



CFB Halifax News

June 2025



BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Thank you, local Defence Team, for making May another impactful month at CFB Halifax, especially as we ramp up Active Posting Season and launch a busy summer of events, commemorations, and celebrations. I want to offer special Bravo Zulus to the Atlantic Defence Indigenous Advisory Group and the Maritime Forces Atlantic Employment Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (MARLANT EEDI) team on an outstanding Indigenous Awareness Week 2025 program and Moose Hide Campaign Day activities; the Defence Advisory Group for Persons with Disabilities and MARLANT EEDI for coordinating an innovative National AccessAbility Week; the Atlantic Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization for participating in the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia flag raising; and PSP Halifax, sponsors, Defence Team volunteers, and families for making DND Family Days possible. Your collective efforts enrich and strengthen our workforce and community – for which I am grateful.



As a reminder to local Defence Team members currently navigating the realities of a posting, please remember to lean on your colleagues, supervisors, and Chain of Command for support and guidance. Also, CFB Halifax offers many resources via the [MARLANT intranet](#) (DWAN access only), the [Trident Newspaper](#) website, CFB Halifax social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Twitter \(X\)](#), and [Instagram](#)) as well as in [CFB Halifax monthly Newsletters](#) to help during this transitional period. To all members leaving CFB Halifax for a posting or new professional opportunity, many thanks for your contributions to the Defence community. I wish you fair winds and following seas.

Summer tends to change the rhythm in the workplace, with many working tirelessly to organize and support important local, national, and bicoastal events. June is [National Indigenous History Month](#) and the start of [Pride Season](#) – a time to celebrate the contributions of Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and additional sexually and gender-diverse identities (2SLGBTQI+) and Indigenous members while also reflecting on the struggles, biases, and barriers experienced by 2SLGBTQI+ and Indigenous communities. As always, we are committed to continuing to build a more inclusive institution where members feel safe, supported, and included.

June is also a time to spotlight the best of what Halifax has to offer with events for all ages such as [One Port City Day](#) (June 14), [Halifax International Fleet Week 2025](#) (June 19-22), the [Halifax Wanderers DND Appreciation Match](#) (June 21), and the [Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo](#) (June 27-July 1) to name a few. And for those looking for a more introspective activity, the Naval Museum of Halifax's [new naval art exhibit](#) is on display until December 2025 and is well worth your time.

These activities are more than simple social gatherings: they are opportunities to connect, celebrate, learn, and inspire. They allow us to create meaning and cultivate a sense of belonging and appreciation within our teams and in the local community. So, I encourage local Defence Team members to get involved and attend as many events as possible, and of course, to enjoy yourselves along the way. Happy June to all.

- Captain(N) Annick Fortin

BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Following a successful DND Family Days event, I want to thank PSP Halifax, their sponsors, and many Defence Team volunteers for their awesome efforts in bringing military and civilian members and their loved ones together for a fun-filled and educational weekend. It was a great way to kick off a busy summer of events and commemorations!

I also want to echo the Base Commander and remind Defence Team members to take time to enjoy the many community outreach activities coming up. Appreciation events meant to thank the local Defence community, such as [Halifax International Fleet Week](#) and the [Halifax Wanderers DND Appreciation Match](#), help enhance our

collective morale and individual wellbeing. They remind us that we are part of a team that – beyond operational/workplace commitments and challenges – can share simple joys and celebratory moments. These types of recognition activities are often coordinated, at least in part, by your colleagues and collaborators, so please take the time to enjoy them if you can. In doing so, you are also doing your part to foster pride and teamwork within the local Defence Team. Thanks for all that you do.

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



EVENTS/COMMEMORATIONS

National Indigenous History Month

Italian Heritage Month

Filipino Heritage Month

Portuguese Heritage Month

Launch of Pride Season

Pride Season is a term that refers to the wide range of Pride events that take place over the summer (June to September) when 2SLGBTQI+ communities and allies come together to spotlight the resilience, celebrate the talent, and recognize the contributions of 2SLGBTQI+ communities. [Details](#).

June 4: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Clinic

10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Naval Fleet School (Atlantic) Drill Shed (building S120). Book appointment [here](#).

June 13: MARLANT ADTPAO's International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia event

As a belated recognition of the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (May 17), the Atlantic Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization (ADTPAO) invites local Defence Team members to an event on June 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Juno Tower Windsor Room. This event will feature a panel discussion on the theme: *Where we have been, where we are, and what still needs to be done*. All Defence team members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We invite you to submit questions for the panelists via the ADTPAO plus box at ADTPAO@forces.gc.ca.

June 14: One Port City Day – HMCS *Shawinigan* ship tours

HMCS *Shawinigan* will be alongside Halifax Seaport Pier 20 for One Port City Day. Drop by for a tour and meet our sailors to learn more about the Royal Canadian Navy. Open for public tours June 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn more [here](#).

June 15: Father's Day

June 19-22: Halifax International Fleet Week

Celebrate our Royal Canadian Navy and Canadian Armed Forces with friends, neighbours, and visitors across the Halifax Regional Municipality! There will be ship tours, sport and recreation events, pop up concerts featuring the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy, and more. Visit the [Halifax International Fleet Week website](#) for the most up-to-date schedule of events.

June 20: NDWCC Dragon Boat Race

8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Graham's Grove Park in Dartmouth. Come out and cheer on the teams and see who takes this year's trophy. This event is part of the 2024 Halifax and Shearwater Region NDWCC. It was scheduled for September 2024 and was postponed due to weather.

June 20: National Indigenous Peoples Day flag raising

The Mi'kmaq Grand Council flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at CFB Halifax headquarters (S-90) in recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day. A flag raising will also occur at Shearwater main gate.

June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21: Halifax Wanderers DND Appreciation Match

3 p.m. at the Wanderers Grounds (5819 Sackville Street, Halifax). DND ticket discount available, with \$2 from every ticket going to the Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre. [Tickets](#). **Originally scheduled for 4 p.m.*

June 21: Navy Bike Ride (Halifax ride)

6 km, 15 km, 30 km, and 37 km routes along the Shearwater Flyer, Salt Marsh and Atlantic View Trails. Starts at 10 a.m. (all distances) at the Shearwater Fitness and Sports Centre. Each participant receives a Navy Bike Ride t-shirt and coin. [Register here](#).

June 22: Halifax International Fleet Week Run

9 a.m. at CFB Halifax Stadacona (start and finish location). Participants have the option to run 5 km or 10 km. Each participant receives an official chip time, race bib, t-shirt, finishing medal, and a chance to win some great draw prizes! Register [here](#).

June 24: Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day

June 27: Canadian Multiculturalism Day

June 27 – July 1: Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo

The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo invites you to celebrate harmony, remembrance, and resilience through music, dance, and cultural traditions, as the Tattoo honours those who paved the way for peace and freedom. Five shows at Scotiabank Centre Halifax. [Details](#).

July 1: Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Canada Day Parade

Starts at 10 a.m. at Scotiabank Centre Halifax.



July 1: Canada Day (statutory holiday)

July 19: Halifax Pride Parade

Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide emails and CFB Halifax social media channels for more details regarding CFB Halifax participation. Visit the [Halifax Pride Festival website](#) for more information.

July 26: Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy 85th Anniversary Concert

August 1: Emancipation Day

August 3: Bridgewalk 2025

August 4: Natal Day (statutory holiday)

August 4: Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Parade

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Upcoming Canadian Blood Services Blood Clinics*

August 18, 2025

February 23, 2026

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



MISCELLANEOUS

Naval Museum of Halifax's newest exhibit

The Naval Museum of Halifax's newest art exhibit - *Pigments of the Sea: Capturing Naval Moments and Memories* - is now open! Whether it is used for historical documentation, propaganda, or artistic expression, naval art is a powerful visual representation of humanity's enduring relationship with the danger, mysteries, and beauty of the sea. The exhibit runs from May 23 to December 31, 2025. Visit the [Naval Museum of Halifax website](#) for the museum's history, location, hours of operation, and more.



Sports, recreation, athletics

- Bravo Zulu to the CFB Halifax Mariners women's volleyball team who competed at the Canadian Armed Forces National Women's Volleyball Championships held from May 1 to 4 at CFB Borden.

Awards, promotions, certificates

- Cpl Jenny Pastor: Promoted to A/L MCpl effective June 2, 2025
- Cpl Michella Iradukunda: Promoted to MCpl effective July 17, 2025
- S1 Gage Dunleavy: Promoted to A/L MS effective May 6, 2025
- PO2 Jean-Francois Martin: Promoted to A/L PO1 effective May 30, 2025
- NCdt Andrew Stonehouse: Promoted to A/SLt with subsequent promotion to SLt effective May 1, 2025.
- NCdt Cameron McNab: Promoted to A/SLt effective May 1, 2025
- NCdt Robert Boutette: Promoted to A/SLt effective May 1, 2025
- NCdt Robert Sampson: Promoted to A/SLt with subsequent promotion to SLt effective May 1, 2025
- OCdt Liam Currie-Peterson: Promoted to 2Lt effective May 1, 2025
- OCdt Warren Marchant: Promoted to A/SLt effective May 1, 2025
- NCdt Catherine Carpentier: Promoted to A/SLt with subsequent promotion to SLt effective May 1, 2025
- NCdt Thierry Brosseau: Promoted to A/SLt effective May 1, 2025
- OCdt William Thornton: Promoted to SLt with subsequent promotion to Lt effective May 1, 2025
- OCdt Robert Mengue Meyong: Promoted to 2Lt effective May 1, 2025
- NCdt Jesse Doucette: Promoted to A/SLt effective May 1, 2025
- S2 Stephanie Benoit, MCpl Nicolas Warren and Lt(N) David Rottluff: Awarded Operational Service Medal – Expedition on May 13, 2025
- PO1 Dennis Walsh: Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration 1st Clasp on May 13, 2025
- A/ SLt Andrew Stonehouse: Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration on May 13, 2025
- S1 James Davidson: Awarded King Charles III Coronation Medal on May 13, 2025
- S1 Karen Maynard: Awarded Government House Certificate of Appreciation for their participation in the installation of the 34th Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia on May 13, 2025
- OCdt Tate Skinner and Lt Grace Smith: Awarded Commissioning Scroll on May 13, 2025
- S3 Nineve Burke and S3 Jinhwan Kim: Received Field Coaching Program certificates on May 13, 2025
- NCdt Chad Burry: Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration on May 29, 2025
- Maj Christopher VanBuskirk: Awarded a Certificate of Achievement, effective January 29, 2025, for displaying exemplary interpersonal abilities by compassionately caring for the embarked Elder while deployed as the Chaplain aboard HMCS *Harry DeWolf* for the Nutak Reunion from July 2 to 14, 2024

Miscellaneous

- Bravo Zulu to the PSP Halifax team for hosting another successful DND Family Days on May 30 and 31. Thanks as well to all volunteers, sponsors, Defence Team members, and families for supporting or attending this event!
- Bravo Zulu to members of The Corps of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) regiment who celebrated their 81st anniversary on May 15, 2025. Thank you to the Base Logistics branch for organizing a Sports Day event for RCEME members at the Shearwater Gym and Sea King Club in recognition of this day.
- Bravo Zulu to firefighters Marie-Eve Tremblay and Firefighter Craig Milsom for representing CFB Halifax Fire & Emergency Services at the Colby Village Elementary Community Fair on May 24!
- Thank you to all involved in planning and supporting Indigenous Awareness Week, National AccessAbility Week, Moose Hide Campaign Day, and International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia activities at CFB Halifax in May!

TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



Facebook

[Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony](#)
[Moose Hide Campaign](#)

Instagram

[Stadacona Band Spring Concert](#)
[Fleet/Moose Hide Campaign Run](#)

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BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: BASE LOGISTICS SYSTEM CONTROL DIVISION

The System Control Division team supports CFB Halifax units by monitoring stock levels in warehousing accounts, providing customer service support in local procurement, and ensuring that materiel management policy is followed. Read more [here](#).



FROM THE ARCHIVES

An unidentified family gathers aboard a Royal Canadian Navy Ship in the Halifax Harbour during the Second World War.

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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