



Honoring Our Korean War and Korean Era Veterans



June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **EBERLE**

Hometown: WEST SENECA

NORMAN F.

Address: 27 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: SEAMAN

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

USS MACON (CA-132)

USS MURRAY (DD/DDE-576)

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Norman F. Eberle honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

United States Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois - Opened in 1911 near North Chicago, the Great Lake Naval Station is the second largest military installation in Illinois and the largest training station in the Navy / It is the United States Navy's only open boot camp facility / Approximately 40,000 recruits pass through recruit training annually with up to 7,000 enrolled at the installation at any time

RECSTA, Norfolk, Virginia - Naval Station Norfolk supports the operational readiness of the US Atlantic Fleet, providing facilities and services to enable mission accomplishment / The Naval Station in Norfolk is the largest naval complex in the world

Miscellaneous:

Norman Eberle Mr. Eberle was a Lifetime member of Seneca Hose Fire Company, West Seneca, New York / Eberle was a Lifetime member of Winchester Fire Company, joining in July 1956, where he held the office of President, Vice President and Secretary / Norman Eberle held the following truck room offices at Winchester Fire Company: Chief, 1st Assistant Chief, 2nd Assistant Chief, Fire Police / Eberle was the recipient of the Switzer Firefighter of the Year Award / Eberle was a Past Commissioner of West Seneca Fire District #1 and also District Purchasing Agent / Norman Eberle was a Member and Past President of these organizations: Erie County Fire Chiefs Association; Erie County Volunteer Firemen's Association; and served as a Past President and Member of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) / Eberle was Past Trustee of the FASNY Firefighter's Home on the Hudson and Past Member of Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association / Norman Eberle was also a Past EMT Instructor for New York State / Norman F. Eberle passed away on 15 January 2023 at the age of 89 years old and is interred at Saint



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Matthew's Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

The USS Macon (CA-132), was a Baltimore-class heavy cruiser commissioned in August 1945 / The Macon was decommissioned in March 1961 and scrapped in July 1973

The USS Murray (DD/DDE-576) was a Fletcher-class destroyer and the third destroyer to carry the same name / Named for Capt. Alexander Murray and his grandson Rear Adm. Alexander Murray / The USS Murray received 11 battle stars for World War II service / Decommissioned in May 1966 at Norfolk, the USS Murray sold for scrapping to Boston Metals Co., Baltimore, Maryland, in 1966

The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is a service award of the United States Armed Forces established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 / The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) was first intended to be a "blanket campaign medal" awarded to service members who served honorably during a designated time period of which a "national emergency" had been declared during a time of war or conflict / It may also be issued to active military members for any other period that the Secretary of Defense designates / Currently, the National Defense Service Medal is the oldest service medal (as opposed to decorations for particular achievements such as valor or meritorious service and Good Conduct Medals) currently awarded by all branches of the United States Armed Forces

The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces / The Navy Good Conduct Medal was established in 1869, the Marine Corps version in 1896, the Coast Guard version in 1923, the Army version in 1941, and the Air Force version in 1963 / The medal is awarded to any active-duty enlisted member of the United States military who completes three consecutive years of "honorable and faithful service" / Such service implies that a standard enlistment was completed without any non-judicial punishment, disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses



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Name: EDWARDS

Hometown: AKRON

WALTER J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: SSGT

Year Entered: 1953

Year Discharged: 1957

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Walter John Edwards honorably served in the United States Air Force / SSGT Walter Edwards was trained as an Air Traffic Control Specialist

Staff Sergeant Walter Edwards was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Air Force on 9 May 1957, with reserve obligation concluding 9 February 1961

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Walter Edwards worked as an Air Traffic Controller for LaGuardia Airport, New York City and the Greater Buffalo Niagara Airport / Walter Edwards settled in Akron and served his community as a Water Treatment Operator for the Village of Akron until his retirement / Walter John Edwards passed away on 19 June 2025 at the age of 93 years old

Air Traffic Control Specialists assist with the speedy flow of air traffic by directing and controlling aircraft / They operate field lighting systems and communicate with aircraft / They furnish pilots with information regarding traffic, navigation, and weather conditions, as well as operate and adjust ground-controlled approach (GCA) systems and interpret targets on radar screens and plot aircraft positions



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Name: EFRON

Hometown: BUFFALO

ARTHUR

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Arthur Efron honorably served in the United States Army / Arthur Efron was deployed to Korea as a Radio Officer

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Arthur Efron was born in Chicago, Illinois / After receiving his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, Efron earning a college degree at the University of Washington / Dr. Arthur Efron joined the University of Buffalo faculty in 1963 and ran the UB English Department in the late 1970's and early 1980's / Efron took emeritus status in 2005 / Dr. Efron was a former member of the Buffalo Peace Center; founding member of the Independent School of Buffalo; and a member of the Albright-Knox (AKG) Art Museum / Dr. Arthur Efron passed away on 16 May 2024 at the age of 92 years old



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Name: EHINGER

Hometown: WEST SENECA

JAMES E,

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

- Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Captain James Edward Ehinger honorably served in the United States Army / CPT James Ehinger was deployed to Korea and served as a Medical Doctor

James Ehinger was deployed to Europe during World War II

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James Ehinger was a graduate of Colgate University / Ehinger took his medical training at the New York Medical College at Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital and did his internship at Mercy Hospital / Dr. James Ehinger was one of the founders of the modern emergency medical services system in Erie County / Between service in the Army during World War II and the Air Force in the Korean War, Dr. James Ehinger joined his father in general practice in Ebenezer, continuing there until 1970, when he and four other doctors formed the Southtowns Physicians Group and took over the operation of the emergency room at Mercy Hospital / With the late Dr. Matthew Burke, James Ehinger established the first paramedic unit in the area at Mercy Hospital in 1974, started the first fixed-wing medical evacuation program in the state in 1979 and helped found Mercy Flight in 1981 to bring emergency cases to hospitals via helicopter / In the years prior to his retirement in 1988, Dr. Ehinger worked in the Mercy Hospital Ambulatory Care Center / Dr. Ehinger routinely went on emergency calls to fires and accidents and manned medical stations at sports stadiums and the Erie County Fair / Dr. Ehinger continued to act as a medical monitor for Mercy Flight until 1992 / Dr. Ehinger was a former member of the West Seneca Lions Club and a life member of the Vigilant Volunteer Fire Company of West Seneca, where he helped found the First Aid Simulation Team / Dr. James Edward Ehinger passed away on 22 October 1994 at the age of 72 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York



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Name: EHINGER

Hometown: WEST SENECA

ROBERT

F.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: LTJG

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Lieutenant (j.g) Robert Frederick Ehinger honorably served in the United States Navy / LTJG Robert Ehinger was deployed to Korea as a Medical Doctor

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert Ehinger graduated from Colgate University in 1945 and received his medical degree from The University of Rochester, completing his pediatric residency at Buffalo Children's Hospital in 1950 / Ehinger worked for a decade in private pediatric practice in South Buffalo, before earning his Master's Degree in Public Health from The University of Pittsburgh / Robert Ehinger spent the rest of his career working in public health for The Erie County Health Dept. and later The NY State Health Dept / Dr. Robert Ehinger moved to Greenville, North Carolina in 1979 and served as Director of The Pitt County Health Dept. until his retirement in 1986 / Dr. Robert Frederick Ehinger passed away on 6 February 2008 at the age of 83 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York



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Name: EHLENFIELD

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

ROY

M.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Roy Milton Ehlenfield honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Roy Ehlenfield owned and operated Ropat Auto Electric Service for nearly 40 years / Ehlenfield was a member of the Amherst Shrine Club, the Judges and Police Conference of Erie County, the 100 Club of Buffalo, 200 Club of Cheektowaga, WNY Powerboat Association, and WNY Corvette Club / Roy Milton Ehlenfield passed away on 15 November 2018 at the age of 84 years old



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Name: EHRENREICH
NEIL

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

- Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Neil Ehrenreich honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Neil Ehrenreich was a curling champion and winner of the Lead of the Year on the Grand National Champion Rink (1968) / Neil Ehrenreich was the former owner and President of the Riverside Men's Shop in Buffalo / Neil Ehrenreich retired to Bradenton, Florida and passed away on 1 November 2022



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Name: ENGELHAUPT

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

JOSEPH E.

Address:

- Korean Era
- Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SSG

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Joseph E. Engelhaupt honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Engelhaupt was a member of the Sheetmetal Workers, Local #71 / Joseph E. Engelhaupt passed away at the age of 90 years old on 18 January 2023



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Name: ENGLEKA

Hometown: ANGOLA

HOWARD L.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Howard L. Engleka honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Howard Engleka retired from the Ford Motor Company / Howard L. Engleka passed away on 2 October 2024 at the age of 93 years old



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Name: ERHARDT

Hometown: WEST SENECA

HAROLD E.

Address: 3448 CLINTON STREET

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

3 AAA (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY) AW (AUTOMATIC WEAPONS) BN 3RD DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAR SERVICE MEDAL

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Private Harold Erhardt honorably served in the United States Army / PVT Harold Erhardt was assigned as a Field Artillery Chief and stationed with the 3rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery (Automatic Weapons) Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division / PVT Erhardt was Killed in Action when seriously wounded on 12 June 1953 while fighting the enemy in North Korea and died of those wounds the next day / Private Harold Erhardt was posthumously award the Purple Heart for wounds suffered on the battlefield

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Harold E. Erhardt passed away on 12 June 1953 at the age of 20 years old and is interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York

Harold E. Erhardt is remembered at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington



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Name: ERISMAN

Hometown: TONAWANDA

ROBERT

R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Robert R. Erisman honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert Erisman was a retired pharmacist at a local pharmacy for 41 years / Robert R. Erisman passed away on 22 February 2026 at the age of 95 years old



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Name: ERNST

Hometown: WEST SENECA

RICHARD A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Richard A. Ernst honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Ernst was the owner of Ernst Press in Buffalo / Richard A. Ernst passed away on 27 December 2023 at the age of 91 years old



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Name: **ESCHBERGER**

Hometown: LANCASTER

KENNETH E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Kenneth E. Eschberger honorably served in the United States Navy and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Kenneth Eschberger retired from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) / Eschberger was a Fourth Degree Knight of the Fr. John Schaus Council Knights of Columbus / Kenneth E. Eschberger passed away on 25 January 2025 at the age of 87 years old



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Name: **ETTIPIO**

Hometown: BUFFALO

ANTHONY J

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Year Entered: 1950

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

ARTILLERY

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Anthony J. Ettipio honorably served in the United States Army and deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Anthony Ettipio was the founder of Queen City Vacuum of Buffalo, New York / Anthony J. Ettipio passed away on 10 March 2014 at the age of 85 years old and is interred at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



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Name: EVANS

Hometown: BUFFALO

GEORGE J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

8TH CAVALRY REGIMENT, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAR SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Private George J. Evans honorably served in the United States Army / PVT George Evans was deployed to Korea as a Light Weapons Infantryman / Private George Evans was Killed in Action during combat operations in Sonbyok, North Korea on 31 October 1951

The remains of George J. Evans were returned to the United States aboard the ship, "Marquette Victory"

George J. Evans is remembered at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

George Evans was a graduate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School and attended Canisius High School and South Park High School / Prior to entering the U.S. Army, Evans was employed by the New York Central Terminal (Buffalo) in the Baggage Department / Paul J. Evans was 22 years old at the time of his passing

Light Weapons Infantryman lack heavy weapons and armor or with a reduced vehicle footprint / Light infantry units lack the greater firepower, operational mobility and protection of mechanized or armored units, but possess greater tactical mobility and the ability to execute missions in severely restrictive terrain and in areas where weather makes vehicular mobility difficult / Light infantry forces typically rely on their ability to operate under restrictive conditions, surprise,



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violence of action, training, stealth, field craft, and fitness levels of the individual soldiers to compensate for their reduced lethality / Despite the usage of the term "light", forces in a light unit must carry everything they require to fight, survive and win due to lack of vehicles

The 8th Cavalry Regiment is a regiment of the United States Army formed in 1866 during the American Indian Wars / The 8th Cavalry continued to serve under a number of designations, fighting in every other major U.S. conflict since, except World War I, when it was not deployed to Europe because it was already engaged in the Punitive Expedition in Mexico from 1916 to 1920 / It is currently a component of the 1st Cavalry Division / The regiment originally was organized as horse cavalry in 1866, a designation under U.S. military doctrine that emphasized both light cavalry and dragoon-type mounted and dismounted fighting roles, until 1942 / It served on foot during World War II and Korea, with some elements converting to airmobile infantry for Vietnam, while others were detached and assigned to West Germany as part of an armored task force to resist any potential Soviet incursion / In 1965, 1st Battalion (ABN), 8th Cavalry Regiment arrived in Vietnam, and participated in numerous campaigns in South Vietnam and Cambodia / The battalion was awarded two Presidential Unit Citations, the Valorous Unit Citation, and four soldiers were awarded with the nation's highest honor, the Medal of Honor

The 1st Cavalry Division ("First Team") is a combined arms division and is one of the most decorated combat divisions of the United States Army / It is based at Fort Cavazos, Texas and was formed in 1921 / The 1st Cavalry Division has served during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, with the Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in the Iraq War, in the War in Afghanistan as well as Operation Freedom's Sentinel and Operation Inherent Resolve / The unit is unique in that it has served as a horseback cavalry division until 1943, an infantry division, an air assault division and an armored division during its existence / The 1st Cavalry was deployed to Nha Trang, Vietnam in 1965 and 26 March 1971 officially marked the end of duties in Vietnam for the 1st Cavalry Division / The service of the 1st Cavalry Division in the Vietnam War was not without a price / As a grim reminder of their remarkable legacy, the 1st Cavalry Division experienced casualties of 26,592 Wounded and 5,464 Killed In Action / The 1st Air Cavalry refers to the 1st Cavalry Division of the U.S. Army, which was the first Airmobile Division / This division is known for its air assault infantry capabilities and has a rich history, including significant operations during the Iraq War, where Apache Longbows from the division engaged in battles against Iraq's Republican Guard / The division continues to provide scalable combat-ready forces and is capable of conducting operations globally / Recently, the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade conducted a change of command ceremony, highlighting its ongoing operational relevance

The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first and oldest military American decoration / The Purple Heart is awarded to military service members wounded or killed in action, in the latter case posthumously

The Korean Service Medal (KSM) was a military award for service in the United States Armed Forces and was established November 8, 1950, by executive order of President Harry Truman / The Korean Service Medal is the primary US military award for service or participation in operations in the Korean area during the Korean War between 27 June 1950, and 27 July 1954

The Korean War Service Medal, also known as the Republic of Korea War Service Medal, is a military award of South Korea which was first authorized in December 1950 / The Korean War Service Medal was first authorized to South Korean troops who had participated in the initial counter-assaults against North Korean aggression in June 1950 / On 15 September 1951, President Syngman Rhee referred to and authorized the commander-chief of the United Nations Command to confer the award of the "Korean War Medal" and "Korean War Ribbon" ("Korean War Service Medal"), "to the brave and valiant members of the United Nations Command who have been, and are now, combating the communist aggressor in Korea" / Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

The United Nations Service Medal Korea (UNSMK) is an international military decoration established by the United



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Nations during the Korean War / It was awarded to military service members of allied forces who participated in the defense of South Korea from North Korea between 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954

The Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation is a military unit award of the government of South Korea that may be presented to South Korean military units, and foreign military units for outstanding performance in defense of the Republic of Korea / It is awarded for exceptional meritorious service to South Korea / The citation may be presented to units that participated in the defense of South Korea as part of the U.N. forces during the Korean War

The Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) is a United States Army military award / The badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces soldiers in the rank of colonel and below, who fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of either an Infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

A Marksmanship Badge is a U.S. military badge or a civilian badge which is awarded to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course (known as marksmanship qualification badges) or high achievement in an official marksmanship competition (known as marksmanship competition badges) / The U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps are the only military services that award marksmanship qualification badges / The U.S. military marksmanship qualification badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): expert, sharpshooter, and marksman while their marksmanship competition badges are awarded in three to four grades (highest to lowest): distinguished, silver, and bronze for the U.S. Army and distinguished, gold, silver, and bronze for the Marine Corps

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