



CFB Halifax News

November 2024



BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Here we are, already at the doorstep of November. I want start by thanking you for your hard work, dedication, and support across the Base – and amongst each other – all of which is fundamental to our ability to excel operationally, create community, and give back.

Bravo Zulu to members aboard HMCS *Margaret Brooke* (Op NANOOK), HMCS *Montréal* (Op HORIZON) and HMCS *Glace Bay* and HMCS *Shawinigan* (Op REASSURANCE) who safely returned home to Halifax in October after successful journeys in Canadian and international waters. Thank you for your service and contributions to these important naval operations, and to your country. Thank you to your families and loved ones as well as Base teammates for their shore-based support. Wishing all returning members a restful, happy return.



The National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign (NDWCC) is now in full swing, and for a second month in a row, local units – with support from the NDWCC Coordination Team – have been hard at work planning creative fundraising activities and volunteering in the community. I want to thank everyone who has directly or indirectly supported the NDWCC thus far; the teamwork on display has been incredible! Of course, we aren't done yet. You can continue getting involved by donating funds to a charity of your choice using [ePledge](#); by organizing or attending a fundraising event; by participating in a United Way Maritimes Day of Caring; by raising awareness around important social and health issues; or by simply spreading the word about the campaign. Remember that no individual or collective contribution is too small. Upcoming events include a [special Escape Room](#) starting on November 12, EX Dirty Hands from November 13-15, and our "Bring Your Dog to Work Day" on November 26. And save the date for the final event of the 2024 campaign, our NDWCC Kitchen Party, taking place at Juno Tower on February 20, 2025! As always, I encourage you to stay informed on campaign events and resources by visiting the [Trident Newspaper website](#) and the [MARLANT intranet](#) (accessible via DWAN only).

November is a time of commemoration and reflection. While we honoured solemn anniversaries and were confronted with tragic losses within our own ranks and workplaces last month, I hope we can find comfort in knowing that we are united in our grief and in our commitment to remember. This Veterans' Week (November 5-11), Indigenous Veterans' Day (November 8) and Remembrance Day (November 11), I encourage you to take time to learn more about those who served before us and reflect on how their courage and service came to impact us all. I also encourage you and your families to attend the Halifax Mooseheads DND Appreciation Night [hockey game](#) on November 9, the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy's "Our Veterans, Their Stories" [concert](#) on November 10, and – of course – any local Remembrance Day ceremony of your choosing on November 11.

Thank you for your continuous efforts – both on and off the Base – to take care of others and yourselves.

- Capt(N) Annick Fortin



BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



It's already November, which means Remembrance Day is fast approaching. There are many commemorative events and activities happening across the Halifax Regional Municipality on November 11 (and between November 5-11 in recognition of Veterans' Week). I strongly encourage all Defence Team members to attend a Remembrance Day ceremony within their community to commemorate the courage and sacrifice of those who have served our country. Uniformed members attending a Remembrance Day ceremony are required to dress in No. 1A with medals.

I hope to see many familiar faces in uniform out on November 11 remembering and showing respect to those who came before us. To those in uniform, past and present, thank you for your service.

- CPO1 Troy Beazley



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX

CF Health Services Centre (Atlantic) Seasonal Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics 2024

Routine annual influenza and COVID-19 immunization is strongly recommended for all CAF members, Regular or Reserve, who obtain their usual medical care from Canadian Forces Health Services. Vaccinations are not mandatory; however, they are strongly recommended to preserve and promote operational readiness.

The following combined influenza and COVID-19 vaccine clinics will be held over the upcoming weeks:

Shearwater <i>Sea King Club Ashley Lounge</i>	<u>November 4-8</u>	<i>0830-1100 (Walk-ins) 1230-1430 (Walk-ins)</i>
HMC Dockyard <i>HMCS Scotian gym</i>	<u>November 12-15</u>	<i>0830-1100 (Walk-ins) 1230-1430 (Walk-ins)</i>

Open to all Regular Force and Reserve Force Class B (>180 days) and Class C members 18 years and over. Drop-in times (no appointment required) are available at all vaccine clinics. [Details](#).

**Cogswell District Project**

On October 17, 2024, as part of the Cogswell District Project, the Halifax Regional Municipality announced that the new roundabout located southeast of His Majesty's Canadian Dockyard will open this fall using a phased approach, with HMC Dockyard's Valour Way South entrance expected to re-open in mid-December. Click [here](#) for more information.

The first phase of the roundabout opening began on Monday, October 28, when the Barrington Street and Upper Water Street legs of the roundabout opened. Vehicular traffic impacts, Halifax Transit impacts, pedestrian/cyclist impacts and a map illustrating this first phase can be found [here](#).

Please monitor Base-wide email, the MARLANT splash page, and CFB Halifax social media for more information on what the gradual opening of this roundabout, especially the reopening of Valour Way South, will mean for our Defence Team.

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

**EVENTS/COMMEMORATIONS****November: Transgender Awareness Month****November: Lebanese Heritage Month****November 5-11: [Veterans' Week](#)****November 6: Take Our Kids to Work Day**

Take our Kids to Work (TOKW) Day is the most recognized career exploration event in Canada. Thousands of grade 9 students across Canada join their parents, friends or relatives at work to get a firsthand look at what a workday looks like in the workplace and what skills are important when pursuing various careers. Local military and civilian and Defence Team members with children in grade 9 are encouraged to participate in TOKW Day Wednesday, November 6. Take part by including your grade 9 student in the day's events, which this year will include a combination of specialized tours and in-person activities. A complete schedule of all activities can be found [HERE](#).

November 8: Indigenous Veterans' Day**November 9: Halifax Mooseheads DND Appreciation Night**

7 p.m. at the Scotiabank Centre (1800 Argyle St., Halifax). Tickets are \$16 each. Get your tickets at the Corporate Sponsorship Office (S90, Room 103), Fleet Fitness & Sports Centre or Shearwater Fitness, Sports and Recreation Centre. Show your valid military ID at one of the merchandise kiosks to receive \$20 off jerseys.

November 10: Veterans' Week Concert

Please join the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy for its annual Veterans' Week Concert on Sunday, November 10 at 2 p.m. at Spatz Theatre (1855 Trollope Street, Halifax). Admission to the concert is free and open to all; no tickets or reservations required.

November 11: Remembrance Day (Public Holiday)**November 12: Naval Museum of Halifax talk at Maritime Museum of the Atlantic**

The Naval Museum of Halifax will be presenting a public talk titled "Why We Remember. The Storied Past of the RCN and Keeping These Memories Alive," at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic on Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. Presenters will include Jennifer Denty, Director of the Naval Museum of Halifax and Richard Sanderson, former Director (and current volunteer) at the Naval Museum of Halifax.

November 12 – December 18: NDWCC Escape Room

Cambridge Military Library. Three games/day, teams of 8, \$20 per person.*

Games will be held Monday-Friday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (1 hour per game). Email Joseph.Abando@forces.gc.ca, Leah.Coughlin@forces.gc.ca and Kathryn.Gatien@forces.gc.ca to book!

**If your team is smaller than 8 people you can still submit your names as there is potential to combine with another small team. Non-Defence Team members (families, friends) age 18+ welcome to participate.*

November 13-15: NDWCC Exercise Dirty Hands

It's almost that time of the year again! The Base Logistics TEME Division will be hosting its annual EX Dirty Hands Seasonal Tire Swap event during which you can book a tire change for your personal vehicle to help you prepare for the colder temperatures. Registration opens November 4.

Appointments are limited. Monitor Base-wide emails, NDWCC Weekly Updates, the MARLANT intranet and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.

November 13-19: Transgender Awareness Week**November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance**

Observed annually, this day memorializes those who have been lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. The Transgender Flag will be raised at Base HQ (Stadacona S90) and 12 Wing Main Gate at 8 a.m. Atlantic to commemorate this day. All Defence Team members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**November 25 - December 10: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign beginning on November 25th, which marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and goes until December 10th, which marks Human Rights Day.

November 26: Bring Your Dog to Work Day

Bring Your Dog to Work Day is back this year by popular demand! Monitor Base-wide emails, NDWCC Weekly Updates, the MARLANT intranet and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.



December 3: International Day for Persons with Disabilities

December 6: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

On December 6, 1989, 14 young women lost their lives at Polytechnique Montréal which led to December 6 being marked as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. MARLANT, in collaboration with the Defence Women's Advisory Organization, will invite all local Defence Team members to wear white ribbons on December 6 to honour the victims of this tragedy and commemorate this day. Monitor Base-wide emails, the MARLANT intranet, and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.

December 6: Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy Holiday Concert

December 6: 107th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion

December 8: Nova Scotia Power Holiday Parade of Lights

December 25: Christmas Day (Public Holiday)

December 26: Boxing Day (Public Holiday)

January 1, 2025: New Years' Day (Public Holiday)

January 29, 2025: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Clinic

February 20, 2025: NDWCC Kitchen Party

Save the date for the final event of the 2024 campaign – our NDWCC Kitchen Party! Monitor Base-wide emails, NDWCC Weekly Updates, the MARLANT intranet and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.



MISCELLANEOUS

Canadian Forces Health Services Group Automated Appointment Reminder Directive

Starting November 5, 2024, all medical and dental clinics will begin sending automated email reminders for upcoming appointments. These reminder emails will be sent to @forces, @ecn and @rmc emails only and will be sent out seven (7) calendar days and two (2) business days before the scheduled appointment. Patients are requested to contact the medical clinic or dental detachment at least 24 hours before their appointment if they need to cancel or reschedule. For questions regarding this notice, please contact your clinic directly.



Atlantic Defence Indigenous Advisory Group monthly meetings

The Atlantic Defence Indigenous Advisory Group (ADIAG) hold their monthly meetings on the last Thursday of every month via MS Teams. All members are welcome. For more information, please contact Halifax.DAAG@forces.gc.ca.

The ADIAG aims to raise awareness, advise, and educate local Defence Team members and DND/CAF leadership teams regarding Indigenous history, culture and the elimination of systemic barriers that affect Indigenous peoples.

Defence Advisory Group for Persons with Disabilities monthly meetings

The Defence Advisory Group for Persons with Disabilities (DAGPWD) hold their monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of each month in-person with an MS Teams link available.

DAGPWD aims to improve the quality of work life for persons with disabilities and to promote a better understanding of PWD related matters within the Formation and lodger units. DAGPWD provides advice and insight to senior military and civilian leadership on matters related to the equitable representation and treatment of persons with disabilities. For more information, please contact P-HFX.DAGPWD@intern.mil.ca.

Other Defence Advisory Group meetings

The Halifax Defence Women's Advisory Organization, the Atlantic Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization and the Defence Visible Minorities Advisory Group meet regularly but not on a set monthly schedule. For more information on these Defence Advisory Groups and how you can get involved, click [here](#).



BRAVO ZULUS

Awards, promotions, certificates

- S3 Drey Jordan: Promoted to S2 on November 17, 2022
- Avr Shana Chiasson-Paquette: Promoted to Cpl on July 5, 2024
- PO1 Jason Morgan: Promoted to A/L CPO2 on October 1, 2024
- Lt Erica Corbin (Chaplin): Promoted to Capt on May 2, 2024
- Pte Chelsea Stevens: Awarded Base Administration Bravo Zulu for the outstanding assistance and guidance provided to 12 Wing Jr HRAs with completing Class C deployment administration.
- S1 Zachary Eden: Awarded Base Administration Bravo Zulu for their response to a traffic accident and the coordination of traffic to support the timely arrival of first responders.
- Lt(N) Stephen Cogswell: Awarded Base Administration Bravo Zulu for the support provided to the family of a local member during a very difficult time.



BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: BASE INFORMATION SERVICES NAVAL OPERATIONAL SOFTWARE SYSTEMS

The Naval Operational Software Systems (NOSS) team is responsible for multiple software projects across various domains. The team's main projects are MCOIN Messaging, the Stand-Alone Message Drafter, Operational Readiness Management, and the Naval Acoustic Library. Read more [here](#).

NDWCC SPOTLIGHT: UNITED WAY MARITIMES AND HEALTHPARTNERS

National Defence
Workplace Charitable
Campaign



Campagne de charité en
milieu de travail de la
Défense nationale

The Halifax and Shearwater region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign (NDWCC) is organized in collaboration with United Way Maritimes and HealthPartners each fall as part of the local Defence Team's commitment to making a positive social impact in our communities.

United Way Maritimes helps bridge gaps for people who are experiencing poverty and marginalization by creating solutions and advocating for change. There are 35 organizations that run life-changing programs supported by the United Way Community Fund. To view a list of these organizations, please visit: <https://www.unitedwayhalifax.ca/community-fund/>.

HealthPartners supports 17 of Canada's most respected and well-known health charities, which represent some of the most devastating chronic diseases and serious illnesses faced by people in Canada. Learn about these charities at <https://www.healthpartners.ca/>.

Defence Team members can support the work of United Way Maritimes and HealthPartners by donating their time, energy, or dollars to the NDWCC. Through e-Pledge, Defence Team members can select the registered Canadian charity/charities to which they would like to donate. When organizing or participating in a fundraising event, the funds raised are provided to United Way Maritimes and HealthPartners to distribute to charities based on community needs.

Visit <https://tridentnewspaper.com/ndwcc2024/> to learn more about the 2024 Halifax and Shearwater region NDWCC.

DID YOU KNOW CFB HALIFAX HAS A BASE SHUTTLE SERVICE?

The Base Shuttle is a service of minivans and buses that travel between CFB Halifax's Willow Park, Windsor Park, Stadacona, and HMC Dockyard properties. Provided by the Base Logistics Transport, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Division (TEME) Transport section, the shuttle service provides local Defence Team members with free and reliable transportation to attend inter-base, work-related meetings and appointments. Operational Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (with the exception of public holidays), shuttles depart every 30 minutes beginning at Willow Park (TEME building) and HMC Dockyard (MOG 5).

To learn more about the Base Shuttle service and for a detailed schedule, [click here](#) (accessible via DWAN only).

For anyone who would like a copy of the Base Shuttle schedule and does not have access to DWAN, please email P-HFX-BLogGPV@forces.gc.ca.

TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



Facebook

[CFB Halifax bell rededication ceremony](#)
[CFB Halifax Mariners women's slo-pitch team](#)

Twitter (X)

[CNIB panel unveiling](#)
[NDWCC Golf Tournament](#)

Instagram

[NDWCC Leadership Breakfast](#)
[Clash of the Titans Charity hockey event](#)

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Front gate to HMCS Stadacona 1957.
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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)
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