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The King of Spain advocates a quick restart of the NFL League

Monarch surprises the father of a player

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USPA NEWS - It was last Saturday, May 30. Spain was celebrating Armed Forces Day and King Felipe VI, as commander-in-chief of the Spanish armies, went to the Retamares base in Madrid to speak by videoconference with various units serving missions abroad - many, shared with the US Army - or that have collaborated in the control of the Coronavirus pandemic. At one point, the monarch broke protocol and had a memory for the NFL League.

Among the soldiers who spoke with the King of Spain was Rear Admiral Villanueva of the Navy. Almost at the end of the conversation that the monarch had with the military units, Felipe VI addressed the sailor and, with a comradely tone, warned him: "Allow me to dislodge you," he said, addressing Rear Admiral Villanueva, "but knowing the presence of part of your family in the United States, I wanted to know how they are, because we know the severity of this pandemic in the United States and how it affects their main activity," added the monarch.

"Majesty, my family, thank God, they are all well, at home and also locked up," replied Rear Admiral Villanueva, who then explained that "the main activity that is the beginning of the NFL is still undefined, if there will be games, if there will be spectators... it is still unknown and we are all looking forward to the beginning of the League."

The conversation between the King and Rear Admiral Villanueva confused the Minister of Defense, Margarita Robles, the Chief of the Defense Staff, Miguel Ãngel Villarroya, and the rest of the military present in the videoconference room of the Retamares base, in Madrid. Until Felipe VI explained, "for the information of the rest, [that] the son of Rear Admiral Villanueva is a football player and, also, well, I think. So we hope the season starts soon." A wish of the monarch that comes at a time when Spain recovers normality after more than two months of confinement by the Coronavirus.

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