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‘UAP are in our airspace’: Former military personnel warn Congress of alien objects threatening national security

Svetlana Shkolnikova/Stars and Stripes | July 27, 2023



Ryan Graves, a former Navy F-18 pilot, David Grusch, a former intelligence officer with the Air Force, and retired Navy Cmdr. David Fravor are sworn in Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at a House Oversight and Accountability subcommittee hearing on Capitol Hill about unidentified anomalous phenomena.

Joe Gromelski/Special to Stars and Stripes

Two Navy veterans who claim to have seen unidentified aerial phenomena, better known as UFOs, joined a Pentagon whistleblower Wednesday to warn Congress that the sightings threaten national security and are being kept secret.

Ryan Graves, a former Navy F-18 pilot, and David Fravor, a retired Navy commander, described their encounters with strange, flying objects at a crowded hearing before the House Oversight Committee, which is leading a push by lawmakers to destigmatize reporting on such incidents and increase government transparency about potential alien life.

“As we convene here, UAP are in our airspace, but they are grossly underreported. These sightings are not rare or isolated, they are routine,” Graves said. “Parts of our government are more aware about UAP than they let on, but excessive classification processes keep crucial information hidden.”

Graves said he first became aware of UAPs in 2014, after upgraded jet radar systems used by pilots stationed at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Va., began detecting unknown objects. A pilot soon saw one in person, observing a floating “dark gray cube inside of a clear sphere” during a training mission about 10 miles off the Atlantic coast, Graves said. There was no official acknowledgement of the incident, and it was never investigated, he said.

“If everyone could see the sensor and video data I witnessed, our national conversation would change,” Graves said. “If UAP are foreign drones, it is an urgent national security problem. If it is something else, it is an issue for science. In either case, unidentified objects are a concern for flight safety.”

The Pentagon last year established the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office to investigate reports of such phenomena, looking into more than 800 sightings. The U.S. government has attributed most of the reports to balloons, drones, birds, weather events and litter such as plastic bags, but many remain unexplained.

Graves estimates only about 5% of UAP sightings are being reported due to risk of professional repercussions. Most witnesses are commercial pilots for major airlines who have seen UAPs at 40,000 feet “making inexplicable maneuvers, like right-hand turns and retrograde orbits or j-hooks,” Graves said. The pilots are primarily seeing dark gray or black cubes inside of clear spheres, he said.

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Be the One on Aug. 1

The American Legion | July 26, 2023

Tuesday, Aug. 1, is the next American Legion Be the One Days.

On the first day of every month, Legion Family members are encouraged to wear a Be the One item to show their commitment to reducing the stigma around mental health issues among veterans and service-members. And to start a conversation about what Be the One is and how to save the life of a veteran. Legion posts should also promote Be the One on the first day of every month.

For the past seven months, Legion Family members of American Legion Post 70 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.,

have been walking one mile from the post home every Wednesday at 1 p.m.



Legion Family members of Post 70 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., walk weekly for health and wellness.

Legiontown photo

“It was really just to get a fellowship of people out and talking,” said Keith Koster, Post 70 adjutant and past post commander. “It is a great time to catch up and get out, plus talk health and wellness while we walk. Winters in New York can be long; getting out and together instead of staying inside by yourself can really help one's personal wellness.”

Resolution No. 13: Be the One Days, was passed by the National Executive Committee during the 2023 May American Legion Spring Meetings. It calls on Legion Family members to gear up and bring awareness to the Legion's Be the One veteran suicide prevention initiative on the first day of every month.

Koster said the weekly walks are a way Post 70 is supporting Be the One.

“We're keeping track of how everybody is doing and where they're at. We're checking in; it's kind of a buddy check,” he said. “It's promoting health and fitness which leads to mental health and wellness.”

Need Be the One gear? You can purchase a [Be the One shirt](#) or [tack](#) through American Legion [Emblem Sales](#).

For American Legion posts, there are many resources available to promote Be the One at [this web page](#). These resources include Be the One posters, customizable brochures, a banner, wallet cards and more. To help in your promotional efforts, this [video is a great tutorial](#) of how a Legionnaire in Arizona used Be the One promotional materials at his post's successful event.

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Additional membership information appears later in this edition.

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Year	Total Members	+/-	100% Detachments	105% Detachments	Renewal %	% of Goal
2022	359,999		37	17	88.34%	100.92%
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American Legion rep shares cracks in military transition efforts during panel discussion

The American Legion | July 27, 2023

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the desegregation of the U.S. military, the U.S. Department of Labor is staging a series of virtual and in-person panel discussions that are focused on Black veteran employment outcomes, barriers, and interventions. The first such discussion took place on July 25 and focused specifically on the significance of the desegregation of the U.S. Armed Forces, its impact on civil rights movements, progress made toward equality in the military and Black veterans' access to good jobs.

Included in the first panel was Joseph Sharpe, director of The American Legion's Veterans Employment and Education Division. Sharpe, a U.S. Army retiree, spoke about the Legion's efforts in the transition process from the military to civilian world, but also shared how there are cracks in the system on the military side that can leave veterans in the lurch.

"We visit various military installations around the country every year. We look at the transition program and the resources that are available for veterans as they transition out," Sharpe said. "The current programs in many installations are very impressive. They assist veterans with employment. They talk about the various programs the Department of Labor has. You have various pathways. If you want to go the entrepreneur route, (the Small Business Administration) is

there. If you want to work for (the Department of Veterans Affairs), VA is there at these installations.

"The issue is, for Black veterans, is if they're going to improve the economic outcomes, they have to take advantage of the resources that are already there. In order to be able to do that and learn of the resources and the various programs the federal agencies have and the private sector has, they have to be allowed to take full advantage of those programs. That's currently not happening. A lot of it is due to commanders' input. They're not allowing these individuals to get to these programs and take advantage of what's out there in a timely fashion."

Sharpe pointed to a specific example of this. "We were involved in a mega job fair in Fort Hood, Texas, just a month ago," he said. "We had individuals coming up to us saying they had just returned from a major training exercise in Louisiana. When we asked them, 'OK, what are you doing for employment? What are you doing for transition? Do you know your benefits? How much time do you have left?' We were told two weeks. We had other individuals we spoke to. We asked, 'What are your plans?' 'Well, we have nine months left, so we have plenty of time to transition out.'"

Sharpe said Legion reps asked the soldiers if they planned on applying for federal employment, and some said yes. "Well, you know it takes them a year to even get back to you. So, you're already too late," Sharpe said they told the soldiers. "We really believe that there should be a hybrid, in-person transition program for individuals to start learning about their benefits and where they plan to live and what they plan to do prior to them having two weeks left. Even though they say they're giving folks a year to start planning their transition, that's not happening in many cases. And if you're a Black veteran from a depressed area, if you're not being encouraged to take advantage or allowed to take advantage of the programs that currently exist, then your transition's going to be that much harder."

The American Legion would like to see the start of the transition process begin much earlier for those in the military.

"For us, we would like to see that when an individual comes into the military, finishes basic training and gets to their first duty assignment, that they're given some sort of counseling in reference to a career path for that individual (and) for that particular service," Sharpe said. "If an individual goes into combat arms or infantry, there are aspects of that particular field

that they can use due to leadership, training, those type of things. But if they're also looking to, when they transition out of the military, to see what are occupations that are more transferable in that particular military service that will assist that individual if they want to stay in the military as a career and also start preparing for their transition out of the military. Which could be licensing, certification, going to a four-year school or starting their own business or starting a farm."

Sharpe said the goal of his division "was always to ensure that when veterans leave the military, that they're gainfully employed, that they're able to take care of themselves financially and also contribute to their communities. We are aware that many of our veterans that join the military come from depressed areas around the country. When they transition, we want them to be able to transition into a world where they are gainfully employed and able to take care of themselves. We've always believed that once you join the military, you ought to be able to start planning your transition out to the civilian sector.

"We'd like to see more veterans, as they join the military, also be made aware of what career paths they have while they're in the military, but also learn about their possible benefits and how they can improve themselves, so when they leave the military, they're actually creating wealth for themselves and their communities."

Also taking part in the panel was retired [Lt. Col. Patricia Jackson-Kelley](#), a life member and current commander of Jackie Robinson American Legion Post 252 in Los Angeles. Jackson-Kelley served in the Navy Reserve, Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Army Reserve, and during the panel shared her experience as a nurse shortly after joining the military.

"When I went on active duty, I was 36 years old, which is not the norm," she said. "I was assigned to a medical surgical unit at Travis Air Force Base. And the majority of my peers were young first and second lieutenants whose mean age was around 23-25. The head nurse's age was around 30, so I found myself in a very unique situation.

"I was basically the only nurse of color, so I had many factors that affected my progression in the military at that time. As a result of that, I was led to seek out ways of learning on my own. One of the things we have to be mindful of is that environmental issues play a large part in people's progression – especially in the military."

Watch the complete panel discussion [here](#).

Veterans Employment & Education Commission

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Florida Legion Riders help bring early Christmas to boy with terminal cancer

The American Legion | July 25, 2023

Gabriel Bostwick, a 12-year-old who is in home hospice care while battling terminal cancer, wanted a chance to see Santa Claus and feel the holiday spirit one more time. His community, including multiple American Legion Riders, were more than happy to accommodate his wish.

On July 21, more than 70 motorcyclists joined with more than 200 other area residents to bring Christmas to Gabriel and his parents at their home in Navarre, Fla. Legion Family members from American Legion Post 382 in Navarre and Post 378 in Gulf Breeze were among the contingent, which sang Christmas carols, delivered presents, and provided a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, as well as some other North Pole inhabitants.

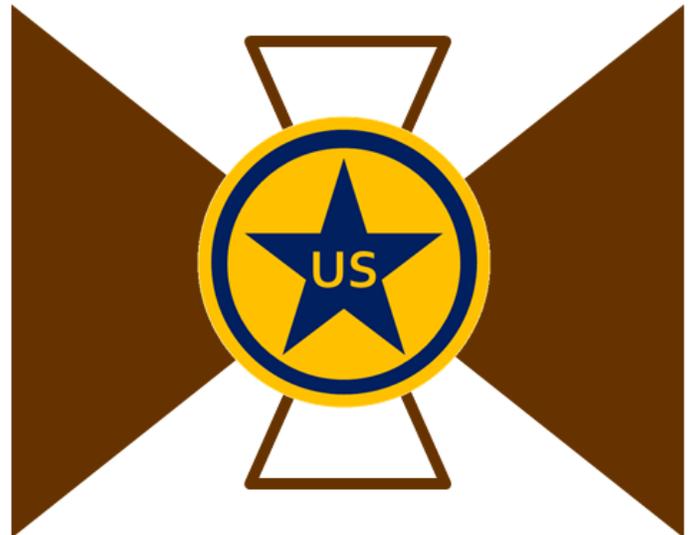
Ashley Correa, who works at the Studer Family Children's Hospital at Ascension Sacred Heart and is a member of the American Legion Family at Post 378,

learned about Gabriel's wish and that an event had been planned. She contacted Post 382 Commander Jason Skobel, the past ALR director at the post, to share what was planned.

"He knows we do the ['Ride for the Claus'](#) during Christmas, and she said this family was wanting to do a Christmas in July for (Gabriel)," said Skobel, who also serves as District 1 first vice commander and Department of Florida Western Area ALR chairman. "I put the word out there in our district with our Riders, and ... we had overwhelming support for this kid."

Skobel said there were around seven different motorcycle organizations involved, including at least four American Legion Riders chapters. "When we arrived there, there already were some members of the community and neighbors lined up along the street," he said. "But when they saw 75, 100 motorcycles pull up in front of their house, just seeing the look on the parents' faces and that kids face, just goosebumps, hair standing up all over. It was just, there were really no words to describe it.

"Just seeing that little kid smile and his dad pushing his wheelchair just to take a look at all the bikes lined up on the street – I just kind of stood in the back for a while and was watching all the riders. It's funny to see all these older, big gentlemen – the burly riders – flipping their sunglasses down so you can't see the tears coming out of their eyes."



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Sports

Harrisburg Sons of The American Legion donates to baseball team

[Gabi Sorrentino](#) | July 20, 2023



Harrisburg, Ill. -- The summer baseball season is quickly coming to a close. The Harrisburg Post 167 Senior Legion baseball team has one last tournament this weekend, before their summer run comes to an end.

The 167 boys are playing in the Midwest Championship at Illinois State University.

Harrisburg Sons of American Legion donated \$1,100 to the Post 167 Baseball team on Wednesday,

The tournament is not just legion baseball teams. It is also open to travel teams from all over the country.

Last week, Post 167 was deemed ineligible for post-season play. So, instead of ending their season, head coach, Cody Hall, decided he wanted the boys to play in a few more games, and have one last shot at bringing home a championship.

The problem: tournaments like this are expensive. But the Harrisburg Sons of American Legion stepped in and donated \$1,100 to the team to pay for the tournament fees.

News 3 spoke with Sons of American Legion Commander, Greg Hodson and Coach Hall about the donation, and what it means to the team.

"Oh, well, I mean, that's what we're all about is helping them out. We're tickled to death to do this because it keeps local kids home. It keeps them from having to play sometimes on a traveling team, which is very expensive, not only to the players, but their families," said Hodson.

Squadron Everlasting

to have a member's information listed here, please send to jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com

Randall L. Tedrow



Randall "Randy" L. Tedrow, 60, of Wileyville, W.Va., formerly of Cameron, W.Va., passed away Friday, July 21, 2023, in J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital.

He was born December 4, 1962, in Aleppo, a son of the late Robert K. and Betty Riggle Tedrow.

Randy graduated from West Greene High School in 1981. He worked in the pipeline industry for many years employed by Henkels & McCoy, Price Gregory, Precision Pipeline, Michaels, Carl Smith, and retiring in 2021 with Otis Eastern.

Randy was a member of the Pipeliners Laborers Union #1149 of Wheeling, the Sons of the American Legion Post #18, Cameron, and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

He enjoyed watching Westerns, preferred Ford vehicles, deer hunting, spending time with his grandchildren, farming, and coon dogs. He is survived by his daughter, Jessica (Scott) Marling of Cameron; two grandchildren, Diem and Talon Marling; 10 siblings, Connie Schoeller, William "Bill" Tedrow, Marjeane (Steve) Sheard, Vickie (Gary) Kayko, Gary "Boo" Tedrow, Joyce Tedrow, Jerry (Kelly) Tedrow, Judy Frye, Debbie Tedrow, and K. Fred (Karen) Tedrow.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Carson; and five siblings, Robert "Bob" Tedrow, Mark K. Tedrow, Patrick Tedrow, Charlie Tedrow, and Douglas Jay Tedrow.

Friends were received from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, in Kesterson-Rush Funeral Home, LLC., 3275 W. Roy Furman Hwy.,

Rogersville, PA 15359 (phone: 724-499-5181), where the funeral was held directly after, with Evangelist Steve Stevens officiating. Burial followed at Centennial Cemetery.

Please view and sign the tribute wall at www.kestersonfh.com.

Donald B. Probst



Donald B. Probst was born on July 20, 1929 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., the son of the late James L. and Irene F. Febish Probst.

He and his wife, the former Shu Yuan (Sue) Kung, were married on May 11, 1970 in Tainan, Taiwan. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazel N. F. Pruden Probst, who died July 19, 1966 and is buried in Offord D'Arcy, England.

A 1947 graduate of Lock Haven High School, he lived most of his life in Lock Haven area prior to enlisting in the U.S. Air Force on Sep. 22, 1948. Prior to entering the service, he worked on the Old Kress Farm on the Island, as an usher at the Roxy Theatre and as a paperboy for the former Mrs. Watson's Lock Haven News Agency, also working 3 years for the A&P Tea Co. when it was located on E. Main Street. He was a member of the E. Main Street Methodist Church Boy Scout Troop for 5 years, becoming a 1st Class Scout. He also was a member of the local Civil Air Patrol for 4 years, obtaining the rank of Cadet 1st Sgt. He was one of the chartered members of the original Sons of the American Legion, Post 131, Lock Haven.

A retired Air Force Sergeant, he served with the 98th Bomb Wing as a B-29 Gunner in Korea from Aug. 1950 to Dec. 1951. During the Vietnam War he served with the 377th Combat Support Group at Tan Son Nhut AB, from Feb. 1969 to May 1968. Between the wars, he served in various parts of the world in Bomber, Troop Carrier, and Military Airlift Command. He retired from the U.S. Air Force on May 1, 1975 as Personnel Sergeant Major. His medals and decorations are displayed on his photo.

Don's hobbies included stamp and coin collecting and model trains,

Coach Hall added, "The support that these guys give us is just second to none. We're very fortunate, we're blessed, and like I said, without these guys, there would be no Legion baseball program here."

The tournament gets underway on Thursday. Post 167 will face the Milwaukee Baseball Academy at 7 p.m.

which he owned a complete English set (Tri-Angle Hornby) that included English people, houses, cars, animals, etc. He enjoyed shooting mark with different rifles and pistols he owned. He was also involved in Genealogy. He was instrumental in tracing and documenting his Probst/Febish family history back to the 1600's. His favorite sport was watching the Lock Haven High School football team play, never missing a home game. After retiring from the U.S. Air Force, he went to work for Hammermill Paper Group and ACME/BiLo Food Stores here in Lock Haven and as a Rural Mail Carrier out of Jersey Shore Post Office.

Surviving along with his wife are daughters Natalie F. Hatch of Rapid City, S.D. and her husband AJ Hatch and Sylvia H. M. Noll of Snow Shoe, Pa., and her husband Michael Noll; three sisters, Nancy Mechum of Cogan Station, and Edith (Pat) Welch and Mary Delaney of Lock Haven; 1 grandson; 2 granddaughters; 4 step-granddaughters in the U.S.; 2 stepsons; and 2 stepdaughters. He was preceded in death by his brothers, William, Danny, Robert, and Harold; and sisters Beverly Yearick and Janet Bloom.

Funeral services for Donald B. Probst will held Friday, July 28, 2023, at 11 a.m. in the Gedon Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, LLC, 121 W. Main St., Lock Haven. Family and friends will be received in the funeral home one hour prior to services. Officiating will be Retired Pastor Bruce Wallace. Interment will be in the Dunnstown Cemetery with full military honors.

Online thoughts and memories can be made at www.GedonFuneralHomes.com or the Gedon Funeral Homes Facebook page.

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Legion Launches \$1.8M Campaign

John Faucher, [Hortonville News](#) | July 17, 2023



Community center planned in Hortonville. The Hortonville American Legion has launched an ambitious \$1.8 million fundraising campaign to build a new headquarters and community center on the village's East side.

Hammond-Schmit Post 55's new base of operations and community center will be located along East Main Street on a 3-acre parcel between Otter Creek Dental and Schmidt's Auto, south of State Highway 15.

The proposed building and site plan includes a 60x100' foot commercial 300-person capacity venue with 115 parking stalls.

Paul Wait, a Sons of American Legion member and Post 55 fundraising volunteer, said plans for the project began in 2021, when the Legion's current meeting space at the Opera House was leased to a church.

The church has accommodated the Legion with a shared space in the basement since 2021.

"It's a very cooperative relationship we have with the church and we're thankful they continue to let us use it, but it's not like having your own place," said Post Commander Bob Ziegert.

The Legion Post and Auxiliary has over 240 members. "We began looking at options for building a meeting place in 2021," said Ziegert.

Building Committee. They formed a building committee. Their vision: "To build a welcome gathering place for community events, meetings, programs and

activities that enrich the lives of veterans, families and all citizens of Hortonville and the Fox Valley."

"It's not something we just started in the last six months, it's been a long time coming," Ziegert said.

They purchased the 3-acre parcel in September 2022. "We've gotten very positive remarks from the people that we've talked to in the Hortonville community and the surrounding communities," said Ziegert.

American Legion Post 55 will own and operate the facility, but he said its use will extend to all citizens of Hortonville and the Fox Valley region.

"This is something that is really needed in the Hortonville area, and we feel very positive that we can provide this kind of building to service the area," said Ziegert.

Community involvement. "We want the community involved with this because it's for their use, it's not just for the American Legion use," he said.

On June 17, members of the Hortonville Boy Scout Troop 36 helped clear brush and conduct site work alongside Legion members.

The Legion Post has a history of partnering with community organizations like the Boy Scouts, the Lions Club, and other civic groups.

Ziegert said once the community center is built, its doors will be open to any community organization that needs a place to meet.

The venue will also be open for functions such as weddings, funerals, graduation parties and other celebrations.

"The goal is not to compete with restaurants and bars, we're not looking to start a food service," said Wait.

"There are a lot of veterans that will have a role in operating the center, and the vision is to serve the entire community," Wait said.

Ziegert said the center would offer programming for veterans.

"We want a place for fellow veterans to gather, feel safe and have open conversations with one another," said Ziegert.

At this time in Wisconsin, Post 55 is the only American Legion Post planning for new construction.

In 2016, American Legion Post 306 in Green Lake successfully raised \$1.2 million to build a new hall and community center.

Members of Post 55 visited Green Lake for a tour in February.

About a dozen members of Post 306 sat down with members of Hortonville's building committee to share ideas and answer questions.

"We were very impressed with the tour, and it was really helpful to sit down and learn from them," said Ziegert.

"You always feel welcome when you go to a Legion House."

Post 55 recently sent letters to all the Legion Posts in the State informing them of its building plans.

"We're just at the very start of our fundraising activity. You're going to see more of it," said Ziegert.

The group is planning to host some kick-off information events in July starting with an open house and meet and greet at Wolf River Community Bank.

Two-year campaign. "Our two-year campaign goal is \$1.8 million dollars," said Wait. "We hope to see a building open by 2025."

The group will be calling on friends in the business community, individuals, corporations, and organizations in the greater Fox Valley region.

"We just want to get the word out and let everybody know that this is something we're going to do," said Ziegert.

"There's not a question of if, what so ever," he said. "It's going to happen."

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Fravor, a retired commanding officer of the Navy's "Black Aces" strike fighter squadron, told lawmakers that he saw a white object shaped like a Tic Tac candy after launching his jet from the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier in 2004. He spotted the object "moving very abruptly" off the California coast before rapidly climbing up to about 12,000 feet in the air, then

disappearing and reappearing 60 miles away less than a minute later.

"I never felt that we were alone with all the planets out there, but I wasn't a UFO person," Fravor said. "I think what we experienced [that day] was well beyond the material science and capabilities that we had at the time, that we have currently and or that we're going to have in the next 10 to 20 years."

David Grusch, a former intelligence officer with the Air Force, alleged under oath Wednesday that the U.S. government has for decades maintained a program that collected and attempted to reverse engineer crashed UFOs. He came forward as a whistleblower last year and said he has suffered "very brutal" retaliation for his decision and fears for his life.

He claimed "non-human biologics" have been found at the alleged crash sites and said he knows of "people who have been harmed or injured" because of government efforts to cover up information about the UFOs. "I am hopeful that my actions will ultimately lead to a positive outcome of increased transparency," Grusch said.

The Pentagon has denied the allegations. Sean Kirkpatrick, the director of the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, told senators in April that there is "[no credible evidence thus far of extraterrestrial activity](#), off-world technology or objects that defy the known laws of physics."

Congressional interest in the issue has nonetheless surged in recent years with a House panel last summer holding the first public hearing on UFOs in more than 50 years. Wednesday's oversight hearing was called by lawmakers who said they were frustrated by the shroud of secrecy around reported sightings.

"This is an issue of government transparency," said Rep. Tim Burchett, R-Tenn. "We're not bringing little green men or flying saucers into the hearing — sorry to disappoint about half y'all — we're just going to get to the facts."

Burchett said the Defense Department, intelligence community and NASA, which is set to publish its report on UAPs in the summer, declined to participate in the hearing. Rep. Anna Paulina Luna, R-Fla., said lawmakers who recently traveled to an Air Force base in Florida to investigate reported UAP sightings by military pilots were stonewalled by the Pentagon.

“We are simply told not to question the government and that the government has it under control,” she said.

The Senate this week is expected to vote on an amendment to the annual defense policy bill that will force the government to disclose reported sightings and declassify records related to UAPs.

“For decades, many Americans have been fascinated by objects mysterious and unexplained,” said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. “It’s long past time they get some answers.”



Texas American Legion “Master Recruiter” Walter Geraghty Jr. of San Antonio, Texas, estimates he has signed up nearly 5,000 new members.

Holly K. Soria

Presumed dead in 2021, this recruiter is alive and well

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Walter Geraghty Jr. of San Antonio, Texas, has done a lot of American Legion recruiting over the decades. He was worn many caps in the organization, from the post to national level, which is good. He needs them to display all the pins and other awards he has received for signing up hundreds of members a year.

He serves on the national Membership & Post Activities Committee and is generally considered a titan of new-Legionnaire acquisition, a perennial Gold Brigade award (50 new members or more in a given membership year) winner who estimates he has signed up nearly 5,000 Legionnaires singlehandedly in his life.

One post he revitalized went from 12 members to 1,006 in less than 10 years. “The most I ever signed up in one day was 17, which was a good day ... It’s very easy to sign up people, if you’re positive.”

No sales effort, however, compares to his performance following a Sept. 19, 2021, cardiac event that put him in the hospital and left him unconscious for 52 continuous hours.

Geraghty Jr. had eaten a steak, baked potato, and salad for dinner at a restaurant that night.

“After eating, I fell out of the booth and landed on the floor, and I died for 26 minutes,” he explains. “They revived me, put me in the ambulance, and I died a second time for between four and six minutes ... My cardiologist, she said, the odds of living were about 2-6%. So, I am a walking miracle. I am either a ghost or an angel.”

He was unconscious from Sunday to Tuesday that week. And when he came to, Geraghty Jr. did what he usually does. He signed up three new members, including one of his nurses, *before he was discharged*.

In the nearly two years since the incident, Geraghty’s recruitment numbers have slowed down from his usual pace of more than 100 per year – he has lost some of his balance and now uses a walker to get around – but his passion for membership remains unchanged. He recently staffed a membership booth at a restaurant where he quickly sold two veterans on the organization, and his booth mates observed, “Well, you haven’t lost the touch.”

Geraghty, a Vietnam War draftee, has been involved with The American Legion since boyhood in the mid-1950s when he was on a championship American Legion junior drum and bugle corps in Florida. After serving in the Air Force in the early 1970s, he was elected commander of two different posts a total of 15 times; he was also a district and division vice commander in Texas.



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2023 SAL 105% DELEGATE STRENGTH TARGET DATE REPORT AS OF: JULY 26, 2023

#	DETACHMENT	2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 105% TARGET 7/26/2023	2023 ACTUAL MBRSHIP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2023 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	77	-38	119	154.55%	100.00
2	PUERTO RICO	123	-24	153	124.39%	95.08
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-165	1,595	117.11%	90.28
4	PHILIPPINES	70	-5	78	111.43%	100.00
5	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	-87	2,567	108.68%	87.12
6	GEORGIA	4,490	-125	4,839	107.77%	88.70
7	OREGON	1,414	-34	1,519	107.43%	81.41
8	NEVADA	357	-8	383	107.28%	80.27
9	ALASKA	1,608	-35	1,723	107.15%	82.60
10	COLORADO	2,729	-58	2,923	107.11%	86.32
11	MICHIGAN	24,271	-491	25,976	107.02%	91.62
12	WASHINGTON	2,485	-46	2,655	106.84%	80.70
13	ARIZONA	8,004	-106	8,510	106.32%	82.08
14	FLORIDA	21,519	-243	22,838	106.13%	84.15
15	NEW MEXICO	1,483	-9	1,566	105.60%	81.02
16	VIRGINIA	4,109	-10	4,324	105.23%	86.80
17	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	-6	5,967	105.11%	89.19
18	DELAWARE	2,430	7	2,545	104.73%	87.01
19	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	8	1,539	104.48%	86.12
20	FRANCE	158	1	165	104.43%	94.23
21	OKLAHOMA	1,348	13	1,402	104.01%	80.20
22	CALIFORNIA	10,714	179	11,071	103.33%	83.30
23	MAINE	2,617	45	2,703	103.29%	87.36
24	MEXICO	31	1	32	103.23%	54.84
25	WISCONSIN	4,187	84	4,312	102.99%	86.94
26	MARYLAND	16,058	387	16,474	102.59%	89.96
27	TENNESSEE	1,718	47	1,757	102.27%	80.18
28	TEXAS	5,569	177	5,670	101.81%	79.93
29	MISSOURI	3,219	108	3,272	101.65%	85.01
30	RHODE ISLAND	336	12	341	101.49%	86.36
31	OHIO	30,636	1,099	31,069	101.41%	91.11
32	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	2,327	61,516	101.17%	90.56
33	NEW JERSEY	9,386	382	9,473	100.93%	87.29
34	NEW YORK	29,864	1,295	30,062	100.66%	89.78
35	ILLINOIS	13,398	621	13,447	100.37%	88.83
36	IDAHO	644	30	646	100.31%	79.11
37	MISSISSIPPI	722	36	722	100.00%	80.33
38	VERMONT	3,818	203	3,806	99.69%	88.78
39	UTAH	449	24	447	99.55%	75.49
40	INDIANA	36,387	2,047	36,159	99.37%	88.72
41	KANSAS	5,919	336	5,879	99.32%	87.16
42	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	65	1,044	98.86%	86.29
43	LOUISIANA	1,790	112	1,768	98.77%	85.89
44	ALABAMA	2,066	130	2,039	98.69%	82.85
45	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	174	2,689	98.61%	78.33
46	IOWA	4,857	329	4,771	98.23%	84.66
47	MINNESOTA	11,378	845	11,102	97.57%	87.35
48	CONNECTICUT	1,867	149	1,811	97.00%	84.29
49	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	440	5,274	96.91%	83.47
50	NEBRASKA	7,015	578	6,788	96.76%	90.97
51	MONTANA	1,108	104	1,059	95.58%	87.31
52	WYOMING	1,298	151	1,212	93.37%	80.92
53	KENTUCKY	2,609	410	2,329	89.27%	73.57
54	ARKANSAS	447	75	394	88.14%	72.17
55	DIST OF COL	114	32	88	77.19%	60.18
Grand Totals:		367,798	11,576	374,612	101.85%	87.94

2023 SAL REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	77	119	154.55%
PHILIPPINES	70	78	111.43%
OREGON	1,414	1,519	107.43%
NEVADA	357	383	107.28%
ALASKA	1,608	1,723	107.15%
WASHINGTON	2,485	2,655	106.84%
ARIZONA	8,004	8,510	106.32%
CALIFORNIA	10,714	11,071	103.33%
IDAHO	644	646	100.31%
UTAH	449	447	99.55%
Totals:	25,822	27,151	105.15%

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	1,595	117.11%
COLORADO	2,729	2,923	107.11%
NEW MEXICO	1,483	1,566	105.60%
OKLAHOMA	1,348	1,402	104.01%
MEXICO	31	32	103.23%
TEXAS	5,569	5,670	101.81%
KANSAS	5,919	5,879	99.32%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	1,044	98.86%
NEBRASKA	7,015	6,788	96.76%
MONTANA	1,108	1,059	95.58%
WYOMING	1,298	1,212	93.37%
Totals:	28,918	29,170	100.87%

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
MICHIGAN	24,271	25,976	107.02%
WISCONSIN	4,187	4,312	102.99%
MISSOURI	3,219	3,272	101.65%
OHIO	30,636	31,069	101.41%
ILLINOIS	13,398	13,447	100.37%
INDIANA	36,387	36,159	99.37%
IOWA	4,857	4,771	98.23%
MINNESOTA	11,378	11,102	97.57%
Totals:	128,333	130,108	101.38%

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	2,567	108.68%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	5,967	105.11%
DELAWARE	2,430	2,545	104.73%
FRANCE	158	165	104.43%
MAINE	2,617	2,703	103.29%
MARYLAND	16,058	16,474	102.59%
RHODE ISLAND	336	341	101.49%
PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	61,516	101.17%
NEW JERSEY	9,386	9,473	100.93%
NEW YORK	29,864	30,062	100.66%
VERMONT	3,818	3,806	99.69%
CONNECTICUT	1,867	1,811	97.00%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	5,274	96.91%
DIST OF COL	114	88	77.19%
Totals:	140,932	142,792	101.32%

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	123	153	124.39%
GEORGIA	4,490	4,839	107.77%
FLORIDA	21,519	22,838	106.13%
VIRGINIA	4,109	4,324	105.23%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	1,539	104.48%
TENNESSEE	1,718	1,757	102.27%
MISSISSIPPI	722	722	100.00%
LOUISIANA	1,790	1,768	98.77%
ALABAMA	2,066	2,039	98.69%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	2,689	98.61%
KENTUCKY	2,609	2,329	89.27%
ARKANSAS	447	394	88.14%
Totals:	43,793	45,391	103.65%



07/26/23		NATIONAL Christopher Carlton (IN), National Commander					
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date	
1 Western 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	25,822	27,151	1,329	105.15%	2	05/25/23	
2 Southern 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	43,793	45,391	1,598	103.65%	8	05/17/23	
3 Central 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	128,333	130,108	1,775	101.38%	14	06/12/23	
4 Eastern 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	140,932	142,792	1,860	101.32%	152	06/15/23	
5 Midwest 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	28,918	29,170	252	100.87%	2	06/22/23	
TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	367,798	374,612	6,814	101.85%	176	06/08/23	

07/26/23		CENTRAL REGION David Mennell (MI), National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date	
1 Michigan 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	24,271	25,976	1,705	107.02%	4	91.62%	11	04/27/23	
2 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,187	4,312	125	102.99%	-	86.94%	25	05/17/23	
3 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	3,219	3,272	53	101.65%	-	85.01%	29	06/08/23	
4 Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	30,636	31,069	433	101.41%	1	91.11%	31	06/12/23	
5 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	13,398	13,447	49	100.37%	-	88.83%	35	06/15/23	
6 Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	36,159	(228)	99.37%	6	88.72%	40		
7 Iowa 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,857	4,771	(86)	98.23%	-	84.66%	46		
8 Minnesota 5, 6, 7, 8	11,378	11,102	(276)	97.57%	3	87.35%	47		
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	128,333	130,108	1,775	101.38%	14		3	06/12/23	

07/26/23		WESTERN REGION Jack Youngs (ID) National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date	
1 Hawaii 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q, 10	77	119	42	154.55%	-	100.00%	1	10/10/22	
2 Phillippines 8, 9, Q	70	78	8	111.43%	-	100.00%	4	04/10/23	
3 Oregon 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	1,414	1,519	105	107.43%	-	81.41%	7	04/17/23	
4 Nevada 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	357	383	26	107.28%	-	80.27%	8	05/08/23	
5 Alaska 3, 6, 8, Q	1,608	1,723	115	107.15%	-	82.60%	9	06/05/23	
6 Washington 7, 8, Q	2,485	2,655	170	106.84%	-	80.70%	12	06/01/23	
7 Arizona 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	8,004	8,510	506	106.32%	-	82.08%	13	05/15/23	
8 California 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	10,714	11,071	357	103.33%	2	83.30%	22	06/01/23	
9 Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, Q	644	646	2	100.31%	-	79.11%	36	06/22/23	
10 Utah 5	449	447	(2)	99.55%	-	75.49%	39		
TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	25,822	27,151	1,329	105.15%	2		1	05/29/23	

07/26/23		SOUTHERN REGION Ron Roberts (MS), National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date	
1 Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	123	153	30	124.39%	-	95.08%	2	03/02/23	
2 Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q, 10	4,490	4,839	349	107.77%	-	88.70%	6	04/19/23	
3 Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	21,519	22,838	1,319	106.13%	5	84.15%	14	04/24/23	
4 Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,109	4,324	215	105.23%	-	86.80%	16	05/08/23	
5 South Carolina 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	1,473	1,539	66	104.48%	-	86.12%	19	05/15/23	
6 Tennessee 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, Q	1,718	1,757	39	102.27%	-	80.18%	27	06/29/23	
7 Mississippi 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Q	722	722	-	100.00%	-	80.33%	37	07/17/23	
8 Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,790	1,768	(22)	98.77%	-	85.89%	43		
9 Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,066	2,039	(27)	98.69%	1	82.85%	44		
10 North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,727	2,689	(38)	98.61%	2	78.33%	45		
11 Kentucky	2,609	2,329	(280)	89.27%	-	73.57%	53		
12 Arkansas 1	447	394	(53)	88.14%	-	72.17%	54		
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	43,793	45,391	1,598	103.65%	8		2	05/17/23	

07/26/23		MIDWEST REGION Michael Kirschner (CO), National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date	
1 South Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q, 10	1,362	1,595	233	117.11%	-	90.28%	3	02/09/23	
2 Colorado 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	2,729	2,923	194	107.11%	-	86.32%	10	05/15/23	
3 New Mexico 8, Q	1,483	1,566	83	105.60%	-	81.02%	15	06/15/23	
4 Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	1,348	1,402	54	104.01%	-	80.20%	21	05/11/23	
5 Mexico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	31	32	1	103.23%	-	54.84%	24	03/13/23	
6 Texas 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, Q	5,569	5,670	101	101.81%	2	79.93%	28	06/15/23	
7 Kansas 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	5,919	5,879	(40)	99.32%	-	87.16%	41		
8 North Dakota 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	1,056	1,044	(12)	98.86%	-	86.29%	42		
9 Nebraska 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	7,015	6,788	(227)	96.76%	-	90.97%	50		
10 Montana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,108	1,059	(49)	95.58%	-	87.31%	51		
11 Wyoming 1, 4, 5, 6	1,298	1,212	(86)	93.37%	-	80.92%	52		
TOTALS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	28,918	29,170	252	100.87%	2		5	07/24/23	

07/26/23		EASTERN REGION Ernie LaBerge (MA) National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date	
1 West Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	2,362	2,567	205	108.68%	-	87.12%	5	04/17/23	
2 New Hampshire 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	5,677	5,967	290	105.11%	1	89.19%	17	06/09/23	
3 Delaware 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,430	2,545	115	104.73%	9	87.01%	18	05/08/23	
4 France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	158	165	7	104.43%	-	94.23%	20	06/26/23	
5 Maine 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	2,617	2,703	86	103.29%	-	87.36%	23	05/22/23	
6 Maryland 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	16,058	16,474	416	102.59%	6	89.96%	26	05/17/23	
7 Rhode Island 4, 5, 7	336	341	5	101.49%	-	86.36%	30	05/08/23	
8 Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	60,803	61,516	713	101.17%	119	90.56%	32	06/12/23	
9 New Jersey 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	9,386	9,473	87	100.93%	1	87.29%	33	07/06/23	
10 New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	29,864	30,062	198	100.66%	2	89.78%	34	06/29/23	
11 Vermont 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,818	3,806	(12)	99.69%	9	88.78%	38		
12 Connecticut 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,867	1,811	(56)	97.00%	-	84.29%	48		
13 Massachusetts 4, 6, 7, 8	5,442	5,274	(168)	96.91%	5	83.47%	49		
14 Dist. of Columbia	114	88	(26)	77.19%	-	60.18%	55		
TOTALS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	140,932	142,792	1,860	101.32%	152		4	06/15/23	

07/26/23		2023 SUPER SIX STANDINGS							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date	
1 Michigan 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	24,271	25,976	1,705	107.02%	4	91.62%	11	04/27/23	
2 Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	21,519	22,838	1,319	106.13%	5	84.15%	14	04/24/23	
3 Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	30,636	31,069	433	101.41%	1	91.11%	31	06/12/23	
4 Pennsylvania 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	60,803	61,516	713	101.17%	119	90.56%	32	06/12/23	
5 New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	29,864	30,062	198	100.66%	2	89.78%	34	06/29/23	
6 Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	36,159	(228)	99.37%	6	88.72%	40		
TOTALS	179,209	181,644	2,435	101.36%	133				
National Totals 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	367,798	374,612	6,814	101.85%	178	87.94%		06/08/23	



Q Quota

- 1 Met 09/14/22 goal of 10%
- 2 Met 10/13/22 goal of 25%
- 3 Met 11/09/22 goal of 35%
- 4 Met 12/14/22 goal of 45%
- 5 Met 01/19/23 goal of 60%

- 6 Met 02/15/23 goal of 75%
- 7 Met 03/15/23 goal of 80%
- 8 Met 04/19/23 goal of 90%
- 9 Met 05/17/23 goal of 100%
- 10 Met 07/26/23 goal of 105%





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FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - HALL C2, EXHIBIT HALL - 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - ROOM 205, SECTION A

8:30 AM INTERNAL AFFAIRS
10:00 AM MEMBERSHIP
11:30 AM FINANCE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - ROOM 205, SECTION B

8:30 AM CHILDREN & YOUTH
10:00 AM VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION
11:30 AM CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - ROOM 201, SECTIONS A - B

8:30 AM AMERICANISM
10:00 AM COMMUNITY SERVICE SCRAPBOOK / HISTORY BOOK CONTEST
11:30 AM LEGISLATION AND RULES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - HALL C2, EXHIBIT HALL, GREEN ROOM (BEHIND STAGE)

11:00 AM CREDENTIALS

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 10:00 AM PRE-CONVENTION NEC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 2:00 PM POST-CONVENTION NEC

NATIONAL CONVENTION GENERAL SESSIONS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 1:00 PM - OPENING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 9:00 AM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 8:00 AM

TRANSITION MEETING - ROOM 208, MEETING LEVEL

MONDAY, AUGUST 28 8:00 AM (NATIONAL OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN ONLY)

NATIONAL STAFF OFFICE - RICHARDSON BALLROOM, LEVEL 3

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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