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B+B,

Hello world!

These last few months were more difficult and I struggled greatly with PTSD (anxiety) and depression symptoms. I will not focus on that now - Lets just say God's Grace is sufficient for all my needs.

I am grateful for the letters, cards and notes I receive. Often these have been the highlight of my entire week.

2017 was our first year living in the "veterans" Housing Unit (H.U.). Overall it is a success, but we faced many hurdles. We overcame each challenge and this year will be no different. In time, with IDOC staff support, the vets H.U. and group will be able to really help vets survive and succeed prison to become better, healthier citizens.

On the negative side there were three (3) men we were compelled to drop, two (2) others that chose to leave before

they were dropped and three (3) vets we gave 90-Day suspensions for severe behaviors which resulted in major level tickets they incurred on their own.

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Everything is cleaned up now and this new year promises to be positive. We've come to realize that being in a prison means many "veterans" will have serious issues of mental and emotional disabilities. I'm one of them after all, but for those lacking self control and discipline we just have to stand firm on them and not put up with any foolishness.

The "email" service was finally activated yesterday. They are not selling the MP-3 players yet, but we can do emails on the Kiosk in the day room until they do.

It's a "GITL" provider

"connectnetwork" . gov or . com

I'm not sure, but the **IDOC** website



will have a link and info if anyone would like to set up an account with me.

In January 2018 there was a new IDoc Program enacted for 'Earned Good Time Credit'. This allows a person some minor reduction in their sentence based on behavior and conduct.

This was two (2) years in the works and of course --- nothing was ready in January. It will take months for them to figure things out. A bit discouraging for all of us hoping for any relief.

Now I am hearing there are some staff trying to reverse this Program.

More next time,

*Tom D. Cully*