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From the Desk of the National President

Well, according to the calendar, it is Spring. But, if you ask Mother Nature, it appears that it will be just a while longer before the Spring blooms appear.

In April I attended the VAVS National Advisory Council meeting in Tampa, FL. It is such an enlightening experience. There is a wealth of information available at this event regarding how best assist the VAVS staff, tracking your hours and so much more.



In the next couple of months most of you will be attending your Division Conferences and/or Department Conventions. As you do, please be sure to encourage the members there to consider attending the National Convention in Buffalo, NY. It is the only opportunity to have your voice heard and be an active part of the decision-making process. Be a bigger part of what makes your Auxiliary to great!

Also, if there is a Detachment in your area that doesn't have the benefit of an Auxiliary, speak with those members and offer to work with them to start one. Engage the Department President or other officers to assist. It is every member's duty to encourage the growth of the organization and you are the best ambassador there is.

Thank you for all that you do to support the League and strengthen the Auxiliary by providing much needed assistance to our Veterans, their families and the communities you live in. You are each an amazing example of kindness, caring and strength.

Semper Fi,

Karen Aune

National President

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,



3 Things.....

Without you, the member, there is no Units of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. There are 3 things each one of you are encouraged to do:

1. Attend monthly meetings;
2. Recruit New Members & renew current Members;
3. Volunteer

Division Conferences:

Calling all Division Vice President's: Send in the Dates of when you're Division Conference to be listed here.

National MCLA Website:
www.nationalmcla.org

National MODD Fleas Website:
www.nationalmoddfleas.org

National Marine Corps League:
www.mclnational.org/

Funny story...I accompanied my husband by car to Buffalo, NY for the National Convention Committee's final site visit prior to our National Convention to be held there in August. On our second night, we were invited to stay at a hotel at Niagara Falls. When we were preparing to leave, I pushed "Go Home" on our GPS, assuming it would take us back home the same way we arrived, via I-90. The next thing we knew, we were at the Canadian border! Fortunately, we carry our passports with us. We later learned that the shortest route home was across Canada which is why our Garmin instructed us to drive in that direction. When we re-entered the U.S. at Port Huron, MI, we were headed straight to Lansing, MI where our Central Division Conference was being held. Therefore, knowing we needed to stay one night on the road anyway, we checked in to the hotel just in time for me to make about five minutes of the auxiliary meeting. Since the Division conference was not on our itinerary, I had no uniform for the meeting and no formal wear for the banquet, but we really enjoyed the afternoon and evening with our Central Division friends. Thank you to the committee for welcoming us!



I would like to congratulate PNP Virginia Johnson on receiving her 50 year pin as a member of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary while in attendance at the Central Division Conference. What an accomplishment!

Congratulations also to newly elected Central Division Vice President Mary Brief and Assistant VP Loretta See. I am sure that they will make us all proud serving the organization in these capacities. Finally, thank you to Junior Past Central Division Vice President Judy Blackmer, who served loyally and faithfully for the past five years! She has been a wonderful mentor to our members.

Thank you for all you do for our wonderful organization. Keep up the great work on behalf of our Marine family and your communities.

Semper Fidelis,
Carol Smith
National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President
Greetings Ladies!



Wow! This is a busy time of the year for all of us.

Southeast Conference held in Pigeon Forge, TN March 23-25, was excellent & productive. Carol Mazzara is our new Southeast DIV VP Elect. Congratulations to Joyce Brickett, who has served the Southeast Division for five years and will retire in August.

Department of Florida held their Spring Conference in Safety Harbor, Florida April 5 – 8th. Highlights were the Safety Harbor Resort Tour & the Luncheon Fashion Show. The work shop was well attended.

This week was spent for the most part in Tampa Florida at the 72nd Annual VA Voluntary Service, National Advisory Committee and Conference. Karen Bressler our VAVS National Representative & Karen Aune, National President represented the Auxiliary with style. I was pleased to have the opportunity to help with registration. This allowed me to meet many representatives across this great nation. There was a lot of valuable information given.

Recruiting is the best way to keep our auxiliary growing and strong. Our recruiter of the year, Kathy Hoffman's comment still rings true "Just don't take no for an answer." Just the other day a Marine came up to me and said: "My wife would like to be a member, but she does not have time, when she retires she will have time." My answer, we need her now, her dues will help us in our drive to help veterans. As a member paying dues she will get information on areas that she might have time for later. Please encourage her to become a member and here is an application.

Have you recruited a new member this year? Did you sign the application as the recruiter?

Please share your success and ideas.

My door is always open, please feel free to contact me if I can be of any help.

"Forget all the reasons it won't work and believe the one reason that it will."

– Unknown

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B. Joppa

National Jr. Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Dear Auxiliary Sisters:

IS IT SPRING YET? What a difference a week makes. Last week at this time I was watching the snow accumulate on my lawn; this week not only can I see most of my lawn, but daffodils are blooming in my garden.

Audit Part II:

First, I want to restate that auxiliary books should NEVER be audited by a detachment or league member. Ladies, do you really think the detachment or league would permit an auxiliary member to audit their books? I don't think so. The only exception to this would be if the detachment or league member

was also a member of the auxiliary and she was performing the audit as a member of the auxiliary audit committee.

It would be appropriate for a unit or department to audit another unit or department's books if: (1) that unit or department is turning in its charter, to ensure all bills are paid and that all monies have been disbursed appropriately; (2) a new unit requests assistance with its first audit; (3) when an audit it is not performed within the unit or department because it does not meet on a regular basis; or, (4) when a grievance has been filed against the unit or department treasurer.

Ladies, maybe it's time to start thinking outside of the box and come up with alternative ways to perform your audit. One suggestion would be to perform the audit at the same time you hold your installation of officers. Another suggestion would be for three members of the unit or department to meet with the treasurer for lunch and audit the books then.

I realize there are units that do not hold regular meetings due to size, age of membership or other factors. However, our bylaws do stipulate that audits should be conducted every three months and not doing so violates the bylaws. I understand that units and departments are uncomfortable sharing their financial information with another unit or the department, but sometimes we just need to bite the bullet and allow another unit or department to perform the audit for us to remain compliant with the bylaws. I am sure if it is necessary to have your books audited by another unit or the department, your information will be held in strictest confidence.

Until next month...

Semper Fidelis

Linda Chamberlain

National Judge Advocate

From the Desk of the Southeast Division Vice President

Hello Everyone,

It is my pleasure to announce that our division had a very successful conference. Even though there were far less participants than we would have liked, we accomplished division business, became friends and enjoyed ourselves.

This year's conference was held March 22 – 25 in Pigeon Forge, TN and our wonderful hosts were the Smokey Mountain Detachment #1206. At the opening ceremony, National Southeast Division Commandant Archie Sweet introduced me. I thanked our hosts and introduced our MCLA officers. They were National Junior Vice President Evelyn Joppa, Jr PNP Deborah Evans, PNP Alice Blackford, our recently appointed Southeast Division Assistant VP Carol Mazzara, Past Southeast Division Vice President Inda Adams, and Jr Past Madam Big Flea and National Guard Rogene Hackbarth. Also present

were President Jane Paradise of the Lewis G. Watkins Unit in SC and President Charlene Cotton of the Bonnyman Unit in TN.

Our business included recruiting, retention and participation issues. These are important to all of us and we shared some very good ideas. Carol gave a workshop addressing them. A unique idea was to ask detachment members to answer the question..."What does the Marine Corps League Auxiliary mean to you?" I plan to use this idea in a handout and include a space for them to tell us their ideas on how to improve the relationship at our next joint gathering

Deborah led our Operation Little Angel program and introduced the representatives from Smokey Mountain Children's Home. They spoke at our joint session and we met them personally when we presented both monetary and item donations. We want to thank everyone for your contributions. Deborah had visited the facility and was favorably impressed.

Since it is my final term of service, I want everyone to know that I have been proud to serve, appreciate all I have learned and the friendships I have made. On this note, our final business included an election. This was held under the expert leadership of Jr PNP Deborah and PNP Alice. After the qualifications were read, there was only one person nominated. I take great pleasure in welcoming our next Southeast Division VP Carol Mazzarra. She will be installed at our National Convention in August. There were no nominees for Assistant VP.

Congratulations Carol...The greatest plus for our division is that we have so many wonderful, willing and knowledgeable mentors. Members who will always be there to answer questions and eliminate any doubts. I want to send my love to all MCLA members...my best friends forever...THANK YOU!

See you soon and Semper Fi...

Joyce Brickett

National Southeast Division Vice President

GIRL SCOUTS

Hello ladies,



Girl Scouts®

Girl Scouting started in 1912 in Savannah Georgia. Many Girl Scout Councils in our nation are celebrating their 100 years of

Girl Scouting this year. There are 112 Girl Scout Councils in the U.S.A., so there may be one near where your auxiliary meets.

Girl Scouting has the best leadership programs for girls. That is a good reason to honor those girls that have achieved the highest Girl Scout Award. To acknowledge their achievement of receiving the Gold Award with our award of Good Citizenship.

The awards must be purchased from our National Headquarters. Along with the award it suggested that you give the girl a letter of congratulations. Also it would be nice to add a paper of an explanation of what an auxiliary is and

how you help the veterans. I can email you samples of either to be included with the girl's award.

Please send me your report by July 1st of the number of girls you gave awards to using the MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY COVER SHEET, ENCLOSURE #25.

Thank you for honoring the Girl Scouts in your area.

Carole Lyston – questions email me carolelyston@gmail.com or 314-892-5945

Or mail to 5813 Oak Branch Dr., St. Louis, MO 63128

OPERATION LITTLE ANGEL NATIONAL CONVENTION PROJECT, 2018



We will be honoring the HARVEST HOUSE in Buffalo, NY this summer.

As an Auxiliary we will be focusing on the Baby and Children's Ministry. HARVEST HOME is the largest provider of FREE baby items in the Western New York area. They are a 501C# nonprofit Organization.

They do take gently used items, but I think the ladies of the MCLA will step as they have in the past and check out the list of requested items.

Newborn items, outfits, onesies, gowns and sleepers, bibs, pacifiers, baby towels /washcloths, hats. (Anything for a newborn, blankets etc.)

Socks for toddlers and children. Underwear, sizes 4t- to 14/16.

Pajamas in all sizes. They are always in need of clothing.

Cribs and pack and plays, Car seats and cribs.

You know diapers are always needed. Visa gift cards are fine. Enjoy getting your grandma or mommy fix and shop for the little Angel who needs you. SEE YOU IN BUFFALO.

From Headquarters Office:

Headquarters' office will be closed from May 8th through May 16th, I will be on vacation. All mail, emails and phone calls will be answered when I return.

Please send ByLaw Changes to HQ office by May 13th. They may be sent by email or regular mail. Please send Banner Forms and

Delegate Forms to the HQ office by July 15th. (the sooner the better, please)

Email: MCLAHQ@nationalmcla.org

Address: 3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy Ste 115, Stafford, VA 22554

National Convention – Camping Option

Do you need a camp ground for your RVs or travel trailers? Mideast Division VP Pat Walker researched and found the closest campground is **AA Royal Motel and Camp Ground** (pet friendly) in North Tonawanda, NY. Their rate is \$53.10 per night. The gentleman said he would be willing to take reservations now if you let him know you are with the Marine Corps League Convention.

AA Royal Motel and Camp Ground: 3333 Niagara Falls Blvd, North Tonawanda, NY phone: 716-693-5695

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Reports are due soon

Americanism: Karen Bressler, 7200 E. Quincey Ave #118, Denver, CO 80237

Child Welfare: Pat Engel, 2112 Hillview Dr, Fayetteville, PA 17222

Civics: Judy Blackmer, 4530 W Marquette Rd, Chicago, IL 60629

Girl Scouts: Carol Lyston, 5813 Oak Branch Dr, St Louis, MO 63128

Rehabilitation: Mary Brief, 7120 Brief Rd, Kingston, MI 48741

VAVS: Karen Bressler, 7200 E. Quincey Ave #118, Denver, CO 80237

News from Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee Conference (NAC)

Greetings,

There was a lot of information presented at the NAC Conference. I will be disseminating that information over the coming months. A topic that was emphasized throughout the conference was “what is your why”, “tell your story” and “more isn’t better – better is better.”

Ask yourself “why do I want to be a VAVS Volunteer?” When you have that answer, tell your story to others. This could lead to another VAVS Volunteer.



The first bit of information affects all our volunteers at the Veterans Affairs facilities in tracking the hours. This applies to both regularly scheduled volunteers and occasional volunteers. All volunteers must be registered.

A new timekeeping system (VSS – Voluntary Service System) was put into place in 2017 in all the Voluntary Service offices. Some of the information did not transfer correctly which impacts the hours the volunteers are logging. Each time you volunteer at a VA facility, you must login and logout of the system. This will ensure

the hours will be tracked properly. The volunteer should work with their Voluntary Service office to make sure their hours are tracked properly.

Your volunteer record should indicate the service organization you are volunteering for. Ask the volunteer specialist to make sure your volunteer record indicates the primary organization you are volunteering for. Example: if you are a registered volunteer for both the American Legion Auxiliary and the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, make sure to indicate the organization to where the hours are to be donated. If the organization is not indicated, all hours may go to one organization instead of both. Ask your local office which organization is showing as your primary organization. This will facilitate ease in tracking volunteer hours. Your volunteer record should indicate the National organization not Local (Unit) for the hours to reflect on the quarterly reports I receive from the offices.

Please verify your hours the next time you volunteer at the VA facility. If there is a discrepancy, please let me know so I can get them corrected for you. The hours that show on the quarterly reports I receive are critical for both reporting and receiving any awards that are due the volunteer.

The website for Voluntary Service is www.volunteer.va.gov. This website gives quite a bit of helpful information.

Karen Bressler
VAVS National Representative
Judy Blackmer
VAVS National Deputy



MAY 2018 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NEWS

JANICE TREASTER * no date of passing. No next of kin listed. Macomb County Unit, Michigan.

MARJORY NEILSEN* Nov. 18th, 2017. Sauk Valley Unit, family all deceased.

ANNE RAINER* January 2018. No next of kin listed. James Earl Kennedy Unit, New Jersey.

KATHY HARRISON* Feb. 25TH. 2018. No next of kin listed. Macomb County Unit, Michigan.

JANE McCarthy * March 17, 2018. The Villages Unit. Florida.

AURORA REYES * March 21, 2018. Alamo Unit, TX. Condolences to husband: Humberto Reyes, 2103 W. Mulberry Ave, San Antonio, TX. 78201.

BARBARA J. McClure* March 26TH. Landis McCleaf Unit, PA.

GAIL TREVINO* March 29, 2018. Macomb County Unit, Michigan, Condolences to husband, David Trevino, 37970 Porte Rosa, Harrison Twp. Michigan, 48045.

KATHY HODGDEN* March 31, 2018. Landis McCleaf Unit, PA.
Condolences to husband: Randy Hodgden, 213 Brewster Drive, Lancaster,
PA. 17603.

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THOSE THAT NEEDED OUR PRAYER AND COULD USE SOME
CHEER ARE AS FOLLOWS.

Deanna Dietrich, Past Chief Devil Dog, lost her husband Mike, Cards of
condolence may be sent to her at: 173 Cook Ave. Glenolden, PA. 19036.

Vonnie Pisani, Lancaster, PA. Unit member fell over the Stormy Easter
Holiday. She broke and dislocated her wrist and broke vertebrae in her back.
She did have surgery and will be in rehab for a bit. Cards of cheer may go to
her at: 1726 Temple Ave, Lancaster, PA. 17603.

Judy Erickson is in need of our prayers for her health issues. Cards may go to
her at: 114 Soenic Drive, Berlin, CT. 06037.

Cpl. Mason O Yarbrough member, Kathy Marler could use our powerful
prayers for a chronic health issue. 521 Koch, Cape Girardeau, MO. 63701.
Another member of that unit Shirley Whittard is going through a cancer issue,
most certainly can use our thoughts and prayers, her address is: 2545 Singing
Hills Dr. Cape Girardeau, MO. 63701.

A cheerful Thinking of You card would be most welcome for Central Missouri
Unit member, Kathy Bosch. 4019 Buckingham Park, Jefferson City, MO.
65109-6472.

Long time member of the Hamilton Walters Unit in Burlington, IA, Rosemarie
Johnson needs some of our cheer. 1201 S. 7th Street, Burlington, IA. 52601.

Please keep Hamilton Walters Unit member, Peggy Rieherd in your prayers.
Peggy is in the stages of dementia. Cards may be sent to her 1201 Campbell
Ave. Burlington, IA. 52601. Her daughter, also a member will read them to
her I am sure.

Elizabeth Simpson, Dept of Utah President, is in need of prayers for her
brother. Cards of cheer for her go to: 1409 W. Grapevine Dr. St George, UT.
84790.

Janice Miller's husband, Warren had hip surgery recently. He is recovering at
home. Their address is; 5719 Yarrow St. Arvada, CO. 80002-2443.

Holly Price, Dept of Colorado, needs our prayers for her hubby, Phil. He had
pneumonia for 8 weeks and an infection in his lungs. Cards for both of them:
2100 Ellis St. Golden, CO. 80401-2016

A congratulatory greeting may be sent to PNP Virginia Johnson on the awarding of her 50 year pin. What a great accomplishment and a super lady, Cards go to her address: 12035 Fruitridge Drive, Kent City, Michigan. 49330.

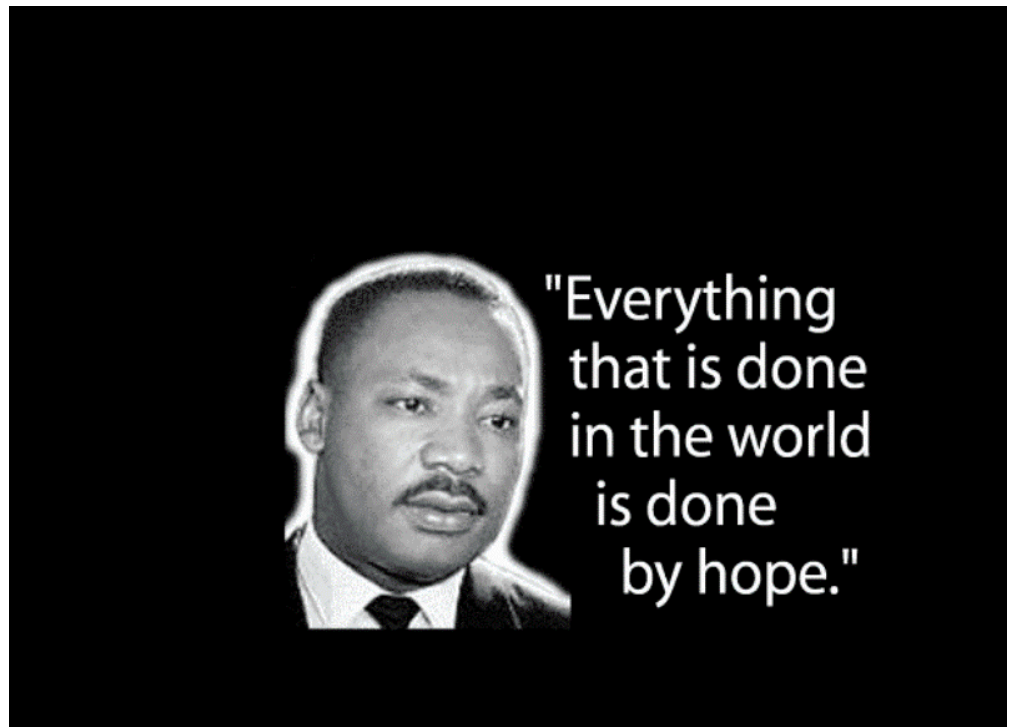
I would like to thank all of you for your emails and if someone has been left off the list please contact me I will add ASAP. Please continue to get those death notices to meet either in hard copy or scan and email.

Lord, my heart overflows with gratitude for all the blessings you have sent into my life. I am cognizant of the fact that I am probably only aware of a small percentage of them, though. You are such a generous God: you shower us with such abundance. I am grateful for it all, Lord.

I will send down showers in their season: they shall be showers of blessing. Ezekiel 34:26.

Respectfully submitted, PNP Barbara Nobile
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Deadline for ALL articles is the 15th of each month.



PROGRAMS OF PRIDE SOUTHERN DIVISION

The Southern Division Conference MCLA meeting was held in Springdale, Ark. on April 6-7. Southern Division Vice-Pres, Viola Trevino and Asst. So. Div. Vice, Linda Blair, presided over the Division meeting. Vice-Pres. Trevino shared information she obtained in Va. at the Mid-Winter Conference and presented certificates awarded to various members. The Division elected our new Vice-President, Terri Gothard and Assistant Vice-President, Jackie Deen. The Claude Rogers Ark. Unit, with assistance from Young Marines, held a very profitable raffle benefiting the MCLA's charitable endeavors.

The MODDF Department of Texas Hide held the Southern Division Scratch and Past Big Flea/Scratchy Flea, Brenda Tomonelli, inducted one new Crawler into the Hide. Fun and frivolity was had by all in a "50's Rock n Roll" costume contest. The Fleas also, pestered and serenaded 3 new MODD Pups with a rousing rendition of "You Ain't Nothing but a Hound Dog" during the Scratch. Scratchy Flea, Brenda, presented a MODDF Appreciation certificate to the hosting Arkansas MCL Detachment. The Hide presented donations from the Scratch to the MCLA Dept. of Texas Operation Little Angel fund and the Claude Rogers Ark. Unit's Operation Little Angel fund.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MCLA CONFERENCE



Current & Future Southern Division Officers



Young Marines at Raffle Table



Conference MCLA attendees



Receiving Certificate

SOUTHERN DIVISION MODDF SCRATCH
Fabulous 50s Rock n Roll Flea Fling



Rockin' n Rollin' costumed Fleas



MODD Pups singing for MODDFleas



New Crawler & Scratchy Flea



50s Refreshments

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY, INC.
NATIONAL CREDENTIAL/DELEGATE FORM**

Unit: _____ Unit Strength: _____ Delegates Allowed: _____
(To be verified by the Nat'l Secretary)

Unit City/State: _____ Dept: _____ Division: _____

Convention Location: Buffalo, New York August 12-18, 2018 Date: _____

Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be determined on the basis of Unit membership strength reported to and on record with National Headquarters on July 1st immediately preceding each National Convention. The Delegate voting strength of each Unit shall be as follows: For the first fifteen (15) Regular members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate; for each additional full block of fifteen (15) Regular Members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate; for a partial number of fifteen (15) members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate. Only members in good standing are eligible for election as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate (based on membership as of June 30). PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

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Upon election, make three (3) copies and return immediately to **National Headquarters, c/o National Secretary, 3619 Jefferson Hwy, Suite 115, Stafford, VA 22554 no later than July 1**, immediately preceding convention with a registration fee of \$5.00 per Delegate, Alternate or Member to have credentials prepared in advance.

Please Note: The cost for registration after July 1 and at Convention will be \$6.00 per Delegate, Alternate or Member. Registrations presented at convention will be processed in the order received and may not be immediately available.

Unit President _____ Attest: _____
Unit Secretary

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Phone #: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No. _____

Date Received: _____
Nat'l Secretary / Registration Chair



BANNER FORM



We will be bringing our Unit/Department Banner to the National Convention.

Please reserve a commemorative streamer for us.

UNIT / DEPARTMENT NAME

CONTACT PERSON

ADDRESS

PHONE and EMAIL

Please PRINT all information and return this form by June 30, 2018 to:

Marine Corps League Auxiliary
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