



CFB Halifax News

October 2025



BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

First, Bravo Zulu to the Base Logistics team – with support from Canadian Fleet Atlantic – who oversaw a successful and fun-filled National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign (NDWCC) kick-off event on September 25. Thank you to everyone who participated in making the start of this year's campaign a real celebration. Change comes in these everyday moments of collective action, when we join forces to share a meal, talk about the issues, and raise funds to benefit our community. As a Defence Team member and regional NDWCC Champion, I continue to be inspired by all the organizing, volunteering, and giving that takes place at CFB Halifax each year to help make a difference in people's lives. This month, if you're looking for more campaign events – such as the NDWCC Golf Tournament (October 6), NDWCC Mini Photography Sessions (October 15), and NDWCC Bring Your Dog to Work Day (October 28) – be sure to visit the [2025 Halifax Region NDWCC website](#) and learn about on how to get involved. And if you are looking to volunteer at any point this giving season, please reach out to the [NDWCC Halifax Coordination Team](#).



I want to extend my gratitude to every Defence Team member who planned or participated in National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Orange Shirt Day, Treaty Day, or Mi'kmaw History Month commemorations this past week. Whether you attended a flag raising or smudging ceremony, participated in an Indigenous Blanket Exercise, took the time to explore learning resources about First Nations, Inuit, and Métis across Canada, or reached out the Atlantic Defence Indigenous Advisory Group (ADIAG), your efforts are crucial to advancing reconciliation and building community. These events and conversations can be challenging in many ways, so please remember that [mental health and well-being supports for Indigenous Defence Team members](#) are available and that [support resources](#) are accessible to all Defence Team members and their loved ones.

October is [Canada's Healthy Workplace Month](#) – a time to focus on everyday practices that foster physical, mental, and emotional health as well as organizational well-being. Health and wellness are paramount, so it goes without saying that [comprehensive health and recreational resources](#) offered through Personnel Support Programs (PSP) Halifax and a host of others play an important part in any Defence Team member's health journey. To learn more about the local resources and services available to you, be sure to save the date for PSP Halifax Health Promotion Services' upcoming Health Expo on Thursday, November 6, at the S120 drill shed (Stadacona).

Lastly, October 31 marks the beginning of this year's poppy campaign and the start of remembrance season, an annual reminder to honour the service and sacrifices of those who wore the uniform before us. Whether you are wearing a Royal Canadian Legion poppy or an [Indigenous crafted poppy](#), please take the opportunity to remember and reflect on our veterans, their stories, and how they have shaped our history.

Take care of yourselves, each other, and keep those who served before us in your hearts and minds.

- Captain(N) Annick Fortin

BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



With the change in seasons comes changes to seasonal dress. Effective Monday, October 20, 2025, winter dress will be in effect for CAF members ([NAVORD 5250-0 ART 3.2](#)). As always, please remember to be vigilant of appearance and uniform fit. If your uniform is ill-fitting or in need of repair, remember to get it tailored or exchanged to ensure you are comfortable and in compliance with CAF dress instruction. For any uniform tailoring, exchanging, or kitting, please contact the Dockyard Clothing Stores at 902-427-3217 or p-hfx.blog.clothing@forces.gc.ca. Questions on seasonal dress or any other type of dress instruction can be directed to my office at 902-721-8322 or 902-721-8349 year-round.

Later this month, on Friday, October 31, will begin the [Royal Canadian Legion \(RCL\) Poppy campaign](#), during which CAF

personnel shall wear the red poppy – an emblem to commemorate those Canadians who died in battle – on all uniforms until Remembrance Day. Of note, [Indigenous crafted poppies](#) (meant to honour the contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples) are also authorized to be worn on CAF uniforms, in the same manner as the RCL poppies. Civilian Defence Team members are encouraged to wear a poppy during this time as well.

What we wear and how we wear it holds much symbolic meaning, historical significance, cultural identity, and pride in our ethos. Thank you for representing the best of Defence – to our ranks, civilian colleagues, and the wider community. Wishing you a safe and reflective start to this season of remembrance.

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



INFRASTRUCTURE

Defence Team Update #12: Cogswell District Project

As the Cogswell District Project nears completion, here are two recent updates impacting local Defence Team members:

- New parking area J now open at HMC Dockyard
- New motorcycle parking area now open at HMC Dockyard

For more information, please visit the Trident Newspaper website: <https://tridentnewspaper.com/base-updates/cogswell/>

Dockyard South Access Gate

Effective September 29, the Dockyard South Access Gate (between HMCS Scotian, D193, and the Base Logistics HAZMAT building, D207) will be open weekdays from 0600–1700 hrs for pedestrians, cyclists, and other non-vehicle traffic. Closed on all [public holidays](#). Click [here](#) for a map of Dockyard South Access Gate. Access will be granted only to individuals with valid CAF ID (NDI-20), DND civilian ID (NDI-21), other approved NDIS-listed IDs, or those on a Visitor Access List (VAL) with government-issued photo ID. Motor vehicles will not be permitted through this gate. Vehicular access remains available at Rainbow, Admiral's, and Niobe Gates.

**Government of Canada [Important and commemorative days](#) in October:**

- German Heritage Month
- Canadian Islamic History Month
- Latin American Heritage Month
- Women's History Month

October also marks:

- Mi'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia
- Canada's Healthy Workplace Month

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) and at Shearwater main gate. All are welcome. [About Mi'kmaq Treaty Day](#)

October 2: Clash of the Titans Charity Hockey Game

On October 2, the annual Clash of the Titans charity hockey event returns to the Halifax Forum (2901 Windsor Street)! This year's event consists of two hockey games:

- 5:35 p.m. - Lame Ducks (Attaches) vs Esprit de Corps Commando Lites
- 6:35 p.m. - Esprit de Corps Commandos vs CFB Halifax Mariners

Come out and cheer for the local Defence Team members who will be representing the Royal Canadian Navy/Canadian Armed Forces as players on the CFB Halifax Mariners hockey team! While you're there, enjoy music from the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy. Admission is free and open to all! 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 (Lame Ducks) and the Esprit de Corps Commando Lites.

October 3: Paying Off Ceremony for Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels

Paying Off Ceremony for His Majesty's Canadian Ships *Kingston*, *Gloucester*, *Goose Bay*, *Shawinigan*, and *Summerside*. Friday, October 3, 2 p.m. at HMCS *Scotian* and NB Jetty (entry through *Scotian* at 1 p.m.).

All wishing to attend must RSVP to MARLANTSOVP@forces.gc.ca to be included in the guest list.

Military dress: No. 1A Medals / Civilian Dress: Business Attire.

October 4: Special Olympics Nova Scotia Truck Convoy

The Base Logistics Transport, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering division will once again be supporting the annual Special Olympics Nova Scotia Truck Convoy by hosting the participant staging area in Shearwater. The convoy will begin at Shearwater at 11 a.m. before proceeding through Dartmouth, Cole Harbour, and Eastern Passage. See route map [here](#) (English only).

October 5: 21st anniversary of the HMCS Chicoutimi fire

We remember and honour the officer who died, the nine crewmembers injured, and all those impacted by this tragic event. [History](#)

October 5-11: Mental Illness Awareness Week

[Details](#). Click [here](#) for a list of mental health resources available to Defence Team members.

October 5-11: Fire Prevention Week**October 6: NDWCC Golf Tournament**

8:30 a.m. at Hartlen Point Golf Club (2400 Shore Rd, Shearwater). This event includes 18 holes of golf (four-person scramble), complimentary snacks, 50/50 draw and prizes. It is open to the first 32 teams of four to register. Registration costs \$110 for non-club members and \$80 for club members. To register or for more information, please call Kerri MacDonald at 902-721-0331.

October 13: Thanksgiving (public holiday)**October 15: NDWCC Mini Fall Photography Sessions at Admiralty Garden**

Sign up for a mini photography session with Formation Imaging Services in support of the [National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign](#)! Monitor the MARLANT splash page, NDWCC weekly Base-wide updates, NDWCC [Events and Initiatives page](#) on the Trident Newspaper website, and CFB Halifax social media channels for more details.

October 20: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Clinic

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Naval Fleet School (Atlantic)'s Drill Hall (building S120). Book appointment [here](#).

October 20-26: Waste Reduction Week 2025

Waste Reduction Week is a national environmental campaign that takes place in Canada every year during October, as part of Circular Economy Month. Waste reduction is the practice of using less material and energy to minimize waste generation and preserve natural resources. Each day of Waste Reduction Week 2025 has a designated theme, with more information to be provided via a daily email you will receive from MARLANT Safety & Environment. Remember even the smallest effort can make a huge difference.

October 20: Seasonal dress change for CAF members

Third Monday in October as per [NAVORD 5250-0 ART 3.2](#).

October 23: 56th anniversary of the HMCS *Kootenay* explosion

We remember and honour the nine crewmembers who perished, the 53 crewmembers injured, and all those impacted by this tragic event. [History](#).

October 25: Halifax Mooseheads DND Appreciation Night

Mark your calendars for the 21st annual Halifax Mooseheads DND Appreciation Night! Saturday, October 25, 7 p.m. at the Scotiabank Centre. [Tickets](#). If you are having issues with the Ticketmaster link, please complete [this form](#).

October 26: Intersex Awareness Day**October 28: NDWCC Bring Your Dog to Work Day**

Monitor the MARLANT splash page, NDWCC weekly Base-wide updates, NDWCC Events and Initiatives page on the Trident Newspaper website and CFB Halifax social media channels for more details.

October 31: Poppy Campaign begins



SAVE THE DATE

November 4-December 16: NDWCC Escape Room

St. Brendan's Chapel (Stadacona S7). Daily one-hour games at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. (except no afternoon games on Fridays). Cost is \$20 per person, 8 people per team. For bookings and parking enquiries, please contact Joseph.Abando@forces.gc.ca and Leah.Coughlin@forces.gc.ca. Monitor the MARLANT splash page, NDWCC weekly Base-wide updates, NDWCC Events and Initiatives page on the Trident Newspaper website, and CFB Halifax social media channels for more details.

November 5: Take Our Kids to Work Day

Take Our Kids to Work Day (TOKWD) is a Canada-wide career exploration event that sees Grade 9 students spend the day working with and shadowing professionals in their workplace. CFB Halifax/MARLANT and integral/lodger units will once again participate in the event by organizing activities for Grade 9 students, providing them opportunities to experience different professions and become more familiar with the numerous occupations available within DND/CAF.

A schedule of TOKWD activities across CFB Halifax/Maritime Forces Atlantic will be released in late October. Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide email, and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.

November 6: Health EXPO

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the S120 Drill Hall (Stadacona). Presented by PSP Health Promotion Services and CF Health Services Centre (Atlantic). This year's Health Expo is here to help with navigating your health journey. Come speak with exhibitors across all domains of health from the CAF, DND, and civilian community; listen to dynamic presenters on topics related to the domains of health; and attend drop-in Flu and COVID vaccination clinics for both CAF and civilian members. Monitor the MARLANT splash page, PSP Halifax TV screens, Base-wide email, and CFB Halifax social media channels for more details.

November 9: Stadacona Band Veterans' Week Concert

3 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church, 6036 Coburg Rd, Halifax. Free admission. Monitor the MARLANT splash page and CFB Halifax social media channels for more details.

November 25: Bring Your Dog to Work Day

November 27: NDWCC Travel Party

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

MISCELLANEOUS



Reminder - 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](#).

Windows 11 upgrade deadline notice

To maintain the security of DND/CAF networks, workstations that have hardware that is incompatible with Windows 11 will be shut down as of October 14, 2025. If you are unsure which version your system is running, use the Windows Key + Pause Key to access the "System > About" page. The operating system is listed under Windows Specifications. For more information, please see the email released from Base Information Services (BIS) SMC Service Desk on August 25, 2025 (subject line: Windows 11 Upgrade Deadline Notice // Avis de mise à niveau vers Windows 11) or contact the BIS Help Desk at (833) 928-1577.



Sports, recreation, athletics


- Congratulations to the CFB Halifax Mariners women's slo-pitch team who won the CAF Atlantic Region Women's Slo-Pitch Championship held from September 8-12 in Dartmouth!
- Congratulations to the CFB Halifax Mariners men's slo-pitch team who came second at the CAF Atlantic Region Men's Slo-Pitch Championship held from September 8-12 in Dartmouth!
- Congratulations to the CFB Halifax Mariners women's soccer team who claimed silver at the CAF National Women's Soccer Championship held from September 15-19 at CFB Borden.
- Congratulations to the CFB Halifax Mariners men's soccer team who proudly represented Atlantic Canada at the CAF National Men's Soccer Championship held from September 20-24 at CFB Borden.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who planned and participated in the PO2 Craig Blake Memorial Challenge on September 19 at Macdonald Beach.
- Bravo Zulu to the Halifax Mooseheads CAF Star of the Game recipients for September 2025: S3 Courtney Pearson, PO1 Kyle Gray, and S1 Niko Williams! This annual program highlights and honours deserving military personnel who go above and beyond and are positive contributors at work and in their communities.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who organized and participated in the Base Commander's Golf Tournament on September 22.

Miscellaneous

- Bravo Zulu to the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy, HMCS *Oriole*, HMCS *Sackville*, the Naval Museum of Halifax, Shearwater Aviation Museum, Naval Display Team, Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott, Naval Cadets, and everyone who participated in the inaugural Maritime Heritage Festival on September 13 and 14 at the Halifax Waterfront.
- Bravo Zulu to the Defence Team members who volunteered to participate in the Day of Caring at Common Roots Urban Farm on September 24!
- Bravo Zulu to Base Logistics for organizing the NDWCC Kick-off BBQ on September 25 and to everyone who attended the BBQ in support of a good cause!
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who organized and participated in National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Treaty Day activities across CFB Halifax from September 29 to October 1.
- Bravo Zulu to the local Defence Team members involved in Polish Association Battle of Atlantic monument unveiling.



BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: RECEPTION AND DISPATCH CLAIMS (BASE COMPTROLLER)



The Reception & Dispatch (R&D) Claims team is responsible for the initiation and completion of Temporary Duty/Attached Postings, General Allowance Claims, Leave Travel Assistance, Imposed Restriction entitlements, and non-Canadian Forces Integrated Relocation Program Directive (Base Orderly Room) posting moves. Read more [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

Our Base Operations team recently added to its security response capabilities with the introduction of four, brand new Waterborne Security Response Vessels (WRSVs).

Berthed alongside His Majesty's Canadian Dockyard, these vessels will be used for waterborne security of the Dockyard and other CFB Halifax properties that border the Halifax Harbour and Bedford Basin. The WRSVs will enhance our capability and efficiency by allowing our members to be on the water longer, out of the weather, and comfortable for a longer period when called upon to support.

Training to safely and effectively operate the WRSVs is currently being rolled out across Canadian Fleet Atlantic, with 20 boatswains already trained and ready to provide waterborne security response if/when needed. [Video](#).



TOP CFB HALIFAX
SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS
LAST MONTH



Facebook

[Start of the 2025 Halifax Region NDWCC](#)

[Maritime Heritage Festival](#)

[CAF Atlantic Region Men's and Women's Slo-Pitch Championships](#)

Instagram

[Halifax Mooseheads visit aboard HMCS *Frédéric Rolette*](#)

[Official Languages Day](#)

[2025 National Public Service Symposium](#)

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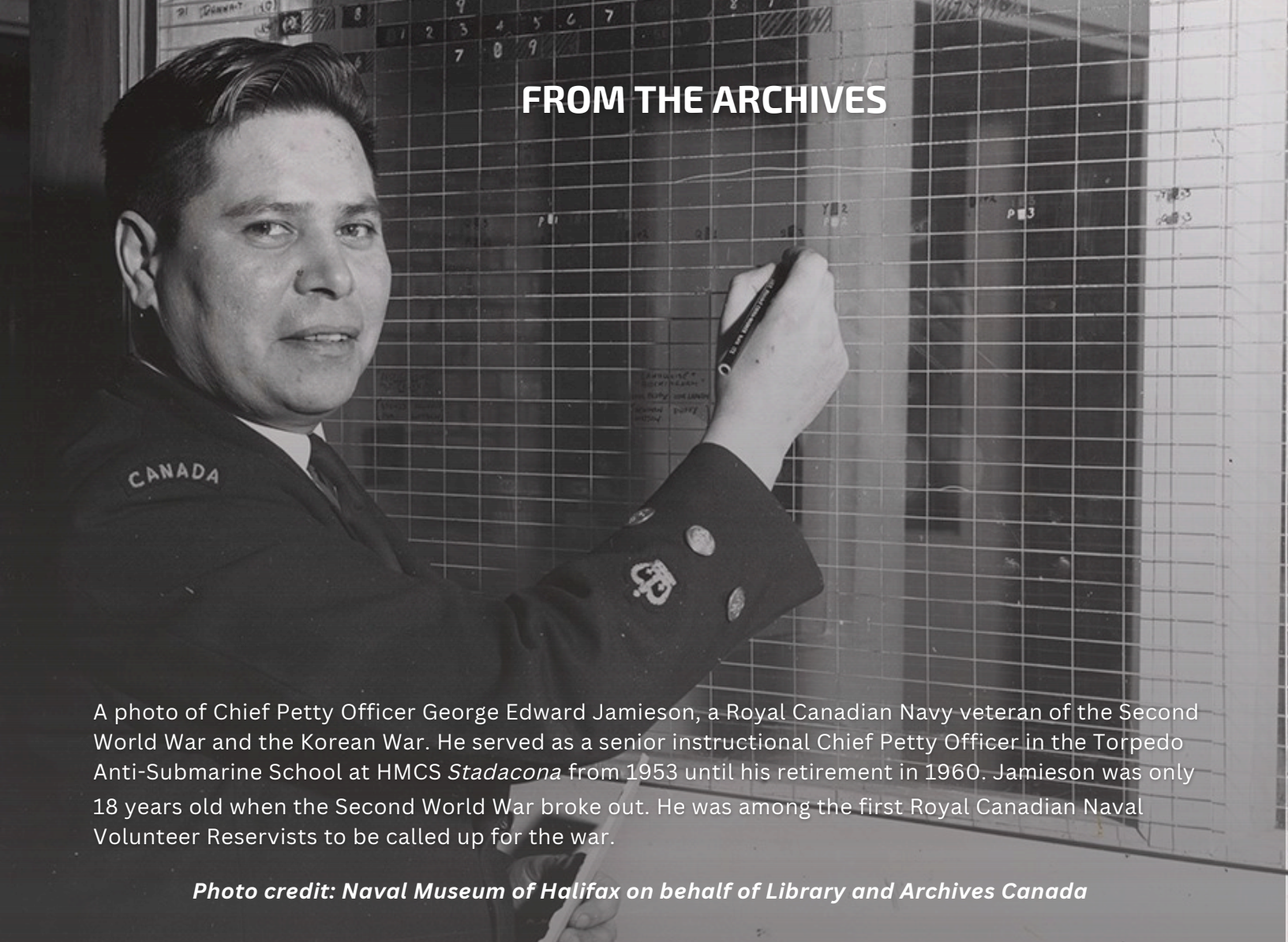


Campagne de charité en
milieu de travail de la
Défense nationale

NDWCC SPOTLIGHT: UNITED WAY MARITIMES DAYS OF CARING

Days of Caring are United Way Maritimes initiatives that pairs community volunteers with charitable organizations looking for assistance. Each year as part of the Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign, United Way Maritimes matches local Defence Team members with hands-on projects in the community. To get involved in a Day of Caring, reach out to your **NDWCC Unit Coordinator** or email NDWCCHalifax@forces.gc.ca.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



A photo of Chief Petty Officer George Edward Jamieson, a Royal Canadian Navy veteran of the Second World War and the Korean War. He served as a senior instructional Chief Petty Officer in the Torpedo Anti-Submarine School at HMCS *Stadacona* from 1953 until his retirement in 1960. Jamieson was only 18 years old when the Second World War broke out. He was among the first Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reservists to be called up for the war.

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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](#)
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