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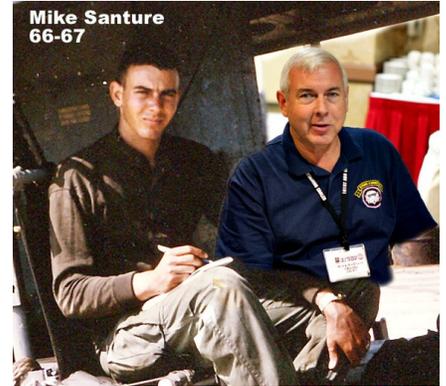
Fall 2014

## From the Desk of our President

My fellow Screaming Eagle Vietnam Brothers, I am proud and humbled to have been elected your new president. **Thank you!**

It is customary in the president's first letter to give his background to the members. However because there are other things I would like to discuss in this letter I will leave my history until the Winter issue. Its probably better to leave the boring stuff to cold weather when you have nothing better to do than sit inside and read.

To start with we have a new slate of officers. I stepped up from vice president to president. I was with 2/502 in 1966 & 67. Ed Barbour was elected vice president. He served with 1/502 in 68 & 69. Dave Nesbitt continues as our Sec/Treas. He is also our membership chairman. He served with 1/502 in 68 & 69. Ted Bridges was elected as 4 year governor. He is another 1/502 trooper serving in 67 & 68. John Marlowe moved from 4 year to 2 year governor. He served with 2/501 in 70 & 71. John Walker was elected Eagle Chapter Delegate. He was with 2/506 in 67 & 68. Bill Ramsey was elected Sgt-At-Arms. It seems fitting that he served as a 101st MP in 1967 & 68. Our past president, Rod Green, is now our Chaplain. Another 1/502 trooper he served in 68 & 69. Our new Quartermaster is Bruce Roshong. He was with 1/501 in 1968 & 69. Because of health issues our webmaster Larry Weisbarth is stepping down. Rod Green is taking over that position.



Mike Santure then & now

I am a firm believer that the president runs the meeting but the members run the organization. Because we only have one meeting a year most of the yearly business has to be done without coming directly before the membership. Because of this fact the officers mentioned in the preceding paragraph make up the Board of Governors (BOG) and conducts most of the business by email. As a member if there is any issue that you feel should be addressed please contact me or any other BOG. Our contact info is on the back page.

I would like to thank everyone who stepped up to help in the coming years and also all those people who made our reunion run so smoothly. Unless you were around behind the scenes you can not imagine how much work Dave and Rod along with their wives did.

I am looking forward to working with this year's BOG. Anyone who has been involved in any organization knows that the Sec/treas is the main force in making every thing run smoothly. I can not say enough about Dave Nesbitt. He works tirelessly and without him we would not be in the good shape we are today. I would not have run for president if Dave hadn't assured me that he would continue. Thanks Dave!

After much discussion at our meeting it was decided to make some major changes in our quartermaster store. Because of problems transporting items to different locations and the cost of keeping an inventory of different sizes; in the near future we will only be carrying a few small things with our logo. Bruce Roshong, our new quartermaster will continue to sell t-shirts, hats & cups until our supply is depleted. He may also have a "Fire Sale" in Melbourne to completely deplete all big items. He will probably have more info in a future issue.

We will be having our reunion in Puerto Rico next year. I will have as much info as early as possible.

Welcome home brothers  
Mike



Member George Whitehouse (arrow) sent us the above picture and following article.

The 1<sup>st</sup> battalion 321<sup>st</sup> Artillery Vietnam Veterans Association held its 10th Biennial Reunion at Ft Sill Oklahoma March 20-22. Col Gene Meredith current Commander of the Field Artillery School and past Commander of 1/321<sup>st</sup> planned and hosted a great reunion.

The 321<sup>st</sup> Regiments history dates back to 1917 and includes assignment to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in WWII as the 321<sup>st</sup> Glider Field Artillery with service in Normandy, Holland and in the Battle of Bastogne. The 1/321<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery arrived in Vietnam in support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade of The 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in November of 1967 and departed Vietnam in January of 1972 having fired 1,214,767 Quick, Reliable and Accurate artillery rounds in support of ground forces. More recently, the regiment supported the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division in Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Col Meredith Commanded the regiment in its latest actions in Afghanistan. The 1/321<sup>st</sup> Regiment was deactivated this past March.

If you wish to join the organization you can contact George at gawhitehouse@prodigy.net

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**Check your mailing label** on this copy of *Incoming*. The number next to your name in parentheses is your membership number. The number next to that is your dues expiration date. It's time to renew now if your date has expired. If you detect any discrepancy, email or call Dave Nesbitt. If your address is different from that shown on the label, please notify us of any corrections



## AUCTIONEERS AT WORK



## Chaplain's Corner

Rod Green, Chaplain



I was still enjoying the memories of our reunion in Charleston and the fun of making new friends and renewing long lasting friendships. Then, suddenly, I received a telephone call at 7:30 pm on September 17<sup>th</sup>. My former sister-in-law had died, at home and alone, a few hours before. Though I had little contact with her the past 25 years, the circumstances of her death, drew me into the situation that night. Those details are not important. What is important is how your world can be turned upside down in the blink of an eye. I found myself standing in the midst of my brother and his daughter (my niece), at my ex-sister-in-law's home, wondering what to do now. After my thoughts cleared and we discussed a few of the principle things that would need to be done immediately, we said our goodbyes for the night and I drove home.

As I drove home, I began thinking of how quickly our mundane and sometimes boring lives can be changed so suddenly. What came to mind was the old Boy Scout motto, "be prepared". I thought, does she have a will? Does she have life insurance? What will happen to her dog? The kids have to sell her house and her car. How will the funeral expenses be taken care of? It made me think back and be thankful that my wife and I had taken the time earlier this summer to update our will and go over those things with our children. Hopefully, we have everything covered. Where do you stand with your personal affairs? Have you taken care of things to lighten the burden on your family? **BE PREPARED!**

This death also reminded me of all those names on "The Wall" and the empty place their death left in their respective families. The Pastor's message at the funeral made me think about those names. He talked about Heaven and will we remember those that have gone before us? What age will they be? It made me think, I am 67, will those names, on "The Wall", still look 19 or 22, like I remember them? It reminded me of the painting, "Reflections", of the now older Vietnam Vet touching a name on the Wall and the young combat soldier reaching out from the other side to touch his hand.

As you read this, it may already be Veterans Day or the day is fast approaching. Take time to remember those who served before us, with us and are now serving. I know you do. Something I wanted to leave with you that was on my ex-sister-in-laws funeral handout that made me think. "When you feel like you are drowning in life, don't forget your lifeguard walks on water!"

Rod Green

Chaplain

### WELCOME

Since January 1st we have an increase of 22 new members and 1 associate member. They are as follows: Leo Arsenault, Frank Bonar, Henry Carson, Leslie Carter, Michael Davisson, Allen Gibbs, Rick Harvey, David Self, William Hodder, George Jimenez, Charles King, Terry Kunst, Thomas Lutz, Edward Reulbach, Richard Murphy, Carl Morris, David Njos, Robert O'Bryan, Doug Oswald, Robert Palmer, Clifton Shepherd, Johnny Williams and associate member Mickey Jones. We thank you for supporting our organization.

# ODDS & ENDS

## News of Interest to 101st Vietnam Veterans



Jon Shepard would like any information that anyone has on Roger Craig Horton who served in Vietnam with the 101st. Jon can be contacted at FLETCHERPD@aol.com or (580) 549-6889.

Mike McClafferty would like any information from anyone who served with his father. His father, James "Mac" McClafferty, was a Sgt. in A Company of 1/502. He was killed in action 7/14/68 in Thua Thien. You may contact him at mpm515@yahoo.com or ph # 816-668-2228.

Mary Moroz was a pen pal with Sgt. William Oliver from Jan. to April 1971. He served with C/2/327. She would love to hear from him or anyone who knows anything about him. You may contact her via e-mail at Pestost9@wowway.com.

Kevin Dziuba (A Co 1/327) served in Vietnam 1969-1970 and would like to hear from others from his unit. His email address is dziuba73@yahoo.com. He is also searching for Jim Miller from the same outfit.

The following are 2 letters I have received:

Hello. I'm searching for information regarding my Father's tour of Duty with the "101st Airborne Division Screaming Eagle" during the Vietnam War. Unfortunately I have no pertinent information to help me other than the fact that he was a Sgt. and a member of the "Screaming Eagle". I hope someone may remember serving with him and could help me with His : Unit #, Year(s) in combat, photographs, Medals awarded Unit. Any and all information will be greatly appreciated.

My Father's Name: Jesse Richard Rodriguez

DOB: April 13th 1948 DOD: 11/22/1987

Burial location: Golden Gate Cemetery San Bruno, California

Thank You All for Your Service and God Bless.

Miss Maria Rodriguez

cinnabunz13@yahoo.com

My name is Dan Mezek and my dad, Tom, served as a medic with HHC 5/60th 9th Inf Div from 12/66 to 11/67. I'm trying to track down the other medics that were on his APC, one of them is John Macdonald from Boston. By now your probably wondering what this had to do with the 101....Mr. Macdonald had 2 brothers that were also in the Army, both of them were in the 101st and at least one of them were in Vietnam (dates or specific unit is unknown). If you have any information Dan may be contacted at (253) 875-2693 or email at panhead1265@yahoo.com

Glenn Bateman is working with his local congressman to up grade his brother's awards (purple heart, br. star and sil star). His brother, Neil Ellis Bateman was KIA on May 15, 1967 while serving with B co 1/327. Anyone who remembers this action please contact Glenn at Home ph (352) 753-4110 or cell (716) 472-3238 or email bgilbert874@aol.com

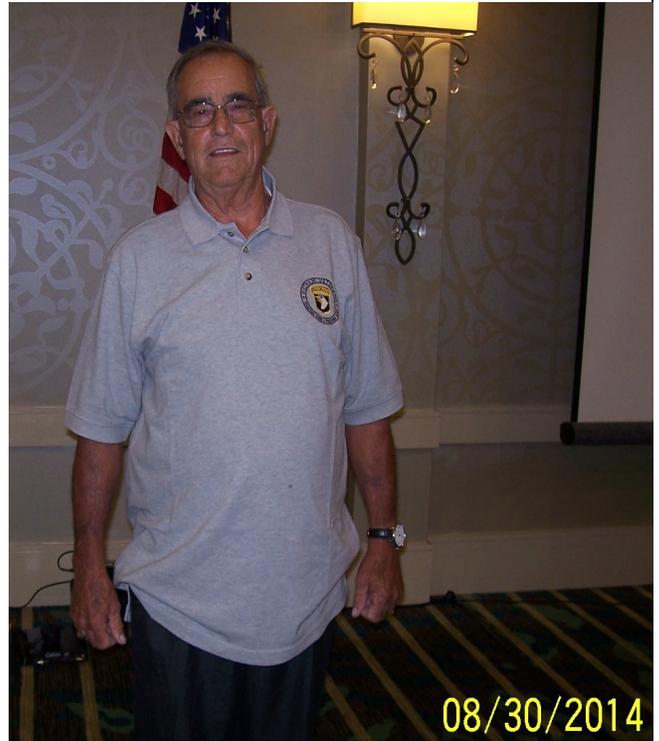
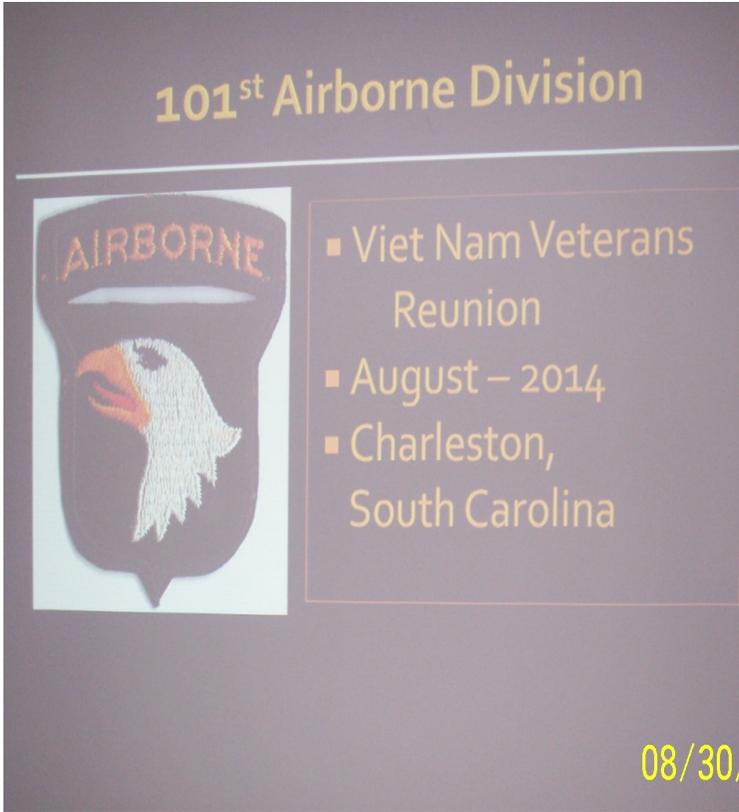
Kyle West (email ; kwwest@live.com would like to hear from any one who served 2 plt, D co, 1/506 from March of 68 to March of 69.

Bob Masson (e-mail: rpmasson50@gmail.com) would like to hear from Robert Conrad (tour of duty 1968)

William Crawford who is serving as an infantryman in the British Army (Black Watch, 3rd Bn Royal Reg of Scotland) is interested in military history and would like to hear from anyone who ever served in the Ashau Valley. You can contact him by phone 07715409578 or email [Willcrawf@yahoo.com.uk](mailto:Willcrawf@yahoo.com.uk)

The following was sent to me. It shows a Vietnam veteran in a coffee shop. Make sure you have the sound on so you can hear the conversation. I enjoyed it I hope you do too.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2L3skZ7FEw&feature=youtu.be>



Leo Arsenault  
2/320th Artillery



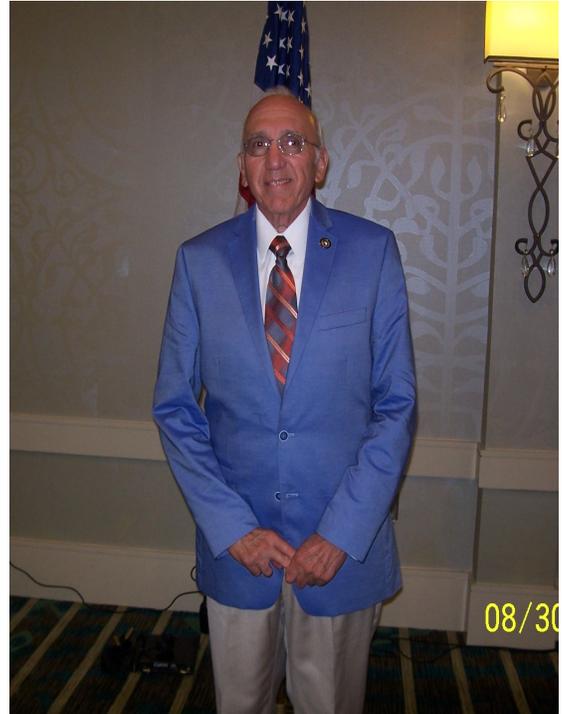
Mike Campbell John Marlowe  
2nd Bn. 501st Infantry



Richard Murphy  
1st Bn. 327 Infantry



Johnny Williams                      Mike Santure  
 Carl Morris                      Doug Oswald  
 2nd Bn. 502nd Infantry



John Gianvittorio  
 101st Aviation



Bill Ramsey  
 101st Military Police Co



Richard Coon                      Bruce Roshong  
 1st Bn. 501st Infantry



Bottom Row: Rod Green, Ed Barbour, Malcolm Craig, Hector Colon-Rios

Rest (l to r): Al Sims, Phillip Cawthon, Wally Morrow, Dave Nesbitt, Tom Barrett, Charles Cole, Sam Buscema, Don Murnock, Ted Bridges, Allen Gibbs, Mike Sellers, Jack Justice, Edward Reulbach



Rich Thorne John Walker  
2nd Bn. 506th Infantry



Joseph Harbright  
1st 321st Field Artillery



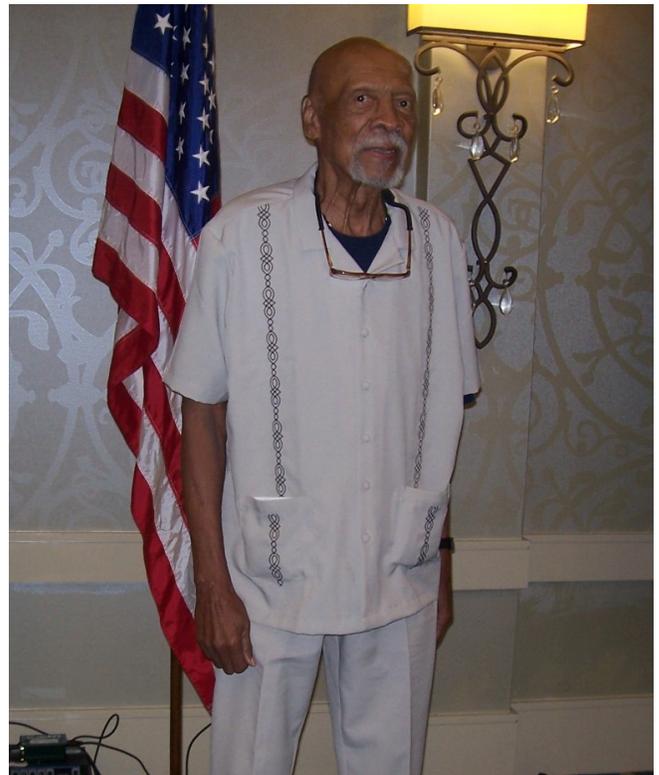
Henry Carson Mike Courtney  
3rd Bn. 187th Infantry



Stephen Tapia Charles King  
158th Aviation Bn.



Thurston Mosley  
1st 506th Infantry



Otis Curry  
20th Chemical Detachment



## TAPS



Anthony Hale

D/1/502 December 1967-July 2, 1968 (wia)

## SICK CALL

William D. Fuller served with B 1/501 as a medic in 1969-70. He is now suffering with cancer and needs our prayers. You can send him a card at 16406 State Hwy. 105, Austin, MN 55912-6156.

## THANK YOU

Rick Jestice could not make it to this year's reunion. He did send us 200 Screaming Eagle patches (with wings); which were put in your grab bags. The rest were sold by the QM. **Thanks Rick!** See you next year

## BOOSTERS

Members and non-members who donate to help defray mailing costs etc.  
Names will stay in 3 issues ( an \* indicates an additional donation in that time frame).

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# From the Desk of the Secretary

Dave Nesbitt

**Reunion 2014 Update:** I am pleased to report that we had another great reunion in Charleston, SC in August. We had 96 people register and while a couple had to cancel at the last minute, I think we can safely say, “a good time was had by all.” While we did not have any scheduled tours, it was obvious that many found their way around the historic city and came back to the hotel excited and showing photos of their adventures.

I want to compliment the wives and significant others who came and participated. Several of them left the men behind at the hotel and went about seeing the sights on their own. I know my wife Rosemary was bubbling about all the things she and the others did and it was clear to see they enjoyed themselves in the hotel pool. I think more of the wives should plan to attend the reunions, the ones who come now always find something to do.

We had several new members and guests at the reunion. We welcome them to our great organization and hope that they too had a good time and learned more about the group. I know that we have some of the best people on earth in the group and I hope all felt welcome.

I want to thank all who donated items for our auction, and a special thank you to Patricia King for making a very nice patriotic quilt that was sold for a handsome price at the Friday night auction. If you’ve never been to one of these events, believe me when I say it is a fun time. Without question, some people will bid on anything and our auctioneer, Mike Santure, was great in his efforts to “up the bid”. We made over \$2600 and my thanks to all who participated.

My congratulations to the newly elected and appointed officers of the organization, I know you all will do a great job representing us. And, my sincere thanks to Rod Green and his wife Helen for all they have done these past two years. There are many who worked behind the scenes to make the reunion a success and for fear of missing someone I’ll just say, “thank you” to all who helped; we couldn’t have done it without you.

**Reunion 2015:** President Mike Santure reported in his comments on page 1 that our 2015 reunion will be in Puerto Rico. Believe it or not, I’m already getting emails and phone calls wanting to know the location and dates. As of the time this newsletter goes to press we do not yet have a contract with a hotel so I cannot give information now. Our reunion coordinator, and native Puerto Rican, Hector Colon-Rios, made a good presentation at the reunion business meeting in Charleston. He has contacted two hotels who tentatively offered room rates of \$129.00 per night but this is not final until we have something in writing. We will be working on this matter and will report our findings as soon as possible. I would suggest that if you think you might attend next year, you start planning now; consider the hotel and air fares in your budget and save up! No need to worry about a passport as Puerto Rico is a US Territory and one is not required. We’ll have reunion information posted on the web site soon; I may be “forced” to fly down and check things out!!

**Awards Presented to Founding Members:** At the reunion, five original founding members of the organization were recognized. While none of the surviving five were able to attend this year, we nevertheless did recognize them for their actions back in 1994 when they came together at the Melbourne, FL Vietnam Veterans Reunion and the idea of the 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans Organization was born. In addition to trophies, each was granted honorary life membership. Those recognized were Dave Scott, Ossie Burton, Melton Hardy, John Haughain and Bill Lux, who was Past National President in 1996-97. Gentlemen, we thank you for making us what we are today, 20 years later.

**Western Chapter:** We did not see anyone at the reunion this year from California and the Chapter chartered in that state is closed. We need to hear from members in California, and in other states, that might be interested in forming Chapters. I do not believe a single Western Chapter is the answer to recruitment but think organization should begin on a smaller, local scale. If you can round up 5 or 6 former 101st veterans who served in the Division in Vietnam, you can create a Chapter near where you live. Just plan to meet periodically for breakfast or lunch to talk. From there, it will grow if the members are interested. And, for those who said they wanted a reunion out west, visit the web site at [www.101namvet.com](http://www.101namvet.com) and look at Policy Letter #2. For 2016 the State of Texas has been mentioned as a possible reunion site; if you have a different idea, we need to hear from you with a proposal.

**Membership:** If you know a 101st vet who’s not a member, ask him to join us. Membership applications are in this newsletter and on the website, [www.101namvet.com](http://www.101namvet.com).



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### Release of Information

I do  I do not  Authorize the release of my address, phone number or e-mail address to others from the 101st Airborne Division who may be trying to locate me for the purpose of renewing old friendships.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## FROM THE EDITOR

Hi, as you can see I am now wearing two hats. This column here will be used just for info pertaining to the newsletter.

Because of printing and mailing costs and the work in folding we are going to try to send everything as a flat. This means letters will almost always be 12 pages. Some issues we will have to stretch things out a little and put in things that may not seem real important. Other issues I might not be able to put in information you have sent or I may have to condense it. We get charged for every letter returned. Therefore it is important to keep your addresses current. The Membership Chairman takes care of dues and the addresses. So please inform him when there are changes. All other newsletter business including items you want printed should be sent to me. My address is Mike Santure; 2919 Cousino Rd.; Erie, MI 48133 My e-mail is Michael.Santure@yahoo.com. This is for 101st business only, **PLEASE: DO NOT** send me jokes, cartoons, political views or pictures of scantily clad ladies. In fact if I see something has been forwarded more than once I usually delete it without opening.

I will try to get the letters out by the first part of November, February, May and August. Anything you wish included should be submitted by the beginning of the preceding month.

You will notice this issue has reunion pictures including separate units. I had trouble reading my notes so if I put the wrong name or unit down I am sorry. Please let me know and I will correct it in the next letter. Also in the confusion after the banquet I may not have gotten a picture of every unit. If I missed your unit please let me know (if you have a picture email it to me) and I will try to put it in the Winter Issue.

Thank You  
Mike

***REMINDER:*** The 2015 reunion in Puerto Rico will be more expensive than usual but if you start saving early and consider it as the vacation you always wanted to take, I am sure we can have a great turn out.

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