

To honor the memory of those who died while in service to our country, the Carolina Panthers players wore a decal with the initials of a fallen service member on their helmets November 13, 2017 when they faced the Miami Dolphins at Bank of America Stadium. During the game their loved ones were welcomed onto the field to receive a replica helmet with the decal, signed by their players.

"The men and women of the Armed Forces, and their families, embody the best of our country," said head coach Ron Rivera. "We are grateful beyond measure for their service, commitment and sacrifice. It is a privilege to recognize all those who serve, and an honor to remember the legacy of our fallen service men and women."

Each player received a bio and picture of the service member they will honor. All fallen heroes have a connection to the Carolinas – they trained or deployed from a base in the Carolinas or were natives of the region. Recognized service members were identified and randomly paired with players with the help of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS).

Honoring Chris' legacy were #84-Tight End Ed Dickson; #55 Linebacker David May; and #31 Defensive Back Jairus Byrd.

