



CANADIAN AERONAUTICS AND SPACE INSTITUTE
Toronto Branch

2017 Annual Dinner Meeting & Awards Night

Brigadier-General (Ret'd) Paul Hayes, OMM, CD
RCAF

“ACHTUNG SABREJETZ” - FLYING THE SABRE WITH THE GERMAN AIR FORCE



When the post-war Luftwaffe of the German Federal Republic was formed in September 1956, plans called for the formation of several air defense day-fighter wings. The best available aircraft type was the Canadian-built Canadair Sabre 6. In total, 300 Sabres were acquired by Germany, comprising 225 new Sabre 6 aircraft, and 75 overhauled Sabre 5 aircraft withdrawn from Canadian Air Division squadrons. The aircraft were based at Waffenschule 10 (WS 10), the Sabre operational conversion unit at Oldenburg in Northern Germany. Canada also agreed to train 360 pilots to jet fighter standards on the Sabre for the fledgling Luftwaffe.

Our guest speaker is Brigadier-General Paul Hayes. Paul joined the RCAF Auxiliary in 1951, received his pilot's wings in 1953, and flew Vampire and F-86 jet fighters with 411 Squadron in Toronto until December 1956, when he joined the RCAF Regular. He served in Europe from 1957 to 1961 as a pilot on the F-86 Sabre with 422 Squadron, and was then posted to the Canadian Advisory Group at WS 10 in Oldenburg. There he was assigned as a Tactical Advisor to Jagdgeschwader 73 (JG 73), the final Sabre 6 German air defense day-fighter wing to be formed.

From 1961 to 1963, at Oldenburg and later at Pferdsfeld/Sobernheim, Paul and a fellow Canadian F-86 pilot trained the German Sabre pilots. Their main task was to bring the JG 73 Wing and its pilots up to NATO operational status by training them as element and section leads, and in jet fighter tactics and air to air weapon operations. The Wing achieved the standard required to take up its NATO responsibility in mid-1962, when the first four aircraft were placed on NATO alert.

In his presentation, "Achtung Sabrejetz", Paul will share his experiences from this very satisfying chapter of his RCAF career.

The evening will begin with refreshments, and the opportunity to socialize and network with friends and colleagues from the Greater Toronto Area aerospace community, followed by a buffet dinner.

The CASI Toronto Branch Student Awards will also be presented, recognizing the top graduating students in the aerospace programs at Ryerson University, Seneca College, University of Toronto, and York University.

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m. Refreshments & Networking
7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner

Place: Holiday Inn Toronto Yorkdale
3450 Dufferin St, Toronto M6A 2V1
(just South of Hwy 401)

Price: \$55 per person (CASI member)
\$50 per person (CASI Student member)
\$60 per person (Non-member)

Tickets must be reserved through the CASI website, with online payment. Please visit www.casi.ca/toronto, or [Click Here to Register](#)

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