinnati	WR Josh Davis, Marshall
2005	QB Jason Swanson, Kansas	QB Kevin Kolb, Houston
2006	P/PK Louie Sakoda, Utah	QB Paul Smith, Tulsa
2007	QB Kevin Riley, California	QB Shaun Carney, Air Force
2008	RB Bryce Beall, Houston	RB Jared Tew, Air Force
2009	RB Asher Clark, Air Force	WR Tyron Carrier, Houston
2010	LB Stephen Anderson, Army West Point	WR Darius Johnson, SMU
2011	WR Cody Hoffman, BYU	DB Dexter McCoil, Tulsa
2012	WR Jordan Taylor, Rice	LB Austin Niklas, Air Force
2013	QB Keenan Reynolds, Navy	LB T.T. Barber, Middle Tennessee
2014	RB Kenneth Farrow, Houston	QB Chad Voytik, Pittsburgh
2015	QB Jared Goff, California	QB Karson Roberts, Air Force
2016	WR Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech	QB Zach Abey, Navy
2017	QB Ahmad Bradshaw, Army West Point	RB Rashaad Penny, San Diego State
2018	QB Kelvin Hopkins Jr., Army West Point	TE Romello Brooker, Houston
2019	QB Justin McMillian, Tulane	WR Quez Watkins, Southern Miss

ARMED FORCES BOWL INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Category	No.	Player, School, Season
Rushing Yards	221	Rashaad Penny, San Diego State, 2017
Rushing Attempts	27	Jared Tew, Air Force, 2008
Rushing Touchdowns	5	Kelvin Hopkins Jr., Army West Point, 2018
Longest Rush	81	Rashaad Penny, San Diego State, 2017
Longest Touchdown Rush	81	Rashaad Penny, San Diego State, 2017
Passing Yards	467	Jared Goff, California, 2015
Pass Attempts	41	Case Keenum, Houston, 2009
Pass Completions	29	Ryan Higgins, Louisiana Tech, 2016
Passes Had Intercepted	6	Case Keenum, Houston, 2009
Passing Touchdowns	6	Jared Goff, California, 2015
Longest Pass	64 (TD)	Zach Abey to Darryl Bonner, Navy, 2016
Longest Touchdown Pass	64	Zach Abey to Darryl Bonner, Navy, 2016
Total Yards	451	(-16 rush, 467 pass) Jared Goff, California, 2015
Total Offensive Plays	53	(9 rush, 44 pass) Kevin Kolb, Houston, 2005
Points Scored	30	Kelvin Hopkins Jr., Army West Point, 2018
Pass Receptions	12	Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech, 2016
Receiving Yards	233	Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech, 2016
Receiving Touchdowns	3	(3x); last Kenny Lawler, California, 2015
Punts	8	(3x); last Matt Bromell, Southern Miss, 2019
Punt Yards	354	Kevin Fitzpatrick, Tulsa, 2011
Punting Average	50.0	Chase Turner, Houston, 2009
Longest Punt	60	(2x); last Logan Piper, Houston, 2014
Punt Returns	4	(2x); last Marquis Wilson, Utah, 2006
Longest Punt Return	85 (TD)	Brian Murph, Kansas, 2005
Longest Blocked Punt Return	9 (TD)	Antwan Giddens, Cincinnati, 2004
Kickoff Returns	6	(3x); last Jonathan Warzeka, Air Force, 2017
Kickoff Return Yards	175	Jonathan Warzeka, Air Force, 2009
Longest Kickoff Return	100 (TD)	Jonathan Warzeka, Air Force, 2009
Interceptions	3	Anthony Wright, Air Force, 2009
Interception Yards	38	Josh Jackson, Army, 2010
Longest Interception Return	38	Josh Jackson, Army, 2010
Forced Fumbles	3	James Nachital, Army West Point, 2018
Fumble Returns	2	T.T. Barber, Middle Tennessee, 2013
Fumble Return Yards	55	Joshua McNary, Army, 2010
Sacks	3.5	James Nachital, Army West Point, 2018
Sack Yards	29	James Nachital, Army West Point, 2018
Total Tackles	23	Marcus McGraw, Houston, 2009
Unassisted Tackles	13	Marcus McGraw, Houston, 2008
Assisted Tackles	13	Marcus McGraw, Houston, 2009
Tackles for Loss	5	Kyle Van Noy, BYU, 2011
Yards Lost	23	Kyle Van Noy, BYU, 2011
Field Goals Attempted	4	(2x); last Ryan Harrison, Air Force, 2008
Field Goals Made	4	Louie Sakoda, Utah, 2006
Extra Points Attempted	10	John Abercrombie, Army West Point, 2018
Extra Points Made	10	John Abercrombie, Army West Point, 2018
Longest Field Goal Made	52	Chris Blewitt, Pittsburgh, 2014
Longest Field Goal Attempted	55	Ryan Harrison, Air Force, 2008
Points Scored Kicking	13	(2x); last Matt Anderson, California, 2015

ARMED FORCES BOWL TEAM RECORDS

Category	No.	School, Season
Points in a Game	70	Army West Point, 2018
Points in a Quarter	29	Houston, 2014 (4th)
Points in a Half	42	Army West Point, 2018 (1st)
Total First Downs	31	(2x); last Army West Point, 2017
First Downs Rushing	28	Army West Point, 2017
First Downs Passing	19	Louisiana Tech, 2016
First Downs By Penalty	5	Louisiana Tech, 2016
Rushing Yards in a Game	507	Army West Point, 2018
Rushing Yards in a Quarter	161	Army West Point, 2018 (1st)
Rushing Yards in a Half	254	Army West Point, 2018 (1st)
Rushing Attempts	87	Army West Point, 2017
Rushing Touchdowns	8	Army West Point, 2018
Passing Yards in Game	467	California, 2015
Passing Yards in Quarter	237	Houston, 2014 (4th)
Passing Yards in Half	277	California, 2015 (1st)
Passing Attempts	45	Southern Miss, 2019
Pass Completions	29	Louisiana Tech, 2016
Passing Touchdowns	6	California, 2015
Passes Had Intercepted	6	Houston, 2009
Total Yards in a Game	592	Army West Point, 2018
Total Yards in a Quarter	228	Boise State, 2003 (2nd)
Total Yards in a Half	331	Rice, 2012 (2nd)
Total Offensive Plays	91	Army West Point, 2017
Average Gain Per Play	9.5	Army West Point, 2018
Long Drive (Yards)	92	(2x); last Pittsburgh, 2014 (1st)
Long Drive (Plays)	18	(3x); last Air Force, 2009 (3rd/4th)
Long Drive (Time)	11:19	Army West Point, 2017 (3rd)
Fumbles	5	Rice, 2012
Fumbles Lost	3	Rice, 2012
Penalties	14	Kansas, 2005
Penalty Yards	138	Kansas, 2005
Punts	8	(3x); last Southern Miss, 2019
Punt Yards	354	Tulsa, 2011
Average Per Punt	48.2	Tulane, 2019
Punt Return Number-Yards	6-108	Kansas, 2005
Kickoff Return Number-Yards	8-372	Air Force, 2009
Interceptions	6	Air Force, 2009
Interception Return Yards	45	Kansas, 2005
Fumbles Recovered	3	Air Force, 2012
Fumble Return Yards	55	Army West Point, 2010
Time of Possession	46:00	Army West Point, 2017
Third-Down Conversion Pct.	7/7 (1.000)	Army West Point, 2018
Fourth-Down Conversion Pct.	3/3 (1.000)	Air Force, 2009
Red Zone Scores-Chances	8/9 (.889)	Army West Point, 2018
Sacks By	10	Army West Point, 2018
Sack Yards	75	Army West Point, 2018
Field Goals Made	4	Utah, 2006
Field Goals Attempted	4	(2x); last Air Force, 2008

ARMED FORCES BOWL COMBINED TEAM RECORDS

Category	No.	School, Season
Points in a Game	93	Louisiana Tech (48) vs. Navy (45), 2016
Points in a Half	56	California (35) vs. Air Force (21), 2015 (1st)
Points in a Quarter	39	Houston (29) vs. Pittsburgh (10), 2014 (2nd)
First Downs Total	56	Louisiana Tech (31) vs. Navy (25), 2016
First Downs Rushing	35	Army West Point (28) vs. San Diego State (7), 2017
First Downs Passing	24	(3x); last Louisiana Tech (19) vs. Navy (5), 2016
First Downs By Penalty	8	Louisiana Tech (5) vs. Navy (3), 2016
Rushing Yards	695	Army West Point (440) vs. San Diego St (255), 2017
Rushing Attempts	108	Army West Point (81) vs. San Diego St (21), 2017
Rushing Touchdowns	9	(2x); last Army West Point (8) vs. Houston (1), 2018
Passing Yards	661	California (467) vs. Air Force (149), 2015
Pass Attempts	76	Houston (40) vs. Kansas (32), 2005
Pass Completions	43	Utah (23) vs. Tulsa (20), 2006
Passes Had Intercepted	6	Houston (6) vs. Air Force (0), 2009
Passing Touchdowns	8	California (6) vs. Air Force (2), 2015
Total Yards	1,020	California (586) vs. Air Force (434), 2015
Total Offensive Plays	150	(2x); last Houston (65) vs. Air Force (85), 2008
Fumbles	7	Rice (5) vs. Air Force (2), 2012
Fumbles Lost	5	Rice (3) vs. Air Force (2), 2012
Penalties	18	Kansas (14) vs. Houston (4), 2005
Penalty Yards	192	Kansas (138) vs. Houston (54), 2005
Punts	16	Tulsa (8) vs. BYU (8), 2011
Average Per Punt	47.2	Navy (47.3) vs. Kansas (47.0), 2016
Punt Returns	8	Kansas (6-108) vs. Houston (2-5), 2005
Punt Return Yards	113	Kansas (6-108) vs. Houston (2-5), 2005
Kickoff Returns	16	California (6) vs. Air Force (10), 2015
Kickoff Return Yards	361	California (136) vs. Air Force (225), 2015
Interceptions	6	Air Force (6) vs. Houston (0), 2009
Interception Return Yards	45	(2x), last Kansas (45) vs. Houston (0), 2005
Fumble Returns	2	BYU (2) vs. Tulsa (0), 2011
Fumble Return Yards	55	Army (1-55) vs. SMU (0-0), 2010
3rd-Down Conversions	18	Houston (7) vs. Air Force (11), 2008
3rd-Down Attemptss	37	BYU (21) vs. Tulsa (16), 2011
4th-Down Conversions	4	(3x); last Air Force (3) vs. Houston (1), 2009
4th-Down Attempts	6	Air Force (5) vs. Cal (1), 2007
Red Zone Scores-Chances	11/12	Louisiana Tech (7/8) vs. Navy (4/4), 2016
Red Zone Total Chances	14	Houston (9) vs. Air Force (5), 2008
Total Sacks	10	Army West Point (10) vs. Houston (0), 2018
Sack Yards	74	Army West Point (74) vs. Houston (0), 2018

ARMED FORCES BOWL TOP INDIVIDUAL GAMES

250-YARD PASSERS

Player, School (Season)	Att	Comp	Yards	TD	INT	Long
Jared Goff, California (2015)	25	37	467	6	0	55
Ryan Higgins, Louisiana Tech (2016)	29	40	405	4	0	51
Ryan Dinwiddie, Boise State (2003)	19	35	325	3	2	54
Jason Swanson, Kansas (2005)	19	29	307	4	0	48
Kyle Padron, SMU (2010)	23	34	302	2	2	45
Greg Ward Jr., Houston (2014)	15	24	274	3	0	43
Kevin Riley, California (2007)	16	19	269	3	0	52
Driphus Jackson, Rice (2012)	15	21	264	2	0	35
Case Keenum, Houston (2008)	22	33	252	1	1	40
Riley Nelson, BYU (2011)	40	17	250	3	2	35

100-YARD RUSHERS

Player, School (Season)	No	Yards	TD	Long	Avg.
Rashaad Penny, San Diego State (2017)	14	221	4	81	15.8
Ahmad Bradshaw, Army West Point (2017)	32	180	2	27	5.6
Jared Tew, Air Force (2009)	26	173	2	71	6.7
Kelvin Hopkins Jr., Army West Point (2018)	11	170	5	77	15.5
Jared Tew, Air Force (2008)	27	149	2	35	5.5
Justin Forsett, California (2007)	23	140	2	26	6.1
Bryce Beall, Houston (2008)	22	135	1	24	6.1
Asher Clark, Air Force (2009)	17	129	2	36	7.6
Lonta Hobbs, TCU (2003)	23	117	1	19	5.1
Zach Abey, Navy (2016)	25	114	2	30	4.6
Brandon Hassell, TCU (2003)	19	110	1	21	5.8
Shaun Carney, Air Force (2007)	15	108	1	19	7.2
Zach Line, SMU (2010)	17	103	0	17	6.1
Kenneth Farrow, Houston (2014)	22	103	2	17	4.7
Jon Cornish, Kansas (2005)	16	101	0	17	6.3
David Mikell, Boise State (2003)	16	101	1	75	6.3
Jim Ollis, Air Force (2007)	16	101	1	34	6.3

100-YARD RECEIVERS

Player, School (Season)	No	Yards	TD	Long	Avg.
Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech (2016)	12	233	2	51	19.4
Jordan Taylor, Rice (2012)	9	153	3	34	17.0
Darius Johnson, SMU (2010)	9	152	1	37	16.9
T. J. Acree, Boise State (2003)	8	150	1	50	18.8
Robert Jordan, California (2007)	6	148	1	52	24.7
Carlos Henderson, Louisiana Tech (2016)	10	129	2	27	12.9
Cody Hoffman, BYU (2011)	8	122	3	30	15.3
Quez Watkins, Southern Miss (2019)	8	121	1	44	15.1
Tyler Boyd, Pittsburgh (2014)	9	112	0	24	12.4
Reggie Harrell, TCU (2003)	6	107	0	39	17.8
Kyle Griswould, Middle Tennessee (2013)	9	106	0	17	11.8
Hannibal Thomas, Cincinnati (2004)	9	102	0	24	11.3

ARMED FORCES BOWL GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

2003 - Boise State 34, TCU 31

Dec. 23, 2003 – The inaugural game, called the PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl, featured two top 25-ranked schools with double-digit regular-season win totals as Boise State outlasted TCU 34-31. Ryan Dinwiddie's third touchdown pass of the game proved to be the winning score as Boise State (13-1) rallied from a 21-7 first-half deficit to win a bowl game on the road for the first time in school history. Derek Schouman caught an 18-yard pass from Dinwiddie to give the Broncos a 34-31 lead in the game with 12:43 remaining the contest. With TCU (11-2) leading entering the final quarter, the winning score was set up when rover Chris Carr recovered Lonta Hobbs' fumble at the Horned Frogs' 29 early in the fourth period.

2004 - Cincinnati 32, Marshall 14

Dec. 23, 2004 – With the temperature at kickoff 28 degrees with a wind chill of 17 that dropped throughout the game, Cincinnati posted a 32-14 win over Marshall. Bearcat quarterback Gino Guidugli rebounded from an injury to pass for 231 yards and two touchdowns. Wearing a padded glove on his throwing hand, Guidugli completed 24 of 36 passes in the first bowl win for Cincinnati (7-5) since 1997. Marshall (6-7) returned Guidugli's only interception for a score, but the Cincy quarterback then completed 10 straight passes and 14 of 16 in the second quarter. Guidugli threw both scores in that stretch to put the Bearcats ahead to stay. The Thundering Herd, who had won five straight bowl games, had a season-low 134 yards.

2005 - Kansas 42, Houston 13

Dec. 23, 2005 – Houston entered the game with a high-powered offense, but it was Kansas and quarterback Jason Swanson that captured the headlines as the Jayhawks posted a 42-13 win over the Cougars for their first bowl victory and first winning season in 10 years. Swanson passed for 307 yards and four touchdowns, one more than he had in the regular season, as the Jayhawks (7-5) had a season-high 538 yards and won for the fourth time in five games. After leading C-USA with 457 total yards per game during the regular season, Houston (6-6) was held to a season-worst 244, 126 yards below their previous low.

2006 - Utah 25, Tulsa 13

Dec. 23, 2006 – Utah's Louie Sakoda converted all four of his field goal attempts from 45, 45, 41 and 34 yards an added an extra point to lead the Utes to a 25-13 win over Tulsa. After Tulsa took a 7-3 lead on a one-yard run by Paul Smith, Sakoda was successful on field goals of 45 and 41 yards to give Utah the lead for good at 9-6. Sakoda's third field goal was as time expired in the first half. Utah defensive back Eric Weddle provide the final highlight as his interception on the final play of the game came only a minute after scoring on a 4-yard run to cap the Utes' victory.

2007 - California 42, Air Force 36

Dec. 31, 2007 – Backup freshman quarterback Kevin Riley rallied Cal from a 21-0 deficit after 18 minutes of play to score a 42-36 win over Air Force. Riley replaced starter Nate Longshore in the second quarter and finished the game by completing 16 of 19 passes for 269 yards and three touchdowns. Riley's 1-yard TD run with 6:13 left in the game proved to be the winning score as Cal (7-6) also benefited from a 140-yard, two touchdown rushing performance by Justin Forsett, who was playing his final collegiate game only about half-hour from his home. Forsett's first touchdown with 1:33 left in the third quarter came after Air Force (9-4) lost four-year starting quarterback Shaun Carney because of a right knee injury.

2008 - Houston 34, Air Force 28

Dec. 31, 2008 – Houston won its first bowl game since 1980 as the Cougars posted a 34-28 win over Air Force in a rematch of a hurricane-disrupted game 3 1/2 months earlier that the Falcons won in Dallas. Bryce Beall rushed for 135 yards and a touchdown and caught four passes for 92 yards as Houston (8-5) ended its eight-game winless streak in bowl games. Houston's Case Keenum threw for 252 yards and a touchdown and ran for two scores to become only the second Cougar quarterback to pass for more than 5,000 yards in a season. Houston never trailed after the Falcons (8-5) fumbled the opening kickoff and Beall scored on a 1-yard run only 93 seconds into the game.

2009 - Air Force 47, Houston 20

Dec. 31, 2009 – Air Force rushed to a 24-6 halftime lead en route to a 47-20 win over Houston, but back-to-back kickoff returns for touchdowns proved to be the game's most memorable moments. Tyron Carrier returned the opening kickoff of the second half to get Houston (10-4) within 24-13 before Air Force immediately responded with its first kickoff return for a touchdown since 1985 when Jonathan Warzeka ran 100 yards for the score. It was only the sixth major college game since 1996 with kickoff return touchdowns on consecutive plays and first bowl game. Air Force also intercepted Case Keenum six times to tie an all-time bowl record for pass interceptions set initially in 1968.

2010 - Army West Point 16, SMU 14

Dec. 30, 2010 – Sparked by a 55-yard fumble return by defensive end Josh McNary during the opening minutes of play, Army completed its first winning season since 1996 by defeating SMU, 16-14, in front of a sold-out stadium-record crowd of 36,742 at Gerald J. Ford Stadium. Trailing 16-0 at intermission, SMU's Kyle Padron completed 8- and 28-yard scoring passes in the second half to Robinson and Darius Johnson, respectively. But SMU was unable to complete the comeback when Matt Szymanski's 47-yard field goal attempt was wide left with 5:05 left in the game. Army controlled the football for the final four minutes, including a key 22-yard, third-down pass completion from Trent Steelman, who finished the game just 2 of 7 passing.

2011 - BYU 24, Tulsa 21

Dec. 30, 2011 – Cody Hoffman's third touchdown reception of the game with 11 seconds left in the contest lifted BYU to a thrilling 24-21 win over Tulsa. BYU (10-3) drove 48 yards in 12 plays during a 4:08 scoring drive that resulted in a 2-yard touchdown after quarterback Riley Nelson faked a spike and then found Hoffman in the end zone. Hoffman's first touchdown reception from Nelson came with just 12 seconds left in the first half and cut the Golden Hurricane (8-5) lead to 14-10 at intermission. Hoffman's three touchdown receptions established a new bowl record. Dexter McCoil had a pair of interceptions and 10 tackles for Tulsa.

ARMED FORCES BOWL GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

2012 - Rice 33, Air Force 14

Dec. 29, 2012 – Rice quarterback Driphus Jackson, who replaced injured starter Taylor McHargue late in the second quarter, overcame an early miscue to lead the Owls to a 33-14 comeback victory over Air Force. Jackson entered and marched Rice 61 yards to the Falcons' 2-yard line, but with the Owls taking one more shot at scoring a touchdown before halftime, Jackson made a poor pitch on an option play and Air Force recovered the ball, enabling the Falcons to maintain a 14-7 lead. However, Jackson returned with a nearly flawless second half, and finished the game with 296 total yards (264 passing, 32 rushing) and two passing touchdowns.

2013 - Navy 24, Middle Tennessee 6

Dec. 30, 2013 – With the Armed Forces Bowl becoming the first postseason game to host all three service academies, quarterback Keenan Reynolds guided Navy's triple-option offense to a touchdown on the game's opening drive to give the Mids the lead for good in a 24-6 win over Middle Tennessee. Reynolds had a 3-yard score to cap the opening drive for Navy and added a 1-yarder in the fourth quarter. Reynolds upped his NCAA record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback to 31. The only players with more rushing TDs in a season were Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders (37) and Wisconsin's Montee Ball (33).

2014 - Houston 35, Pittsburgh 34

Jan. 2, 2015 – Houston's 25-point comeback in the fourth quarter was the third largest in a bowl game ever as the Cougars rallied from a 31-6 deficit to defeat Pittsburgh 35-34. Greg Ward Jr. threw three touchdown passes in the game's final four minutes for Houston, which recovered a pair of perfectly executed onside kicks by Ty Cummings during the comeback. Ward's 25-yard touchdown pass to Deontay Greenberry with 56 seconds left put the Cougars, who had missed an extra point in the second quarter, down one. With interim coach David Gibbs opting to play for the win, Ward again hooked up with Greenberry on the 2-point conversion for the Cougars' first lead of the game. Ward, who had 366 total yards in the game, completed 11 of 14 passes for 237 yards in the final quarter.

2015 - California 55, Air Force 36

Dec. 29, 2015 – California downed Air Force, 55-36, in a rematch of the 2007 Armed Forces Bowl. The matchup featured the final college game for 2016 NFL overall No. 1 draft pick Jared Goff. Goff, who was selected by the Los Angeles Rams four months later, completed 25 of 37 passes for an Armed Forces Bowl-record 467 passing yards and six touchdowns. His six scoring passes fell one short of tying the all-time NCAA record for touchdowns thrown in a college bowl game. Kenny Lawler was the top target, as he caught five passes for 75 yards and three touchdowns. Cal's victory was its second in the Armed Forces Bowl, and its first bowl win since 2009.

2016 - Louisiana Tech 48, Navy 45

Dec. 23, 2016 – The highest scoring Armed Forces Bowl game in history ended when Louisiana Tech's Jonathan Barnes hit a 32-yard field goal as time expired to give the Bulldogs a 48-45 victory over Navy. The Bulldogs went 70 yards on the winning drive after Navy had knotted the game, 45-45, with 3:46 left. LA Tech's Trent Taylor established new bowl record for catches (12) and receiving yards (233), while catching a pair of touchdowns. Quarterback Ryan Higgins finished 29-of-40 for 409 yards and four touchdowns. Navy signal caller Zach Abey rushed for 114 yards and two touchdowns and also passed for one. Combined, the teams produced 956 yards of offense.

2017 - Army West Point 42, San Diego St. 35

Dec. 23, 2017 – Army West Point scored 14 points in the game's final half-minute to upend San Diego State, 42-35. After the Black Knights scored a touchdown and 2-point conversion to take a 36-35 lead with 18 seconds left, Army returned an Aztec fumble for a touchdown on the game's final play. Army quarterback and game MVP Ahmad Bradshaw ran for 180 yards and two touchdowns. Army set Armed Forces Bowl records for time of possession (46:00), rushing yards (440), total first downs (31), rushing touchdowns (5) and total offensive plays (91). San Diego State running back Rashaad Penny smashed game records with 221 rushing yards and four touchdowns on just 14 carries. The two teams combined for only 31 passing yards, completing 7-of-13 attempts.

2018 - Army West Point 70, Houston 14

Dec. 22, 2018 – Army West Point became the first program in Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl history to become a three-time champion by virtue of its 70-14 victory over Houston. The Black Knights matched all-time, all-bowl records for points scored (70) and margin of victory (56). Army rushed for an Armed Forces Bowl record 507 yards en route to a bowl-best 592 yards of total offense. Quarterback Kelvin Hopkins Jr. found the end zone on five of his 11 rushes and amassed 170 yards on the ground as he was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Defensively, the Black Knights obliterated the LMAFB mark with 10 sacks, including 3 ½ by James Nachtigal. The game was the first-ever sellout in Armed Forces Bowl annals. The win gave Army its first-ever 11-win season in the program's storied history.

2019 - Tulane 30, Southern Miss 13

Jan. 4, 2020 – Tulane rallied from a 13-point first-half deficit to score the game's final 30 points in a 30-13 victory over Southern Miss in the 17th edition of the game. As a result, Tulane won bowl games in consecutive seasons for the first time in 126 years of football. The Green Wave didn't lead until 6:16 in the third quarter when a Merek Glover field goal put Tulane ahead 16-13. Tulane quarterback and Bowl MVP Justin McMillan was 7-for-8 with 166 yards and three touchdowns in the third quarter. An injury to USM starting quarterback Jack Abraham sidelined him in the second half after he completed 17 of 23 passes for 167 yards and a touchdown and ran for a score in the opening stanza. Tulane's defense held USM to no points and 160 yards of offense in the second half.

ARMED FORCES MERIT AWARD

Created to honor an individual and/or group that has brought distinction and recognition to both their service in the armed forces and/or the sport of football, the Armed Forces Merit Award is presented by the Football Writers Association of America. Serving in the U.S Army from 2013-16, Collin O'Donnell was injured in Afghanistan and after two years at Walter Reed National Military Medical Hospital and seven operations to save his foot, he fully rehabilitated and went back home to Buffalo, N.Y., where he began training with the sole intention of playing college football. O'Donnell, who maintains a 3.4 GPA, is a captain on the Bluefield College football team. In his first two seasons with the Rams, O'Donnell has compiled 34 total tackles in 15 games. O'Donnell has 7.5 tackles for losses (19.5 yards), one sack (seven yards) and two passes broken up.

All-Time Recipients

Year	Winner	School	Position	Branch Served
2012	Nate Boyer	Texas	Long Snapper	U.S. Army
2013	Brandon McCoy	North Texas	Defensive Line	U.S. Army
2014	Daniel Rodriguez	Clemson	Wide Receiver	U.S. Army
2015	Brett Robertson	Westminster (Mo.)	Safety	U.S. Army
2016	Steven Rhodes	Middle Tennessee	Defensive End	U.S. Marines
2017	Kansas State Football	Kansas State	Team	N/A
2018	Dr. Chris Howard	Robert Morris	President	U.S. Air Force
2019	Mike Viti	Army West Point	Assistant Coach	U.S. Army
2020	Collin O'Donnell	Bluefield (Va.)	Defensive Line	U.S. Army

GREAT AMERICAN PATRIOT AWARD

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All-Time Recipients

2006 - Gordon England, the Deputy Secretary of Defense for the United States
2007 - Preston "Pete" Geren, the Secretary of the Army
2008 - General David Petraeus, United States Army
2009 - The men and women of the United States Armed Services. (Admiral Michael G. 'Mike' Mullen, U.S. Navy, the 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, accepted the award on behalf of the Armed Forces.)
2010 - Admiral Thad Allen, United States Coast Guard
2011 - Staff Sergeant Salvatore A. Giunta, Medal of Honor recipient
2012 - General Norton A. Schwartz, former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force
2013 - Admiral William H. McCraven, United States Special Operations Command
2014 - General Peter Pace, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
2015 - General Mark A. Welsh, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force
2016 - Chris Kyle, Navy SEAL
2017 - Kay Granger, United States Congresswoman
2018 - Team Rubicon
2019 - David Bellavia, United States Army
2020 - General Charles Q. Brown, Jr., Chief of Staff of the Air Force

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