

Unit Spotlight: Base Ceremonial Team



How many people work in the Base Ceremonial Team?

Currently the team is comprised of the Assistant Base Chief Petty Officer, two Ceremonial Petty Officers, one Sailor 1st Class and one Private.

What are the responsibilities of the Base Ceremonial Team?

The Base Ceremonial Team supports Canadian Forces Base Halifax and the surrounding community in planning, organizing, and executing various parades, ceremonies and tasks. Some of these include the Battle of the Atlantic, Remembrance Day, the Nova Scotia Government House Sentry Program, Military funerals, Change of Command ceremonies, Honour Guards for visiting dignitaries and many occasions of reflection and recognition on Base. They are also responsible for the Maritime Forces Atlantic Depart with Dignity program which involves providing a Canadian Flag to retiring members with 25 years of service.

How does the Base Ceremonial Team support Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members and/or operations?

The team aids Defence Team members and the surrounding community by organizing and facilitating a range of events. Many of these gatherings are open to the public, offering a chance for the CAF and the Royal Canadian Navy to engage with the community and showcase their pride and professionalism. Additionally, the team assists local Command teams, local Defence Advisory Groups (DAG) and CAF personnel by coordinating events such as flag raisings, half-mast ceremonies, and memorials.

Where is the Base Ceremonial Team located?

Stadacona, Building S90, 3rd Floor Base Chief's office.

Are there any noteworthy achievements or interesting facts to share about the Base Ceremonial Team?

We are pleased to congratulate two members of the ceremonial team on their recent achievements:

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Lynn Cassidy, the Assistant Base Chief, was recently appointed to the Order of Military Merit and will receive her Medal of Military Merit (MMM) in Ottawa in November 2024. Lynn undoubtedly displays the motto of the order "Service Before Self". Pte Juan Duque-Lopez was promoted to Pte(T) on 24 Sept 24. Juan's dedication to the team, professionalism and great attitude never goes unnoticed throughout the Base. If you see Juan send a big congratulations his way!