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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Jimmy "C" Carradine, Post Commander

In our July/August 2024 newsletter I recognized Carol K., a guest I met in our Canteen. I wrote that she resides in Arizona and is an energetic lady who is a youthful 89 years old. She frequently hits the highway between Arizona and our fair city for business purposes. I was pleasantly surprised recently when Carol K. visited our Post to meet a friend (Shalon) with whom she has remained in contact since her first visit to our Post. As always, everyone who meets Carol realizes she is a friendly and easy-going person.



Shalon, Post Commander Jimmy C,
 Carol K and Wanda

Although her visit was short because of a prior commitment, we enjoyed the time spent with her. I hope she has many more birthdays and will visit our Post again soon. As you can see in the photo with Carol and friends, she continues to look youthful. We wish her safe travels back to Arizona.

As the summer ends, the holiday season will soon be upon us. We are proud to partner with the City of Gardena to celebrate our next big holiday, Veterans Day 2025. We value the partnership with the City and the ongoing support from Mayor Tasha Cerda and the City's staff. On November 11, 2025, we will join the City of Gardena in their **55th Annual Veterans Day Service**, which recognizes our Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Post 1961 and 3261) located within the City.

Last year was the first time since I became Post Commander that VFW Post 3261 hosted a community cookout in partnership with the City's **Annual Veterans Day Service**. It will be our privilege to host a cookout again this year following the Service and we welcome the community to join us.

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VFW Teams Up with Aspen Dental to Improve Access to Care for Veterans and their Families

Exclusive membership discount and donation program supports veteran dental health

July 25, 2025

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) announced a new relationship with Aspen Dental[®] to improve access to dental care for veterans and their families. Through this collaboration, VFW members will receive exclusive discounts on the Aspen Dental Savings Plan membership, and Aspen Dental will provide support to the VFW Foundation to further expand veteran health care initiatives.

VFW members and their eligible immediate family members can access the discounted savings plan for \$29 per year – a 41% savings from the regular \$49 annual fee. Benefits include free exams and X-rays plus up to 30% savings on dental services with no deductibles, claims filing or waiting periods.



“This relationship directly addresses a gap in healthcare access that affects many in our veteran community. Through our collaboration with Aspen Dental, we’re helping ensure those who served have access to quality, affordable dental care,” said VFW Adjutant General Dan West.

“Veterans often face unique barriers to accessing care,” said Dr. Arwinder Judge, chief clinical officer at Aspen Dental. “This collaboration with the VFW builds on our longstanding commitment to those who have served, helping to ensure that veterans and their families can access quality, affordable care when and where they need it. (Continues on page 3)

VFW Teams Up with Aspen Dental to Improve Access to Care for Veterans and their Families (Continued from page 2)

This relationship makes Aspen Dental the VFW's official dental provider, offering nationwide access to care. With more than 1,100 locations nationwide — many in underserved areas — Aspen Dental makes it easy for veterans to find affordable, quality care close to home. Aspen Dental practices serve more than 35,000 patients each day and eight million annually, offering accessible, high-quality care to communities across the country. With state-of-the-art technology and on-site labs at many locations, Aspen Dental offices help ensure a fast, comfortable experience for patients.

VFW members can learn more at <https://www.aspendental.com/dental-savings-plan/vfw-partnership/> or call 877.808.2776.

Aspen Dental has supported veterans for more than 10 years through its Healthy Mouth Movement, donating over \$36 million in dental care to more than 33,000 veterans and individuals in need through programs including Aspen Dental Day of Service and Smile for Your Service.

SOURCE: <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/archives/2025/7/vfw-teams-up-with-aspen-dental-to-improve-access-to-care-for-veterans-and-their-families>

Aspen Dental helping heroes

Aspen Dental is partnering with VFW to offer the **Aspen Dental Savings Plan** to all active duty, veterans and their families for only **\$29 per year²** (\$49 value).



**VA to extend caregiver support program eligibility for
“legacy” Veterans and caregivers**

For immediate release

July 18, 2025

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced that it will soon propose a rule to extend Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers eligibility for certain Veterans and their family caregivers through Sept. 30, 2028.

The new rule will extend program eligibility for legacy participants, legacy applicants and their family caregivers for three years while VA continues the rulemaking process to refine the program. The extension will ensure that legacy participants and applicants can maintain their benefits and stability during this time.

Legacy participants are Veterans, service members, and their family caregivers who were participating in PCAFC as of Sept. 30, 2020, and legacy applicants are Veterans, service-members, and their family caregivers who applied for PCAFC before Oct. 1, 2020, and were accepted into the program on or after Oct. 1, 2020.

“Legacy caregivers have helped shape **VA’s Caregiver Support Program** for many years,” said VA Secretary Doug Collins. “This decision underscores VA’s commitment to Veterans and caregivers across the nation and will help provide consistency and stability to nearly 15,000 legacy participants for years to come.”

PCAFC is part of VA’s broader Caregiver Support Program, and offers enhanced clinical support for family caregivers of eligible Veterans who incurred or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty, and meet other eligibility criteria.

PCAFC benefits include education and training, respite care, counseling, technical support, a monthly stipend and access to health care through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs and certain travel expenses.

SOURCE: <https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-to-extend-caregiver-support-program-eligibility-for-legacy-veterans-caregivers/>

President Signs Law to Prevent Veteran Foreclosure

VFW commander calls on veterans to thank legislators for unanimous support to protect veterans' homes

July 31, 2025

WASHINGTON – Yesterday President Donald Trump signed the VA Home Loan Protection Act (H.R. 1815) into law, alongside the bill's author and VFW Life member, Rep. Derrick Van Orden (WI-3) and House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman Mike Bost (IL-12).

“Legislative advocacy is one of the core missions of the VFW and a mission that I take seriously, so I thank Mr. Van Orden for his foresight in addressing veteran foreclosures, Congress for unanimously advancing the bill, and President Trump for quickly signing this into law,” said VFW Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt. “When I speak to veterans, I often say that when legislators support us, we will find the tallest hill we can and sing their praises for helping veterans. This is why I call on all VFW members to activate our Action Corps once again and say ‘thank you’ to your legislators who advanced Mr. Van Orden’s critical legislation without opposition.”

Today the VFW sent an Action Corps alert to its global network of advocates to thank every member of Congress for displaying bipartisan courage to advance Van Orden’s bill to the president’s desk. [Click here](#) to join in on the VFW’s Action Alert and say “thank you” to your legislators for protecting veterans’ homes.

VFW Legislative Director Kristina Keenan, who advocated for the Senate to quickly advance the bill, said that the law will prevent thousands of veterans from foreclosure on their homes by providing a partial claim option where VA can cover delinquent payments and work with lenders to structure appropriate repayments. Additionally, it will strengthen VA’s homelessness prevention efforts through the Grant and Per Diem Program.

Van Orden proposed his partial claims bill in March as a way to replace the stop-gap **Veterans Affairs Servicing Purchase, or VASP, program**, providing a foreclosure-mitigation option that closely mirrors options available to borrowers who utilize Federal Housing Administration loans. Van Orden is a Life member of Thomas Rooney VFW Post 1530 in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and was honored with the VFW’s 2025 Congressional Award in March.

Veterans who are having trouble making mortgage payments on their VA-backed home loans should contact a VA loan technician to explore options at 877.827.3702.

SOURCE: <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/archives/2025/7/president-signs-law-to-prevent-veteran-foreclosure>

VFW Commemorates the Korean Armistice Agreement

This anniversary is a poignant reminder of Korean War veterans' enduring courage and unwavering resilience

July 25, 2025

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – On July 27, the 72nd anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement, the Veterans of the Foreign Wars (VFW) pauses to solemnly commemorate this pivotal moment, paying tribute to the immense sacrifices made by the brave men and women who fought and died in what is often tragically referred to as the "Forgotten War."



On July 27, 1953, U.S., North Korean and Chinese military commanders, signed the Korean Armistice Agreement, bringing the Korean War to a close. The ceasefire came after two years of negotiations, the longest negotiated armistice in history, but did not end the hostilities completely. A total of 36,576 Americans lost their lives and more than 92,000 were wounded in

action during the course of the bloody three-year war.

The Korean War, though overshadowed by other conflicts, was a brutal and costly struggle. However, for the servicemen and women that lived through it, for the Gold Star families that lost their loved ones there and for those that keep the candle lit for the more than 7,400 POW/MIAs still unaccounted for, the Korean War is still fresh in their minds. Today less than 800,000 Korean War veterans are still living. This anniversary is a poignant reminder to recognize and honor their enduring courage, resilience and unwavering commitment to defending freedom.

To the millions of U.S. military personnel who served in the Korean War theater of operations, and the millions that have served there since, the more than 1.4 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary join a grateful nation in remembering your service and honoring your sacrifice in defense of generations of people living on freedom's frontier.

SOURCE: <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/archives/2025/7/vfw-commemorates-the-korean-armistice-agreement>

VFW Celebrates the Coast Guard's 235th Birthday

The VFW salutes America's oldest continuous maritime service and their ongoing impact

August 01, 2025

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — On Aug. 4, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) joins with our grateful nation in celebrating the 235th birthday of the United States Coast Guard. Since its establishment in 1790, originally as the Revenue Cutter Service, this vital branch has continuously protected U.S. interests and saved countless lives, evolving into the multifaceted force it is today.



Now operating under the Department of Homeland Security, today's Coast Guard excels in its three broad roles: maritime security, maritime stewardship and maritime safety. They vigilantly protect and defend over 100,000 miles of U.S. coastline and inland waterways, while safeguarding an Exclusive Economic Zone of 4.5 million square miles – the largest in the world, spanning nine time zones from the Arctic Circle to south of the equator, and across from Puerto Rico to Guam.

Their commitment to maritime security is evident and day in and day out, the U.S. Coast Guard is engaged in lifesaving and nation-protecting missions throughout our country and around the world.

Please join the 1.4 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary in saying happy 235th birthday and “thank you” to Coast Guardsmen both past and present – members of the U.S. Armed Forces with the biggest area of responsibility.

It should be noted that VFW Adjutant General Dan West is appreciative of the at-sea extraction Coast Guardsmen gave him and his team back in 1993.

Semper Paratus – Always Ready.

SOURCE: <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/archives/2025/8/vfw-celebrates-the-coast-guards-235th-birthday>

The Iowa native is the first woman elected to lead the 125-year-old organization

August 13, 2025

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Carol Whitmore of Des Moines, Iowa, was elected today as the new national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), a congressionally chartered veterans service organization comprised of approximately 1 million eligible combat veterans and military service members from all six branches of the armed forces.

“Standing here today, surrounded by such incredible people — fellow veterans, families and friends — I am filled with a deep sense of pride and humility,” said Whitmore during her acceptance speech. “This is not just a recognition of me, but of all the men and women who have served in our armed forces.”



Whitmore’s election as the VFW’s 117th commander-in-chief occurred at the conclusion of the organization’s 126th National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. More than 10,000 members of the VFW and its Auxiliary converged on the city to conduct the business of the organization, recognize individuals and organizations for excellence and to elect new leadership for the 2025 – 2026 year.

Whitmore is the first woman elected to lead the more than 125-year-old organization. She delivered remarks to those attending in person at the Greater Columbus Convention Center and watching via livestreaming video.

“When I think back on my journey, I am sure it was just like many others — my reality is not necessarily the VFW reality,” said Whitmore. “But I was driven by a sense of duty, a desire to serve something greater than myself. And little did I know that decision would shape me in ways I could never have imagined.”

Enlisting in the Women’s Army Corps in 1977, Carol’s 36-year military career was marked by significant milestones, from integrating with men into the regular Army to becoming an Army nurse and later serving as a first sergeant for her unit while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. It was there that she earned her VFW eligibility. In recognition of her service, she received the Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal (six), Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (two), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Non-Commissioned Professional. (Continued on Page 9)

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Development Ribbon (three), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (three), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with “M” device and the Combat Action Badge.

“As we look to the future, I believe that the strength of our veteran community is our greatest asset. We have so much to offer,” said Whitmore. “We have lived through adversity, we have faced challenges that many can’t even imagine and we’ve come out on the other side stronger. It’s because of that strength that we are still serving our communities and our nation.”

She joined the VFW in 2012 at Post 9127 in Des Moines, Iowa, where she maintains her Gold Legacy Life membership. She has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, culminating with her election as the VFW Department of Iowa Commander from 2018 to 2019, in which she achieved All-American status. On the national level, she served on the Legislative Committee, the General Resolutions Committee and on the National Council of Administration from 2019 to 2023. In 2022, she was elected as designee for National VFW Commander-in-Chief for the year 2025, becoming the first woman and first Iowan to hold the position. She is also a life member of the Military Order of the Cootie, the VFW National Home, and the American Legion and its Auxiliary.

During the speech, Whitmore emphasized legislative advocacy as a priority for her year, with a focus on fighting to get Congress to grant concurrent receipt for select combat-injured veterans through the Major Richard Star Act.

“Through advocacy, our legislative efforts need to be resolute,” said Whitmore. “The [Major] Richard Star Act must pass this year. This effort was started in 2004, and the bill has repeatedly and shamelessly been voted down. Let’s get this done already. Honor the Contract!”

Whitmore also spoke passionately about the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) mission and the key diplomatic role the VFW played in Southeast Asia during the early 1990s.

“More than 30 years ago, it was VFW Vietnam War veterans who led the mission back to the country that cost them so much to extend a hand of peace to their former adversaries,” said Whitmore. “This tremendously brave effort opened U.S. relations with Vietnam and access to the country so DPAA could find and bring home our comrades who were missing in action.”

In addition to Whitmore, other national officers elected were Cory Geisler, an Iraq War veteran from the Department of Wisconsin, as senior vice commander-in-chief, and Glenn Umberger Jr., from the Department of Pennsylvania, who is also a veteran from Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, as junior vice commander-in-chief. The final day of the convention also saw Adjutant General Dan West and Quartermaster General Marc Garduno reassume their posts.

“I may be the first veteran to have been elected VFW commander-in-chief while wearing a dress ... the first female veteran, but I will not be the last,” said Whitmore. “And as I have said while campaigning, I am your comrade by mud, by blood, by dust, by dirt, by sand, by land, by sea, by air ... I am a veteran first.”

Carol, a retired nurse, attended the University of Northern Iowa and Hawkeye Community College. She and her husband, Brad, reside in Des Moines, Iowa. [Watch](#) or [read](#) Whitmore’s acceptance speech.

SOURCE: <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/archives/2025/8/vfw-elects-carol-whitmore-as-new-national-commander>

VFW's Uniting to Combat Hunger Evolves to 'Uniting for Veterans'

This program evolution better allows the VFW to meet veterans ever-changing needs

August 11, 2025

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Humana announced today the successful Uniting to Combat Hunger & Homelessness (UTCH) program will officially be known as the **'Uniting for Veterans'** program moving forward. This change reflects the programs' ever-expanding scope and the VFW and Humana's united commitment to addressing the diverse and evolving needs of the military and veteran communities.

In addition to announcing the program's name change, leaders highlighted the support it has provided over the last year. **UTCH raised more than 800,000 meals and 325 nights of housing for homeless veterans**, shared Cara Brown, Director of Key Relationships for Humana's MarketPoint, and Al Lipphardt, VFW National Commander, during the 126th VFW National Convention Joint Opening Session today.



The newly named Uniting for Veterans program will offer greater flexibility in providing comprehensive assistance beyond its initial focus on food insecurity and housing. This includes a broader array of support tailored to help increase its VFW Posts and

Auxiliaries' impact in their local veteran communities.

"Our military and veteran communities are incredibly diverse, and their needs are constantly changing. While hunger and homelessness remain critical issues, we recognize the necessity to adapt our program to offer additional support as necessary," said VFW National Commander Al Lipphardt. "The Uniting for Veterans name change better suits our ever-expanding mission and dedication to provide responsive and comprehensive assistance through our Posts and Auxiliaries that truly adapts with the needs of our veterans and their families."

Humana, the VFW's long-standing ally in this vital initiative since UTCH's inception in 2018, expressed enthusiasm for the program's evolution.

"At Humana, we are proud to stand with the VFW in this important transition. The Uniting for Veterans program will allow us to collectively address a wider spectrum of needs and help improve quality of life for America's military and veteran families," Brown said. "This enhanced flexibility ensures our combined efforts continue to make a profound, positive impact on the lives of those who have served and their loved ones."

The VFW encourages all members and the public to learn more about the expanded Uniting for Veterans program and to support its vital mission at [vfw.org/UnitingforVeterans](https://www.vfw.org/UnitingforVeterans).

SOURCE: <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/archives/2025/8/vfws-uniting-to-combat-hunger-evolves-to-uniting-for-veterans>

VA awards \$818 million in grants to combat Veteran homelessness

For immediate release

August 27, 2025

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced more than \$818 million in grants to 235 organizations across the country to help Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

VA awards grants based on a number of factors, including the grant recipients' experience and past performance in providing supportive services to Veteran families, and the need in the area or community where the program will be based. Throughout fiscal year 2026, the grants will fund local organizations as they help Veterans access:

- Housing and housing counseling
- Health care
- Financial planning services
- Childcare
- Legal assistance

Transportation

“Supportive services like childcare, housing counseling and financial planning can be important catalysts for preventing or resolving homelessness,” said VA Secretary Doug Collins. “These grants will help bring crucial support to thousands of Veterans in need across the nation.”

The grants are being made available through VA's Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, which provides case management and supportive services to:

- Prevent the imminent loss of a Veteran's home.
- Identify new, more suitable housing situations for individuals and families.

Rapidly re-house Veterans and their families who are homeless and might remain homeless without assistance.

Learn more about the program.

If you are a Veteran who is experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838). Visit the VA Homeless Programs website to learn about housing initiatives and other programs for Veterans exiting homelessness.

SOURCE: <https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-awards-818-million-in-grants-to-combat-veteran-homelessness/>



Robert “Bob” Felts was born in Montgomery, Alabama, in August 1939. After school, he attended the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he boxed, played rugby, and held positions as an honor representative and squadron commander. He graduated in 1962—the fourth graduating class at the Academy and the first to be deemed the “Red Tag Bastards.”

Felts attended pilot training at Craig Air Force Base, Alabama, followed by KC-135A training. His first base was Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, in 1964, followed by a move to Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire, in 1966, where he served four years as copilot and aircraft commander, logging over 800 combat hours during various TDYs in Vietnam.

In 1970, Felts became one of the first tanker pilots to fly the FB-111A. In 1975, he received an Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) assignment to Louisiana Tech University for an MBA in Computer Applications.

After graduating, Felts served as chief, Computer Weapons Systems Division at HQ Tactical Air Command, at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. He later supervised the F-15 Air Combat Maneuver Instrumentation (ACMI) combat simulator and was chief, Ops Plans Division for the 1st Fighter Wing, also at Langley.

In 1980, Felts completed air refueling training and served in air mobility at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, as chief, Aircrew Scheduling Division. There, he flew more than 3,200 hours and on over 250 alert tours.

Felts retired in 1982, relocating with his family to Sacramento, California. Post-retirement, he worked at McClellan AFB, in Sacramento, on the FB-111A Avionics Modernization Program. He also worked with computers at Sacramento’s American River College, and spent several years as business manager for his wife Margaret’s environmental company.

He hung up his “work hat” in 1998, spending his time jogging, riding his bicycle, driving fast, and sailing his boat, Misty, in the San Francisco Bay.

Bob Felts died peacefully at his home in Colorado on July 31, 2025, just hours before his 86th birthday. He will be interred at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

We honor his service.

SOURCE: <https://news.va.gov/142473/honoring-veterans-air-force-bob-felts/>

The VFW Pauses to Reflect This Patriot Day

Patriot Day is not only a day of remembrance but a day of purpose

September 10, 2025

KANSAS CITY, Mo. —This Sept. 11, in observance of Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) solemnly pauses to reflect and honor the lives of the nearly 3,000 lost in the tragic events that day 24 years ago which irrevocably changed not only our nation, but the entire world.



While the senseless attacks on America were a moment of immense and unimaginable tragedy, they became a powerful testament to the unwavering and unbeatable spirit of the American people. In terrorism's wake, a united nation stood together, rallying to support and lift each other up. Flags were raised in homes across our great nation, communities rushed to support first responders and emergency personnel, and a sense of determination surpassed our differences.

This day is not only a day of remembrance but a day of purpose. The VFW understands service and sacrifice, and we encourage all Americans to come together this Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance to honor the memory of those who were lost on 9/11 by creating and building a world they would be proud of. Americans owe it to the families and loved ones of the nearly 3,000 killed that day to honor them by remembering we are a stronger nation when we stand united. May we all channel the resilience and unity we showed 24 years ago and pledge to being a force for good.

SOURCE: <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/archives/2025/9/the-vfw-pauses-to-reflect-this-patriot-day>

VFW Honors National Hispanic Heritage Month

Americans of Hispanic heritage have made significant and lasting contributions to the nation

September 12, 2025

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is proud to honor the contributions of our nation’s Hispanic service members and veterans from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 – during National Hispanic Heritage Month. Veterans of Hispanic heritage have had a profound impact on our military, and the VFW recognizes their unwavering dedication to service, patriotism and the preservation of our freedoms.



For generations, Hispanic Americans have answered our nation’s call to duty, serving with distinction across every branch of the armed forces and in every major conflict. Today, veterans of Hispanic heritage represent 8% of the veteran population, a figure that has grown by 25% in the last decade. Their courage and sacrifices have been essential to America’s security and have enriched our military with a deep-seated commitment to family, community and country.

From the battlefields of the Revolutionary War to the raging seas of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans to the skies over Europe, the Middle East and all four corners of the globe, Hispanic American service members have demonstrated exemplary valor, earning countless medals and honors, including the Medal of Honor.

Their contributions extend far beyond the battlefield, as they continue to strengthen our communities and inspire future generations. Their stories are a vital part of the American story, a true testament showcasing that heroism knows no single language or background.

This month, the VFW stands in solidarity with our nation’s service members and veterans of Hispanic heritage and their families, honoring and saluting their invaluable role in defending our nation’s ideals and securing our future.

SOURCE: <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/archives/2025/9/vfw-honors-national-hispanic-heritage-month>



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