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TN Titans' Dike and Simmons named to First-Team AP All-Pro

First time two players named in AP All Pro same season since 2008

NASHVILLE, TENN. January 10, 2026- – Titans punt returner Chimere Dike and defensive tackle Jeffery Simmons were named First-Team AP All-Pro. This marks the first time the Titans have had at least two players named First-Team AP All-Pro in the same season since 2008.

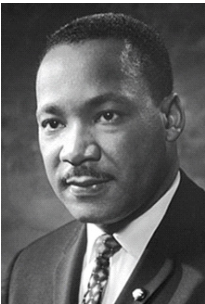
Dike earns his first AP All-Pro First-Team honor and becomes the franchise's fourth rookie to earn first-team AP All-Pro honors since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger (Earl Campbell, 1978; Jevon Kearse, 1999; and Jack Conklin 2016).

He recorded the most all-purpose yards by a rookie in NFL history with 2,427 yards (1,588 kickoff return yards, 398 punt re-

turn yards, 423 receiving yards and 18 rushing yards) surpassing Hall of Fame wide receiver Tim Brown (2,317 in 1988).

A fourth-round selection (103rd overall) this past year, Dike broke the franchise record for single-season punt return average. He totaled 398 yards on 23 returns for an average of 17.3 yards per punt return which eclipsed Billy "White Shoes" Johnson's mark of 15.4 yards per punt return in 1977. His 17.3 average led the league this sea-

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Grok from xAI to advance artificial intelligence goals in Department of War; Pentagon Chief of Digital and Artificial Intelligence announced

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JANUARY 12, 2026 - Cameron Stanley will serve as the next Pentagon Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth announced today during an address at SpaceX headquarters in Starbase, Texas.

The advancement of artificial intelligence within the War Department was a key focal point of the secretary's messaging to industry professionals at SpaceX.

Stanley, an Air Force veteran who recently served in the private sector, along with a team that includes some of the best and brightest who are also from the private sector, is most suited to help the War Department meet the AI goals President Donald J. Trump set in his executive order. "This team will not only provide a catalyst for change in this department but will also act, we be-

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lieve, as a magnet for other talented members of the tech community who want to join us in doing the mission-focused work to protect our great republic," Hegseth said.

Speed is at the forefront of what the CDAO team is expected to do, Hegseth said.

"Speed wins; speed dominates," Hegseth said. "[Stanley] and his team at CDAO will define AI deployment velocity metrics for all the pace-setting projects in the next 30 days, and report at least monthly after that. These will become the new benchmarks for programs across the department." Another key to advancing AI

within the War Department, Hegseth noted, is eliminating naysayers — those whose own work is meant to put barriers in the way of the work of those trying to speed AI to the battlefield.

"We will take a wartime approach to people and policies that block this progress," he said. "Barriers to data sharing, authority to operate ... test and evaluation and contracting are now treated as operational risks, not

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