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9/11 remembered at NAS Whiting Field

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Service members, fire fighters, security officers, and civilian employees gathered at Naval Air Station Whiting Field's command building to remember the lives lost and the courageous responders to the attacks of September 11, 2001.

The quiet morning served as a respectful tribute to the nearly 3,000 lives lost during the collapse of New York City's twin towers, the loss of Flight 93 over Pennsylvania and the crash into the Pentagon.

Standing in ranks, the team members from all the commands on the base observed solemnly as Command Chaplain Cmdr. Charles Luff read Psalm 37 to remind the audience that evil passes and good endures. He followed that with a request for a moment of silence and a short prayer to help honor the memory of those who fell that day.

NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin spoke about a small rock memorial to pay tribute to those killed on 9/11. He stressed the words - *(Cont. on Page 5)*



Master-at-Arms 1st Class Adam Turner steps forward to lay a wreath commemorating the anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11 in front of the Naval Air Station Whiting Field flagpole. The Tuesday ceremony began just prior to morning colors and concluded with the wreath laying. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

NASWF fights hunger in panhandle area

By Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field concluded its second annual "Feds Feed Families" summer food drive in the spirit of goodwill and community engagement. The air station's collection total of 2,148 pounds of non-perishable food exceeded its 2011 donations and established it as a leader among participating Department of Defense agencies in the region.

"It just provides the opportunity for those who struggle with food insecurity to close that gap. The donations from Whiting Field will provide at least 1,652 meals to locals in need," Tammy Ward, External Relations Manager for the Bay Area Food Bank, explained.

The air station's participation in the



The commissary donation bin sits laden with donation bags composed by store staff and purchased by patrons. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso.

federal summer food drive helps to alleviate the fear of hunger for many in the local community. The base exceeded its 2011 collection total of 1,736 pounds during the 2012 donation drive, which encompassed six base-wide collections between Jun 1 and Aug 31.

"When you have seen the crisis that hunger causes in the home, you can relate the level of urgency to a natural disaster or emergency occurring at the family level, and you realize how great the need is.

"As armed services, we have stepped-up to the challenge of supporting communities during regional hurricanes, and we're addressing the same kind of urgency at the family level with this food drive," base chaplain Lt. j.g. Jason Hart stressed.

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DEFY kids have a blast during summer camp



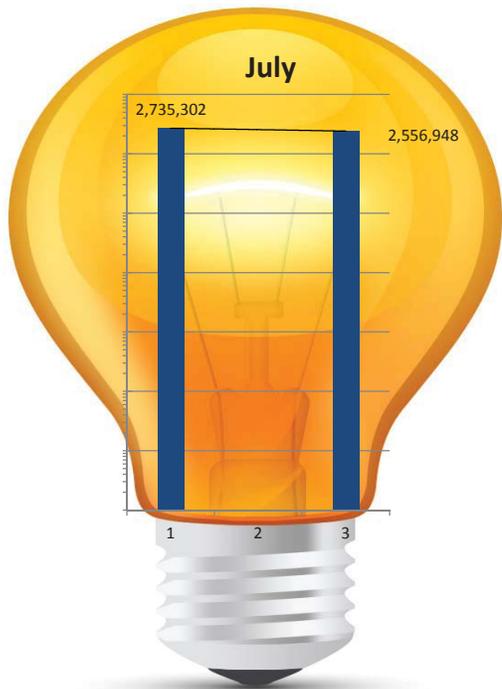
Military children in the Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) summer camp have fun soaking each other with squirt guns as they take a break from some of the classroom sessions. The five-day event gave the kids a chance to swim, kayak, learn archery, and more in between lessons to help them avoid the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. The camp is part of a year-long program the youths participate in. Photo courtesy of Senior Chief Air Traffic Controller Trevor Rowe.

Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) program kicked off phase I of the 2012-2013 year with a fun-filled, educational program. Military staff members from the base and tenant commands took 30 children from surrounding bases to 4-H Camp Timpoochee from 23-27 July for the five-day event.

This year's DEFY camp scheduled more activities than in previous years, including swimming, archery, team building exercises, kayaking, camp fires, physical training every morning, class room sessions, a talent show, a physical challenge and a superhero-themed party the last night before coming home. The program works to help military related youths avoid the temptations of drug use and abuse through understanding, self-esteem building, character development and more.

"This is called a leadership camp and there's good reason for that. The children not only have a chance to engage in all the activities of a typical youth camp, but also go through 23 lessons of drug education and resistance lessons along with a physical fitness regime and so much more,"

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Power Outage

Conserving energy continues to be one of the Navy's prime objectives, so each month we will display the energy usage comparisons for Naval Air Station Whiting Field between 2011 and 2012. As you can see, in August, the base consumed [BLANK] fewer kilowatt hours of power than in 2011.

This Week in Naval History

Sept. 10

1813 - In the Battle of Lake Erie, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, flying his "Don't give up the ship" flag, defeats British squadron and says: "We have met the enemy, and they are ours..."

1945 - Carrier Midway (CVB 42) commissioned.

1961 - World's first nuclear-powered guided-missile cruiser, Long Beach (CGN 9) is commissioned.

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1814 - In the Battle of Lake Champlain, Commodore Thomas Macdonough defeats a British Squadron.

1939 - USS Bear (AG 29) is commissioned by the U.S. Navy for Antarctic operations under command of Rear Adm. Richard Byrd.

1941 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt announces order to the Navy to "shoot on sight" vessels threatening U.S. shipping or ships under U.S. escort.

1943 - Italian Navy surrenders to Allies.

1945 - Operation Magic Carpet, the return of troops to the United States, begins.

2001 - One hundred twenty-five Pentagon employees, including 42 Sailors and Department of the Navy civilians, are killed along with 59 airline passengers when terrorists fly a hijacked airliner into the Pentagon.

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1961 - Navy task force sails to aid the Galveston area after Hurricane Carla hits Texas.

1966 - Launch of Gemini 11, piloted by Cmdr. Charles Conrad Jr. and Lt. Cmdr. Richard F. Gordon Jr. Their mission lasted two days and 23 hours and included 44 orbits at an altitude of 1368.9 km. Recovery was by HS-3 helicopter from USS Guam (LPH 9).

From - http://www.navy.mil/search/display_history.asp

News and Notes

Navy Ball 2012 - The NAS Whiting Field Navy Ball will be held on Saturday Oct 13 in the Atrium. There will be music, dinner, dancing and door prizes. Prices are set at the following- E3-\$25/ E5 and E6 - \$35/ E7 and above and Civilians-\$40. Tickets are on sale now!!! Please see Command Master Chief Rafael Rosado or contact AC1 Jones @ (850) 291-7311

Whiting Pines Residents' Meeting - There will be a Town Hall meeting on Oct. 29 for all Whiting Pines residents time TBD. The meeting is being held to answer all questions you may have concerning the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP).

Deployment to Employment - A Deployment to Employment Job Fair will be held at the Sanders Beach Community Center Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will host employers such as Gulf Power, Best Buy, Landrum Staffing, Lowes, Aerotek, FL Fish and Wildlife, Home Depot, and many more. Educational seminars, veteran benefits and resources, resume building stations and more will be on site to assist job seekers. Call 850-434-0112 for details.

ITT Special - DeLuna Fest 2012 tickets are now available at ITT. The three-day beach concert features Pearl Jam, Foo Fighters, and the Zac Brown Band, Sept. 21-23. Tickets are \$177 for a three-day pass. ITT also has discounted hotel stays at the Days Inn on Pensacola Beach for \$121 per night. There are only a limited number of passes and hotel rooms available. Please call 850-623-7032 or 850-665-6250 for additional information. For a complete concert lineup, check www.delunafest.com.

Navy vs Troy Football - If there is enough interest locally, Troy University would like to sponsor 2,000 active duty military and their family members for the Troy Trojans vs Navy Football Game on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, at Veterans Memorial Plaza in Troy, Ala. Included: bus transportation to/from the game, ticket(s) to the game, lunch and a free t-shirt. All active duty military are eligible - please contact David Durham at (850) 458-4722 or by email: dbdurham@troy.edu if you are interested.



Fair Winds and Following Seas

Naval Air Station Whiting Field Executive Office Jonathan Lewis presents Laura Davis a plaque from the staff association. Lewis is the president of the staff association for the base, and gave her the farewell gift at the group's luncheon before she takes another position with her company at Saufley Field. Her last day is Friday, Sept. 14. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Special Disney Cruise: Disney Cruise Line is offering a military cruise rate of \$1,423.00 for a family of three for Sept. 23 or Sept. 30, 2012 sailings. Cruise to the Bahamas on a four-day cruise initiating from Port Canaveral on the Disney Dream. Stateroom is an oceanview verandah. Call ITT at 850-623-7032 for this and other bookings.

Chaplain Thought for the Day - Daily Reflection is a brief inspirational thought-for-the-day e-mailed throughout the work week dealing with all kinds of life issues. To receive Daily Reflection, e-mail Chaplain Charles Luff at charles.luff@navy.mil.

Leave Donor Request - Tamara N. Thomas, of NCBC Gulfport (Code N8), has been approved as a leave recipient under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, for the care of a family member. Thomas' husband is experiencing a very serious medical emergency that requires her to be absent from duty for a prolonged period, which will result in a substantial loss of income. Anyone eligible and wishing to donate annual leave under this program, please contact Diane Stukes, Administrative Support Assistant, Total Force Management Office (Code N1), Navy Region Southeast at (904) 542-2283 or via email at diane.stukes@navy.mil.

ERAU Registration - Embry Riddle Aeronautical University is now registering through Oct. 15. Hours on board NAS Pensacola are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fridays in Bldg. 634, Suite 033, 250 Chambers Avenue. Hours on board NAS Whiting Field are Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Bldg. 1417, Room 163. Late registration and add/drop a course for a full refund will be held Oct. 15 - 21. Everyone is encouraged to register early. Classes begin Oct. 15. New Student Orientation will be held Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012 5 - 6 p.m. on board NAS Pensacola in Bldg. 634, Suite 033. Embry Riddle Aeronautical University's Pensacola campus offers certificate programs, associate and bachelors degree programs with various specializations in Professional Aeronautics and Technical Management and the Master of Aeronautical Science degree. Email pensacola@erau.edu, visit www.embryriddle.edu/pensacola or call 458-1098 for more information.



Commander to the Corps

Naval Air Station Whiting Field's new command chaplain Charles Luff is promoted to Cmdr. during a ceremony Friday, Aug. 31 aboard the base. Accompanied by his wife, Paula (seen pinning him here), Luff thanked those who have influenced him throughout his career and life. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Charles Mann

Upcoming Events

Sept. 14, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium
Sept. 21, 1000 - Chaplain Summerlin Retirement - Chapel
Sept. 26, 1130 - NL Spouse Appreciation Lunch - Atrium

Sept. 28, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Auditorium
Oct. 2, 1000-1300 - Health and Fitness Expo - Gymnasium
Oct. 13, 1300 1800-2200 - Navy Ball - Atrium

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

Smooth Move - Wednesday, Sept 12 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Make your next change of duty station move a smooth one. Learn what resources are available to you and the five key steps to minimizing stress during the relocation and transition period: get to know your FFSC Relocation Assistance Program Specialist, develop a plan of action, know your benefits, manage your moving day, make it a family affair. For more information, call NAS Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center at 850-623-7177.

Dating Series #2 - Monday, Sept. 17 from 1 to 3 p.m.

This class will help you engage in a more secure and enjoyable dating process. Topics include: warning signs of a difficult partner, skills essential for a healthy relationship, five key areas you need to explore during the dating process, and how to "follow your heart without losing your mind." For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Credit Management - Friday, Sept. 21 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Make your next change of duty station move a smooth one. Learn what resources are available to you and the five key steps to minimizing stress during the relocation and transition period: get to know your FFSC Relocation Assistance Program Specialist, develop a plan of action, know your benefits, manage your moving day, make it a family affair. For more information, call NAS Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center at 850-623-7177.

VA Representative - Friday, Sept. 21 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (By reservation only. Call 850-623-7177)

Couples Communication - Monday, Sept. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Are you newly married? Are you in a serious relationship? Have you been married a long time? If yes, then this workshop is for you. During this class, we will discuss the "Speaker/Listener Technique," a structured way to communicate effectively. This technique helps couples to talk about tough issues without resorting to fighting. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

REMEMBERING THE PAST

*I saw you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hail'd at the breaking of day
Our bravest and our best to meet
And the great chief who did our hearts burst
Gave proof through the night
I saw does that star*

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
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MUSIC, DINNER, DANCING & DOOR PRIZES
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CONTACT YOUR NAVY BALL REP OR AC1 JONES AT (850)291-7311

Families

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The NASWF Feds Feed Family team displays a portion of the first round of collections during the 2012 food drive. The program, which was coordinated on base by the chaplain's office, is designed to help meet the needs of area food banks. Drop boxes were located in the commissary as well as many workspaces across the base. The all-hands effort led to the collection of 2,148 pounds of food for local families. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Charles Mann.

Members of the air station community including civilians and tenant command personnel donated canned fruit, vegetables, soup, cereals and grains, hygiene products, and baking supplies for conveyance to the food bank, which distributes the materials to soup kitchens and food pantries in seven local counties.

Religious Program Specialist 1st Class Yolanda Jordan of the base chaplain's office served as the campaign coordinator for the air station and its tenant commands. The range of donations spanned a spectrum from pasta to barbeque sauce, but Jordan emphasized that generosity was the common thread.

"The base Staff Association donated \$500 to buy food at the outset of the campaign, the chaplain's office staff contributed an extra \$50 to the food bank, and I was amazed by how much we received when we made food collections around the base.

"The last collection was made just after Hurricane Isaac [when the base dismissed non-essential personnel], and we still collected over two-hundred pounds of food!"

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written thereon; "We serve because they cannot." He emphasized that it is incumbent upon Americans to keep the memory of this day vivid in our collective consciousness. The emotions and tragedy of that day should not be lost to those who come after current service members.

"I would ask you to keep the memory of 9/11 alive in the generations that follow. We cannot allow fading memories to become a pervasive threat to future Americans," he stated. "I am honored and proud to serve with each of you here today. We must remain ever vigilant. We are here to serve because they cannot."

Following the conclusion of Coughlin's speech, Taps was played throughout the base's loudspeakers. Then Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Nina Buruca, Master-at-Arms 1st Class Adam Turner, and Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Ogarry Clarke filed out to perform morning colors. Once the flag was lowered to half-staff, Command Master Chief Rafael Rosado then presented Turner with a wreath to lay at the base of the flagpole.

In all, the ceremony took less than 30 minutes, but the importance of the commemoration was not lost on the attending military personnel.

"The event this morning made me proud. It re-



Master-at-Arms 1st Class Adam Turner and Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Ogarry Clarke prepare to hoist the colors during Naval Air Station Whiting Field's September 11 remembrance event Tuesday, Sept. 11. Colors were raised near the end of the ceremony which involved a Psalm reading and prayer by Chaplain Charles Luff, a moment of silence, a short speech by NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin, the playing of Taps, and a wreath laying. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

mind me of the reasons I joined in the first place," said Buruca, who lived in New Jersey at the time of the attacks and had family in New York City. "It was a trying time in my life. I'm glad that we took time to remember those who fell and that they are not forgotten."

Families

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The base commissary offered a unique donation concept for customers with a desire to contribute but uncertainty concerning ideal selections. Commissary staff members assembled brown-bagged “care packages” containing foods recommended by the food bank. Shoppers entering the check-out lines were able to add the bags to their carts and deposit the offerings in a collection bin at the exit.

“I was really impressed by what the commissary did. Last year, they just took collections, but this year, the packages they offered made it so much easier for customers to donate, and it led to bigger collections.

“It was real creative thinking - ingenious work by [Commissary Manager] Kim Jackson and her staff,” Jordan enthused.

Summer months represent a critical period for food banks across the nation. Due to the summer vacation period, many families struggle with food insecurity as children who depend on school lunch programs remain at home and strain food budgets.

This distress is compounded by the cyclical pattern of yearly food donations. While general awareness of privation and hunger rises during the holiday season, summer tends to relegate charity to the back of the public mindset.

NAS Whiting Field’s contribution to the federal food drive has helped to provide a local counterweight to summertime food scarcity.

“The food that [NAS Whiting Field] provided bridges the gap into the November-December period when people resume donating around the holidays,” Ward said.

A joint initiative of the Office of Personnel Management and the Chief Human Capital Officers Council, “Feds Feed Families” engages federal agencies at all levels

nationwide to address an urgent public need.

Up to 20 percent of the population in the air station’s Florida panhandle region is believed to be subject to food insecurity. Individuals and families identified as “food insecure” may have homes, limited food access, and even full-time employment, but difficult circumstances related to the economy, recent violent weather, and even lingering effects of the gulf oil spill have forced many to the brink of hunger.

The base’s community views its commitment to service as a multi-tiered challenge. In the process of representing the U.S. uniformed services, the citizens of NAS Whiting Field take the opportunity to show civic spirit on the local level.

From Jordan’s perspective, the union of federal service and local action is a natural match.

“This base has a massive involvement in the community, and now that I have been here for a while, I have a real appreciation for how great a need we can serve in the area.

“I think the food drive program has been great, because we’re a small base, but we can make a big impact through these donations.”

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SECURITY CHECKPOINT



For the next three weeks, Security Corner will review driving privileges onboard NAS Whiting Field as detailed in the NASWFINST 5560.5A. Last week covered section 4. Definition of Terms- paragraph i. Operation Privilege, paragraph n. Suspension of Operator’s Driving Privilege. This week includes an overview of section 5. Information – paragraph a. Operator’s Driving Privileges.

5. Information – a. Operator’s Driving Privileges. The operation of a vehicle onboard NAS Whiting Field constitutes a conditional privilege extended by the Commanding Officer.

Note: By accepting permission to enter NAS Whiting Field, a vehicle operator gives implied consent to a blood, urine, or breath test if the operator is suspected to be

under the influence of alcohol or drugs (see subparagraph 5d of NASWFINST 5560.5A). Individuals desiring the privilege will meet the following sustaining conditions:

- (1) Comply with laws and regulations governing motor vehicle operation onboard.
- (2) Comply with the requirement for station registration as directed by reference (b) OPNAVINST 5560.10B.
- (3) Possess, while operating a motor vehicle (including mopeds), and produce on demand of law enforcement personnel, vehicle registration, valid driver’s license, proof of liability insurance, military personnel Armed Forces ID Card (DD Form 2), or Common Access Card (DoDCIO/OUSE(P&R)).

DEFY

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Senior Chief Air Traffic Controller Trevor Rowe, the event's coordinator, said. "There is a great deal jammed into five days, I am amazed that we get it all in. Everyone goes home tired, but they go home with some great memories as well."

Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Nina Buruca will be taking over the program from Rowe, who has run NASWF DEFY for four years now. She reinforced the tremendous fun the staff members, youth mentors and kids had and praised everyone for their efforts.

"We had a great turn-out this year! The mentors and youth both enjoyed and learned from their time at camp! I wished the weather would have been on our side, but the mentors kept the camp spirit alive even through the rain."

The youth also engaged in other activities like, dodgeball, water wars, making s'mores, campfire songs and stories, and a few activities that they hadn't experienced at previous DEFY camps. These unique activities included balancing stacked dice on a lollipop stick while holding them in their mouths, putting beads on a string blindfolded, racing dice across the room by blowing them with a straw and learning a fun game called cup line. The final night, the youths enjoyed a superhero party where they were able to come dressed as their favorite character. Some were traditional characters and some were invented, but they all got into their roles and had some fun. The children even had a Batman pinata to play with, with plenty of candy to go around.

Some of the other highlights of the week included a lesson that required the children to try to direct another youth astray in a maze while blindfolded. This peer support activity proved to be both fun and loud, but there was always

a mentor guiding the youth back, as in life, on the right path to get through the maze. The lesson was well received by all. In another lesson, the children had to navigate a gauntlet of youth lined up across the room. As they paired up, they had to determine how to get from one side of the room to the other in some unique way. Some skipped across, some danced, and some were even more creative.

One keystone event for the camp was "The Landing Zone" lesson. In keeping with the superhero theme, the staff dressed up in costume at five different stations. Some of the superheroes represented included, Rowe as Superman, Buruca as Wonder Woman, Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Steve Gonzales as Spiderman, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class David Guerrero as Iron Man, Spencer Rowe as Batman, Taylor Daniel as Supergirl, Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Ayanna Gregg as the X-men's Storm, and Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Vernon Dantzler as the Joker. Each group was given an envelope with supplies, a map, and instructions to navigate the lesson. The teams had to use the items to track down locations where they had to complete a task that required all of them to work together, before they could move on to the next location. The exercise helped enhance team work and creative thinking in a fun and exciting way.

"The children went home anxious for sleep, but it was a good kind of exhaustion that comes from having worked hard and played hard," Rowe emphasized. "All the parents of the DEFY youth should be justifiably proud of their children because they faced challenges and overcame obstacles and fears that will help them grow into productive citizens."

NAVFAC Proudly Building on 170-Year Navy Heritage

The 13th Secretary of the Navy, Abel P. Upshur, officially established NAVFAC's predecessor, the Bureau of Naval Yards and Docks in

1842, to execute the design, construction and maintenance of Navy yards and a few other shore stations around the eastern seaboard of the United States. Eventually the Bureau and its responsibilities would grow into the global enterprise known as NAVFAC, which was officially established in May 1966.

"Our team of Civil Engineer Corps officers, civilian personnel and Seabees are testament to the remarkable contributions of those who have given their all to this organization in the past 170 years," said Capt. Christopher Kiwus, NAVFAC Southeast Commanding Officer. "I could not be more proud of what our NAVFAC team is doing for our Supported Commanders and the Sailors and Marines who live



on the installations we support, along with their families."

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