D6445 DOGFIGHT (USA, 1991)
(Other titles: Dog fight; Defile)

Credits: director, Nancy Savoca; writer, Bob Comfort.
Summary: Melodrama set in San Francisco in 1963. Devil Dog Cpl. Eddie Birdlace (Phoenix) is out to party hearty with his pals on their last night in San Francisco before shipping out to Vietnam. They make a wager called the Dogfight, where each Marine puts in $50 and the guy who finds the most unattractive date wins. Birdlace finds Rose, an "ugly duckling" who joins him in a night of life-transforming impact.

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