

# Merry Christmas From Virginia!

This year was another fun and busy year full of new places and old and new faces. When last year ended Davina surprised Robert by visiting him in Korea where he was halfway through a one-year remote tour.

The year kicked off for us there where we welcomed 2002. In February Robert made a trip back to Colorado to check up on Davina. He certainly enjoyed seeing the dogs and the mountains. At that time we started to prepare for selling the house for our move to Virginia and Robert's next assignment at Langley Air Force Base. March brought the last visitors to our Colorado home - Davina's dad and sister Gloria. Gloria and Davina enjoyed the last of the skiing with a little bowl adventure. In April the house sold and Davina moved to an apartment with the dogs. May was wonderful with the return of Robert to the states. After saying good-bye to those majestic Rockies, we headed east on a month-long, 17-state, multi-family and -friend journey/vacation to finally arrive in Virginia in June. Our country is certainly beautiful from the Black Hills of South Dakota to the shores of Lake Michigan to the rolling hills of central New York. Once we got to Virginia we settled into a hotel for a month before moving into our duplex on the Air Force Base. We quickly set up our new house by unpacking as much as possible before our next move, building a shed, and putting up a fence for the dogs. © Robert's new assignment has kept him on the road since August - Boston, Oklahoma, Dayton, Florida, DC, Utah, etc. September brought our first visitors, Robert's sister Amie and her family. It rained the whole time so a trip to the water park only seemed natural. October heralded the long anticipated Gill Gagle camping trip in

Kentucky. What a great time enjoying everyone's company and playing with the nieces and nephews. Robert was also promoted to the rank of Major in October. His parents were able to join us in the festivities. During this time we also attended three weddings in Delaware and Kentucky—Davina's two cousins and a friend. After a quiet Thanksgiving in Virginia, we headed to Alaska to visit Davina's brother and his family. The highlight of the journey was "The Nutcracker" performance in which Davina's niece Skye and sister-in-law Klaudia had roles. On the way back we stopped in Washington to visit Robert's sister Debbie and her family. Both Alaska and Washington have breath-taking scenery. (It makes it harder to decide on where to retire with all of these great choices in our country!) And now Christmas is upon us and we are looking forward to Davina's parents

and sister Gloria coming to Virginia for a few days and then we will head to Ohio to visit Robert's family for the New

Year. We hope you all enjoy this blessed holiday season. Thank you for all of your love and support throughout this year. May 2003 bring you joy and peace!

Happy New Year!

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