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OUTLAW MONTHLY BULLETIN



ALSO ON 924 WEBSITE

*Distance and time may separate us
but friendship and memories won't*

Dedicated to those who have invested their lives to the cause of Freedom in America! God Bless our Men and Women who are (or Have) in any way or manner served to protect our Great Nation and the freedom we have. And God Bless the United States of America



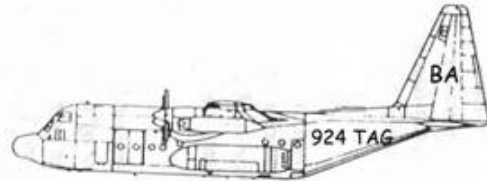
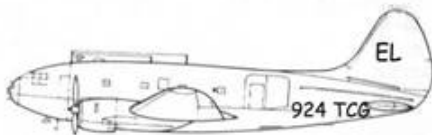
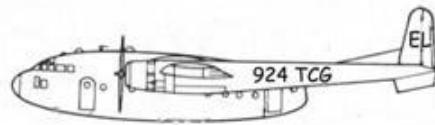
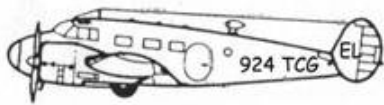
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Ed Copher, Editor, "924 Keeper of the Flame"

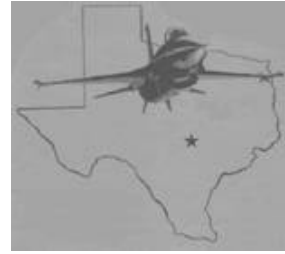




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Birds of a Feather...Flock Together



Listen to music as you read the newsletter

The Warrior Song...

Click Here http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITs6a0ORdQU&feature=player_embedded
 To all of the United States Armed Forces, with thanks. - Marching Snare Drums

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pfCFU3Mqww&feature=related> “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” by The Andrew Sisters, then click on the Minimize minus sign (-) at the top right corner of your screen. It will then go back to the newsletter with music playing. When finished listening to music, go to desktop home page, on the bottom tool bar, right click [The Andrew Sisters...](#) then select close.



924th Air Force Reserve
The Unit That Refuses to Disband



924 Photo Albums (Sets)

36 Albums....1883 Photos

Click here: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/924outlaws/sets/>

Click on each photo to enlarge

View counts 27 Sept 13

	So far today	Yesterday	All time
Photos and Videos	20	104	120,337
Photostream	0	0	14,274
Sets	1	0	13,832
Collections	0	0	0
Galleries	0	0	0
	21	104	148,443

*****FYI***** www.Flickr.com charges \$24.95 per year to keep the OUTLAW Photo Albums on their website.

****Paid the one year fee on 15 Nov 2012****

OUTLAW WEB SITE:

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Need contributions for 924 Website and Photos site:

Jim Houston, who lives in Tampa, is the 924 webmaster, he designed the website, and does all the updates etc.

Website Hosting is done by GoDaddy at a cost of \$76 for two years (*I just paid the \$76 on 10 Sept 13*)

Domain Name: There is an annual charge for keeping the Domain Name www.924tfg.com which is about \$15 p/yr (*Paid up until Mar 2014*)

Photos Site: I also pay for the 924 Photos on the Flicker site which is \$25 p/yr (*Due 15 Nov of each year*)

Any donations would be appreciated

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8,045 Visitors since Jan 09

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924th Webmaster Says....



924 FLOWER FUND

The purpose is to send a nice flower arrangement to all 924th funerals. *Each arrangement cost over \$100*

The ribbon will read; **"924th BAFB"**. A flower arrangement has been sent to the last **29** funerals.

Jim Chapman is the POC for collecting funds and sending the flowers. jchapman90@austin.rr.com

Send donations to: *Make out check to [Jim Chapman](#)*

Jim Chapman
Cedar Creek, TX 78612
145 Oak Ridge Dr.

Col. Nilon "Doc" Tallant Passed Away: *Flowers were sent by 924th Flower Fund*

924th Flight Surgeon with C-130's and F-4's



Omaha Beach Veteran with flag...Doc visited Omaha Beach a few years ago, and gave me some sand from the beach



Doc in South America with 924th C-130 crew....photo taken by Ed Copher

Doc was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on Friday 13 Sept and passed away on Monday 30 Sept.

He rode his Honda motorcycle, with his wife on back, up until about a month ago. Last month he went on a 2 week trip with his daughter to Yellowstone, Glacier National Park, and Montana. On the trip he started to feel weak, upon return from trip, went to his doctor...lasted 2 weeks.

He was honored in the past as "The Doctor of the Day" at the State Capitol. Doc was fluent in Spanish and had worked in the Caribbean and Central America. He had a pilot's license. His daughter and granddaughter live in Dripping Springs. Retired Col. AF Reserve, mainly at Bergstrom and Kelly AFB. He had a medical practice in San Marcos for many years. Graveside funeral service is going to be at Indian Creek Cemetery, near Brownwood, on Saturday 05 Oct. at 12:00 PM Arrangements by Pennington Funeral Home in San Marcos.

Age 82, lived in San Marcos, been married to present wife, Linda, for 2 years.

My good friend for many years, may he rest in peace and God's Speed...Ed Copher



This picture was in his Doctors Office, in San Marcos, for many years...now in my home office...Ed
He also gave me his flight suits and flight headsets



Keith Wilson...ART at Ellington AFB: *Flowers were sent by 924 Flower Fund*

924th at Ellington AFB (705th Sq)
C-130 Crew Chief at Ellington AFB
C-130 Air Crew Scanner
C-130 Flight Engineer



Keith Burdette Wilson

February 27, 1926 - September 8, 2013

Keith Burdette Wilson, age 87, of Texas City, passed away Sunday, September 8, 2013 in Houston, Texas.

Services will be Wednesday, at 11:00 a.m. September 11, 2013, at Emken-Linton Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Galveston Memorial Park Cemetery in Hitchcock, Texas.

Keith was born on February 27, 1926 in Boyle, Mississippi to Keith Stewart Wilson and Evie Mooney Wilson. Keith is survived by his loving wife of 65 years Melba Lucille Wilson. Keith is also survived by his son Keith Ben Wilson and wife Cheryl, Tim Wilson and wife Cindy. Keith is also survived by his Daughter Toni Lynn Harrison; brother James

M. Wilson and wife Anne. Five grandchildren Christina Garcia; Chris Harrison; Adam Harrison; Allison Wilson and Kimberly Hoover and 12 great grandchildren.

Pat Apel

Colonel Al Apel's wife passed away. **AL was former Commander, 924th TAG.** Many of the old 924 C-130 Airlifters

knew his wife.

Patricia Joann Apel

Obituary

Guest Book

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Patricia Joann Apel Born May 11, 1937 in Charlotte, North Carolina and entered Heaven September 7, 2013. Pat spent her first 13 years in North Carolina and then moved to Long Island, New York for high school and secretarial school. She met a handsome young pilot on a blind date in 1956 and they married in 1957. Together they had four children, enjoyed the Air Force life and moved many times, along the way meeting many friends. She loved her children and eight grandchildren dearly and they brought great joy to her life. She was a friend to many and had a heart as big as Texas. Pat enjoyed doing for all her friends and family and selflessly went to great lengths to do so. Pat will be remembered for all the unique things she did to make you feel special and loved. She loved her Red Hat and Federated lady friends and countless forever friends. Pat loved all of God's creatures great and small, but especially dogs and cats. She will live forever in our hearts and live on in our memories as a great lady, wife, mother and grandmother. She is preceded in death by her granddaughter, Katie Hicks. Pat is survived by her husband, Al Apel; daughter, Julie Hicks and husband, Everett; daughter Sandra Gibson; daughter, Dawn Blusher and husband, Kevin; son, Gregory Apel; and grandchildren, Sharie Bowers and husband Clint; Holly Hicks, Zachary Gibson, Jake Gibson, Cody Gibson, Maximillion Gallegos and Alejandro Gallegos. The family plans to have a Celebration of Life ceremony on November 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home in Pflugerville, Texas. In lieu of flowers, please give a donation to the Arc of Austin or Williamson County Humane Society in Patricia's name.

924 Reunion/Fasching Party is scheduled: Submitted by Charlie Torruella

Fasching/ 924th Reunion. It will be **on 9 November**. Last year we had a really fun band that everyone really enjoyed, so we are having them back this year. I was talking with them last night and they really enjoyed the gig. Especially all the old timer's stories they got to hear! The band will start around **1330-1400 hrs**. In addition, we may have a few "guest appearances" by some of the local artists out here. Of course, I will do my best to let the Tennessee Sun shine on us! I really want to encourage everyone out there to attend. I realize it is out of the way, but there are motels/hotels within 15 miles of here. Of course, RV's are welcome, (limited electrical hook-ups possible with long extension cords), and for anyone wanting to spend the night we will find room for. If they want a bed however, its first calls first. We have several air mattresses, so no one need feel they need to drive if they have too much to drink, or are just too tired. Anyone needing directions or having any questions whatsoever should feel free to call or e-mail me at:

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Tim Erdmann Retirement

To all Friends from my military present and past. My Retirement Ceremony will be Dec 07, 2013 at Seymour Johnson AFB. It has been a rewarding season of my life. I anxiously await starting this new season with the most precious earthly gift ever given to me, meine Shatzy!

Another Reserve Unit goes down: 917th Fighter Group inactivates after 50 years

You can view the original story at <http://www.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123364911>

Note: Col. Loraine Simard (former 924th) was the CC of the 917th Mant. Sq 1997-1998 after 924th closed

917th Fighter Group inactivates after 50 years

The ceremony marked the end of an era at Barksdale, as Airmen and community members gathered in the 917th FG Hangar watch the guidon furled and cased. "What a glorious day to honor 50 years of the 917th's service to our nation," said Col. John Breazeale, 917th FG commander. "We wrap up 50 years of 917th service to our nation by honoring the thousands of 917th Airmen for their service, and the proud heritage and legacy they built. Today is about you and your contribution to our nation."

The inactivation is due to the termination of the Continuing Resolution provision and the enacting of the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act, a plan which defines the budget and expenditures of the U.S. Department of Defense.

"We honor the legacy of the 917th Air Transportation Group, 917th Special Operations Group, 917th Tactical Fighter Group, 917th Tactical Fighter Wing and finally the 917th Fighter Group," said Breazeale. "We honor the 917th FG Airmen who deployed for Operations DENY FLIGHT, DECISIVE EDGE, IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM, and their role in saving or protecting soldiers, sailors, Marines and Special Operations."

Some of the 917th milestones include:

- The 917th FG was originally formed as the 917th Troop Carrier Group on Jan. 17, 1963, at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., and was assigned to the 435th Troop Carrier Wing. Its mission was to administer and support its assigned 78th Troop Carrier Squadron, which was equipped with C-124s.
- When the A-37B Dragonfly was eventually phased out, the group converted to the A-10 Thunderbolt II airframe. The 917 TFG assumed replacement-training responsibilities on October 1, 1983. This ultimately led to the creation of the 46th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, in addition to the 926th Tactical Fighter Group in New Orleans, La.
- Oct. 1, 1993, the 917th became the first unit in Air Force Reserve history to acquire a strategic mission: B-52H Stratofortress aircraft were added to the wing make-up, and the 93rd Bomb Squadron was activated with 10 B-52s. Now a composite wing, the 917th dropped "Fighter" from its name and became the 917th Wing.
- In 2006 under Base Realignment and Closure the 917th Wing gained eight A-10 aircraft and a number of full-time and part-time positions from the closure of NAS JRB New Orleans, La., bringing the total A-10s assigned to 26.
- Jan. 1, 2011, the 917th Wing was deactivated and the 917th Operations Group was re-designated as the 917th Fighter Group. The Group realigned under the 442nd Fighter Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.

The 917th FG included the 917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 917th Maintenance Squadron, 917th Operations Support Flight and the 917th Maintenance Operations Flight.

"We honor the tremendous style with which the 917 FG Airmen handled the challenge of the past two and a half years," said Breazeale. "We honor their inspiring resilience through a combat conversion and ultimately unit inactivation. We honor their unmatched professionalism in the face of adversity, and we confidently anticipate the impact each of them will have on their new units."

The final three A-10 Thunderbolt II attack aircraft from the 917th Fighter Group, 47th Fighter Squadron departed Barksdale June 24 for their new home to Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

"I salute and say thank you to the Airmen of the 917th FG, past and present, for their impact on our great nation," said Breazeale. "This unit will be inactivated today, but the triumphs of the 917th will be remembered forever."

CAF DINNER/DANCE: Presented by the Central Texas Wing of the Commemorative Air Force

Everybody Dance!

Annual CAF Veteran's Day Dinner & 40's Swing Band Hangar Dance

Saturday, 09 November 2013

Centex Hangar at the San Marcos, Texas Airport

\$45/person— Reserve Tables \$450

VIP Reserve Tables Available fronting the Dance Floor \$550

Dinner at 6-7:30 pm, Dancing at 7:30-11 pm

Dance Contest!! Costume Contest!!

The Sentimental Journey Orchestra playing 40's Big Band Swing music

BYOB— Beer, Wine & Setups Available (No ice chests allowed)

For Tickets and Reservations contact:

CAF CenTex Wing Hangar at 512-396-1943

See the great photos on our website @ www.cafcentex.com

See our great dance photo books at

2008: <http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/449916>

2009: <http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/1265912>

2010: <http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/1930563>

2011: <http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/3065465>

2012: <http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/4198743>

For more information and reservations call:

Alison Ender aender@centurylink.net (512)396-0765

So, what's so great about our dinner and hangar dance?

The San Marcos Centex Wing of the Commemorative Air Force is located in the only WWII aircraft hangar left standing on the old Edward Gary Army Training Base in operation during WWII. For visitors to enjoy in the hangar . . . a PX, Museum, Officer's Club, Library and a hangar full of WWII aircraft all of which are still in flying condition. The Yellow Rose B-25 and one of only two flying P-39s in the world are among them. Others include T-6, T-34, U-3, P-63, Yak, Kate, Zero replica, a small Liaison airplane (L5-Cub) & a BT-13 project. Liaison aircraft of various types and sizes were used in WWII to spot targets, drop supplies and fly wounded out. The airplanes are pulled out of the hangar to make room for the dance inside but are available on static display for the many visitors attending the evening's event. Many guests (most in WWII era dress, both military and civilian) enjoy having their photograph taken in front of the nose art of the Yellow Rose B-25 bomber beautifully spotlighted in front of the big hangar. Live Big Band - Without question (or argument) the Sentimental Journey Orchestra of Kerrville, Texas conducted by Ted Conerly is the most authentic WWII era Swing Orchestra sound in Texas and surrounding. Dressed in WWII attire the group is a 21-piece orchestra that performs a repertoire of the big bands' greatest hits. They have performed for former President George Bush, to sold-out crowds throughout Texas, have been featured in Texas Highways Magazine and have been called, "the best thing to come out of the Hill Country" by the San Antonio Express News.

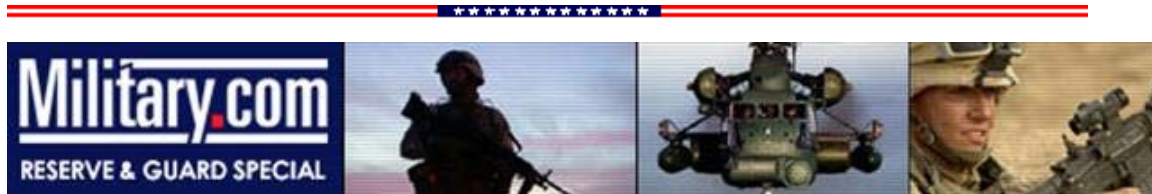
The evening will also include a dance contest along with some of the best catered BBQ in Central Texas. Lots of refreshing beverages on hand . . . Beer, wine and set ups available.

Held on each Veterans Day weekend, we celebrate and remember all the brave men and women who gave us our freedom.

Our hangar dance promises to bring to our guests an absolutely authentic as possible WWII USO Dance experience!

Photo found on the Sentimental Journey website. Visit the excellent gallery (a little plug, there) on their site at <http://www.sjoswing.com>.

<http://www.texasmonthly.com/multimedia/video/home/14565>



http://images.military.com/NL_WK/1,14845,7684,00.html

MILITARY REPORT

— The Military's Largest Benefits Update —

Military Report is the most comprehensive military benefits and quality-of-life newsletter for military personnel and retirees. Make sure that you and your colleagues [subscribe](#) for this free update publication. <http://www.military.com/LeadForms/NewsLetterSignup?newsletter=13>

Reserve Retirement "New Rules": <http://askjune.military.com/2010/07/new-rules-about-guard-and-reserve-retirement.html>

Reserve Retirement Point Chart: *(before age 60 folks only)*

Reserve Personnel Contact Center 1-800-525-0102 or via the virtual Personnel Center-Guard Reserve website at <https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/vPC-GR/>

Go to the AFRC link and it will direct you to Air Reserve Personnel Center-**Retirements/Separations**. Everything you need including the point chart for 2010.

Reserve Benefits: http://www.militarybenefits.com/military_reserve.html

Reserve Benefits and other Information:

http://search.military.com/search?q=Reserve+and+Guard+Newsletter&search_string=&site=military&client=military&proxystylesheet=military&output=xml_no_dtd&access=p&filter=1&entqr=3&tabname=military&words=Reserve+and+Guard+Newsletter&dne=&rad=50&x=55&y=11&ie=UTF-8&ip=172.30.3.185&sort=date%3AD%3AL%3Ad1&oe=UTF-8&ud=1&start=0



OUTLAW Newsletters in Archives: *To view the last 12 months newsletters*

Go to www.yahoo.com (click on the URL link in blue)

On the Yahoo home page, select **Sign-In**

Type in Yahoo ID: afresreserves924th@yahoo.com

Type in Password: **outlaws**

After Signed In, back on the Yahoo home page, select **MAIL**

When you get into the mail box, select **Inbox** (on left side window)

Select the newsletter that you want to view.

To get out of Mail, under the top toolbar, find **Yahoo!** click on that to get back to the home page.

“ALSO”

Newsletters are on 924 Website: *Past month's newsletters*

Go to 924 Website, click on [Newsletters](#), password (*outlaws*)

*****Websites of Interest*****

Vietnam POW Reunion News Coverage: May 2013

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=LemllfcAY8A&sns=em

Past and current F-16 airframes assigned to USAF 924 TFG/704 FS

37 tail numbers. Click on **Details** to see photos and all the information about that tail number

<http://www.f-16.net/aircraft-database/F-16/aircraft-assignments/unit/USAF%20704%20FS/>

Afghans to Receive First C-130 Aircraft From USAF

18 Sep 2013

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2013/09/18/afghans-to-receive-first-c130-aircraft-from-usaf.html?comp=700001075741&rank=4>

Extreme Modeling

I thought you would enjoy this video. The detailing on this model is beyond my comprehension...it's absolutely amazing.

Now, if we could just get someone to build a Block 15 F-16A model with 704th markings.

Whip

http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=ccb_1375442777

USAF Weighs Scrapping KC-10, A-10 Fleets

<http://www.defensenews.com/article/20130915/DEFREG02/309150004/USAF-Weighs-Scrapping-KC-10-10-Fleets>

Retired Pay Newsletter Sept 2013

September 2013 Newsletter

<http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/newsevents/newsletter.html>

Retired and Annuitant Pay Director's Message Labor Day is over, we're well into September, and at least up here near the Great Lakes, it is almost time to put the barbeque away.

<http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/newsevents/newsletter/rnadirectormsg.html>

When Will Your Form 1099R Become Available?

The IRS Forms 1099R for the 2013 tax year will become available online in mid-December 2013. You will be able to access yours on myPay.

<http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/newsevents/newsletter/form1099Ronline.html>

Robins AFB Retiree Newsletter for Oct



Let's Dance:

Loved this...sound up

Which one are you??????? I am probably one of the Stoogies

Enjoy!!!!

Ed

When this video opens, it appears it will be a ballet (It isn't.) -- continue watching as many dancers from over the years appear in this video. Wow, what a treat to watch. Whoever put this together has a wonderful sense of music

Click on the blue: [Let's Dance](#)

Enjoying music poolside..Splashmob..Canari Islands

WOW! Loved it. Sound up...

Splashmob in the Canari Islands! Why doesn't this happen when I'm around? Detlef Schlemmer sent this very enjoyable video (especially for Bolero fans.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=ThjY6GizZqc

LIFE MAGAZINE AIR PLANE PHOTOS AMAZ'N - WWII

ENJOY.....

At the end, click for page 2 etc.

Click: [Life Magazine Airplane Photos](#)

Russian Car Ad

The U.S. Car Manufacturers make 'zillions' of boring car commercials, and most of us have to 'mute' the hyped sound. The Russkies make one commercial a year, 3 minutes long, and this is it. This is an amazing car ad – on ice. You'll like it. And at the end they actually give credits and the drivers bow in their cars.

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/rv7dGhj5UIA>

Aviation Buffs:

Even if you are not into this you might want to pass this treasure trove on to others who are.

Click on any of the blues:

- [Aviation](#) [Pioneers](#)
- [World](#) [War I Aces](#)
- [Hall](#) [of Fame of the Air](#)
- [WW2](#) [European Theater \(ETO\)](#)
- [WW2](#) [Pacific Theater \(PTO\)](#)
- [WW2](#) [US Marine Corps](#)

- [WW2](#) [US Navy Aces](#)
- [WW2](#) [Mediterranean \(MTO\)](#)
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[John Wayne and the Pledge of Allegiance](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Jf3MQpffBc>

[Great Music Video: Military/Miami Dolphin Cheerleaders](#)

The Miami Dolphin cheerleaders sent the US Troops in Afghanistan a music video and they sent one back...mimicking them almost to perfection. SO cool!!! Plus the Soldiers light off a four point deuce mortar as a point of punctuation. Soldiers win...hands down!!!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7zdr-82WAo>

[Virtual Aircraft Encyclopedia:](#)

<http://www.aviastar.org/index2.html>

General Dynamics F-16: http://www.aviastar.org/air/usa/general_f-16.php

McDonnell-Douglas F-4 Phantom II: http://www.aviastar.org/air/usa/mcdonnel_phantom.php

Lockheed C-130 Hercules: http://www.aviastar.org/air/usa/lok_hercules.php

[RAO BULLETIN Update, 01 OCT 2013](#)

Read the **[Articles](#)** go to the web site at: http://post_119_gulfport_ms.tripod.com/rao1.html



[924 RECALL ROSTER](#)

Known Whereabouts: (689 Names)

Revised 03 Oct 13

New & Changed Addresses:

See website roster

Complete Roster can be found on the 924th website – www.924tfg.com

(Password: *outlaws*)

Will email the Roster upon request

Da...Dat...Dhat's all folks

—Attachments:—

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