



# The Courier



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Join Compatriot Russ Kaiser as he shares his personal experience and gives us the inside scoop on one of America's services, the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Russ will tell us how, since 1941, this civilian Auxiliary force supports the US Coast Guard mission.

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## Cattlemens Meal Selections

Steak and Scampi	\$30
Tri Tip	\$25
Grilled Salmon	\$25
Lemon Chicken	\$25
Ravioli (vegetarian)	\$25

**Friday, April 20, 2018, 7:00 PM**  
**Cattlemens Restaurant**  
**12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova**

If the telephone committee has not taken your reservation and menu selection(s) by **Wednesday evening, April 18, 2018**, please call Phil Noble at (916) 402-3041 directly and leave a message by noon on Thursday or phil1776@sbcglobal.net. We strongly encourage reservations be made in advance. All reservations are guaranteed. Don't be a "no show." Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always encouraged and welcome. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, EIN # 68-0004288

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**President's Corner April 2018**

Spring is here! And, we've made major progress toward meeting our water needs for the year.

Immediately following last month's meeting, Tom & Marilyn Chilton, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Ernie & Helen Garcia, Mary & I, and at least 120 other guests attended the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Joe Mohamed, Sr., at his Mohamed Family Center. Joe's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on November 24, 1997, making him a 21 year member of the Sacramento Chapter. By age, Joe is the sixth oldest member of our Chapter. Those who are more senior are Bob Jones, Seward Andrews, Jr., Floyd Henderson, Jr., Donald Sanford, and James Jolly. We also have several compatriots who have been members of the Sacramento Chapter for more than 30 years. They are: Mark Morgan, Kevin Highbaugh, Reuben Spake, Fordyce Osborn, Kenneth Morgan, Peter Darnell, Thomas Gede, John Pefley, Thomas Tinney, Sr., and Ernest Lewis, who in July will celebrate his 47<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the SAR. We thank each of them for their commitment to the Sons of the American Revolution.

On April 20, Jeff Goodwin, past president 2009, will preside over the meeting. Our speaker will be our own Russ Kaiser, past president 2013-14, talking about the mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The California Society holds its Spring Board of Managers meetings in Concord, on April 20-21. The Spring Meeting is always interesting because of our state youth awards recipients being recognized and the best chapter competition making all the Sons jumpy with excitement. And, we inaugurate a new state society president. Concord should be beautiful this time of year with Mount Diablo in the background. Mary Ann and I lived in the Concord/Clayton area for 23 years, before moving to Folsom.

The School Guard is once again traveling to area schools giving their living history presentations to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. I'd like to give special thanks to Carl Ahlberg for his diligence in coordinating the complex scheduling and confirming these visits with the teachers involved at 14 schools participating. We also thank Jim Faulkinbury, Craig Anderson, Ernie & Helen Garcia, Helena Hurst, and a new participant, Susan Cecchetti, for their efforts in making these presentations interesting, educational, and successful.

Please plan on joining us at Cattlemens on Friday, April 20, to celebrate the end of the rainy season, paying taxes, and life on the high seas. I'll be attending the California Society meeting. I will leave you in the good hands of Past President and Compatriot Goodwin. Have a great meeting!

Don Littlefield



**Don Littlefield**

## Minutes from September 2017 Meeting

### Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution Meeting of March 16, 2018

President Donald Littlefield called the regular meeting of the Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution to order at 1900 hrs. at Cattlemens Restaurant Rancho Cordova.

**Quorum:** The Secretary confirmed a quorum of members were present.

**Approval of Minutes:** The February 16, 2018 minutes were approved

**Actions Taken:** No formal actions regarding the business of SARS were conducted at the meeting

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by Matthew Bowdish

**Invocation:** The invocation was delivered by Donald Littlefield.

**SAR Pledge:** The SAR Pledge was led by Joe Moorehead



**Michael Brady**  
**Chapter Secretary**

### Meeting Activities

**Opening Comments:** President Don Littlefield introduction of the SAR to honored guests. Explained the history, purpose, and mission of the SAR to the various guests attending this meeting. He gave a brief introduction of the past history and of the Americanism Poster Contest's purpose. 4 School, 11 Classroom, and approximately 350 students participated in this year's contest for our chapter. The Poster committee has chosen the best posters and invited each of the members and guest to cast a vote for the poster that best represents this year's theme which will be the Chapter winner.

**Special Guests:** Jeff Doyle, Past President Mother Lode SAR – and Chairman of the Americanism Poster Contest. From the Haslet's Delaware Regiment, John Hess, also our speaker this evening. SARS honoree is JROTC Cadet Captain Erika Miller, her father Scott, mother Bonnie, and sister Julie. John Chiles and Rowland Zinn, along with Ron & Luann Hollis, their son John, his wife Rowena and their sons Jonathan and Ronnie.

**Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Attendance:** Karen Faulkinbury, Gold Trail DAR; Marilyn Chilton, Sacramento DAR; Deborah (DJ) Brady, Sierra Amador DAR

**Flag Presentation:** Michael Hull introduced this month's flags, the 1<sup>st</sup> Continental Regiment Flag (or 1<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Rifles Regimental Flag) and the Green Mountain Boys (Ethan Allan) Flag. A brief history of each was given to the members and guests

**New Member Induction:** Scott Brookes, a new member, was introduced and inducted into the SAR and welcomed by members.

**General Chapter Business:** Several Awards were given to three-chapter members for outstanding service: Will Gunter was presented with a limited-edition Challenge Coin for his volunteer efforts as a member of the Calling Committee.

John Chiles was presented with a limited-edition Challenge Coin for his work with the JROTC Committee, participating in many school awards ceremonies in the Davis and Fairfield area as the Sacramento Chapter Representative.

Rowland Zinn was presented with a limited-edition Challenge Coin for his work as the Eagle Scout Chairman over the past few years.

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## March Minutes Continued

**JROTC Scholarship Winner:** Roy Atkins presented Cadet Captain Erick Miller with her award as the 2018 Sacramento Chapter Enhanced. Roy gave a brief description of Cpt. Miller's accomplishments as a member of the JROTC Program. Then, Cpt. Miller read her winning essay. She was presented with a Medal, Certificate, and her Scholarship award check. Cpl Miller was thank and warmly applauded by the those present.

**The Monthly Chapter Raffle:** Gifts for the raffle were donated by; Donna & Don Spradling, Craig & Sandy Anderson, Ron & Luann Hollis, Evan Jonas, Will Gunter, Phil & Kathy Noble, Carl & Inga Ahlberg, Tom & Marilyn Chilton, and Jim & Karen Faulkinbury.

**Guest Speaker:** Carl Ahlberg introduced our guest speaker for tonight, John Hess. Mr. Hess is a member of the national Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. He participated in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reenactment of the Lewis & Clark Expedition in 2003-2006, traveling by boat, canoe, horseback and foot over a 3-year period as a member of the group of reenactors celebrating the exploration and opening of the American West. Mr. Hess reenacted the role of Sgt. Patrick Gass and shared many tales (and photographs) of the original journey as well as the group's recreation. Mr. Hess's retelling (in full period costume for his character) was well received, and he was soundly thanked for his presentation by the assembled members. Following his presentation, Don presented Mr. Hess with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Liberty Bell.

**Americanism Poster Contest:** Don announced the vote tally and the Winning Poster is by Sandra. J. Gallardo Elementary School, Mr. Lobitz's Class.

President Littlefield thanked members, special guests and the guest families for their efforts in making the meeting a success;

**Recessional:** Led by Evan Jonas

**Benediction:** Led by Don Littlefield

**Singing of God Bless America:** Lead by Tom Chilton

**Adjournment:** President Don Littlefield adjourned the meeting at 2110 hrs.

The next general meeting will be at 1900 hrs on April 20, 2018, at Cattlemens Restaurant, Rancho Cordova, CA.

Draft Minutes submitted by Michael Brady, Chapter Secretary

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_



Flags displayed during the program:

The Green Mountain Boys Flag on the left and the 1<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Rifles Regimental Flag on the right



## March Program

Photos by Don Spradling



**Don Littlefield & our speaker, John Hess**



**Don Littlefield & Neil Zinn, who received a Challenge Coin for his work as Eagle Scout Chairman**



**Above: Erika Miller is flanked by Roy Adkins (JROTC Commander) and Don Littlefield. Erika is the Scholarship winner and she read her essay as part of the evening's program. At the left is Theresa Ngo with Roy Adkins. Theresa is the scholarship runner-up.**



**Don Littlefield, Joe Mohamed, and Jim Faulkinbury at the Mohamed Family Center for the celebration of Joe's 90th birthday. Joe has been a Sacramento Chapter active member for the past 21 years. We congratulate him for his service and longevity and wish him the best in the years to come.**

## Donors, All Hands Meeting, New Member

SAR Donations during our 2018 annual dues collection. Thank you for your support of the SAR.

Carl Ahlberg	Doug Cross	Greg Jones	Bob Rectenwald
Craig Anderson	Jim Faulkinbury	Ernie Lewis	David Robinson
Seward Andrews	Glen Fine	Don Littlefield	Craig Rust
Kenneth Brady	Will Gunter	Joe Moorehead	Patrick Scribner
Alan Brooking	Del Hanson	Bryan Neeley	Samuel Smith
Wes Browne	Jim Jolly	Phil Noble	Don Spradling
Tom Chilton	Evan Jonas	Tal Norwood	Harian Tougaw
Charles Cole	Tom Jones	Eric Perera	Jim Warrick

In addition, donations were also received from non-members Mike and Christina Gonzales.

**Calling “All Hands on Deck”  
Saturday, June 2nd, 2018, 10:00 a.m.  
Sacramento Chapter Business Meeting  
Cattlemens Restaurant**

## New Member



**Michael Scott Brooks**

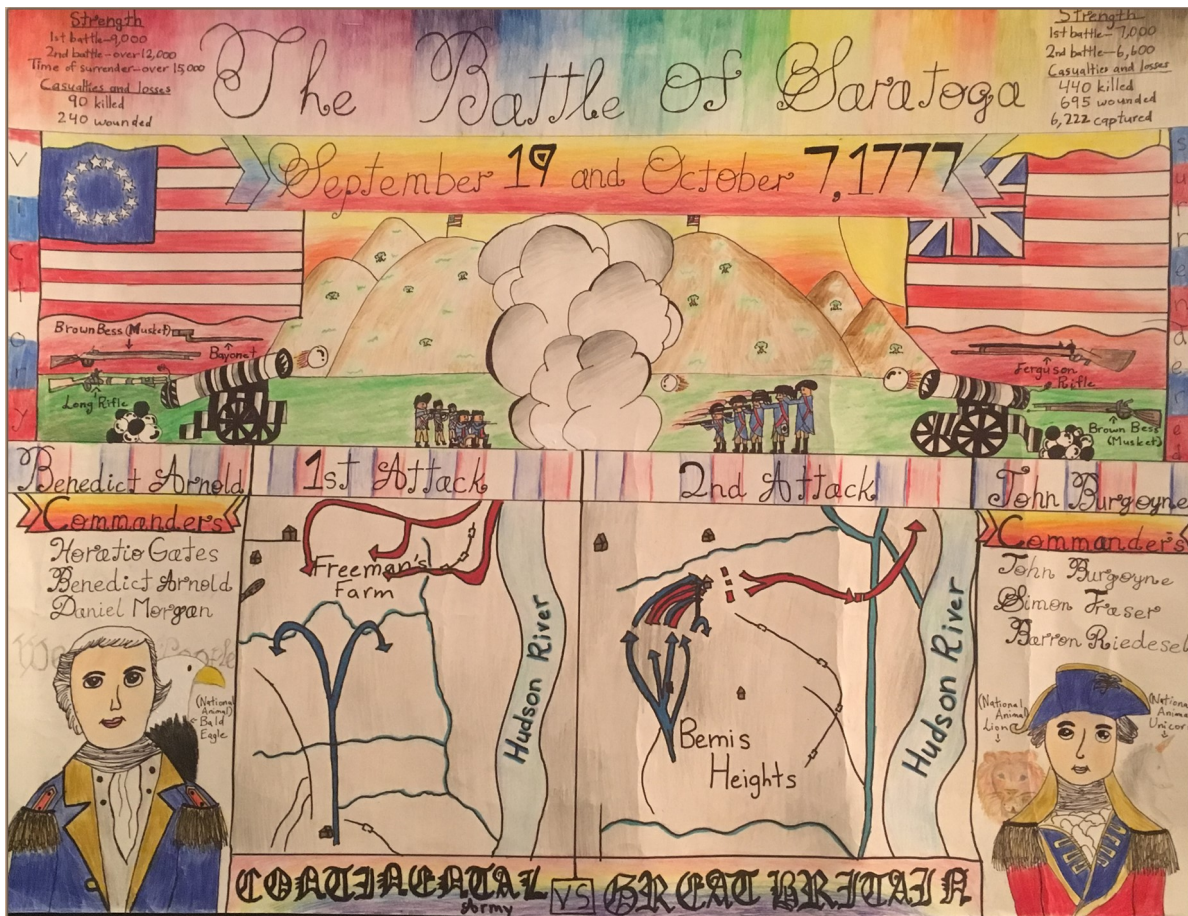
**Michael Scott Brooks** was born in Stockton, CA on March 19th, 1980 and he currently lives in Sacramento. He spent his childhood in Stockton, CA and graduated from the University of San Francisco with a B.A. in Politics and a M.A. in Asia Pacific Studies. He holds a certificate in Political Campaign Management from New York University.

He is married to Eri Nagata. He recently returned from 12 years living in rural Japan where he worked as a lecturer at Tottori University. He enjoys traveling, studying public and foreign policy issues, and learning foreign languages. He speaks French and Japanese. His 2nd great-grandfather was also an early member of the SAR and his 3rd great-grandmother was in the DAR.

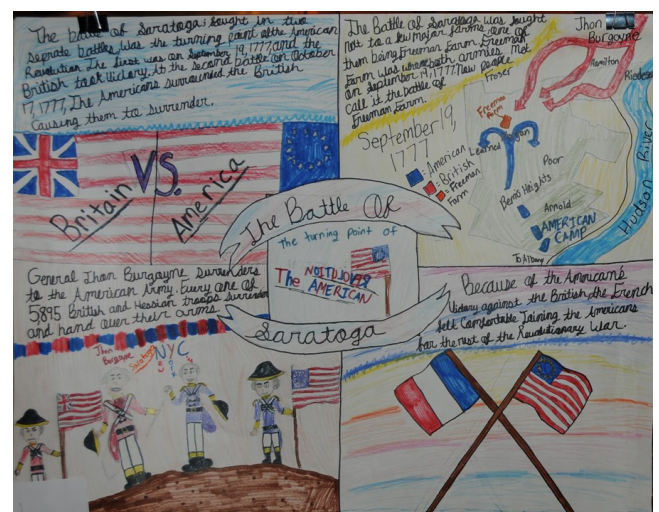
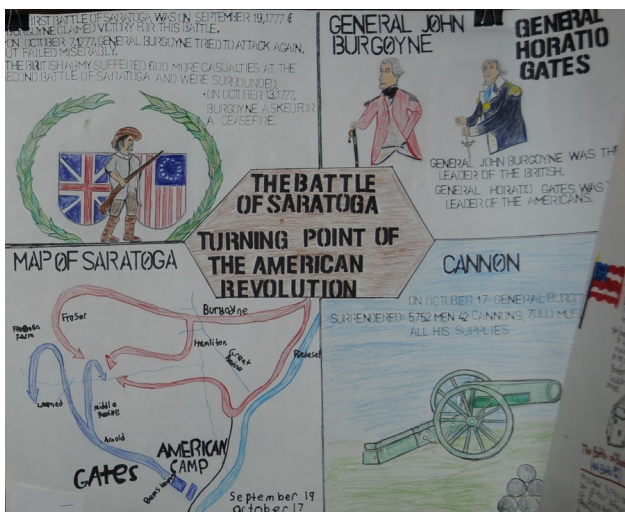
His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on February 15th, 2018. His patriot ancestor, Stephen Pierce, served various times for a total of two years service as a Private, Sgt., Ensign, Lt., and Captain from Little Compton, Rhode Island in Capt. Aaron Wilbur's, George Simmons', and John Davis' Companies, in Col. Thomas Church's, David Hilliard's, John Cook's, Pardon Gray's, Nathaniel Church's Lemuel Bailey's, and Christopher Green's Rhode Island Regiments.



## Americanism Poster Contest





Each year SAR sponsors an Americanism poster contest. This year's winning poster for our Chapter is shown above and was submitted by Kennice Tee, age 10, from the 5th grade classroom at Sandra J. Gallardo School in Folsom. The theme for this year's posters was the "Battle of Saratoga." Four area schools and eleven classrooms participated this year. The winning posters from each classroom were displayed at our April meeting and a vote was taken to determine the overall winner. The winning poster is shown above and will be entered in the SAR state contest. Other examples of this year's posters are shown below and on the following page.








**Photos by Don Spradling**

# The Battle of Saratoga

*Turning Point in the*

## AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### Why did the War Happen?

The Battle of Saratoga began as a plan by the British to control the Ohio and Mississippi River valleys. New England from the Southern colonies on an effort to pay for the Revolution and gain freedom.

### Battle #1


The first battle was "The Battle of Freeman's Farm." It took place on September 19, 1777. The British led by General Burgoyne, a soldier of deserters from Virginia surrounded the British, while most caught up with them.

### Who Fought?


American and British Soldiers

### Battle #3


The second battle was the "Battle of Red Bank." It took place on September 26, 1777. British troops led by General Mifflin were surrounded by American soldiers, and surrendered to American General Cornwallis.




## COMMANDERS




United States




George Washington



Great Britain



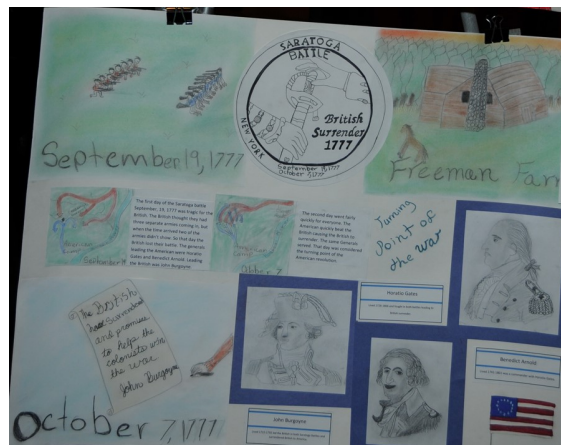
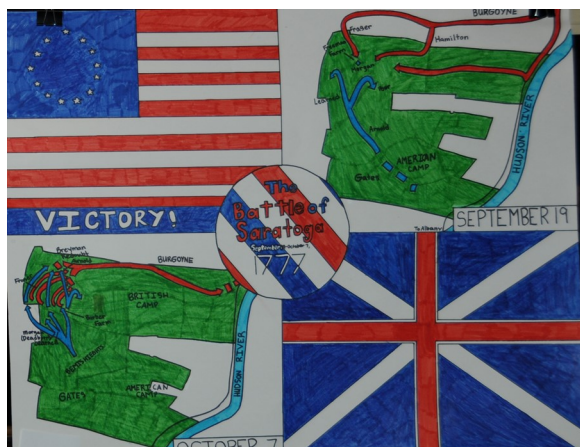
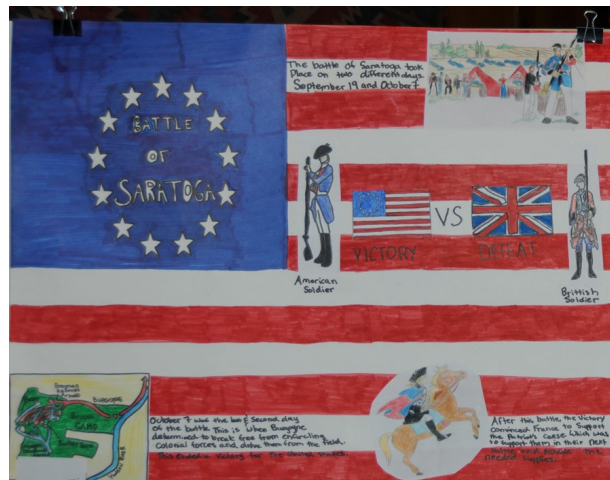
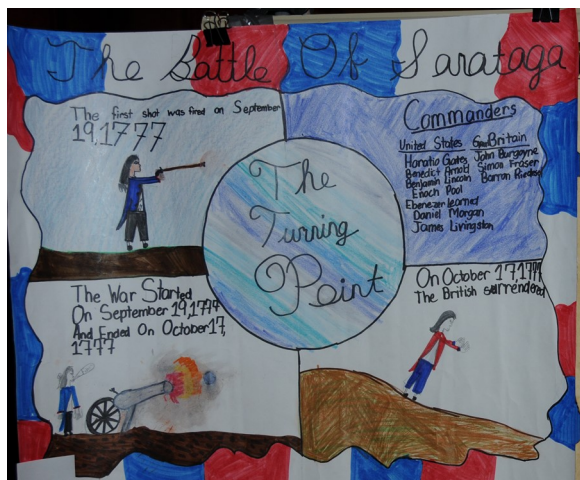
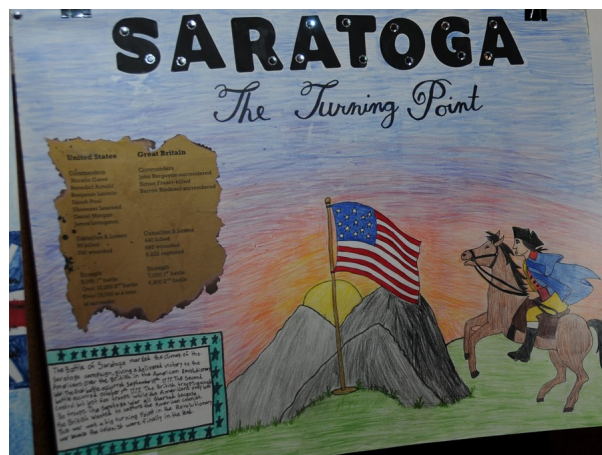
John Burgoyne



BATTLE OF SARATOGA

### Why was the Battle of Saratoga Significant?

The Battle of Saratoga was the turning point of the American Revolution because it made America confident and it convinced the French to support America with military aid. Spain and the Netherlands also joined America. Finally it was.





## Photos from March Meeting

Photos by Don Spradling



**Ron Hollis, Rowena & John Hollis with sons, Jonathan & Ronnie, and LuAnn Hollis**



**John Chiles receives Certificate of Appreciation and Challenge Coin from Don Littlefield**



**Matthew Bowdish & Jeff Doyle**



**Evan Jonas**

### Links

SAR Sacramento Chapter photos from our dinner meetings can be accessed and downloaded at  
<https://sar.smugmug.com/>  
& enter **Patriot**

Information for assembling a uniform or militia outfit is now online at:  
<http://www.sar-sacramento.org/uniforms.shtml>.

## Coming Events

May 18, 2018, Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Speaker to be announced

Saturday, June 2, 10:00 AM  
Cattlemens Restaurant  
“All Hands on Deck Meeting”  
“Decide 2019 Goals, Budgets, Annual Dues”

April 20, 2018, Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant  
Speaker Russ Kaiser: US Coast Guard Auxiliary

April 20 & 21, 2018,  
143rd Spring Meeting of the Membership  
Apr 19, 2018-Apr 21, 2018  
Hosted by the Thomas Jefferson Chapter  
For more information:  
<http://www.californiasar.org/events/143rd-spring-meeting-membership/>

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