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President's Message MSG R. Wayne Gerding (Ret)

Greetings fellow AOC members and 100th Division soldiers!

I trust that everyone had a great holiday season which is now behind us and everyone; at least those here in the Kentucky are enjoying a mild winter. I hope it continues all the way to spring which is not far off.

We have our sleeves rolled up and planning is well underway for our Annual Meeting and Reunion in Owensboro, KY on August 23rd & 24th, 2024. We have more work to do putting things together to make it an enjoyable event for all. For those that have never been to Owensboro or been a while since your last visit here is a link that has a lot of information. [Visit Owensboro, KY – Official Tourism and Visitors Guide for Owensboro KY](#)

Bingo is one event we have planned for Saturday afternoon. For those who have played Bingo and those wanting to learn how to play Bingo it should be a fund event. Our lineup of Raffle and Live Auction items is being worked hard and coming together. We are considering other events for Saturday afternoon but nothing finalized just yet. We are trying to allow some free time for you to explore and take in what Owensboro has to offer. Details will be published when finalized.

The Annual Meeting and Reunion registration form with meal and any event costs will be announced well in advance. Look for details on the AOC web site 100AOC.ORG and in the summer newsletter.

We are trying to keep the AOC web site updated and I encourage everyone to use it as a go to source. Keep an eye out for Supply Room additions. The Scholarship Committee has recommended changes to the Scholarship Program. The AOC Board approved the recommended changes. A two year degree scholarship is being added. Specific details to include a new application are reflected in another part of this newsletter.

As a reminder we are taking nominations to the Corridor of the Century for 2024. Criteria and nomination process is on the AOC web site. Cutoff date for nomination is 1 June 2024.

There is currently an AOC member board vacancy. In an effort to keep a balance of NCOs and Officers we are looking to fill the position with an NCO. Any NCO who is an AOC member wishing to become a board member or anyone wishing to nominate an NCO please let it be known in advance of the Annual board meeting in Owensboro. Nominations will be taken at the Annual Meeting also. The membership will vote on who fills the position.

Hotel Accommodations with Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Owensboro Downtown/Waterfront.

Reservations to be made separately by attendee. Cut-off for booking is July 23, 2024.

Call the hotel directly at 270-685-2005, and reference the Association of the Century (AOC) block, OR book via web-link <https://bit.ly/AssnOfTheCenturyAug2024>. When using the web-link and staying only one night you need to edit the dates of stay.

Negotiated room rate is \$136 per night, plus 17.42 % tax totally \$159.70

To avoid a cancellation fee of the first night's room and tax, notice must be received 48 hours prior to scheduled arrival date.

The Chairman's Foxhole

MG Bill Barron, USA Retired

We are almost thru February now and I must say that the days of reaching into 60 and 70 degree weather are most welcome from my stand point. I finished getting my taxes put together for 2023 last week and they are off to the CPA so I know that we have made a major turn on the calendar and that the 2024 AOC Convention is now, only 6 months away.

I really believe that this year's Reunion will be a memorable occasion because I see a lot of work already being put into the 'effort' and that is a good thing! The opportunity will be there for you to do as little or as much as you want. Lunch on Saturday will be up to you. Go where you want. BINGO will be on for Saturday afternoon and I would suggest that you get by the 100 th Division 'Supply Room' on Saturday morning or afternoon to see what's new in the 'Bivouac Collection' and to check out some of our new clothing items.

We have invited Ms. Cathy Mullins, an Owensboro native and Gold Star Mother to sing the National Anthem and I am pleased that she has accepted. Besides our normal presentations, we are also working on entertainment for Saturday evening which will be four or five musicians that play guitars, banjos, fiddle and bass fiddle and do Bluegrass music. I have seen a tape of the banjo player and he is good!! More to follow on this.....

And if you have just a minute, please give serious consideration to making a donation of a \$100 or more to the Franklin Club, it can be a big help and it is tax deductible.

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Tourism & Entertainment in the Owensboro and Nearby Regions

You may want to arrive early before the AOC Annual Meeting or stay late to take advantage of many sites in the Kentucky/Indiana region and the super weather in August. We have three recommendations below for you:

Owensboro, KY, has its own tourism website showing many attractions in the city:

<https://visitowensboro.com>

You can see many additional sites in the Western Kentucky area near Owensboro known as "The Bluegrass-Blues-and-BBQ Region:"

<https://www.kentuckytourism.com/trip-planning/cities-and-regions/bluegrass-blues-and-bbq-region>

Southwest Indiana, just across the Ohio River from Owensboro, has many great tourism areas:

<https://www.visitindiana.com/regions/southwest/>

100th Division Maneuver Training Command (MTC)

This about 300 soldier-strong unit was headquartered in the Reserve Center adjacent to the 100th Division HQ on Cannons Lane, Louisville, KY, from about 1973 through 2002. The MTC distinguished itself throughout its existence by conducting outstanding training and evaluations of Army Reserve and National Guard units. Its motto was "The Professionals."

The MTC had 19 teams from the three Army disciplines: Combat, Combat Support and Combat Service Support. Each team consisted of about 10 officers and NCOs who conducted battalion and company level mission, mobility and field training exercises, command post exercises, and readiness tests to Army Reserve and National Guard units throughout the Central United States. The teams were designated and staffed by personnel MOS qualified in Infantry, Armor, Cavalry, Field Artillery, Engineers, Signal, Aviation, Military Intelligence, Transportation, Medical, Maintenance, and Service and Supply.

Teams traveled year-round to Reserve/Guard units Annual Training at various Army posts, their home duty station armories/centers and mobilization stations to conduct evaluations. Soldiers of different MOS were often mixed into Combined Arms evaluation teams to conduct evaluations of unit sections/platoons/companies/battalions and sometimes brigades.

Below are photos of some of the teams that served throughout the MTC's quarter century.



Corridor of the Century

It is time again to recommend Nominees for the Corridor of the Century. Nominations are due 1 June 2024. Nominees must have been truly outstanding in all phases of their Army careers and are no longer assigned to the 100th Division. Contributions by nominees to the excellence of the 100th Division is of primary importance and continued support of the Division is highly desirable. Any former 100th Division Soldier is eligible for nomination. As a minimum, each of the following categories shall be addressed, but nominations are certainly not limited to these areas:

- Years of service in the 100th Division
 - Highest Rank Achieved
 - Positions held in the 100th Division (and timed served in each, if available)
 - Association of the Century Membership, Life or Annual.
 - Decorations and awards,
 - Extraordinary contributions to the 100th Division. (This category shall be expansive in narrative and specific in nature. This is the most important category in the determination of selectees.)
 - Other Community Service
1. **Nominations must be typed, single space, to include awards and decorations on one page, and should include an 8"x10" head and shoulders photo.**
 2. **A sample Recommendation can be viewed at the AOC website, www.100AOC.org. Send nominations to: COL James G. Russell, ATTN: Corridor of the Century, 3285 Frogtown Road, Loretto, KY 40037.**

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Ken Kapp, LTC (Ret), AOC Treasurer

Abound Credit Union, Baptist Health, the Karl Truman Law Office, and the Swope Family of Dealerships, Inc. have continued their support of the *Century Sentinel* through the end of 2024. These organizations have again renewed their advertisements in the *Sentinel*. Their financial assistance has continued to ease the cost of providing the *Century Sentinel* to our members for many years. Please support our advertisers this coming year when the opportunity presents itself.

Thanksgiving Dinner being served on Wed, 22 Nov at Cantigney Dining Facility on Ft. Knox. From right to left is Bill Barron, a BG from Cadet Command and Jim Ramsey, the past President from the University of Louisville. I believe they had a record crowd that day!



Hopkinsville 100th Division Breakfast Battalion February 2024 After Action Review

The 100th Division Breakfast Battalion has again scored a victory with its executed assault on their Objective, The Village Restaurant, 100 Navaho Trail, Hopkinsville, KY. Soldiers are shown enjoying a well deserved breakfast after the operation on 15 February 2024. They were delighted that Carolyn Harshbarger, widow of 100th soldier Tom Harshbarger, joined the group for this operation.

The have monthly breakfast meetings at this same location - Point of contact is wsjones@bellsouth.net



AOC SUPPLY ROOM HEADS-UP

Looking for something special to add to your home or office décor? The AOC Supply Room will be offering three unique items 100th Division items from our “*Bivouac Collection*” just in time for our Annual Meeting in August. *Watch for ordering details in the next edition of the Century Sentinel.*

Heavy Crystal Decanter. Etched with “Warfighter Blend” 100th Division Crest and personalized with your rank and name etched into the glass. Makes a fantastic addition to any home. Heavy crystal with tight fitting crystal top. You won’t be disappointed.

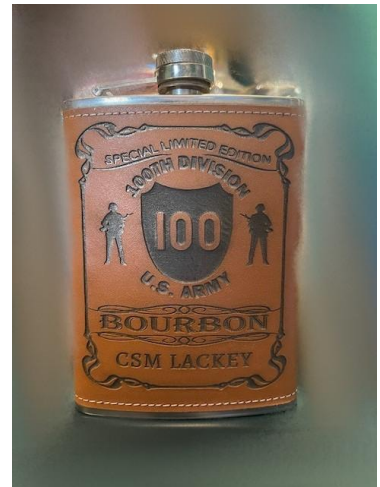


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Heavy Shot Glass. A very generous pour shot glass etched with the 100th Division Crest. Makes a great gift or addition to any Display it proudly.



Stainless Steel Leatherette Flask. Perfect traveling companion, etched with 100th Division crest and personalized with rank and name. This item looks great on any bar, display shelf, or tucked inside your pocket for cold afternoons! Stainless steel flask with engraved (rank and name) leatherette exterior. Comes with a filling funnel!



The Scholarship Fund

Ken Kapp, LTC (Ret), AOC Treasurer

Before you decide on what to do with your required minimum distribution (“RMD”) from your individual retirement account, you may want to consider the tax-advantaged strategy of a self-directed charitable donation to The MG Benjamin J. Butler “Century Division” Scholarship Fund (the “Scholarship Fund”). Your donation to the Scholarship Fund may be mailed to **Association of the Century, Inc. at P.O. Box 34393, Louisville, KY 40232.**

As of the end of calendar year 2023, the Scholarship Fund investment balance is \$289,987 and the funds available for award distributions are currently \$6,828. During 2023, the Scholarship Fund has received \$9,950 in donations.

The Association through the Scholarship Endowment Fund has now granted to the awardees 113 scholarships totaling \$112,000.

Changes to the Major General Benjamin J. Butler Scholarship Program

Effective this year, students enrolled in a two-year college are eligible for one award of the scholarship. Other changes include requiring the letters of recommendation be dated in the current year and changing the essay to demonstrate financial need. The criteria is listed below, and the revised application form is included in this newsletter.

[Nomination form/applications](#) for scholarship grants may be submitted by qualified individuals who are pursuing a two or four-year degree program at an accredited college or university. There is a lifetime award limit of two awards per applicant. Applicants enrolled in a two-year program may be awarded one scholarship but can apply again once enrolled in a four- year program.

Scholarship grants are made annually from the MG Benjamin J. Butler “Century Division” Scholarship Fund (hereinafter “Fund”) which is managed by The Community Foundation of Louisville (hereinafter “Foundation”)

Scholarship assistance from the Fund can be used to help defray the full cost or any portion of the cost of any or all of the following: (1) tuition; (2) books; (3) academic fees; (4) room and board expenses for housing made available through the educational institution; and (5) any equipment purchased through the university. Each grant will be at least \$1,000 and will be made payable to the educational institution. All grants will be awarded on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis per the Scholarship Endowment Fund Agreement with The Community Foundation of Louisville.

Eligibility for consideration is based on the following guidelines and will be validated by the AOC initial selection committee:

1. Nominee for the scholarship must be: 1) an active, retired or former member of the United States Army 100th Infantry Division or any of its successor designations, including, but not limited to the 100th Division

(Training) or its successor designations such as 100th Division (Operational Support); or 2) be a direct lineal descendent of one of the foregoing individuals; or 3) be a legally adopted dependent or acknowledged by The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) as a dependent of one of the foregoing individuals.

2. Nominated individuals must be in the senior year of high school or a high school graduate and must have been accepted for admission to an institution of higher education. Applicants must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

After having met the above requirements, the selection committee established by the Foundation will make the final selection of the winning applicant/applicants based upon (1) demonstrated financial need; (2) qualities of good citizenship and patriotism, as indicated by community service, leadership positions, and/or letters of recommendation; (3) other letters of recommendation; and (4) demonstrated academic excellence.

3. The following documentation, as applicable, must be included in the applicant's nominating packet:

- * American College Test (ACT) Score and/or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Score
- * Grade Point Average (GPA) (include High School or current college Transcript)
- * Membership in National Honor Societies
- * Honors and Awards Received
- * Membership in Junior ROTC
- * Extra Curricular Activities, Community Activities and/or Military Achievement
- * A typed essay of 250 words on "How This Scholarship Will Help Me Achieve My Goals And Meet My Financial Needs" signed by the applicant.
- * Two signed letters of recommendation from a non-family member are required to include contact information for the recommending individual. Letters must dated and written during the year of the application.

2023 Financial Highlights

Ken Kapp, LTC (Ret), AOC Treasurer

Financial highlights for the 2023 calendar year included the highly successful Annual Meeting, the General's "Franklin Club" Challenge that raised \$3,375 and the continued financial commitment of our *Sentinel* advertisers. The Association of the Century donated \$7,000 to the Scholarship Fund. Annual and life memberships, interest income, and unrestricted donations to the Association increased from the previous years. The AOC will begin the 2024 year with Total Assets (cash & certificates of deposit) of \$131,739 and \$3,400 in inventory of resale inventory, "approximately 238 items (hats, patches, AOC coins, men's shirts, lady's shirts, men's lightweight jackets, T-shirts, fleece vest, hoodies, and a handful of close out old stock shirts)."

**APPLICATION FOR
MG BENJAMIN J. BUTLER “CENTURY DIVISION”
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Required documentation that must accompany this application may be found on the Association of the Century Website at <http://www.100aoc.org> .

A cash award in the amount of \$1,000 (minimum amount) or more will be paid directly to the college of the winning student’s choice upon proof of enrollment. There is a lifetime limit of two awards per student. Students enrolled in a two-year college may only be awarded one scholarship. The decision of the Scholarship Fund Committee and the Community Foundation of Louisville in the selection of the recipient is final.

1. Name of Nominee: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Social Security (Last 4): _____ Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____
 College of Choice: _____
 Previous Award of this Scholarship? Yes ___ No ___ Year: _____

2. High School Attended: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Graduation Date: _____
 College Attended (if applicable): _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Semester(s): _____

3. Nominated By: _____
 Please list current or Former 100th Division Unit(s) and dates of service:

 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
 Relationship to Nominee: _____

4. Signature of Nominating Person: _____
 Date Signed: _____

Nomination Application and required documentation will be scanned into one file and emailed to diamond.janie@gmail.com. Contact CW5 Janie Diamond if you need help with this. Email or phone 502-432-6298. Packets need to be emailed prior to midnight 15 June each year.

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US Congressman Andy Barr Speaks to Lexington Veterans Group

National Defense was the topic when US 6th District Congressman Andy Barr spoke to more than 30 veterans at their monthly lunch gathering in Lexington, KY, on March 4, 2024, shown in the photo above.

Congressman Barr warned of increasing People's Republic of China military and economic aggressive actions in both the US and Pacific Region that threaten US and allies' security. He pointed out that the PRC seeks gain military advantage over US allies Taiwan, Philippines, Korea and others by aggressive actions against our Navies, shipping lanes and propaganda. The PRC attempts to evade US trade sanctions in international economic matters by illegally acquiring surveillance and technology to use in its military applications and by accessing US capital markets.

All veterans are invited to attend this monthly meeting held the first Monday of each month at 1100 Hours at Golden Corral Buffet, 184 East New Circle Road, Lexington, KY. Should the first Monday be a legal holiday, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, the day after the holiday.

The General’s “Franklin Club Challenge”

Ken Kapp, LTC (Ret), AOC Treasurer

Join the Club this year in 2024! Please consider donating to the General’s Franklin Club Challenge by making your check payable to the “Franklin Club Challenge” and mailing them directly to **AOC, P.O. Box 34393, Louisville, KY 40232.**

The General’s “Franklin Club Challenge” has raised \$34,007 from 149 participants; \$24,902 has been designated to the Scholarship Fund, \$2,264 to the SOS Fund, \$1,291 to the Museum Fund and \$5,550 has been designated unrestricted.

The General’s “Franklin Club Challenge” as of December 31, 2023:

Larry D. Abel (\$300)	Charles Fineisen	Gerald C. McKinney (\$150)
William D. Adams	James Fallin	Keith Hugh McWhorter (\$400)
Maurice Allgeier	W. Dan Farris	Ned McWhorter (\$300)
Sammy Alvey	Peter Fast	Mit Merritt (\$350)
Gabriel T. Arnold (\$750)	James Fleenor	Richard Dale Miller
L. Clark Arnold (\$150)	Al Freeland (\$150)	Ronald Moss
Deborah A. Ashley	Lindsey Freeman	Benjamin F. Murphy
John Aubrey (\$1,000)	Scott Garrett	Paul Nadeau (\$200)
Paul Baker	Charles E. Gorton (\$340)	Monte Nesmith
Newton R. Bardwell III (\$300)	Flem Gordon	Bob Noble
Robert T. Barnes (\$250)	Elizabeth L. Grossi (\$200)	Cyndy Noble
Ronald Barnes	Joseph Hamilton, III	Milton Nugent
Bill Barron (\$400)	Jay Hancock (\$150)	Larry Pierson
David L. Belcher (\$200)	Philip L. Hanrahan (\$200)	Carl Platt (\$450)
Byron Bell	Joel Hardin	Albert Pomey (\$200)
Michael A. Bennett	Dr. Roland C. Haun (\$300)	Philip Reel
Gregory Bethards (\$200)	Larry Herzog (\$200)	Jack R. Reeves (\$250)
Richard Blain (\$250)	Leo Hill	David M. Richardson (\$200)
Francis Bland	Donald C. Hines	Ramon Rodgers
Joe B. Brown	Charles R. Hitchcock (\$200)	Richard Rowe
Joe E. Brown (\$200)	R. Craig Holland	James Glenn Russell
William Brown	Carl A. Hulsewede III (\$200)	Robert Silverthorn (\$400)
Linda Bruin	Gregory J. Hunt (\$250)	Rusti Silverthorn (\$400)
John K. Butler	George H. Imorde, Jr.	Bob G. Simmons
George H. Campbell, Jr.	Ronnie Jervis	Charles B. Skaggs
Ben W. Carr, Jr (\$250)	Horace Johnson (\$500)	Earl Sosby Jr.
Richard D. Chegar (\$400)	James C. Johnson (\$300)	James Starr (\$760)
Thomas Clay	Virginia C. Jones	James Stevens (\$200)
M. Courtland Clayton (\$500)	Hobert Judd (\$300)	Dale Stewart
Robert Cobb	David Jungquist (\$600)	David Sullivan
Richard Coleman (\$200)	Ken Kapp (\$250)	Harry M. Summerville (\$200)
Kathy Combs	Allen Kessler	John Swarts
Larry Craig (\$400)	James E. Kutzner (\$200)	Ernest Taylor
Thomas Davis	Ray Lackey (\$1,000)	Durward C. Thomas
James D. Davidson (\$200)	Joe Lamkin	Steve Thompson
John M. Davidson	Kathleen Lee	Travis W. Tichenor III

James H. Dearing	Benjamin Livingston	John Tindall (\$250)
Janie Diamond	Mike Lyall	Karl Truman
Arvil Dobson	Michael Mannarino	John H. Ward IV (\$200)
Roy D. Dodson	J.D. Maples Jr.	Ronald G. Waldrip (\$300)
Roy Downey (\$200)	Clarence Martin Jr. (\$300)	Tony Warren
Douglas G. Draper (\$600)	Elmo Martin (\$1,550)	Cleland White (\$350)
Tilman Drury	A. George Mason, Jr. (\$750)	Norm Williams (\$125)
Brian Duffy	Bobbie Maybrier	Luther W. Willis
J. Henry Duncan	Charlie & Kitty McBride (\$200)	Chappell R. Wilson
Odis Embry	Michael McCorkle	Marvin H. Wilson (\$200)
David Evans (\$300)	Francis 'Mac' McDermott (\$300)	Bernis Woodward (\$400)
Pete Evans	Johnny M. McGuire (\$200)	Ben Zimmerman

“Franklin Club Challenge” gifts made in Memoriam as of December 31, 2023:

	Name:	By:
	COL Byron Crawford	Anonymous
	MG David L. Evans (\$1,600)	Patricia S. Evans
	MG David L. Evans (\$300)	Anonymous
	MG Roy C. Gray, Jr (\$397)	Roy Gray, III
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1 March 2024

The Association of the Century, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the enhancement of our nation's defense, particularly and specifically through a strong, mission capable U.S. Army Reserve 100th Division. It is administered by a duly elected all volunteer Board of Directors composed of former and retired officers and enlisted personnel from the 100th Division.

One of our goals is to perpetuate high standards of excellence within the 100th Division by providing a strong link between active and former Century Division members. To accomplish this goal, we (1) recognize past 100th Division members who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service, (2) provide awards to recognize exceptional achievement by active members of the Century Division, and (3) conduct an Annual Meeting for Association business and fellowship. The 2024 Annual Meeting will be held in Owensboro, Kentucky on the weekend of August 24th.

One of our key initiatives is providing scholarships to students related to active duty and former 100th Division members. Monies raised through our fundraising efforts have provided as many as ten or more academic scholarships to qualifying students in a single year. Our current scholarship awards are \$1,000.

To help raise the funds for each of our annual programs; along with covering our operational and event costs we are seeking your support in the form of cash donations or items to be used as auction items. Association members in attendance at our Annual Meeting bid on the auction items to generate funds for the Association. As a reminder, The Association of the Century is a not-for-profit veterans' organization. It is designated as a 501(c) (19) corporation (EIN) 31-0931318. Generally, all contributions are deductible as charitable donations for federal income tax purposes.

Thank you for considering our request for a contribution. You may contact us at the above address.



MG Bill Barron
US Army Retired
Chairman of the Board



MSG R. Wayne Gerding
US Army Retired
2024 Association President

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Receipt For Donated Goods or Services

Date: _____

Donated by: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

The donation of Goods or Services requires a systematic mention by listing the donated item(s). The description, quantity and value in detail will be beneficial for the donor and the Association records.

The following items were donated to the Association of The Century.

Items Donated:

Total Value of Listed Items: _____

No Goods or Services Were Provided In Return from the Association.

Items Received By: *(Association of the Century Representative)*

(Date) (Print name) (Signature)

(Copy of this document to be retained for AOC records)

Thank You!!

We Appreciate Your Support to the Association Of The Century

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Receipt For Cash Donation and Use of Same

Date: _____

Donated by: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

The donation of Cash requires a systematic mention by listing the donated amount. The total amount and use of same should be reflected and will be beneficial for the donor and the Association records.

A Cash Donation in the amount of \$_____ dollars is hereby made to the Association of the Century, Inc.

The Association will determine the use of the donated amount to support their yearly programs; along with covering their operational and event costs as stated in cover letter; unless otherwise stated by the donor.

I the donor wish my donation to be used as stated below:

Items Received By: *(Association of the Century Representative)*

(Date) (Print name) (Signature)

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