



CFB Halifax News

September 2025



BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Welcome, and welcome back! For many of you, last month was a time for rest after a busy spring and summer. For a good number of people, this month is the start of a new chapter at CFB Halifax, which can be both an exciting and challenging transition. So, September will see an influx of military and civilian members returning to the base or arriving for the first time. As Base Commander, I would like to welcome everyone with gratitude, and remind folks of the [resources](#) available if you are requiring specific services or supports.

The [Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre](#) (H&R MFRC) is a important local resource that exists to help you and your loved ones navigate the unique realities of military life. On September 6, the H&R MFRC is hosting its annual [Bluenose Bienvenue](#) event to welcome newly posted families and bring together military and veteran families. Whether you're new to the Halifax region or have been here for an extended period, I encourage you to check out this community event!

Further, Military Family Appreciation Day falls on Friday, September 19, this year. On this special day, we honour those who play an important role in keeping our Canadian Armed Forces members and veterans strong, supported, and safe year-round. Thank you, military families, for all that you do!

On September 8, the annual Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign (NDWCC) will launch and will run until December 12. Save the date for our official kick-off BBQ taking place on September 25 (rain date: October 2) at the Base Logistics main warehouse in the dockyard! The NDWCC is a direct line to thousands of charities, including many with strong ties to Canada's military and veteran populations. As the Halifax Region NDWCC Champion, I invite you to engage with the campaign in whatever way makes sense to you: whether by donating through [ePledge](#), planning or participating in an event, contributing to a volunteer opportunity, or all the above. As the national campaign slogan ("Give a little. Change a lot!") suggests, there is no action too small when taking part in charitable giving. So, I thank you in advance for all individual contributions and collective efforts that will make this giving season an impactful one.

September is the start of a commemorative season of reflection, remembrance, and reconciliation. As such, I encourage you to participate in activities related to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day (September 30), Treaty Day (October 1), and Mi'kmaq History Month (October). To know more and to get involved in meaningful ways, you can reach out to the Atlantic Defence Indigenous Advisory Group or any other [Defence Advisory Groups](#) (DAGs) in the local region working to foster a more equitable, respectful, and inclusive Defence Team.

September also marks the start of a busy fall event season. Lucky for you, the *Events/Commemorations* and *Save the Date* sections of this newsletter are great places to find upcoming events related to sports and recreation, maritime culture, and more! A good example is the inaugural [Maritime Heritage Festival](#) (September 13-14) where local Defence Team members will be participating and proudly representing the Royal Canadian Navy and Royal Canadian Air Force on the Halifax Waterfront.

As we continue our work this fall, please know that our community is made stronger by you, no matter how you are supporting local Defence Team members, the Formation, and the many lodger units across the Base. Thank you for making our communities safer and stronger every day. I hope that this month, and the rest of the year, is filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and build on our collective momentum to keep supporting and protecting those we serve.

- Captain(N) Annick Fortin



BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



I want to extend a warm welcome to newly posted in service members, new civilian employees, and those returning to CFB Halifax from summer leave. Whether you've worked here for days, months, or years, it will come as no surprise that the Base works best when we are operating as an integrated, cohesive team. One of the ways we can strengthen that cohesion is by ensuring you are aware of the many resources available to you, your colleagues, and your loved ones.

For Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members, if you are looking for local support, please reach out the [Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre](#). Their team includes Military Family Navigators, Unit Family Representatives, and other folks dedicated to ensuring you and your family members are supported through deployments, relocations, and other big transitions.

Another great resource is the CAF Social League, a PSP Halifax initiative bringing the local community together while promoting wellness, mental health, and healthy living. League membership and participation is open to all Defence Team members and anyone in the Defence family seeking recreational wellbeing through social and sport-focused activities. Contact green.emily@cfmws.com to learn about upcoming CAF Social League activities.

For both CAF and civilian personnel, I encourage you to become familiar with our [Base Services Directory](#), a document that lists services, hours of operation, and contact information for integral and lodger units across CFB Halifax. This comprehensive directory is an important guide to help all Defence Team members navigate the Base ecosystem regardless of how long you've been here, so please have a look.

These are just a few examples of helpful resources. I encourage you to explore what is available to you, your teams, and your families, especially during this transitional time of year, and see what makes sense to you. Remember, a healthy and supported workforce is what we strive for and is what keeps us safe, both at home and abroad.

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



CFB HALIFAX KEY LEADERSHIP/POSITION CHANGES

Welcome to the new Base Logistics branch Commanding Officer, Cdr Audrey Rivera, who assumed the position on August 22 from Cdr Galeung Lau. Thank you to Cdr Lau for your leadership while in this role!

Welcome to the acting Base Information Services Chief, CPO2 Sherman Lillington, who assumed the position in August from CPO1 Dan Doyle. Thank you to CPO1 Doyle for your efforts while in this role!



Hurricane season reminder: Hurricane season runs from June 1 to the end of November in the Atlantic Ocean, however September and October are typically the most active months for hurricanes in Atlantic Canada. In the event of a Hurricane or Tropical Storm, integral and lodger units across CFB Halifax will be asked to survey for any loose outdoor materials (patio furniture, construction material, signs etc.) in their areas of operation and to properly secure these items to prevent any damage or displacement. Units will also be asked to check on equipment and exposed items to be secured or brought indoors. As always, units are to ensure all backup generators are fueled and prepared for use in the event of power outages. Any of these actions above can be done throughout the year to avoid the last-minute scramble, should a Hurricane or Tropical Storm head our way! Stay prepared and stay safe both at work and home by reviewing these [emergency preparedness resources](#).



EVENTS/COMMEMORATIONS

September 1: Labour Day (public holiday)

September 6: Halifax and Region Military Family Resource Centre *Bluenose Bienvenue*

An event for all military and veteran families to connect and welcome newly posted families to the area with fun activities for all ages. 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 12 Wing Shearwater. Free admission. Government-issued photo ID required. [Details](#).

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

Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide emails, CFB Halifax social media channels, and [Trident Newspaper website](#) for campaign details.

September 8-12: CAF Atlantic Region Men's and Women's Slo-pitch Championships

Mount Edward Ball Field and Greenough Field in Dartmouth. Monitor CFB Halifax social media channels for details.

September 11: Official Languages Day

September 13-14: Maritime Heritage Festival

The Maritime Heritage Festival is taking place September 13-14 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) on the Halifax Waterfront. Our local Defence community is excited to be part of this inaugural festival dedicated to Nova Scotia and Halifax's unique naval history and deep connection to the sea. Don't forget to stop by to take a tour of HMCS *Oriole*, enjoy the Stadacona Band's Celtic Ensemble and Boarding Party live, design ship crests at the Naval Museum of Halifax info booth, and so much more! To know more, click [here](#) (available in English only).

September 17: CANSOFCOM Information Session (Shearwater)

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sea King Club Ashley Lounge. All welcome, no registration required.

September 18: CANSOFCOM Information Sessions (Stadacona)

Two sessions. 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the S120 Drill Hall. All welcome, no registration required.

September 19: Military Family Appreciation Day

September 19: PO2 Craig Blake Memorial Fitness Challenge

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

September 22: Base Commander's Golf Tournament

8:30 a.m. at Hartlen Point Golf Club. Open to CFB Halifax military and civilian personnel. This event includes 18 holes of golf (four person scramble), food and prizes. It is open to the first 20 teams of four to register. \$110 without Hartlen Point club membership \$60 with Hartlen Point club membership (membership number required upon registration). To register or for more information, please call 902-721-0331. Bookings for golf carts & clubs can be made by calling 902-465-3038.

September 22-26: Gender Equality Week**September 25: National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign Tailgate Kick-off BBQ**

Beside the Base Logistics Main Warehouse at HMC Dockyard. Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide emails, and CFB Halifax social media channels for more information. Rain date: October 2.

September 29: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation flag raising and Orange Shirt Day

The Survivors' Flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at CFB Halifax headquarters (S-90). All are welcome. [About the Survivors' Flag](#). Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide emails, and CFB Halifax social media channels for more information regarding Orange Shirt Day. *These activities are taking place at CFB Halifax on September 29 rather than September 30 as the 30th is a public holiday.*

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (public holiday)

[About the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

SAVE THE DATE**October 1: Treaty Day - Mi'kmaq Grand Council Flag Raising**

The Mi'kmaq Grand Council Flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at CFB Halifax headquarters (S-90). All are welcome. [About Mi'kmaq Treaty Day](#)

October 2: Clash of the Titans Charity Hockey Game

Thursday, October 2 at the Halifax Forum (2901 Windsor Street). Two games:

- 5:30 p.m. - Lane Ducks (Attaches) vs Esprit de Corps Commando Lites
- 6:30 p.m. - Esprit de Corps Commandos vs CFB Halifax Mariners

Free admission – all are welcome! 50/50 tickets will be available on-site in support of local cadets.

Originally a contest between the CFB Halifax Mariners hockey team and the Esprit de Corps' Commandos, this charity event was expanded in 2022 to include an exhibition game featuring the Ottawa Service Attache Association (Lane Ducks) and the Esprit de Corps Commando Lites.

October 13: Thanksgiving (public holiday)**October 20: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Clinic****October 25: Halifax Mooseheads DND Appreciation Night**

Monitor the MARLANT splash page and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.

October 31: Poppy Campaign begins



MISCELLANEOUS

Base Services Directory: The Base Services Directory is a resource that provides Defence Team members with up-to-date contact information and hours of operation for CFB Halifax branches and lodger units. The latest Base Services Directory can be accessed [here](#).

BRAVO ZULUS



Sports, recreation, athletics

- Bravo Zulu to the CFB Halifax Mariners men's and women's soccer teams who won gold at the [CAF Atlantic Region Men's and Women's Soccer Championships](#) held from August 18 to 21 in Dartmouth at the Harbour East All Weather Fields.

Miscellaneous

- Bravo Zulu to the parade organizers, volunteers, float riders, and walkers who participated in the [2025 Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Parade](#) with special thanks to the Stadacona Band, CFB Halifax Fire & Emergency Services, the landscaping students, and the skilled folks at TEME who constructed and transported the float!
- Bravo Zulu to the 45 local Defence Team members who participated in the Nova Scotia Sentry Program from June 27 to August 25 at Government House of Nova Scotia with a special thanks to the Base Chief's Office for organizing sentry training for the Canadian Armed Forces members and coordinating the administration, transportation, and rations for all participants!
- Bravo Zulu to everyone involved in [Bridgewalk 2025](#) with special thanks to the Stadacona Band, CFB Halifax Fire & Emergency Services, 5th Canadian Division/36 Canadian Brigade Group, and 12 Wing Shearwater!
- Bravo Zulu to 12 Wing Shearwater for supporting the 8th annual Highway of Heroes Tribute Ride and SkyHawks demonstration on August 16!
- Bravo Zulu to the Naval Museum of Halifax for hosting 'Memories of the Gulf: Celebrating 35 years,' a Gulf War anniversary event for Gulf War veterans, their families, and local Defence Team members on August 28!
- Bravo Zulu to everyone involved in the HMCS *Robert Hampton Gray* naming ceremony and related activities!
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who provided support to the Minister of National Defence visit in early August!
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in [Public Service Pride Week](#) activities!

BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: WEB SERVICES

The Base Information Services Web Services team provides support and maintenance for the Maritime Forces Atlantic and Shearwater DWAN websites. This involves implementation of frameworks and tools such as the National Web Experience Toolkit, managing of metadata, and working closely with the N02 Information Management staff to ensure information presented is of a high quality and follows National standards for the presentation and management of information. Read more [here](#).

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



Facebook

[Public Service Pride Week](#)

[Natal Day Parade](#)

[CAF Atlantic Region Soccer Championships](#)

Instagram

[Bridgewalk 2025](#)

[Emancipation Day flag raising](#)

[First woman in the WRCNS memorabilia](#)

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2025 HALIFAX REGION NATIONAL DEFENCE WORKPLACE CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN

The 2025 Halifax region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign (NDWCC) runs from September 8 to December 12, 2025. Local campaign information can be found on the Trident Newspaper [website](#). This website will be updated with news, events and resources as the campaign progresses. You can also look forward to weekly Base-wide NDWCC emails featuring consolidated news and updates and can follow the campaign on CFB Halifax's social media channels ([Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#))!

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Elmo Retlaw Farewell was an Ordinary Seaman enlisted to the Royal Canadian Navy on April 28, 1941. He was posted to HMCS *Stadacona* in June 1941 for submarine detector training and was deployed on HMCS *Windflower* on September 11, 1941. On Dec 7, 1941, *Windflower* was rammed and sunk in convoy SC 58 by the Dutch freighter *Zypenberg* in dense fog off Iceland. Elmo was one of 23 sailors lost that day. This letter, photo, and locket was the last letter and gift Elmo sent his mother before he left Halifax. Elmo's niece donated these items to the museum in August 2025.

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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