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Post 284 Commander Tonya Meunier and grandson Luke Wheeler rode in the 71st Annual Colonial Heights Christmas Parade, Tuesday, December 3 on the Boulevard. (Photo by David Breidenbach)

# Post 284 celebrates holidays with another busy schedule

By Dick Cole Editor

nce again this year,
American Legion Post
284 stayed busy with a
number of holiday activities, beginning with the Legion
family's participation in the Colonial
Heights Christmas Parade, Dec. 3.

Riding in the parade this year were Post Commander Tonya Meunier, accompanied by grandson and Sons of the American Legion member Luke Wheeler; American Legion Auxiliary Unit 284 President Robin Lee and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 284 Commander Jim Rovinski.

Again this year, the Post hosted a free breakfast with an appearance by Santa (Freddie Hayes) and the Grinch (Tim Capps) on Dec. 7. Each child who attended was able to have their photo taken with Santa and receive a free gift either donated by

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# FROM THE COMMANDER



appy New Year to Everyone!
What a wonderful December! Seeing all of the families at breakfast with Santa, the smiling faces of the kiddos talking with Santa and the amount of fun and antics had by the visit of the Grinch was a time of this year that I will remember for a long time!

What a FABULOUS time had during the Christmas Dinner Celebration! It was so much fun, and there was a WONDERFUL band during the Riders' Christmas Party! Comradeship... that was what we all celebrated during the three major events!

December is such a busy month every year! But, the heartfelt "Thank Yous" and tears while handing out the food baskets each year, that is what makes December so memorable! Thank you to ALL in the Legion Family, from the decorating, the planning and the celebrations, for a perfect end to 2024!

The new year is upon us, marking the start of the calendar year as well as the end of the six-month mark for The American Legion fiscal year! As we bring in the 2025 year, remember to continue to check in with one another, and keep track of your volunteering both inside the Post as well as outside of the post.

We are seeing more and more new faces for our largest fundraiser at the post, Bingo. Bingo is what pays for our major bills, supports our community causes and so much more. Not just for the Legion, but for the Legion Family here at Post 284. The funds raised through this program pays for Boys and Girls State, Wreaths Across America, and the many community causes for children and youth. Please consider coming out, giving it a try, have some fun and get a free dinner meal for your hard work.

We are in need of a new Building and Grounds Chairman, as well as an IT assistant for the Post. Please reach out to me if you are interested in lending a hand.

Also, if you are interested in baseball, we are in need of a new Athletics Officer for the Post. This year Legion Baseball celebrates 100 years of baseball.

Tonya Meunier

#### Holiday Celebrations (cont'd from p.1)

Post members or purchased by the Post. Turnout for this event was good once again this year, and I expect this will continue as an annual tradition at the Post. Commander Meunier was extremely appreciative of the members who donated toys for the event.

The Post held its annual Christmas Party on Dec. 14. The event was well attended and featured a performance by the band "Bordertown."

Earlier that day, the Southern Virginia American Legion Riders from Post 284, joined by several members of the Legion family, travelled to City Point Cemetery in Hopewell to lay Christmas wreaths on the graves of the veterans interred there. The SVALR had an extremely successful wreath sponsorship drive this year, providing more than 1,000 wreaths — the largest amount donated by a single organization this year — toward the needed 6,909 veteran graves in the cemetery.

December 21, the SVALR held its annual Christmas Party, during which the officers for 2025 were officially installed. Sharron Vaughan was named "2024 Rider of the Year" by outgoing Director Tim Capps. Numerous membership awards were handed out at the event. (*Photos may be seen in the SVALR pages of this issue.—Ed.*) They also had a band — Lee Street Band — at their party, which was held at the nearby 40 and 8 Voiture 1530.

On Dec. 21 and 22, Post members gathered at the Post to assemble and distribute Christmas food bags for area needy families. This year,



This youngster was so thrilled with the toy he received at the Breakfast with Santa that he had to tell Santa all about it! (Photo by Dick Cole)



Post members got into the holiday spirit at the annual Post Christmas Party, Dec. 14, where they were treated to a catered buffet and dancing to the band, "Bordertown." (Photo by Dick Cole)

some 72 needy families received seven grocery bags of groceries, including a turkey. Food for this year's food basket drive was procured from the Fort Gregg-Adams Post Commissary.

Additionally, Auxiliary Unit

284 supported the Christmas Mother Program and helped support 1,499 needy area families.



## **Holiday Scenes Around Post 284**







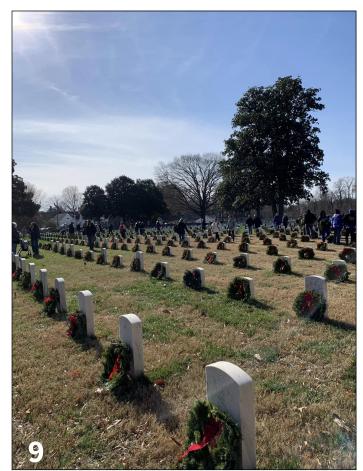


<u>Photo 1:</u> This youngster arrived in a wheelchair, but was thrilled to meet Santa and get a free toy! <u>Photo 2:</u> Carlton Branch, President of the Holiday Helpers Association, presents a Certificate of Appreciation at the Post Christmas Party to Post Commander Tonya Meunier, accompanied by (I. to r.) Jerry Chenault, Melissa Napier and Lynne Norton. <u>Photo 3:</u> The Grinch (Tim Capps) tries to get a Breakfast with Santa attendee's attention. <u>Photo 4:</u> A great spread of hors d'oeuvres at the Christmas Party!

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<u>Photo 5:</u> The SVALR crew that placed wreaths on graves at City Point National Cemetery pose in front of the marble obelisk erected in memory of the dead of the Army of the James. <u>Photo 6:</u> SVALR attendees at their Christmas Party pose for a group shot. <u>Photo 7:</u> Waiting for the groceries to arrive from the Fort Gregg-Adams commissary for the food baskets. <u>Photo 8:</u> The groceries have arrived and the unpacking begins. <u>Photo 9:</u> The City Point National Cemetery after the Christmas wreaths have been placed on graves there. This year, SVALR sponsored more than 1,000 wreaths for the 6,909 graves in the cemetery. Most of the veterans interred there died in nearby hospitals during the Civil War.

Photos courtesy of Dick Cole, Robyn Lee, Brad Harter, and Bob LaRue



#### FROM THE POST CHAPLAIN

Rev. William H. Gibson III

#### A New Year without Fear

s the European explorers began exploring the far reaches of the Atlantic Ocean, they would draw maps as far out as they had explored.

And when they reached the nether point of their exploration, they didn't know what was further out, so they would write on their maps: "Beyond this, there may be dragons."

Now, they'd never seen a dragon, but they didn't know what was out there. They were afraid of the uncharted; they were afraid of the unknown.

Well, as history proved, as they extended their maps, they found golden beaches, lush fields, and rivers of gold, and beautiful things.

But so far as they were concerned, it was uncharted and unknown, and, therefore, fearful. And that's the way many of us feel about the future.

We don't have to face the future in fear. Now, Now, we're all going to face some things, but we can face this New Year with our shoulders square and smiles on our faces because of what we have in Christ.

I'm not trying to tell you that it's going to be all honey and no bees. Oh, no. This next year may be a terrible year – we just don't know.

But we can stand upon the promises of the Word of God: *Hebrews* 13:6 – ... *The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.* 

We cannot live in last year. We cannot be controlled by the mistakes of 2024. And we cannot live on past victories. So, if you have blown it in the past year, learn from that. Let those mistakes teach you what not to do. Make the appropriate changes in your behavior. Replace bad habits with new good habits. Make better choices and better friends. At the same time, don't try to live on your past victories.

If God did something wonderful in your life in 2024, be thankful for that. But a new year is in front of you. Be looking for new opportunities and be prepared to step out in faith and allow God to do a new thing in you and through you. So press on and be excited about what God has for you in 2025.

# Make rure your new member recruits or transfer members get a "wooden nickel!"



The post has created a wooden chip to be given to new members, visiting potential members, or transfers to Post 284. The chips — available from any Post officer — can be redeemed by the visitor, new member or transferee for food and/or non-alcoholic beverage in Topside for a value of \$5! That's enough to have a sandwich and a soft drink on the Post! Make sure to get your new Post recruits a "wooden nickel" for use at Topside and welcome them to Post 284!

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## Southern Virginia American Legion Riders





The SVALR officers for 2025 were installed at the Christmas Party, Dec. 21, by Skip Klaas. They are (l. to r.): outgoing Director Tim Capps, Sergeant-at-Arms Ernie Nichols; Adjutant Sharron Vaughan; Treasurer Richard Milton; Sergeant-at-Arms Dale Waldrop; Assistant Director Jon Merrill and Director Phil Vaughan.

appy New Year from the Southern Virginia American Legion Riders Post 284! Of course, as it is a new year, the chapter also has new leadership as you can see from the photo above. We will be selecting our non-elected officers at our January meeting. These include our historian and safety officer.

I want to thank outgoing Director Tim Capps for his leadership the past year. Thanks, too, to outgoing adjutant Brandy Harter, who has served in the post for several years.

The riders outdid themselves this year with the number of wreaths they managed to sponsor for "Wreaths Across America." We managed to sponsor more than 1,000 wreaths this year! As a matter of fact, we were the organization to sponsor the single largest number of wreaths in City Point National

Cemetery.

As you may or may not know, there are a total of 6,909 graves in City Point National Cemetery. The majority of the interred there are Civil War casualties that died in nearby hospitals. The cemetery has been closed to new burials since 1971. Thanks to all of our members who supported this effort and came out on Dec. 14 to lay the wreaths on the gravesites.

The next big event on our agenda is our Brunswick Stew cook on Jan. 18. The stew will be ready for pick up at the top of the hill between 3 and 5 p.m. on that date. If you've not already ordered some, you may be too late. Call Bill Beatty at (804) 301-5466 to see if there is any available.

**Phil Vaughan**Director, SVALR

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### 2024 SVALR AWARDS











Photo 1: Director Tim Capps presents the five-year membership star and certificate to Aiden Harter. Photo 2: Capps presents the 10-year membership star and certificate to incoming Director Phil Vaughan. Photo 3: Capps presents the five-year membership star and certificate to Joselyn Verdi. Photo 4: Capps presents the five-year membership certificate and star to Steve Burke as Membership Chairman Sue Rose looks on. Photo 5: Capps presents a five-year membership certificate and star to William DeWolf.

#### **Photos courtesy Brad Harter**



ello My friends and hello, January
2025!

Albert Einstein once penned a
quote which stated, "Learn from Yesterday, Live for Today and Hope for Tomorrow."

I love new beginnings as we pause and reflect on the successes we leave behind, carving out newer ideas and setting even higher goals moving forward.

December is such a busy month, which always starts with decorating the Hall. A big thank you to those who came out to give of your time to make Post 284 beautiful for the Christmas season! We were present in the Colonial Heights Parade, a cold night but another very meaningful endeavor sharing the joy of Christmas in our community.

We were a bridge of support to our Legion family in coming alongside the Commander's "Breakfast with Santa" providing the Children & Youth activities table. The kids in attendance got an extra goodie bag in addition to their "gift" from Santa, which they loved. We also enlisted help from one of our own Junior members, Maia Amato who loved being involved.

Our Auxiliary Membership Christmas Dinner and meeting was a great time and well attended. Many Thanks to Rita Feasenmyer who always puts together a wonderful meal and presentation lavishing appreciation on our new and sustained membership! We also had Chesterfield- Colonial Heights Christmas Mother guest Lyn Hayes in attendance who spoke on behalf of their program each year sharing how it benefits so many families in need. Lyn is a Unit 284 Aux-



Chesterfield- Colonial Heights Christmas Mother coordinator Lyn Hayes attended the December meeting and spoke about how it benefits so many area families in need. (Photo by Rita Feasenmyer)

iliary member herself and her presentation was very moving. We were delighted to have her!

Our American Legion Christmas Dinner and dance only days later was another great success, and the Auxiliary Donation Fundraiser event added to the excitement and fun of the evening. Again, to those precious souls in the background putting in many hours toward decorating, the hors d'oeuvres table and the door prizes are foundational in the spirit of hospitality and serving others. Your efforts are never forgotten. Again, thank you!

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Thanks to all who pitched in to make it a success!

The Christmas baskets community service project is another wonderful expression of love for our community and worthy of our time and energy. Volunteers are always welcome.

All of these important opportunities, events and successes come down to one thing—membership. Have membership forms with you and be ready to share how memberships help us achieve our goals.

If your card states 2024, it is time to renew! You may do this easily on our website link <a href="mailto:here">here</a> or contact Rita Feasenmyer at <a href="mailto:ritafeas@gmail.com">ritafeas@gmail.com</a>.

A few dates to remember, we have our monthly executive and membership meeting on Jan. 8. The executive meeting is at 6 p.m. and the general membership meeting at 7 p.m.

The Commander's Breakfast will be on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 7:30-9:30 a.m., and we will have a children and youth activities table. We could use helpers.

Country line dancing resumes in January — now on the third Saturday of the month (Jan. 18), from 7-11 p.m. Please consider being a part of this event by putting a few Saturdays on your calendar to help out.

If you know of anyone suffering from sickness or difficulty, reach out to our Chaplain Patricia Gibson at <u>pjgibs2020@gmail.com</u> or myself at <u>robin.lee34@gmail.com</u>.

For God and Country!

Robin Lee

Unit 284 President



# SAL NEWS





Sons member Skip Klaas prepares to make more pancake batter during the Breakfast With Santa on Dec. 7. (Photo by Dick Cole)

hope that everyone had a good holiday season and I wish everyone a healthy and safe 2025.

Thank you to our members who assisted with the Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 7. The event was well attended and folks seemed to enjoy the pancakes and sausages we prepared.

The Sons also assisted with the assembly and distribution of Christmas food baskets to 72 needy area families. Thank you to our members who sacrificed some time during the holiday season to help bring others joy.

Don't forget that the Legion will resume the monthly County Line Dancing —this year on the

third Saturday of each month — beginning Jan. 18. We'll need volunteers to assist with the event.

Of course, the membership year ended Dec. 31 and we need all the Sons to renew their memberships for 2025 as soon as possible. See Linwood Moore, our membership chairman.

Beginning in February, we will also resume putting out flags on the Boulevard in Colonial Heights and all are invited to assist.

Jim Rovinski

Commander, Squadron 284

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#### Post 284 Events Calendar

#### **January 2025**

- 2 Commander's Leadership Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 4 Karaoke at Topside, 8 p.m.
- 7 Southern Virginia American Legion Riders Post 284 Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Auxiliary Unit 284 Meeting

6 p.m. — Executive Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. — Refreshments

7 p.m. — Membership Meeting

9 General Membership Meeting

6:15 p.m. — Dinner

7 p.m. — Meeting

- 11 Commander's Breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m.
- Post Cleanup, 8:30 a.m.
- 15 SAL Squadron 284 Meeting

6:15 p.m. — Dinner

7 p.m. — Meeting

- 29 Topside Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 30 Post Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.



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e hope everyone had a safe and Merry Christmas! We enjoyed celebrating Christmas with everyone that attended the Post Christmas Party. We always have a great time helping out our Post, and spending the evening with some of our favorite people.

We would like to thank everyone who dropped off a gift for our hard working staff. They work so hard all year long, and it was heartwarming to see the love that was sent their way.

We look forward to a great 2025. We hope that if you aren't in the habit of frequenting Topside, that you stop on up, and see us. If you haven't already, text AL284 to 78859. We will be sending out the specials each week. We will also share the specials on Facebook.

We will see Y'all soon!

The Topside Team

# Topside Lounge

Topside Lounge is open 6 days a week with a full menu.

Hours of operation are as follows:

Sunday 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Monday - Closed

Tuesday-Wednesday 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Kitchen opens at 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday

We may close early at the bartender's discretion depending on business. If you are in doubt or have any questions, please give us a call at (804) 526-4167 and follow prompts for Topside.

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Kerry Washington portrays Army Maj. Charity Adams, commander of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion in the Tyler Perry written and directed film, The Six Triple Eight, released on Netflix over the Christmas holiday. (Photo via Netflix)

The Six Triple Eight featured on Netflix

#### Story of Fort Gregg-Adams namesake told in film

By Dick Cole Editor

ver the holidays, Netflix released a film written and directed by Tyler Perry about the all- Black woman Army unit, the 6888th Central Postal Directory

Battalion that served in Europe during the waning days of World War II. I must admit that I had never heard of the unit until Fort Lee was recently renamed Fort Gregg-Adams. The Adams in the fort's new name is Lt. Col. Charity Adams, the commander of the 6888th, referred to as the "Six Triple Eight." So, I was looking forward to the film to learn more about Adams and her contributions to the Army.

I am sad to say that I was disappointed in the film. Having been a military historian and an advisor to motion picture production companies during the making of a few military movies, there was much to find wrong with Perry's *The Six Triple Eight*.

To Perry's credit, he was clearly trying to create a

film like *Hidden Figures*, the untold story of three Black mathematicians and their work at NASA during the Space Race of the 1960s. Both *The Six Triple Eight* and *Hidden Figures* cover similar themes, with Black women working in a previously all-male field and succeeding while contending with both sexism and racism. Despite the many layers of injustice the women face, *Hidden Figures* has an uplifting tone. It was nominated for the Best Picture and Best Adapted Screenplay Academy Awards, and Octavia Spencer was nominated for Best Actress during 2016. Unfortunately, *The Six Triple Eight* falls well short

Unfortunately, *The Six Triple Eight* falls well short of that level of tone, authenticity and historical truth.

The film opens in December 1943 at San Pietro, Italy. A white soldier winding through trenches, (there was no trench warfare in WWII like that depicted in the film) then storms the broken landscape with his battalion only to narrowly miss being struck by a P-51D fighter crashing to the ground. The soldier pulls the pilot from the wreckage, taking a bloody letter

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from him that'll sit, undelivered, in an army warehouse for years.

From the battlefield, Perry leaps backward to 1942 in Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, where Lena Derriecott King (Ebony Obsidian) is bidding adieu to her white Jewish boyfriend Abram David (Gregg Sulkin). Never mind that there were anti-miscegenation laws in all but one state prohibiting mixed-race relationships that weren't overturned until 1964 U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that laws banning interracial relationships violate the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. King also attends a non-segregated school which did not exist in 1942.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not defending racism, but including these untruths in a period drama makes the true racism that the women face in the film less important than it should be and easier to disregard. Had Perry been true to history, he would have in-

creased the importance of what the 6888<sup>th</sup> achieved 80 years ago. The best scenes

in the film were the women working together to determine how to get 17 million pieces of mail delivered to their intended recipients.

Abram's sudden death during the war pushes us forward to 1944, at Fort Oglethorpe,
Georgia, where a newly enlisted King falls under the command of Major Charity
Adams (Kerry Washington).
Major Adams tells her battalion that they were not born with the luxury of being White and, therefore,

must bear the burden of being better. This is the moment you realize what Perry's film is really about. The "mail" crisis was just a task. The real conflict is at home. Before waging a war against Hitler, these women of color had to first win a battle against the oppression and racial discrimination of their own country.

Actor Dean Norris' fictional character, Lt. Gen. Halt, is just there to remind us of the kind of evil forces they were up against. In real life, Adams did work under the command of someone named Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee. In 1944, she was working as a

training center control officer at Fort Des Moines (not Fort Oglethorpe), from where she and her unit were finally deployed to Birmingham, England, to handle the mail delivery operation. Halt (Norris) represents all the racist military men that the 6888th came across during their time in the Army.

Each and every bad white person in the movie is so cartoonishly awful that it's almost funny at times. And it shouldn't be! These women dealt with a lot of racism and nothing about that is funny.

One other item I noticed in the movie was that most of the women were privates or PFCs. There wasn't a non-commissioned officer anywhere! In Perry's film, the women were privates or officers. He completely neglected the importance of and contribution of NCOs to the accomplishment of the mission. The film also appears to have been made without Army or DoD assistance.

Kerry Washington was able to provide a performance that, in my opinion, saved

the premise of the movie. Only her scenes as Major Charity Adams seemed to drive home what *The* 

Six Triple Eight should've been all about — the feat of sorting through a backlog of correspondence between American soldiers and their loved ones

while a racist military ex pects and awaits their failure.

My biggest issue, though, was the fact that Perry heavy handedly portrays the brutal misogyny the women face at every turn. In

fact, Perry seems more concerned with showing those degrading and minimizing moments than the exceptional achievement of the 6888th-- overseeing the logistical nightmare of sorting and delivering 17 million pieces of backlogged mail. The 855 members of the Six Triple Eight ultimately accomplished this daunting six-month task in just three months, much to the surprise and resentment of Army leaders who weren't keen on Black leadership, or the specter of desegregation, in the armed forces.







# Colonial Heights ==AMERICAN LEGION 505 Springdale Road



# FREAKFAST!

Open to Post Members, guests, and members of the community!

All ages welcome!

Saturday, January 11, 7:30-9:30 a.m. Main Floor Dining Room

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Southern Virginia American Legion Riders
Post 284

**Brunswick Stew Fund Raiser** 





See a Post 284 Legion Rider to place your order <u>or</u> call Bill Beatty (804) 301-5466

Stew will be ready for pick up at Post 284 (On Top of the Hill) between 3:00 – 5:00 PM 18 JANUARY



#### Congratulations!

Sharron Vaughan was selected by SVALR Director
Tim Capps as the 2024
Ahrend-Althouse "Rider of the Year." The award was presented at the SVALR
Christmas Party, Dec. 21.
The award is presented each year to the person determined to have made the greatest contribution to the success of the Riders chapter during the previous year.

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES DEC 31st!



### DON'T LET THE GRINCH STEAL YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

#### **Bingo Volunteers Needed!**

We still need three or four volunteers on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to assist with selling pull-tab gaming cards. If you volunteer, we will provide you with dinner! Come help us make the funds we are able to use to support community charities and maintain our Post!

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# TOURNAMENT



PLAY MONDAY - MAY 5, 2025

GOLF FOR A The Golf Club at The Highlands 8136 Highland Glen Drive, Chesterfield, VA 23838

#### TEE UP TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

11:00 AM Registration/Lunch 1:00 PM Shot-Gun Start 6:00 PM Dinner/Awards



33 Teams of Four \$125 per person

50/50 Silent Auction

Mulligans Raffle

Our mission (goal) is to end veteran and first responder homelessness, significantly reduce suicides and support the families of our fallen. We turn houses into homes and inspire hope, healing, and purpose to those suffering a crisis. We work to re-build self-worth, selfdignity, pride, and help our clients rediscover their purpose.

For more information: www.vettrack.org / Golf Tournament

The Vets on Track Foundation is a state and federally certified 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Our Federal ID number is: EIN: 46-3805203. We advocate on behalf of all military veterans, first responders and their families through our proactive outreach efforts.

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