



CFB Halifax News

September 2024



BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I am delighted to be jumpstarting my tenure as Base Commander at the same time many local Defence Team members are returning from summer leave or beginning a new chapter at CFB Halifax. For those who have lived locally and worked across the Base or Formation for some time, I hope you were able to take some well-deserved time off this summer. For those who are new to the Base, I understand the unique challenges that come with these transitions and encourage you to reach out to your co-workers and higher leadership for support as you become acquainted with our community.

Even for adults, September evokes a back-to-school energy. In a similar way, we as Defence Team members are ready to learn, tackle new projects, and find actionable solutions to challenges. Whether supporting alongside and deployed vessels, providing personnel services, or maintaining the day-to-day operation of the Base, I thank you all for your continued dedication to providing quality support services to our members, the Formation, and the many lodger units that call CFB Halifax home.

September is also a time for commemorative events and community outreach activities that encourage us to connect and help each other, sometimes outside the scope of our day-to-day operations and service. Whether you attend the Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre's (H&R MFRC) [Bluenose Bienvenue welcome event](#) for newly posted military families, observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation flag raising at Base headquarters, give blood at a Canadian Blood Services blood donation clinic, or participate in the annual National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign (NDWCC), you will find ample opportunities this month to help build healthier communities. Please join me in participating in some (or all) of these activities and help represent the best of what our local Defence community has to offer.

Speaking of the NDWCC, I am proud to be your 2024 NDWCC Champion for the Halifax and Shearwater region. Please take some time to visit our local NDWCC information portals on the [Trident newspaper website](#) (external site) and the [MARLANT intranet](#) (accessible via DWAN only) to learn more about this year's campaign, and join us for our 2024 NDWCC kick-off BBQ on September 20 at HMC Dockyard next to the Base Logistics D206 warehouse.

As we set our sights on a busy fall at CFB Halifax, I look forward to meeting more Defence Team members and learning about the important work that you do in support of our workforce, local units, and Canadian Armed Forces operations at home and abroad. Here's to a new season filled with possibility and opportunity.

- Capt(N) Annick Fortin



BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



As we work our way through the posting season, there are many new faces to welcome and many valued team members we want to thank as they move on to their next chapter. This not only creates a turnover within the units, but it also creates a turnover within our ever-important Defence Advisory Groups (DAGs).

If you are not familiar with the wonderful work of the DAGs, the “DAGs contribute to employment equity objectives and enhance diversity across both the Department of National Defence (DND) and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). DAGs are employment equity advisory groups of serving CAF military members and DND public

service employees who provide grassroots insight, advice, and recommendations to Defence Team leadership. DAGs are made up of dedicated and passionate volunteers who set aside time from their normal duties to represent their communities and to be a strong voice for historically marginalized groups within the Defence Team.” If you are passionate about fostering an inclusive environment within the DND/CAF and are interested in joining one of the DAGs as a member or an ally, see the list of DAGs and contact details found on [this page](#) on the Trident Newspaper website or visit the MARLANT Employment Equity and Diversity [web page](#) (link accessible via DWAN only).

All CAF members, DND public service employees, and CFMWS NPF Employees, regardless of their ethnicity, gender, orientation, ability, age, or background, are welcome to join any DAG. DAGs are normally composed of designated group members but can also include individuals with an interest in the respective groups’ issues, subject to individual DAG charters. The primary criteria for joining a DAG is being committed to the principles of employment equity, diversity, and inclusion.

- CPO1 Troy Beazley



CFB HALIFAX KEY LEADERSHIPS/POSITION CHANGES

Welcome to the new Base Logistics branch Commanding Officer Cdr Galeung Lau who assumed the position on August 23, 2024, from Cdr Chris Gabriel. Thank you to Cdr Gabriel for your efforts while in this role. [Details](#).

Welcome to the new Base Logistics branch Executive Officer LCdr Jenna Lawson who assumed the position in August 2024 from LCdr Ryan Arnold. Thank you to LCdr Arnold for your efforts while in this role.

Welcome to the new King’s Harbour Master Commanding Officer, LCdr John Willigar. Thank you to LCdr Burdon for your efforts while in this role.

Welcome to the new Base Comptroller Financial Analyst Kate Chaput who assumed the position on August 28, 2024, from Pat Dalzell. Thank you to Pat for your efforts while in this role and enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

Welcome to the new Base Comptroller LCdr Patrick Soukup who will assume the position on September 9, 2024, from acting Base Comptroller Stacey Timmons. Thank you to both our previous Base Comptroller LCdr MacFadgen and Stacey for your efforts while in this role.



Land-Based Testing Facility

New updates are available from the Department of National Defence regarding the construction of a Land-Based Testing Facility (LBTF) at Hartlen Point in Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia. This facility and capability will allow our Royal Canadian Navy to bring its future Canadian Surface Combatant ships into service while supporting them throughout their lifecycle.

LBTF project updates include:

1. an update on the status of current site preparation work;
2. a construction update including the most recent rendering of the LBTF (subject to change as the design progresses);
3. further details on the Radio Frequency licensing process; and
4. an updated [Frequently Asked Questions page](#).

You can view the full update by visiting www.tridentnewspaper.com/lbtf.

About the Canadian Surface Combatant Project

The Government of Canada is procuring 15 new Canadian Surface Combatant ships for the Royal Canadian Navy. This new fleet will upgrade and replace the capabilities of the current Halifax-class frigates and retired Iroquois-class destroyers. The new fleet of ships will be tested and trialed in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and will be known as River-class destroyers.

For more information on the Canadian Surface Combatant project, [click here](#).



EVENTS/COMMEMORATIONS

September 7: Bluenose Bienvenue

10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Sea King Club in Shearwater. An event for all Military and Veteran families to connect and welcome newly posted families to our area, with fun activities for all ages! Free to attend and no registration required. [Details](#).

September 9: The 2024 National Defence Workplace Charitable campaign begins in the Halifax and Shearwater region

Monitor the MARLANT intranet, Trident Newspaper website, Base-wide email and CFB Halifax social media channels for more information.

September 12: Official Languages Day

The Francophonie flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at CFB Halifax headquarters (S-90). [Virtual event](#) (Canada School of Public Service)

EVENTS/COMMEMORATIONS (CONTINUED)



September 18: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Clinic

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the S120 Drill Shed. Book blood donation appointment [here](#).

September 20: NDWCC Kick-off BBQ

Join us for our 2024 NDWCC kick-off BBQ on September 20 at HMC Dockyard next to the Base Logistics D206 warehouse from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monitor the MARLANT intranet, [Trident Newspaper website](#), Base-wide email and CFB Halifax social media channels for more information.

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 21: Canadian Walk for Veterans

9:30 a.m. at the Emera Oval on the Halifax Commons (5775 Cogswell, St.). Register [here](#).

September 22-28: Gender Equality Week

September 27: NDWCC Dragon Boat Race

Dragon Boat East (Dartmouth). Teams of 16 at \$1600 per boat/team. To register a team, please contact Lt Connor Adams (Connor.Adams@forces.gc.ca). Monitor the MARLANT intranet, [Trident Newspaper website](#), Base-wide email and CFB Halifax social media channels for more information.

September 27: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Flag Raising and Smudging Ceremony

The Survivors' Flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at CFB Halifax headquarters (S-90). This will be followed by a performance by an Indigenous drummer. Immediately following these activities, the Atlantic Defence Indigenous Advisory Group, in conjunction with the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre, invites all local Defence Team members to a smudging ceremony at Admiralty Gardens next to the Naval Museum of Halifax. [About the Survivors' Flag](#)

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Public holiday. [About the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

October 1: Mi'kmaq Treaty Day Flag Raising

The Mi'kmaq Grand Council Flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at CFB Halifax headquarters (S-90). [About Mi'kmaq Treaty Day](#)



SAVE THE DATE

October: Mi'kmaq History Month

[About Mi'kmaq History Month](#)

October 3: Clash of the Titans Hockey Game

Monitor the MARLANT intranet and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.

October 21: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Clinic

October 23: HMCS Kootenay Commemorative Ceremony

November 6: Take Our Kids to Work Day

Monitor the MARLANT intranet and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.

November 10: Veterans' Week Concert featuring the Stadacona Band

2 p.m. at the Spatz Theatre (1855 Trollope St., Halifax)

MISCELLANEOUS



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 Mariner's Basketball Team

The CFB Halifax Mariner's competitive and recreational basketball teams are looking for players for the fall/winter season. Games will be played in a 5x5 and 3x3 format. Open to all military members. For more information, contact Kevin.Miller3@forces.gc.ca.

CFB Halifax Flag Football

A series of flag football training sessions will be coming to Porteous Field at CFB Halifax Stadacona this fall. Visit [this link](#) and fill out our survey to be added to the flag football mailing list. Mailing list members will be contacted directly to register once dates are confirmed. Open to all military members. For more information, contact Kevin.Miller3@forces.gc.ca.



Sports, recreation, athletics

From August 19-23, CFB Halifax hosted the men's and women's 2024 CAF Regional Soccer Championships. Bravo Zulu to everyone who planned and participated in the tournament. Special shout-out to the Halifax Mariner's women's team who took home gold and the Halifax Mariner's men's team who captured silver after a close championship game versus Gagetown that ended in penalty kicks. [Details](#)

Awards, promotions, certificates

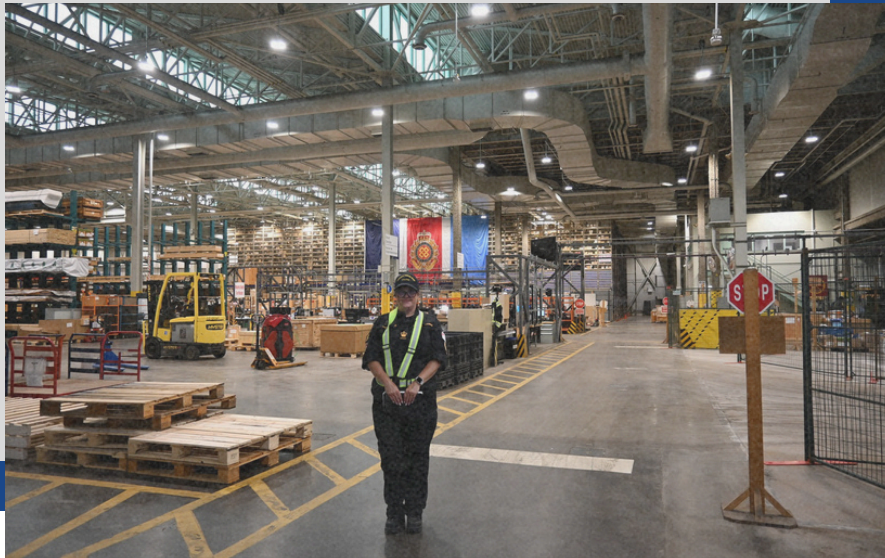
- Long Service Recognition awards were recently presented to the following Base Logistics employees:
 - Mr. Barry Greenough: Customer Service – 25 Years of Service, on July 19, 2024
 - Mr. Robert Graham: Weapons Technician – 45 Years of Service, on August 30, 2024
- Pte Anthony Dillman: Promoted to Pte(T) effective August 21, 2024
- Avr Ian Veinott: Promoted to A/L Cpl effective May 3, 2024
- S1 Sarah Goodman: Promoted to A/L MS effective August 7, 2024
- S1 Jessica Bailey: Promoted to NCdt effective August 19, 2024
- Pte Abigail Peters: Promoted to OCdt effective August 28, 2024
- NCdt Charles Marques: Promoted to A/SLt effective May 1, 2024
- OCdt Emma Comeau: Promoted to 2Lt, with subsequent promotion to Lt effective May 1, 2024
- Cpl Benjamin Brooman: Awarded Special Service Medal – Expedition Bar
- PO2 Christopher Dunleavy: Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration
- PO1 Luke Carpenter: Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration 1st Clasp
- NCdt David Astika: Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration
- NCdt Charles Marques: Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration
- Lt(N) Victoria Vezina: Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration
- A/SLt Aidan Lightbody: Awarded Commissioning Scroll
- A/SLt Tristan Pollard: Awarded Commissioning Scroll
- Lt Christopher Ward: Awarded Commissioning Scroll
- S1 Kate Lavergne: Awarded Base Administration Bravo Zulu, for outstanding support with the planning and organization of the Base Administration (BAdm) Change of Command Ceremony

Miscellaneous

Bravo Zulu to the local CAF members who participated in two United Way Halifax Days of Caring at the newest YWCA Halifax Child Care Centre in Beaver Bank on July 29 and August 2! [Details](#)

Bravo Zulu to the parade organizers, volunteers, float riders and walkers who participated in the 2024 Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Parade with special thanks to The Stadacona Band, the Base Fire Department, and the skilled folks at TEME who constructed and transported the float! [Details](#)

Bravo Zulu to the 54 local Defence Team members who participated in the Nova Scotia Sentry Program from June 28 to August 26 at Government House of Nova Scotia with a special thanks to the Base Chief's Office for organizing sentry training for the Royal Canadian Navy members and coordinating the administration, transportation and rations for all participants! [Details](#)



BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: BASE LOGISTICS MATERIAL CONTROL DIVISION'S D206 MAIN WAREHOUSE

The Base Logistics Material Control Division manages material support services including material order processing, identification, inspection, warehousing, distribution, shipping, packaging, and disposal to MARLANT and its integral and lodger units. One of the division's facilities, the D206 Main Warehouse, has five main sections: Packaging and Crating, Issues, Forward Delivery, Return Stores, and Receipts. Read more [here](#).

2024 NATIONAL DEFENCE WORKPLACE CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN DAYS OF CARING

During two Days of Caring on Monday, July 29 and Friday, August 2, local Canadian Armed Forces personnel assisted YWCA Halifax with brush clearing, yard work, moving a generator off a slab, general clean up and other tasks as needed at their newest Child Care Centre location. Check out [this article](#) on the Trident Newspaper website for details.

Days of Caring are United Way Halifax initiatives that pair community volunteers with charitable organizations who are seeking assistance. Each year as part of the Halifax and Shearwater region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign (NDWCC), United Way Halifax matches Defence Team volunteers with hands-on projects throughout the local community.

If you are a local Defence Team member (military or civilian) who would like to participate in a United Way Day of Caring during the fall 2024 NDWCC, please email NDWCCHalifax@forces.gc.ca.

National Defence
Workplace Charitable
Campaign



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Défense nationale

DID YOU KNOW: YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT THE 2024 HALIFAX & SHEARWATER REGION NATIONAL DEFENCE WORKPLACE CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED BY VISITING THE TRIDENT NEWSPAPER WEBSITE AND MARLANT INTRANET?

The Halifax & Shearwater Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign (NDWCC) runs from September 9 to December 13, 2024. Local campaign information can be found on the [Trident Newspaper website](#) and [MARLANT intranet](#) (accessible via DWAN). These websites will be updated with news, events and resources as the campaign progresses. You can also look forward to weekly Base-wide NDWCC emails featuring consolidated news and updates and can follow the campaign on CFB Halifax's social media channels ([Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#))!

TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



Facebook

[Nova Scotia Sentry Program](#)

[Base Logistics Change of Command ceremony](#)

Twitter (X)

[CAF Slo-Pitch Atlantic Regional Championships](#)

[Bravo Zulu to the Stadacona Band on an amazing summer of music!](#)

Instagram

[Emancipation Day Flag Raising](#)

[2024 Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Parade](#)

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Archival aerial photo of HMCS Stadacona and HMC Dockyard taken in 1962.

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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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