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### **ASTRONAUT BUZZ ALDRIN TO APPEAR AT 2011 ARMY VS. NAVY ALLEGIANCE BOWL**

**Saratoga Springs, NY...** The organizing committee for the annual Adirondack Trust Allegiance Bowl has just announced that Apollo 11 astronaut Dr. Buzz Aldrin, pilot of the first manned mission to the Moon, will attend the event and participate in the pre-game ceremonies. The game will be held on September 17, 2011 in Saratoga Springs. Dr. Aldrin is also the Honorary Chair of the 2011 Adirondack Trust Allegiance Bowl.

Dr. Aldrin will present the American Flag which has flown over the U.S. Capital and brought to the game via the Saratoga Skydivers parachute team. He will also officiate the ceremonial pre-game coin toss.

The charity sprint football game will feature one of sport's greatest rivalries; Dr. Aldrin's alma mater, the United States Military Academy at West Point (Army), and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis (Navy). Proceeds from the event will benefit the Saratoga Springs Pop Warner youth football and cheerleading programs.

On July 20, 1969, Dr. Aldrin and Neil Armstrong became the first two humans to set foot on another world. Dr. Aldrin spent 21 hours on the lunar surface with the largest television audience in history, an estimated 600 million people worldwide, watching this unprecedented heroic endeavor.

No stranger to the sport of football, Dr. Aldrin played center on the 1946 Montclair (NJ) State High School Championship football team, and his love of the sport continues today. "I have seen many Army-Navy football games and know that the 2011 Allegiance Bowl will be an epic contest between two great teams," he said.

The Allegiance Bowl Committee extends its heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Aldrin for his commitment to the Allegiance Bowl and for his scheduled appearance at the game and in helping to make the Adirondack Trust Allegiance Bowl, "America's Premier Sprint Football Event."

The Adirondack Trust Allegiance Bowl features varsity teams from the (CSFL) and benefits local youth programs. Since its inception in 2005, the Allegiance Bowl has raised over \$50,000 for local youth charities.

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