

## Seasons Greetings

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual PMEL Reunion Dinner will be on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> this year. We will be at the Doubletree Hotel Denver Southeast on 13696 E. Iliff Place (Iliff and I-225), Aurora, (303) 337-2800. The dinner this year will be \$30.00 per person and the room rate is \$59.00. This rate is called the "Take the Elevator Home" and is limited, so get your reservations early. This does not include breakfast.

Those of you who will not be able to attend the dinner, please let me know what you have been up to. If you would send me a letter or e-mail with this information, I will post them at the dinner for all to read.

The PMEL picnic this year was hosted by Tim and Maggie Rash at their home. Even though the weather was very nice only 5 people showed up. We changed from the Fitzsimons picnic grounds because the cost was too high. Maybe we are no longer interested in a summer picnic. Let's hope we have more people for the dinner. Pictures have been posted and may be reached through the link "PMEL News from Denver" on Ernie Huffine's [www.pmel.org](http://www.pmel.org) Web site.

We are still having our monthly luncheons at Fat Boys Bar and Grill, 10660 E. Alameda Ave, and it is still the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, at High Noon. The numbers are getting smaller but we still have a good time. Every now and then an old face will show up. Stop in and see if there are any new old faces.

Two years ago I became an associate member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group Heavy. This unit was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and flew B-17s and B-24s in the Pacific through out WWII. My wife's uncle was a B-17 pilot with this group. They have a reunion each year and we have attended the last 3. It is very interesting to listen to these veterans and record their stories. This year I recorded some of those stories. We are losing these veterans in large numbers each year. If you have the time, I know retirees don't have any free time, look in your area for a similar group and get involved. Help to keep this information alive.

Remember Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, and buy and wear a little red poppy in remembrance.

The Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum, in hangar 1 at the old Lowry AFB, is still open and if you are in the Denver area it is worth the time to visit. I'm usually there on Tuesday and Thursday and would be happy to show you around. Unfortunately they do not let me have free passes. If you live in the Denver area they are always looking for new volunteers. Their web site is <http://www.wingsmuseum.org/>.

I am still looking for memorabilia about the military Metrology program including copies of the Christmas cards we use to send. The collection is on display at the dinner each year.

If you know any people who want to be included in our directory or you change your address, phone number or **e-mail address**, please let me know. The more e-mails I can send out the less snail mails I need to make. E-mail for the most part is free.

I would like to thank all of you who have helped to keep this group together. Hoping everybody has a safe and happy holiday season and we see you all on December 5<sup>th</sup>, if not before.

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P.S. I just got my reservations though the reservation line and had no trouble so hopefully it is all working right. If you need help let me know. (303) 431-7681