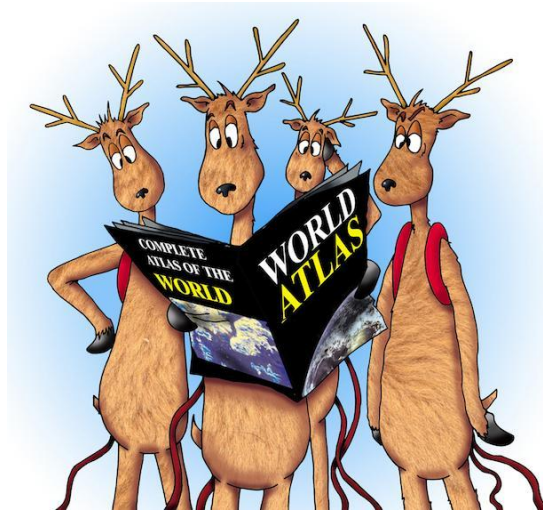




Christmas 1997



Unfortunately, our Christmas letter for 1997 has been lost. At the time I had been retired from the Army almost a year and a half and had been with Florida State University all that time.

My job with FSU involved developing and delivering professional development courses, which was interesting.

At the urging of the Dean of Continuing Education, Dr. Robert Simerly, I had begun a doctoral program in the College of Education and took two courses each semester.

The Braden family enjoyed its nice home in a nice community and was enjoying "civilian" life.