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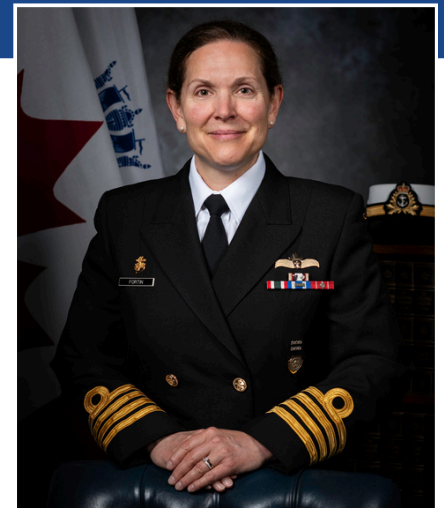
April 2025



BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

April is the Month of the Military Child – a special time to celebrate the resilience, courage, and triumphs of our Defence community's youngest members, while also honouring their unique and diverse experiences. Safe, healthy, and thriving children are fundamental to their parents'/guardians' effective public service and to our overall success as a team and organization. Throughout April, the Halifax & Region Military Resource Centre (H&R MFRC) and other MFRCs across Canada are participating in the Teal Up for Military Kids campaign. Defence Team members from all ranks and classifications are encouraged to participate in related [Teal Up events](#) to celebrate our military children and their families.

Last month was a busy time for many, including local Defence Team members who performed at the highest levels of athletic excellence during Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) regional and national sports competitions. Bravo Zulu to our CFB Halifax Mariners women's hockey team for proudly representing Atlantic Canada during the CAF National Women's Hockey Championship at CFB Trenton, to our CFB Halifax Mariners men's basketball team for representing the Base at the CAF Atlantic Region Basketball Championship at 14 Wing Greenwood, and to our curling team who won the CAF Atlantic Region Curling Championship at CFB Gagetown! Looking ahead, I'd like to wish the best of luck to our Mariners men's and women's volleyball teams who will be representing Atlantic Canada at nationals in late April and early May, respectively. There are so many folks who make CAF sports possible year-round, from the coaches and players to PSP staff, officials, and spectators, and everyone in between. Supporting our sports teams helps to connect us and boost morale, so congratulations and thank you to all involved in this ongoing effort.



While April is a time of renewal and celebration, it is also a time of solemn commemoration. On April 18-19, we will remember the tragic events that began in Portapique five years ago and forever changed the lives of so many in Nova Scotia and across the country. April 29 – one day after the National Day of Mourning, which honours workers who have died, been injured, or suffered illness due to workplace tragedies – will represent the five year anniversary of the Stalker 22 crash and the subsequent shock felt across our Defence community, Canada, and the world. These sombre anniversaries remind us of the fragility of life, but also of the compassion that binds us, especially during the darkest of times. We stand united in remembrance and healing with the loved ones of those lost during these devastating events. If you or someone you know within the Defence Team is struggling, you are not alone: mental health [resources](#) are available 24/7 to you and your family.

As we remember these recent tragedies, I encourage everyone to also reflect on our collective history and make the time to attend activities marking the 80th anniversary of the end of the Battle of the Atlantic (BOA) on the first weekend of May. On Saturday, May 3, the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy will perform a BOA-inspired concert at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. On Sunday, May 4, our local Defence community, families, and members of the public will attend the annual BOA Sunday ceremony at Point Pleasant Park. Please join your colleagues, friends, and neighbours in honouring the lives, bravery, and sacrifices of the Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Canadian Volunteer Reserve, Merchant Navy, Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, and Royal Canadian Air Force servicemembers who fought valiantly during the longest continuous battle of the Second World War. We will continue to remember them and honour their legacy, today and every day.

- Captain(N) Annick Fortin

BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Now that spring has finally sprung, I want to remind local Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel of our seasonal dress change to summer dress, which will take effect **Monday, April 7, 2025**. Navy white orders of dress may be worn commencing this date. If unseasonably cold weather occurs after April 7, winter dress clothing items may be worn as required. Any questions or inquiries regarding dress can be directed to my office at 902-721-8322 (Assistant Base Chief) or 902-721-8349 (Base Chief). Further information on seasonal/climatic dress can be found in the [Canadian Forces Dress Instruction](#) and [2025081000035 R HALGEN - SEASONAL DRESS CHANGE - SUMMER 2025](#).

Also, with the ceremonial and parade season upon us, please remember to be stay vigilant of appearance and uniform fit. If your navy whites or other uniforms are ill-fitting, make sure you are getting them tailored or exchanged proactively to ensure you are comfortable and in compliance with CAF dress instruction. Dockyard Clothing Stores is your go-to resource for all uniform tailoring, exchanging, or kitting and can be reached at 902-427-3217 or p-hfx.blog.clothing@forces.gc.ca.

Finally, our next Base Clean-up will take place on April 22 (Earth Day) to highlight the importance of conserving, protecting, and beautifying our natural surroundings. I look forward to participating in the Base Clean-up with my fellow Defence Team members and encourage you to do the same. Stay tuned for a TASKORD to be released in April.

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



CFB HALIFAX KEY LEADERSHIPS/POSITION CHANGES

Welcome to the new Port Operations and Emergency Services Chief, CPO2 Michael Wood, who is taking over from CPO2 Todd Ryan. Thank you to CPO2 Ryan for your efforts while in this role.

FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION



A [Federal General Election](#) is underway, with election day scheduled for April 28, 2025. During the election period, military and civilian Defence Team members should keep in mind their rights and responsibilities when engaging in [political activities](#). See [this recent Maple Leaf article](#) for what you need to know.

Canadian Armed Forces members must register to vote, like all electors. Visit elections.ca/forces to use the Elections Canada Voter Registration Service to check or update your voter information. You can also register or update your information at your military polling station before you vote. Stay tuned for details regarding upcoming military polling stations at CFB Halifax and 12 Wing Shearwater.

DND civilian and NPF employees can register or update their voter information at elections.ca



April: Month of the Military Child

April is the Month of the Military Child, established to recognize and thank children from military families for the sacrifices they make living the military lifestyle. Throughout April, the Halifax & Region Military Resource Centre (H&R MFRC) and other MFRCs across the country are participating in the Teal Up for Military Kids campaign to celebrate and show their support for children from military families.

Thank you to local Defence Team members and their children who participated in our Teal Up for Military Kids flag raisings and Teal Shirt Day on April 1. The remaining Tuesdays in April (April 8, 15, 22, 29) will be Teal Up Tuesdays. On these days, CAF members are permitted to wear teal shirts underneath their operational dress at the discretion of the unit, but Dress with a Difference will not be in effect. Alterations to the dress standard for N1, N2, and N3 orders of dress are not permitted in accordance with CANFORGEN 021/022. Civilian Defence Team members are encouraged to wear their own teal shirt in support of this important cause as well. The H&R MFRC has a [Teal Up online store](#) where local members may wish to purchase a Teal Up campaign shirt or other clothing items.

The H&R MFRC is also hosting events to mark the Month of the Military Child open to all military families in our area. For more details about these and other programs and activities throughout April, check out the [H&R MFRC's online calendar](#).

April: Sikh Heritage Month

April 7: First day of summer dress for Canadian Armed Forces members

April 18: Good Friday (statutory holiday)

April 21: Easter Monday (statutory holiday)

April 22: Earth Day Base Clean-up

In the spirit of Earth Day, CFB Halifax is hosting a Base Clean-up. All ranks and levels of leadership are encouraged to participate. A TASKORD will be released for this activity.

April 23-25: EX Dirty Hands Tire Change Fundraiser

Seasonal tire changes at TEME (Willow Park, building WL57) in support of the National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign. Booking contact information will be released April 7. A limited number of appointments will be available. Please monitor the MARLANT splash page and Base-wide email for details.

April 28: National Day of Mourning

April 29: Remembering the fallen of Stalker 22

May 3: Stadacona Band Spring Concert - *Sounds of the Atlantic*

Join us at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 (Kenneth C. Rowe Hall) for the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy's spring concert, *Sounds of the Atlantic*. The concert will commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic with a selection of powerful music, including original Canadian compositions and pieces by and inspired by Stan Rogers, to evoke strength in unity, overcoming challenges, and recognizing long-time alliances. With performances showcasing the incredible talent within the ensemble, *Sounds of the Atlantic* promises to be a moving and memorable tribute. This event is free and open to all. For more details, keep an eye on the MARLANT splash page and CFB Halifax social media.

May 4: Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony

Local Defence Team members, their families, and the general public are invited to attend the Battle of the Atlantic (BOA) ceremony on Sunday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m., at Point Pleasant Park [Halifax Memorial](#). Together, we will observe a moment of silence to mark the sacrifice of the more than 4,500 Canadians who lost their lives in the BOA, in hard-fought victories at sea, or on treacherous convoy duty. Please note that seating will be reserved for dignitaries, veterans, and those with limited mobility only. All others in attendance are kindly asked to stand while observing the ceremony.

SAVE THE DATE



May 6-8: MEGA Pickleball Tournament

Played as doubles (teams of two) at the Shearwater gym. Email players' names to Mary.Thompson@forces.gc.ca (Shearwater) or Isaac.Habib@forces.gc.ca (Halifax) no later than April 23. Late entries will not be accepted.

May 30 & 31: DND Family Days

[Details.](#)

June 19-22: Halifax International Fleet Week

June 21: Halifax Wanderers DND Appreciation Match

Monitor Base-wide emails, the MARLANT intranet, and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.

June 21: Navy Bike Ride (Halifax ride)

Register [here](#).

June 27 – July 1: Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo

Five shows at the Scotiabank Centre in downtown Halifax. [Details.](#)

Upcoming Canadian Blood Services Blood Clinics*

June 4, 2025

August 18, 2025

February 23, 2026

**Times and locations of these clinics will be confirmed and announced closer to each date.*



MISCELLANEOUS

Seasonal Motorcycle Pass: Starting April 1, Defence Team members with less than ten years of service may apply for a Seasonal Motorcycle Parking Pass. These passes are valid for motorcycle parking areas only and are valid until November 28, when they are to be returned to the Parking Pass Control Section. Only 100 passes are available. Contact the Parking Control Pass Section (2nd floor, S90) at 721-6719 or 721-1989.

Sports, recreation, athletics

- Bravo Zulu to the Halifax Mariners and Shearwater Flyers men’s basketball teams who participated in the CAF Atlantic Region Men’s Basketball Championships held March 17-21 in Greenwood.
- Bravo Zulu to the CFB Halifax curling team who won gold at the CAF Atlantic Region Curling Championship held March 17-21 at CFB Gagetown.
- Bravo Zulu to the CFB Halifax Mariners women’s hockey team for their great showing at the CAF National Women’s Hockey Championship held from March 21-27 at CFB Trenton.
- Bravo Zulu to the Halifax Mooseheads Canadian Armed Forces Stars of the Game who were honoured during Mooseheads home games between January 9 and March 22, 2025:
 - Capt Zachary Austin
 - PO1 Joel Field
 - MS Karen Henley
 - Cpl Matthew Orlando
 - MWO Joanne Bedard
 - MS Aaron Symonds
 - Cpl Mitchell Paquette
 - CPO2 Jessica Harper
 - S1 Jonathan Price
 - Cpl Cody Beer
 - MCpl Ben Wilson
 - MCpl Andy Anthony
 - MCpl Kelly Godfrey
 - Capt Kendall Daniels-MacLanders

Awards, promotions, certificates

- Cpl Yonique Barnett: Awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal on March 4, 2025
- CPO2 Lynn Cassidy: Promoted to CPO1 on March 7, 2025
- MS Jenny Hoover: Awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal on March 24, 2025
- Pte(T) Juan Duque-Lopez: Promoted to Cpl on April 2, 2025

Miscellaneous

- Bravo Zulu to the Base Logistics team who participated in the World Down Syndrome Day ‘Rock Your Socks’ initiative on March 21.

BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: PSP FITNESS, SPORTS AND RECREATION TEAMS

PSP’s Fitness, Sports and Recreation teams in Halifax and Shearwater support the morale and welfare of local Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members. The teams facilitate Unit Physical Training (Unit PT), the FORCE Evaluation, and specialized testing to prepare members for daily tasks and deployments. The teams also support the CAF Sports Program which provides CAF members of all skill levels with opportunities to participate in various sports competitions at Base, regional, national, and international levels. Read more [here](#).



TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



Facebook

[Stadacona Band presents youth outreach concerts](#)
[Primary Leadership Qualification course graduation ceremony](#)

Instagram

[International Day of La Francophonie](#)
[International Women's Day flag raising](#)

Visit our CFB Halifax social media channels for content!



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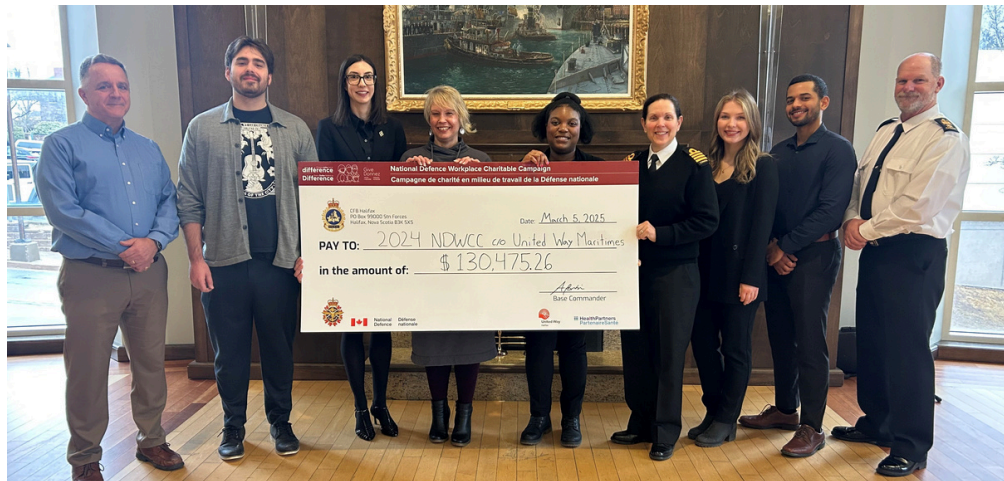


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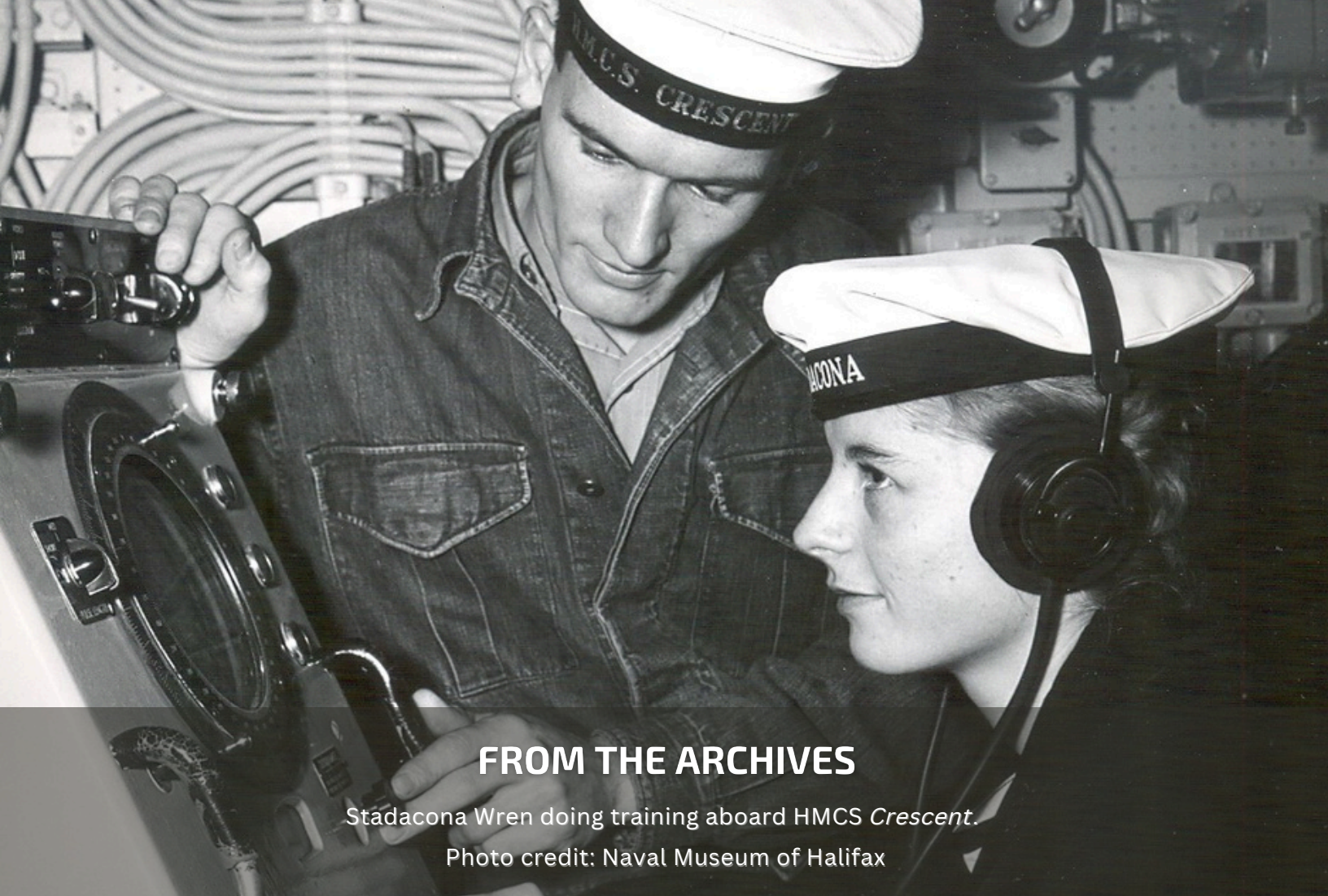
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IT'S A WRAP ON THE 2024 HALIFAX AND SHEARWATER NATIONAL DEFENCE WORKPLACE CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN!



After a busy campaign season, the local 2024 NDWCC Champion, Capt(N) Fortin and members of our NDWCC coordination team presented United Way Maritimes with a cheque for \$130,475.26 – the total amount raised during the 2024 campaign – on March 5 in the Wardroom Ballroom at Juno Tower. These funds will benefit United Way Maritimes and HealthPartners-supported programs/services and will help make a positive social impact in our local communities.

Many thanks to the NDWCC coordination team, unit representatives, and canvassers for facilitating the 2024 campaign. Bravo Zulu to everyone who planned or attended a special event, donated through ePledge or participated in a volunteer opportunity in support of the NDWCC!



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Stadacona Wren doing training aboard HMCS *Crescent*.

Photo credit: Naval Museum of Halifax

RESOURCES

- [Base Services Directory](#)
- **Defence Advisory Groups**
 - [Defence Racialized Persons 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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