

364-1373

JANUARY 1991

Hi Guys and Gals,

You will have to make do with me as your letter writer this month. It is a bit hectic here as Spike is in Fitz with pneumonia. It has been a very upsetting time for me as the last time he was really sick was in 1958. I can't believe he is really sick, that's my territory!!!Things are very confusing here to say the least as it may be more serious than plain pneumonia.

Bill Knipprath is also in the hospital only he is in Las Vegas. Any other illnesses  ${\tt I}$  don't know about.

The 8 Jan meeting had a great turnout of 84 people!!!!

Spike's rough notes are really rough and he shows first-timers as Dale Watts, Henery MC?, Jack Darveay, John De Giacoma, Ralph Bernhardt and Ralph Leidholdt. Free lunch went to Bob Frecka and Tom Linam...Oh yes, Tom called to thank Spike for the surprize lunch and said he ordered a steak but didn't get it. Sorry Tom, but your call was lots of fun.

Gordon Terroux led the birthday song for Harold Brewer, Jan Axton, Everret Moyer, Me and Stannick. Jeannie Gill had a birthday too but she kept it a secret.

News---Looks like the old Guard is still alive: There will be a benight Square Dance for Army SSGT Jeff Morris of Boulder who needs help..only he has no date for it in his notes!!!

Late notes as these were last month--Joe (Gen) hid minor surgery on an earlobe, and Leo Cleaver lost his Mother mid-December. Ralph Easley is still having problems as well.

Now notes from me. Jan and Bill Axton are doing an outstanding job on the cards they send out from the Gang. They need recognition for sure.

Learning the hard way——is there any other way for me to do things? When I raced up to Fitz with Spike in outer space I had a delemma. How to get him into ER. I told him to lean against the building while I parked the car and I'd come back and get him. I looked in the rear view mirror and there he was staggering all over the entry way!! So I pulled into the curb and raced to get him inside. They immediately put him in on exygen and I had to do the paper work. I raced out to move the car just in time to take my ticket from the MP. Then I found out that if you need assistance you stop at the gate, tell the guard and he radios the Ambulance crew who meet your car and wisk them inside—no ticket that way.

Postage is going up so those of you who do not get in to feed the poor basket please review when you sent in donations and if due send us a check payable to Spike. Many of you have not been heard of for some time and some not at all. We may have to drop some of you from the mailings and that we do not want to do.

Sincerely

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February 1991

Our February meeting had really good attendance.... 78 people signed in.

Two first-timers were Claud Dutro and Paul Deitrich. We hope to see you often.

Winners of the free lunches were Rolland Vincill and Stan Morrison. These are courtesy of the Club.

Happy Birthdays were extended to: Paul Moya, Larry Schlager, Lola Bargman and Marcel Dube. The song was led by the lovely Club Manager, Jane.

Sick Call this month:

Tom Linam, out patient surgery for a hernia. That free lunch was just too heavy!!!

Mel Spurlin, I day hospital surgery. Both are recovering at home.

Jo Duncan has had a step-up in her medication, she's at home if you want to call.

Harry Serra is still having problems but at last report was visiting in California.

Note of sorrow: John and Dan Candelaria lost their father, Arsenio this month. Our hearts go out to them in this difficult time.

I would like to take this space to thank everyone that sent me get-well cards, phoned and/or visited with me during my recent bout of pneumonia. I am doing well but the best medicine I received was hearing from, talking to and seeing the many many people who cared.

Mail Call: We heard from Bill Littlefield, Ann & Bill Neuens, Herb Schattle, Angie Balk-enbush, Charlie & Barb Ball and Ben Nighthorse Bampbell (West Slope Congressman). Bill Littlefield in Phoenix is having medical problems, holding his own and hoping to visit our meeting this summer. He says Stay Healthy and God Bless. Herb Schattle is really enjoying retirement and says if any of you are in the Temple Texas area give him a call. He said fishing is great. Phone # 817 771 3465. Charlie and Barb Ball are settling into their new home after moving on Christmas Eve. They say Hello and wish us all well.

Angie Balkinbush is still trying to make it to one of our luncheons. Ann and Bill Neuens tell us they have a Florida Chapter of the Other Side of the Mountain Gang with the Winn Coomers, Walt Williamses and Bill (Parley) Cherry attending. Great!!! Ben Nighthorse Campbell writes to the Gang about bill HR 3, Vet Disability Colas and other veteran matters. He will continue to monitor and support all veterans. You can write him care of the House of Representatives.

I noticed in the Jan 91 AFTERBURNER, USAF Retired letter that Retired Reservists under 60 can now also use the Hale Koa Hotel on Waikiki Beach. For a brochure write to: Hale Koa, 2055 Kalia Rd, Honolulu HI 96815-1998 or for info and reservation call 1-800-367 6027/28 or 808 955 0555. Same thing for us over 60.

Food for Thought-- Herman Klap was recalled. At 59 this supply man is now Morgue Officer Tyndall AFB Florida 32403 PFC Box 1893 if you want to heckle.

Our next meeting is 5 March 91, same time, same place, See Ya

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March 1991

Our March meeting had record attendance....87 signed in and 2 did not.

First-timers were: George Samudio, Furman McClain and Bob and Nancy Myler. Come on Back!!!

The Freelunch bunch was George Samudio and Cal Gochenhour.

Birthdays this month were: Joe Moffitt, Diana Thebado, Mel Spurlin, Vee Reid and Al Bargemann. Joe was 80 and everyone else claims to be younger. There was a cake, candle and card for each and Bob Talbot in camoflague (a Beard) lead the birthday song.

April is the month we look back on the last year to see where we have been and how we are doing, then we Elect or appoint a new up front person to show us the way.

General Joe is our nominatting committee person so if you want to nominate a new person, please see Joe, or call him, or write him. Our April meeting is when we will elect or appoint for the new year.

We have come a long way in this last year. Astendance has steadily increased to our average now of 70 or so, (Do you think it could be Marie's cookies or cupcakes?) We are now mailing 285 newsletters, which is an increase of about 50 over the last year. Not bad for a bunch of old brown shoe people.

Our plans are to continue as in the past with no long speeches, just good friends enjoying each other.

How about another Bar-be-que in June or July? I hereby appoint Jim Deyo to head up the Committe. Let him know which date would be best for you and make your reservation. Jim Bring a tablet to take all the info.

There is no one on sick call as far a I know this month...whoopee!!!!

George Blackwell has a new Grandbaby, Congrats to the family.

Heee's Baaaack!!!! Herman Klapp is off active duty. Welcome home!!!! He told me he would try to get to our next meeting.

The meeting will be 2 April. Come on out , see old friends, eat and enjoy.

See you there!!!

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# OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN GANG

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April 1991

For the April Meeting we had 87 people present.

We saw for the first time at our meeting Jim Isabell, Gary Montgomery and the always lovely Jeanette Schlager. Come on back!!!!

Bob Huffman and Doug Gill won the Free lunches.

Birthday honorees were- Ernie Nold, Henry Martin, Fat AND Helen Mc Cabe, Alex Franz, John Candelaria and Bob Herbst. Herman Klap led us in the birthday song.

Joe Moffitt, with all his wisdom, gave the Nominating Committee report. The only nominee was W D Boyle so in one of Joe's fast shuffle votes Spike Boyle remains as the up front guy.

It was voted to have our Second Annual Bar-be-que Steak cook-out in July. So, in order to know how many steaks to buy you have to let us know. You may call me at 364 1373 or Chairman of the Cooks, Jim Deyo at 798 0838 no later than 20 June. If you wish to attend but not eat steaks there will be hamburgers available. Note to Jane---Help, we need to know the price!!!!!

The Base is planning an award and homecoming celebration for the people recalled for Desert Storm the first week in June. I hope to have full information at the meeting. Let's plan to come and show our support for those people who took part in the fastest war in history, for us.

As of this day I have no sick call that has been reported to me.

Next meeting will be 7 May, Camana Club as usual and same time...10:30 on.

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May 1991

We had 80 folks present at our May meeting...a nice turn-out.

First-timers this month were Arliss Guinn and Paul R Miller. We do hope to see you again.

Free-loaders were Dick Burch and Buford Guinn ( see what happens when you bring your wife? )

Lots of birthdays - Jim Deyo, Walt Reither, Flo Whilhelm, Loyd Richards, Helen Nold and both Lorene and Rip Reposa!

We have a sick list this month - On meeting day Bill Knipprath was in St Josephs then after only a few days home he was admitted to Fitz. He is having a bit of a struggle. Harvey Strickland, Buckley Fire Department was in St Josephs and has now been released.

We all got a big Hello from the Grand Junction by way of Ray Beckage who attended by way of a 7:00 am departure from that fair area. Ray wants to get some of those folks to come to our BIG Bar-be-que. Now don't forget be sure to let us know if you are going to attend...we have to know how many steaks to have!!! Call me at 364-1373 or Jim Deyo, our Chef Extrodinaire at 798 0838.

It is really nice when we have good things to report and this month we do just that. Rio Lucas was married Mid-May to Joyeann Hurlburg. They are on honeymoon for three weeks in California so we won't get to meet the lovely lady until July.

Two months ago we had a special collection for Irene Sandoval daughter of Pete Sandoval 140 CAM and DOD Police. This little gem is having a lot of medical expense and a terrible amount of illness. Our donation added to a Walk-Run fund raiser netted \$7,717.00. It feels really good to be part of helping those in need.

It is nice to have Col Whitney and Col Schultz attend our meetings keeping us up to date on the Base plans and showing how much they support us. We are out of uniform but we salute you!!!

Our June meeting is on the 4th at the same old place and same old time. See ya!

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June 1991

The June meeting was a great event - 89 people attended!!! (note-no one signed on line 56)

First timers - Chuck Mueser has been promising me to attend for almost 2 years. Well Chuck you finally made it---welcome and come back often.

Free Lunch - Bob Knapp and Les Waggoner were the lucky ones this time. Please note that there will be no freebies for July as that is the BBQ.

Birthdays were Dan Morris (on the day even), Al Barnes, Jerry Greenwall and Joe Hallack. All looked a year older except Joe..he"s looked the same all the 44 years I've known him.All received our famous small heart cakes, lighted candle and a card. Wally Buck was our song bird and led us in the birthday song. Nice job Wally, we all thank you.

Dan & Dora Chamberlain travelled from afar to join us and catch up on all the news.

Sick List—Harry Serra is on our list as is Jim Hanse who is in a hospital in Wyoming. I hear through the grapevine Tuck Mestepey has been on the puney side as well. Walt Williams was at Rose Hospital with medication reaction. Benny Myers lost the little finger left hand by surgery. Vern Marshall wrote to tell me Hal De Mooy has been in the hospital over on the western slope and thought some notes and cards might cheer him up. Hal lives at 1408 Bristol Ct., Montrose CO 81401. Cards help all those under the weather so if you need an address for some one call me or Bill Axton.

Base News- John Candelaria tells us they are forming an American Legion Post on Base and are looking for members.

The Base is looking for volunteers to help supervise the operation of Lake Williams. Big things are being planned for our own recreation area. Ask me for info.

Angie Balkenbush sent us the enclosed notice of sale, thanks Angie, it helps if we can laugh a bit about this loss.

July meeting is on the 9th. It is our second Annual BBQ lunch. Jim Deyo and crew are the Master Chefs and they have 100 plus reservations. Come early, stay late and if you did not reserve come anyway and enjoy getting together with everyone. I'll bring a loaf of bread and a jar of peanut butter if that will help. Sandwiches (limited) will be available really. Don't forget your sunglasses and sunscreen lotion.

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July 1991

Our Barbeque was a smash, 104 signed in plus 3 people from Summer Camp. No free lunch.

We had two first-timers - Robert Jet and Andy Padavick.

Birthdays were; Bill Haggerty, Al Barnes, Charles Ball, Don Wood, Duke Holdorf and me. The rendition of the Birthday Song was led by Dannie Yancy...well done.

Sick Call is a bit much this month. Roy Ash was in Fitzsimmons for a stomach anuersism. Bill Knipprath was back in Fitz again for more tests. Jinx Moore is at home and his wife Virginia says visitors (for a short visit) would be welcome. His weight is now under 100 pounds. Address is: 1491S Elliott st Denver 80219. Phone is 936 3494 but Jinx is not able to talk on the phone very much. Cal Goachenhour's wife had surgery on her wrist. Walt Moeller was in Fitz (my still be there) for Colon Cancer. Just as the last few were leaving the meeting I got a call that Pappy Yourell had died. I was also told that Margaret Reed had passed away. Harvey Strictland died as well.

One late call on illness - Jane Belles McCormick called and Jim and Butch Prentiss may not make it up this summer. Butch has had a new pacemaker installed...this one has variable speed..and she may be getting a heart transplant. They need to have dental work done in Wichita Falls but they have to stay pretty close to Baylor University Hospital in Dallas for some time.

For some Good News, Doug and Jeannie Gill celebrated their 40th Anniversary!! Good on you!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: All service contract People! There will be a short meeting after the August meeting. There are inportant changes in benefits that each of you must apply for individually. Rip Reposa has burned up the phone lines getting as much info as possible and Betty Buck should be there to help all of you wade through this new mass of information and applications.

Mary Dahmer is a proud new Grandmother of an 81b 15 oz girl. Grand daughter, Mother and Grandmother are all doing well.

Frank Allen Dunn was in town just last week. He is doing great and should ayone be in Vegas, get his address from me and go see him . Says he'll teach how to stay away from the slot machines.

Received a letter from Lt Col Alan Box F-16 Conversion Project Officer ( letter attached ) The Eagles (F-16) are flying in!!! Let's all make the effort to wittness this historic event when the first two arrive and taxi on our ramp 28 Aug 91.

The T-43 flight has had to be delayed...maybe October... so hang in there it's still a go.

August meeting is on the 6th, same time, same place and lets see lots of old and new faces.

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August 1991

The August meeting was another good one- 80 people atterded.

Free Lunches went to Bill Haggerty and Steve Pahs. Now Steve drinks his lunch so he redrew and Charlie Ball got his lunch free.

First-timers were Floyd Leopold and Wilbur Pitts. Welcome guys and come back often.

Birthdays were - Doug Gill, Don Wood, Joe Bahmeier, Tom Linam, Al Schuleger, Bob Snyder and Myrt Herbst. Birthday song was led by the renown conductor, Bob (RIP) Reposa.Cakes with candles and cards went to all.

We were all glad to see Jim Hansen out of the hospital and looking great..good on you!

Sick call - Walt and Ruth moeller, Jim Moore and Harry Serra are all recovering at their homes. The Friday before our meeting Vern T Marooney passed away in Grand Junction. AG John France made Space A to Grand Junction available to several of the Gang members friends and Tech who were able to go.

Some deaths to report...Pat Haggerty lost a beloved cousin she was very close to all her life. Sid Webb's Mother in law died as did Carole France's neice. All these in the waning days of August. Our sympathy goes out to all of you at this trying time.

28 Aug 1991 at 12:45 the new F-16 C/D Eagles touched down at Buckley. There was a large turn-out for the ceremonies with several Gang members there. Another new era begins.

Chief Guerney Ulrich is retiring military 20 Sep 91. The ceremonies for this event will be at the ANG Dining Hall. For Full details and reservations call the Air Police.

The Oreintation flight for Gang members and Spouses will be the second Tuesday in Oct. Those who plan to see the Aspen from the air, please let me have your names, SS#, phone number no later than 15 Sep 1991.

The September meeting will be delayed due to the Labor Day Holiday so..... See you all at the same old place at the same old time on Tuesday 10 September !!!!!

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September 1991

We had 85 people attending our September get-together....we keep growing!!!!

Free Chow went to Lea Bruce and Walt Reither.

First-timers were Bill Peeples, George Miller and the lovely Joyeanne Lucas!

Wally Buck, Joyeanne Lucas and Tom Sweeney were the Birthday kids and I led the Happy Birthday song...should make lots of volunteers for the next meeting

We had two Special Guests, Dale Bargemann, son of Al Bargemann and Jim Hugh.

Sick Call - Dale Thompson has had his third knee replacement, Bill Knipprath spent last week at Fitz for medication adjustment for heart rate. Myrt Herbst will be at Fitz for a hip replacement on the 27th of this month and Clarence Reimann is spending two days a week for the next few weeks having tests.

For those signed up for the Retiree Appreciation Flight it is still a go for 8 Oct and you will be contacted in the event of any changes. We will have more information on the time at this October meeting coming up.

There are new stars at Buckley - on the shoulders of Mason Whitney - they sure look good.

Serious time. Almost every month we find we have to pass the POOR Basket. Stamps, envelopes, cards etc. all add up. This puts a big burden on those who do attend each month so once again I have to ask that you who can't be physically with us, please help out a bit. As each check comes in it is recorded on the computer and some of you have not been very helpful lately. Please think back and if you are behind in your contributions, please send a check to W D Boyle. If it is made out to the Gang I am unable to cash it as we have no bank account and handle everything in cash. I hate to have to bring this up so often but we all have to do our part to keep this Gang going. Nuf said.

Some names from the past who have said they plan to attend our next meeting are: Keith Millsapps, Henry Elgin and Ralph Lattimer. Let's hope they can make it out.

Those of you who see new faces at the meetings please help me out and make sure they give their name, address and phone number to Marie for the mailing list.

Next meeting is 1 October, same time, same place, some old and some new faces.

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October 1991

The October meeting was a happy one even though we had only 68 people present. 66 people in the same room talking to each other ain't all bad!!! I salute you all.

First-timers were Dean Laudeman, John Mac Millen, Ralph Grondall, John Swenson and Bill McCarthy. Welcome all, and come back soon.

Bill Mc Carthy was the only birthday !! Pat McCabe led the birthday song ( with maybe a little Irish influence.)

Free lunches went to Doug Gill and First-timer Ralph Grondall.

Sick call - Moe Etter had intestine surgery, Mary Edwards is at Spaulding after another stroke and Myrt Harbst is doing very well after her hip replacement.

The sad note for the month is the loss of Jinx Moore who died on the 20th of Oct.

The mail was busy this month with donations for the mailing fund from: John France, Jim Vitale, Don Allen, Vern Marshall, Don Lucke, Don David, Lowell Leigh, Eugene Schroeder, Bill Neuens, Parly Charry, Angie Balkenbush, Bob Waltz, John Kottal, Bill Smutz and Bill Koger. Thanks for all the kind words as well as easing the strain on the Poor Basket a bit.

8 October was the big day, the Flight on the T-43. Capt Schultz gave us a very informative briefing, SMS Carl Ruth brought us up to speed on recruiting and gave us all an Auto Sunscreen. Only one thing we should mention, made in Alabama they misspelled Colorado....Colarado, oh well. Col John Hoffman ( known by other names as well) was our volunteer pilot because he believes in our Gang. We went south to Pueblo and the Bombing Range, then west to Durango, over the whole state really, up to Steamboat, Estes Park and home again. The Aspen were wonderfuland all points of interest were pointed out. Capt Schultz went all out and we thank him.

Mary Jo Pahs wrote the following and asked that I include it in this letter: A BIG thanks to Spike, for arranging the orientation flight aboard Bobcat 1 on Tues., 8 Oct, 1991. For me, and perhaps I can speak for all the gals - it was probably a once in a lifetime chance to ride in a military aircraft here in the United States. Col. John Hoffman and his crew certainly gave us an interesting and enlightning flight. I particularly enjoyed sitting at the navigator's console with headset on, listening to the pilots talk and watching the airspeed, altimeter, etc. We had an excellent view of the new range and beautiful aspen, and a lot of fun just visiting. It was truly a unique get-together for this group. Thanks again!!!

Next meeting will be 5 Nov, same time, same place and don't forget, this is the month for a Door prize to help some lucky person with Thanksgiving dinner.

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PS Herman Klap is retiring again 2 Nov 91, 1830 Hrs. RSVP by 30 Oct to CMS Butler...29578 Loomis Way...Golden CO

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November 19991 ( a bit late)

Wow! The November meeting set an all time high of 96 attending a regular meeting!!

First-timers were Greg Krzyzak, Jack Rosamond and Ruth Holdorf.

The free lunch winners were Red on the Head Dick Burch and the Lovely but short Jan Axton.

Lots of Birthday cakes (cupcakes with candles, really), cards and singing went to Bill Axton, Dale Thompson, Tuck Mestepey, Robert Frecka, Wayne Carlton, Barb Deyo and Bob Aldrich. Our Birthday song leader was Karl Lawrence who did a fine job for all.

Sick call was Burford Guinn who had surgery and is doing well and Myrt Herbst who was there with flying colors after her hip replacement.

Mail was heavy this month with donations and notes from Robert Haaf, Bill Peeples, Harmon, Chamberlain, Mc Gaffin, B. Williams, Leffelbein, Ballard, Stanek, Pitts, Butler and Father Durrie.

The Thanksgiving drawing for the Gift Certificate was won by Jean Gill. Lucky Lady. See what can happen when you sign in?

Now, don't forget, we have a Christmas Drawing too. So sign in and your number on the sheet may win you a \$10.00 gift certificate too.

Now December is a special month and things are done a bit differently. There will be no name tags used as the space they take up may well be filled with some of the very best eating you have ever seen. We are asking the ladies to bring a plate of their special Holiday Treats. Marie gets the month off and after all the calories we had last year I would like to suggest that anyone who has an exercycle or treadmill might want to set it up for those of us who can't resist. Oh Boy can our Ladies bake!!!!!!

Speaking of the Ladies, this is the big meeting of the year when we ask all of you who can bring your lady and we will all enjoy a special Christmes meeting.

One other thing we have planned is that each person bring a signed Christmas card. They will be placed in a basket and each and every person will take home a card from one of us. (For those who forget I will try to have a box of emergency cards on hand.) I think a card exchange should be fun, don't you?

Please note the enclosure from Bob Talbot. It could save you some money and in this day and age every penny helps.

To be more in the Christmas Spirit it was voted at the November meeting that we have the meeting a bit later in the month so this explains the delay in the letter...the date is 10 December, same time, same place and with the ladies we should have lots of new faces. See you all then.

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December 1991

The December 10th Christmas Party was a huge success....105 people signed in!! WOW!

First-timers were Cy Harjes, Marie Knutter and Ronald Carlson. Here's a big GANG welcome and do come back.

Vinc Hill and Red Knutter won the free lunches and in the Door Prize Drawing Helen Nold won the \$10.00 Gift Certificate.

Birthdays were Marie Knutter, Jim Burchart, Bob Minnehan, Tom Oliver, Ruth Moeller. The Birthday Song was led by the one and only Moe Etter. Many Happy Returns and a Big THANX to Moe. Birthday cakes were Christmas Trees (Store bought).

Our Ladies came to the luncheon loaded down with Christmas Goodies and boy were they good. If it was not on those two huge tables, believe me, it does not exist!! Thank you Ladies one and all. A special big thanks to Jan and the Club staff who went out of their way to decorate the Club and the Tables in the Spirit of Christmas. Beautiful!

The night before the party Joe Moffett called and due to a commitment he could not get out of we had to grant him a 3 day pass. Sorry Joe, you missed a great time.

Now for the sad stuff. Sick CallJuanita Thebault's husband Victor passed away. The Rosary was on the 12th with private services. Bobbie Terroux, wife of Gordon had a knee replacement on Party Day, the 10th. Lorene Reposa had a knee replacement and was doing very well out shopping at the Fitz PX!

Every one brought a Christmas card and put them in a big bowl. The cards were passed around and fun was had by all as they thanked the person who signed the card!

We had Greetings send to all of us by B/Gen France, Co. Whitney (still at school) and they wish they could have been with us.

Help Needed. If when you retired and were lucky enough to receive a numbered pic of an A7-D please call the Wing Commanders Staff at 340 9555 and let Arliss know your name and the number on your pic.

By the time you receive this 1991 will have come to a close. It has been a good one for all the friends in the Gang. Marie and I hope the new 1992 will be happy, healthy and prosperous for all of you and yours.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be 7 January, same time, same place, and the same good fellowship. See ya!

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