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CONR to fly air patrols for Super Bowl XLV

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Continental U.S. NORAD Region fighters will be busy during Super Bowl XLV protecting the skies around Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

Air Force fighter jets will be airborne Sunday enforcing the Federal Aviation Administration's temporary flight restriction zone during Sunday's big game.

Maj. Gen. Garry Dean, CONR commander, explains how CONR provides air defense for the protection of the continental United States, to include special events such as this year's Super Bowl.

"Defending the airspace over the Super Bowl is a part of our day in and day out mission of providing air defense for the continental United States," General Dean said. "The Super Bowl is one of many special security events that CONR is responsible for defending each year. CONR, along with our other interagency air defenders; the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Federal Aviation Administration and local law enforcement will be protecting the airspace surrounding the stadium."

In preparation for the Super Bowl, the FAA will be imposing a Temporary Flight Restriction over the greater Arlington area. Air Force fighters will be on patrol, and CBP assets will also be flying during the event. This interagency partnership helps ensure the safety of the skies over the stadium.

"CONR, America's Air and Space Operations Center and our interagency partners will be enforcing the temporary flight restriction the FAA has put in place for the Super Bowl," said Col. Randy Spear, 601st AOC commander. "For some, Super Bowl Sunday is the highlight of the football season; for America's AOC it's a part of our daily mission set providing air defense for the homeland."

Air patrols are carefully planned and closely controlled to ensure public safety while demonstrating CONR's rapid response capability. CONR has conducted air patrols throughout the United States since the beginning of Operation Noble Eagle, the command's response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. CONR flights will have minimal impact on aircraft in the area and are not in response to any specific threat.

"On Super Bowl Sunday, we want everyone to enjoy the game knowing that CONR and our interagency air defenders are on the job watching the skies," General Dean said.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information on America's AOC and their mission visit www.facebook.com/AmericasAOC and log on to become a fan today. For more information on CONR's air defense efforts during Super Bowl XLV contact Capt. Jared Scott, 601st AOC Public Affairs, (850) 282-0725, or via e-mail at andrew.scott@tyndall.af.mil.