

Volunteers coming together to clean the pond area of brush and debris

# COMMANDER'S CORNER





# MARCH BRINGS RENEWAL AND REFLECTION

Can you believe it's been a year since we completed our Meeting Hall remodeling project? It's amazing how The Post came together with the help of multiple groups volunteering to make it even better! Over the past year, we've had some incredible events in there and have gotten to know many of you even better.

One of the things I truly love about our Post is how everyone comes together to volunteer for the Sons, the Auxiliary, and the Post. Just last month, we had volunteers from different programs helping out at the post. Thanks to our fantastic volunteers, we were able to host a successful First Friday Fish Fry, Post Pond Area Clean Up, 1st Annual Soup Cook Off, St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Lunch with The Easter Bunny plus many more events!







#### **COMMANDER'S**CORNER

#### Continued

If you're looking for a way to get involved but can't come to the Post to volunteer in person, consider joining our Welcoming Committee or Buddy Check-In Group! ....And if you're interested in volunteering in person, we're currently seeking volunteers for the annual golf tournament, the annual chicken barbecue, and various committees.



GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY

In addition, if you're interested in a leadership position, we'll be holding elections for The Post, The Sons, and the Auxiliary in May! However, even if you're not able to volunteer for leadership team, please come out and vote in the respective groups' general meeting in May.

I'd also like to bring your attention to two important dates for our military families. Gold Star Spouses

Day is on Friday, April 5th. This day is dedicated to recognizing the sacrifices made by military spouses and showing appreciation for their "silent service" to the country through their support of their family member.

The second important date is National
Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day
on Sunday, April 9th. On this day, we
honor the more than 500,000 American
warriors who were captured while protecting our
way of life. Let's pay tribute to these patriots for their
unwavering spirit and dedication.

Please join me as we remember these important dates, and as always, I look forward to seeing you around

The Post soon!

#### **RIDERS**

Chris Stoker chris@thestockers.net



#### SPRING RIDING WEATHER IS HERE

Our Riders have been getting back out on dinner rides, lunch rides (for the retired) and impromptu weekend rides. Dinner rides are the first and third Wednesdays of the month, weather permitting.

On April 6th, the Riders are hosting a Motorcycle Part Swap at the Post from 2-6 pm. This will be an opportunity to sell motorcycles, accessories and parts. There will be gift cards from Deep River, Tobacco Road Harley Davidson, Cycle Gear and more for a raffle. This event is open to the public and vendors can rent tents for \$20. Help us promote this event and tell all your friends who may ride, but not be affiliated with us. The Blade Strickland Band follows at 7 pm.



The Riders meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 pm, and any member of the Legion, Sons or Auxiliary can join as a Rider or a Supporter.



#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Paul Ferris membership@alpost116nc.org

#### **RENEWAL RESET**

On July 1st, at the beginning of the renewal season, the eligibility list will reset. Only the Members that have renewed between July 1st and July 24th will be included in the drawing on July 25th. Renew early. Be an Early Bird. Get the worm. Or prize. We like prizes!

#### **MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

1092 members

108.76%

93.99% retention!

Only need 88 more to renew for 100% renewal!!

The more Members that we get, the more we need help in keeping each other in the fold. Our current Retention rate of over 93% says about how Post 116 brings our members together. The Membership team is needing help and we are looking for volunteers to assist in a variety of different ways.

- Call Team Calling a set number (amount is up to you) of Members over a 3-month period. This is a critical component that we have not been very effective with lately that will ensure that all of our members are being reached.
- Record Keeping Team Assisting our personnel that are working on a consolidated database
- Membership Card Processing Team Ensuring that everybody gets their Membership Cards in a timely manner.
- Rec Room Team The Rec Room Team assists
   potential new members to determine which appli
   cation or form is needed, assists in the completion
   of the correct application, assists in securing the
   annual dues, and assists current members to re
   new their dues away from the bar.

As we look toward the 2025 Renewal Season starting in July, we really want to make sure that we get volunteers in place now. If you would like to assist the Membership Team, please send an email to **membership@ALPost116NC.org** or contact any person on the Membership Team and/or Leadership Team.

#### **WINNERS**



January 2024 – Justin Coufal February 2024 – Tom Stacy March 2024 – Stephen Polenz April 2024 – **204207311** Is it you?

Contact: membership@ALPost116NC.org



#### **HONOR/COLOR GUARD**

Dan Miltenberger dmiltenberger@gmail.com

#### **MEETING INFO**

April 20 0900 | Bldg. 2

#### **HONORING OUR COLORS**

From time to time, we get questions regarding the National Colors aka the American Flag. As you know we have the Colors present for everything we do so we always need to be aware of the proper use of the Colors during ceremonies and especially during funerals. Recently, we received a question from a fellow Legionnaire regarding the presentation of two flag as part of military honors during a funeral.



Do both flags need to be folded by Honor Guard members during the ceremony?



No, only one flag is folded by the Honor Guard. The second flag is pre-folded and presented simultaneously after the casket flag has been folded, the rifle salute is fired and Taps have been sounded. I'll be using this forum from time to time, to present these "Flag Facts" so all can become more knowledgeable about the symbol of our Nation.

Our next meeting is on April 20, 0900-1100 in Bldg 2. We are always looking for new members! No experience is necessary, and anyone can participate, Legionnaires and Sons. Come and join us! You will have a great deal of fun and experience the rewarding feeling that comes with honoring our Flag, our fallen, and representing our Post and the American Legion, as a whole in the community. And don't forget we will conduct our monthly Retreat ceremony, Friday, April 19 at 1700. We invite you to come out and salute the Flag!



#### **VETERAN SERVICES**

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#### The PACT Act: 2024 Expanded Health Care Eligibility

Beginning March 5, VA made three new groups of Veterans eligible for VA health care:

- 1. Veterans who were exposed to toxins or other hazards during military service;
- 2. Veterans who were assigned to certain duty stations in Southwest Asia or parts of Africa; and
- 3. Veterans who deployed in support of certain operations after 9/11.

#### Here's what that means for Veterans:

- If you served in Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq or Afghanistan, you can enroll.
- If you deployed to any combat zone after 9/11, you can enroll.
- If you deployed in support of the Global War on Terror, you can enroll.
- And even if you never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or serving on active duty here at home—by working with chemicals, pesticides, lead, asbestos, certain paints, nuclear weapons, x-rays, and more—you can enroll, too.
- Bottom line: all Veterans who meet the basic service and discharge requirements and were exposed to toxins and other hazards—at home or abroad—are eligible to enroll in VA care beginning March 5.



#### **Veteran Services Offices to Post 116.**

State VSO (NC Department of Military and Veteran Affairs – NCDMVA)

Raleigh: 413 N Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC 27603 (HQ only - no Customer services)
Garner: 1027 US-70 #202, Garner, NC 27529 (In PNC building), (984) 232-7060 County VSO

Wake County VSO: 4401 Bland Rd, Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 212-VETS

Harnett County VSO: 455 McKinney Pkwy, Lillington, NC 27546 (910) 893-7574

Johnston County VSO: 309 E Market St., Smithfield, NC, (919) 989-5067

# THE REC ROOM WITH

WITH **Kelly**recroom@alpost116nc.org



SUN. 12p-8p M-Th. 2p-10p FRI.-SAT. 12p-11p

#### SPRING HAS SPRUNG

...and so have our volunteers! On behalf of the Rec Room, we would like to take a moment to thank those who help us out on a daily basis, whether it is taking out our trash, helping us clean up or sweeping up popcorn. There are too many people to name but just know, we appreciate each and every one of you! We would like to give a special shout out to Matt Panella for the generous donation to replace our popcorn machine. A huge thank you to Ron Dickert for donating a 55" tv and to Tre Clark for mounting it on the wall for us. We would also like to thank Mark & Ann German for the beautiful new pool balls, the 8 pool sticks and donation towards the pool table getting a makeover with new felt, rails and boots. Thank you David Rossner for leveling up the floor behind the bar, our backs and hips appreciate it! On behalf of the bartenders and myself, we truly appreciate when everyone pitches in to help keep our rec room and patio looking its best.

In case you haven't noticed, we now have 2 service wells to order drinks from, just look for the brass rails and place your orders there unless you are parked in a seat at the bar. Please do not block the opening to the bar or place orders from there as our bartenders need that space open to run and get supplies.

The rec room has a lost and found so please check to see if you have left anything behind before we donate it. Our membership has grown by leaps and bounds. With that said, our bands and karaoke will be held inside the hall connected to the rec room with all three doors open to allow for more seating & dancing (unless it's nice weather, then the bands will be outside).

Did you know we have, free jukebox every Friday? We also have music bingo on the 3rd Thursday of every month, right after our New member Meetup. Karaoke is the first Friday of every month, right after FIsh Fry. Mark your calendars for April 6th 7-10pm for the band Blade Strickland and April 20th 6-10pm for the band Kindred Spirits (right after the BBQ Chicken plate sale). Please note, we will not have karaoke in May.

Thank you for choosing ALP 116 Rec Room as your place to be! Kelly, Sarah, Danni, Erin, Jan, Sam, Jeremy, Pete, Chelsea & Jessie Mae

#### DAILY SPECIALS

SUNDAY		THURSDAY	
DOMESTIC BOTTLES	\$2.50	BUDWEISER	\$2.50
PERNICIOUS	\$4.50	CORONA	\$3.00
MIMOSA	\$4.00	COSMOPOLITAN	\$5.00
BREAKFAST SHOT	\$5.00	KAMIKAZE	\$3.50
MONDAY		FRIDAY	
MICHELOB ULTRA	\$2.50	MILLER HIGH LIFE	\$2.50
GUINNESS	\$3.50	STELLA ARTOIS	\$3.50
GRAPE APE	\$4.00	DIRTY SHIRLEY	\$4.00
W00 W00	\$3.50	ROYAL FLUSH	\$5.00
TUESDAY		SATURDAY	
BUD LIGHT	\$2.50	NATURAL LIGHT	\$2.50
SIERRA NEVADA PALE ALE	\$3.00	HAZY LIL THING	\$4.00
PINEAPPLE STRAWBERRY		STRAWBERRY LEMONADE	\$5.00
RUM REFRESHER	\$5.00	WHITE TEA SHOT	\$3.50
APPLE JOLLY RANCHER SHOT	\$3.50		



#### **MUSICAL MUSINGS**

WASHINGTON APPLE

WEDNESDAY

ANGRY ORCHARD

YUFNGLING

MARGARITA







APR 6th 7-10p

\$2.50

\$3.50

\$3.50

\$5.00



APR 20th 7-10p



# MONTH AT A GLANCE 116

#### APRIL HAPPENINGS

APR 4

**Legion Executive Meeting • 7p** 

APR **11** 

General Meeting • 7p
Dinner • 6p

APR 4

Fish Fry • 4-7p

APR **20** 

Chicken BBQ Plate Sales • 2-7p

APR 6

Blade Strictland • 7-10p

APR **20** 

Band
Kindred Spirit • 7-10p

Meetings

Eat

Clubs/Classes

Entertainment

#### **Happenings Continued**

4/2/24 - Aux Executive Meeting - 6:30pm

4/4/24 - Executive Meeting - 7pm

4/9/24 - Rec Room Meeting - 6:30pm

4/11/24 - General Meeting 7pm - Dinner - 6pm

4/15/24 - Sal Executive Meeting (Museum) 7pm

4/16/24 - Aux General Meeting - 6:30pm

4/18/24 - New Member Meet Up - 6pm

4/23/24 - SAL General Meeting - 7pm

4/24/24 - Finance Meeting - 7pm

4/25/24 - Rider's Meeting - 6:30pm

4/5/24 - Fish Fry - 4-7 - \$10 per plate

4/20/24 - Post Chicken BBQ - 12-6pm

4/5/24 - Karaoke - 7-11pm

4/6/24 - Band - Blade Strickland 7-10pm

4/7/24 - Father/Daughter Dance 6-8pm

4/18/24 - Music Bingo - 7-9pm

4/20/24 - Band - Kindred Spirit - 1-4pm

4/1/24 - Cornhole - \$10 - 7pm\*

4/2/24 - Fuquay Dart Club - 7:30pm

4/3/24 - Raleigh Dart League 8pm\*

4/3/24 - Yoga Class - \$10 entry - 6:30pm

4/8/24 - Cornhole - \$10 - 7pm\*

4/9/24 - Fuquay Dart Club - 7:30pm

4/10/24 - Raleigh Dart League 8pm\*

4/10/24 - Yoga Class - \$10 entry - 6:30pm

4/12/24 - Luck of the Draw Dart Tournament - 7pm

4/15/24 - Cornhole - \$10 - 7pm\*

4/16/24 - Fuquay Dart Club - 7:30pm

4/17/24 - Raleigh Dart League 8pm\*

4/17/24 - Yoga Class - \$10 entry - 6:30pm

4/22/24 - Cornhole - \$10 - 7pm\*

4/23/24 - Fuquay Dart Club - 7:30pm

4/24/24 - Raleigh Dart League 8pm\*

4/24/24 - Yoga Class - \$10 entry - 6:30pm

4/26/24 - Luck of the Draw Dart Tournament - 7pm

4/27/24 - Ladies Quarter Auction - 12-5pm

4/29/24 - Cornhole - \$10 - 7pm\*

4/30/24 - Fuquay Dart Club - 7:30pm

<sup>\*</sup> Pizza available 5:30 - while supplies last



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Open



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Chris Stocker | chris@thestockers.net



#### **CRUISERS DIRECTOR**

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#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Rec Room: Sherry Johnson Finance: Mike Cortez IT: Jason Williams

Ways & Means: David Rossner Memberships: Paul Ferris Public Relations: Dave Avis Buildings & Grounds: Bob Wesley

Rentals: Jason Williams

Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation: Paul Ferris

Special Events: Ann Romano

**BBQ:** Lee Johnson Elections: Tony Smith Americanism & Youth: Open Audit: Open

Girl Scouts: Kathy Koch Boys State: Richard Stancel

**Student Trooper:** Richard Stancel Junior Shooter: Todd Wenzel

**BSA:** Mike Lake

Deuce-Big Green Truck: Norm Klein

Welcome: Open

SAL Cooks: Jason Medhurst



#### **HONOR GUARD**

Chair, Cmdr.: Dan Miltenberger

Captain: Norm Klein Captain: Mike Carrieri

Joe King Mike Hollett Ed Wagner Rich Akelewicz Jim Hunsberger Al Everington Chauncey Scarbrough Dave Campbell Michelle Graf Wayne Thompson

George Guenther

Ken Stallings John Velez Jesse Moore John Lockhart Bill Douglas Tony Van Schaick



Volunteers assembled to clean around the pond

# PHOTOS ON THE POND











#### YOU'RE THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Yes you are. Think about it. We come come together to meet new members, enjoy each other's company over a hot bowl of soup or to enjoy the festivities of the month or to work together towards a common goal. So, you see, you are the "People's Choice." Because we're always wanting to be around you.

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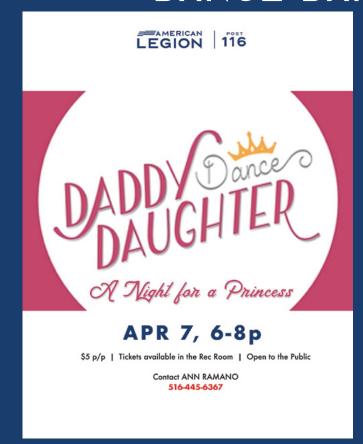
LEGION CRUISERS





June '24

# DANCE DANCE DANCE







#### LOOKING FOR **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?**



#### WE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS!

Currently looking for assistance with:

- \* Fish Fry's
- \* BBQ Event, Oyster Roast
- \* Road Side Cleanups
- \* National Ceremonies

Commander@ALPost116 HC.org
Please include "Volunteer" in the email subject line.

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# LEGION 116 6400 JOHNSON POND RD. FQY-NC OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**APRIL 27** 



DOORS OPEN **PADDLES** 

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### **POST 116 HWY CLEAN-UP**



APR 6

Meet at the Food Lion on Hwy 55

Norm Klein 919-817-1923 deucedaddy1961@yahoo.com

# LEGION 116

## VETERAN PEER SUPPORT GROUP

#### WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

Returning to civilian life from the military can be a difficult transition. This peer support group provides our Veterans a private space amungst peers to share their experiences or struggles.

#### JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY

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JAN. 3	APR. 3	<i>7</i> p
JAN. 10	APR. 10	9a
JAN. 17	APR. 17	7p
JAN. 24	APR. 24	9a
JAN.31	MAY 1	7p
FEB. 7	MAY 8	9a
FEB. 14	MAY 15	7p
FEB. 21	MAY 22	9a
FEB. 28	MAY 29	7p
MAR. 6	JUN. 5	9a
MAR. 13	JUN. 12	7p

JUN. 19

JUN. 26

9a

7p

MAR. 20

MAR. 27

- · You do not need to be a member
- · Coffee and donuts are provided
- · Approximately 1 hour
- · You may park on the right side of Bldg 2





FIRST FRIDAY



Flounder, Hushpuppies,
Green Beans & Home-made Cole Slaw

## CARRY OUT or CURBSIDE

Order from your car and we'll happily bring it out

## PICK UP or DINE IN

Bldg 1 Hall will be open

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY













#### YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED IS HERE

**MAR 14** 

NOMINATIONS ★ SELF NOMINATIONS

APR 11 NOMINATIONS END

MAY 9 **ELECTION NIGHT** 

**POSITINS** 

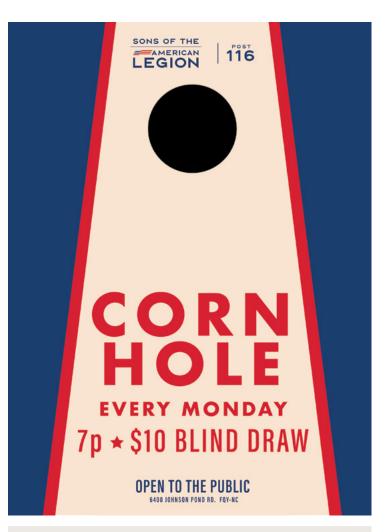
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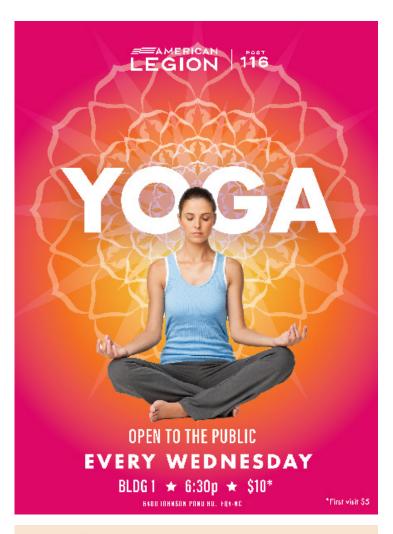
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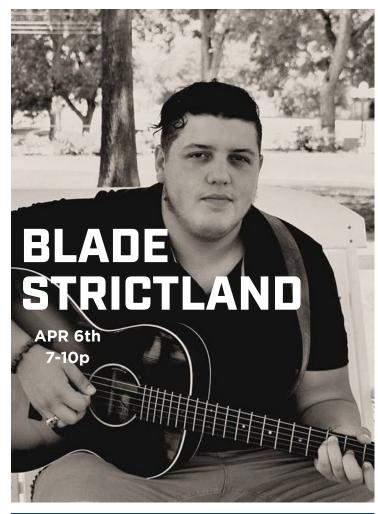
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**NEW MEMBER** 

MEET-UP

NEW MEMBERS GET THEIR FIRST DRINK ON THE COMMANDER!

6-7p

NOV 16 MAR 21

DEC 21 APR 18 JAN 18 MAY 16 FEB 15 JUN 20



# 116 GENERAL MEETING

# SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

DINNER 6p ★ MEETING 7p

**OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS** 





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# SWANDREFELE.



APR 6 \* 2-6p

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BLADE STRICKLAND BAND





CHRIS STOCKER





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#### REVIEW

Eagle Ridge is a golf course that can be enjoyed by all golfers. Higher handicappers will find their safest route to the green and "players" will find plenty of risk and reward opportunities. Eagle Ridge was designed by 1992 US Open Champion Tom Kite.

#### FORMAT

The method is Scramble/Captain's Choice. USGA and local club rules apply. Carts and practice range balls are provided. Proper golf attire is required.

GOLF SCHEDULE	
Couse Opens	6:46a
Registration	7:30a
Opening Ceremony	8:30a
Shotgun Start	9:00a
Post 116 Ceremony	2:00p

#### CELEBRATION

6400 Johnson Pond Rd., Fuquay-Varina NC 27526





A special thanks to all of our sponsors and volunteers. We hope you will join us again next year. Thank you for caring and a special thanks to our military members

ENTRY FORM (The following is included in your entry fee)

Golf cart, Range balls, Meal and Beverages at Awards, Par 3 Hole In One Contest, Putting Contest, Most Accurate Drive Contest, 1 Mulligan, 1 Red Bomber and a raffle ticket for the \$200.00 Cash Prize drawing, and Silent Auction.

#### REGISTRATION FORM-TEAM MEMBERS

(Individual applicants will be placed on a team)

ENTRY FEE \$100.00 p/player \$90.00 p/veteran

	VETERAN?
Player #1	Y N
Player #2	Y N
Player #3	Y N
Player #4	Y N
Phone #	Email

#### PAV BY MAIL

ALP116 Golf Cmte 6400 Johnson Pond Rd., Fuguay-Varina NC 27526

#### QUESTIONS

Jim Breece 919.345.9107 Joey Balint 919.815.4838

#### DEADLINE May 21, 2024

Drop it off at the Legion, or call Jim or Joey and they will pick up your payment for you.



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#### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Title Sponsorship.....\$2500.00 3 Foursomes, Logo Pin Flags and on all promotional material & media sites, banner, special program recognition, 1 year, full page ad in Post News Letter going out to over 1500 Legion Family members monthly and recognition on our web site Sponsor page and 4 Social Media posts.

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Dinner(2) Towel Sponsor Gift Bag Sponsor

Silver Sponsorship......\$700.00

1 Foursome, Logo on website, day of event signage, special program recognition, 6 months, 1/4 page ad in Post News Letter going out to over 1500 Legion Family members monthly, and recognition on our web site Sponsor page. Select One

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Tee Box Sponsorship.....\$100.00

Hororarium Sign.....\$50.00 I am unable to attend, please accept this donation.

Please make checks payable to: **AL Golf Post 116** 

