



# LOBO WING CHATTER

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ALBUQUERQUE, NM



## REMEMBERING MEMORIAL DAY

May we never forget freedom isn't free.

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## LOBO WING RECEIVES CAF UNIT LETTER OF COMMENDATION

During the March 2018 CAF Wing Staff Conference in Dallas, TX, Lobo Wing Leader, Dave McBride accepted the CAF Unit Letter of Commendation for paying off the Hangar Mortgage. Congratulations to all our members, their families and friends who worked so tirelessly year after year to accomplish this in less than 15 years. A lot of blood, sweat and tears, combined with the many years of fundraising, namely the "In Their Honor" Dinners, have made us (in our humble estimation) a small but mighty unit!

## Commemorative Air Force Unit Letter of Commendation

### CITATION

The Lobo Wing of the Commemorative Air Force is hereby commended for exceptional service to the Commemorative Air Force.

The Lobo Wing of New Mexico, first formed in 1984, started in a small T-hangar at Coronado Airport in Albuquerque. With the closure of that airport they relocated to another airport and another T-hangar before realizing they needed even more room to grow. An opportunity presented itself in the form a small airport east of Albuquerque in the town of Moriarty. With that move came the opportunity to build a Hangar Restoration Facility owned by the Commemorative Air Force. Construction began in 2003 and after two long years of interior construction, the Lobo Wing was able to get back to work on airplanes.

Although financing started with a local bank, it was decided to refinance the mortgage through the formation of an LLC composed of a small cadre of Lobo Wing Members. After 14 years of dedicated perseverance in fundraising, the Lobo Wing was able to retire the mortgage on November 18, 2017.

By Order of:

Robert Stenevik, President, Commemorative Air Force.

## AT-11 ENGINE OVERHAUL

With deep gratitude we welcomed George Martin back home at the hangar with the overhauled AT-11 engine he personally paid for. Thank You George for your trips to Tulsa and the engine overhaul facility insuring the restoration of the AT-11 is on track.



## SURPRISE VISITS

Remember our newer member & active duty helicopter pilot at Kirtland AFB? That would be **Sabina Shaub** now stationed in Okinawa. Sabina was TDY to Kirtland AFB and brought her family, husband Greg and new son Emerson. We all enjoyed their visit. Stay in touch.



Former member **Butch Landrum** and his wife Margaret, now living in Weatherford, OK, spent the morning with us catching up on Lobo Wing happenings. Feelings were mutual — we missed them as much as they missed us! Don't be strangers.

Approximately five years ago, **Harry Gruen**, an airplane modeler, visited the hangar and asked if the Lobo Wing would like his collection of 25+ Navy airplanes he made. We readily accepted his offer and were impressed with the quality and the fact they were all mounted on a huge sheet of finished plywood making this a wonderful focal point as you enter the Ready Room. To protect these models Ken McBride funded the Plexiglas cover made for everyone's enjoyment without fear of breaking anything. Here's Harry on a recent visit to the hangar.



**HANGAR 80**, the Lobo Wing Restoration Facility and Hangar at Moriarty Airport, NM, is the place to be on any given Saturday. Visitors have the opportunity to hear the historical story of our AT-11's connection to Kirtland Army Airfield's Bombardier Training during World War II and see and hear about the progress we're making to put this airplane in the air! Here's a tidbit: Did you know Jimmy Stewart flew an AT-11 here at Kirtland? Unfortunately, we have no historical confirmation it was in "our" AT-11.

Work on the AT-11 is always in progress even on Saturdays. Project Manager, Scott Witschger, has also specifically designated THURSDAYS as a dedicated WORK DAY.

You have an open invitation to come out to Hangar 80 and see for yourself. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. When the AT-11 is fully restored and you see it take off and fly, you can say with pride "I worked and helped put this 75 year old airplane in the air."

**- CHECK US OUT -**

'til next time.....

**LOBO ROSE**

**REMEMBER, THE LOBO WING IS SMALL BUT MIGHTY!**

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