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"A Fraternal Organization of Southern Men"

Camp Named Best in Division Preparations Underway

for Battle For Columbia

The Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp shone at the annual Sons of Confederate Veterans S.C. Division Convention, held April 1-2 at the Florence Convention Center.

The Hampton Camp took home the Robert E. Lee Award as the division's outstanding camp. It also won the M.C. Butler Award for division recruiting, took second place in convention attendance and its newsletter received a third place commendation.

Also, Hampton Camp Chief Chaplain Bob Slimp was awarded the John Albert Broadus Award as the division's outstanding chaplain. Way to go, Bob!

Now, the Battle For Columbia is around the corner. (See page 2 for more details.)

Some 48 of the 64 active SCV camps in the S.C. Division were represented at the convention, hosted by the Pee Dee Rifles Camp, No. 1419.

The Secession Camp also did itself proud at the convention, taking the Ambrose Gonzales Award for outstanding newsletter, the Stephen D. Lee Historical Award for recovering the last soldiers and sailors beneath the Citadel's Johnson Haygood Stadium, second place in the Outstanding Camp category and second place in the Division Recruiting category.

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The second annual Battle For Columbia will be held May 7-8 in Sandy Run. It will be preceded by the Living History and Education Day May 6. Above is action from last year's inaugural event.

Confederate Memorial Day Set for May 7

Confederate Memorial Day ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. May 7 with a service led by the United Daughters of the Confederacy at Elmwood Cemetery in Columbia.

That will be followed by a march to the State House and the Sons of Confederate Veterans service at 11:30 a.m.

Of course, later that day, the second annual Battle For Columbia kicks off in Sandy Run.

April Meeting to Feature Big Names

The Wade Hampton Camp's April meeting will feature a starstudded guest list.

The speaker is expected to be Past-Commander in Chief Ron Wilson, and guests will include Past Division commanders Chris Sullivan and Jack Marlar, S.C. Division Commander Michael Givens, S.C. Division Lt. Commander Irvin Shuler, 3rd Brigade Commander Roy Parrish and ANV Councilman Randy Burbage.

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Awards, Resolutions and the Battle For Columbia

The headline says it all! You, the men of the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp #273, have been recognized by the entire South Carolina Division as the "Most Outstanding" Camp, out of 64 in all. And gentlemen, you deserve every bit of it!

I cannot find words to express my gratitude and personal thanks to so many who stepped forward since January '04 and helped carry the colors forward. Every man who accepted and fulfilled a responsible duty since is to be commended.

I truly wish every last one of you had been in Florence to step to the stage and accept this honor with me. I proudly and humbly accepted the Robert E. Lee Award in your behalf. Well done, gentlemen!

Our fine brothers in the Secession Camp in Charleston won this award last year and rightfully so. They are an exceptional group of hard working men and between our two Camps we carried the day in every award category excepting the Scrapbook Award which neither of us maintains. Oh, for the want of a dedicated Camp Photographer...hint, hint.

Your Commander personally introduced a resolution to the Division for the establishment of "Black Confederate History

Commander's Corner

By Jeff O'Cain

Month" in the month of February each year. The complete text can be seen on the Camp website. I felt it was high time the SCV stopped complaining about all the politically correct stories we see for 28 straight days in all the media and offer the unsung black Confederates their rightful place in "Black History Month."

We all know H.K. Edgerton and his courageous stand for Southern heritage. In my travels around the Confederation I have met many black SCV Compatriots. There's James Adams of the 17th Regt. Camp in Hilda, Nelson Winbush, a highly decorated and stately black gentleman in the Florida Division, to name a couple.

But one man in particular stands out, Randy McAllister of the Pee Dee Rifles Camp in Florence. He stood with me in addressing the convention and received a well deserved ovation. I am humbled by their courage and determination to set the record straight.

Don't know about y'all, but I'm sick

and tired of hearing about Robert Smalls and also the 54th Mass. Regt. as representing South Carolina black history.

There are well over 1 million South Carolinians who have Confederate ancestors and more than 100,000-plus are black. The Camp must reach out to these qualified black men and encourage them to share in the celebration of our Confederate heritage.

You would have to live in cave not to know that the second annual Battle for Columbia will soon be upon us. What an exciting time! There's so much incredible news to share that it would take an entire 8-page Legionary to brief you.

So may I say, please don't be "Waitin' on the wagon," just get on board the Battle for Columbia freight train 'cause this one is going to be unstoppable!

Ask one of your Company Officers how you can lend a much needed hand. I won't make any predictions, but it's safe to say we will make a huge quantum leap this year as the premiere living-history event in the entire state. Don't miss being a part of the Battle for Columbia, the Camp's greatest opportunity to fulfill its obligations to The Charge...ever!

Now on with the Battle for Columbia

Special National Convention to Address Leadership Issues Within SCV

As a result of the petition signed by more than 100 Camp members and more than 12,000 other members, the SCV will convene in a Special National Convention April 22-23 in Concord, N.C.

To be considered are two constitutional amendments, one to limit the number of SCV Past Commanders-in-Chief that will remain on the General Executive Council to the three most recent. The second will also deal with the removal of the Commander General of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars (MOS&B) from the GEC.

As the SCV National Constitution now stands, it provides that once a CinC has completed his elected two-year term, he stays on the GEC for life. From then on he is not accountable to the membership and cannot be

removed for any reason. This has resulted in the recent actions to control the SCV by certain members of the GEC who are not accountable to the membership.

As to the MOS&B, this organization was created from within the SCV in 1938 by descendants of the Officer Corp of the Confederate Army and Navy. The MOS&B does not now require one of its members to first be an SCV member thereby allowing for non-SCV individuals to sit on the GEC. Again this individual is not accountable to the membership.

These amendments will require a twothirds vote of the delegates at the convention. This is no small task and will require the attendance of nearly all the Camps in the Army of Northern Virginia (ANV). Your Camp Commander will attend and vote the entire strength of our Camp. Although anyone from the Camp can attend and is welcome to do so, it is not required in order to handle these two specific amendments.

Placing the GEC under the control of the membership and eliminating those not accountable to the membership is the sole reason for calling the Special National Convention.

It's about accountability and nothing else. A constitutional change of this nature will insure that the scheduled convention in Nashville later this summer will, in fact, be highly productive rather than to continue being obstructed by the outdated General Executive Council who are **not accountable** to the membership.

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

-Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, New Orleans, La., April 25, 1906.

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Chaplain's Pulpit

David Forbes

Southern Soldier Found Inspiration in Gift of Bible

Confederate Army chaplain found a tract titled "A Soldiers' Bible" among a soldiers' effects in a Richmond hospital. On the fly-leaf was written "a present to my dear son on his 15th birthday, from his mother, M.A.C. Search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life, remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. If sinners entice thee, consent thou not."

The chaplain wrote: "The book had the appearance of having been carefully read, there being many chapters and verses marked with pencil, as though they had strongly impressed themselves on the mind of the young reader.

"Among them were chapters which describe the heroic daring of the youthful David, the saintly pursuit of Joseph, the unflinching fidelity of the three captive boys in the court of Babylon.

"The First, Twenty-third and Fifty-first Psalms bore marks of an interested reader. In the New Testament, such Scriptures as speak of the love of God to sinners were carefully noted: 'God so loved the world that he gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life' - John 3:16

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.' - Isaiah 1:18

At this remarkably encouraging promise was a large blood-stain, as though gory fingers had been tracing out every word; also at John 14:1-2 - 'Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.' 'In my Father's house are many mansions' - were the same (blood-)stains of still broader and deeper dye."

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The Chaplains' Corps congratulates Chief Chaplain Bob Slimp for being selected as the South Carolina Division's Outstanding Camp Chaplain of the Year. Thank you, Bob, for your hard work and leadership. Compatriots, please notify your Company chaplain concerning illness or loss of Camp members or family members.

Re-enacting Offers Fun Way to Get into War Between The States Spirit

reetings, Compatriots and Associates of the South Carolina Division Camp of the Year!

With the Battle for Columbia literally right around the corner, I thought now would be a good time to answer some reenacting questions. I am also pleased to announce that another of our Compatriots has crossed over to the "Dark Side" and become a re-enactor himself.

Jim Harmon, BFC ticket Administrator, took the field last month in Florence and "saw the elephant" for the first time. If he had only been able to don the gray on this momentous occasion…but I digress.

The most common question about becoming a re-enactor is, without a doubt, "how much does a uniform cost."

There is no simple answer to that question. The best I can tell you is that you can buy a uniform or you can buy a costume. A costume is always less expensive and always less authentic. Ninety-nine percent of the public won't know the difference. Some folks who know a little history may not be able to tell the difference from 50 feet. Those who have studied and researched can spot a fake at 50 yards.

If you want to dress like a WBTS soldier only on special occasions like a parade or the Lee Jackson Banquet, for instance, go on and buy that costume. You can get it, and most of the accoutrements to go along with it, for less than \$500. A new musket alone is going to set you back another \$425 or so.

If you want to take the next step and wear something made of the same mate-

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By Tommy Rollings

rial, the same pattern, and constructed with the same techniques as your ancestors uniform, be prepared to spend quite a bit more. You'll also need to be patient.

There is no Wal-Mart for authentic reenactor gear. Handmade items take a while to hand make and jean cloth is harder to come by than polyester. Buying used items cuts down on your wait and makes you look like a veteran soldier right out of the gate. It'll also lessen the chances that some corporal like myself will assign you to wash pots while I nap before the battle.

There are no hard and fast rules for every re-enactment regarding uniform standards. The one thing we all can afford is attitude. Staying true to the period while you learn the ropes from veteran re-enactors will take you far.

Talking about something you saw on the internet or talking on your cell phone while there are spectators present will draw scorn. Wait to see how your hosts act and listen to their conversations before you lose your welcome.

Above all - give re-enacting a try! Just ask Pvt. Jim Harmon. He'll need plastic surgery to get the grin off his face.

See y'all on the 16th for a maximum effort BFC workday!

Meeting-

Also, depending on events in the state legislature, Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer and Sens. Glenn McConnell and Danny Verdin may also be in attendance.

Lt. Gov. Bauer is scheduled to present the camp with a print of the three-flag state-house.

If the legislature is still embroiled in the budget debate, the legislators scheduled to attend may have to take a pass. Sen. McConnell was originally scheduled to give the meeting's keynote address.

Don Gordon will give the battle brief, on Lt. Gen. Joseph "Fighting Joe" Wheeler, one of the yonngest generals of the Confederacy who later served as a general in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War.

So, please, make plans to attend the April meeting, to be held April 21 at Seawell's in Columbia.

Don't miss out on this chance to revel in our accomplishments, learn more about upcoming events, and help shape what's on the horizon for the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp, the flagship camp of the South Carolina Division.

What the Hampton Camp Can Learn From John Paul

hat lessons can the Wade Hampton Camp take from the late Pope John Paul II? Plenty.

The recently departed pontiff helped bring about the defeat Poland's communist government - and ultimately those throughout the Eastern Bloc and Soviet Union – through his adherence to the truth.

He battled regimes that were dedicated to the eradication of everything that didn't mesh with Marxism, including buildings, traditions and history.

John Paul did his best to resist efforts to cleanse Poland of its past because he understood the value of truth, according to Anne Applebaum of the Washington Post.

"...when the pope came to Poland, he talked not just of God but also of history," she wrote of John Paul's early trips back to his homeland. "During his trips, he commemorated the 1,000th anniversary of the death of Saint Adalbert, the 600th anniversary of Poland's oldest university or the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising. I once heard him speak at length on the life of

Sister Kinga, a 13th-century nun.

"This was deliberate," Applebaum added. "Fidelity to roots does not mean a mechanical copying of the patterns of the past," he said in one of his Polish speeches: 'Fidelity to roots is always creative, ready to descend into the depths, open to new challenges." John Paul's Communist foes were not unlike what the Sons of Confederate Veterans find them up against in the liberals who wage war on Southern heritage.

In the South, there is a constant push by politicians, business leaders, acadamians and the media to demonize anything even remotely tied to the Confederacy.

If it falls outside the narrow guidelines of that which is politically correct - as does the Old South – it must be done away with, they cry.

The totalitarianism that dominated Russia and much of Eastern Europe for decades is the same mindset that replaces complex and often confusing U.S. history with a one-dimensional simplistic view of the past. Our forefathers are either all good or all bad, based on today's val-

ues even if they lived in times different than that of the current world.

Attempt to engage a liberal in discussion on the true history of the South and more likely than not you'll be shouted down, laughed at or simply ignored. Those who can't handle truth will use any means at their disposal to fight it.

When John Paul assumed the papacy in 1978, the Catholic Church was regarded by many elites as irrelevant and ineffective in dealing with modern problems. By standing up for his beliefs, John Paul over the course of a quarter century was able to effect change throughout the world.

Today, the SCV is decried by foes as an organization trapped in the past and dedicated to ignorance. At times, as we line up against those who control schools, the businesses, the government and the media outlets, the odds appear daunting.

But if a one-time Catholic priest from Poland can help derail the most murderous form of government the world has known by simply emphasizing the truth, surely there's hope.

Yankee Museum Raises Ruckus by Peddling Civil War Cannon

KENDALL, N.Y. - Driving down to the village on a weekend errand, Colin Zimmerman did a double-take as he drove past tiny Greenwood Cemetery: The 816-pound cannon that had adorned the graves of Civil War veterans for more than a century was gone.

"I just couldn't believe it," said Zimmerman, 45, a utility foreman. "I'm saying to myself, where the heck is it?"

The Union muzzleloader, forged in Pennsylvania in 1862, was quietly sold in December to the Civil War Artillery Museum near Pittsburgh and hauled away a few weeks ago. The five-member town board accepted a sweetened offer of \$15,000, plus a replica cannon worth \$5,000.

No one knows the war service of the 5-foot-long, 3-inch iron barrel, or exactly how it ended up in this western New York hamlet. But its sudden absence has enraged a swelling army of protesters who think the town was duped into selling off a vital piece of its heritage.

The museum's broker, Bruce Stiles, has scoured the country for years seeking out Union and Confederate artillery pieces that are now collectibles valued from \$20,000 to \$200,000.

Thousands of obsolete cannons were given to veterans' groups, cemetery associations and municipalities in the half-century after the war ended in 1865. Fewer than 5,700 are known to have survived - many were melted down in scrapmetal drives during the world wars.

Issues of ownership and open government swirl around Kendall's fired-up debate: Was the cannon the town's to sell or might it belong to the federal government? Were residents in this farm country fairly informed of their elected leaders' intentions?



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Hampton Remembered at Memorial Service

More than 100 people turned out for the memorial service for Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton, held March 20 at the Keenan Chapel of Trinity Episcopal Church, at the State House grounds, and at Millwood, Gen. Hampton's one-time home.

Above, Bob Slimp leads the graveside service at Trinity Episcopal Church while, at right, Don Gordon gives an inspirational talk about Gen. Hampton.

Thanks to the hard work of Bob, Don and other members of the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp, the event received significant coverage in *The State* newspaper.

Not only did *The State* have a question-and-answer piece with Bob prior to the event about the Camp's namesake, a lengthy article about the service appeared the day after, with a



photo from Millwood.

It's never easy to get coverage in the mainstream press, but with a little hard work and luck, it's possible.

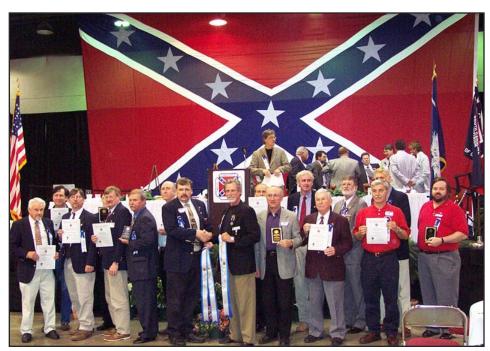
Award -

Also, John Dangerfield of the Secession Camp received the Stonewall Jackson Individual Achievement Award for his work on a Hunley replica, and Randy Burbage received the John Amasa May Lifetime Achievement Award for the many contributions he has made to the SCV over the years.

Several resolutions were passed at the convention, including condemnation of SCV members involved in the "coup," support and endorsement of CinC Denne Sweeney as only legitimate CinC, and the establishment of the month of February as "Black Confederate History Month," a resolution introduced by Hampton Camp Commander Jeff O'Cain.

The keynote address was given by Dr. Thomas DiLorenzo, author of The Real Lincoln, and music was provided by the 11th N.C. Regimental Band. On hand were the cadets who earlier this year chartered the "Star of the West" Camp at The Citadel; and the convention also featured the presentation and induction of eight new Guardians.

Camp Quartermasters Earl Eargle and Theron Krell had more than \$500 in sales, and compatriot Ferroll Gunter promoted



Members of the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp and the Secession Camp show off honors received at the S.C. Division Convention, April 1-2 at the Florence Convention Center. In the middle, Secession Camp Commader David Rentz and Hampton Camp Commander Jeff O'Cain shake hands.

the Battle for Columbia, handing flyers and "FREE Youth Tickets" to delegates.

Finally, camp mascot "Hampton" attend-

ed and was well received but unfortunately could not be counted toward the Convention Attendance Award.

In the Confederation

What's Going On

New Shiloh Monument to be Unveiled on June 3

JACKSON, Miss. - Production of a new Tennessee state monument for Shiloh Battlefield is on schedule for a June 3 unveiling, Shiloh National Military Park Superintendent Woody Harrell said.

The planned site for the monument is just west of Water Oaks Pond, a scene of intense fighting throughout both days of battle at Shiloh, according to a press release from the park.

In the last month, work on the project at an art studio in Lander, Wyo., has centered on the monument's bronze sculpture element.

Conceived by internationally acclaimed artist G. L. Sanders of Pampa, Texas, the work depicts three Civil War soldiers, sculptured to one-and-a-half times life size

Important April Dates to Remember

Notable Confederate Birthdays

April 1: Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner

April 10: Brig. Gen. Thomas Reade Rootes Cobb*

April 10: Lt. Gen. Leonidas Polk*

April 10: Brig. Gen. James Edward Rains*

April 12: Brig. Gen.George Burgwyn Anderson*

April 13: Brig. Gen. Leroy Augustus Stafford*

April 25: Brig. Gen. James Dearing*

April 21: Brig. Gen. Louis Trezevant Wigfall, Edgefield

April 24: Brig. Gen. James Edward Harrison, Greenville District

*Died in Confederate service

Coming Events

April 16-17: The Battle of Charleston

May 6: Living History and Education Day, Sandy Run

May 7: Confederate Memorial Day, Columbia

May 7-8: Battle For Columbia, Sandy Run

Arkansans Clean Eight Battlefield Sites

GILLETT, Ark. - Eight Civil War battlefield sites around Arkansas got a cleaning earlier this month, as residents from the area around each site turned out to clear brush, paint fences and pick up litter. A troop of Boy Scouts from Dumas headed to the Arkansas Post National Memorial near Gillett where they helped to wash a cannon. National Park Service Ranger Ray Hamel said the scouts' participation in the Civil War Preservation Trust's effort to clean up war sites teaches a new generation about their heritage.

Harper's Weekly Recounts Days Leading up to Fort Sumter

On Feb. 9, 1861, Harper's Weekly printed the following letter from Federal officer Robert Anderson, who was in charge of Fort Sumter in the early days of 1861.

Major Anderson was writing from Fort Sumter to a friend two days after South Carolinians fired upon the Star of the West.

hether a bloodless separation can now be effected, after her [South Carolina] foolishly firing upon a vessel bearing our flag, the other day, I think very doubtful.

I was sorely tempted to open my battery; but, perhaps fortunately for the chance of having matters settled without bloodshed, I could not have touched the battery that opened upon her, and my defenses were just then in such a condition that I could not have opened the war. I am now nearly ready.

The people have supposed that this work was ready to be defended when I came in. It was far from it—and it would take me, even now, one week's hard work to have it In a complete state. My command is only about one-eighth of what it should be in time of war; but, though small in number, I feel strong in the confidence that Providence

From the Front

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will guard and guide me safely through any danger that may threaten.

Yours sincerely, ROBERT ANDERSON

How Fort Sumter is to be Taken

Floating batteries, the superstructures of which are composed of cotton bales, are in course of erection, by which means in part the South Carolinians expect to attack Fort Sumter. The officer who writes from Fort Sumter, alluding to these batteries, says: "The difference between fighting behind cotton bags in 1812 and now is, that General Jackson commanded behind the bags then, and had no Robert Anderson within the impregnable walls of a Sumter, with the destructive weapons which the ingenuity of man for half a century has invented, to contend with. Besides, Jackson is dead."

The same writer in another connection says: "We have been wonderfully favored

by Providence in all our movements. We abandoned Moultrie under cover of night by aid of a vessel chartered to take the soldiers' wives, 25 in number, to a safer place.

"When the captain discovered the intention of Major Anderson he became rebellious, but was soon sent below and locked up until we were safely landed at Sumter. Our night's work was crowned by a glorious sunrise.

"The men were all summoned around the flag-staff, and the stars and stripes were run up, and the Chaplain invoked God's blessing to rest upon our little band, and to aid us in the work of our country's defense, and in defending the national honor and flag.

"I shall never forget the scene. If we had been assailed on that day by any considerable force it is doubtful if we could have held out, as the fort was in a miserable condition for defense. But the Almighty heard our prayers. A storm came up and lasted ten days. It was so terrific that the sea, tired of knocking at our flinty walls, would dash far above and over us.

During those ten days no vessel could approach us. We put our house in order, so that at the end of the storm we could have defied any power on earth."

Important Dates in the War of Northern Aggression

April 6-7, 1862: Confederate surprise attack on Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's unprepared

troops at Shiloh on the Tennessee River results in a bitter struggle with

13,000 Union killed and wounded and 10,000 Confederates.

April 7, 1863: Federal warships repulsed in attack on Fort Sumter.

April 8, 1863: Federal ironclad Keokuk, struck more than 90 times in attack on Fort

Sumter, sinks in Charleston Harbor.

April 12, 1861: Confederates under Gen. Pierre Beauregard open fire with 50 cannons

upon Fort Sumter in Charleston

April 15, 1861: Robert E. Lee, son of a Revolutionary War hero, and a 25-year dis-

tinguished veteran of the United States Army, is offered command of

the Union Army. He declines.

April 15, 1861: President Lincoln issues a Proclamation calling for 75,000 militiamen,

and summoning a special session of Congress for July 4.

April 17, 1861: Virginia secedes from the Union.

April 19, 1861: President Lincoln issues Proclamation of Blockade against Southern

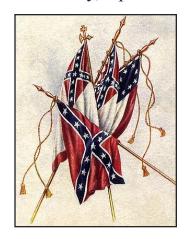
ports.

April 30, 1863: Battle of Chancellorsville, one of Lee's greatest victories, begins.

Words To Remember

"My troops may fail to take a position, but are never driven from one!"
- Lt. Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson

Next Camp Meeting Thursday, April 21



6 p.m. at Seawell's Restaurant, on Rosewood **Scripture Thought**

"As a man thinks in his heart, so is he."
-Proverbs 23:7

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