



## 904 (Lake Chapala-Mexico) Wing Air Force Association of Canada

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Newsletter

November 2005

### Welcome Back Snowbird B.B.Q - 18 Nov 05

LOCATION:	Lake Chapala Society Gazebo, Bar and Rear Patio
ENTRANCE:	South West Door on Ramon Corona
TIME:	1600 to 1830 - Drinks and BBQ
DRESS:	Casual with name tags
GUESTS:	Canadian Defence Attaché to Mexico and Wife President of the LCS and Wife President of the Canadian Club and Wife
PRICE:	There is no charge for entrance; tickets are 15 pesos each with two tickets per hamburger with salad and one ticket per drink

### 2005 Lakeside Poppy Campaign - 28 Oct to 11 Nov

After a ceremonial launch at the Canadian Club Thanksgiving Dinner on 10 October, the Poppy Campaign moved into full stride on Friday, 28 October. Four canvassing teams are covering the main business locations in Ajijic and San Antonio Tlayacapan. There are also stationary boxes at the Belgian Waffle House in Chapala and at the Canadian Consulate in Guadalajara. Thus far, the response from the community has been excellent.

The Poppy Campaign serves to keep the memory alive of the 117,000 Canadian men and women who made the supreme sacrifice during the South African War, World War I, World War II, Korea and on NATO and United Nations operations.

Revenue from the Poppy Campaign assists needy veterans and their families and provides comforts to hospitalized veterans or those in long-term care.

The Poppy Campaign runs through to Remembrance Day, November 11. As of 31 Oct, we had 20 volunteer canvassers. However, we still need more canvassers to cover one or two three-hour 'shifts'. If you would like to help, please call Bill Watt at 765-2950.

## **904 Wing and the Canadian Club To Hold Joint Ceremony of Remembrance on Wed, 09 November**

904 Wing will lead a Ceremony of Remembrance at the regular meeting of the Canadian Club of Lake Chapala at La Nueva Posada on Wednesday, 09 November.

The meeting is in two parts. It begins at 1430 hrs and breaks at 1530 hrs for a social 'hour'. The meeting will resume at 1600 hrs with the Ceremony of Remembrance. The second part of the meeting will follow.

All members of 904 Wing and all Lakeside veterans are invited to attend. 904 Wing members are encouraged to wear AFAC summer dress, however, regardless of dress; Wing members should wear Wing nametags and poppies. Poppies will be available at the meeting.

<b>904 Wing Program</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Ø 11 Nov	Remembrance Day	Chapala Legion
Ø 18 Nov	BBQ, Snowbirds Welcome Back	LCS Gazebo/Bar
Ø 4 Dec	Air show	Guadalajara Airport
Ø 9 Dec	War Museum Talk	La Nuevo Posada
Ø 13 Jan	Nostalgia Night	La Nuevo Posada
Ø 10 Feb	Medical Panel	LA Nuevo Posada
Ø 17 Mar	Dinner Dance	La Nuevo Posada
Ø 7 Apr	Elections	La Nuevo Posada
Ø 14 Jul	30 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention A.E.M.A, A.C.	Guadalajara

### **Wing Program Notes:**

Regular meetings are normally held on the second Friday of the month, but may be adjusted for convenience sake. Also, additional beer calls may be added on the last Friday of the month at the Old Posada when members desire. Special events such as our meetings with the AEMA, AC and an Air Show in December will be announced, as we know about them. An attempt will be made to keep business sessions short and confined to the meetings at La Nuevo Posada. Overall responsibility for the program and venues lies with the First VP Jim Wamboldt, assisted by the Second VP Ron Hudson.

### 904 (Lake Chapala-Mexico) Wing Executive Council

President	Pete De Tracey
Past President	Bill Watt
1st Vice-President	James Wamboldt
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Ron Hudson
Secretary	Jack Girard
Treasurer	Tombo Thomlinson

### **New National President acclaimed in Red Deer at the Annual General Meeting on 10 October 2005**

Grant E. "Ted" Mahood, CD

Born in Toronto, Ontario, Ted enrolled in the Royal Canadian Air Force (Regular) on 27 March 1957 and reported to St. Jean, Quebec on 01 April 1957.

In 1958, following Aero Engine Technician Trade Training he was posted to RCAF Station Cold Lake, Alberta, employed on KDA Firebe Drones, T-33, F-86, CF-100 and CF-104.

Ted was posted to RCAF Station Centralia, Ontario in 1963 and employed on Chipmunks. When Centralia closed in 1964 he was posted to RCAF Station Moose Jaw, Sask. employed in the T-33 engine bay and attended the first Tutor engine course.

From 1965 to 1974 Ted was at 407 VP Squadron RCAF Station/CFB Comox working on Neptunes and the Argus. From 1974 to 1979 he was at Canadian Forces Base Chatham, New Brunswick, employed on CF-101 with 416 Squadron, then to Base Rescue as a Technical Crewman on CH-118.

From 1979 to 1985 he was with 427 Tactical Helicopter Squadron, CFB Petawawa, Ontario employed on CH-135 and CH-136. He then posted to 450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron in 1985 at CFB Uplands, Ontario, working on CH-147.

Prior to retiring from the Canadian Forces (Air) in 1987, Ted attained his Aircraft Maintenance Engineer "Rotary" License and was endorsed on Bell 204, 205, 212 and 214 helicopters.

Ted joined the Royal Canadian Air Force Association in 1979. He has served in numerous executive positions including Wing President. He has served on Ontario Group Executive Council as Eastern Regional Vice President; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; President and Immediate Past President. Ted was elected National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in North Bay 2001.

Ted is the Association's representative on Veteran Affairs Canada and Canadian Defence Association committees, as well as several AFAC Committees. He is a Trustee on the RCAFA Trust and an Area Representative for the RCAF Benevolent Fund.

Ted was acclaimed as National President of the Air Force Association of Canada at the Annual General Meeting in Red Deer, Alberta, 10 October 2005.

Ted is married to Mieke. They live in Pembroke, Ontario and have a married daughter, Mandy and a son Shawn.

## **Canadian Forces Begin Transformation Commander of Canada Command and Stand-up Date Announced**

**Reprinted from Crew Brief**

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OTTAWA – Defence Minister Bill Graham, and General Rick Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff, announced that Vice-Admiral J.Y. Forcier is promoted to that rank and appointed the first Commander of Canada Command – the CF organization from which all domestic operations will be commanded, and to which eventually six regional commands will report.

“The creation of Canada Command is a demonstration of the government's commitment to enhance the security of Canada and Canadians as outlined in the Defence Policy Statement,” said Defence Minister Bill Graham. “This is a major step that will see the Canadian Forces transform to become more relevant, responsive and effective.”

Vice-Admiral Forcier is charged with standing-up the new Command in a phased approach starting July 1. In the first phase, Vice-Admiral Forcier will lead an initial joint planning staff of approximately 60 to develop the final operating concept and master implementation plan for Canada Command with a view of commanding Canadian Forces routine and contingency operations in Canada as early as Spring 06.

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Vice-Admiral Forcier commanded Maritime Forces Pacific since 2003. During the past several months he led the Chief of Defence Action Team responsible for generating options for the CF's transformed command and control structure.

“It is indeed my pleasure and great honour to have been designated as the first Commander of Canada Command,” said Vice-Admiral Forcier. “During my 33 plus years in uniform, I have had the privilege of serving at home and overseas to defend Canadians and their interests. This new emphasis on affording Canada more attention is not just a great opportunity for me, it is a recognition that Canadians deserve at home the same quality of planning and response to protect them and their interests, as we deliver overseas.”