



# CFB Halifax News

## May 2024



### BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

First, I want to thank you all for your hard work in April. Your efforts allowed the Base to start off the new fiscal year on a high note, as we continue to serve our community, uphold high operational standards and foster a supportive work environment for our members.

May is a time for renewal and reflection, and this month marks milestones that are central to who we are as a Defence community. May 4 marks the [Royal Canadian Navy](#) (RCN)'s 114th birthday. With over a hundred years of service, the RCN has long been "Ready, Aye, Ready" to protect the freedom, security, and sovereignty of people in Canada as well as keep the world's citizens and waterways safe. As a submariner myself, I am incredibly proud of our community and its achievements over the years. Wishing all our friends and colleagues across the RCN – from coast to coast to coast – a very happy birthday!



On Sunday, May 5, we will commemorate the 79th anniversary of the end of the [Battle of the Atlantic](#) (BOA). The BOA – the longest continuous military campaign of the Second World War – was a veritable turning point in our history that saw the RCN grow to become one of the largest navies in the world. Throughout this battle, thousands of RCN, Canadian Merchant Navy, and Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) members and their allies faced perilous conditions in the hopes of ending a devastating war.

The BOA's legacy and memories of those who fought in it will not be dimmed or forgotten by the passing years. The stories and success of past sailors and aviators remain an inspiration and proud chapter in Canadian and naval military history. We are grateful for our veterans' bravery and sacrifice, and attending BOA celebrations is a simple way to honour them. I strongly encourage you to seek out and attend local events including our BOA ceremony at Point Pleasant Park Sailors' Memorial on Sunday, May 5, starting at 10:30 am ADT.

May 5-11 is [Emergency Preparedness Week](#) (EP Week), a national event supported by Public Safety Canada that we observe here at CFB Halifax. EP Week is a good opportunity to ensure that we are prepared to protect ourselves, our families, and our community, and is a perfect time to get reacquainted with our [Base Emergency Response Plan](#).

Several other important events and activities are taking place in May, notably Red Dress Day and the Moose Hide Campaign, the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia, Indigenous Awareness Week, and National AccessAbility Week (you can find more details further in this newsletter). If you can participate in or learn more about some or all of these events – and in doing so, represent our diverse and proud Defence community – I highly encourage you to do so.

- Capt(N) Andy MacKenzie



## BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

With spring fully in swing, there is a notable increase in Defence Team members using alternative modes of transportation, such as scooters, e-scooters, bikes, e-bikes, etc. I would like to take this opportunity to remind drivers to share the road with other vehicles and pedestrians and to take a moment to double check their surroundings for everyone's continued safety.

For those utilizing alternative modes of transportation, please remember, safety helmets are to be worn by drivers and passengers, whether in uniform or civilian attire. When in uniform, the applicable service head-dress

is to be carried for wear immediately on dismount from the vehicle. The helmet is not to be embellished with offensive designs, and military insignia is not to be worn on the helmet. Scooters and electric bicycles shall not exceed 25 km/h and are not permitted to be used on sidewalks. Further information on scooter use on CFB Halifax/MARLANT property can be found [here](#) (HALGEN accessible via DWAN only).

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?

### INFRASTRUCTURE



#### Energy Performance Contract

Several energy conservation projects are currently underway across CFB Halifax properties. Examples of these projects/measures include:

- Installation of a solar wall at the Base Logistics Transport, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering building (Willow Park WL57) that will preheat air for the HVAC system.
- Installation of a photovoltaic solar array in Shearwater that will produce electricity and offset the total power requirements for that property.
- Installation of hot water heat pumps in a number of facilities that will heat the domestic hot water at a higher efficiency than standard electric hot water heaters.
- Replacement of inefficient, oil-fired boilers with natural gas high efficiency condensing gas boilers in several facilities.
- Installation of a mechanical system at the Shearwater Arena that will allow for waste heat to be recovered from the arena's ice plant while in operation and be used in the arena and Shearwater Fitness, Sports & Recreation Centre to supplement Central Heating Plant heat for various mechanical systems.



## EVENTS/COMMEMORATIONS

### **May: Asian Heritage Month**

### **May: Canadian Jewish Heritage Month**

#### **May 1-28: Halifax DWAO Period Poverty Drive**

*In Canada, period poverty affects the health and dignity of individuals who menstruate straight across this country. One in three Canadians under 25 who menstruate have struggled to afford menstrual products. Menstrual hygiene product collection boxes will be in lobbies of many facilities across CFB Halifax in May 2024 with donations supporting Feed Nova Scotia. Boxes can be available upon request to the Halifax Defence Women's Advisory Organization (DWAO). A point of contact will need to maintain these boxes in their buildings and ensure boxes gets emptied as needed and brought to the DWAO at the end of campaign. Please contact [Halifax.DWAO@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Halifax.DWAO@forces.gc.ca) for more information.*

#### **May 2: "Challenging Traditions: Women in the Royal Canadian Navy" speaker event:**

*6:30 pm – 8 pm at the Halifax Central Library (5440 Spring Garden Road) in the BMO Community Room (Floor 2). Naval Museum of Halifax volunteer JoAnn Cunningham, will be speaking about the role of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service during World War II. 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 on display for the month of May at the Halifax Central Library. [Details](#).*

### **May 4: Royal Canadian Navy 114th Anniversary**

#### **May 5: Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony at Point Pleasant Park (Halifax)**

*Local Defence Team members and their families are invited to attend the Battle of the Atlantic ceremony on Sunday, May 5, at 10:30 am, at Point Pleasant Park Sailors' Memorial. The ceremony will include a roll call of ships and air squadrons lost during the battle, wreath laying, music from the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy, a Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) CH-148 Cyclone helicopter fly past and wreath drop, and a full parade with four platoons consisting of RCN, RCAF, Canadian Army and Cadet personnel. HMCS Sackville will be anchored dropping a wreath and conducting several burials at sea. Please note that seating will be reserved for dignitaries, veterans, and those with limited mobility only. All others in attendance are kindly asked to stand while observing the ceremony.*

#### **May 5: Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony at Commodore Park (Dartmouth)**

*Local Defence Team members and their families are invited to attend the Battle of the Atlantic ceremony on Sunday, May 5, at 10:55 am, at Commodore Park in Dartmouth. The ceremony is hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 160 Centennial and will include a short parade and marching contingents. For more details, click [here](#) (Facebook Page).*

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**May 5-11: Emergency Preparedness Week**

*Everyone has a role to play in an emergency. Emergency Preparedness Week is an opportunity for you to take action to ensure you are prepared to protect yourself, your family and your community during an emergency. [Details.](#)*

**May 5: Red Dress Day**

*CFB Halifax is encouraging local Defence Team members to wear red on Monday, May 6 to honour the memories of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls across Canada. For CAF members who would like to wear red shirts on May 6 with civilian attire, the \$2 Dress with a Difference fee will be in effect. CAF members may also wear the red shirt under operational dress at the discretion of the unit (no fee). Monitor the MARLANT splash page, CFB Halifax social media channels and Base-wide email for details.*

**May 6-10: Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) Awareness Week****May 6-11: Safety and Health Week**

[Details.](#)

**May 6-12: Mental Health Week**

[Details.](#)

**May 8: Victory in Europe (VE) Day****May 10: RCAF Run**

*10 am at 12 Wing Shearwater. 5K and 10K run. Open to CAF members and general public. [Details.](#)*

**May 12: Mother's Day****May 13-19: National Safe Driving Week****May 16: Moose Hide Campaign**

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

**May 17: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia**

*Join us at 8 am at CFB Halifax HQ and Shearwater Main Gate as we raise the Progress Pride Flag. Monitor the MARLANT splash page, CFB Halifax social media channels and Base-wide email for details.*

**May 20: Victoria Day (statutory holiday)****May 26 – June 1: National AccessAbility Week**

*May 30: [Goalball](#) tournament at S-120 Drill Hall from 9 am – 2pm. Minimum three members per team. Contact Lt(N) Rick Mamye at [Richard.Mamye@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Richard.Mamye@forces.gc.ca) by May 2 to register.*

**May 27-31: Indigenous Awareness Week**

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

**May 29 & 30: Base Clean Up**

*Monitor the MARLANT splash page, CFB Halifax social media channels and Base-wide emails for details.*





## June 8: **\*NEW DATE\*** Navy Bike Ride Halifax

A recreational bike ride along the Shearwater Flyer, Salt Marsh and Atlantic View Trails. Departing from the Shearwater Fitness and Sports Center at 10 am. Four distance options offered. [Details](#).

## June 8: Halifax Wanderers DND Appreciation Match

3 pm at the Wanderer's Grounds in downtown Halifax. Save 15% with promo code HFXDND. [Tickets](#).

## June 10: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Clinic

10 am-3 pm in the Windsor/Atlantic Room in Juno Tower. Visit [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) to book an appointment.

## June 14: Naval Museum of Halifax 50th Anniversary Celebration

Monitor MARLANT splash page, CFB Halifax social channels and Base-wide emails for details.

## June 21-22: 25th Annual DND Family Days

Join us for two days of non-stop fun with rides, games, bouncy castles, and plenty of entertainment for all ages. Plus, don't forget to explore our sponsor booths and enter to win exciting prizes! Monitor MARLANT splash page, PSP Halifax base-wide emails and the CFMWS [website](#) for details.

## June 28-July 1: Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo (RNSIT)

The RNSIT is back this year with 'Horizons,' a special show celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force and the continuing work of the Canadian Armed Forces. Receive 10% off tickets with promo code THANKYOU24. Kids 18 years and under are free with the purchase of adult and senior [tickets](#).



## MISCELLANEOUS

**Food trucks in the Dockyard:** Starting April 18, food trucks will be at HMC Dockyard on the north side of D247 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm every Thursday.

**Naval Whaler:** In summer 2021, HMCS *Summerside* delivered the last remaining Naval Admiralty Whaler to Canada from Portsmouth, UK. The whaler, now under the care and control of the Naval Museum of Halifax, was weathered upon arrival and has since been restored. You can see the whaler at its new home in the lobby of Stadacona building S120. [Details](#) and [video](#).

## CFB HALIFAX LEADERSHIP CHANGES



Welcome to new Base Information Services branch Executive Officer LCdr Alexandra Smith who assumed this position on April 1, 2024 from Maj Neil McPherson. Thank you to Maj McPherson for their efforts in this role.



## Sports, recreation, athletics

- *Bravo Zulu to the CFB Halifax men's and women's Mariners volleyball teams who both placed silver at the CAF National Volleyball Championships in April 2024!*

## Awards, promotions, certificates

- *A/SLt Marion Duquette-Plante: Promoted to SLt effective April 11, 2024*
- *A/SLt Angela MacKenzie: Promoted to SLt effective April 11, 2024*
- *A/SLt Akira Yamagishi: Promoted to SLt effective April 11, 2024*
- *A/SLt Anthony Ward: Promoted to SLt > Lt(N) effective April 11, 2024*
- *Avr Devon Rowland: Promoted to Avr Trained effective April 11, 2024*
- *MCpl Rebecca Ferris: Promoted to Sgt effective April 11, 2024.*
- *Avr Stuart MacDonald: Promoted to Avr(T) effective March 21, 2024*
- *S1 Bradley Morrison: Promoted to MS effective April 2, 2024*
- *S1 Eric Racine: Promoted to MS effective April 19, 2024*
- *MCpl Dale Einarson: Promoted to Sgt effective April 1, 2024*
- *MCpl Tim Soffee: Promoted to Sgt effective April 1, 2024*
- *MS John Kweens: Promoted to the rank of PO2 effective April 8, 2024*
- *Lt Daniel Conway: Promoted to Capt effective April 3, 2024*
- *PO2 Lisa Wickman: Promoted to PO1 effective April 3, 2024*
- *PO1 Ian Hulford: Promoted to CPO2 effective April 10, 2024*
- *Cpl Michelle Meuse: Promoted to MCpl effective April 2, 2024, and received a Commander's Coin for outstanding efforts in leading a team to action the shipment of equipment required to support EX MAROON RAIDER on April 3, 2024.*
- *S1 Jian Fu: Awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration medal on March 19, 2024, for completing 12 years of service, exhibiting a good record of conduct.*
- *MS Brian Thornhill: Awarded the Special Service Medal with Expedition Bar for their participation on OP PROJECTION with NRU Asterix in 2023.*
- *PO2 Dario Garcia: Awarded the Special Service Medal with Expedition Bar for their participation on OP PROJECTION with HMCS Montreal in 2023.*
- *Cpl Duncan Guimond: Awarded the Special Service Medal on April 2, 2024*
- *MCpl Sarah Comeau: Awarded the Special Service Medal on April 2, 2024*
- *S1 Daniel Cochrane: Awarded the Special Service Medal on April 2, 2024*
- *MWO Trevor Rose: Received the Canadian Forces Decoration 1st Clasp on April 3, 2024*
- *Alan Rockwell: Received a Safe Driving Award for 300,000 kms of collision-free driving on April 3, 2024*
- *Robert Hawley: Received a Safe Driving Award for 300,000 kms of collision-free driving on April 3, 2024*
- *MS Mike Gallant: Received a Commander's Coin for their dedication to the CAF, instruction of over 54 Technical Inspector courses and assistance to the fleet on April 3, 2024.*

## Miscellaneous

- *Bravo Zulu to the members of the Base Logistics team who volunteered at the Ward 5 Neighborhood Center Holiday Bingo on March 23.*
- *Bravo Zulu to the Base Logistics Transport, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering division for raising over \$3,800 for the 2024 Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign with Exercise DIRTY HANDS from April 24-26.*



## FACE OF BASE: ELLEN RHIND

We are excited to introduce a very special #FaceofBaseHFX: Ellen Rhind! On April 27, 2024, Ellen celebrated her 60th work anniversary with the Department of National Defence! The Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), VAdm Angus Topshee, presented Ellen with the Commander RCN challenge coin on March 25, 2024, at CFB Halifax headquarters as a token of appreciation for her six decades of dedication to the Defence Team. 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 SERVICES SPOTLIGHT: IT BUSINESS LINE ADVISORY SERVICES TEAM

The IT Business Line Advisory Services team documents and manages the approval of changes that affect any DND/Caf network or system. This includes adding, changing or removing software, networks, hardware, etc. Properly run Change Management ensures the successful implementation of changes in a timely manner with minimal risk to the organization or prevents a change that would have a negative impact/high risk within the organization. Read more [here](#).



## TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



### Facebook

[Base Commander's Commendation: Missy Sonier](#)  
[Teal Up for Military Kids flag raising and Teal Shirt Day](#)

### Twitter (X)

[Halifax Mooseheads 'thank you' visit to CFB Halifax](#)  
[William Chadwick \(WPC 1150\) port visit to Halifax](#)

### Instagram

[Second-year cadets HMC Dockyard visit](#)  
[High School Navy Outreach Program Week 2](#)

*Visit our CFB Halifax social media channels for more content!*



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## DID YOU KNOW: WE WILL BE WELCOMING SUMMER STUDENTS TO CFB HALIFAX SOON?

For years, Base Executive Services (BES) Student Services has facilitated the hiring and recruiting of students for short-term employment thanks to the [Federal Student Work Experience Program](#) and university and college co-operative education programs. At CFB Halifax, students have supported a variety of fields including administration, landscaping, museum archiving, and warehouse logistics.

This summer, we will be welcoming 45 students on Base. They will be working in diverse teams such as the Naval Museum of Halifax, PSP Halifax, Base Information Services (networking and Vessel Monitoring systems), the Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre, the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy, Real Property Operations Section Halifax landscaping, and more! Students start their summer terms between May 6 and June 3, and will benefit from orientation sessions before they officially dive into their work. We look forward to meeting and welcoming these new students!

To know more about BES Student Services, click [here](#) (DWAN only) or take a look at this recent [Base Service Spotlight](#). For inquiries related to student hiring, email Student Services at [DND-BESStudentSvcs@forces.gc.ca](mailto:DND-BESStudentSvcs@forces.gc.ca) or call 902-721-4669.



## FROM THE ARCHIVES



*Maritime Command Museum (now known as the Naval Museum of Halifax) in the 1980s. Located at CFB Halifax Stadacona, this 205-year-old historic house is home to over 110 years of Royal Canadian Naval history.*

*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)
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- [Mental Health & Wellness](#)
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## QUESTIONS/SUBMISSIONS

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