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

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### Remembrance Day

#### Preparations – Chapala Cemetery

On 1 November 2007 members of 904 Wing worked with members from the American Legion and the Sons' of the Revolution to clean up of the Veteran's section of the Chapala Cemetery in preparation for the Remembrance Day service. The Wing clean-up team was composed of the following Members who deserve our thanks. **"Good Show."**

Mike Briscoe  
Tod Jonson  
Ektor Carranza  
Ron Harrington  
Martin Inwood  
Ron Jones  
Nate Rondeau

### Service

The Veterans'/Remembrance Day service held at the Chapala Cemetery was well attended and included a good delegation of sharp looking members from 904 Wing in uniform. The service was brief and touching. Edward Ramotowski, Consul General of the United States in Guadalajara, gave the keynote address at the service and included in his remarks greetings from Kathryn Aleong, Canadian Consul in Guadalajara. Several Wing members attended the service and "Pig Roast" at the American Legion Post #7 in Chapala following the service at the cemetery.

## Mexico in WWII

Wing members enjoyed a special educational presentation on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at La Nueva Posada. Wing member Dr. Jose Manuel Cordova Cervantes and Colonel Guillerma Quintero Amador described Mexico's role in WWII. Their superb power point presentation explained the reasons for Mexico's entrance into the War as well as the participation of the Mexican Air Force in the Phillipian theatre of operations. President Mario Okunsky presented a membership certificate to Manuel and a special social membership to Colonel Quintero at the conclusion of their presentation. "Good Show" to Dr. Jose Manuel Cordova Cervantes for his idea and the hard work he put into the organization of this unique presentation.

Following the presentation many of our members, our guest speakers and their families, stayed for dinner at La Nueva Posada.

## The Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)



LIEUTENANT-GENERAL ANGUS WATT

Lieutenant-General Angus Watt enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1972, graduated from Collège Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean in 1977 and was trained as a pilot. He flew the CH-124 Sea King helicopter with 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron in Shearwater, Nova Scotia, taught helicopter pilots and later commanded 423 Maritime Helicopter Squadron.

Staff tours have included NATO Headquarters in Brussels and a number of positions in Ottawa, Winnipeg and NORAD Headquarters in Colorado Springs, mostly focused on overseeing current operations. LGen Watt commanded Joint Task Force Southwest Asia (Op APOLLO) in 2002

and served as the Deputy Commander (Air) of the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

LGen Watt is a graduate of Canadian Forces Command and Staff College and the United States Air Force War College and holds a B.A. (CMR), MPA (Auburn University, Alabama) and an MBA (University of Ottawa). He was appointed to his current position as CAS in 2007.

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## Prayer Shawl



Ann Goodwin made the beautiful roundel Prayer Shawl shown here for 904 Wing member Jack Girard earlier this year. Jack found comfort from the shawl during his illness. Jack died of cancer on 9 August. After Jack passed away his wife, Marielle Godin, has continued to find the shawl a great comfort.

Wing members extend sincere thanks to Ann for her loving gesture in making the roundel prayer shawl for Jack and Marielle.

## 904 Wing Program

The full 904 Wing Program is available on the Web Site at [904wing.org](http://904wing.org). Three highlights are listed here:

### ➤ **Welcome Back Snowbirds BBQ.**

The BBQ on 30 Nov at the Lake Chapala Society is sure to be a great event with Hector from Mannix providing the food and our team of Babette and Ron manning the bar. On last count it looks like we will have over 100 members and guests attending.

**Date:** Friday, November 30, 2007  
**Place:** Lake Chapala Society Gazebo, Bar and Rear Patio  
**Entrance:** South West Door on Calle Ramon Corona  
**Time:** 4:00 to 8:00 pm  
**Dress:** Casual (904 Wing T-shirts would be good)  
**Ticket Price:** Meal 140 pesos per person. Cash Bar.  
**Guests:** President of the (AEMA) Asociacion de la Escuela Militar de Aviacion in Guadalajara & wife  
Commander of Post 7 of the American Legion in Chapala & wife  
President of the Navy League of Chapala & wife  
President of the Lake Chapala Society & wife

### ➤ **Medical Panel**

Two years ago the Wing conducted a Medical Panel open to members and spouses to discuss some of the challenges of dealing with health care issues Lakeside. The event was successful thanks to the large turnout, good questions and interesting discussion chaired by Martin Inwood. Martin has agreed to chair another medical panel for us in 2008 that you will not want to miss.

**Date:** Friday, 11 January 2008  
**Place:** La Nueva Posada  
**Time:** 4:00 to 6:00 pm  
**Attendance:** Members and spouses

➤ **904 Wing "Pig Roast"**

This new event planned for 2008 is a Pig Roast. Ron Jones has done a lot of planning and this event is sure to be a great addition to our program. Be sure to be there!

**Date:** Saturday, 26 January 2008  
**Place:** TBA Outdoors  
**Time:** 1:00 to 5:00 pm  
**Ticket Price:** TBA  
 BYOB Bring your own bottle!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day/Time</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Venue</b>
23-Nov-07	Fri 1600 hrs	Beer Call	Rincon del Cielo
30-Nov-07	Fri 1600 hrs	Welcome Back Snowbirds BBQ	LCS Gazebo/Bar
02-Dec-07	Sun TBA	Flyers Air Show	Cajititlan Airport, Tlajomulco
14-Dec-07	Fri 1600 hrs	Beer Call	Rincon del Cielo
11-Jan-08	Fri 1600 hrs	Medical Panel	La Nueva Posada
25-Jan-08	Fri 1600 hrs	Beer Call	Rincon del Cielo
26-Jan-08	Sat 1300 hrs	Pig Roast	TBA
08-Feb-08	Fri 1600 hrs	Games Night	Old Posada

**Wing Executive Council**

If you have any suggestions to improve the program or any of the 904 Wing events, please speak to any member of the Executive Council.

<b>904 Wing Executive Council 2007-2008</b>		
Mario Okunsky	President	766-3209
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