



CFB Halifax News

April 2024



BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I would like to start off by thanking each and every Defence Team member for your excellent work in March. The end of the fiscal year can be an overwhelming time. I commend you all for crossing the finish line, capping another busy and successful year.

April is the Month of the Military Child, which is a special time to honour the youngest members of our Defence family. The strength and resilience of military children allow us to better serve the community, both at home and abroad. In recognition of this commemorative month, we are supporting the [Teal Up for Military Kids](#) campaign; see event listings below for details.



April 1, 2024 marked the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). The RCAF Centennial team has been busy organising a year-long program that includes special events happening both regionally and nationally; [click here](#) and [here](#) for details. Wishing our friends at 12 Wing Shearwater and across the RCAF a very happy 100th birthday!

While we spotlight these celebratory events, it is equally important to reflect on our more solemn anniversaries. April 28 marks the [National Day of Mourning](#), which is dedicated to remembering those who have lost their lives or suffered injury in the workplace, or experienced a work-related tragedy. The tragic loss of Stalker 22 on April 29, 2020 is one such event that will always be part of our collective memory. This month, we honour and remember the lives and service of Master Corporal Matthew Cousins, Sub-Lieutenant Abbigail Cowbrough, Captain Kevin Hagen, Captain Brenden MacDonald, Captain Maxime Miron-Morin, and Sub-Lieutenant Matthew Pyke while commemorating all those who have been seriously or fatally injured at work or in the line of duty. We also remember the 22 Nova Scotians who perished on April 18-19, 2020 in Portapique and other communities across the province. If you find yourself or a loved one struggling when reflecting on these anniversaries, or if you are experiencing challenges in other areas of life, remember that [mental health and wellness supports](#) are always available to Defence Team members and their families.

Early next month on Sunday, May 5, Defence Team members, veterans, and community members will gather at ceremonies across the country to commemorate the 79th anniversary of the end of the [Battle of the Atlantic \(BOA\)](#). Thank you to the Base ceremonial team and all those involved in planning our local BOA ceremony at the Point Pleasant Park Sailors' Memorial. I encourage you and your families to attend this public event as we commemorate the incredible bravery and sacrifice of Canadian and allied sailors, aviators, and merchant mariners involved in the longest continuous battle of the Second World War.

- Capt(N) Andy MacKenzie

BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Hello Base Team,

I hope everyone is looking forward to the warmer days of spring and everything that comes with the new season. Unfortunately - amidst the beauty of spring - the disappearing snow leaves us with all the rubble it has collected over the winter. It can leave some areas looking less tidy than we would all like. We hope each team will take time to tidy their area between full Base cleanup days.

We wish to remind everyone that taking ownership of your unit includes the immediate area around your building or ship. If you require any help determining where to find rakes, bags, gloves or other tools, please reach out to our staff [here](#) and we will be happy to guide you.

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?

INFRASTRUCTURE



Portable trailers at Windsor Park: You may notice that ten portable trailers have been installed at Windsor Park off Barracks Drive. The portable trailers will house the Princess Louise Fusiliers Army Reserve unit for about four to five years while the North Park Armoury is being remodeled.

Land-Based Testing Facility: 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 (LBTF) at Hartlen Point. Construction of the LBTF will now take place between winter 2025 (as early as January 2025) and late fall 2027. A variety of site preparation activities will continue until construction begins. [Details](#).





EVENTS/COMMEMORATIONS

April: Sikh Heritage Month

April 11: 12 Wing RCAF 100 Gala

Starts at 5:30 pm with a pre-cocktail reception followed by a formal dinner and Guest of Honour speeches at 6 pm. Following the celebratory dinner and speeches, stay to enjoy the musical stylings of the Stadacona Band while you dance the rest of the night away. [Tickets.](#)

April 22: Earth Day

On April 25, visit the Forces for Energy Efficiency information table at the New Wave Café from 10:30 am - 2 pm to learn about the Energy Performance Contract currently underway at CFB Halifax that is improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions across the Base.

April: Month of the Military Child

The Teal Up for Military Kids campaign is a Military Family Resource Centre initiative that encourages people to wear teal clothing to recognize and thank children from military families for their strength and resilience. Please join us for two Teal Up activities this month.

April 23: Teal Up Tuesday : Wear a teal shirt to work and send your photos to

cfbhalifaxpublicaffairs@gmail.com. If you don't have a teal shirt, the H&R MFRC's Teal Up campaign clothing can be purchased [here](#). Please monitor the MARLANT splash page and CFB Halifax social media for further details.

April 23: Teal Up for Military Kids flag-raising: *Join us at 8 am at Base HQ and Shearwater main gate. All are welcome.*

April 24-26: EX Dirty Hands

Seasonal tire changes at Willow Park in support of the National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign. Bookings will start April 10, with a limited number of appointments available. Please monitor the MARLANT splash page for details.

April 28: National Day of Mourning

April 28: Stadacona Band Spring Concert “Women in Excellence”

Free event at the Spatz Theatre starting at 2 pm. The concert will feature a performance from visual artist Holly Carr, musical guests Adria Jackson and the Canadian Military Wives Choir, guest conductor Melissa Doiron, guest musicians from Glass Winds and more! Please monitor the MARLANT splash page, CFB Halifax social media and spatztheatre.ca for further details closer to the event date.

April 29: Remembering the fallen of Stalker 22



May 2: Challenging Traditions: Women in the Royal Canadian Navy

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the Halifax Central Library. Learn about the role that the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (Wrens) played during the Second World War. The speaker event will kick off the Naval Museum of Halifax's 'Challenging Traditions: Women in the Royal Canadian Navy' pop-up exhibit that will be displayed for the month of May at the Halifax Central Library. [Details.](#)

May 5: Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony at Point Pleasant Park

Stay tuned for details.

May 10: RCAF Run

[Details.](#)

May 16: Moose Hide Campaign

Stay tuned for details.

May 26-June 1: National AccessAbility Week

Stay tuned for details.

June 6: Navy Bike Ride

Registration is now open for the 2024 Navy Bike Ride! The Halifax ride will take place on Thursday, June 6 at 10 am, and will include four distance options departing from the Shearwater Fitness & Sports Centre. [Register now.](#)

June 8: Halifax Wanderers DND Appreciation Match

3 pm at the Wanderer's Grounds in downtown Halifax. Monitor the MARLANT intranet and CFB Halifax social media for details.

June 10: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Clinic

Stay tuned for details.

June 28-July 1: Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo

[Details](#)

June 21-22: DND Family Days

Stay tuned for details.



MISCELLANEOUS

April 1: First day of summer dress

If unseasonably cold weather occurs after the summer dress changeover date, winter dress clothing items may be worn.

Upcoming PSP Halifax events/activities

- April 15-19: Mega Floor Hockey at the Stadacona Fitness & Sports Centre. Play will be 4 on 4 plus goalie. Email Isaac.Habib@forces.gc.ca for details.
- 2024 Summer Camp Program registration. [Details](#).
- May 6-June 14: 30-day Spring Fitness Challenge. To register, email Campbell.Strachan@forces.gc.ca by May 3. [Details](#).

For more information about PSP Halifax events and activities, monitor PSP Weekly Updates via Base-wide email and/or click [here](#).

BRAVO ZULUS



Sports, recreation, athletics

- Bravo Zulu to Kyle Angevine who recently returned from the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games 2024 in Calgary where he competed in 5 pin bowling for Team Nova Scotia, winning a silver medal!
- Good luck to the CFB Halifax women's and men's volleyball teams who will both be competing in the CAF National Volleyball Championship at CFB Borden from April 14-18.

Awards, promotions, certificates

- Ellen Rhind: Congratulations on your 60th anniversary in the public service on April 27, 2024!
- Cpl Christopher Lenz: Awarded Royal Canadian Air Force Unit Commendation on March 5, 2024, for demonstrating exceptional enthusiasm and motivation towards the implementation of the new pay structure as a member of the Pilot Pay Implementation Team.
- CPO2 Lynn Cassidy: Named military co-chair of the Atlantic Defence Women's Advisory Organization.
- OCdt Nanette Black: Recently received the Frank H. Sobey Award for excellence in Business Studies.
- Avr Samantha Robichaud: Promoted to Cpl effective March 22, 2024.
- Cpl Chelsey Brown: Promoted to MCpl effective March 26, 2024.
- Cpl Francois Berthiaume: Received the SSM Expedition for OP PROJECTION March 26, 2023 – June 22, 2023
- Pamela Snow: Received Letter of Appreciation for claims training at DRDC ARC on March 26, 2024.
- Cpl Richard Miller: Received Letter of Appreciation for the work he did with the NDWCC and a certificate for the help he gave to the YWCA on March 26, 2024.
- Avr Laura Duque: Received Letter of Appreciation for participating as the flag bearer for the CAF Appreciation game with the Halifax Mooseheads on March 26, 2024.



FACE OF BASE: WO SÉBASTIEN POIRIER

Meet our most recent #FaceofBaseHFX, Warrant Officer (WO) Sébastien Poirier! An Aerospace Telecommunication and Information Systems Technician originally from Saint-Zacharie, Quebec, WO Poirier currently works as the Naval Communications Support Technical Services Warrant with Base Information Services (BIS). Read more [here](#).

If you would like to nominate a Defence Team member to be featured as a Face of Base, please email cfbhalifaxpublicaffairs@gmail.com.



BASE SERVICES SPOTLIGHT: DANGEROUS GOODS WAREHOUSE

The Dangerous Goods team stores, maintains and disposes of dangerous goods material (i.e., oil, fuel, glycol, corrosives, etc.) for the Canadian Armed Forces. Read more [here](#).

TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



Facebook

[United Way Halifax Local Love Award](#)
[CFB Halifax Mariners women's & men's volleyball teams](#)

Twitter (X)

[International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#)
[Canadian Blood Services blood donation clinic](#)

Instagram

[International Women's Day](#)
[International Day of La Francophonie](#)

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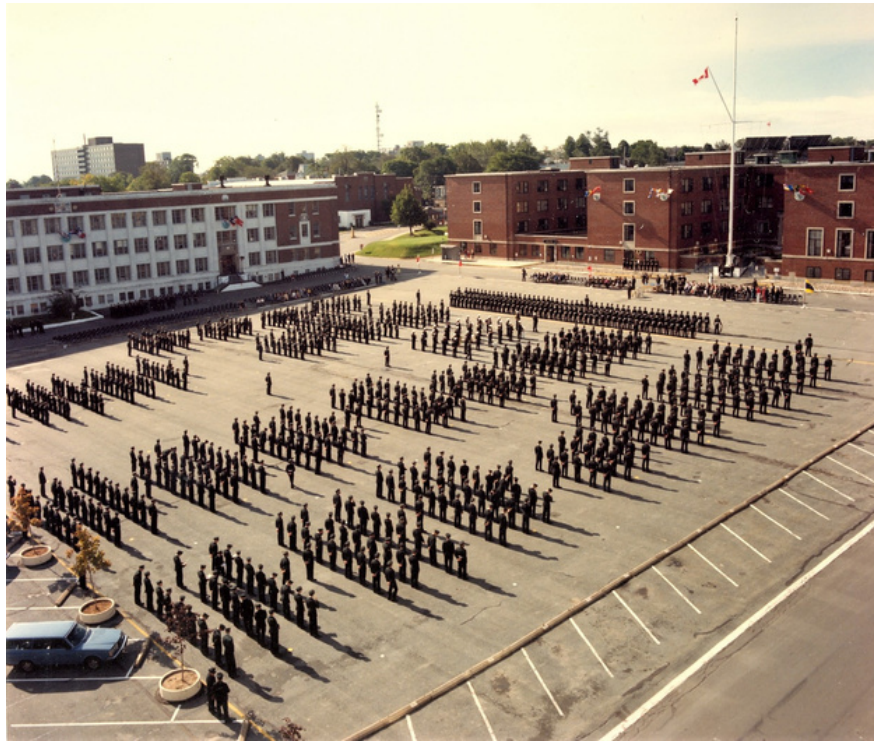
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DID YOU KNOW: THE FLEET (DOCKYARD) FITNESS & SPORTS CENTRE HAS A CLIMBING WALL KNOWN AS THE ROCK YARD?

The Rock Yard climbing program is run by PSP Halifax and a team of volunteers and is open to currently serving Canadian Armed Forces members (both Reg F and Res F) as well as Department of National Defence civilians. Current hours of operation include lunch hour climbs Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 am – 1 pm and open evening climbs on Tuesdays from 3 – 6 pm. Starting April 9, 2024, members of the public can be escorted in for the open evening climbs!

There will be associated fees for the open evening climbs. Equipment rentals are free. Lunch time climbs/unit PT have no associated costs, including equipment. For updates and more information on the Rock Yard visit cfmws.ca/Halifax/Rock-Yard.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



CFB Halifax Parade Square in 1985.
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](#)
- [Mental Health & Wellness](#)
- [Base closures and delayed openings Q&A](#)
- [Lactation Spaces](#)
- [Base Student Services](#)
- [Base Executive Services Accessible via DWAN only](#)
- [Trident Newspaper](#)

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