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W I N G L E A D E R R E P O R T

I would like to thank all our veterans for their service to our country. I would also like to thank them for their service to the CAF DFW Wing.

Our next wing meeting will be on Saturday, November 12, 2011.

This meeting will have a later start time due to a fly over in Waxahachie that morning. The meeting will start at 2 pm. We need to elect an XO, Safety Officer and Adjutant. Curtis Green has advised me that he would like to stay on as Adjutant. We will have the election at the meeting.

We do have a fly over with all aircraft on Saturday, November 12 at Waxahachie. I am not sure of the time we will need to be wheels up. If you haven't had a ride this year,

this could be your chance.

If you didn't make the lunch last week at the Hangar, you missed quite a spread. We were celebrating the 40th anniversary of the DFW Wing.

We had hot dogs, chili, potato salads, cheese tray and multiple desserts. It was a lot of fun. Thanks to everyone that made this lunch possible.

I signed up a new member last week. His name is Melvin Easley. Melvin and his wife Julia stopped by the hangar last Saturday to look around. They are both wonderful people and I am glad he joined the CAF and the

DFW Wing. You will be seeing him on Saturdays at the hangar. Be sure to introduce yourself and say howdy.

The Christmas Party will be on December 3, 2011. More information will be given at the November meeting.

See you at the Hangar,
Steve Bennett

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E R R E P O R T

This Veterans Day, we wish to honor all the Veterans that have served our nation so faithfully...we THANK YOU for keeping us free! The DFW Wing planes will participate in the Ellis County Veterans Day Celebration by flying over the Waxahachie Civic

Center on November 12, 2011. If you are a new member and have not had a warbird ride, or you have come out and put in some sweat equity, there is a sign up sheet at the hangar on the bulletin board, for the limited seats available on the planes to ride along on

this fly-over.

On October 22, 23, 2011 we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the DFW Wing receiving its Wing Charter. We had a hot-dog lunch on both days, offered some plane rides, and had a lot of fun and fellowship!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT CONTINUED

The DFW Wing will hold its Annual Christmas Dinner/ Membership Awards Presentation on Saturday evening, December 3, 2011. Social hour starts at 6PM, Dinner at 7PM. We will have a speaker, more info next month. He will speak on the subject of the B-24, Lady Be Good. This should be a must attend

event, we hope you all attend. Dinner is \$20. per person, paid in advance, by November 30th. We will have a traditional Turkey and Dressing Dinner, catered by Back Country BB-Q. Please make your check to: DFW Wing/CAF
Send to:
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We want to THANK all of YOU that continue to offer your time, talent, and treasure to the DFW Wing, and the Commemorative Air Force, it is you that ensures that we "KEEP 'EM FLYING!"
RECRUIT AND RETAIN,

Col. Charlie Wood



Please remember those troops currently in harms way as we honor our veterans and celebrate Thanksgiving this November.

Notice the white package of Lucky Strike cigarettes on the lower center of the 30 November 1944 photo of Admiral William Halsey having Thanksgiving dinner with the crew of battleship USS New Jersey. The American Tobacco Company radio commercials proudly touted their patriotism by proclaiming "Lucky Strike Green Has Gone To War". Perhaps Lucky Strike did go to war - with other cigarette makers that is. Executive George Hill had wanted to change the Lucky Strike packaging as it was thought more women would buy them if they were in a white package. The introduction of the advertising campaign coincided with the November 1942 American troop invasion of North Africa. Supposedly enough copper was saved to meet the yearly needs of 400 light tanks. Lucky sales increased 38%. You will find a pack of Lucky Strike Green in our museum.

USS New Jersey information from Naval Historical Center.

The USS New Jersey (BB-62), 1943 - 1999 was commissioned in May 1943 and spent the rest of the year in the

western Atlantic and Caribbean, In early 1944 USS New Jersey went to the Pacific where her first combat operations were conducted in support of the Marshalls invasion. She was the flagship of the Fifth Fleet during the February attack on Truk. During the remainder of 1944 she participated in raids on Japanese-held islands, the invasion of the Mariana, the Battle of the Philippine Sea, the Battle of Leyte Gulf and operations in the Philippines. From August 1944 she was the flagship of Admiral William Halsey's Third Fleet. In 1945 New Jersey supported the invasions of Iwo Jima and the Ryukyus. After an overhaul she became flagship of the Fifth Fleet and served in the Far East until early 1946. In 1947 she went to the Atlantic and made one midshipmen's training cruise to Europe before being decommissioned in June 1948.

The Korean War brought *New Jersey* back into commission in November 1950. Two Korean combat tours in 1951 and 1953 were punctuated by a European cruise in the Summer of 1952. After returning home from the western Pacific in late 1953, *New Jersey* operated in the Atlantic. She deployed to Mediterranean and European waters twice in 1955-56 and was placed out of commission in August 1957.

The USS New Jersey was the only battleship re-

called to duty for the Vietnam. From April 1968 to April 1969 she conducted bombardments along the South Vietnamese coast. She was decommissioned in December 1969.

In December 1982 New Jersey was again commissioned to participate in combat during the Lebanon crisis of 1983-84. She was deployed to the western Pacific in 1986 and 1989-90, with the later cruise extending to the Persia Gulf. She was decommissioned again in February 1991 and was towed from the Pacific to the Atlantic in 1999. She is scheduled to become a museum at Camden, New Jersey.

Photo # 80-G-291498 Adm. Halsey eating with crew of USS New Jersey, 1944



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NOVEMBER 11 2011 VETERANS DAY FLYOVER (TENTATIVE)

NOVEMBER 12 2011 WAXAHACHIE VETERANS DAY FLYOVER ALL PLANES

DECEMBER 9 2011 TRANSPORTATION EXPO DFW AIRPORT ALL PLANES ?