

VETERANS VOICE

THE AMERICAN LEGION JONATHAN D. ROZIER POST 164 KATY TEXAS



August, 2026 NEWSLETTER (Harry Woodstrom, Editor)

Commander's Chatter

By Dennis Wells (Post 164 Commander)

This year the executive team believed it was time and necessary to have the Post more available to the public, so in August we began our new office hours.. This would help veterans needing assistance, those having questions, tradesman doing repairs and maintenance or the general public needing assistance. The new office hours are Tuesday 10 AM to 1 PM and Thursday 4 PM to 7 PM. Volunteers are needed to staff the renovated downstairs office. There is a Sign-up Genius available for those interested in helping.

This will give our Post more visibility in the community and provide them greater access to the American Legion. Serving veterans and the community helps us fulfill the pillars of our great organization.

September 11 is Patriot Day. Post 164 will be hosting a remembrance event from 5 to 8 PM. It will be a special event honoring First Responders. There will be Legion members, Auxiliary, political dignitaries, police and firefighters, youth groups and of course our neighbors and friends all attending. Food and refreshments will be available as well as many activities.

Of course, we will need to get our Legion Post ready for guests. We are having two clean up days, Saturday September 5th and Sunday September 6th 8 AM to Noon. Many hands make the job light. Pitch in and give the Post a hand.

August 18th is our next membership meeting. I hope to see you there.

"The Marines I have seen around the world have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale, and the lowest morals of any group of animals I have ever seen. Thank God for the United States Marine Corps!"

First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt speech at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, on August 1, 1944



By Robert Crutchfield (Post 164 1st Vice-Commander) WHAT THE HECK IS A HUBMASTER?

The Hubmaster is a much more critical member of the American Legion leadership at every level than you could imagine.

The Hubmaster is the officer in charge of the email list for the post, as a whole. He is in charge of adding new members to the list, correcting bad email addresses, and removing members who have left the post.

Many emails going out to the post go through the Hubmaster. One reason for this is so the Hubmaster can help prevent spam from reaching the entire membership from outside. He is also responsible for distributing information on meetings, events etc. to the post. Distributing information from the district is also part of his duties. Sometimes members email the Hubmaster with questions. This happens because the members are used to interacting with the Hubmaster, and don't know which officer to approach. In this case the Hubmaster leverages his knowledge of post operations to forward the email to the appropriate individual.

So why be the Hubmaster? First of all because it is a great training position for anybody interested in getting involved in post leadership. Being the connecting point through which all this information passes teaches you a lot about how the post functions. You will also become more familiar with different programs, and how the different levels of the legion work together.

Second since the Hubmaster is a post officer it puts you in the middle of the discussion. You will be involved in discussions with the other officers about where the post is, and where it might want to go in the future. Its been my experience that the more you "lean in" to being involved in our post, the more you get out of your membership experience.

SOUND INTERSTING? Now is an ideal time for somebody to benefit from holding this position. I and the other experienced officers in the post will be right there to help you! Hubmaster is an appointed office, so the first step is speaking with Dennis Wells our Post Commander. Who feels like stepping up!

By Hubert (Ernie) Cormier (SAL Squadron 164 Commander)

The Squadron 164 meeting was held this month. The Squadron discussed the following topics. Recruiting, fund raising and finances.

All members of the Squadron were asked to work on increasing our membership. The goal I am asking for is to double our membership. Members will need to learn who qualifies.

Fundraisers will increase, in addition to our quarterly meals. Next meal is marked to be October 16th. The Squadron will be serving spaghetti and meatballs, salad and bread. The Squadron is also planning to have a carwash at the Post.

A motion was passed to purchase 2 square accounts to accept credit card payments. These payments will go directly to our account.

Dates for events coming up:

Katy Home and Garden Show August 22nd - 23rd

Patriot Day September 11th at the Post.

Rice Harvest Parade October 3rd

Rice Festival following weekend October 10th and 11th



Information table at Maud Marks Library on August 1, 2026. Information experts are Russ Tolleson, Dolly Oday, Dennis Wells (Post 164 Commander) and Jennifer Lowry (ALA Unit 164 President).

By Jennifer Lowry (ALA Unit 164 President)

Serving Veterans, Military Families & Our Community

“Service, Not Self”

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is a community of volunteers dedicated to honoring and supporting those who have served our nation. Our work is centered on one simple idea:

Service, Not Self.

Through our programs and volunteer efforts, we support veterans, active-duty military members, their families, our youth, and our communities. We believe that honoring the service and sacrifice of our military means continuing to serve those who have served our country.

Whether we are helping a veteran, supporting a military family, encouraging our young people, awarding scholarships, participating in community projects, or promoting Americanism and patriotism, every act of service makes a difference.

The mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support **The American Legion** and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of veterans, military members, and their families—both at home and abroad.

The Auxiliary works to:

- Support and advocate for veterans, active-duty military members, and their families
- Support the programs and initiatives of The American Legion
- Promote patriotism and responsible citizenship
- Award scholarships and encourage education and literacy
- Provide leadership and educational opportunities for youth and members
- Promote good citizenship and the ideals of freedom and democracy
- Provide meaningful volunteer opportunities in our communities
- Encourage members to find personal fulfillment through **Service, Not Self**

Our mission is more than a statement—it is a commitment to turn gratitude into action.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN?

You may be eligible to become a member of the American Legion Auxiliary if you are a **grandmother, mother, sister, spouse, female veteran or a direct or**

adopted daughter or granddaughter of:

- A member of The American Legion; or
- A veteran who served during a qualifying period and was honorably discharged or died in the line of duty; or
- A person who served in the Armed Forces during a qualifying period.
- A female Legion member or veteran of the Armed forces eligible to join the American Legion qualifies in her own right for the Auxiliary whether she is a member of The American Legion or not.

Many Auxiliary members join because a family member served and they want to continue that legacy of service.

WHY JOIN THE AUXILIARY?

Membership gives you an opportunity to make a difference while becoming part of a community of people who believe in serving others. As an Auxiliary member, you can:

HONOR VETERANS

Help ensure veterans and their families know that their service and sacrifice are remembered and appreciated. As well as giving us a greater voice as we promote veteran programs and legislation in our community, state and nation.

SUPPORT OUR MILITARY

Participate in projects that support active-duty service members and military families.

SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

Volunteer for local projects, charitable activities, and community events.

HELP OUR YOUTH

Support scholarships, educational programs, Americanism activities, and opportunities that help young people become responsible citizens.

PROMOTE PATRIOTISM

Help preserve the ideals of freedom, democracy, good citizenship, and service to our country.

BUILD FRIENDSHIPS

Meet people who share your commitment to veterans, military families, community service, and our nation.

OUR PROGRAMS IN ACTION

The American Legion Auxiliary carries out its mission through a variety of programs, including:

Americanism & Government

Promoting patriotism, civic responsibility, and knowledge of our government.

Jennifer Lowry Continued

Education & Scholarships

Helping students pursue educational opportunities and encouraging lifelong learning.

Children & Youth

Supporting young people and programs that encourage healthy development, leadership, and good citizenship.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Supporting veterans and their families and helping address their needs.

Poppy Program

Honoring the sacrifice of those who served and supporting veterans through the symbolic red poppy.

Community Service

Working with organizations and individuals in our community to make a positive difference.

These programs give our members many ways to put our mission into action.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You don't have to do everything. You simply have to be willing to do **something**. Visit a veteran. Make a donation. Encourage a youth scholarship application. Mentor a young person. Help complete a community project. Support a military family. Together, these individual acts of service become so much bigger. **That is the power of the American Legion Auxiliary.**

JOIN US

If you believe in honoring veterans, supporting our military families, serving our community, and promoting patriotism, we invite you to learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary.

To join, prospective members need to complete an [ALA membership application](#) and provide documentation establishing eligibility. If the person providing your eligibility is living and is a current American Legion member, their American Legion member ID and Post information should be used on the application. Our Membership committee can help you

[Contact Us](#)

Come Serve with Us! For God and Country. Service, Not Self.



Officers from Katy Post 164 attended a Meet and Greet at Pasadena Post 521 Saturday evening August 8th for their newly elected officers. In attendance were District Vice Commander and past Post 164 Commander Sandy Krum and his wife Auxiliary Member Janna; Past District Commander, Past Post Commander and current Finance Officer Harry Woodstrom and his wife Gillian (Past Unit President, Past District President, Past Division President and current District 22 President). Also attending were Post 164 Commander Dennis Wells and SAL Squadron assistant Sgt at Arms Robert Wells.



Service Without Combat By Neil Hines

In the biting chill of February 1969, I made a pivotal decision that would shape my life: I enlisted in the Navy. My reasons for joining were manifold, but a significant motivator was my strong desire to serve on a warship engaged in combat operations during the Vietnam War. With a sense of duty and adventure, I envisioned myself participating in the intense and tumultuous events that were unfolding in Southeast Asia.

After completing boot camp, I received my first assignment aboard a warship in the Mediterranean, which was a moment of pride and excitement for me. Yet, as I settled into life at sea, I found myself grappling with a growing sense of restlessness. Eager to contribute

more directly to the efforts in Vietnam, I submitted numerous requests for transfer to a vessel operating in the waters of the Gulf of Tonkin. However, each request was met with a polite denial, leaving me feeling increasingly frustrated.

Throughout my service, I often found myself in conversations with fellow sailors who recounted their experiences aboard ships actually engaged in operations off the coast of Vietnam. Their tales, filled with action and bravery, made me reflect on my own naval journey. A nagging feeling of inadequacy shadowed my thoughts; I could not shake the belief that I had somehow failed to fulfill the heroic narrative I had envisioned. I felt as though my service, while important, paled in comparison to the more illustrious experiences of these combat veterans.

Yet, as time passed, I came to recognize a critical truth: the vast majority of military personnel, throughout history, from World War II to the present day, do not see combat. Each role within the armed forces, whether in support, logistics, or administration, plays an integral part in the overall

mission. I began to understand that my contributions had value, even if they did not take the form of direct engagement in combat. This realization allowed me to find a measure of peace with my narrative and embrace the essential, albeit quieter, aspects of military service.

In an expansive world, our military maintains a formidable presence through a network of strategically located bases that span continents and oceans, from the arid deserts of the Middle East to the lush jungles



of Southeast Asia. These installations serve not only as hubs for operations but also as vital support points for logistics and humanitarian efforts. Meanwhile, naval forces continuously navigate and patrol the world's vast oceans, diligently safeguard-

ing essential trade routes, protecting national interests, and executing joint exercises with allied fleets.

While the number of service members engaged in direct combat roles may capture the spotlight and evoke images of heroism and valor, this group is eclipsed by a vast array of personnel involved in non-combat assignments. These dedicated individuals perform critical functions, ranging from intelligence analysis and logistical support to cyber defense and medical assistance, demonstrating the diverse skill sets required to sustain military readiness and effectiveness in the face of numerous global challenges. Their contributions are essential, ensuring that operations can be executed smoothly, whether in the heat of battle or from the quiet of a control room thousands of miles away.

Within the expansive realm of military service, the invaluable contributions of those who never face combat often remain overshadowed. Nonetheless, these individuals, whose roles span logistics, medical support, and intelligence, are vital to the operational effectiveness of military forces. For instance, logistics

Service Without Combat Continued

personnel meticulously manage the supply chain, ensuring that everything from ammunition to rations is delivered promptly, even in the most challenging conditions. Their careful planning and foresight ensure that troops on the front lines are well-equipped to engage in their missions.

Meanwhile, medical support teams work tirelessly to provide urgent care, often in makeshift environments, monitoring the health and well-being of service members. Their skills can mean the difference between life and death, as they navigate the chaos of conflict to administer critical first aid or coordinate evacuation efforts.

Intelligence operatives also play a crucial role in gathering and analyzing data to provide actionable insights. They sift through countless pieces of information to identify threats and opportunities, ensuring that commanders make informed decisions on the battlefield.

It is essential to recognize that military operations are inherently complex and multifaceted, requiring a diverse array of talents and expertise. The interaction of these support roles creates an intricate web of operations that upholds the entire military structure. Without the unwavering dedication and proficiency of these individuals, the effectiveness of those engaged in direct combat would be significantly compromised, highlighting the importance of acknowledging every aspect of military service.

When reflecting on the true meaning of service, we might find ourselves questioning: how do we genuinely define it? Is it viewed solely through the lens of combat, or can we broaden our perspective to include the myriad hours of hard work and unwavering dedication given by those who ensure the success of every mission? For many, fully understanding the expansive nature of military service requires a thoughtful reevaluation of preconceived notions.

The sacrifices made by non-combat personnel, though often less visible, are undeniably real and immensely significant. These dedicated individuals endure lengthy deployments that can last for months or even years, spanning vast distances from home, where they navigate the challenges of separation from their families and loved ones. They undergo the same stringent training as their combat-ready peers, preparing meticulously for their roles. This training encompasses mastering critical skills and protocols essential to operational success, often in high-pressure environments.

By serving tirelessly behind the scenes, they uphold the essential framework of military operations, ensuring that everything runs smoothly while often remaining unheralded in the larger narrative of service.

Everyone, regardless of the intensity of their battlefield experiences, contributes to a rich tapestry of honor, sacrifice, and resilience that deserves our respect and acknowledgment. Their experiences, whether on the front lines or in supportive roles, embody a commitment to duty and a dedication to their country that



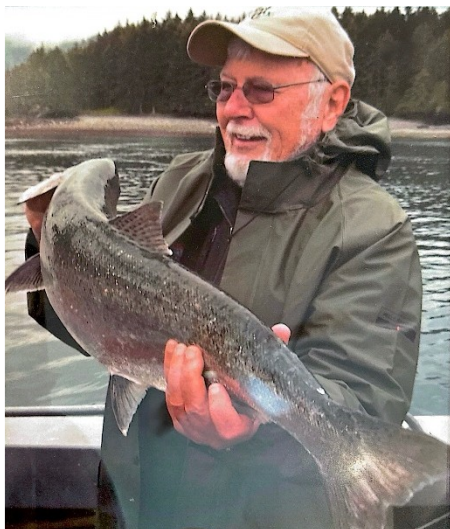
SAL Dinner—Red Beans and Rice



Hayes Rowland Henson – Father of Keith Alan Henson

Military Service: U. S. Navy, AN (E-3)

Years of Service: 1954 - 1959 / 5 years 3 months 23 days including reserves.



CSV-36 USS ANTIETAM

Antietam was one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built during and shortly after World War II for the United States Navy. The ship was the second US Navy ship to bear the name, and was named for the American Civil War Battle of Antietam (Maryland). She was commissioned in January 1945, too late to serve actively in World War II. After serving a short time in the Far East, she was decommissioned in 1949. She was soon recommissioned for Korean War service, and in that conflict earned two battle stars. In the early 1950s, she was redesignated an attack carrier (CVA) and then an antisubmarine warfare carrier (CVS).

Bio: Hayes Henson was a devoted father and dedicated serviceman who served his country with honor and distinction in the US Navy. Throughout his 5 years of service, Hayes Henson exemplified the true spirit of duty, courage, and sacrifice. His commitment to protecting our nation's values and ensuring our freedom is a testament to his character and bravery.

Hayes' journey in the military began in 1957, when he enlisted in the Navy. Over the years, he took on various roles and responsibilities, always going above and beyond to serve his comrades and his country. His tours of duty included foreign sea service on the USS Antietam (CSV-36) during the Korean Conflict and he was recognized with an Honorable Discharge. He was on the fight deck as a fireman and flagman for the aircraft.

Beyond his military accomplishments, Hayes was devoted husband to wife Jackie, a loving father to Keith, Greg, and Jenifer. His dedication to his family was as steadfast as his commitment to his country. He instilled values of integrity, resilience, and love in his children, who remember him not only as a hero but also as a guiding force in their lives.

After retiring from the military in 1959, Hayes continued to contribute to his community through Habitat for Humanity, Rails to Trails, and Tenoroc Fishing with Kids Program. His legacy of service and love lives on through the lives he touched and the memories he created with his family and friends. Hayes' unwavering dedication to his family and his nation remains an inspiration to all who knew him. His legacy of service, courage, and love will forever be cherished.

By Harry Woodstrom (Post 164 Finance Officer)

"I asked AI to write a poem about the flag, here is what it gave me."

Threads of the Republic

Beneath the wide and restless sky,
it rises where the winds are free-
thirteen stripes like rivers run,
red with the pulse of history,
white with the breath of hope reborn.
Fifty stars, a scattered night
gathered into one bright field,
each a promise, each a voice
woven into steadfast cloth,
stitched by hands that would not yield.
It has known the smoke of battle,
the salt of oceans, the hush of dawn;
it has shadowed the weary returning,
and crowned the dreams of the newly sworn.
When it lifts, the air feels larger-
as if the sky itself remembers
that unity is not the absence of struggle,
but the will to hold together
through every storm that tears the seams.

Full moons have traditional names that reflect seasonal changes, natural phenomena, and cultural events, with each month often having a distinct name.

Traditional Full Moon Names by Month

January – Wolf Moon: Named for the howling of wolves during winter; also called Cold Moon or Center Moon in some Native American traditions (Cree, Algonquin, Dakota)

February – Snow Moon: Reflects heavy snowfall; also called Hunger Moon or Bear Moon

March – Worm Moon: Marks the time when earthworms appear as the ground thaws

April – Pink Moon: Named after the pink wildflowers (phlox) that bloom in spring

May – Flower Moon: Represents the abundance of flowers in late spring

June – Strawberry Moon: Signifies the strawberry

harvest; sometimes called the Rose Moon or Honey Moon

July – Buck Moon: Named for the new antlers of male deer; also called Thunder Moon or Hay Moon

August – Sturgeon Moon: Named for the large sturgeon fish caught in the Great Lakes; also called Green Corn Moon or Grain Moon

September – Corn Moon / Harvest Moon: Coincides with the harvest season; the Harvest Moon is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox

October – Hunter's Moon: Marks the time to hunt and store food for winter

November – Beaver Moon: Named for the time to set beaver traps before winter; also called Frost Moon

December – Cold Moon: Reflects the deep winter cold; also called Long Night Moon

Special Full Moon Types

Blue Moon: Occurs when a second full moon appears in a single calendar month; may appear blue due to atmospheric conditions

Blood Moon: A full moon during a total lunar eclipse, appearing red or orange due to Earth's shadow

Super Moon: When the full moon is at perigee, appearing larger and brighter than usual

Micro Moon: When the full moon is at apogee, appearing smaller and dimmer



August Schedule

15 Aug, Sat

8am CAP CyberPatriot Practice

Downstairs Meeting Room

16 Aug, Sun

11:30am ALR Chapter 164 Katy Rider Skills Practice

6301 S Stadium Ln, Katy, TX 77494

18 Aug, Tue

6pm Post Social Hour

Downstairs room

6:30pm Post Training

Downstairs room

7pm Post 164 Membership Meeting

Downstairs room

19 Aug, Wed

6pm Dollar Dog Day

The Post bays

6:30pm Group Counseling and Bible Study

Upstairs Meeting Room

7pm ALA Unit 164 Membership Meeting

Downstairs room

22 Aug, Sat

10am Katy Home & Garden Show

Leonard E. Merrell Center, 6301 S Stadium Ln, Katy,
TX 77494, USA

10am Kappa Silhouettes Induction

Downstairs Meeting Room

10am Quilts of Honor

Upstairs Meeting Room

1pm Nafud Temple #80 Meeting Upstairs room

23 Aug, Sun

11am Katy Home & Garden Show

Leonard E. Merrell Center, 6301 S Stadium Ln, Katy,
TX 77494, USA

24 Aug, Mon

6pm Post 164 Board of Trustees Meeting

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion
Post, 22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

26 Aug, Wed

6:30pm Group Counseling and Bible Study

Upstairs Meeting Room

28 Aug, Fri

7pm American Legion Riders Chapter 164 Katy -
Meeting

29 Aug, Sat

1pm CAP CyberPatriot Practice

Downstairs Meeting Room

31 Aug, Mon

8:30am Post 164 - West Side Maids clean-up



September Schedule

1 Sep, Tue

7pm Post 164 Executive Committee Meeting

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post, 22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

2 Sep, Wed

6:30pm Group Counseling and Bible Study

Upstairs Meeting Room

3 Sep, Thu

1pm VA Stakeholder Meeting

Downstairs room

7pm Civil Air Patrol

Upstairs meeting room

7pm Sons of the American Legion Squadron 164 Meeting

5 Sep, Sat

7am Breakfast with a Veteran

Katy Elks Lodge, 1050 Katy Fort Bend Rd, Katy, TX 77493

7am Legion Riders Skill Practice

Leonard E. Merrell Center, 6301 S Stadium Ln, Katy, TX 77494, USA

7 Sep, Mon

7pm Unit 164 Executive Committee Meeting

Downstairs Meeting Room

8 Sep, Tue

AL Post 164 Newsletter Deadline

7pm DAV Meeting

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

9 Sep, Wed

6:30pm Group Counseling and Bible Study

Upstairs Meeting Room

10 Sep, Thu

7pm Civil Air Patrol Meeting

Downstairs room

11 Sep, Fri

10am Patriot Day

Downstairs meeting room and Bay area

12 Sep, Sat

8:30am JSSP Class

Downstairs Meeting room and Range in Bay area

1pm CAP CyberPatriot Practice

Downstairs Meeting Room

6pm Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post 164, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

13 Sep, Sun

2pm Poppy Party

Upstairs Meeting Room

14 Sep, Mon

7pm Marine Corp League

Post 164

15 Sep, Tue

6pm Post Social Hour

Downstairs room

6:30pm Post Training

Downstairs room

7pm Post 164 Membership Meeting

Downstairs room

September Schedule Continued

16 Sep, Wed

6pm ALA Unit 164 Social & Training

Downstairs Room

6:30pm Group Counseling and Bible Study

Upstairs Meeting Room

7pm ALA Unit 164 Membership Meeting

Downstairs room

18 Sep, Fri

9am Texas Legion College

American Legion Harrisburg Post 472 & Hall Rental,
7599 Avenue C, Houston, TX 77012, USA

19 Sep, Sat

8:30am JSSP Class

Downstairs Meeting room and Range in Bay area

9am Texas Legion College

American Legion Harrisburg Post 472 & Hall Rental,
7599 Avenue C, Houston, TX 77012, USA

5pm Honor Flight Return

Car pool to Hobby Airport

20 Sep, Sun

9am Texas Legion College

American Legion Harrisburg Post 472 & Hall Rental,
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11:30am ALR Chapter 164 Katy Rider Skills Practice

6301 S Stadium Ln, Katy, TX 77494

12pm Kappa Silhouettes Induction

Downstairs Meeting Room

2pm Poppy Party

Upstairs Meeting Room

21 Sep, Mon

1pm Kappa Appha Psi Alumni Meeting

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland
Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

23 Sep, Wed

6:30pm Group Counseling and Bible Study

Upstairs Meeting Room

24 Sep, Thu

7pm Civil Air Patrol

Downstairs Meeting Room

25 Sep, Fri

7pm American Legion Riders Chapter 164 Katy -
Meeting

26 Sep, Sat

8:30am JSSP Class

Downstairs Meeting room and Range in Bay area

1pm CAP CyberPatriot Practice

Downstairs Meeting Room

1pm Nafud Temple #80 Meeting

Upstairs room

American Legion Post 164

27 Sep, Sun

2pm Poppy Party

Upstairs Meeting Room

28 Sep, Mon

8:30am Post 164 - West Side Maids clean-up

6pm Post 164 Board of Trustees Meeting

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion
Post, 22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

30 Sep, Wed

6:30pm Group Counseling and Bible Study Upstairs
Meeting Room

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