



CFB Halifax News

August 2025



BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Thank you, Defence Team members, for another impactful month. I sometimes repeat myself on this point, but it is worth overcommunicating: I am incredibly proud of my colleagues, collaborators, and every Defence Team member representing the best of what Canadian Forces Base Halifax, the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), and the Department of National Defence have to offer. This is especially true when navigating service before self within a large, complex ecosystem like the Base. Now a year into my role as Base Commander, I continue to learn from and be inspired by the teamwork, productivity, and stewardship I witness every day – so thank you for your unwavering dedication and professionalism and keep up the good work!



In July – whether you were supporting the departures of [HMCS Edmonton](#), [HMCS Yellowknife](#), and [HMCS St. John's](#) for [Operation REASSURANCE](#); welcoming USS New York and HNLMS Johan de Witt alongside His Majesty's Canadian Dockyard on the heels of their participation in the [Atlantic Alliance 2025 \(AA25\) exercise](#); or augmenting events like the [Halifax Pride Parade](#), Change of Command and Change of Appointment ceremonies, the [local CAF versus Royal Navy soccer matches](#), or the [Stadacona Band's 85th anniversary](#) – your efforts did not go unnoticed. Cultivating a positive and cohesive work culture during busier times is challenging, so your contributions throughout the summer months are commendable.

Considering our summer tempo, I hope that August brings you opportunities to slow down, rest, and partake in simple joys. Personally, I am eager to enjoy the sunny weather and take my dogs to explore the many beautiful beaches in and around Halifax and continue getting to know the natural wonders Nova Scotia has to offer. Caring for yourself (in quiet or busy times) is paramount, so remember that [local](#) and [national resources](#) are available 24/7 to support your journey. Please make sure to prioritize your health and wellbeing, for yourself and for your team.

As the Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign (NDWCC) Champion, I would like to remind you that giving season is around the corner. The 2025 theme – [“Give a little. Change a lot!”](#) – will focus on the collective power of small acts of kindness. This year's regional NDWCC will run from September 8 to December 12. Throughout this period, I encourage you to engage in the campaign however you can, whether by donating, participating in an event, or supporting a volunteer opportunity. Be sure to save the date for our celebratory NDWCC Kick-Off BBQ on September 25 and join the movement to build a better future for all, with actions big and small.

- Captain(N) Annick Fortin

BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



I want to extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation to our Defence Team personnel for the incredible efforts on display this summer, especially with many public-facing events, commemorative flag raisings, and ceremonies marking changes in leadership keeping everyone busy beyond our day-to-day business.

Supporting and showing up for each other – both within Defence and for our neighbours – sustains morale, builds community, and contributes to operational capacity. Our ceremonial role is an intrinsic part of our duty to serve, and I commend you for

augmenting, attending, or volunteering throughout the busy summer months to make it all happen.

I hope that you can take some time in August to reflect on the hard work that was accomplished and to be proud of your efforts. If you are taking leave this month, I wish you a relaxing and memorable time off to recharge and come back reenergized to tackle the rest of 2025.

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



CFB HALIFAX KEY LEADERSHIP/POSITION CHANGES

Welcome to the new Canadian Forces Health Services Centre (Atlantic) Commanding Officer, LCol Érik Simard, who assumed the position on July 24 from LCol Justin Keddy. Thank you to LCol Keddy for your efforts while in this role!

Welcome to the new Base Executive Services Unit Chief, CPO2 Darrell Flight, who assumed the position on August 5 from CPO2 Tanya Belanger. Thank you CPO2 Belanger for your efforts while in this role!

Welcome to the Base Comptroller team's new Financial Services Officer, SLt Sanghyun Lee, who assumed the position on July 14 from Lt(N) Jie Dai. Thank you to Lt(N) Dai for your efforts while in this role!

Welcome to the Base Comptroller team's new Head Cashier, Sgt Kristine Giguere-Morency who assumed the position on July 22 from MS Erin MacDonald. Thank you, MS MacDonald, for your efforts while in this role!



Energy Performance Contract

On July 17, a groundbreaking event took place in Shearwater to mark the beginning of a solar array project, part of the larger Energy Performance Contract underway at CFB Halifax. This project will see the installation of a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) system that will produce up to 650 kilowatts of clean, green electricity to help power the Base. Representatives from CFB Halifax, 12 Wing Shearwater, Real Property Operations Unit (Atlantic) Section Halifax, and Defence Construction Canada joined with project contractors to mark the occasion. [Photo](#).

Submarine training facility building dedication

On July 29, the Canadian Submarine Force dedicated building S100, the submarine training facility at CFB Halifax Stadacona, in honour of Petty Officer 2nd Class (PO2) Laverne Donald McLeod. PO2 McLeod joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1949 but tragically lost his life on June 16, 1955, when a torpedo exploded on board the former Her Majesty's Submarine *Sidon*. Building S100 is one of the primary Naval Training Group buildings in Halifax for submariners. The facility ensures that Royal Canadian Navy sailors have the operational and technical knowledge to sustain complex underwater environments. [Photos](#).



EVENTS/COMMEMORATIONS

August: Acadian Heritage Month in Nova Scotia

August 1: Emancipation Day

The Pan-African flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at CFB Halifax headquarters (S90) in recognition of Emancipation Day. A flag raising will also occur at Shearwater main gate.

August 1-7: World Breastfeeding Week

Private and comfortable lactation rooms are available across CFB Halifax to support families who wish to continue breastfeeding or pumping at work. Contact the DWAQ at Halifax.DWAQ@forces.gc.ca or click [here](#) (accessible via DWAN only) to learn more.

August 3: Bridgewalk 2025

2 to 4 p.m. on the Macdonald Bridge. Bridgewalk is Halifax Harbour Bridges' annual opportunity for families and bridge enthusiasts to take a leisurely stroll across the iconic 1.3 km Macdonald Bridge and simply take in the scenery during the Natal Day weekend. Eventgoers are treated to music, snacks, community displays, activities for kids, and a smidge of bridge education. This year, enjoy a performance from the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy and displays from the Royal Canadian Navy, 12 Wing Shearwater, 36 Canadian Brigade Group, and CFB Halifax Fire & Emergency Services.

August 4: Natal Day ([Public Holiday](#))

August 4: Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Parade

Starts at 10:30 a.m. at the Macdonald Bridge and Windmill Road intersection in Dartmouth. Ends at Silvers Hill Park on Prince Albert Drive in Dartmouth. Local DND/CAF participation will include our CFB Halifax float, the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy, and the CFB Halifax Fire & Emergency Services antique fire truck!

August 9: International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

August 15: National Acadian Day

August 16: 8th Annual Highway of Heroes Nova Scotia Tribute Ride

Motorcycles will gather at the 12 Wing Sea King Club (242 Warrior Ave) starting at 9 a.m. and will depart for Truro at 1 p.m. The event is open to the public and will feature a demonstration from the SkyHawks Parachute Team at 11 a.m. Valid government-issued Photo ID required.

August 18: Canadian Blood Services Blood Clinic

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Windsor/Atlantic Room at Juno Tower. [Book appointment.](#)

August 18-22: Public Service Pride Week

[Details.](#)

August 18: Public Service Pride Week Flag Raising

The Intersex-Inclusive Pride Flag will be raised during morning colours at CFB Halifax headquarters (S90) in recognition of Public Service Pride Week. A flag raising will also occur at Shearwater main gate.

August 18-22: CAF Atlantic Region Women's Soccer Championship

Harbour East All Weather Field 2 (261 Commodore Drive, Dartmouth)

Game 1: Monday, August 18 at 2 p.m.

CFB Halifax vs. 14 Wing Greenwood

Game 2: Tuesday, August 19 at 8 a.m.

14 Wing Greenwood vs. 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown

Game 3: Tuesday, August 19 at 2:30 p.m.

5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown vs. CFB Halifax

Final and Closing Ceremony

Wednesday, August 20 at 10:30 a.m.

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5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown vs. CFB Halifax

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Thursday, August 21 at 8 a.m.

August 28: Naval Museum of Halifax event – *Memories of the Gulf. Commemorating 35 Years*

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the beginning of the Gulf War. More than 4,000 CAF members served in the Persian Gulf region between 1990 and 1991. To commemorate this pivotal event in history, the Naval Museum of Halifax is hosting a gathering (light refreshments and music) for Gulf War veterans, friends, and their families to come together in celebration of their service on August 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Mr. Mac's at Tribute Tower. Please RSVP to navalmuseumofhalifax@forces.gc.ca.



September 1: Labour Day ([Public Holiday](#))

September 8: Start of the 2025 Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign

September 19: PO2 Craig Blake Memorial Fitness Challenge

10 a.m. at MacDonald Beach in Shearwater. [Registration link](#)

September 25: National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign Tailgate Kick-off BBQ

Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide email and CFB Halifax social media channels in September for details.

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day ([Public Holiday](#))

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MISCELLANEOUS

Grow the voice and impact of the Defence Women's Advisory Organization (DWAQ): The DWAQ stands as a powerful advocate for voices, experiences and needs of women in uniform. The DWAQ is seeking to grow its membership, diversify its representation, and ensure that every woman in the CAF knows she has a voice – and that it matters. Learn more about the DWAQ [here](#) (accessible via DWAN only) or by emailing Halifax.DWAQ@forces.gc.ca.

Canadian Forces Health Services Centre (Atlantic): Important change to care model

Transition to Same Day Access. On July 2, 2025, Canadian Forces Health Services Centre (Atlantic) transitioned to a new model of care that will increase the availability of same-day appointments within its Care Delivery Units (CDUs). This change is designed to provide patients with more timely access to medical care, ensuring that their health concerns are addressed promptly and efficiently.

Key Information:

- **Scheduling Appointments:** You may continue to schedule by phone through your CDU. Same-day appointments will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Your Care Team:** The experienced healthcare providers in the CDU are prepared to assist you with a wide range of medical concerns, ensuring you receive the highest standard of care.
- **Sick Parade:** You may continue to access care through the Sick Parade in the Day Treatment Unit for more urgent medical concerns that cannot wait or have not resolved within seven days by calling 721-8700.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact 721-8700.

The Employee Assistance Program is looking for dedicated volunteer Peer Advisors: A Peer Advisor (PA) is a DND employee who supports their colleagues by actively listening and directing them to helpful resources, such as mental health services, community programs and more. Their key responsibilities include training and development, employee consults, promotion, and reporting. A PA is not a mental health professional, they cannot diagnose, counsel, advise, prescribe, or treat an employee. However, they are an asset in the workplace, providing a safety net within teams and a valuable first step of support. In order to apply, you must be a full-time DND public service employee and have obtained the support of your supervisor. For more information on candidate eligibility, click [here](#) (accessible via DWAN only). Applications are being accepted from all Bases in Canada until September 12, 2025. [Apply](#) (accessible via DWAN only).

Sports, recreation, athletics

- Bravo Zulu to the local CAF members who participated in the CAF National Triathlon Championship held from June 26 to 29 in Quebec City!
- Bravo Zulu to the local CAF members who participated in the Atlantic Region Golf Championship held from July 15 to 18 in Gagetown!
- Bravo Zulu to the CAF international men's and women's soccer teams and the Royal Navy Football Association men's and women's teams who played a series of exhibition matches across the Halifax Regional Municipality from July 21 to 26. We hope you enjoyed your time in the Halifax region!

Miscellaneous

- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in the Halifax Pride Parade as part of our CFB Halifax entry on July 19!
- Bravo Zulu to the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy on marking their 85th anniversary during a special concert on July 26 at Sackville Landing!
- Bravo Zulu to image techs/photographers from Formation Imaging Services, 12 Wing Imaging Services, and MARLANT Public Affairs who supported numerous events this summer!
- Bravo Zulu to the Base Logistics Transport, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering carpentry shop for constructing our CFB Halifax float for the Natal Day parade and to the landscaping students for decorating the float!
- Bravo Zulu to Commissionaires working across CFB Halifax who marked their 100th anniversary on July 25! Thank you for your important contributions to our Defence community.



BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: FORMATION COORDINATOR OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The role of the Formation Coordinator Official Languages team is to provide Formation senior management and personnel with quality advice and guidance on how best to implement the Official Language Program within their organization. The team provides French or English Second Official Language evaluation and testing and the Decentralized Military Second Language Training Program to Department of National Defence civilian employees and Canadian Armed Forces members.

Read more [here](#).

**TOP CFB HALIFAX
SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS
LAST MONTH**



Facebook

[Halifax Pride Parade](#)

[Halifax International Fleet Week Run](#)

[Naval Display Team](#)

Instagram

[Halifax Wanderers DND Appreciation Match](#)

[Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Recap](#)

[Intersex-Inclusive Pride Flag Raising](#)

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Workplace Charitable
Campaign



Campagne de charité en
milieu de travail de la
Défense nationale

DID YOU KNOW?

THE 2025 HALIFAX REGION NATIONAL DEFENCE WORKPLACE CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES SEPTEMBER 8!

Mark your calendars! The 2025 Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign (NDWCC) runs from September 8 to December 12, 2025. The NDWCC—organized in collaboration with United Way Martimes and HealthPartners—is the local Defence Team’s commitment to making a substantial and positive social impact in our neighbourhoods and communities. The campaign provides Defence Team members with a direct line to donate to over 86,000 charities, including numerous organizations with strong ties to Canada’s military. Our local campaign also includes a variety of in-person events and volunteer opportunities. Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide email, the Trident Newspaper website, and CFB Halifax social media channels for more details. These channels will be updated as the campaign progresses.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

A view of CFB Halifax Stadacona in 1941. The old burial grounds, old Base barracks, Wellington Barracks, Admiralty House, and the construction of building S15 and S17 around parade square are visible in the photo.

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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