



CFB Halifax News

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BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

On July 24, we welcomed Captain(N) M.S.A. (Annick) Fortin to our community as she assumed command of Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Halifax. With this appointment, Capt(N) Fortin becomes the 47th Base Commander of CFB Halifax. In this key leadership role, she will lead a skilled team of approximately 1,400 military and civilian Defence Team members who provide administrative, logistics, information technology and executive services support as well as port operations and emergency services to Maritime Forces Atlantic and local lodger units while maintaining our strong connection with the local community.



Originally from Trois-Rivières, Québec, Capt(N) Fortin joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1991. Following initial training as a bridge watchkeeper, she joined the fleet as a member of HMCS *Huron* in 1998. She went on to specialize in Above Water Warfare and was subsequently posted to HMCS *Vancouver*. Throughout her career, Capt(N) Fortin has deployed to the Persian Gulf for Operation APOLLO and in support of Operation ALTAIR; to the Mediterranean Sea as part of Canada's ongoing contribution to NATO missions in central and Eastern Europe under Operation REASSURANCE and Operation SEA GUARDIAN; and to the Indo-Pacific for Operation PROJECTION. Capt(N) Fortin was appointed Executive Officer of HMCS *Ville De Québec* in 2017; served as Naval Fleet School Pacific Commandant from 2019 to 2021; and assumed Command of HMCS *Regina* in June 2021 followed by Command of HMCS *Winnipeg* in March 2022. She is a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston (1997), holds a Master of Defence Studies (2016) from the Canadian Forces College in Toronto and recently completed the National Security Programme at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto (2024).

Here is the new Base Commander's first official message: "It is a great honour to assume command of Canadian Forces Base Halifax, and to keep watch over Canada's East Coast naval base. I look forward to learning from and working with an exceptional team of civilian and military personnel as we continue to strengthen community ties, support our members and operations from ashore, and persevere through challenges together. I thank my predecessor, Captain(N) MacKenzie, for leaving a solid foundation for us to build upon; I am committed to ensuring that we remain united in our duty to serve."

We wish Capt(N) Fortin a warm welcome and look forward to working together!



BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Good day friends,

In July 2024, the Canadian Armed Forces released [*Fighting Spirit: The Profession of Arms in Canada*](#), the second publication in a series of doctrine that first started with [*The Canadian Armed Forces Ethos: Trusted to Serve*](#) (2022), both of which now replace *Duty with Honour: The Profession of Arms in Canada* (2009).

“Fighting Spirit is a doctrinal guide that articulates the CAF’s renewed commitment to professionalism by describing what it means to be a military professional and how to apply these

concepts to military service. In particular, the profession will emphasize concepts that bring military teams together in a positive, inclusive and productive way. The intent is to reset the conditions needed for a new personal and institutional fighting spirit that will help strengthen the CAF and its ability to defend Canada and Canadian interests.”

Our hope is that Defence Team members have already had the opportunity to review this publication. If not, please set aside some time to read and discuss with your command team so that we can continue to grow and serve our country. The Formation CPO, Fleet CPO and I look forward to discussing this content and hearing your thoughts in the near future.

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



CFB HALIFAX KEY LEADERSHIPS/POSITION CHANGES

Welcome to the new CFB Halifax Base Commander Capt(N) Annick Fortin who assumed the position on July 24, 2024, from Capt(N) Andy Mackenzie. Thank you to Capt(N) MacKenzie for your efforts while in this role. [Details](#).

Welcome to the new Base Administration branch Commanding Officer Cdr Tim Berryhill who assumed the position on July 17, 2024, from Cdr Cynthia Foley. Thank you to Cdr Foley for your efforts while in this role. [Details](#).

Lt(N) Taylor McDonald is Base Operations Officer until further notice. Thanks to LCdr Todd Harnish for your efforts while in this role.

Welcome back to the acting Base Comptroller, Stacey Timmons, and big thanks to LCdr Jared MacFadgen for your efforts while in this role.

Welcome to Lt(N) Jeff Campbell, the new Commanding Officer and Director of Music for the Stadacona Band. Thanks to LCdr Brad Ritson for your six years of leadership while in this role.



Land-Based Testing Facility

To help bring the new Canadian Surface Combatant ships into service and support them through their lifecycle, the Department of National Defence (DND) is building a Land-Based Testing Facility on a portion of DND-owned land at Hartlen Point in Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia. For the latest updates, visit www.tridentnewspaper.com/lbtf



BASE OPERATIONS

Updated hours of operation for select CFB Halifax property access gates and service level changes at Dockyard Security Office.

Effective August 1, 2024, local Defence Team members and visitors will see changes to the hours of operation for some of CFB Halifax's property access gates as well as service level changes to our Dockyard Security Office.

HMC Dockyard

- Admiral's Gate will now be open Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to **6 p.m.** Closed on weekends as usual. Anyone looking to access HMC Dockyard after 6 p.m. on weekdays or on weekends is to use Rainbow Gate.
- Dockyard South temporary access gate (beside HCMS *Scotian*) will now be **closed on weekends.** Anyone looking to access HMC Dockyard on the weekend is to use Rainbow Gate.
- Dockyard Security Office: The actioning of Visitor Access Lists and car pass requests may take longer than usual. Please build in sufficient time when visiting this office.

Stadacona

- Lorne Terrace gate will now be open Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to **6 p.m.** Closed on weekends as usual.

Willow Park

- TEME Gate (near WL57) will now be open **Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** At all other times (including weekends), regular visitors/employees are to access Willow Park through the Main Gate near building WL7.

Shearwater

- Shearwater Boundary Road gate will be **closed on weekends.**

See the MARLANT splash page for full details.



Acadian Heritage Month in Nova Scotia

August 1-7: World Breastfeeding Week

See a list of lactation spaces available throughout CFB Halifax [here](#).

August 4: Bridgewalk 2024

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. on the Macdonald Bridge. Members from HMCS Scotian, 12 Wing Shearwater's RCAF Centennial Committee and the Shearwater Aviation Museum will be participating in this year's Bridgewalk.

August 5: Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Parade (stat holiday)

Starts at 10 a.m. in Halifax at the intersection of Union Street and Novalea Drive and ends in Dartmouth at the intersection of Maple Street and Ochterloney Street. Come see the Stadacona Band, our CFB Halifax float, and many more exciting participants! For more information, click [here](#) (English only).

August 9: National Peacekeepers' Day

August 9: International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

August 10: Northern Lights Lantern Festival

A celebration of the vibrancy and diversity of Halifax's North End at Merv Sullivan Memorial Park. Come enjoy a performance from the 5th Canadian Division Composite Band from 5 - 5:30 p.m. and stick around for an evening of family-friendly fun and entertainment! [Details](#) (English only).

August 15: National Acadian Day

[Details](#)

August 19-23: CAF Atlantic Region Soccer Championship

Being hosted in Shearwater. Best of luck to all participating teams!

August 17: 7th Annual Highway of Heroes Nova Scotia Tribute Ride

Motorcycles will gather at the 12 Wing Sea King Club (242 Warrior Ave) starting at 9 a.m. and will depart for Truro at 1 p.m. The event is open to the public and will feature a demonstration from the SkyHawks Parachute Team. Valid Government-Issued Photo ID required.

August 18: 12 Wing RCAF Centennial Car Show

11 a.m. at the Sea King Club (242 Warrior Avenue). Open to trucks, motorcycles and cars. \$20 registration fee per vehicle. Spectators' entrance by donation. All proceeds go directly to constructing a children's playground as part of the 12 Wing RCAF Legacy Project at the Shearwater Air Park. Government-issued I.D. required for entry.

August 19: World Humanitarian Day

August 19-23: CAF Atlantic Region Soccer Championship

Being hosted at Harbour East Turf in Burnside. Best of luck to all participating teams!

August 19-23: Public Service Pride Week

This year's theme, "Unity in Diversity," underscores our commitment to fostering inclusion and unity in the face of adversity. [Details](#).

August 31: International Day for People of African Descent



SAVE THE DATE

September 9: NDWCC Launch

Monitor MARLANT splash page, CFB Halifax social media channels and the weekly NDWCC Base-wide email for upcoming events.

September 18: Canadian Blood Services Blood Clinic

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Juno Tower - Atlantic Windsor Room. Book blood donation appointment [here](#).

September 19: NDWCC Dragon Boat Race

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dragon Boat East in Dartmouth. Maximum 16 members per team. Open to all Defence Team members. Contact roderick.reid@forces.gc.ca to register.

September 20: PO2 Craig Blake Memorial Fitness Challenge

Join us at MacDonald Beach for this sprint distance triathlon in honour of PO2 Craig Blake. Participate in the Individual category and complete the 300m swim, 6.5km bike, and 2km run or compete in the Team category as a relay. Register [here](#).

September 20: Military Family Appreciation Day

September 21: Special Olympics Nova Scotia Truck Convoy

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October 1: Mi'kmaq Treaty Day

MISCELLANEOUS



Base Services Directory

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 can be accessed [here](#).

Canadian Forces Health Services Centre Atlantic BIPOC Clinic

Canadian Forces Health Services Centre Atlantic has opened a new BIPOC Clinic to serve the unique needs of Canadian Armed Forces members at CFB Halifax who are Black, Indigenous and People of Colour. To book an appointment with Nurse Practitioner Rizg, call 902-721-8890.

CFB Halifax Women's Hockey

The CFB Halifax Women's competitive and developmental hockey teams are looking for team members. Play in the Nova Scotia Women's Hockey League for free with the opportunity to represent Halifax at Regionals and Nationals. Open to all Regular Force members and Reservists. No previous hockey experience required. For the competitive team, contact Annelies.Beumer@forces.gc.ca. For the developmental team, contact Alexis.Brewer2@forces.gc.ca.

Sports, recreation, athletics

- Congratulations to CFB Halifax Mariner's men's ball hockey team who received gold in the CAF Atlantic Region Ball Hockey Championship on July 12 at 12 Wing Shearwater Arena. Bravo Zulu to teams from CFB Halifax, 12 Wing Shearwater, 14 Wing Greenwood and 5 CDSB Gagetown for participating!
- Congratulations to the CFB Halifax/Formation Mariner's women's Slo-Pitch team who won the CAF Atlantic Region Slo-Pitch Championship on July 26 and Bravo Zulu to all other participating teams!

Awards, promotions, certificates

- Lt Vijay Venkatesan: Promoted to Capt on May 24, 2024
- Avr Emily Conway: Promoted to Cpl on June 27, 2024
- Pte Tia Chambers: Promoted to Pte Trained on June 27, 2024
- S1 Daniel Taylor: Promoted to MS on June 27, 2024
- S2 Glendon Martin: Promoted to S1 on June 27, 2024
- NCdt Ronalee Gutland: Promoted to A/SLt on June 27, 2024
- NCdt Isiah Hughes: Promoted to A/SLt on June 27, 2024
- A/SLt Brian Guo: Promoted to SLt on June 27, 2024
- A/SLt Ashley Godin: Promoted to SLt on June 27, 2024
- Lt Kristen Russell: Promoted to Captain on June 27, 2024
- Cpl Aaron Albanese: Promoted to MCpl on July 15, 2024
- S1 Kate Lavergne: Awarded King Charles III Coronation Medal on June 27, 2024
- Cpl Justin Burton: Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration 1st Clasp on June 27, 2024
- CPO1 Joe Dickie: Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration 1st Clasp and CPO1 Scroll on June 27, 2024
- S1 Robert MacMillan: Awarded NATO Non-Article 5 Sea Guardian Medal on June 27, 2024
- Lt(N) Stephen Cogswell: Awarded Special Service Medal expedition Bar on June 27, 2024
- PO2 Nicole Hinkley: Awarded the Admiral Jones Shield Award on June 27, 2024
- MS Blair Baillie, Avr, Angel Jesso, MS Matthew Daniels, Emma Gallant, MS Connor Woods: Awarded Sentinel Badges on June 27, 2024
- Cpl Zachary Peddle: Promoted to A/L MCpl on July 1, 2024
- Cpl Patrick Boschalk: Promoted to A/L MCpl on July 15, 2024
- Sgt Wayne Hambleton: Awarded the Canadian Joint Operations Command Commendation on July 17, 2024 at CFB Halifax headquarters
- Lt(N) Brad Ritson was promoted to LCdr upon conclusion of the Stadacona Band's Change of Command Ceremony on July 23, 2024

Miscellaneous

Bravo Zulu to all the Defence Team members who participated in the Halifax Pride Parade on July 20!
[Details.](#)

Bravo Zulu to the BLog Command Team members who volunteered at Special Olympics Nova Scotia's 2024 Provincial Summer Games at Acadia University in Wolfville from July 12-14, 2024. [Details.](#)

Bravo Zulu to the landscaping students who have been working tirelessly to make the Base look beautiful this summer! Click [here](#) to see progress photos.

DID YOU KNOW: THE BASE INFORMATION SERVICES TEAM MAINTAINS A SELF-SERVICE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PORTAL KNOWN AS ASSYSTNET?

Some of the IT services offered via assystNet include:

- [DWAN Account Guidance](#) - Information and directions for dealing with network accounts when transferring in or out of a unit as well as support for deployments.
- [Defence Office365 Support](#) - Provides information on how to get up and running with D365 as well as links to National sites for support.
- [Common offerings](#) such as resetting your network account and office telephone passwords, modifying file/folder permissions, requesting, or updating a PKI card or requesting new computer applications/software.

This service is only available via DWAN. Members who are unable to connect to the portal or are having issues that require further assistance can call the BIS Service/Help Desk at 1-833-928-1577 weekdays from 0730-1600 hrs.

TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



Facebook

[Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo wrap up](#)
[Base Commander Change of Command](#)



Twitter (X)

[Base Administration Change of Command](#)
[Landscaping students progress](#)

Instagram

[DND Family Days](#)
[Halifax Pride Parade](#)

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Photo of Wren Yvonne Tassie-Victualling, storesman, HMCS *Stadacona*. Date unknown.

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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](#)
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- [Base Student Services](#)
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- [Trident Newspaper](#)

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