



## *United States Consulate General Nogales* *Press Release*

### **U.S. Ambassador Anthony Wayne Visits Nogales for the First Time**

On his first visit to Nogales, Sonora U.S. Ambassador Anthony Wayne focused on the strong link between Ambos Nogales and the economic, social and cultural ties between the two communities.

During the visit, Ambassador Wayne met with Mayor Ramon Guzman and local business leaders to discuss economic opportunities for both countries and enhanced cultural exchange. He focused particularly on trade expansion and how suppliers from the United States could further their relationships with local manufacturers in Nogales and increased youth activities. “The United States is committed to continuing to deepen and strengthen our relationship with Mexico. Nogales serves as an important symbol of this most important relationship where the two communities share deep common bonds of family and friendship.”

Ambassador Wayne also toured the port facilities at DeConcini and Mariposa to learn firsthand how the expansion at Mariposa from 12 to 20 lanes will further advance and facilitate commerce between Mexico and the United States. “Mexico is one our most important trading partners and Ambos Nogales plays a vital and expanding role for both countries.” Apart from the vibrant commercial exchange in both directions Ambassador Wayne highlighted that “much of the produce our nation consumes during the winter season enters the United States through Nogales, making the efficiency and capacity of this port vital to both country’s economic well being.”

In departing, Ambassador Wayne noted “I look forward to future visits to this dynamic region and especially to commemorating the completion of the construction project at Mariposa which will help to significantly enhance the flow of goods and people between our two great nations.”



Ambassador Wayne with Mayor Ramon Guzman



Ambassador Wayne with U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agents at the Mariposa Port of Entry and a sampling of Mexican produce entering the U.S. for distribution.