

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



ANNIVERSARY ANNALS

Many milestones are being celebrated in 2007.

The United States Air Force is celebrating its 60th year of service. *USA Today* commemorates its 25th anniversary of publication.

2007 also marks 500 years since the continent of America was named after Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci, and 400 years since the founding of Jamestown, Virginia. The United States will also honor the 220th anniversary of the ratification of the Constitution.

And who could forget when four-time Pro Bowl guard **RUSS GRIMM** of the Washington Redskins said, "I would run over my own mother to win the Super Bowl," 25 years ago. Grimm went on to win three Super Bowls...without any harm coming to his mother.

There are a lot of memorable anniversaries in the NFL in 2007:

Celebration	Anniversary
115th	William "Pudge" Heffelfinger becomes first professional football player (1892).
110th	The Latrobe Athletic Association football team becomes the first team to play a full season with only professional players (1897).
105th	A precursor to what would eventually become the Super Bowl called the World Series of pro football is played for the first time (1902).
85th	The American Professional Football Association changes its name to the National Football League (1922).
75th	The Eagles, Steelers and Redskins franchises are founded (1932).
55th	The Pittsburgh Steelers are the last pro team to abandon the single-wing in favor of the T-formation (1952).
45th	The NFL reaches a single-network agreement with CBS for telecasting all regular-season games for \$4.65 million annually (1962).
40th	Denver defeats Detroit in a preseason game, 13-7, to notch the AFL's first win over an NFL team (8/15/67).
25th	The inbounds lines are moved closer to the center of the field so that they are 23 yards, 1 foot, 9 inches from the sidelines (1972).
20th	The first two NFL games on ESPN produce the two highest-rated and most-watched sports programs in basic cable history (1987).
5th	The NFL kicks off on Thursday night for the first time in history (2002).