



# **LOBO WING CHATTER**

MAY 2017

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

## **MEMORIAL DAY**



Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in our country's armed forces. The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, originated as Decoration Day after the American Civil War in 1868, when the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans founded in Decatur, Illinois, established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Union war dead with flowers. By the 20th century, competing Union and Confederate holiday traditions, celebrated on different days, had merged, and Memorial Day eventually extended to honor all Americans who died while in the military service.

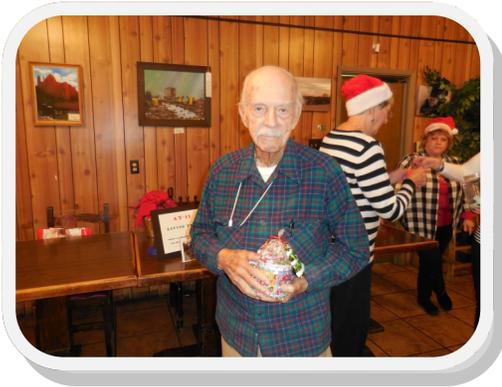
**LET US NEVER FORGET THEIR ULTIMATE SACRIFICE THAT GAVE US OUR  
FREEDOMS TO MAKE THE UNITED STATES A GREAT NATION**

### **GONE WEST**

Col Clay O. Keen had a large presence in the forming of the Lobo Wing and the beginnings of the restoration of the PT-26 at Coronado Airport. Clay had a very friendly persona greeting you with a smile and firm handshake and if you were a lady it was a kiss on the lips. Yes, Clay liked the ladies and the ladies liked Clay! You would never guess Clay was 94 years young! Still driving the freeways, enjoying meeting friends and aviation enthusiasts for breakfast or coffee and visiting the Lobo Wing Hangar. He liked cars too, having accumulated at least 25 cars and stored at various locations. Of course, airplanes were his passion. He shared a hangar at Moriarty Airport and owned an Ecoupe. Clay was a World War II veteran flying in the China-Burma-India Theater. He flew in the Korean War and was part of the Air National Guard at Kirtland AFB, NM. Clay has made many speaking engagements to include the Veterans Memorial in Albuquerque. This is the Clay we all know and love. May 12, 2017, was a sad day for us all as he left to meet his maker. He will definitely will be missed and never forgotten. Funeral/memorial services will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017. Location and time are pending.

CLAY KEEN

21 February 1923—12 May 2017



Clay had made a decision to relocate to Colorado to be closer to his daughter, son and grandchildren. On Saturday, May 29th, he and the family were going to make a visit to the hangar to say goodbye. Because of an unusual storm they had no choice but to stay home. But four Lobo Wing members were on their way (weather and all) when a semi-truck accident on I-40 interfered, leaving them stranded in their car for 3 hours. (with the cake). Needless to say, Saturday at the hangar was cancelled. Once back in Albuquerque they made an assessment as weather cleared. David McBride, Ken & Joan McBride and Frank Gasperich went to Clay's house and represented the Lobo Wing with cake in hand and good wishes for his speedy recovery in his new residence. Unfortunately, Clay was taken from us less than 2 weeks later. Rest in Peace, Clay.



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**PILOTS BASH—CUTTER AVIATION, ALBUQUERQUE SUNPORT — SATURDAY, 3 JUNE 2017 (1700-2000)**

We need your help: Set up the PX @ 1600 .  
**MOST IMPORTANT:** We want YOU to be a "good-will ambassador " for the Lobo Wing. Talk up the Lobo Wing.. Projects we're working on. Invite to Hangar. How to become a Member.

Until next time.....

Remember: The Lobo Wing is small but MIGHTY!

*Lobo Rose*