



# CFB Halifax News

March 2024



## BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Thanks to everyone for the great work in February. It was a cold month, and very snowy at times, but that didn't impact the success of our teams. Of note, February marked the official end to the 2023 National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign. Due to the collective efforts of our local Defence Team, the Halifax region campaign raised almost \$147,000. Bravo Zulu to all involved!

March is shaping up to be a busy month across CFB Halifax, with many events and commemorative activities planned. Please see the event listings below for more information on what's planned and how you can get involved. Also, don't forget that the clock springs forward one hour (daylight saving) on Sunday, March 10!

The Navy High School Outreach program begins on March 21 and will run until early June. This annual initiative will see upwards of 15 students from high schools across the Halifax Regional Centre for Education visit units across the Base one day a week to explore the many career opportunities within the Canadian Armed Forces and Department of National Defence. Many thanks to local units supporting this initiative!

Easter arrives early this year on Sunday, March 31, meaning a four-day weekend for many local Defence Team members; please enjoy time spent with loved ones and use this as an opportunity to recharge. My sincere gratitude extends to our dedicated shift workers/essential employees who will be working that weekend such as cooks, firefighters, military police, watchkeepers, and any personnel who maintain our readiness during those quieter times. Ramadan also begins this month, tentatively expected to start on the evening of March 10. To all Muslim Defence Team members and all who observe this holy month, I wish you a Happy Ramadan. Ramadan Mubarak!



- Capt(N) Andy MacKenzie



## BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Hello Base Team,

I would like to note the paying of compliments and the ceremonies of Colours and Sunset. In the military, a salute is a compliment that traditionally demonstrates trust and respect. Although the method of saluting varies with circumstances, the paying of compliments is a fundamental requirement that is indispensable to service discipline.

The most common occasions where saluting is required at CFB Halifax are:

1. **Showing respect to commissioned officers.** This is completed by turning your head in their direction, saluting, and offering a non-formal, professional greeting.
2. **Passing of a DND vehicle.** Vehicles carrying senior officers can be identified by their distinctive license plates and/or pennants. Members shall salute as they are passed.
3. **Colours and Sunset.** During the ceremony of Colours/Sunset or upon hearing the playing of the National Anthem, all personnel in uniform shall come to attention and salute in the general direction of the nearest flag as it is being raised or lowered. Personnel in motor vehicles shall stop, disembark the vehicle and salute while in uniform. Military personnel in civilian attire shall stop, disembark the vehicle (if applicable) and come to attention facing in the direction of the nearest flag. All civilian members of the DND team are also encouraged to take a moment, step out of their vehicles if embarked and pay their respects to the flag.

These are all important aspects of our military culture and traditions that must be maintained to demonstrate the disciplined and professional force we are. More information on drill and ceremonial can be found [here](#).

- CPO1 Troy Beazley



## CFB HALIFAX LEADERSHIP CHANGES

- Welcome to new Base Information Services branch chief CPO1 Dan Doyle who assumed this position in February 2024 from CPO1 Doug Currie. Thanks to CPO1 Currie for his efforts while in this role and best of luck in your retirement!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?

## INFRASTRUCTURE



- **Stadacona Fitness & Sports Centre** new hours of operation. [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** (LBTF) at Hartlen Point. The [latest public update](#) released in February 2024 notes that 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](#).
- **Combatant Training and Integration Centre – Atlantic:** Architects, engineers, and Royal Canadian Navy managers gathered in February 2024 for a partnering session for the proposed facility during which critical processes for the management of communications, expectations, and relationships were discussed. [Details](#).



## EVENTS

### March: Nutrition Month

*Defence Team members are invited to submit their recipes to Health Promotion to be featured in an upcoming CFB Halifax and 12 Wing Shearwater Cookbook. [Details](#).*

### March 4-8: DND/CAF Ombudsman visit to CFB Halifax and 12 Wing

#### March 8: International Women's Day

*8 a.m. flag raisings at Base HQ and Shearwater main gate*

*8 a.m. - 12 p.m. event at the Sea King Club*

*1 p.m. - 3 p.m. event at S-120 Drill Hall*

#### March 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

*Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide email, and CFB Halifax social media channels for more information.*

#### March 29: Good Friday (statutory holiday)

#### March 31: International Transgender Day of Visibility

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#### April 1: Easter Monday (statutory holiday)



**April 11: 12 Wing RCAF 100 Gala**

[Details.](#)

**April 16-17: Transition/SCAN Seminar**

*See the MARLANT and 12 Wing splash pages for details.*

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

**May 10: RCAF Run**

**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 and will include four distance options departing from the Shearwater Fitness & Sports Centre. [Register now](#) until March 31 for early bird pricing!*

**June 8: Halifax Wanderers DND Appreciation Match**

*Stay tuned for details.*

**June 10: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Clinics**

*Stay tuned for details.*

**June 28-July 1: Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo - [Details.](#)**

*To thank Defence Team members, the RNSIT team is offering 10% off 2024 Tattoo tickets with promo code THANKYOU2024. Kids are free! [Tickets:](#)*



## MISCELLANEOUS

- The Navy High School Outreach Program is starting on March 21. See what last year's students experienced during the program [here](#).
- Ramadan begins March 10. There are policies, spaces and resources available nationally and locally to assist our members who participate in the observance of Ramadan. [Details.](#)
- Naval Experience Program. [Details](#)



### Sports, recreation, athletics

- Bravo Zulu to the CFB Halifax Mariner's men's hockey team for winning the CAF Atlantic Region Men's Hockey Championship in January 2024. Best of luck to the team as they compete in the CAF National Men's Hockey Championship from March 3-9 in Shilo, Manitoba.
- Bravo Zulu to our CFB Halifax Mariners women's hockey team for their silver medal finish at the 2024 CAF National Women's Hockey Championship final held on February 28 at CFB Borden!
- Bravo Zulu to our CFB Halifax Mariners women's volleyball team for their gold medal finish at the 2024 CAF Atlantic Region Women's Volleyball Championship final held on March 1 at CFB Halifax!
- Bravo Zulu to our CFB Halifax Mariners men's volleyball team for their gold medal finish at the 2024 CAF Atlantic Region Men's Volleyball Championship final held on March 1 at CFB Halifax!
- Bravo Zulu to our CFB Halifax Mariners men's basketball team for their silver medal finish at the 2024 CAF Atlantic Region Basketball Championship held from February 26-29 at CFB Gagetown!
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in the January 20, 2024 Halifax Mooseheads DND Appreciation Night and helped raise over \$25,000 for Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Building.

### Awards, promotions, certificates

- Angela Foran: Received her 35 Year Public Service Award Certificate on February 22, 2024.
- Missy Sonier: Awarded Base Commander's Commendation on February 22, 2024 for her outstanding performance in support of CFB Halifax.
- MS Mike Hazel promoted to PO2 effective February 15, 2024.
- S1 Brienne Colwell promoted Master Sailor effective February 15, 2024.
- OCdt Christopher Ward promoted to 2Lt/Lt effective December 15, 2023.
- Avr (R) Matthew Tanner promoted to Avr (T) effective September 13, 2023.
- Lt(N) Christopher Shaw: Awarded the Special Service Medal – Expedition Bar on February 7, 2024.
- Lt Fraser Rae: Awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration Medal on February 7, 2024.
- Lt(N) Timothy Parker: Awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration Medal on February 7, 2024.
- Capt Meghan Nicholls: Awarded the Special Service Medal – NATO Bar on February 7, 2024.
- PO1 Stephen Darrigan: Awarded the Special Service Medal – NATO Bar on February 7, 2024.
- PO2 Jeff Pike: Awarded the Special Service Medal – NATO Bar on February 7, 2024.
- S1 Kate Lavergne: Awarded the Special Service Medal – NATO Bar on February 7, 2024.
- Cpl Blair Roy and S1 Jessica Bailey: Awarded the Base Administration Bravo Zulu for supporting a General Court Martial at AJAG Atlantic.
- MS Sarah MacCormack: Awarded certificate of appreciation from the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia for supporting and participating in His Majesty King Charles III Coronation Day celebrations.
- Pte Chelsea Stevens, S1 Scott Debusschere and S1 Lewis Lopes: Awarded NDWCC Certificate of Appreciation for contributions as Day of Caring volunteers.

### Miscellaneous

- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in the 2023 NDWCC. CFB Halifax has received the United Way Halifax Good Neighbour Local Love Award!
- Bravo Zulu to local logisticians who celebrated the Logistics Branch's 56th birthday in February.  
[Details.](#)



## FACE OF BASE: MICHAYLA RYAN

Meet our most recent #FaceofBaseHFX, Michayla Ryan! A Child and Youth Studies student at Mount Saint Vincent University, Michayla is currently on a work term with the Naval Museum of Halifax. 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](mailto:cfbhalifaxpublicaffairs@gmail.com).*



## BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: BASE STUDENT SERVICES

The Base Student Services team facilitates the CFB Halifax Student Program by finding students to employ through the Federal Student Work Experience Program and through local university/college co-operative education programs. The team interviews students, handles security clearances, manages paperwork, collaborates with Base managers, and assists human resources with problems that arise. Learn more about the Base Student Services Team [here](#).

# TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



## Facebook

[NDWCC Suitcase-Travel Party](#)  
[NDWCC cheque presentation](#)

## Twitter (X)

[YWCA Day of Caring](#)  
[Security Awareness Week](#)

## Instagram

[BLog & BAdm RCLS 56th birthday celebration](#)  
[Pink Shirt Day](#)

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## DID YOU KNOW:

### KING'S HARBOUR MASTER HAS A DOCKYARD BOATSWAIN POSITION?

The Dockyard Boatswain supports Royal Canadian Navy vessels with berthing and jetty services including brows, brow stands, quartermaster huts, and assisting with foreign vessel visits to the dockyard. The Dockyard Boatswain is also responsible for coordinating with stakeholders to ensure jetty accessibility and safety. Petty Officer 2nd Class Cory Bond is currently serving in this position and can be contacted at 902-427-3198 (Office) and 902-497-5594 (Cell) to coordinate provision of these services!

## FROM THE ARCHIVES



CFB Halifax Hospital in 1966.

*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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