

V.F.W. POST 7591



POST CHATTER

Madison, Wisconsin

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Commander's Column

Comrades,

June was packed with activity and connection across our veteran and local communities.

On June 4th, we proudly stood alongside our partners at American Legion Post 501 to present a \$1,000 donation to Scout Pack 132, Troop 132, Troop 146—the Boy Scout program we are proud to charter. This donation, made possible by the generosity of Post 501, reflects our shared commitment to investing in the next generation of leaders. Pictured at the presentation were (at the time of picture taken): Kevin Kraemer, Chartered Org. Rep.; Lukas Cross, Incoming Commander, Day Post 7591 of the VFW; Kerry McAllen, Outgoing Commander, Day Post 7591 of the VFW; Mark A. Wendricks, Scout Master, Scouting America Troop 132; Jerry Scalissi, American Legion Post 501 Commander; Keith Lovell, Finance Officer, Post 501.



Thank you to each of these leaders for your dedication to youth development.

I also spent the past week supporting the CERFP (CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package) during our EXEVAL training event with the 641st Troop Command Battalion. It was a demanding week filled with rain, mud, and long hours of field operations and systems support. Communication was limited, but our team executed well and demonstrated exceptional professionalism. The pictures included in this column give you a glimpse into the grit and camaraderie



left to right: Kevin Kraemer, Chartered Org. Rep.; Lukas Cross, Incoming Commander, Day Post 7591 of the VFW; Kerry McAllen, Outgoing Commander, Day Post 7591 of the VFW; Mark A. Wendricks, Scout Master, Scouting America Troop 132; Jerry Scalissi, American Legion Post 501 Commander; Keith Lovell, Finance Officer, Post 501

out there.

On a lighter note, I had a surprise opportunity to attend the Morgan Wallen concert on June 29th. While enjoying the event, I ran into one of our own members and a dear friend, Riley Greenwald, who was there proudly serving in his role as a local police officer. It was an awesome reminder of how our veterans continue to serve in and out of uniform.

In terms of personal updates:

I have officially transitioned from my previous civilian position at American Family Insurance National HQ, where I had the honor of working alongside our Senior Vice Commander. As of June 9th, I am serving full-time with the Wisconsin Army National Guard as a Systems Administrator

NCO. This month, I will also be attending 12B Reclassification School to train as a Combat Engineer, due to a restructuring in my unit. I will be gone for training from Monday through July 21st, but will remain available as much as possible.

Don't forget, our next Post meeting is Thursday, July 10th at 1900. Mission BBQ is generously preparing food for our members beforehand—come early around 1830 to grab a plate and catch up with fellow veterans before the meeting starts.



above and upper right: Post commander Lukas Cross supporting the CERFP (CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package) during our EXEVAL training event with the 641st Troop Command Battalion; a demanding week filled with rain, mud, and long hours of field operations and systems support.

Enjoy your Independence Day weekend—stay safe, make memories, and if you can, send us a photo of your celebrations! Let's keep sharing the moments that make our post family strong.

Yours in comradeship,
Lukas Cross
Commander, VFW Day Post 7591
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above: Lukas Cross and Post member / friend Riley Greenwald at the Morgan Wallen concert.

Auxiliary President's Column

Hope everyone is staying cool this summer. I want to thank the Auxiliary's past leadership for all they've done. I will try to do a good job this year.

It is going to be a change for me. While I've held different positions in our Auxiliary in the past, this is my first venture as President of this Auxiliary. I served 3 years as District President, but this will be a new experience for me.



I hope you all will have patience while I learn the ropes. I will need everyone's help to make it a good year. Things won't be changed right away, but I'll do the best I can to make good choices for the Auxiliary. We will continue to work closely with the Post to keep the Post running smoothly.

I want to thank my officers: Senior Vice – Phyllis Bishop; Junior Vice - Adrianna Marks; Secretary-Treasurer – Cheryl Woodards; Chaplain – Janey Owens; Conductor – Chris Benson; Guard – Suzanne Short; 3 year Trustee – Suzan Nast; 2 year Trustee – Phyllis Bishop; 1 year Trustee – Janey Owens; House Committee – Nancy Smith and Linda Nellen; Patriotic Instructor – Susan Fineout; Historian – Suzan Nast.

I will be asking people to chair the Auxiliary Program Committees. I hope to have all in place before the next meeting.

The Department Convention was held in Middleton June 11 – 14th. Saturday was the end of our Cheryl Woodards' term as Department President. I'm sure she will appreciate



June VFW convention attendees; front row: Karen Baumann, Bev Ellis, Dolly Jenkins, Carol Welch. Back row: Suzan Nast, Susan Fineout, Mike Woodards, Cheryl Woodards, Linda Nellen, Phyllis Borgrud, Janey Owens. Also present but not in photo were Joe Ellis, Gary Fineout and Ann Marks.

winding down after a busy year. The Department Council of Administration Meeting for the Post and Auxiliary will be July 11 and 12th in Wisconsin Rapids.

Upcoming Events: July 12 – Color Guard Brat Fry; July 19 – Brat Fry (Host to be determined); July 26 – Auxiliary Brat Fry; also the day of the Auxiliary Department Fund Raiser – a Poker Run in Southern Wisconsin; they plan to stop off at our Post for the Brat Fry; August 2 – Cootie Brat Fry; August 16 – VFW Brat Fry; and August 23 – Auxiliary Brat Fry.

As I am also the Cootie Auxiliary President, we are always looking for new members. The Cooties are a branch of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary that works with hospitals and nursing homes to help our Veterans. Our meetings are the 1st Thursday of each month (except July) at 4:30 pm. Prospective new members can contact me if they are interested in joining.

I am also the Community Service Chair for the Auxiliary. Please send me your Community Service hours and mileage each month. My phone # and email is listed below.

Better end this. It will be a pleasure to serve you for the upcoming year.

Carol Welch
Auxiliary President & Cootie Auxiliary
President
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Dolly Jenkins pins the past Department President's pin on Cheryl. Dolly recruited Cheryl after much effort 15 years ago.

7591 Color Guard

Your Color Guard marched in the Waubeka Flag Day Parade, Cottage Grove Fireman's Festival Parade, the Oregon Summerfest Parade, and the Elvehjem Neighborhood Parade. Up next is the free band concert in Rennebohm Park on July 3rd. Come on out to see us!

Kerry McAllen
7591 Color Guard President
608-345-4470



Waubeka – June 8th, 2025. The Day Post 7591 Color Guard stands before the giant American flag at the National Flag Day Foundation Americanism Center.



Madison–June 8th, 2025. The Day Post 7591 Color Guard honored former Black Knight Joe Ellis on his 90th birthday at the Post Home.



Joe Ellis and his wife celebrate his 90th birthday at the Post Home.



Janey Owens, Ann Marks, Carol Welch, not shown, Suzan Nast and Phyllis Borgrud, enjoying libations and snacks in Cheryl and Woody's presidential suit.

Manager's Column

Canteen Updates:

To our Members, Auxiliary, Employees, and Valued Guests,

Thank you all for the warm welcome back; it means more than words can express.

For those who may not know, I've returned in an interim capacity to assist Chue Fue, our dedicated House Committee Chair, while the Committee continues its search for a new canteen manager.

My focus will be on supporting our team behind the scenes—especially in the areas of register operations (specifically RPower programming and training), inventory systems, canteen finance, and management advice. While I'll only be here part-time, I am fully committed to ensuring this transition is as smooth as possible for everyone.

The best way to reach me is by email at General.Manager@VFWPost7591.org, or to leave a note with one of the bartenders at the Front Bar, and they'll include it with their register at the end of the day. I'm happy to help connect you to the right person—even if that person isn't me.



I want to extend special appreciation to Chue Fue for his leadership and dedication during this period. It's not easy stepping up during times of change, but he's shown true commitment to our Post. If you're a member interested in helping out—especially during this interim period—we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out to Chue Fue at House.Committee@VFWPost7591.org or to me directly.

This Post, and all of you who make it what it is, have been my family, even during the time I wasn't here. I give you my word that I will do my best to support and help guide #7591 as we move into the next chapter.

With gratitude and respect,

Kate

P.S. Don't forget to take a peek at the updated Brat Fry and July Events schedule! There's a lot happening here at your Post, and it's all made possible by the strength of this community!

Kate DeRosa

General Manager - VFW Post #7591

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A place for everything and everything in its place. The new grill and brat fry supplies are neatly organized and placed in the new container. Organized by Leigh Logan and Kerry McAllen. Thanks to Jerry Lundquist for building the shelves for supplies.



Leigh Logan (right) helps Jerry Lundquist assemble new shelves inside our new storage container.

Senior Vice Commander

Hello — my name is Jeff Hancock. I served 8 years Army. I was Airborne Infantry, recon, as well as a raven operator. I now do Security Analysis, am married and have three amazing kids. I joined the VFW while stationed in Italy and am a life time member. I am excited and proud to be a part of the VFW and to help anyway I can.

I plan to volunteer for as much as I can: Brat Frys, Bingo, Boy Scouts, parades, community events, as well as recruiting efforts. If you have any advice, guidance, or knowledge I am always eager to talk. I am excited for my new role and cannot wait to see what this new chapter brings. Thank you.

Chaplain's Corner

The Role of Technology in Modern Spiritual Practices

Technology has become a part of almost every part of our daily lives, including spiritual practices. From meditation apps to online worship services, technology makes it easier for people to explore, connect, and grow in their spiritual journey. Whether you're looking for a community, guidance, or just some quiet time, technology has become a bridge between old spiritual traditions and modern life. In the past, people had to visit a temple, church, or library to connect with spiritual teachings. Now, these resources are right at your fingertips.

Online Sacred Texts: Many sacred texts from different religions are available online, so anyone with internet can read, study, and think about them.

Virtual Worship Services: With live-streaming and video calls, attending worship services is no longer about being close to a place of worship.

Apps for Spiritual Growth: Meditation, prayer reminders, and digital affirmations are just a click away. Apps like

Bible verses or affirmations to help people stay connected to their faith throughout the day.

Social Media Groups: Platforms like Facebook have many groups focused on spiritual growth. Members can share experiences, ask questions, and support each other.

Virtual Retreats and Workshops: Retreats, which used to require travel, can now be held online. This means people from different places can gather, meditate, and learn together without worrying about distance.

Podcasts and Livestreams: Spiritual leaders and teachers use podcasts and livestreams to reach more people.

Technology plays a big role in modern spiritual practices by making resources easier to access, helping build digital communities, and providing tools for growth. It brings spiritual traditions closer and helps people bring faith into their busy lives. But it's important to use technology mindfully, so it helps connect rather than distract. By using the opportunities technology offers while understanding its limits, people can enjoy a more meaningful and balanced spiritual journey.

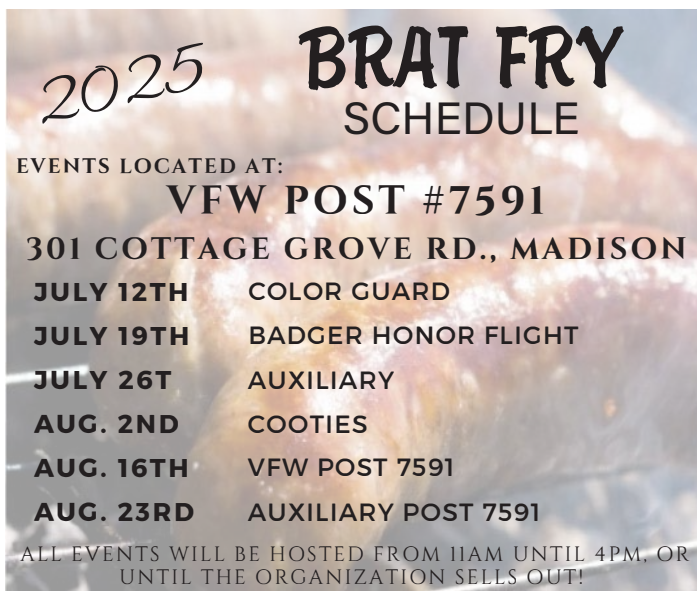
For God and Country! ...

Chaplain Darrel D. 'AJ' Feucht – CLM

(Paraphrased from Universal Life Church Blog)

Auxiliary Bake Sales Support Veterans Causes

We thank the bingo players who patronized our bake sales and indeed often said "Keep the change" or even made extra donations. And we especially thank the generous members who baked truly delicious products we were proud to offer our customers! Thanks so much to Karen



2025 **BRAT FRY**
SCHEDULE

EVENTS LOCATED AT:
VFW POST #7591
301 COTTAGE GROVE RD., MADISON

JULY 12TH	COLOR GUARD
JULY 19TH	BADGER HONOR FLIGHT
JULY 26T	AUXILIARY
AUG. 2ND	COOTIES
AUG. 16TH	VFW POST 7591
AUG. 23RD	AUXILIARY POST 7591

ALL EVENTS WILL BE HOSTED FROM 11AM UNTIL 4PM, OR UNTIL THE ORGANIZATION SELLS OUT!

IN MEMORIUM

VFW Post 7591 extends its condolences
to the family of

Life Member
Glenn W. Harvey
25 April 2025

May they rest in peace with the thanks of a grateful
nation for the services they performed for our
Country and the VFW.



Middleton – June 12, 2025. Chue Fue Moua receives the State Veteran of the year award from State Commander Ron Ramos during the Joint Awards Celebration at the 2025 State Convention. From left to right VFW Asst. Adjutant General Brian Walker, State Commander Ron Ramos, Chue Fue Moua, State Auxiliary President Cheryl Woodards, Post Commander Kerry McAllen, VFW Auxiliary Nat'l Chaplain Kim Harney, VFW Veteran of the Year Chairman Michael Furgal.

Baumann, Terri Carlisle, Adele Crary, Susan Fineout, Fran Garcia, Judy Johnson, Joanne Kemp, Janet Kennedy, and Deb. During the past fiscal year, and in the absence of our weekly fish fry, our 7591 auxiliary has turned to some new (to us) methods of fundraising. This is particularly true for our donations to veterans' causes and organizations. Last summer and again this summer we're sponsoring two brat fries in the parking lot. And beginning in January, we held a series of bake sales at Tuesday bingo whose profits determined how much was donated to specific organizations we wanted to support.

So far in 2025, four bake sales raised a total of \$798. January and February sales profits were donated to the VFW Foundation's Mental Health Support Fund which finances needy veterans' co-pays for mental health treatment, and to Madison Dryhootch; which offers financial and peer psychological support to area veterans. The April sale supported Homes for Our Troops which builds adapted custom homes for severely injured post 9/11 veterans and provides follow-up support. The May sale raised money for the Veterans Transitional Housing Program run by Porchlight in collaboration with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. It focuses on eliminating barriers to obtaining and maintaining permanent housing for troubled veterans.

Lee, Adrianna Marks, Suzan Nast, Janey Owens, Jennifer Rozinski, Nancy Smith, and Cheryl Woodards



Middleton – June 12, 2025. Chue Fue Moua received the State VFW Member of the year award during the Joint Awards Celebration at the State VFW Convention. From left to right, Michael Woodards, Cheryl Woodards, Chue Fue Moua, Kerry McAllen.



Middleton – June 13, 2025. Post Commander Kerry McAllen received her third All-state award during the 2025 State Convention awards banquet. From left to right State Commander Ron Ramos, Post CDR Kerry McAllen, VFW Asst. Adjutant General Brian Walker,

Verona Senior Center Events

Celebrating grandparents' day to all of you wonderful grandparents, grandparents-to-be, stupendous childcare providers, interested individuals. There will be crafts, tractor shows, Havens Petting Farm and Kona ice! There might even be "the chicken dance" practice! (Great exercise). Take a healthy break — check it out — enjoy your summer! Call Verona Senior Center 608-845-7471 to register. July 14–25, 10:30 am–1:00 pm. Come out when you can. Educational and a good time for all! Hope to see you there.

Susan Fineout
Youth and Patriotic Instructor



MEAT RAFFLE

4TH MONDAY MONTHLY

JULY 28TH
AUGUST 25TH
SEPTEMBER 22ND
OCTOBER 27TH
NOVEMBER 24TH
DECEMBER 22ND

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION MEAT
AND MONEY RAFFLE

Please save the date!
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2025
VFW POST 7591

301 Cottage Grove Rd., Madison, WI

CRAFT FAIR

9 AM – 4 PM

50 + VENDORS, BAKE SALE, BASKET RAFFLE,
50/50 RAFFLE, LUNCH (barbecue & hotdogs)

SPONSORED BY VFW POST 7591 AUXILIARY

All Auxiliary Proceeds go to benefit our Veterans.

Organizers:

Adele Crary

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Attention Cancer Victims

Are you an Auxiliary member who has been diagnosed with cancer? If your answer is "yes," you may be eligible for a cancer grant. Please contact Karen Baumann at 770-1220 for information.



On Saturday September 27th, 2025
VFW Post 7591, VFW Post 1318, and Rolling Thunder® Inc. are sponsoring the 10th and **FINAL**:

OPERATION RUCK 22

2015-2025



FINAL Event





One Veteran suicide will always be too many!

Our mission has been to create public and Veteran awareness of the tragic loss of our Veterans while providing means for those at risk to get the help they may desperately need.

Please support our efforts by joining our FINAL symbolic **18 km Ruck March** around Madison, WI or join us at VFW Post 7591 to take part in other activities (food/raffles/etc.) and camaraderie. At 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 27th, 2025, Veterans and non-Veteran supporters will be rucking the approximately 18 km route around Madison to remember the fallen and to raise awareness of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and Veteran suicide prevention efforts.

Ruckers will start at VFW Post 7591, 301 Cottage Grove Road, Madison WI at 9:00 a.m. and continue counterclockwise around the lake and will finish at VFW Post 7591 which will have entertainment, brats, food, drinks, and raffles.

***Register at <https://www.operationruck22.com>. Event day reg. at VFW Post 7591 ends ~ 8:40 a.m.**



Scan to donate

DONATE TODAY!

OPERATION RUCK 22

One Veteran suicide is too many...

22 of our nation's protectors were taking their own lives every day in 2016, that's when and why we formed Operation Ruck 22.

Presently, **18 per day** choose to end their lives - help us get that number to ZERO.

Operation Ruck 22 of Wisconsin is a Madison based non-profit (FEIN 92-0604227) inspired by the need to raise awareness of Veteran suicides and the work to prevent them.

To donate: <https://www.operationruck22.com>

All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Donations raised in 2025 fund worthy organizations that support our mission. Event date: 9/27/2025



From the Auxiliary Chaplain

Please notify me if there is a death of our auxiliary. I will contact the family and find out if they would like a Pass in Review at the service. I need this information ASAP so I can let everyone know.

Illness or special concern, please let me know and I will send a card or reach out with a phone call.

Thanks Karen Baumann for keeping me informed!

PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

Janey Owens, VFW 7591 Auxiliary Chaplain

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608-698-3585 (Call or text)



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Madison VA Hospital Current Needs List

Visa Gift Cards \$20 – \$50

Maze puzzle books

Lego sets

Diaper rash cream

Diapers, newborn

Diaper garbage bags

Velcro Swaddles

Child size clothes 0–3 and 3 months, gender neutral

Hospice Comfort Cart (for families of hospice patients)

Cheez It crackers

Rice Krispy treats

Ritz Bits

granola bars

Goldfish crackers

Pop-tarts

Animal crackers

Microwaveable popcorn

Mailing Address:

Madison VA Hospital

Community Relations – 135

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Madison, WI 53705

Linda Best, an Auxiliary member who also
volunteers at the VA Hospital

POST OFFICERS FOR 2024–2025

POST COMMANDER	Lukas Cross
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER	Jeff Hancock
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QUARTERMASTER	Jon Russell
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CHAPLAIN	Darrel "AJ" Feucht
TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR	Hunter Weist
TRUSTEE – 2 YEAR	Christopher Hudson
TRUSTEE – 1 YEAR	Brian Bierman
HOUSE COMMITTEE – 3 YEAR	Mike Garvin
HOUSE COMMITTEE – 3 YEAR	Junior Rodriguez
HOUSE COMMITTEE – 2 YEAR	Chue Fue Moua
HOUSE COMMITTEE – 2 YEAR	Tim Zoromski
HOUSE COMMITTEE – 1 YEAR	Greg Seidlitz
HOUSE COMMITTEE – 1 YEAR	Gary Fineout
SERVICE OFFICER	Jon Russell
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AUXILIARY OFFICERS FOR 2025–2026

PRESIDENT	Carol Welch
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	Phyllis Bishop
JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT	Adrianna Marks
CONDUCTOR	Chris Benson
TREASURER	Cheryl Woodards
SECRETARY	Cheryl Woodards
CHAPLAIN	Janey Owens & Adele Crary
GUARD	Suzanne Short
PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR	Susan Fineout
TRUSTEE – 1 YEAR	Janey Owens
TRUSTEE – 2 YEAR	Phyllis Bishop
TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR	Suzan Nast
HOUSE COMMITTEE GUEST – 1 YEAR	Janet Kennedy
HOUSE COMMITTEE – 2 YEAR	Nancy Smith



V.F.W. DAY POST 7591
Dane County Service Officer
608-221-9326

July 2025

301 Cottage Grove Road
Friday Night Fish Fry 5:00–8:00 PM
Tuesday Night Bingo 6:30 & 8:00 PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Front bar is open daily at 11am, and the kitchen is open daily from 11am-8pm (Mondays until 7pm, Sunday until 6pm).		1 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	2 6:30–9:30PM KARAOKE	3 6–8PM PREMIER TRIVIA	4 CLOSED HOLIDAY	5 CLOSED SCULLERY MAINTENANCE
6 3–6PM ADAM HOWARTH	7 HOUSE METINGS DANCE CLASS IN HALL	8 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	9 6:30–9:30PM NORTHERN COMFORT	10 6–8PM PREMIER TRIVIA 7PM POST & AUXILIARY MTGS	11 4–8PM FISH FRY 7–10PM BACK 40	12 BRAT FRY — 7591 COLOR GUARD
13 3–6 JULI JOHNSON	14 DANCE CLASS IN HALL	15 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	16 4–10PM SPECIAL MUSIC EVENT TBA	17 6–8PM PREMIER TRIVIA	18 4–8PM FISH FRY 7–10PM STONE LAPORT	19 BRAT FRY — BADGER HONOR FLIGHT 2–5PM FRANK JAMES
20 3–6PM REMEMBER WITH RANDY	21 DANCE CLASS IN HALL	22 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	23 6:30–9:30PM DUSTY ROAD	24 2:30-5:30PM PREMIER TRIVIA	25 4–8PM FISH FRY 7–10PM COOLING UNIT	26 BRAT FRY — 7591 AUXILIARY
27 3–6PM JACKIE MARIE	28 DANCE CLASS IN HALL MEAT RAFFLE	29 6:30PM & 8PM BINGO!	30 6:30–9:30PM MARKUS J	31 2:30-5:30PM PREMIER TRIVIA	PUBLIC WELCOME Big 10 and Brewers Games • Free Wi-Fi • ATM For Hall Rental information, please contact our General Manager at VFWPst7591.GM@gmail.com	

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