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Medal of Honor Recipient: Marine Corps 1st Lt. Frank Reasoner of Vietnam Conflict

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July 14, 2025, Washington, D.C. When Marine Corps 1st Lt. Frank Stanley Reasoner was surrounded by insurgents deep in enemy territory in Vietnam, he did his best to save the handful of men who were trapped with him. Reasoner lost his life trying to protect them, but his devotion to duty led to a posthumous Medal of Honor.

Reasoner was born Sept. 16, 1937, in Spokane, Washington, to Daisy and Carl Reasoner. He had two younger siblings, Carrie and Mickey.

In 1948, the family moved to Kellogg, Idaho, where Reasoner grew up playing basketball. He graduated from Kellogg High School in 1955 before enlisting in the Marine Corps, three months before his 18th birthday. After training, Reasoner served as an airborne radio operator with Marine Wing Service Group 37 in El Toro, California. He was then transferred to the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Bainbridge, Maryland, before serving as a guard at the Marine Barracks in Annapolis, Maryland.

In the spring of 1958, Reasoner received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he lettered in baseball and wrestling. He also won four straight brigade boxing championships in four different weight classes.

Reasoner graduated in 1962 and returned to the Marine Corps as a second lieutenant. In December



of that year, he married his girlfriend, Sally Dimico. They went on to have a son, Michael.

Over the next three years, Reasoner served with the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion in the Pacific. During that time, he was promoted to first lieutenant.

In April 1965, his battalion was sent to serve with the 4th Marine Regiment in Vietnam. Two months into that deployment, Reasoner was designated a commanding officer for Company A of the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.

On July 12, 1965, Reasoner was leading a reconnaissance patrol deep into enemy territory near Da Nang Air Base. As he led an advance party of five men, they came under extremely heavy fire from approximately 50-100 Viet Cong insurgents in several concealed positions.

Immediately, Reasoner put his men on the offensive, boldly shouting encouragement to them as they tried to fight back. But the fury of the Viet Cong's machine guns and automatic weapons

pinned them down, making it impossible for the group to move forward.

Repeatedly exposing himself to devastating enemy fire, Reasoner skillfully provided cover fire for his men, killing at least two insurgents and effectively silencing one of their automatic weapons positions as he tried to evacuate one of the wounded Marines.

Soon after, the group's radio operator, 22-year-old James Shockley, was wounded. Reasoner quickly ran to him to tend to his injuries. When Shockley tried to move to a covered position, he was hit a second time. Reports showed that Shockley yelled to Reasoner to stay away, but Reasoner refused to leave him. Reasoner pushed forward toward Shockley and was hit at least once before falling to the ground and dying.

Shockley and the other men who survived the firefight took out 16 more enemies after Reasoner fell, reports showed. It was Reasoner's fighting spirit and leadership that helped them survive, his

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On Jan. 31, 1967, Reasoner's widow received the Medal of Honor on his behalf from Navy Secretary Paul H. Nitze during a Pentagon ceremony.

Reasoner is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Kellogg.

He has not been forgotten. Shortly after his death, the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion's camp at Da Nang was renamed Camp Reasoner and dedicated in the Marine's memory. The frigate USS Reasoner was commissioned by the Navy in July 1971 and served for more than 20 years. Reasoner Hall at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, was also named in his honor.

In 1979, the Navy gave Reasoner's family a watercolor painting of the fallen Marine that was later hung in his high school.

This article is part of the Dept. of Defense's weekly series called "Medal of Honor Monday," in which it highlights one of the more than 3,500 Medal of Honor recipients who have received the U.S. military's highest medal for valor.

The Florida Vibe has selected UofM's softball asst. coach Lindy Milkowski to join team

MEMPHIS, Tenn. , July 10, 2025– The Florida Vibe professional softball team has selected Memphis softball assistant coach Lindy Milkowski to join the team, per an announcement by the Vibe On July 10.

The Vibe, a professional fast-pitch team based in Bradenton, Fla., is currently in its fourth season. The Vibe finish out the season with a series against the Oklahoma City Spark, followed by three road series against the Orlando Monarchs, Atlanta Smoke and Oklahoma City Spark.

She is set to be with the team through the remainder of the season with 30 games scheduled across six states. This weekend, the Vibe will compete in the Top Gun Series in Kansas City, Mo.

Milkowski joined the Tigers staff at the beginning of June after a successful collegiate career at Iowa, Eastern Illinois and BYU.

In her playing career, Milkowski was a three-time all-conference honoree, being named to the All-Big 12 First Team in 2025 and earning First Team All-OVC honors in 2022 and being selected to the All-OVC Second Team in 2023. Additionally, she was named to the NFCA All-Mountain Region Second Team

during her senior season. She also was honored as an NFCA/Easton All-American Scholar Athlete in 2022 and earned the OVC Academic Medal of Honor in 2023.

Milkowski finished her collegiate career with a .303 batting average, recording 77 extra-base hits and 138 RBI. In her final season at BYU, she slugged 18 home runs with a .346 average and a 1.217 OPS. Behind the plate, she threw out 36 base-runners, including 18 as a senior. Those 18 runners caught stealing ranked 11th nationally.

With the selection of Milkowski, all four coaches on the Memphis softball staff have played at the professional level. Head Coach Trena Prater, played in the National Pro Fastpitch League from 2004-09. Assistant coach Nerissa Myers spent five seasons in the NPF, earning NPF Offensive Player of the Year Honors in 2014 with the Akron Racers. Assistant coach Erin Arevalo also spent two seasons 2012-13 in the NPF with the Racers.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Softball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

Statement by Chief Pentagon Spokesman Sean Parnell on Payments Under the Helping American Victims Afflicted by Neurological Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. , July, 11, 2025 - The Department of Defense has begun reviewing applications by DoD personnel for payments pursuant to the Helping American Victims Afflicted by Neurological Attacks Act of 2021 (HAVANA Act).

Under the HAVANA Act, DoD employees and their covered dependents who suffered qualifying brain injuries on or after January 1, 2016, in connection with cer-

tain Anomalous Health Incidents (AHI), are eligible for a one-time payment. The Department is committed to helping DoD personnel affected by AHIs.

To find out more information about the DoD's HAVANA Act Benefits Program, to include application procedures, please visit the following website: <https://www.dcpas.osd.mil/havana-act-benefits-program>.

Every dog has his day at ‘Mutts for Putts’ FedEx St. Jude event to adopt... from sports page 1

the Humane Society of Memphis and Shelby County (935 Farm Rd, Memphis, TN) starting today, through Saturday, July 19. Adoption applications should be completed in advance, although walk-ins are accepted.

Each dog adopted through the Mutts and Putts initiative will receive a custom bandana that features Memphis BBQ, along with golf-inspired details. For fans who love BBQ as much as their four-legged friends, the FedEx St. Jude Championship offers plenty of opportunities to enjoy authentic Memphis flavors. The tournament features some of the city's best barbecue, including offerings from the iconic Commissary, known for its pulled pork, tender brisket, classic sides and barbecue nachos.

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"From the course to the kennels, we're committed to making a positive impact in the Memphis community," said Joe Tomek, Executive Director of the FedEx St. Jude Championship. "We're incredibly grateful to the city for supporting us, and Mutts and Putts is a fun way to support the Humane Society of Memphis & Shelby County and give these deserving pups a chance to find their forever families."

the FedEx St. Jude Championship for another year to find wonderful homes for more of our dogs," said Ellen Zahariadis, Executive Director of the Humane Society of Memphis & Shelby County. "We're so grateful for the

opportunity to bring more awareness about the need for adopting animals in Memphis."

The revenue from every ticket, hat, drink, etc., purchased by fans at the FedEx St. Jude Championship gets reinvested back into St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and the community here in Memphis. The FedEx St. Jude Championship is one of the largest charitable partners in the region with more than \$80 million since the tournament's start in 1967. To purchase tickets in support of FedEx St. Jude Championship's charitable mission, please visit: <https://www.fedexchampionship.com>

About the FedEx St. Jude Championship

The FedEx St. Jude Championship is the first of three events in

the FedExCup Playoffs, the culmination of the season-long competition that is the centerpiece of the PGA TOUR Season. Played August 6-10 at TPC Southwind, the FedEx St. Jude Championship features the top 70 players in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List at the conclusion of the regular season. The City of Memphis has held a PGA TOUR event every year since 1958, and 2025 will mark Memphis' fourth year hosting a Playoffs event.

Since 1970, Memphis' PGA TOUR stop has raised more than \$80 million for the tournament's primary charitable beneficiary, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, helping to ensure patients' families never receive a bill and can focus solely on helping their child.

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All military personnel should visit FedExChampionship.com/tickets to claim their tickets, if assistance is needed, please contact: ticketssupport@pga-tourhq.com.

Parking passes are not included in any ticket purchases. A separate parking pass is required each day of tournament week and must be purchased online in advance.

See photos from the opening of the new Special Olympics Arkansas with. Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders on sports page 4.

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