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#### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



# ANNUAL COAST GUARD EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 16, 2011

10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

**US Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale** 

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 AM followed by picnic coloring contest, bounce house, clown, hula hoops

\$15 per adult / Free for civilian kids under 10

Please RSVP to <u>bcnavyleague@yahoo.com</u> by Saturday, April 9

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#### MARCH DINNER SOCIAL



Commander Michael J. Rodman, Commanding Officer, Navy Recruiting District Miami, was the guest speaker at the Council's March dinner social. CDR Rodman described how recruiting has changed over the years. He explained that many active duty personnel are staying in the military longer due to the poor economy so there are less slots available to fill. In addition, it is difficult for most people to meet the physical, mental and academic standards.

Flanagan High School JROTC presented the colors. Their commanding officer, LCDR Jim Stauffer, told the audience about the hard work and dedication of these fine young cadets and of their third place finish in the recent NJROTC Area 7 Championship meet.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Port Everglades – a cornucopia of activity

As Fleet Week 2011 approaches, I'm reminded of the considerable amount of time our Council members – and indeed those of our sister Councils – spend in Port Everglades. We hold our Board meetings, greet visiting Navy and Coast Guard ships, enjoy gatherings aboard cruise ships, and spend virtually the entire week working the Port during Fleet Week.

Port Everglades is a Broward County treasure as it is indeed for the entire State of Florida.

Looking back, in 1927, the Florida Legislature established the Broward County Port Authority and two years later the first cargo ship entered Port Everglades. Between 1941 and 1943, the Port was used as a Navy base.

Over the years, the expansion has been spectacular and in the 90's, the Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center was built and the County Commission assumed the overall governance of the Port while relying on dedicated and professional managers for Port administration.

The Port costs the County taxpayers nothing. Revenue from operations, cruise ships and cargo, cover operating and capital costs.

According to Port statistics, with over 2,000 acres dedicated to maritime activity, Port Everglades attributes 143,000 direct and indirect jobs generating over five billion dollars in total personal income and accounting for almost fourteen billion dollars of economic activity for the County and the State including the collection of some four hundred million dollars in State and local taxes.

And while all of us usually focus on the multitude of visually beautiful cruise ships we see almost daily – Princess, Holland America, Carnival, Royal Caribbean — it's really the cargo and petroleum activity that generate the jobs by a factor of ten to one according to the Port statistics. Container arrivals and petroleum imports, storage, transportation and related activity account for a larger share of Port revenue than do the spectacular cruise ships. So it's a multifaceted working port and a good provider for the County and State.

So as we move into Fleet Week, we all should be thinking of Port Everglades as our engine of prosperity.

George Reeves Council President



#### THE MARINES THANK US!

Thanks to all the generous members who contributed items at the March dinner social for the Council's care package program. We continue to receive thank you emails from the deployed Marine units who have received our care packages. The following emails are from 1stSgt James Vealey, H&S Company, Task Force 2/3, FOB Geronimo and 1stSgt Jonathan L. Groth, Company 1stSgt Company F, 2d Battalion 3d Marines, Task Force 3/9 Regimental Combat, Team 1.

We just had mail call and I received a package containing shaving cream, razors, toothpaste, and shampoo. As always, thank you for your time and effort, it is most appreciated. The items will be distributed to the Marines and Sailors of FOB Geronimo.

We had mail call yesterday afternoon and I had a package from you with hygiene items and five DVD's. It didn't take long for the DVD's to disappear; they will make their way around the FOB. Thank you again for your support.

I just received one of your packages and it had goodies, movies and hygiene stuff. The Marines will like the movies! Thank You for your support.

The packages you are sending us are reaching Fox Company. The men here really appreciate what you are doing for us! Thank You for your support!



#### PARTNERING WITH OPERATION HOMEFRONT

The word of our care package program has spread among Marine units in Helmand Province resulting in requests for more packages than the Council can fund since, including postage, each package involves a \$100 commitment. Given the Council's already excellent relationship with the Florida Chapter of Operation Homefront, contact was made with Simone Velasquez Hoover, President, for assistance. Operation Homefront advised the Council that their Missouri Chapter presently has 1,000 packages destined for deployed military. Our Council and the Missouri Chapter of Operation Homefront agreed to a joint effort whereby the Council will provide the funds for postage and Operation Homefront will mail the packages to the addresses provided by the Council. We look forward to a very successful partnership on the project.

If you wish to make a cash donation to assist with the care package program, please send a check payable to BCNL to P O Box 39252, Fort Lauderdale FL 33339.

#### SUPPORTING JROTC UNITS

On March 5, 2011, the NJROTC Area 7 Championship Meet was held at Oviedo High School in Oviedo Florida. Teams totaling 1,300 Cadets from 24 high schools throughout the State participated in this annual event. The competition consisted of Personnel Inspection, Armed Drill, Academics, Unarmed Drill, Push-ups, Situps, Exhibition Drill, Color Guard, as well as a 2000 and 220 yard relay race. The top five overall winners were units from the following high schools: #1 Boca Raton, #2 Winter Park, #3 Flanagan (Pembroke Pines), #4 Gulf (New Port Richey), and #5 Central (Brooksville). Boca Raton, Winter Park and Flanagan will go to Pensacola for the National meet in April. Our Council was one of the 13 Florida Navy League Councils contributing towards the cost of the trophies that were presented to these fine young men and women by Joe Daigneault, Vice President, Youth Programs for the Florida Region Navy League.

Congratulations to Flanagan High School JROTC unit; good luck in Pensacola



The Flanagan High School JROTC unit is sponsored by our Council and presented the colors at our March dinner social. All four of the members of the color guard (shown in photo above) participated in the Championship Meet in Oviedo.



LCDR Jim Stauffer is the commanding officer of the Flanagan High School JROTC unit and spoke at our March dinner social.

#### FREEDOM AWARDS



Mary Anne Gray and Garry Murphy present Freedom Award to Joe Giambrone

Broward Navy Days recognized South Florida Area President and Board Member Joe Giambrone with the Freedom Award on March 13, 2011. The award presentation was made at a luncheon aboard the cruise ship Ruby Princess. The Freedom Awards are given annually by Broward Navy Days and recipients of the Awards are selected in several categories including business, military and volunteer. Joe was selected for the numerous hours he volunteers in support of military and merchant mariners. In addition to his Navy League activities, Joe volunteers at Seafarers' House, a non-profit mission that provides support to merchant mariners at Port Everglades. He also serves on the board of the Florida Chapter of Operation Homefront and serves as the liaison to local South Florida Navy League Councils.

NAI Rauch, Weaver, Norfleet, Kurtz & Company was also presented with an Award; they donate space that is used for the offices of Broward Navy Days. The family of Joe Millsaps, who passed away in 2010, accepted an Award on his behalf. Joe was a Council member and the long-time Chairman of Broward Navy Days. RADM Dennis J. Moynihan USN, CHINFO, Chief of Information was the guest speaker and also was presented with a Freedom Award.



Left to right: Mary Anne Gray, Chairman, Broward Navy Days; two representatives of NAI Rauch, Weaver, Norfleet, Kurtz & Company; April Hallerman, daughter of Joe Millsaps, RADM Dennis J. Moynihan USN; and Joe Giambrone

## **COAST GUARD AIR STATION MIAMI**



Coast Guard Air Station Miami hosted a "Hangar Dance" on March 4, 2011 to honor the "Centennial of Naval Aviation". Photo was taken in front of a restored Coast Guard HC-144 "Ocean Sentry" that is assigned to the Air Station. In the photo (from left to right) are Past President CAPT Bill Weiler, USN(RET), Karin Weiler, Council President George Reeves, Sherry Kenin and CAPT Rick Kenin, Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Miami. "Uniform" for those honoring Naval Aviation was flight suits; business casual or cocktail attire for others. The Air Station is an adopted unit of the Council.



## SOUTH FLORIDA COAST GUARD ASSOCATION

The South Florida Coast Guard Association (SFCGA) is hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Evening under the Stars at the Hillsboro Lighthouse on Wednesday, April 20, from 6:00-8:30 PM. There will be light refreshments, desserts and beverages served. Cost is \$10 for SFCGA members and \$20 for non-members. Reservations can be made at <a href="https://www.thesfcga.com">www.thesfcga.com</a> by April 15. Contact Gwen Leys at <a href="mailto:gsleysrn@bellsouth.net">gsleysrn@bellsouth.net</a> or 954-647-3539 for more information. This is a unique event on the grounds of the Lighthouse and will help raise sponsorship dollars to support SFCGA's programs. The SFCGA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing professional development and networking opportunities for all South Florida Coast Guard personnel.



The 21st Annual Coast Guard Air Station Miami Runway 5K was held on March 11, 2011. The race offered a very unique environment; it began at the corner of the Coast Guard ramp and continued along the airport taxiways culminating at Air Station Miami's pool pavilion. The race was professionally timed by AccuChip. The 215 participants who crossed the finish line received a commemorative t-shirt with the Air Station Miami patch on the front. The Council supported the event with the presentation of gift cards to winners by age group. Board member Glenn Wiltshire participated in the race and joined Air Station Miami Commanding Officer Captain Rick Kenin and Command Master Chief Jeff Pomeroy in making the presentations to the winners. Council President George Reeves was on hand to congratulate the winning runners Emily Hofius, Jacqueline Mangone, Byron Creech and Jon Williams. Coast Guard Air Station Miami is an adopted unit of the Council.

Shown in the photo above are (left to right) Air Station Miami CMC Jeff Pomeroy, CO CAPT Rick Kenin, Council Board member Glenn Wiltshire, Emily Hofius, Jacqueline Mangone, and Byron Creech. (Jon Williams was not available for the photo.)

At right, Glenn Wiltshire crosses the finish line.



## **FLEET WEEK**

#### FLEET WEEK will be held from April 25—April 30

#### April 26 – April 30 Various Times

#### SHIPS TOURS FREE

If you would like to take a ship tour during Fleet Week, follow these instructions:

- 1) Go to <a href="http://browardnavydaysinc.org">http://browardnavydaysinc.org</a>
- 2) "Click" on the top headline, "Fleet Week 2011-Port Everglades"
- 3) At the bottom of the page, "Click" on "proceed with registration"
- 4) Provide the information requested
- 5) You may experience a "glitch" on the last registration page. If you "click" on "Print this page" and it prints blank, jot down your registration number for future reference in case you do not receive the confirmation e-mail or if you need to modify your registration.
- 6) You will automatically receive a confirmation e-mail from "Navy Days, Inc". Please print this e-mail.....it's your "ticket" for the tour. If you do not receive this confirmation in your regular e-mail, please check your "spam".

NOTE: Registration will close as soon as all spaces are filled and no later than April 18, 2011.

Attend one of these Fleet Week events that are open to the public —show the sailors that you support them!

Monday, April 25 6:00 - 10:00 PM

#### ALL HANDS ON DECK WELCOMING PARTY FREE

Seminole Paradise Shoppes

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

This event includes welcoming speeches by city and county officials; a ceremony to honor the Enlisted Persons of the Year and a "roll call" from each ship. Come welcome the sailors and listen to the Navy band.

Tuesday, April 26 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

## ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON \$55 with a cash bar

Hosted by the Fort Lauderdale Council

Luncheon will be aboard the Yacht Anticipation (300 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue – one block west of Andrews Avenue on the New River)

Boarding is at 11:15 with sailing and luncheon from 11:30 AM – 2:30

Call 954-565-6778 to make reservations

Tuesday, April 26 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM

#### GOLF CLASSIC

**COSTS VARY** 

Fort Lauderdale Golf & Country Club 415 Country Club Circle, Plantation 7:30 registration with 8:30 shotgun/scramble Awards and BBQ to follow Military rep to play with each foursome.

Golfers and sponsors needed

Contact Don Sanders at 954-695-1488 or don3738@aol.com

Tuesday, April 26 6:00 - 8:00 PM

#### JUNIOR OFFICERS PARTY

FREE

Hosted by the Broward County Council Briny's Irish Riverfront Pub & Restaurant

350 S Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale
Give the junior officers a great Broward County Council welcome!

Thursday, April 28 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

## TAKE A HERO FISHING TOURNAMENT FREE (USE YOUR BOAT)

This fishing tournament pairs South Florida sports fishermen and boat owners with military personnel from participating ships for a day of fun, boating and fishing. If you own a boat and would like to participate, contact Mary Anne Gray at Maryanne@browardnavydaysinc.org

Thursday, April 28 6:00 – 10:00 PM

#### **GALLEY WARS COMPETITION**

\$60

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Similar to the Iron Chef reality show, the competition pits ship's culinary specialists against each other in a contest to see who can prepare the best food using only surprise ingredients. For those attending, the reward is an outstanding meal prepared by some of our nation's finest. Contact Event Coordinator Jean-Sebastien Gros at

seb@browardnavydaysinc.org or 954-684-0855

#### **FLEET WEEK VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

If interested, contact Volunteer Coordinator Shelly Beck at <a href="mailto:Shelley.beck@cancer.org">Shelley.beck@cancer.org</a> or 954-564-0880 X7514

#### SEA SERVICE NEWS



Coast Guard Lt. Kelly Deutermann, a MH-65C aircraft commander at Coast Guard Air Station Miami, has been selected as the recipient of the 2011 Capt. Dorothy Stratton Leadership Award. She received the

award at the 24th Annual Joint Women's Leadership Symposium in San Diego. Established in 2001, the Capt. Dorothy Stratton Leadership Award is named in honor of the women who embraced the challenges presented by the admission of women into the Coast Guard. Stratton was the first director of the women's reserve (SPARS) during World War II. As the 11th recipient of the award, Lt. Deutermann has counseled numerous personnel through financial difficulty and personal hardship as a volunteer command financial specialist and Volunteer Income Tax Assistant (VITA); dedicated numerous hours both on and off duty to mentoring junior Coast Guard members and children in the local community; and has voluntarily supported organizations including the South Florida Coast Guard Association, Women in Aviation, Kids in Distress of Fort Lauderdale, Partnership in Education, and a local cycling and triathlon team.



More than 4,000 Sailors and Marines from the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) deployed from Norfolk and Little Creek, Virginia, in support of Operation Odyssey Dawn, on March 23, 2011. The deci-

sion to deploy the Bataan ARG/22nd MEU ahead of its previously scheduled deployment date was made based on continuing urgent needs in Libya and the region. The Bataan ARG/22nd MEU will provide the combatant commander a versatile sea-based force that can be tailored to a variety of missions, including quick reaction crisis response options and humanitarian assistance in maritime, littoral and inland environments, in support of the Navy's Maritime Strategy. Following their assignment in the Mediterranean, the Bataan ARG/22nd MEU will continue with its scheduled deployment in support of maritime security operations (MSO) and theater security cooperation (TSC) efforts in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility. The Bataan ARG ships include the Norfolkbased Bataan (in photo), USS Mesa Verde LPD 19 and USS Whidbey Island LSD 41. The 22nd MEU is comprised of its Command Element; a Ground Combat Element, Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment; Aviation Combat Element, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 263 (Reinforced); and Logistics Combat Element, Combat Logistics Battalion (CLB) 22.



Marine Cpl. Charles W. Martin III, 24, of Middletown, Rhode Island, was awarded the Purple Heart Medal in a ceremony, March 23, for wounds received in action in Afghanistan on January 20, 2011. Martin was

serving as a fire team leader for 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company E, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, Regiment Combat Team 1, 1st Marine Division Forward, when he was injured by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) while on patrol in Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Martin was on his fourth deployment when the injury occurred. Martin said he was proud to wear the award. In a certificate of achievement awarded to Martin, it was noted that during his deployment, he performed over 200 combat patrols and operations in Marjah, Afghanistan and was continually exposed to war hazards.



U.S. Naval forces disrupted a pirate attack on M/V Falcon Trader II, a Philippine-flagged merchant vessel, after it reported it had been attacked by pirates on

Aircraft carrier USS Enterprise CVN65 March 24, 2011. and guided missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf CG 55 (in photo), conducting operations supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, responded to a distress call from the M/ V Falcon Trader II reporting that suspected pirates in a small skiff were attempting to board the vessel. In a second report from the crew of Falcon Trader II, they stated there were pirates aboard and that all 20 crew members were safe and had locked themselves into a safe room. A SH-60F helicopter assigned to the "Dragonslayers" of Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron (HS) 11 from the Enterprise and a SH-60B helicopter assigned to the "Vipers" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 48 from the Leyte Gulf were sent to investigate the situation. Once on scene, the HS-11 helicopter fired warning shots to dissuade the pirates from continuing their attack. Following this, two pirates were witnessed jumping off the bow of the M/V Falcon Trader II and the pirates' skiff fled the area, pursued by HS-11's helicopter. With no confirmation that all the pirates had left the vessel, a Levte Gulf crewmember fluent in the Filipino language, Tagalog, remained in contact with the Falcon Trader's crew in the safe room and monitored the vessel overnight. The following morning, after observing no suspicious activity, Leyte Gulf's visit, board, search and seizure team boarded and secured the vessel. Confirming no pirates remained aboard, they notified the crew that it was safe to come out. "It says a great deal about the inherent flexibility and capability of the Enterprise Strike Group that we were able to conduct counter-piracy operations while simultaneously flying Operation Enduring Freedom missions and coordinating air defense of the region," said Capt. Eugene Black, commanding officer of Leyte Gulf.

#### HONORING OUR MILITARY

On March 15, 2011, the Key West Council Navy League and the Key West Area Chief Petty Officer Association sponsored its annual Military Member of the Year awards banquet at the Trumbo Palms, Fly Navy Building, in Key West. The banquet honored 26 Senior, Junior and Blue Jacket enlisted men and women from all the services of Key West (several are in photo below). Guest speaker was RDML John W. Smith Jr., USN, Deputy Director, Joint Interagency Task Force South. South Florida Area President and Board Member Joe Giambrone attended the event.



#### **BRAVO ZULU**

Board member Robert "Bob" Hein reports that his son, Navy Commander Robert Hein Jr., has been named the Commanding Officer of the USS Gettysburg CG-64. The Gettysburg's home port is Mayport and it will soon be deployed in the Mediterranean

#### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

#### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

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#### WELCOME BACK TO PAST COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

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Dianne (Bunny) Watroba 2300 Park Lane, Unit 209, Hollywood FL 33021-3728, phone 954-967-9241, sponsor Dottie Kirk

#### **USS BATAAN**



The Council recognized outstanding sailors of 2010 from the USS Bataan with certificates and checks. Shown in the photo above are (left to right) Bluejacket of the Year Logistics Specialist Seaman (SW/AW) Michael Furgason; Junior Sailor of the Year Information Systems Technician 3<sup>rd</sup> Class (SW) Kara Molloy; Sailor of the Year Hospital Corpsman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (SW/FMF) Teddy Chambers; and Senior Sailor of the Year Interior Communications Electrician 1st Class (SW/AW) William Also receiving checks and certificates were the following sailors of quarter 1 (shown below from left to right): Senior Sailor of the Quarter Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 1st Class (AW) Rodrickus Shepherd; Bluejacket of the Quarter Aviation Support Equipment Technician Airman Jeremy Crisostomo; Junior Sailor of the Quarter Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class Lisa Olnyk; and Sailor of the Quarter Logistics Specialist 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (SW/AW) Stephen R. Williams



#### *IN MEMORY OF CELESTE KEEGAN*



for several years, you will remember Celeste Keegan. Celeste was the backbone of the Council for many, many years. She had a very special place in her heart for the USS Levte Gulf, the first ship the Council adopted, as well as the local Coast Guard units. Celeste would often fly to Norfolk to participate in events on the Leyte Gulf and would pay for the dinners of Coast Guard personnel attending the Council's dinner socials. When Celeste passed away, the Council searched for a way to honor her. The Celeste Keegan fund was created due to the numerous requests received from friends who also wanted to pay tribute to her. The Board's original plan of planting a tree in her memory at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale was abandoned when it was learned that there were plans to expand Port Everglades and reconfigure the Coast Guard Station. The Council then contacted the Leyte Gulf and recently sent them a check representing the Celeste Keegan fund. The Leyte Gulf purchased a laptop to allow more sailors to have access to the internet; they placed a plaque indicating it was donated in memory of Celeste. They also purchased several photos from the US Naval Institute photo archive from the Battle of Leyte Gulf to help the sailors connect with the Battle.

Photos above show sailors using their new laptop and displaying the Battle of Leyte Gulf photos which will be hung throughout the ship. Photo below was taken when Celeste was presented with a letter of commendation from President George W. Bush in recognition of her volunteer hours. Bill Weiler, Council President at the time, made the presentation to Celeste.



### ENLISTED PERSON OF YEAR

HS2 Maricruz DuranRodriguez was recognized by the Council for her selection as Coast Guard Air Station Miami's Enlisted Person of the Year. Council President George Reeves and Board Member Glenn Wiltshire presented a certificate and check to HS2 DuranRodriguez during a muster drill at the Air Station.

Shown in photo (from left to right) are Command Master Chief Jeffrey Pomeroy, Glenn Wiltshire, Council President George Reeves, HS2 Maricruz DuranRodriguez and Commanding Officer Captain Rick Kenin.



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## SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



## BM2 Miguel Sanchez-Taylor Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale

Hometown: Miami Beach, Florida

**Duty Title**: Boatswain's Mate Second Class

Time in the Coast Guard: Six Years (Prior service- 5 years in the

Army)

Why I joined the Coast Guard: Mainly, to help people. I also wanted to be a part of something important.

**Greatest achievement since joining the Coast Guard**: Is getting to pull people out of the water. Knowing that you pulled someone out that could drown is the most rewarding part of the job.

Goal hoping to achieve before leaving the Coast Guard: I would like to become a Chief Warrant Officer. I would like to be in charge of my own cutter as a Warrant Officer and trying to help the crew advance their careers.

Plans after Coast Guard life: After retirement, I would like to open my own business.

The thing I like most about my job is: Driving boats. When I'm out on the Ocean, it's a whole different world. It relaxes me. I love the mission and Search and Rescue.

#### NOSC 2010 ACTIVE DUTY SAILOR OF THE YEAR

LS1 Natalie Rodriguez, 2010 Active Duty Sailor of the Year, Navy Operations Support Center was honored at the Council's March dinner social. Council President George Reeves presented LS1 Rodriguez with a check and a certificate noting her accomplishments. She was joined at the dinner by her children, Leah and Adrian. LCDR Brett Bormann, NOSC Commanding Officer, praised LS1 Rodriguez for always going above and beyond what was expected of her. NOSC Command Chief Johnny Hill was also in attendance at the dinner to honor LS1 Rodriguez. NOSC is one of the Council's adopted units.

From left to right: George Reeves, LS1 Natalie Rodriguez, Chief Johnny Hill, LCDR Brett Bormann with Leah and Adrian Rodriguez standing in front.



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