



LOBO WING CHATTER

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ALBUQUERQUE, NM



Wishing you the miracle of **HOPE**, the **JOY** of sharing, the **COMFORT** of
friendship, and the blessing of **PEACE. & LOVE**

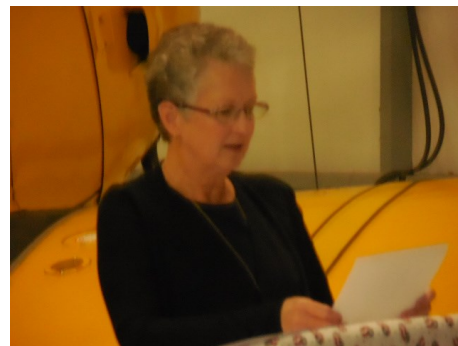
VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE & CAF SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Not often is Veterans Day on a Saturday when many of us are at the hangar. So it was most appropriate for the Lobo Wing to honor all our veterans. We have one World War II veteran, Harry Elereet, age 92.

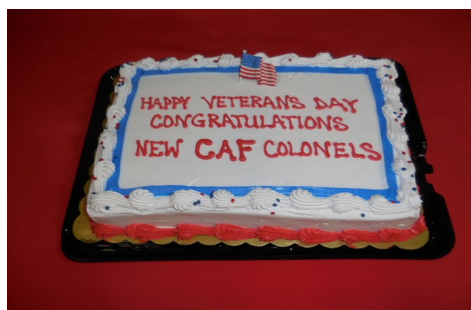
What better day to have a Commissioning Ceremony for new Lobo Wing Colonels. Congratulations to all!



MC: Dave McBride, Wing Leader



Sharon Nuckles, reading a poem





L-R Dave McBride, Russ Prina, Phil Nuckles, George Martin, Sara McBride, Andy Wells, Kim Hardy, Jerry Cleaver, Maggy Witschger, Josh Omandam, Cheryl Lyons, Scott Ruyle, Mike Rice



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ORTEGA'S

Ortega's Mexican Restaurant provided a festive atmosphere for our annual Christmas Party. Our ubiquitous *GIVING TREE* for the AT-11 and PT-26 was festooned with little red stockings filled with cash and checks. A *BIG* "Thank You" to all for your generous donations of \$1252. (I told you we're small but mighty!)

The celebration didn't stop there. The Lobo Wing did a ceremonial *Burning of the Mortgage!* Yes, through a lot of hard work and fundraising, the CAF Lobo Wing now owns Hangar 80 at the Moriarty, NM, Airport.

The holiday spirit continued. The Lobo Wing was privileged to be part of Headquarters CAF 12 Plans of Christmas fundraiser — another successful venture for the Lobo Wing. Donations come in from Texas, Oklahoma, Washington, Virginia, Wisconsin & Missouri. We are so grateful; we love you all!





Dick Donavon & Frank Gasperich



Margaret & RUSS Prina



Kim Hardy, Christopher & Matt



STAN & Carol Roeske



Debbie, Ken & Joan McBride



Phil & Sharon Nuckles



Rose & Frank Gasperich



Diane & Don Jackson



Don ,, Scott Ganger & Monica Abeyta



Andy Wells, Mike Scecina, Scott Witschger , Ken



Scott Ruyle & Cheryl Lyons



Sean McBride & Lauren McBride



McBride Family w/Brian, Waiter & Rudy



Scott & Maggy Witschger



Owner, Rudy Ortega

THE LOBO WING MAKES BIG NEWS

If you live in the Albuquerque area and get the *Albuquerque Journal* you were, no doubt, surprised to see the Wednesday, January 3, 2018, issue with our AT-11 on the front page. The article is titled 'A labor of love' was written by Rick Nathanson, Journal Staff Writer and photos taken by Greg Sorber/Journal. On Page 2 are photos of Sean McBride cleaning an engine exhaust baffle, Scott Ruyle sitting in the cockpit and a picture of the blue practice bombs. That headline read 'Lobo Wing restoring 1941 AT-11'.

The article generated a lot of excitement for us bringing many visitors to the hangar on Saturdays. It's an awesome feeling. Like we won the jackpot! We have been told this article has appeared in the Air Force Times and the US News and World Report. And, Julie Smith, our transplant to Wyoming found the article in the Jackson, Wyoming paper. If you have heard about any other sightings, let Scott Witschger, AT-11 Project Manager know. The full article is on our web site www.lobowing.org and Facebook CAF Lobo Wing.

ROUTE 66 AIR TOUR

We welcome The Route 66 Air Tour who will make their stop at the Moriarty Airport on Saturday, February 17th and visit the Lobo Wing Hangar. We expect about 15 airplanes. The tour starts in Tucumcari with stops in Moriarty, Las Vega, Grants and end in Winslow, AZ. The Air Tour will focus on Route 66 and the route will go over the original alignment of the historic "Mother Road". Our member, Dick Perry, is the coordinator.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members:

Arnold Cruze, Santa Fe, NM
DeeDee Harris, N. Richland Hills, TX
Scott Harris, N. Richland Hills, TX
John Lacher, Albuquerque, NM
Sharon Nuckles, Stanley, NM
Rob Sommers, Tijeras, NM
Korry Tilbury, Edgewood, NM

WELCOME ABOARD!

Til next time

REMEMBER, THE LOBO WING IS SMALL BUT MIGHTY!

LOBO ROSE

