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June 2011 - Newsletter of the USS Sampson Association

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## From the President

To all shipmates;

This past week end, May 13 to 15 2011, was our reunion in Mobile, Al. I want to thank those who were able to attend for making this another memorable get together. Per usual the activities were well planned so they went off without a hitch. For this we need to thank Dave, and of course Carol, for doing such a great job again.

The membership is just like an extended family. We may not always agree with everyone else but when help is needed it is given.

Thanks to all,  
Kirk Anderson

ps. The turnout this year was very good, not the best but still very good. Hopefully the next reunion in Charleston will be as good or even better.

## Sampson Reunions

We had a very successful reunion in Mobile. Dave Brandt and his helpers arranged for a great hotel, good side trips to the USS Alabama and NAS Pensacola and an enjoyable Saturday night dinner. See [2011 Reunion Pictures](#)

Our next reunion in 2013 will be held in Charleston, SC. The reunion will probably be held in the spring and details will be available when it gets closer to the reunion.

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## Treasurer's Report

### USS Sampson DDG-10 Treasurer's Report April 30, 2011

Beginning Balance, Sept 1, 2010		\$12,749.33
<b>Receipts:</b>		
- Life Member Dues	\$300.00	
- Dues	\$440.00	
- Reunion 2011	\$3,043.00	
- Ships Store	\$402.00	
Total Receipts	\$4,185.00	\$4,185.00
		\$16,934.33
<b>Expenses:</b>		
- Reunion 2011	\$100.00	
- Postage	\$95.28	
- Newsletter	\$24.24	
- Life Member Refund *	\$80.00	
- Ships Store	\$557.76	
- Supplies	\$20.67	
Total Expenses	\$897.95	\$897.95
Ending Balance April 30, 2011		\$16,036.38

\* for individual who enrolled twice

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Brandt  
Secretary/Treasurer

## Girl Scout Cookies for DDG-102

At the reunion meeting Bob Andepsch told us how several Girl Scout troops in Ocean County, NJ had sent cookies to the new USS Sampson.

Many people buy cookies to support the Girl Scouts but do not really want or need them for themselves. The Girl Scouts have set it up so that you can donate the cookies when you order them.

Donations usually go to a food bank or other charity but the Ocean County Girl Scout troops arranged to send their "donated" cookies to the USS Sampson with help from Bob.

Although the cookies were donated, the Girl Scouts had to pay the shipping costs to get the cookies to the Sampson. At our reunion meeting we voted to reimburse the Girl Scouts for the cost of shipping the donated cookies to the Sampson.

If you are interested in setting up something like this, feel free to contact Bob for details at: [nottodaybob@comcast.net](mailto:nottodaybob@comcast.net).

Bob has been in contact with the public affairs officer on the Sampson.

## \*\* Important Reminders \*\*

- Check out the USS Sampson website often: <http://www.sampsonddg10.org>  
Check out the Guestbook link at the bottom of the USS Sampson website. Look for old Sampson shipmates that you know, but are not already members. Contact them and tell them about our association and our reunions.
- Notify Dave Brandt if you change your email address and to keep your dues up to date or if you would like him to email you a copy of the USS Sampson Roster. [drbrandt@ftc-i.net](mailto:drbrandt@ftc-i.net)
- If you get a message from a shipmate, please respond especially if a response is requested.
- Do not forget the effort going on to save the USS Adams as a museum ship in Jacksonville, Florida. Join the effort.  
For the latest news check the following websites for the current information on the Adams Class Museum at:  
[www.adamsclassmuseum.org](http://www.adamsclassmuseum.org)  
and  
[www.adamsclassddgvets.org](http://www.adamsclassddgvets.org)
- Dave Brandt is trying to put together a document that includes pictures, taken at previous reunions, of shipmates in groups or with their wives.  
If you have any pictures, especially from the earlier reunions, please send them to Dave for the archives.  

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If you have the ability of scanning them, you can send the files to: [drbrandt@ftc-i.net](mailto:drbrandt@ftc-i.net)
- Sampson Cruise Books are available on CDs in the Ship's Store. (see [Sampson \(DDG-10\) Ship's Store](#)).  
The cruise books/years available are:  
1966, 67, 69-70, 72-75, 77-78, 79, 85, 86-87, 88 and 90-91.

## Sea Stories

### From Kirk Anderson

*This is one of my more memorable happenings while serving aboard the Sampson.*

*I was one of the few aboard with a military drivers license. One night while in San Juan a fellow FT. I believe his last name was Ace, got word his grandmother, I believe, was near death. He applied and got an emergency leave so he could be with her before the end. Arrangements were made for him to fly out of Roosevelt Roads Navy Base but this required transportation. I sort of volunteered to drive him so I picked up a vehicle from the base where we were tied up. We got directions and started off towards Rosie Roads. Just before we got to Arecibo the vehicle developed a flat tire, of course it did. Well as no luck would have it there was no spare. I didn't check and apparently neither did the motor pool, stupid us.*

*I had pulled off the main road into a deserted service station, I believe that it what it was. Nothing but the building and of course no phone. Ace and I hitch-hiked to the next town, Arecibo. Neither of us spoke Spanish so we had fun, not really, finding a phone and calling for help. I talked to someone back at the base and told him what had happened. I was told to stay where I was and help would be there shortly, I actually believed what I was told. Ace decided to proceed without me so he would not miss the planned flight home. I spent the next four hours standing on a street corner waiting for help. I had next to no money but I did have a flash light which I put in the small of my back. During my stay there were about 6 guys who came up to me and asked if what I had was a gun, I showed them what I had and was still alive when help finally arrived. We drove to where the disabled vehicle was and changed the tire. I then followed them back to the base. The Chief on duty told me I shouldn't have left the vehicle because it could have been stripped, not a good thing. I told him I had no choice but to leave it so I could call for help and that I was told to stay where I was. He may not have been completely happy but nothing more happened because of the incident, at least not to me anyway.*

*To the best of my knowledge Ace made it home in time but never back to the ship. I learned that Puerto Rico had a bad rep for unfriendly people and a lot of violence but I didn't experience either. I did learn to never volunteer again and that lesson appears to have remained even after all of these years.*

*Compared to other Sea Stories this one is rather pale but to me I will never forget, I hope never, what happened that night in Puerto Rico.*

### From Ted Unser

*In 1966 the Sampson, while operating in the Caribbean pulled into Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GITMO).*

*My brother Bill had joined the Navy after I had and he was now an aviation machinist mate assigned to the F8 squadron over on Leeward Point in GITMO. My brother had liberty for the weekend meaning that he had no duties and did not have muster. He met me at the pier when the Sampson arrived and after I showed him around the ship, he showed me around the base. That evening we "visited" the enlisted men's club and rode the "cattle-cars" back to the ship.*

*The Sampson was no longer tied up and was now anchored out. My brother had planned to stay onboard that evening so we took the whaleboat out to the Sampson. He signed in on the quarterdeck we settled in to the ET berthing compartment where we had an empty bunk.*



(Ted & Bill Unser in GITMO)

*Early Sunday the next morning I awoke to "Set the sea and anchor detail". I woke my brother and then ran up on deck to see that the whaleboat was now out of the water and secured. The ship was pulling out for an emergency search. A Venezuelan airliner was missing.*

*Bill reported to the executive officer who after some questioning told my brother that they would notify his squadron and he may as well enjoy the ride. Since it was Sunday, we did not have much to do and hung around the signal bridge – until my brother got seasick from the gentle swells we were steaming through. He remained in the rack until, luckily, the search was called off and we pulled back into GITMO that evening (instead of remaining at sea and continuing operations).*

*My brother was very happy to get back ashore. In fairness to him, he had not been on a ship and he did do much better later in his career when he was an E2A plane captain assigned to VAW 124 aboard the USS Independence, CVA-62.*

## Sea Stories (continued)

### From Jack Suarez

Long ago on a summer night in 1962, (must have been summer as we were in whites), a usual night out in Boston was in the making or should I say an unusual time was beckoning. After drinking underage for many hours, A & B returned to their Locker Club above the notorious Palace on Washington Street in the Combat Zone. This particular locker club was most convenient, as mentioned the Palace was downstairs, the Golden Nugget around the corner and Jerome's a few doors down. Down the block was a C & W Honky Tonk that I think was called the Novelty. Anyway, after an evening of imbibing, A & B returned to the locker club to change back into uniform, and came upon a shipmate we'll call C, getting the hell beat out of him in the head of the club. A & B intervened and physically persuaded the unknown assailant to cease pummeling C. C was only about 5'2", but 5' of that was mouth as that's why he probably ended up in the present condition. All the way back to the ship, C kept ranting how he had things under control and didn't need A & B to butt in. A & B felt his attitude amounted to being quite ungrateful and they let C know it in no uncertain terms about their feelings. After returning to the quarterdeck of the Sampson, the trio headed up the starboard side with intentions of going to the mess deck. The argument started really heating up and C kicked B in the groin. At that, A suggested that he and B should throw C, the ungrateful little b---strd over the side. A & B picked up C and proceeded to dangle the SOB over the side, when all of a sudden C was flying through the air. The eyes on A & B were as big as watermelons as both couldn't believe what they were seeing? Apparently A let go and figured B would hold on and B must have had the same idea.

All that was visible was a little sailor hat floating in Boston Harbor. Oh what seemed like an eternity passed before C broke the surface. Holy s---t was exclaimed because if God forbid he didn't surface, it was life in Portsmouth for something gone wrong. C started yelling like crazy and A & B were trying to shut him up. The PO3 on watch came running up and saw what was happening and said "you crazy S.O.B's, I'm getting out of here" Luckily the O D wasn't around, maybe left for wardroom coffee or the head because he never showed. A & B told C if he shut up they would pull him up with one of those rope fenders that were hanging over the side. He agreed and dogpaddled over and was pulled up. His whites (if you could call them that) were mostly black and he was crying, screaming,

nose running and promising A & B that they would pay. Now that C was safe on board, A & B got to take a real good look at him and A & B were rolling around the deck laughing and shaking so hard that peeing in their pants couldn't have been far off. The trio then headed for the mess decks. Each time C took a step, streams of dirty water squirted into the air. The laughter started again and one thing for sure, both A & B were glad it was around 03:30 and everyone onboard was sleeping.

Since B & C bunked aft, A missed out on what happened when they went down to their compartment. The next morning A was told that on top of the s---t can rolled up was the worst set of whites you could ever imagine. C swore he would never talk to A & B again and he sure wasn't about to admit to anyone what happened to him as he would never hear the end of it. The PO on watch couldn't mention it either as then he might be implicated for dereliction of duty. A, B, & C were eventually discharged. C got out first and A & B were left and since then have laughed uncontrollably about it over the years. Guess A & B were also thanking their lucky stars that this didn't turn into something bad. But then again, aren't sailors supposed to know how to swim?

This tale is for you to believe or disbelieve. Only A & B could confirm this as C probably to this day isn't talking! The names of A, B & C have been omitted as partial ignorance of Maritime Law and the statute of limitations. Perhaps if you could figure out who A & B were, maybe with some prodding you never know.

### Editor's Note:

This section was added at the suggestion of several shipmates. As editor, I am looking for humorous or interesting stories that you have from your time aboard the Sampson and would like to share.

It would be helpful if you can keep your stories to no more than one column or half a page.

I prefer to post your input just as I receive it and I will try not to alter your story - but - I reserve the right to edit language and content.

## Sampson (DDG-10) Ship's Store

Sampson ball caps, black \$10.00  
(one size fits all)



**\* Good Deal**

**Note:** Designate preference when ordering.

**Winter** – closed back

**Summer** – open mesh back

Golf Shirts, dark blue \$19.00  
(sizes M, L, XL and 2X)



**\* Good Deal**

Video of DDG 10: \$11.00

- Operations at Sea
- Homecoming
- Desert Storm
- Decommissioning Ceremonies

Video - DDG 102 Commissioning \$11.00  
(+ \$3 shipping)

Sampson Cruise Books on CD \$5.00  
(some books cover multiple years) (each book)

**Books/CDs available:** **\* New Items**  
66, 67, 69-70, 72-75, 77-78, 79, (+ \$3 shipping)  
85, 86-87, 88 and 90-91



B&W Picture of USS Sampson in Venice from October 1969 \$15.00  
(+ \$5 shipping)

**\* New Items**

### General Ship's Store Shipping:

Two or less items - \$5.00  
Three or more items - \$9.00

### Make check payable to:

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## (Ship) Yard Sale

My brother is downsizing and gave me two copies of the 1965 "Keel". The "Keel" was similar to our ship cruise books and it covered each company as they passed through the USN Training Center at Great Lakes.

The book contains 84 pages of pictures and general information about recruit training plus 16 pages of pictures specific to Company 93, my brother's company.

If you went through Great Lakes in 1965, or even better if you happened to be in Company 93, let me know and the book is yours for the cost of postage.

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Dallas, GA 30157  
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[tedunser@hotmail.com](mailto:tedunser@hotmail.com)

I have the two books so if no one is interested I will cut one up to scan in as a PDF file and put with our cruise books in the ships store.

## DUES DUES DUES

Your dues are either:

Paid for 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

or

You owe \$ \_\_\_\_\_.00 for \_\_\_\_\_ years

**Note:** The Sampson Association dues are the least expensive of any service organization that we are familiar with. We depend on prompt payment of your dues. (2 years advance accepted)

### Make check payable to:

USS Sampson DDG10 Association

### Send to:

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## Websites of Interest

Haze Gray & Underway	<a href="http://www.hazegray.org">http://www.hazegray.org</a>
Naval Historical Center	<a href="http://www.history.navy.mil">http://www.history.navy.mil</a>
Navy Office of Information	<a href="http://www.chinfo.navy.mil">http://www.chinfo.navy.mil</a>
Navy Ships	<a href="http://navsource.org">http://navsource.org</a>
Navy Times	<a href="http://www.navytimes.com">http://www.navytimes.com</a>
Naval Vessel Register	<a href="http://www.nvr.navy.mil">http://www.nvr.navy.mil</a>
Official US Navy Website	<a href="http://www.navy.mil">http://www.navy.mil</a>
Tin Can Sailors	<a href="http://destroyers.org/">http://destroyers.org/</a>
Bluejacket	<a href="http://www.bluejacket.com/">http://www.bluejacket.com/</a>
Navy Veteran Reunion and Locator	<a href="http://www.decklog.com/homeport.asp">http://www.decklog.com/homeport.asp</a>
Destroyers Online	<a href="http://www.destroyersonline.com/usndd/">http://www.destroyersonline.com/usndd/</a>
Military Analysis Network (USN Ships)	<a href="http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/ship/ddg-2.htm">http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/ship/ddg-2.htm</a>
US Naval Institute	<a href="http://www.usni.org/">http://www.usni.org/</a>
Hull Number	<a href="http://www.hullnumber.com/">http://www.hullnumber.com/</a>
USS Sampson DDG-102	<a href="http://navysite.de/dd/ddg102.htm">http://navysite.de/dd/ddg102.htm</a>

## Charles F. Adams Class

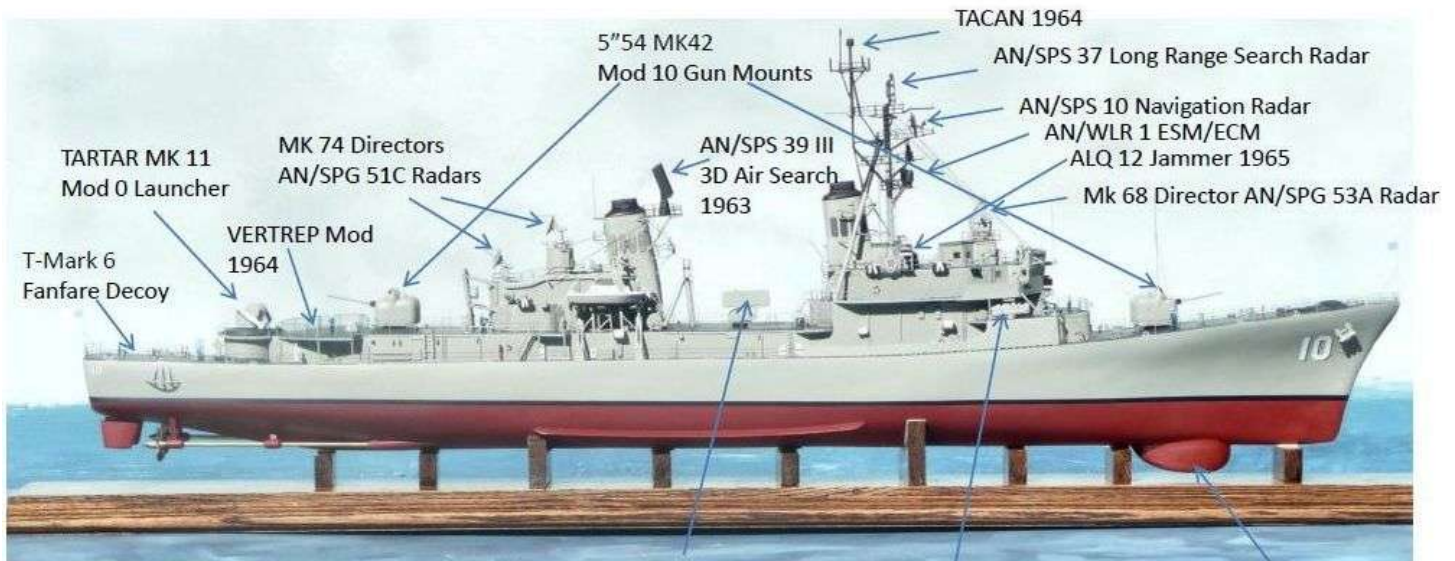
DDG-2 Class	USS Charles F. Adams Class Museum	<a href="http://www.adamsclassmuseum.org">www.adamsclassmuseum.org</a> - or - <a href="http://www.adamsclassddgvets.org">www.adamsclassddgvets.org</a>
DDG-2	Charles F. Adams Class	<a href="http://www.bozair.com/DDG-2/index.html">http://www.bozair.com/DDG-2/index.html</a>
DDG-3	USS John King	<a href="http://www.ussjohnkingassociation.org/">http://www.ussjohnkingassociation.org/</a>
DDG-4	USS Lawrence	<a href="http://www.ussslawrence.com/">http://www.ussslawrence.com/</a>
DDG-5	USS Biddle / C. V. Rickets	<a href="http://thebignickel.org">http://thebignickel.org</a>
DDG-6	USS Barney	<a href="http://www.uss-barney-ddg6.org/">http://www.uss-barney-ddg6.org/</a>
DDG-7	USS Henry B. Wilson	<a href="http://www.ushenrybwilsonddg7.com/">http://www.ushenrybwilsonddg7.com/</a>
DDG-8	USS Lynde McCormick	<a href="http://www.usslyndemccormick.com/">http://www.usslyndemccormick.com/</a>
DDG-9	USS Towers	<a href="http://64.226.139.28/">http://64.226.139.28/</a>
DDG-10	USS Sampson	<a href="http://www.sampsonddg10.org">http://www.sampsonddg10.org</a>
DDG-11	USS Sellers	<a href="http://usssellers.org/">http://usssellers.org/</a>
DDG 12	USS Robison	<a href="http://navysite.de/dd/ddg12.htm">http://navysite.de/dd/ddg12.htm</a>
DDG-13	USS Hoel	<a href="http://www.seastory.us/hoel/">http://www.seastory.us/hoel/</a>
DDG-14	USS Buchanan	<a href="http://www.uss-buchanan-ddg14.org/">http://www.uss-buchanan-ddg14.org/</a>
DDG-15	USS Berkeley	<a href="http://ussberkeley.com/">http://ussberkeley.com/</a>
DDG-16	USS Joseph Strauss	<a href="http://www.ussjosephstrauss.org/">http://www.ussjosephstrauss.org/</a>
DDG-17	USS Conyngham	<a href="http://www.ussconynghamassoc.org/">http://www.ussconynghamassoc.org/</a>
DDG-18	USS Semmes	<a href="http://www.semmesddg18.org/">http://www.semmesddg18.org/</a>
DDG-19	USS Tattal	<a href="http://mysite.verizon.net/vzetvm0b/">http://mysite.verizon.net/vzetvm0b/</a>
DDG-20	USS Goldborough	<a href="http://www.ussgoldsborough.com/">http://www.ussgoldsborough.com/</a>
DDG-21	USS Cochrane	<a href="http://www.usscochrane.com/">http://www.usscochrane.com/</a>
DDG-22	USS Benjamin Stoddert	<a href="http://www.angelfire.com/ny/anchorsE9/index.html">http://www.angelfire.com/ny/anchorsE9/index.html</a>
DDG-23	USS Richard E. Byrd	<a href="http://members.tripod.com/ddg23/ddg23_homepage.htm">http://members.tripod.com/ddg23/ddg23_homepage.htm</a>
DDG-24	USS Waddell	<a href="http://www.usswaddell.com/">http://www.usswaddell.com/</a>

**Models by Wes Nicholas**

Wes completed an excellent model of the USS Sampson DDG-10 but was dissatisfied with some of the details. He has almost completed a second model and it looks like he has done another fine job.



**USS SAMPSON DDG 10**  
1966 Configuration



LOA 437'  
Beam 47'  
Draft 20'  
Shaft HP 70,000.  
Four 1,200 psi boilers.  
Displacement 4,500 tons.  
Speed 34+ Knots.  
Range 4,500 Nautical miles at 20 Knots.

ASROC MK 16 Launcher  
MK 32 Torpedo Tubes P/S  
Guns: 5" 54 range 12+ Mi. 1,200 rounds at 40 rounds a minute each gun.  
Tartar Missiles, 42 (2) Test (TSAM) Missiles.  
Maximum range 22 miles up to 60,000' altitude.  
ASROC 6 rockets, 2 18 K ton nuclear dept charges.  
MK 48 Torpedoes, 6.

AN/SQS 23 Sonar  
Frequency 5KHz.  
Range 10,000 yards.

2011 Reunion Pictures



Reunion Meeting



President Kirk



Breakfast at the Hampton Inn



Aboard the USS Alabama



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Pictures from Russ and Cathy Koppang



DDG-10 Hospitality Room at the Hampton Inn



DDG-10 Association formal meeting



Start of tour of USS Alabama



Picture taking (for roster) aboard USS Alabama



## Life Membership Application

This form is also available on the Sampson website (<http://www.sampsonddg10.org>)

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION USS SAMPSON ASSOCIATION

**Personal Information**
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Last Name)	(First Name, MI)	(Spouse Name)
(Address)		
(City)	(ST)	(ZIP +4)
(Mobile Phone)		
(E-Mail Address)	(Web Site)	(Birth Date)
Division	Rank/Rate	Mo and Yr
Service	Retired	Plank Owner
		Age
		Highest Rank

**LIFE Membership is based on your age and is:**

AGE GROUP	FEE	40 to 44	\$210	60 to 64	\$120
29 and Younger	\$295	45 to 49	\$180	65 to 69	\$105
30 to 34	\$265	50 to 54	\$160	70 to 74	\$80
35 to 39	\$235	55 to 59	\$140	75 and older	\$50

**NOTE: 1. You may pay the full life membership fee in one payment or in ten equal monthly installments. If you prefer to pay monthly, you should send an initial installment of one tenth of the total fee for your age group with this application. We will enter your life membership and send you your membership card. You will be expected to forward balance of monthly payments in a timely manner. Your certificate will be forwarded upon receipt of final payment. In the event a member paying on the installment plan finds that he can not continue to make monthly payments, all monies previously paid will be credited to paid up annual dues, currently \$10.00.**

**NOTE 2. Any dues currently paid in advance may be applied to reduce the fee for your age group**

**NOTE 3. Please return to:**

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June 2011

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