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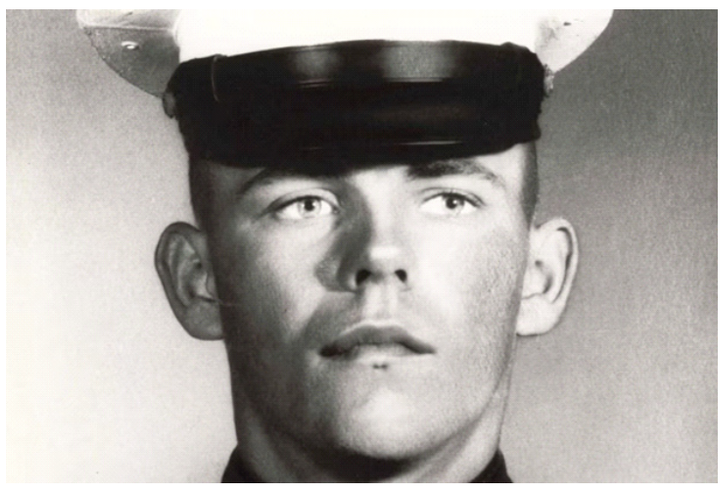
Medal of Honor Profile: Marine Corps Pfc. Jimmy W. Phipps



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May 26, 2025 - Marine Corps Pfc. Jimmy Wayne Phipps was only 18 years old when he sacrificed himself in the Vietnamese jungle so his comrades could survive. The young Marine posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his valor.

Phipps was born on Nov. 1, 1950, in Santa Monica, California, to Samuel and Verna Phipps. He had two brothers, Walter and Jerry, and a sister, Cordelia. They all grew up in Culver City, just outside Los Angeles.

Phipps went to Venice High School but left early so he could enlist in the Marine Corps in January 1968 — he was only 17 years old. By October, he'd completed engineering school and was promoted to private first class. That December, he deployed to Vietnam to serve as a combat engineer with Company B of the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, known as the "Raiders."

According to a 1969 article in the Venice newspaper Evening Vanguard, Phipps was wounded in combat in January and hospitalized for six weeks but returned to duty afterward.

On May 27, Phipps and another combat engineer were sent on a mission near An Hoa, Vietnam, to find and destroy enemy artil-

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U.S. Marine Corps will celebrate 250th Anniversary with Marine Week Nashville

Marine Week Nashville (June 1-7) to be Honored at CMA Fest, NASCAR Cup Series

Special events schedule for June 1-7

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 21, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- The United States Marine Corps announced Marine Week Nashville will take place June 1-7, 2025, as part of the service's 250th Birthday Celebration. Marines will honor the legacy and tradition of service, celebrate Veterans, connect with fellow Americans, and inspire the next generation of leaders to wear the cloth of the nation.

Marine Week Nashville is more than a celebration–it's an opportunity to showcase our warfighting excellence & give back.
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The United States Marine Corps celebrates its 250th birthday in 2025.

This seven-day series of events in Nashville is an opportunity for the community to witness the extraordinary talent and commitment of Marines who serve as a living testament to the Corps' legacy of excellence. The festivities in Music City include signature engagements throughout CMA Fest – The Ultimate Country Music Fan Experience™ – in the heart of Nashville, a Marine band and Silent Drill Platoon performance at the 2025 Folds of Honor Tennessee Rock 'N Jock Celebrity Softball game, a huge presence at the Nashville Superspeedway, daily wreath laying

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The Showboats visit Memphis area vets

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connect. For the Showboats, this visit was about saying thank you. And for the veterans, it was a reminder that they're seen, valued and remembered—not just for their service, but for who they are today.

Tickets for the 2025 Memphis Showboats are available now at uflshowboats.com/tickets. Fans can also reach a ticket specialist by calling 901-341-7008 or sending an email to tickets@uflshowboats.com.

To find out more about the 2025 Memphis Showboats, see the full schedule and more, fans can also click on UFLShowboats.com.

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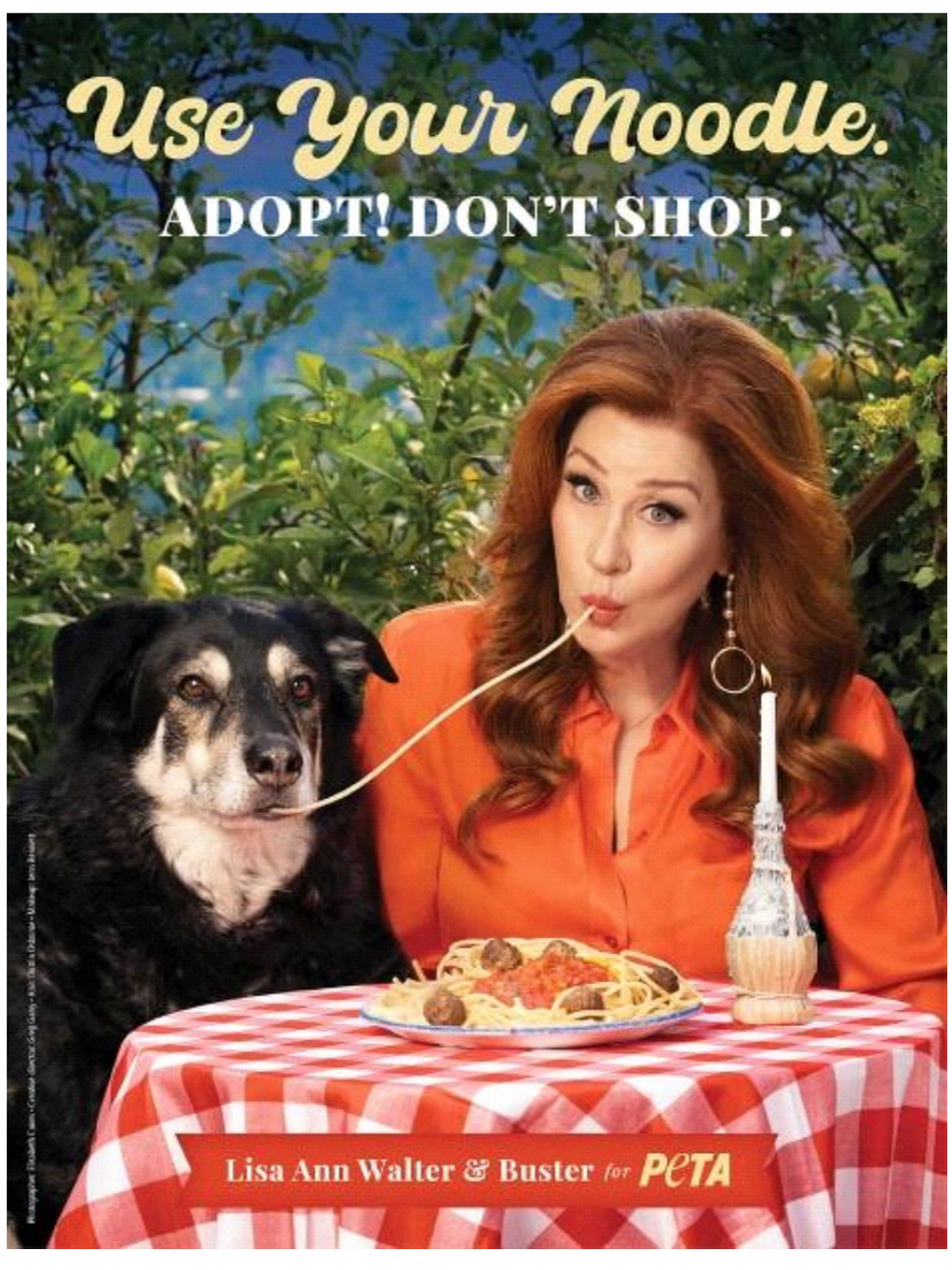
With the visionary backing of RedBird Capital Partners, FOX, Dany Garcia and Dwayne Johnson, the UFL is redefining the football landscape. Built on tradition and positioned to innovate and expand fan engagement and player opportunities, the league is poised for growth with its eight teams in key markets: Arlington (TX), Birmingham (AL), Detroit (MI), Houston (TX), San Antonio (TX), Memphis (TN), St. Louis (MO), and Washington D.C. The UFL is committed to pushing the boundaries of the game and delivering an elevated experience for players, fans, and partners alike.

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