



# CFB Halifax News

## July 2024



### BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone for making June another successful month at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Halifax. Whether helping HMCS *Charlottetown* get out the door on Operation REASSURANCE; supporting colleagues as they navigate Active Posting Season; planning or participating in special events like the [Halifax Wanderers DND Appreciation Match](#), the [Navy Bike Ride](#), and DND Family Days; or supporting initiatives such as our annual [Base clean-up](#) and the most recent Canadian Blood Services blood drive, you continue to put “service before self” and should be incredibly proud. A special shout out to all members involved in the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, an incredible display of music and culture that wrapped up on Canada Day.



July is gearing up to be another busy month across the Halifax region with a variety of summer events including the [Halifax Pride Festival](#) (July 18-28). Pride Season is a time to honour 2SLGBTQI+ communities and to reflect on the important contributions 2SLGBTQI+ Canadians have made to our country and to the Defence Team. This month, and all year round, everyone is encouraged to consider our collective responsibility in ensuring that 2SLGBTQI+ members are thoughtfully supported and included in the workplace and among our ranks. Please reach out to the Atlantic Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization ([adt-pao@forces.gc.ca](mailto:adt-pao@forces.gc.ca)) to know more about engaging on 2SLGBTQI+ issues.

July will also see many leadership changes within our Base team and the greater Formation, including an end to my chapter as Base Commander. As I move on from this position, I wish to extend an early welcome to my successor, [Capt\(N\) Annick Fortin](#). Capt(N) Fortin has played key leadership roles in the Canadian Armed Forces and the Royal Canadian Navy throughout her impressive naval career. Early on, she specialized in Above Water Warfare which – as a submariner – is a skillset for which I have immense admiration. Most recently, she was Commanding Officer of HMCS *Regina* (2021) and HMCS *Winnipeg* (2022) and completed the National Security Programme at the Canadian Forces College. Like many of us, Capt(N) Fortin is ready for her next professional challenge, and I have no doubt that she will guide the CFB Halifax community diligently and masterfully throughout her time here.

As this is my last newsletter message, I want to offer my sincerest thanks to all Defence Team members who make CFB Halifax a unique and incredible community. I have had the privilege of serving with and alongside you these past two years and am leaving inspired by your leadership, your skills, and your service. You keep us ready and resilient while allowing us to improve as an organization every day. Thank you for leading the way.

- Capt(N) Andy MacKenzie



## BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Good day CFB Halifax,

I am sure many local CAF members are aware of CANFORGEN 078/24 Amendment to Canadian Forces Dress Instruction and have reviewed the training package distributed through your Chains of Command. If you haven't already, please review these amendments and make any required adjustments to hair, hair accessories, facial hair and grooming. These amendments are effective July 2, 2024.

This is a good time to remind ourselves and those around us to always maintain the highest standard of dress. An example is that NECU shirts must always be worn outside of buildings and can only be removed inside the unit confines with the permission of the Commanding Officer.

If you have questions about these amendments or general dress instruction, please contact the Base Chief's Office for help.

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



### EVENTS/COMMEMORATIONS

#### **July 6: No. 2 Construction Battalion Recognition Ceremony and Honour Parade**

*Beginning at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Pictou, NS. A bus service will transport attendees who require transportation to and from Pictou. Register for the event and/or bus service [here](#).*

#### **July 18: Pride Flag Raising**

*Intersex-Inclusive Pride flag will be raised at 8 a.m. at CFB Halifax HQ (S90) and 12 Wing Shearwater main gate. This flag raising will mark the beginning of the Halifax Pride Festival and will remain raised from July 18-28.*

#### **July 20: Halifax Pride Parade**

*Saturday, July 20 at 12 p.m. CFB Halifax, in partnership with the Atlantic Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization, will be participating in the Halifax Pride Parade and is seeking Defence Team members to join our parade entry. All participants will participate in walking contingent only - no float. Members interested in participating are asked to email [Rebecca.Pierce3@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Rebecca.Pierce3@forces.gc.ca) no later than 12 p.m. (Atlantic) on July 16. The Halifax Pride Parade will follow a new route this year, starting at the north end of Ahern Ave and ending at Garrison Grounds. [Details](#).*

#### **July 28: Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval**



**August 1: Emancipation Day**

**August 4: Bridgewalk 2024**

**August 5: Natal Day**

**August 9: National Peacekeepers' Day**

**August 17: Highway of Heroes Motorcycle Ride**

**August 19-23: Public Service Pride Week**

**September: National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign Kick-off**

**September 18: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Event**

**September 20: PO2 Craig Blake Memorial Fitness Challenge** | Register [here](#).



## Sports, recreation, athletics

- *Thank you to all involved in the 2024 Halifax Wanderers Football Club DND Appreciation Match on June 8!*
- *Bravo Zulu to Maj Ray Doiron, Officer Commanding, Real Property Operations Unit (Atlantic) Section Halifax, whose team came away with a men's team silver medal at the CISM World Golf Championship in Zimbabwe last month!*
- *Congratulations to local members who participated in the 2024 CAF Running Nationals!*
  - *Women's 10K: Cpl Sarah Schmitter and Pte Sandra Dixon*
  - *Men's 5K: SLt Travis Fehr*
  - *Women's 5K: Lt(N) Katherine Costello, PO1 Lisa MacLean and Sgt Joanne Henneberry*

## Awards, promotions, certificates

- *LCdr Jared MacFadgen: Received the Canadian Forces' Decoration on June 19, 2024.*
- *Rayan Sheikho (Base Comptroller section): Received her Canadian citizenship during a virtual citizenship ceremony on June 25.*

## Retirements

- *CPO2 Krista Storning, the Base Executive Services Unit Chief Halifax, retired from the Canadian Armed Forces on June 28, 2024. Thank you for your many years of service to Canada!*

## Miscellaneous

- *Bravo Zulu to the ships' companies of HMCS Ville de Quebec and HMCS Margaret Brooke who arrived home on June 23 after successful operations at sea.*
- *Thank you to PSP Halifax, volunteers and all others who planned or contributed to the success of both the Navy Bike Ride and DND Family Days last month!*
- *Bravo Zulu to all Defence Team personnel who participated in the 2024 Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo on stage and behind the scenes!*





## FACE OF BASE: MCPL DANIEL MATHIEU

Meet our most recent [#FaceofBaseHFX](#), Master Corporal (MCpl) Daniel Mathieu! Born here in Halifax, MCpl Mathieu currently works as a Mobile Support Equipment Collision Investigator within the Base Logistics Transport, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering division. 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: PSP HEALTH PROMOTIONS HALIFAX

Health Promotion has been serving the CAF and DND community for over 22 years. The team is dedicated to fostering a healthier and more resilient CAF community. They always aim to develop and deliver evidence-informed health promotion programs, collaborate with stakeholders and advocate for policy and environmental changes. Read more [here](#).

## TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



### Facebook

[Naval Museum of Halifax's 50th Birthday Celebration](#)  
[Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Clinic](#)

### Twitter (X)

[2024 Navy Bike Ride](#)  
[National Public Service Week](#)

### Instagram

[National Indigenous Peoples Day Flag Raising](#)  
[Halifax Wanderers DND Appreciation Match](#)

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## DID YOU KNOW: THERE IS A BASE SERVICES DIRECTORY ACCESSIBLE ON THE TRIDENT NEWSPAPER WEBSITE?

The Base Services Directory is a resource that provides Defence Team members with up to date contact information and hours of operation for CFB Halifax branches and lodger units. The latest Base Services Directory, updated in July 2024, can be accessed on the Trident Newspaper [website](#).





## FROM THE ARCHIVES

Naval Cadets and instructor viewing replicas of a ships' crest display at the Maritime Command Museum (now the Naval Museum of Halifax), Admiralty House, date unknown.

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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