



Massachusetts Liberty

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Don't Miss the Libertarian State Convention: Saturday, April 12th!

Kay Pirrello

Our Libertarian State Convention is right around the corner! Don't miss this exciting day of speakers and seminars! The State Convention will be on Saturday, April 12th at the Sheraton Framingham hotel.

A Day in the Life of the Convention

The day begins at 8:15AM, with convention registration. You'll pick up your registration packet and mingle with fellow Libertarians.

At 9:00AM, the fun begins when Convention Committee Chair Jess Bowen welcomes us to the convention, and introduces our Master of Ceremonies, Mark Cenci.

Up next, Bill Winter, former National LP Communications director, will deliver the Keynote Speech, *Putting the Pieces Together*.

After the Keynote, we're on to our first session of breakout seminars! Some of the seminars will be repeated in the afternoon, but some are only scheduled once, so make sure to check the schedule and don't miss the ones that interest you most.

The morning breakouts will be:

- ♦ Libertarian Presidential Candidate Q&A
- ♦ Campus Activism
- ♦ Introduction to the LP and LPMA
- ♦ Practical Homeschooling
- ♦ Public Speaking

For more information on each breakout seminar, visit the web site at www.lpma.org/convention.

At 11:00AM, we'll rejoin the whole group in the Sheraton's Grand Ballroom and hear Carla Howell's brand new speech, *The Means is the End*.

At 11:30AM, we'll move on to a brief business session. Acting Chairman Kamal Jain will lead this session as we hear reports

from LPMA officers.

Up next is lunch! While we dine on a fabulous buffet, we'll hear Sue Blevins, president and founder of the Institute for Health Freedom, discuss her book *Medicare's Midlife Crisis*.

When we're done, Ms. Blevins will hold a book signing and copies of her book will be available to buy. It's a great read, so don't miss it!

After lunch, David Rostcheck, founder of the Northbridge Training Center and co-founder of the Pink Pistols, delivers his speech, *Welcome to the Resistance*.

At 2:30PM, LPMA's Political Director Dennis Corrigan will lead a 2002 Candidate Debriefing, with a panel of candidates from the 2002 election year. They'll discuss their campaigns and the achievements the LP made in



The Sheraton Framingham Hotel, famous for being the "castle" on the MassPike, is the location of this year's Massachusetts Libertarian State Convention

2002.

Next up is another session of 1-hour breakout seminars. The afternoon breakouts will be:

- ♦ Starting an Activist Group
- ♦ Volunteering for Fun and Non-Profit
- ♦ Introduction to the LP and LPMA
- ♦ Practical Home schooling
- ♦ Public Speaking

After the breakout seminars, we'll be entertained by Michael Cloud's new speech, *The Possibility of Liberty*.

Then it's cocktail time! The Cocktail Reception is the perfect chance to mix and mingle with our speakers, candidates and Libertarian activists!

At 6:00PM, the Dinner Banquet begins. The Sheraton's expert chef is preparing three fabulous dinner selections with a choice of chicken, fish or vegetarian meals.

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letter from the chair

A Clear Path to Follow

"To move public policy in a Libertarian direction, by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office"

- *Mission statement of the National Libertarian Party*

We Libertarians dream of a world with smaller government, more individual liberty, and greater personal responsibility. The fact is that there are many ways to turn such a vision into reality; there are so many fronts on which to fight this noble battle. But as members of the Libertarian Party, we have a simple choice to make: Political activism or bust.

The mission statement of the National Libertarian Party clearly outlines the path we must follow, but here in Massachusetts we also have initiative petitions and ballot referenda in addition to elective office. So, as a member of the Massachusetts LP, you have more choices in pursuit of our goal, and we all like greater choice, right?

By joining the party you have stated that you believe in political activism... but talking the talk is not enough. As with most movements, we have no shortage of armchair quarterbacks — it is time to walk the walk! Correction: it is time to RUN... and, in this race, you must lead, follow, or get out the way.

Am I suggesting that each and every one of you should run for office? Of course not. You could seek appointed office. Holding public office not your cup of tea? OK, how about sponsoring a ballot initiative to reduce the size, cost, or intrusiveness of government in your town?

Perhaps you are not ready to run a campaign for office or to spearhead a ballot initiative. No problem. Campaigns and initiatives need lots of things and you are in a position to help them out. The most important thing is (gasp!) money. Like it or not, money is the lifeblood of politics.

Not everyone has piles of extra money they keep tripping over in their living rooms. Again... no problem. You can do research, writing, or any number of other volunteer activities. You have what the campaigns and initiatives need to succeed.

There are many special interests consistent with Libertarian philosophy, and while we might work with them on their issues from time to time, in the end we must remember that we are a political party whose goal is to get our candidates into office and our initiatives passed into law.



Kamal Jain

It is the consistency of our ideology that sets us apart from every other political party and we cannot let differences in issue priorities derail our efforts. Now is the time to redouble our efforts and push forward the ideals of liberty. Email me at kjain@lpma.org or call me at (978) 952-2472 and tell me what you are willing to do.

By the way, the odds are that by the time you read this, the deadline for pre-convention registration will have come and gone. If you haven't already registered, you're going to have to show up and do a walk-in registration on the day of the convention. But don't worry — we will more than likely be able to register you and give you a full day of exciting speakers, useful information, and warm (heated?) discussion and debate.

And that is the last you will hear from me on the subject of the convention... until later in the year when we start getting ready for next year's convention.

Remember...only YOU can make liberty happen! (with apologies to Smokey the Bear)

This Month in History

Melanie Mork

April

April marks the birthday of one of the greatest defenders of liberty in America's history. Thomas Jefferson was born on April 13, 1743 in Shadwell, Virginia. Early in his professional life, Jefferson practiced law and served in local government as a magistrate, county lieutenant, a member of the House of Burgesses, and in the Continental Congress. In 1776 he was chosen to draft the Declaration of Independence, which has been regarded ever since as a charter of American and universal liberties. In 1796, as the presidential candidate of the Democratic Republicans, he became vice-president after losing to John Adams by three electoral votes. Four years later, he defeated Adams and became president, the first peaceful transfer of authority from one party to another in the history of the young nation. Jefferson died on July 4, 1826 on the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Libertarian Events

Patrick Henry Libertarian Toastmasters International Meeting

April 3, 17, and 26

The club is oriented to Libertarians to help gain confidence and skills in delivering prepared speeches, as well as impromptu remarks. The club is open to the public. Come on out and see what it's all about! The ninety-minute meeting will take place upstairs at Bickford's on Main Street in Waltham. We will order a meal from the menu. For more information, contact Dennis Corrigan at dcorrigan@lpma.org.

Pioneer Valley Libertarians Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 P.M.

Pioneer Valley Libertarians meet the second Wednesday of each month at Bickford's on Boston Road in Springfield. For more information, contact Alvin See at **(413) 568-7597** or asee@lpma.org.

State Convention 2003

Saturday, April 12

Join Libertarians from around the state at the Massachusetts Libertarian State Convention 2003. This year's convention will be held at the Sheraton Tara on Route 9 in Framingham. See the article on page 1 for more information.

Waltham Libertarian City Committee

Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 P.M.

Join the Waltham Libertarians and find out about their local ballot

Volunteer Opportunities

The end of the state and federal election season does not mean the end of volunteer opportunities — or the end of campaigns! Cities and towns are gearing up for local elections and now is the time to lay the foundation for the next state and federal elections.

Candidates Needed

Cities and towns tend to hold their elections in "off" years. Why don't you consider running for local office? It's a great way to start your political career, build grass root support, and show the Libertarian platform in action. If you're interested in running, contact Kamal Jain at kjain@lpma.org.

Campaign Volunteers Needed

Every Libertarian candidate running will need some help. There are many ways to volunteer for a campaign: writing, making phone calls, driving the candidate to events, being part of the campaign staff, and so many other ways.

If you are interested in assisting with a campaign, contact Dennis Corrigan at (978) 352-4435 or dcorrigan@lpma.org.

Operation Politically Homeless

Operation Politically Homeless is a booth set up at events that draw crowds. Volunteers ask event attendees to take the World's Smallest Political Quiz, hand out Libertarian literature, answer questions, and encourage people to register to vote as Libertarians and join the party.

Many fairs and festivals are candidates for OPH booths. Find out if there's one in your area. Running an OPH booth is easy and fun. We can help you plan the event, recruit help, and supply you with an OPH kit. For more information about OPH booths, see www.discoverliberty.org.

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question to reduce Waltham's property taxes. They'll meet upstairs at the Bickford's Restaurant on 1006 Main St in Waltham. Learn the average amount taxpayers will save by voting YES, discover the wasteful government spending that this question will expose & learn how you can be a part of this historic initiative! For more information, contact Rich Aucoin at raucoin@lpma.org.

Worcester County Libertarian Association

Sunday, April 20, 6:00 P.M.

The Worcester County Libertarian Association meets on the third Sunday of each month at Tweed's Pub Restaurant at 231 Grove Street in Worcester. For more information, contact Dean Cook at **(508) 765-5011**, or dcook@lpma.org, or visit wcla.tripod.com.

Marlborough Libertarian Association

Sunday, May 11, 7:00 P.M.

Marlborough-area Libertarians gather the second Sunday of each month at the Joy Asia buffet on Route 20 in Marlborough. For more information, contact Jess Bowen at jbowen@lpma.org or Stephanie Farrell at sfarrell@lpma.org or **(508) 485-3341**. We will not be meeting in April as our usual date falls on the weekend of the convention.

Massachusetts Liberty Needs Reporters

Do you enjoy writing? Want to help make this newsletter even better? *Massachusetts Liberty* is looking for a few good people to cover Libertarian events around the state. Whether you're willing to travel across the state or prefer to stay near home, your help is needed. We will provide you with the when and where of the event and you provide us with an article and photo (digital if possible!) For more information, contact us at ma-liberty@lpma.org.

Host a Social!

The LPMA socials are parties held in Massachusetts on a monthly basis for the purpose of getting together with other Libertarians and having fun.

Although there is rarely an "activism agenda" at a social, we often have new Libertarians showing up to find out what we're all about, and it's a good way to meet candidates and activists.

The traditional date is the third Saturday of the month, and the traditional time is 7pm. Traditionally, there is no social during the month in which the annual state convention is held (which, in 2003, will be April).

To volunteer to host a social, contact the social coordinator at socials@lpma.org.

Get Local

Groups around Massachusetts are organizing to bring Libertarian philosophy to their city or town government. If you are interested in getting involved with local tax cuts, contact Stephanie Farrell by e-mail at sfarrell@lpma.org or by phone at **(617) 957-9096**.

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The Eloquence of Patrick Henry

On March 13, 2003, the new chapter of Toastmasters International, assembled by Massachusetts Libertarians, heard the following speech given by its President and founder, Dennis Corrigan.

Our club is named in honor of Patrick Henry for a very good reason: he was the greatest public speaker in the history of our country AND... he created the history of our country.

He was born in Hanover County, Virginia, in 1736. His father home schooled him, but he would not apply himself to farming or his studies. At age 21, his father set him up in a business that he bankrupted shortly thereafter. Finally, pressure from his young family caused him to take the bar exam and he began work as a lawyer in 1760.

His surpassing powers as an orator were not revealed till, in 1763, he argued what is known as the "Parson's cause." In the fall of 1758, Virginia had passed an Act fixing tobacco prices at twopence a pound. A drought had wiped out 90% of the crop and prices shot up to sixpence a pound. Anglican parsons who received 17,000 pounds of tobacco per year from the government were upset and sued in Hanover County court. The lawyer for the Assembly was Patrick Henry.

Patrick argued the case as follows: "A King, by disallowing acts of so salutary a nature, from being the father of his people, degenerated into a tyrant, and forfeits all rights to his subjects' obedience."

After his election to the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1765, nine days after taking his seat, and on his twenty-ninth birthday, he moved a series of resolutions pronouncing the Stamp Act unconstitutional and subversive of British and American liberty.

Despite the resistance of all the previous leaders, after a speech of great eloquence, Mr. Henry carried five of his resolutions. In his speech he said: "Caesar had his Brutus, Charles the First his Cromwell, and as for George the Third, I do not doubt that some good American would stand up in favor of his country."

A 17 year-old Thomas Jefferson attended the debate on the resolutions against the Stamp Act, and wrote concerning it:

"I heard the splendid display of Mr. Henry's talents as a popular orator. They were great indeed, such as I have never heard from any other man. He appeared to me to speak as Homer wrote."

His resolutions were published, resulting in open resistance to the tax that made its enforcement impossible.

At this time George Mason first met Henry, and said of him:

"He is by far the most powerful speaker I ever heard. Every word he says not only engages but commands the attention, and your passions are no longer your own when he addresses them. But his eloquence is the smallest part of his merit.

He is, in my opinion, the first man upon this continent..."

Upon hearing of the closing of the port of Boston, the Virginia House of Burgesses set aside June 1, 1774, as a day of fasting, in support of the citizens of Boston. Governor Dunmore dissolved the assembly, but 89 of the Burgesses gathered at the Raleigh Tavern and, under Henry's leadership, proposed that all the colonies meet in a Continental congress.

In September 1774, he represented Virginia and opened the First Continental Congress with a speech that won him the reputation of being the foremost orator on the continent. In this speech he declared, "The distinctions between Virginians and New Englanders are no more. I am not a Virginian, but an American."

At the Congress, a plan was introduced to reconcile England and the colonies, to make them like Canada. Henry led the opposition and was the only one noted by John Adams as opposing it in debate. It was defeated by the vote of only one colony and the destiny of the continent was changed.

On March 23, 1775, he addressed the Virginia convention and made his most famous speech:

"There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable — and let it come! I repeat it, sir, let it come.

"It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace — but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

Although Henry spent much of the next year as a delegate to Congress, he returned to play a prominent role in the 1776 Virginia convention. Here he introduced resolutions for independence, a bill of rights and a constitution. By his powers of oratory he obtained a unanimous vote for the resolutions.

He proposed the religious liberty section of the Virginia Bill of Rights and of the Federal Constitution.

He was elected the first Governor of Virginia, and was re-elected five times. He also served in the Virginia legislature, as US Senator, and was offered the positions of Secretary of State, Chief Justice of the United States, and Special Minister to France.

In 1799, Washington appealed to him to run for Congress, to resist the Alien and Sedition Laws, and in his speech as a candidate he urged the use of every constitutional means to effect their repeal. He was elected, but died before taking his seat, on the sixth of June, 1799 at the age of sixty-two.

The oratorical powers of Patrick Henry are testified to by so many great men that he ranks among the great orators of the world.

Let me close by quoting one distinguished man's impressions, which contain some lessons for us as Toastmasters:

"From my earliest childhood I had been accustomed to hear of the eloquence of Patrick Henry. On this subject there existed but one opinion in the country. The power of his eloquence was felt equally by the learned and the unlearned. No man who ever heard him speak on any important occasion could fail to admit his uncommon power over the minds of his hearers. The power of Henry's eloquence was due, first, to the greatness of his emotion and passion, accompanied with a versatility, which enabled him to assume at once any emotion, or passion which suited his ends. Not less indispensable, secondly, was a matchless perfection of the organs of expression, including the apparatus of voice, intonation, pause, gesture, attitude, and indescribable play of countenance. In no instance did he ever indulge in an expression that was not instantly recognized as nature itself; yet some of his penetrating and subduing tones were absolutely peculiar, and as inimitable as they were indescribable. These were felt by every hearer in all their force. His mightiest feelings were sometimes indicated and communicated by a long pause, aided by an eloquent aspect, and some significant use of his fingers."

Fellow Toastmasters, the eloquence of Patrick Henry should be our constant inspiration.

The Patrick Henry Libertarian Toastmasters Club meets at Bickford's on Main Street in Waltham. Scheduled dates through June: April 3, 17, 26, May 1, 10, 15, 24, June 5, 14, 19, 28. Saturday meetings start at noon, Thursday evening meetings at 7:30 p.m. Guests are always welcome.

Activists in Action: Julio Machado

Melanie Mork

It takes a strong and independent voice to challenge the dominant presence of left-wing thinking on American campuses. At Harvard University, this voice came from Julio Machado, President of the Harvard Libertarian Society. Julio first identified with libertarian thought after reading *The Fountainhead* in high school. This experience, coupled with his memories of Communist Cuba from which he and his family fled, developed into a very strong libertarian ideology.

When Julio first started attending school at Harvard, there were no libertarian organizations on campus. Last year, after converting his roommate Pat Boehm to libertarianism, Julio and Pat started the club to challenge the living wage and anti-globalization rallies that dominated Harvard student life. They realized that other students probably shared their views, but lacked any outlet to take action or share ideas with each other.

Currently, the main focus of the Harvard Libertarian Society is to inform students about "alternatives to centralized federal

solutions to social problems." They have a regular newsletter with plans to expand it into a magazine-style publication (Libertas Magazine), and occasional flyer campaigns to remind students of the libertarian presence on campus. The club also plans speaking events on campus, which will include an event in April featuring Tom Palmer of the Cato Institute.

The club has gotten a lot of positive feedback from their events and articles they publish in their newsletter. Currently, there are over 70 members in the Harvard Libertarian Society and more join every month. Julio hopes that "the Libertarian Society will outlast its ephemeral predecessors and become a genuine force in campus political debate."

For more information, please visit www.harvardlibertarians.org.

Libertarianism 101: The Importance of the Bill of Rights

Brian Chapman

Our founding fathers risked all for liberty and established a framework under which liberty could thrive. Yet we are currently inching step by step toward authoritarian government. Had the Bill of Rights not been installed into the Constitution (as an afterthought), there can be no doubt that we would already have completely lost the right to bear arms. As it is, the second amendment has been breached and is under constant threat of being gutted.

The Fourth and Fifth Amendments are also under attack, since homes, vehicles and persons are routinely searched and people are being deprived of property without due process of law because of our insane "War on Drugs".

The Ninth and Tenth Amendments were intentionally vague, but those craving government power have used that vagueness to their advantage and rendered those amendments meaningless. The Ninth Amendment said that rights can't be taken from the people just because they're not spelled out in the Constitution. For instance, our founding fathers could not have conceived that within 150 years, the right to drink alcohol would be taken from the people. They would have been shocked and dismayed, since every one of them liked at least an occasional drink. They would have said that "if you think alcohol is bad, then you have the freedom to abstain from it... but who are you to deprive others of the freedom to make that choice for themselves?"

The Tenth Amendment tells the U.S. federal government that if the Constitution doesn't give you the authority to do a specific thing, then you don't have the authority to do it. I could list dozens of violations of this amendment, because perhaps 90% of what the federal government does is beyond the scope and intention of the Constitution.

Take, for instance, the Department of Education. Does the Federal Government need over 6,000 bureaucrats to take fed-

eral tax dollars earmarked for education and tell us that if we ever want to see that money returned to our local schools we have to do it their way? This is clearly the very sort of thing that George Mason and our other founders had in mind when they wrote the 10th amendment to put a blanket limit on federal scope and power.

We should be thankful that they had the right idea. They were well aware that power corrupts and that the tendency would be a gradual move toward greater government power at the expense of those governed. They knew that the logical end would be oligarchy, dictatorship and tyranny. We are currently under something of an oligarchy, since there is a large and permanent power structure in Washington. But we still have the power to reverse the damage. We can restore liberty to American by voting Libertarian and by doing all that we can to support the Libertarian Party. We can also educate our children in Libertarian principles in order to counter what they'll learn in public schools.

Get Involved!

Melanie Mork

The M&M trail needs your help again. The National Park Service denied funding for Congressman Olver's M&M Trail feasibility study to try to federalize the trail, but now he has requested a meeting with Interior Secretary Norton to try to convince her to release funds. If we can demonstrate enough opposition to the federalization effort, she will not release funds.

Please write Congressman John Olver at 1027 Longworth HOB, Washington, DC 20515 to voice your opposition.

LPMA appoints new Executive Director: Kay Pirrello

Kay Pirrello was recently appointed as the new Executive Director of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts. As Executive Director, Kay will handle many of the day-to-day activities that keep the party running, including working with volunteers, handling donations, dealing with vendors, and much more.

Kay is well-suited to this task after her experience on Libertarian campaigns and with the state party. Kay has worked on many of the 2002 statewide campaigns, including Question 1 to End the Income Tax. She also worked on the 2000 Carla Howell for U.S. Senate race, and was LPMA's volunteer coordinator in 2001. Additionally, Kay is also a Libertarian State Committee member, and has twice been a delegate to the Libertarian National Convention.

As a dedicated Libertarian and an inveterate hard worker, Kay is excited to take on her new responsibilities with the party, "I'm thrilled to be the new Executive Director. LPMA has a



Kay Pirrello

great team of people who work well together and I'm proud to be a part of the team."

Kay's goal is to make the state LP a more efficient organization, to provide more volunteer opportunities and support both locally and statewide, and to keep the party focused on a crucial voter registration drive.

We have a big year ahead of us, with a major voter registration drive as our prime project. We're recruiting volunteers from all over the state to help us register 25,000 more Libertarian voters and keep our major party status. Last year was a great year, with over 45% of Massachusetts voting in favor of one of our biggest issues: Ending the Income Tax. This year, we need to build on last year's success by registering many of

those voters as Libertarians.

LPMA extends a warm welcome to our new Executive Director, Kay Pirrello.

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During dinner, we'll have the honor of hearing Sheriff Bill Masters, the first Libertarian sheriff, discuss the War on Drugs and his book, *Drug War Addiction*. Copies of the book will be available to buy and Sheriff Masters will be happy to autograph them for you.

To round off the evening, Libertarian activist Dave Rizzo will share with us the state party's upcoming projects, and ask for your help to make them happen.

What a day! With this stellar slate of speakers and a great crowd of Libertarians, even Ebenezer Scrooge would have a fabulous time! You won't want to miss it.

Breakout Seminars

We're offering a great selection of breakout seminars this year! Breakouts will be held in two sessions, morning and afternoon, with three seminars repeating during both sessions.

Libertarian Presidential Candidate Q&A
(morning session only)

Nationally syndicated Libertarian talk radio host Gary Nolan will deliver his Presidential campaign stump speech and take questions. He may be joined by other Libertarian candidates for President, as their schedules allow.

Campus Activism
(morning session only)

Regis College Libertarian Sarah Deuvel will lead a discussion on Libertarian activism on college campuses.

Starting an Activist Group
(afternoon session only)

Lead by speaker David Rostcheck and local activist Doug

Krick, the co-founders of the Pink Pistols, this seminar will teach you the process of starting an activist organization.

Volunteering for Fun and Non-Profit
(afternoon session only)

LPMA's Executive Director Kay Pirrello will show you how you can get involved with the Libertarian Party. She'll present ways to volunteer from home and in your local area, as well as how to get involved with upcoming campaigns.

Practical Homeschooling
(morning and afternoon sessions)

Longtime homeschooler and Libertarian Shannon Vale will discuss Practical Homeschooling.

Public Speaking
(morning and afternoon sessions)

Former State Representative candidate and Vice President of the new Patrick Henry Libertarian Toastmasters Club, Skip Pacheco, will get you started in public speaking.

Introduction to the LP and LPMA
(morning and afternoon sessions)

2002 Libertarian candidate for Lt. Governor Rich Aucoin will introduce you to the Libertarian Party, its platforms and beliefs. This is the perfect seminar for the new or curious Libertarian.

Register Now!

Convention registration is \$95 and includes lunch, dinner, and the full day of speeches and seminars. Convention registration is only open until April 5th, so don't delay! You can register online at www.lpma.org/convention or by calling 1-800-JOIN-LPM. After April 5th, only the \$115 Walk-In Registration will be available, on a limited basis.

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