



# CFB Halifax News

## February 2024



### BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to introduce our new monthly CFB Halifax newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to consolidate Base information into one medium to keep local Defence Team members informed about who we are, what we do, and what's happening at CFB Halifax. The monthly newsletter will highlight upcoming events, initiatives, infrastructure updates, important links, resources, and much more. Defence Team members can access the newsletter at the beginning of every month at [this link](#) on the Trident Newspaper website.



It's a busy time of year at CFB Halifax as our core Base team works to maintain its high level of service providing administrative, logistics, information technology, and executive services support as well as port operations and emergency services to the Formation, Fleet, and assigned lodger units. Meanwhile, there are many other notable events, initiatives, and projects underway across the Base.

One such event is now being planned in recognition of Black History Month in Canada (African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia). The Defence Visible Minority Advisory Group (DVMAG) and MARLANT Employment Equity, Diversity and Inclusion team invite local members to a Black History Month speaker event on February 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Juno Tower Ballroom. As MARLANT DVMAG Champion, I encourage local members to attend this event and to get involved in DVMAG or any of our five Defence Advisory Groups.

Finally, a reminder to Defence Team members that February 28 is Pink Shirt Day - an annual day that promotes kindness in all aspects of our lives. As always, please practice respect and kindness in the workplace and in our communities.

- Capt(N) Andy MacKenzie

## BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Hello Base Team,

It can be challenging for many of us to find the time and the motivation for our physical fitness during the winter months. We all know how important physical fitness is for our lives inside and outside the Canadian Armed Forces. This past January, I attended the grand opening of the Stadacona Sports & Fitness Centre and was extremely pleased with the outstanding layout

and breadth of activities available to Defence Team members (see a schedule and full list of activities [here](#)). I am grateful we have this exceptional asset to assist us all on our individual fitness journeys and I encourage Defence Team members to take advantage of the programs and equipment the Stadacona Fitness & Sports Centre has to offer.

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



### INFRASTRUCTURE

- Stadacona Fitness & Sports Centre now open. [Details](#).
- Cogswell District Project: Permanent stairs now open between HMC Dockyard and non-operational parking zone K and the Barrington Greenway. [Details](#).
- To help bring the new [Canadian Surface Combatant ships](#) into service and support them throughout their lifecycle, the Department of National Defence is building a Land-Based Testing Facility at Hartlen Point. [Details](#).
- New Combined Training and Integration Centre to be constructed at CFB Halifax. [Details](#).
- An Energy Performance Contract is underway to improve the energy efficiency of 100+ local Defence facilities. Look out for the Forces for Energy Efficiency logo and signage in your workplace!



- Menstrual products now available in all common washrooms across CFB Halifax property. [Details.](#)
- Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre community pantry has expanded to Shearwater site. [Details.](#)
- The Naval Museum of Halifax opens its newest exhibition “Home Away from Home: Camp Norway in Lunenburg.” [Details.](#)
- Hiring managers: Student hiring for the summer starts now. Email the CFB Halifax Student Services Coordinator at [DND-BESStudentSvc@forces.gc.ca](mailto:DND-BESStudentSvc@forces.gc.ca) or visit [this website](#) to explore student employment opportunities!



## EVENTS

- **February 19: Nova Scotia Heritage Day**  
*This year's Heritage Day honours Canadian Naval hero, Petty Officer William Hall. [Details.](#)*
- **February 19: PSP Halifax DND Snow Festival**  
*7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Shearwater. [Details.](#)*
- **February 19: Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott Job Fair**  
*See MARLANT splash page or [CFB Halifax Facebook page](#) for details.*
- **February 26: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Clinic**  
*Visit [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) to book.*
- **February 27-29: Designated Assistant Course**  
*Call for nominations: Transition Center Halifax will be hosting a Designated Assistant Course from February 27-29 at the MFRC in Windsor Park. MITE Code AJMK. See the MARLANT splash page or email [Suzanne.Campbell@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Suzanne.Campbell@forces.gc.ca) for details.*
- **February 28: Pink Shirt Day/Anti-Bullying Day**  
*Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide email, and CFB Halifax social media channels for more information.*
- **February 29: Black History Month Speaker Event**  
*10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Juno Tower Ballroom. Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide email, and CFB Halifax social media channels for more information.*

## SAVE THE DATE



- March 8: International Women's Day
- March 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- June 10: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Clinic



## FACE OF BASE: KATE CHAPUT

We are thrilled to introduce our first #FaceofBaseHFX of 2024: Kate Chaput! Kate works as a Budget Administrator in the Base Comptroller section. In this role she is responsible for reporting Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Halifax's allocation of funds, spending and revenue to Base Executive Services and Maritime Forces Atlantic headquarters. Read more [here](#).



## BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: PAY & RECORDS, SHEARWATER BASE ORDERLY ROOM

The responsibilities of the Shearwater Base Orderly Room's Pay & Records team are to review and enter pay transactions; process administrative transactions in Guardian such as promotions, address changes, and leave passes; process in and out clearances; and distribute correspondence in a timely manner. Read more [here](#).

# TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



## Facebook

[#BellLet'sTalkDay](#)

[Bring Your Dog to Work Day](#)

## Twitter (X)

[Stadacona Fitness & Sports Centre Grand Opening](#)

[Militaria at the Museum series](#)

## Instagram

[Halifax Mooseheads DND Appreciation Night](#)

[Pan-African flag raising for Black History Month](#)

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## BRAVO ZULUS



- Congratulations to the Halifax Moosehead's CAF Star of the Game fall 2023 recipients. [Details](#).
- Congratulations CPO2 Lynn Cassidy who was recently appointed as a member of the Order of Military Merit! [Order of Military Merit CANFORGEN](#)
- Thank you to our Snow and Ice Clearance team and contractors who work hard all winter long to remove snow and ice from Base properties.

## DID YOU KNOW?

New and improved commercial Wi-Fi is now available at Tribute Tower and Juno Tower. This initiative started in late 2022 and was recently completed in November 2023. Read more [here](#).

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES



**A view of CFB Halifax Stadacona and HMC Dockyard from 1962.**

*Photo credit: Naval Museum of Halifax*

## RESOURCES

- [Base Services Directory](#)
- **Defence Advisory Groups**
  - [Defence Visible Minority Advisory Group](#) (DWAN only)
  - [Defence Women's Advisory Organization](#) (DWAN only)
  - [Atlantic Defence Indigenous Advisory Group](#) (DWAN only)
  - [Defence Advisory Group for Persons with Disabilities](#) (DWAN only)
  - [Atlantic Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization](#) (DWAN only)
  - [Defence Advisory Groups - Trident Newspaper](#)
- [Base closures and delayed openings Q&A](#)
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