



*315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Alumni Association  
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***Happy New Year***

By this time we have our plans for the New Year all worked out. We have already purchased fireworks, cherry bombs for the adults and bottle rockets and sparklers for the kids. Many of our friends have invited us to parties and we have our pointed hats and a variety of noise makers. Others would rather cozy up to the burning fireplace, get all warm and fuzzy wearing our PJ's, and wait for the ball to drop at Times Square. On New Year's Day, we prepare food that will bring us luck. The number one favorite food that will bring us luck is turnip greens and collard greens. Then we turn on the TV or radio and listen to all the old songs and music from the past. We make New Year resolutions but only if we wish. We always wish bringing in the New Year will better than the one from the past. Those of us from the older generation remember the symbol cartoon in the newspaper where the old man from the previous year has his walking cane and moving on, while the stork has the New Year baby in her beak using a diaper as a sling holding the baby. Most, but not all, remember this all our lives.

*Final Fly Bye* correction:

In the 19 December 2021 issue of the newsletter, we indicated that Chief Virgil Childers had passed on. The Chief is alive and well. It was his wife Angela that passed on 15 December 2021. We send our sincerest condolences to the Childers family.

### *Chief Dick Fuller*

At our last Alumni board meeting on 3 December 2021, Col Jim Roberts addressed the board on ways that we could recognize Dick for the longest service in our history to the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and the 315<sup>th</sup> Alumni Association. Some of the suggestions were donating to his favorite organization, constructing a memorial in his honor, and the list goes on. This decision will be pending until our next Alumni board meeting and luncheon scheduled for 4 March 2022.

### *Future Newsletters for year 2022*

Beginning 1 December 2022, the newsletter will be divided into two parts, the current news and the history of the Wing and the Alumni Association. We need to put this together now as we grow older and can still remember. The newsletter may go into three or four pages. We do not have the time and resources to publish two separate newsletters. I have taken numerous notes from Chief Fuller that goes back to 1969 when we were first activated. All of you have great stories, I'm sure, and I have numerous history files in the office in my home that none of us could ever read in our life spans. I will break it down and select the historical information that would be of interest to the majority.

At this time we are enjoying the great **Holiday Season** that runs from Christmas through the New Year.

Enjoy all the party time that we have left, be safe, and let the good times roll !!

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