

Still time to join the Super Bowl crew

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Join the stage crew

There's still time for local football and music fans to be a part of the stage crew for the **pregame** and **halftime shows** at Super Bowl XLII.

Six hundred men and women are being sought to help set up stages and perform other duties for performances by **Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers**, Glendale's **Jordin Sparks** and other artists to be announced.

Volunteers must be 18 or older and willing to attend rehearsals. They will not receive game tickets, but organizers promise a behind-the-scenes look at how the game entertainment is staged.

Go to www.superbowlproductions.com for details.

Dine with gridiron greats

The Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund has put a limited number of tickets on sale for **Mike Ditka's Gridiron Greats Dinner Of Champions**. The event will take place at 7 p.m. Jan. 30 at **the Castle** in Chandler.

Funds raised from the event will provide assistance to retired NFL players.

Among those attending the dinner will be **Ditka, Dick Butkus, "Mean" Joe Greene, Lawrence Taylor, Michael Irvin, Ed "Too Tall" Jones and Fred Belitnikoff**.

Fans can attend a VIP autograph reception and then be seated at a table with one of the NFL legends. The event will also feature a question-and-answer session and silent and live auctions.

Tickets range from \$250 to \$1,000, and a portion of the price is tax-deductible. They can be purchased online at gridirongreats.org or by calling 1-800-708-1078.

Luxe airport amenities

JETS.com, a private jet membership services company, has partnered with the official fixed-base-operator for Super Bowl XLII, **Swift Aviation**, to provide amenities to arriving and departing Super Bowl guests at Phoenix's Sky Harbor International Airport.

Beginning with a red-carpet reception, JETS .com will welcome travelers to Arizona with complementary hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, lanyards for game tickets and the option to take a free photo with fellow travelers to kick off their stay.

JETS also will be providing luxury SUVs to transport guests to their hotels or directly to the game. Private-jet guests flying into Sky Harbor can also take advantage of Swift Aviation's luxury

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Cadillac sponsors 3 events

Cadillac will be the presenting sponsor of three NFL Alumni Inc. events during Super Bowl weekend: the **Player of the Year Dinner, Super Bowl of Golf Showcase** and **Sporting Clays Team Challenge**.

The dinner is set for Feb.1 at the **Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa** at Gainey Ranch.

New England Patriots **Tom Brady** and **Randy Moss** were among 10 current stars voted in by former players as NFL Alumni 2007 Player of the Year honorees. Green Bay Packers coach **Mike McCarthy** will receive the **Don Shula** Coach of the Year Award. Winners will receive their awards from a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame who once played the same position. Shula will present his eponymous award.

A golf showcase at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club will precede the dinner that morning. Each team will have an NFL captain and will be competing for Tiffany trophies.

The shooting challenge, with teams led by NFL Alumni captains, takes place at Rio Salado Sportsman's Club in Tempe on Feb. 2.

NFL Alumni is a charity group consisting of former NFL players and associate members who work voluntarily to raise funds for youth causes. Details: www.nflalumni.org.

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