



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

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Dinner/Dance March 14, 2008

It's time for the Annual 904 wing Dinner/Dance. Don't miss this event.

Date: Friday, March 14, 2008

Place: La Nueva Posada, Donato Guerra, Ajijic

Time: Cocktails at 6:00 pm; Dinner at 7:00 pm

Dress: AFAC Summer Dress or Smart Casual

Tickets: Tickets at the front desk of La Nueva Posada. \$225/person

Guests: Please limit to one couple only.

Highlights:

- Introduction of Special Guests
- Presentation of Awards and Citations
- Dancing to Ricardo to 11:00 pm

Annual General Meeting

The 904 Wing Annual General Meeting will be held at 1600 hours, Friday, April 11, 2008 at La Nueva Posada. This is the key business meeting of the year when the new Wing Executive Council for 2008 - 2009 is elected.

904 Wing Program

The full 904 Wing Program is available on the Web Site at 904wing.org.

Date	Day/Time	Theme	Venue
14-Mar-08	Fri TBA	Dinner Dance	La Nueva Posada
28-Mar-08	Fri 1600 hrs	Beer Call	Rincon del Cielo
11-Apr-08	Fri 1600 hrs	Annual General Meeting	La Nueva Posada
25-Apr-08	Fri 1600 hrs	Beer Call	Rincon del Cielo
9-May-08	Fri 1600 hrs	Beer Call	Rincon del Cielo
13-Jun-08	Fri 1600 hrs	Beer Call	Rincon del Cielo
TBA Jun	TBA	32 nd Annual A.E.M.A., AC Convention	Guadalajara

Hockey Day in Canada and the RCAF Flyers

The Air Force Association of Canada presented replica jerseys of the 1948 Olympic Gold Medal winning hockey team from Canada – the RCAF Flyers – to two of the seven surviving members.

This presentation would not have been possible without the significant investment and interest of Roger Edwards, who had the sweaters designed and manufactured over the past few months. Mr. Ab Renaud and André Laperierre were feted at a luncheon in front of about 150 to 200 people. The President of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association presented the players with replica gold medals manufactured in Switzerland (home of the losing team in 1948); and the President of the Canadian Olympic Association announced that the team will be inducted into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame on 12 April 2008. Dean Black brought greetings from the serving members of today's air force and members of the Air Force Association and presented each player with the jerseys, courtesy of Roger Edwards, Inc., and with an RCAF ball hat courtesy of Dax Wilkinson of National Heritage Brands.

Wearing the sweaters Ab and André dropped the puck at the hockey game between the Ottawa Senator's and the Montreal Canadians on Hockey Day in Canada.



Ab Renaud and André Laperriere



Who is this guy and was he really on the 1948 Team?

This was a great event; Ab Renaud and Andre Laperriere truly had a great time. They are looking forward to the induction into the Olympic Hall of Fame in Calgary on 12 April.

Story and photos provided by Dean Black, Executive Director AFAC

904 Wing Piper



President Mario Okunsky has appointed Keith Williamson as 904 Wing Piper.

Keith started training as a Piper in November 1954. Since those early days he has served as a volunteer piper while in the military and as a civilian volunteer with the Air Command Pipes and Drums - the successor of the RCAF Rockcliffe Pipe Band. He has had the honour of playing at many major events during his distinguished career as a piper.

A few of the most notable events that Keith played in included:

- Battle of Britain Parades on Parliament Hill,
- QE II visits to Ottawa,
- Unveiling of Commonwealth Air Force Memorial (Ottawa),
- Opening of St Lawrence Seaway,
- Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy,
- Opening of Bridge to PEI,
- Worlds Fair in Germany (2000),
- Rochester Tattoo,
- Stone Mountain Tattoos and Highland Games, Atlanta,
- Maxville tattoo numerous times,
- Annual Police Memorial Service, Parliament Hill, Ottawa,
- Competed with RCAF Rockcliffe Pipe Band which won the North American championship,
- Played for the State Funeral of Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn.

The list goes on and includes the 904 Wing Dinner Dances. Keith, on behalf of all the members of 904 Wing, thanks for accepting the position of "904 Wing Piper".

Second Annual Best Ball Golf Tournament

The Second Annual Wing "Best Ball" Golf Tournament took place at the Chula Vista Golf Club on 3 March. The turnout was good, the weather was perfect and there was even some decent golf. There were 74 golfers and guests for the superb BBQ provided by the Chula Vista Club. Prizes went to:



- Low Team Score - Ed Healey Team
- Second Low - Mike Bishop Team
- Most Honest Team - Ron Hudson Team
- Longest Drive Men - Rick Melnick
- Longest Drive Women - Elizabeth Inwood
- Closest to pin #8 Men - Robert MacDonald
- Closest to pin #8 Women- Sandi Allen

Picture: President Mario Okunsky with Sandi Allen Briscoe presenting the door prize donated by Aarmonica Real Estate to winner Peter DeTracey

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.

904 Wing Executive Council 2007-2008

Mario Okunsky	President	766-3209
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