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TN Titans announce a multi-year extension with DT Jeffery Simmons

NASHVILLE, TENN., June 19, 2026 – The Tennessee Titans have signed DT Jeffery Simmons to a multi-year extension, the club announced on Friday.

“Tennessee has become a second home for me. From day one, this organization believed in me, and I’m grateful for the opportunity to continue to pour into this franchise and community,” Simmons said. “I want to thank God, my family, my teammates, Ms. Amy and the entire Titans organization for believing in me. My job isn’t finished. I believe in this locker room and this staff, and I’m focused on helping this team get back to competing for championships.”

“Jeffery Simmons is a pillar for our franchise and embodies what it means to be a Titan. He’s the premier defensive tackle in the National Football League and you win with players like Jeffery,” Titans General Manager

Mike Borgonzi said. “Not only is his leadership on the field what we want our program to represent, but off the field, he sets the standard for our community. I’d like to thank Todd France and AJ Stevens with Athletes First for their communication and efforts to get this deal done. I’d also like to thank Vin Marino, Leland Taylor and Dave Gardi for spearheading negotiations that resulted in a win for everyone. This wouldn’t be possible without the support of Amy and the Adams family. You always want to keep your best players and we accomplished that today. We’re excited for Jeffery to be here in Nashville for the long haul.”

Originally selected by the Titans in the first round (19th overall) of the 2019 NFL Draft, Simmons is a five-time captain, four-time Pro Bowler, three-time All-Pro player and three-time Walter Payton Man of the Year winner

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Pres. Trump and Sec. Hegseth praise Marine Corps Major James Capers, Jr. and Medal of Honor recipients



Secretary of War Pete Hegseth is shown here awarding Marine Corps Major James Capers, Jr., a Vietnam veteran, with the Medal of Honor. (Photo/Courtesy: Dept. of War)

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Dept. of War

June 19, 2026 - President Donald J. Trump and Secretary of War Pete Hegseth lauded the intrepid valor of three servicemen whom the commander in chief awarded the Medal of Honor to at a White House ceremony yesterday. During formal observances in Washington yesterday afternoon and in Arlington, Virginia, this

morning, Trump and Hegseth recounted the heroic actions of three awardees: retired Marine Corps Maj. James Capers Jr., Marine Corps Col. John W. Ripley — both Vietnam War veterans, with Ripley receiving his medal posthumously — and retired Army Maj. Nicholas Dockery, a veteran of the war in Afghanistan.

"As we approach the 250th anniversary of our founding, we re-

member that we owe everything to heroes like those we celebrate today: men who went willingly into the darkest and most dangerous corners of Earth to defeat evil, so we could live free," Trump said just prior to presenting the medals.

Following the awarding of the Medals of Honor, all three men were inducted today into the Hall

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B.A.S.S. and the Pro Football Hall of Fame announce landmark partnership with Celebrity Pro-Am Tournament



BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 16, 2026 — B.A.S.S. and the Pro Football Hall of Fame announced today a landmark partnership that will bring together two of America's most passionate sports communities for a unique celebration of competition, camaraderie and outdoor recreation.

The organizations will host the inaugural Bassmaster Randy Moss Pro Football Hall of Fame Pro-Am on Monday, Aug. 31, 2026, on the world-renowned St. Lawrence River in Clayton, N.Y. The event will pair Pro Football Hall of Fame members with Progressive Bassmaster Elite Series anglers for a one-day tournament

showcasing the skills, personalities and competitive spirit of some of the greatest athletes in sports.

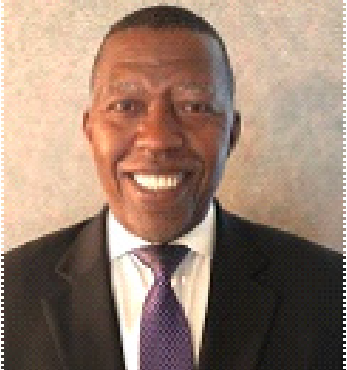
The celebrity Pro-Am will be accompanied by a free fan expo and afternoon weigh-in celebration,

giving fans unprecedented access to Hall of Fame football legends and the world's best bass anglers. The partnership will extend beyond the Pro-Am tournament itself. B.A.S.S. will have a major presence during the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival in Canton, Ohio, Aug. 5-9, 2026, where Bassmaster will host fan engagement activities and introduce football fans to the sport of bass fishing during the annual Hall of Fame celebration.

The partnership represents a natural connection between two organizations built on tradition, excellence and a passionate fan

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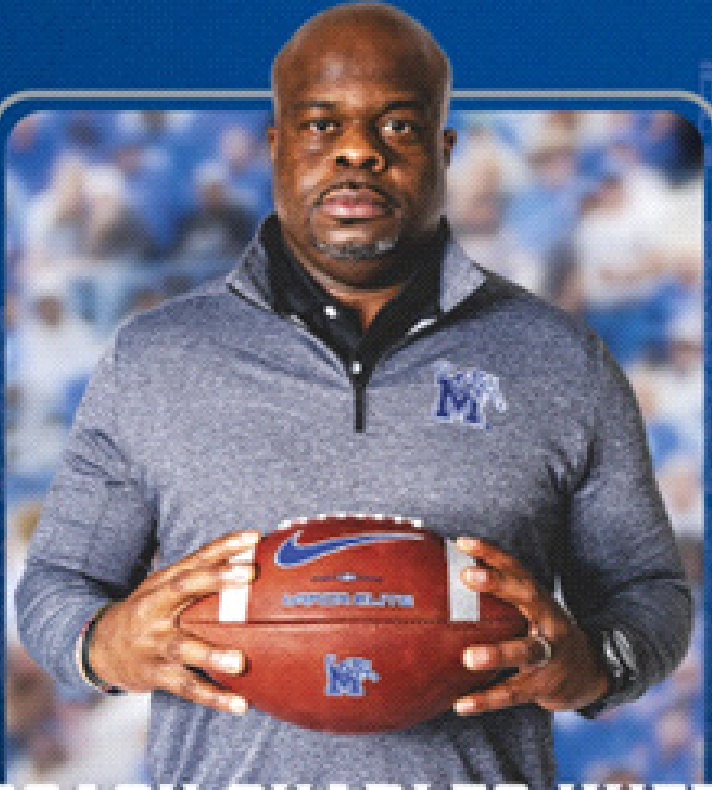
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