

March 27 Support Our Troops Rally on Woodstock Square

By Don Peasley

Several Woodstock VFW members were organizers of the Support the Troops rally conducted in the Woodstock Square on March 27.

About 700 people joined veterans to conduct the emotional program offering prayers and support to the men and women in the Armed Forces. At that time (March 27) troops had been fighting in Iraq for a week and success of the undertaking was unknown.

Ralph Ritter, one of the organizers of this event said one purpose of the rally was to counteract the anti-war movement being given extensive publicity on national television. Ritter said he was sure word would reach McHenry County veterans on active duty that people in their home community fully supported their efforts.

Colonel Dewayne Nelson, deputy commander of the 420th Engineer Brigade in Bryan, Texas, declared, "This is the time to support our troops and the time to support those families of veterans here at home."

Nelson is a member of the American Legion in McHenry and the VFW in San Antonio, Texas, who has been involved in mobilizing and deploying half his units to join in the Iraqi war. Nelson spoke during an enthusiastic rally Thursday evening in the Woodstock Square conducted by several veteran organizations to dramatize support for troops in action, and to counter the anti-war demonstrations.

"One of the best ways we show support for our troops is to give support to their families. Our troops are young, well-trained and ready to do a job. They know why we are in Iraq," he asserted.

The list of distinguished participants in the 55-minute program included

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Banner hung on gazebo during rally (Don Peasley photo).



Hollie Mortimore, whose husband is at Fort Campbell, Kentucky awaiting assignment to Iraq, opens the "Support the Troops" rally singing the National Anthem. (Don Peasley Photo).

VFW Grand Drawing \$1550 Raffle - Last Chance

It's almost here. Saturday, May 10th, 7:00 pm. Only 61 tickets available at \$50.00 each (as of April 21).

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- Every 20th drawn wins \$100.00

Consider that you have about a 1 in 14 chance of winning a prize. That's better than the lottery!

In conjunction with this event, a prime rib dinner is also planned to honor Ray Benoy for the contributions he has made over the many years to the VFW and community at large. **You must sign up for the dinner by May 5, 5:00 p.m. so we can order food.** The pending schedule of this event is cocktails at 6:00 p.m., drawing for raffle at 7:00 p.m. and prime rib dinner to follow immediately.

You need not be present to win but the five big prizes will get a \$50.00 bonus if the winner is present. There will also be an attendance drawing for \$50.00 plus any bonus money left over. Drawing benefits the Building Fund. Signup sheet will be available at the bar. Don Sword is chairman of this event.

Vietnam Traveling Wall Comes to Wheaton

The Vietnam Traveling Wall will be coming to Wheaton, Illinois. The Wheaton VFW will be hosting this event. They will need help in spending time at the Wall to watch the grounds 24 hours a day for 6 days, greeting and passing out literature, standing guard and searching for names for those who request it. The shifts would be 4 hours apart, with 4 to 5 on each shift.

They are also looking for any Vietnam Veterans who would like to help out. They would like to have them in uniform if possible. The location of the Wall will be on Main Street north of Roosevelt Road at Central Park. Opening ceremony: June 30th at 7:00 p.m., closing ceremony: July 5th at 12:00 Noon.

If you need further information please call Tom Mouhelis (Public Affairs Officer) at 1-630-668-3686. He will be more than happy to answer any further questions.

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Purple Heart Donated to Post

By Don Peasley

A Purple Heart awarded to Robert Sweeney, who was killed in action off Tanambogo island near Guadalcanal during World War II, has been donated to the Woodstock VFW by Frederick Riggs, 84.

Sweeney and Riggs met in August 1941 on a train enroute from Washington D.C. to the officers candidates school in Quantico, Virginia. Sweeney had lived in Woodstock. He attended Woodstock High School and the University of Illinois.

Riggs lives in Kensington, Connecticut with his wife Josephine. When their daughter, Judy Reilly, and her husband, Brian, moved to Woodstock in 1983, her father remembered the man he met on the train who called Woodstock "God's Country."

Through the efforts of Joy Aavang, local veteran's historian, Riggs was able to contact Sweeney's relatives. One of them sent Sweeney's Purple Heart to him, and Riggs decided to donate it to the Woodstock VFW.

"A Purple Heart is awarded when a soldier is injured and/or killed in action," said Ralph Ritter, Vietnam veteran who accepted the gift from Riggs for Post 5040. "We are fortunate to have this donation since family members usually want to keep them. This is a very special circumstance."

"If the citizens of Woodstock would like to see what a Purple Heart looks like, they are welcome to come to the VFW to see it. Riggs' Purple Heart is on display on the wall with the unit patches. Anyone that's been in the military is welcome to donate their unit patch for our wall. We have quite a collection."

Riggs and Sweeney obtained their commissions in 1942. They were in the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 2nd Marine Division in a battle to take an enemy position on Tanambogo island, a Japanese seaplane base, after the conquest of neighboring Gavutu island.

Sweeney was commander in charge of two tanks attempting to obtain a foothold on this island. Riggs was a lieutenant with a rifle platoon. On the approach



Ralph Ritter (right) accepts this special gift to the VFW in honor of Robert Sweeney. Sweeney, Woodstock native, was killed in action near Guadalcanal on August 8, 1942. Fred Riggs (left), who served in the Marines with Sweeney, made this donation of Sweeney's Purple Heart as a permanent memento at the VFW. (Don Peasley Photo).



Chaplains Report By Marvin Bohnhoff

Get well cards sent to Ralph Ritter, Betty Smith, Eugene Foller

Thinking of you cards sent to Albert Steinwehe.

Marvin Bohnhoff, Chaplain, recovering from surgery March 21st.

Sympathy cards sent to the families of Thomas Herdklotz, John D. Case, Howard F. Book. Charter will be draped in May for our deceased comrades.


"The Lord bless all of our comrades."

to the island, Sweeney's tank ran off its lighter into a shell hole. Sweeney lifted his turret cover to determine why the tank was thrashing around and was hit instantly with a bullet through the forehead. He was one of the first Americans to lose his life in the war against Japan. Sweeney died August 8, 1942.

Riggs' daughter assembled the triangular display box and arranged for her father's donation to the Woodstock VFW. In addition to the Purple Heart, it includes a photograph of Captain Sweeney and an American flag.

Said Riggs, "I remember with fondness Bob entertaining the men during evening song fests on the ship going overseas. He had a beautiful baritone voice and would sing old time religious hymns and spirituals. I am honored to have served with him and to keep his memory alive."

Come Dancing...



Vito Buffalo's Ballroom Dance Band
 This is a 10 piece band that does all of the ballroom dance tunes.

Where: VFW Post 5040 Upstairs
When: May 11
Time: 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$12.00 or VFW member \$10.00

Post members only pay \$10 per person with the general public paying \$12. We will have refreshments and sandwiches available for you to purchase. The bar will also be open. If you are interested in dance lessons or have questions, contact Warren Spencer at 815-459-2578. Singles are welcome and we do mixers. Dress casual or semi formal – please no sneakers or jeans thank you. Public is welcome so tell your friends.

reading the names, rank and hometown of 28 veterans announced as being killed in Iraq.

Alan Belcher, Vietnam veteran who was general chairman of the quickly-organized "Support the Troops" rally, recalled the spread of tyranny under Hitler and asserted, "Tyrants like Saddam Hussein are

a threat to all people. Their tyranny has no boundaries. We must face the enemies of freedom, and when we are forced to, we must fight."

Declared Belcher, "Stand tall America! Let the world know we are strong of spirit and firm in our commitment to break the bonds of tyranny of all people. We should make certain our enemies hear our message loud and clear. They will hear in our collective voice an unmistakable resolve. They will feel the steeliness of our will."

The crowd of at least 700 included people carrying banners, American flags and flags of several veteran's organizations throughout the area. One of the most poignant moments came when Belcher invited those present with a relative on active duty in the Iraqi war to join him on the bandstand during the singing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic by Hollie Mortimore.

Hollie's singing, which included a medley of patriotic songs such as American the Beautiful, and the National Anthem, sang with poignancy and urgency. Her husband is at Fort Campbell, Ky. expecting assignment to Iraq at any moment.

Mike Ruffner, Marine Corp League member, said the Armed Forces protect the right to free speech, then criticized the anti-war activists and wondered why they didn't protest Hussein or France's nonsupport of the UN resolution regarding Iraq.

Ruffner struck a poplar theme with this audience when he asserted, "Entertainers should stick to entertainment," and cited several names, which promptly generated boisterous booing. Ruffner added, "Why don't the entertainers follow the lead of Bob Hope and support our troops?"

Mike Iwanicki, interim superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission, reminded the attentive crowd: "Our nation's founders' commitment to freedom alone does not protect our freedom today. It requires troops to protect freedom. I join in saluting our comrades in arms."



Ken Hauser, VFW Fifth District Chaplain (left), gave the invocation at the opening of the program. Alan Belcher (right) was master of ceremonies. (Don Peasley Photo).



Featured speakers include Mike Ruffner, Marine Corp League member; Arlie Page, Past Commander of American Legion Post 491; and Colonel DeWayne Nelson, deputy commander of an engineer bridgade and a member of the McHenry American Legion. (Don Peasley Photo).

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Kenneth Hauser, VFW Fifth District chaplain who presented the invocation. The program concluded with the rifle squad firing three volleys, followed by Taps.

Jack Genot, Marine Corp League member inserted a shocking reality into the otherwise enthusiastic rally by

Can you help Sell Poppies?

With Poppy day coming up on May 16th and 17th, the post needs your help with selling poppies. If you are available these dates and times, please consider helping out.

Check the spot and time below that you are free, clip the slip, and drop it off at the post mailbox on the outside of the front door or mail it to: Woodstock VFW Post 5040, 240 Throop Street, Woodstock, IL 60098.

- Selling spot:** Angelos Train Station Culvers Amcore Bank Jewel Post Office
 Harris Bank Eagle 120 and Greenwood Road Bohn's Ace Hardware Kmart Courthouse
- Time slot:** 8-10 am 10 am - 12 pm 12-2 pm 2-4 pm

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Phil Meier Honored at April VFW Meeting

By Don Peasley

A year ago VFW members were organizing the Woodstock community to welcome the Vietnam Traveling Wall. Key figures responsible for the wall display during Memorial Day activities were honored at a special program at the VFW Monday, April 21.

Phil Meier and his wife Betty were the center of attraction because Sid Sherwin, master of ceremonies, explained Meier's financial support brought the wall to Woodstock. Meier said he had seen the wall at another community and wanted to bring it to Woodstock.

"I never thought Vietnam War veterans received adequate recognition they deserved from either the government or citizens generally," said Meier. Meier paid the \$3,000 fee to bring the wall to Woodstock. He was presented with an Americanism certificate, and Sherwin explained why he did not give Meier a plaque.

Meier requested that any contribution would be a cash donation to the Masonic Lodge's Shriners Children Hospital. Sherwin said the Woodstock VFW contributed \$250. Henry Nulle, representing the American Legion, presented a \$150 contribution; Ted Biever, representing the McHenry County Marine Corps League, announced a contribution of \$100.

Sherwin thanked Ralph Ritter for serving as chairman for the Vietnam Traveling Wall project, and said he was on hand throughout the week-long exhibit.

Complimenting Alan Belcher for his talk on Memorial Day,
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These are people recognized at the special program April 21 saluting participants in the highly-successful Vietnam Traveling Wall display in the Woodstock Square last Memorial Day. Sid Sherwin (extreme right, middle row) was general chairman. Phil Meier is seated in the middle row, 4th from left (Don Peasley Photo).

Ladies Auxiliary FROM THE PRESIDENT

By NYDA FOGARTY, President 2002-2003

At the April 3rd meeting, it was decided to keep the same officers for the coming year. They were elected by acclamation.

May 1st will be the White Elephant Sale. On the weekend of May 3rd and 4th, the post will have the annual "Soup to Nuts" sale. The Gaylord's are chairmen. I'm sure they would appreciate anything you have to donate.

Barb and Chris Gehrke represented me at the 5th District "Spring Frolic" of Winthrop Harbor. The last District Meeting this year will be in south Elgin on May 18. The District has decided food will be served prior to the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

If your dues is not paid, you have only two months left to do so. If you get a year behind your name will be dropped from the list and your membership will cease.

VFW Post Officers Elected for 2003-04

At the April meeting, elections were held for the 2003/04 election year. Installation of officers will take place in May and the new officers will take their respective positions in June.

There were only 24 members attending the meeting in April to vote on the new post members. However, elections were held and we have new officers for the coming year.

Commander:	Jon Showers
Senior Vice Commander:	Sid Sherwin
Junior Vice Commander:	Donald Sullivan
Quartermaster:	Henry Nulle
Chaplain:	Howard Engstrom
Post Surgeon:	Betty Smith
Judge Advocate:	Hank Enstrom
3 yr trustee:	Jim Smith

For all officers elected for the coming year in both the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary, if you have an e-mail address, I can post your name on the VFW website with a your.name@vfw5040.org address and forward any mail addressed to the vfw5040.org address to an e-mail of your choosing. More information forthcoming.

Tell us how we're doing...or what we can improve. Your feedback is important, and if you cannot attend meetings or get down to the post to comment on something, send in the slip (address on back of slip) or drop it off. We'd love to hear from you.

May 2003

☆☆☆☆☆☆ Post Normal Operating Hours (unless noted otherwise) ☆☆☆☆☆☆

Closed	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30 Little League 6 pm Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	1 Ladies Auxiliary 7:30 pm Jaycees 7 pm	2 Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm Bingo 6 pm	3 Soup to Nuts Sale
4 Soup to Nuts Sale	5 Little League 7 pm Memorial Day Committee 7 pm	6 VFW Board Mtg. 7 pm Little League 7 pm Dirt Group 7 pm Jaycees 7 pm	7 Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	8 Girls Softball 5 pm Jaycees 7 pm	9 Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm Bingo 6 pm	10
11 Ball Room Dance 4 - 7 pm	12 American Legion 7 pm Little League 7 pm	13 Girls Softball 7 pm Dirt Group 7 pm Jaycees 7 pm	14 Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	15 Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm Jaycees 7 pm	16 Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm Bingo 6 pm Poppy Days	17 Poppy Days
18	19 VFW Meeting 7 pm VFW Pre-Meeting Dinner (VFW Members Only) 6:30 pm	20 Jaycees 7 pm Dirt Group 7 pm Girls Softball 8 pm	21 Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm Veterans Assistance Commission 7:30 pm	22 Jaycees 7 pm	23 Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm Bingo 6 pm	24
25	26	27 Dirt Group 7 pm Jaycees 7 pm	28 Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	29 Jaycees 7 pm	30 Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm Bingo 6 pm	31

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- May 3 and 4 - **SOUP TO NUTS SALE**

Some reminders on this event. We do not accept clothing. Items must be clean and in good working order. Suggestions are: books, dishes, curtains, bedspreads, appliances, tools, furniture, tools, etc. Start saving your stuff for the sale. Since storage space is limited, we ask that you bring items in a week or two before the sale. Bob and Pat Gaylord are going to chair the event this year. If you would like to help Bob and Pat please contact them at 815-338-3015.



- May 16, 17 - **POPPY DAYS**

Sid Sherwin is the chairman and need lots of volunteers. Be thinking of times you may be able to sell poppies.



- May 26 - **MEMORIAL DAY**

Alan Belcher is the chairman. Warm lunch will be served. Veterans are \$6.00 and non-veterans are \$7.00. We need help in the kitchen as well as servers. If you can help, contact Alan (815)-338-7689.

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St. Mary's Show Support for Soldiers

By Don Peasley

Expressing their willingness to "support the troops," St. Mary's seventh and eighth grade students collected a variety of items which are now on the way to Iraq. Ed O'Brien, principal, said the donations will be sent to the U.S. Army's 11th Combat Engineering unit in Iraq.

Student Council members invited students in all grades to make donations suitable for shipment to troops in Iraq. The collecting took place during the first three weeks of April. Alexe Cooney, student council president and an eighth grade student, said, "It's important to support the troops. We older students are nearing the age of many of the soldiers."

Pat Cates, student council vice president, was more direct in his opinion, asserting, "It's important to support our troops whether or not you support the war."

O'Brien said he was proud of students reflecting their concern for men and women in the service and felt strongly enough to do something positive. Teachers participating in the project were Mary Kennelly and Ann McCoy.

A look at the large number of boxes collected before they were taken to a distribution point included such items as baby wipes, toothpaste, mouth wash, toothbrushes, books, videos, popcorn, candy, raisins, socks, baby powder, deodorant, soap, Gatorade and snacks.

VFW Commander for 2003-2004 Elected

By Don Peasley

Jon Showers, U.S. Air Force veteran who served with a combat support group during the Vietnam War, has been elected Commander of the Woodstock VFW. He began his active duty in 1971 and was in Vietnam for eight months. He spent four months in Hawaii before being assigned to his last base in the U.S.

Jon was a 1968 graduate of Barrington High School where he was a standout athlete in football, basketball and baseball. He was a college student at North Dakota State University at Fargo, North Dakota, before being called to active duty.

Returning home he began working at a bank in Barrington, underwent officer training and spent four years at the bank. He entered the food service industry in 1978 and for the past 25 years has been in the materials handling and storage equipment business throughout the United States and Canada.

Jon and his wife, Elaine, moved to Woodstock in 1987. Jon was a member of the Barrington American Legion and he joined the Woodstock VFW soon after coming to Woodstock.

He has served as Senior Vice Commander and trustee on several occasions but was unable to become Commander because of extensive business traveling.

Jon and Elaine have one daughter, Kristi, 21, a junior at the University of Nebraska majoring in journalism. Elaine, a native of North Dakota, worked at Quaker Oats in Barrington.



Support for our troops comes from many sources. St. Mary's student council members organized a successful project to gather things to send to troops in Iraq. From left, front: Maggie Dhom, Michelle Ferguson, Erin Thompson, treasurer; and Sarah Labaz. Back: Mr. Ed O'Brien, principal at St. Mary's; Pat Cates, vice president; Alexe Cooney, president; Tanya Carran and Kevin Brenner, secretary. (Don Peasley Photo).

You Up for a Gambling Trip?

The Mississippi Belle Casino Bus Trip will taking place on Sunday, May 18th. Sign up by May 10th. Cost is \$9.00 per person, pay when you sign up at bar. Plan is to meet at 8:15 a.m. with the bus leaving at 8:30 a.m. promptly. It's a 2 hour bus ride to the boat.

There will be 4-5 hours gambling on the boat. Plan is to return by bus, leaving at 4:00 p.m., getting back to the post about 6:00 p.m. Free buffet meal on boat.

We need a minimum of 35 people per bus. Be sure to bring a photo id with you to prove you are 21 or older.

Games offered are slots, poker, craps, blackjack, etc. Interested? Be sure to sign up at the VFW bar then.

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Sherwin said, "His speech was wonderful. It was the most moving thing that ever happened in my life," confided Sherwin. "As Belcher talked last Memorial Day, there was not another sound, and there were not many dry eyes."

Sherwin said 35 of the 58,000 names on the Traveling Wall were residents of McHenry County. Sherwin announced that Alan Belcher will serve as this year's Memorial Day parade marshal.

Sid Sherwin (left) and Phil Meier (right) read over a certificate of recognition from Jack Franks, 63rd District Representative that was presented to Phil.



VFW Kitchen Sparkles

By Ralph Ritter

In the March newsletter it was mentioned that the VFW kitchen needed to be cleaned and painted. On March 29th and 30th, several people came out to give the kitchen a much needed good cleaning before a new coat of paint could be applied.

Here is a list of people who helped out in the kitchen when we painted it:

Saturday

Ralph Ritter
Sid Shewin
Jack Fish
Mike David
Howard Meyer
Joe Thiede
Cindy Schoffer
Pat Sunenburg
Bob Gibson
Lunch by Pat Ritter
and Hazel Hicky

Sunday

Ralph Ritter
Sid Shewin
Jack Fish
Mike David
Allen Belcher
Pat Sunenburg
Bob Gibson
Candy
Hank Knulle
Barry Mishler

Monday

Ralph Ritter
Harold Irwin
Jack Fish
Joe Thiede
Bob Gibson
Hazel Hicky
Bob and Pat Gaylord

Tuesday

Ralph Ritter
Jack Fish



It really looks great in there now. Come on down and have a look! Thanks to all the people that helped out, provided food, and gave their time to help out at the post. It's because of people like you that keep our post running and in top shape.

**Website is Available
For Viewing**
<http://www.vfw5040.org>

By Matt Klos

If you have not had a chance to visit our web site, please do so. I have been trying to keep new content on the site as time allows me to do so. Several pictures of the Rally for the Troops that took place on Woodstock Square on March 27 are posted.

The sight has finally been listed on the National VFW web site. Several search engines are finally picking up our sight as well.

All new officers in the VFW and Auxiliary that currently have an email address can be set up with a *your.name@vfw5040.org* address on the website. Any mail that comes to this address will automatically be forwarded to your own email address.



Jack Fish works each Monday morning at the VFW preparing the kitchen for another week of food service. He started a morning coffee hour and invites members to come in for free coffee and rolls. Here are a few members at a recent get-together. From left: Pat and Bob Gaylord, Jack Fish, Bob Gibson, Joe Thiede, Bill Lyford and Don Peasley. (Don Peasley Photo).

News Bits From Around the Post

By Ralph Ritter

- New signs have been put up for the first row of parking at the VFW that read, VFW patrons parking after 4:30 PM. This should help a little more with parking, as the parking lot becomes full during the night hours.
- Thanks to Joe Thiede and Annamae Weber for continuing to clean up the post closets and kitchen areas.
- Some more people are starting to come for free coffee and rolls with Jack Fish on Monday mornings. Jack is offering free rolls and coffee on Monday mornings, from 6:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
- Thanks to Mike David who has volunteered to cut the grass in the front of the hall for the summer. Mike is a new member of the post that just joined us last month. Thanks Mike.
- Accepted Here! Yes, the post will begin to accept Visa starting May 7th. This is being provided by Mike David who installs card units through work. It will cost us nothing to install and will help us during the Wednesday and Friday night dinners. Many patrons to our post have asked about using their Visa cards to purchase food, and finally we can say "We accept Visa"! Again, thanks Mike for making this happen.

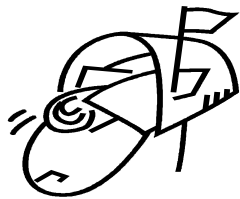
Memorial Day at the Post

By Don Peasley

The Woodstock VFW is coordinating this year's Memorial Day activities and has contacted several businesses on the Square to hold Memorial Day exhibits. Alan Belcher, chairman, invites veterans to share their military memorabilia and souvenirs for display.

Veterans may call the VFW (338-5040) to learn where a display may be placed. Jon Showers, elected VFW Commander April 21, has been contacting local businesses to participate in this Memorial Day tribute. Installation of the displays will begin on May 12th and will be removed May 28th.

The Memorial Day program will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 26. This will be followed by ceremonies at local cemeteries and a luncheon served to the public at the VFW hall. If you can help out with serving food at the hall, please contact the post.



Letters to the Editor....

If you would like to send a letter to the editor, please send it to the following address (do not send it to the post address):

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