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The Veteran Writer

Christmas is that time at the end of the year when we share our good fortune with others in a spirit of giving. New Year's, on the other hand, is when we resolve to start something new for ourselves. Both are very important for writers.

Over Christmas, I undertook an editing project for a fellow veteran who wants to become a writer. He and I have a lot in common. We are both Air Force veterans who worked in the Security Police career field. He has a good story going in his novel with a lot of realistic action and characters that veterans can easily put names to. But he lacks a lot in basic English writing skills. It is something that I, too, suffered from until I spent a few years teaching English as a Second Language. If you want to learn a subject, teach it. The reading surface in his novel is now smoother and I hope to continue to help move his work forward toward publication.

There are many veterans out there with stories to tell and their memories need to be preserved for history. We need to encourage our veterans to tell their stories and write them down, if they can. There are plenty of writers who want to get these stories published.

Starting this year, I'm beginning a blog on my website. It is something new for me. I hope to share interesting facts and answer your questions about writing and my stories.

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