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"Our Best program so far!"



American Navy Lt. Eugene Clark had been assigned to collect intelligence for the landing at Inchon in September 1950, and that at 14 years of age, a very angry Ko

So said Al Monahan in telling the Senior Center attendees about Eddie Ko's October 17, presentation at the Eisenhower Center. Eddie made an excellent presentation; our members gave him a standing ovation.

joined up with Clark, and picked up important information needed to make the Inchon landing successful.

(When Clark asked Ko why he wanted to join with him, Ko responded that

He talked about how

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AF MG Paul Brown (Ret)

General Brown spoke to "The status of our military." In terms of overall capacity to address real potential threats, we are at a small fraction of what we were capable of conducting in 1990.



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Almost tied for No. 3 in nation!

We were tied with Minnesota for number three in the nation. Then sadly, we learned of the loss of one of us, John Hayes.

But membership is still a front page story!

We added six new members this month, two at the October 17 meeting, three who mailed in their applications,

and one at the Senior Center.

Renewals have continued strong and we have no Inactive members, members who have not renewed. At the Department of Florida meeting last Saturday, we were the only Chapter to have no Inactive members.

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Our Best Fund Drive!

Our best ever Tell America Fund Drive was October 10, at the Walmart on 466. We took in **\$2,162.90** at both doors.

Joel Briggs was the Captain with Zender, Gruber, Houpp, Lynch, Stover, D. Zettlemoyer, R. Zettlemoyer, Keaser, Iversen, Monahan, and Furrie serving their shifts as communicators of our Tell America mission of educating Americans about the Korean War.

You were missed, as Joel had to serve from the opening bell to the very end. So, yes, Joel had to serve because you weren't there to help!

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President's Column by Art Iversen



Congratulations to Jim Corbet and Art Canale, they were on the Honor Flight to Washington DC Wednesday October 28.

I want to thank Tom Thiel for all his help with keeping our Chapter running. With all my problems I just don't know what I would do without his help. There are times when I just can't think straight which was pretty obvious at the meeting Wednesday.

Thanks to all for understanding.

Many thanks to Don Van Beck for getting AF MG Paul Brown to speak to us. I think it was the best program we have ever had. (Not counting Eddie Ko's presentation at the Eisenhower Center)

November and December are slow months for activities in the Chapter but a few people will be busy with organizing our efforts in 2016.

Please contact Dee Zettlemyer ASAP about the Christmas Party December 16 at the Mission Inn Country Club (see the map on pg. 6 in this Issue) as we have to give them a head count. This is the our meeting for December. \$15.00 per person, Shuttle service up the hill from the parking lot to the front door will be provided. We will be limited to 80 people so first come first served, as always spouses or friends are welcome. Will find out if we want to meet December 19th at our Eisenhower Meeting.

Please, if you have a person in mind for (1) the Eddie Ko Award or (2) our Service Awards (can be more than one) please put it in writing to Joe Gruber, Chairman or Frank Keaser or Bill Shumaker, Committee members. They have a tough job and can use your help.

Art

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Bringing the military back to what it was in 1990 will be very, very difficult because the bulk of that need will be negated by our out of control national debt.

The payment of interest alone will soon be about equal to the military budget.

The prospects of coming back are diminishing. We need leadership. We need to improve the economy.

General Brown gave a very excellent, albeit not optimistic, presentation! ### TJT

No matter how little or small or unimportant the effort is, if we do it at all, it might become the norm at some future date leading us to a better plan or way of doing things. So live each day as if it is your last, forget about yesterday, today is a gift, that's why it is called the present. **D J Lynch ##**

I hand out cards wherever I go. I handed out 4 at Wednesday's Continental veterans Hot Dog Night event with 300 people attending. **D J Lynch ###**



Meet your new first Vice President Brian Welke.

Brian is a Korea Defense Service Veteran having served in Korea 1960-61 with the Army's 633rd Engineers.

Brian's role is to back up President Art.

And Chuck Fulcher, your Assistant Sec/Treas. Chuck served in Korea in 1953-55, and was attached to 101st Airborne.

Chuck will accept new members, member dues, and record minutes at our Saturday meetings.



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At 113 we are one shy of a tie with Minnesota #1 at No. 3 nationwide.

Since November 2014, we have gained 43 new members. Thirty-one 31 joined at the Eisenhower Center Saturday meetings and 12 at the Wednesday Senior Center meetings.

Twenty-four are KWV, 14 are KDSV, and 5 are Associate Members.

Introduction of our new members.

Vi Pfahler of Leesburg became our Historian Photographer and a member of the Board of Directors as an Associate Member. We have known Vi for a long time as spouse of member Dick Pfahler who passed away recently. Vi, we need your photo.

James Atkinson, Eagles Nest Road, Fruitland Park, 1948-52, A, 9th Division.



John Davie, served during the Korean War from 1952-56 with the AF's 365th TAC Hospital in France. Buster Place, The Villages.



Mike Lukasik, USAF veteran became an Associate Member. Mike and Carol live on Westwood Drive, Pennbrooke Fairways, Leesburg.

Frank Shelby, 1951-52, A, 5th RCT, 24th IDA. Frank and Angel live on Quinby Way, The Villages,

Marv Ummel, 1952-53, Army 304th Signal Corps. Marc lives on Amaya Ave., The Villages,

We will take photos of Ms. Pfahler, and Messrs. Atkinson, Shelby, and Ummel at our first opportunity.



Lawrence L. Kliemann, Jr., joined the Chapter in August, and we had the opportunity to take his photo to this month. He served in Korea 1954-55, with the Army's 2nd Infantry Division. Larry and Joyce live on Teague Trail, in Lady Lake.

It has been a bit difficult for us to be sure that we include everyone. If we've managed to miss you please let us know.

Also, we now have a pamphlet for new members explaining who we are and what we do. If you have not received yours see us at the next meeting.

Welcome Vi, James, John, Mike, Frank, Marv, and ED. We hope you will be pleased with membership in "Your Chapter!" Should you not be pleased, I'd appreciate your letting me know. TJT

(The following was received after article completed.)

John Joseph Hayes Obituary



John Joseph Hayes of Leesburg, Florida passed away on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at the age of 88 years. He was born in Whitegate, County Clare, Ireland. John served in the US Marine Corps. He worked as a banker in New York City until his retirement. He moved to Leesburg in the early 1990's.

Family and friends are invited to gather for viewing on Wednesday, November 4 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm with a funeral ceremony starting at 3:00 pm in the funeral home chapel. Condolences, memories and photos may be shared on the tribute wall. Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish, Tavares

Cards may be sent to:

Mrs. Mary Hayes
2006 Tweed Court
Leesburg, Florida 34788

Fund Drive *Continued from page 1)*

This was the first Drive where we used the new Flag Stars as handouts rather than the daisies we have been using. All indicators were that they were highly successful, so thanks Doreen to your team.

Tell America Fund Drives are our Chapter's main means of surviving, of maintaining a highly active and visual program in our area, and in leading Florida's, and most of the nation's Chapters.

We call them Tell America drives because they enable us to present our Tell America programs to schools and elsewhere, and because we use them to inform the public about the Korean War with handouts at our Drives.

With the Walmart drive, we completed our 2015 Drives for this year. According to my records, we held twelve TAFD in 2015 bringing in **a total of \$13,781.90** for the year. As good as this is, it was more than \$900.00 less than our Budgeted Goal mainly because one of our drives was canceled.

We will begin scheduling our 2016 Drives to begin in January.

Helping in a Fund Drive is an excellent way to get to know your fellow members better and for them to get to know you. Our goal is to have enough members to be sure that no one has to be there for more than 3 hours. If you would like to help us next year contact Gene Zender. Al Monahan or Chuck Fulcher.



Walmart Tell America Fund Drive. Joel Briggs was the Captain with Zender, Gruber, Houpp, Lynch, Stover, D. Zettlemoyer, R. Zettlemoyer, Keaser, Iversen, Monahan, and Furrie. Why are you not in this clip? ###

Ambassador for Peace Medals

were requested from Patricia West at the Korean Consulate in Atlanta on Sep 15, 2015 for the following: Creekmur, DeGiovanna, Domenech, Freedman, Fulcher, Kennedy, Miller, Packwood, Jr., Turner, Vanas, Vaream and Whipple.

I had to certify that all are Active (paid) Members of the KWVA Association, and that they served in, about or over Korea during the period of the Korean War.

I will repeat this again around the first of 2016 for our newer members. If you think you should have a medal and do not, please contact Thiel.

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the communists killed his mother and father and other family and he wanted to kill as many communists as he could.)

A note from Lt. Clark telling about Eddie's help in the landing made it possible for him to next spy for the First Marine Division, which totally altered his future.

He came to the U.S. in 1955, enrolled in school and became an American Citizen.

But, one year later, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, and returned to Korea where he served for two years in Counter Intelligence with the 24th

and later the 1st Cavalry Infantry Divisions.

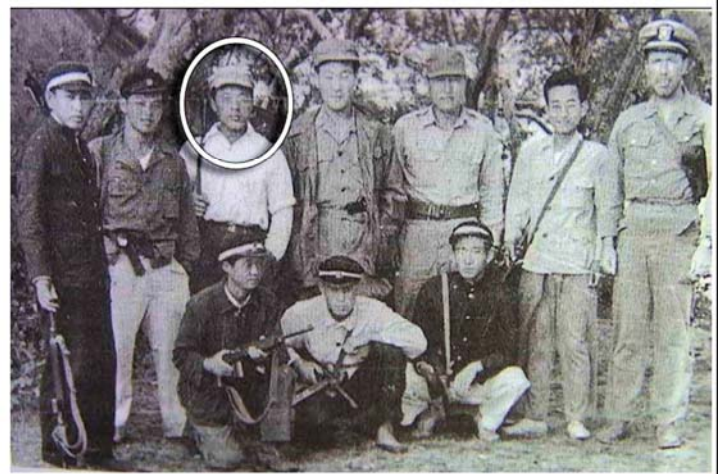
Ko spoke with glowing terms about America's greatness and that we Korean War Veterans, who knew little if anything about Korea, saved South Korea from the desolation of communism.

They enabled South Korea to become the beacon of Freedom in Asia where it ranks in the top dozen economies in the world today.

Thank you Eddie!

See: cid169.kwva.org/stories/ko_eddie.htm

Photos right: Top, Eddie with exhibit at Eisenhower by Simunek. Middle: Ko (circled) with Lt. Clark



LakeFrontTV records our donation in a Public Service Announcement



LakeFrontTV did a Public Service Announcement recording our presentation of a \$500.00 check to the City of Leesburg, with notation in the For line suggesting that the moneys be earmarked for LakeFrontTV to aid in their equipment and for other needs to aid in Bob Peters' Salute program being continued into the future.

From left: Bob Peters, Host of Salute to Veterans, Dr. Anna Marie Chwastiak, Production Manager and Host, and of course, Prez Art.

<http://lakefronttv.com/>

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon – \$25 value for \$15!

Our annual Christmas Luncheon will be **Wednesday, December 16, 11:30 a.m.** at the **Mission Inn**, 10400 County Road 48, Howey In The Hills (see map). Entrance 1/2 mi. west of intersection of SR 48 & 19 on Sr 48. Caution—speed traps!

Members and spouses or friends are all urged to come; dress is Christmas casual. There will be a brief Awards Ceremony.

Maximum number of settings is 80! So, reservations are a must.

Purchase tickets at our November Member Meetings or **no later than December 1.**

We were advised that the regular Mission Inn price is \$25.00; President Art negotiated a \$5.00 reduction; and the BoD, at its October meeting, approved a motion to offset an additional \$5.00.

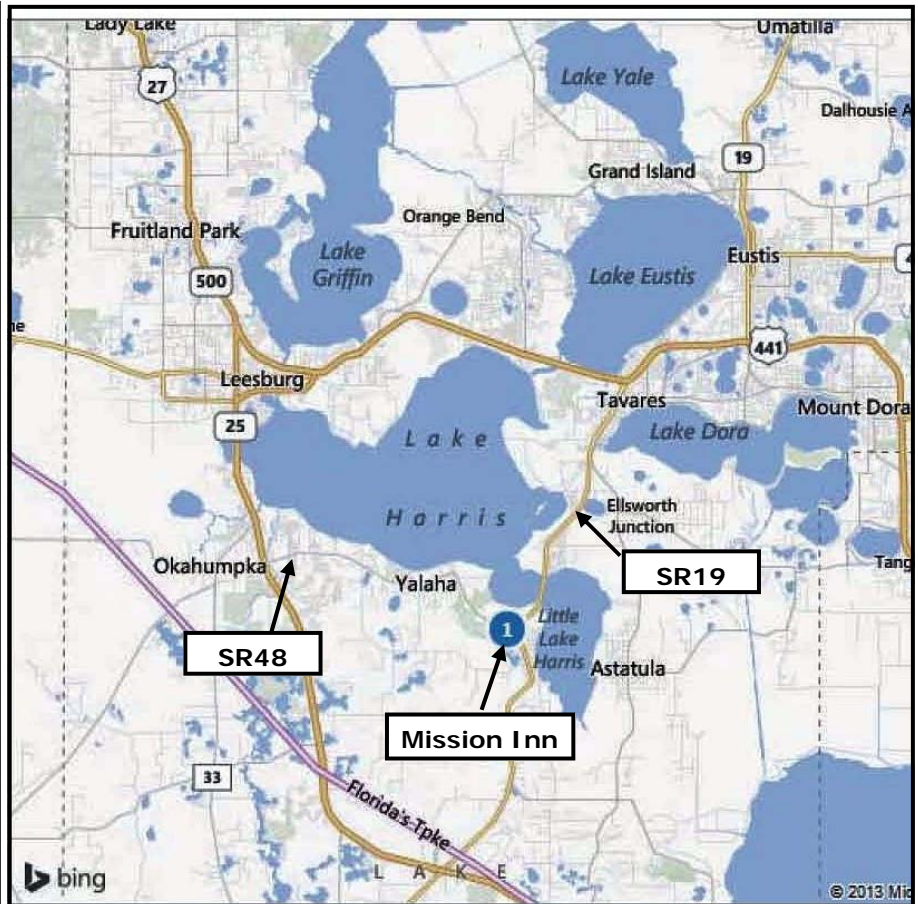
So, your final cost is \$15.00 per serving.

For Tickets and Information:

Doreen Zettlemoyer, 113 Big Oak Lane, Wildwood, FL, 34785-9383, 352-748-0549, 352-568-5239, doreenmpeever@aol.com

The Mission Inn has agreed to provide **golf cart transportation from the parking lot to the door** to make the event much more accessible for us.

We are seeking a more central venue for next year. ###



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Bob Peters
Host of Salute

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318 S. Second St.
Leesburg, FL 34749

Attention all Members –

if you still have not had your name inscribed on the **Veterans Memorial** in Leesburg's Veterans Memorial Park (photo above) please see or contact Don Van Beck, who is offering all new 169 members a special offer. 352-343-1529



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Tell America Program

Co-chairs: Gloria Corbet 352-483-0570 or at gjcorbet@comcast.net and Joel Briggs 352-233-9320 or at briggs.joel@aol.com.

This is the month for the Tell America Team to start up for the coming school year. In the order they will be happening:

- a) 11-16-2015, Mt Dora HS (all day -5 hours)
- b) 2-1-2016, St Paul's middle school 8:30a-9:30a)
- c) 3-7-2016, Eustis HS (all day up to 6 hrs)
- d) 4-4-2016, Leesburg HS (all day up to 6 hrs)

Any member who would like to attend a session at a school prior to becoming a team member is invited

to contact either of us to talk over any new ideas you have. Come in your KWVA shirt.

Those team members who would like to be scheduled for Mt Dora or St Paul's during this school year, call me or let me know at a meeting. I need two members for each class hour we will be attending. I can split a whole day into two half days so let me know if you prefer morning or afternoon. I will be calling the team members who live in the area of those schools in the two

weeks preceding the date to be the first asked.

Whether you were a war vet or a defense service vet after the war, it is all of interest to the students. If you have pictures or items from your time in Korea, bring them. The kids love hands on, especially personal things.

Those who have been to the Revisit Korea Trip are invited to include that experience, especially about the change in the country now. ###

Department of Florida

Prez Iversen, Gruber and Thiel attended the DoF Fall Council meeting in Merritt Island on Saturday, Oct. 24. Our Chapter was the only one with no Inactive Members in state. Association totally engaged in ensuring Chapters are "compliant;" we are. Thiel to remain as DoF web person, www.cidfl.kwva.org/.

CID169 is Host Chapter for 2016 DoF Convention April 16, Waterfront Inn. There will be myriad of places where members will be needed to assist—selling AD space in the Chapter's DoF Convention Book, assisting with registering attendees, assistance with the program and facilities, etc. Contact Prez Art if you can help.

The primary way the Chapter can raise moneys is through selling ADs for the 8.5x11" Convention Book.

Members have expressed interest in full, half or quarter page Ads to present their own personal message. The Book's Cover, and Bill Simunek's and my personal pages are shown in miniature at right. If you are interested in having your own AD please contact me now as I will be too busy doing outside Ads soon (kwwathiel@gmail.com, 408-6612).

Color Guard by Joel Briggs

- 11-Nov, Veterans Day, VMP, The Villages, 10:00 AM, One Guard, All Members
- 11-Nov, Veterans Day, Ferran Park, Eustis, 11:00 AM, Two Guard Wreath, All Members
- 7-Dec, Pearl Harbor Day, VMP, The Villages, 10:00 AM, One Guard, All Members



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Chapter Program Activity Schedule

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME	DESCRIPTION, SPEAKER, etc.
4-Nov	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM	
5-Nov	UCF-VHP Interviews	Leesburg Library	Schedule	You will receive a call from VHP staff.
5-Nov	UCF-VHP Interviews	Lady Lake Library	Schedule	You will receive a call from VHP staff.
11-Nov	Veterans Day	VMP, The Villages	10:00 AM	One Guard, All Members
11-Nov	Veterans Day	Ferran Park, Eustis	11:00 AM	Two Guard Wreath, All Members
18-Nov	Member Meeting	Senior Center	2:00 PM	Daniel Keel, Tuskegee Airmen
21-Nov	Member Meeting	Eisenhower Center	2:00 PM	Veterans Choice Program, Deborah Reagan
7-Dec	Pearl Harbor Day	VMP, The Villages	10:00 AM	One Guard, All Members
9-Dec	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM	
16-Dec	Christmas Luncheon	Mission Inn	11:30 AM	
13-Jan	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM	
16-Jan	Member Meeting	Eisenhower Center	2:00 PM	??
27-Jan	Member Meeting	Senior Center	2:00 PM	??



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Dues Dates—Assoc., DoF, & Chapter—thru December 31.

Members whose dues—Association, Department and/or Chapter—that are payable anytime through December 31, 2015, are shown at right in date order.

Dues Total \$37.00; that covers \$10 for Chapter, \$2 for DoF, and \$25 to the Association.

Association Life Members are also shown as they owe Chapter and DoF Dues, or a total of \$12.00, payable December 1.

Unless we have your dues in-hand by the end of the month shown, you will be removed from the membership roster.

The Chapter Due date is 30 days prior to the Association RENEW date.

PLEASE DO NOT wait for your Association notice as that is too late!

Questions about your membership—contact Tom Thiel, Membership Manager, at 352-408-6612 or kwvathiel@gmail.com.

If you cannot maintain your membership with all the economic difficulties, please call me, Art Iversen, before letting your membership lapse. 352-753-0139.

Pay to: KWVA Chapter 169.

Mail to: Gloria Corbet, Treas, 16035 Umatilla Place, Umatilla FL 32784.

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LNAME	FNAME	MBRNO	CRENEW	AMOUNT
BABCOCK	RAYMOND E.	LR43586	12/03/15	\$ 12.00
CANALE	ARTHUR B.	LR38775	12/03/15	\$ 12.00
FREEDMAN	RONALD K.	LR14062	12/03/15	\$ 12.00
GRUBER	JOSEPH J.	R040778	11/09/15	\$ 37.00
paid				
LAJEUNESSE	EUGENE C.	R041623	12/06/15	\$ 37.00
LALIBERTE	JOSEPH E. 'JOE'	LR20953	12/03/15	\$ 12.00
LITTLE	HAROLD K.	R046368	12/06/15	\$ 37.00
LYNCH	DONALD J.	R029963	12/02/15	\$ 37.00
paid				
MCBROOM JR.	JOHN B.	LR34827	12/03/15	\$ 12.00
MCGINTY	ROBERT A.	LR10362	12/03/15	\$ 12.00
MILLER	RICHARD E.	R046421	12/26/15	\$ 37.00
MORAN	EDWARD K.	R046423	12/27/15	\$ 37.00
paid				
SIEVERS	HAROLD E.	R027799	12/02/15	\$ 37.00
SINAI	DAVID	R044568	12/30/15	\$ 37.00
TALBOT	GORDON G.	R042682	11/06/15	\$ 37.00
THIEL	TOM J.	R032530	12/02/15	\$ 37.00
THOMPSON	GEORGE E.	R043594	12/11/15	\$ 37.00
VANAS	ROBERT	R032137	12/02/15	\$ 37.00
VIENNA	CHARLES V.	LR45359	12/03/15	\$ 12.00
WATERFIELD	ROBERT B.	R046422	12/27/15	\$ 37.00
WHITE	CHARLES W.	R033792	12/02/15	\$ 37.00

QUARTERMASTER:

Shirts in navy blue with pocket S/M/ L/ XL/ \$25 each XXL / \$30
 Ultra Marine with is light blue with pocket S/M/L/XL/ \$25 each XXL/ \$30
 Women Navy Blue without pocket S/M/ L/XL/ \$25 each XXL/ \$30
 Women Ultramarine without pocket S/M/ L/XL/ \$25 each XXL/ \$30
 Hats in Korean war or Korean service \$15 each
 Name tags with magnet fastener \$6.00 each
 if you need any of the above items see me.
 Gene Zender Phone 352-748-0112

The mission of the *Scuttlebutt* is to publish all information that is of relevance to all members of CID 169. ***It is published on the last day of the month it shows. Deadline for receipt of material submitted is Friday following each Member Meeting.***

We welcome member letters and emails for publishing in Scuttlebutt (non-political)

Can Pop Tops



Frank Keaser would like you to save the pop tops of all your aluminum drink cans and bring them to our meetings.

He will collect and submit to Ronald McDonald House in our name where we can receive some recognition. Thanks

Flag Stars Needed



Doreen Z and several others are making handouts to give to shoppers at Fund Drives. They consist of a star from a worn flag on one side, and a poem on the other. These are enclosed in small plastic poly sealable bags.

The group needs your old tattered flags. They will carefully cut the stars out of the flags, and have the flag remains ceremoniously burned. Please bring your old flags to Chapter meetings, or contact Doreen Zettlemyer at doreenmpeever@aol.com, 352-748-0549; 352-568-5239.

Chapter Lapel

Pins



The Chapter has a very nice 3/4-inch lapel pin designed by Don Struhar specifically for CID169, but suitable for every KWVA member!

Pins are \$4.00 each.

They are available at every meeting from Joel Briggs, or contact Joel at 6560 S.E. 173rd Place, Summerfield, FL, 34491, (352) 233-9320, [briggs.joel\[at\]aol.com](mailto:briggs.joel[at]aol.com).

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