



# CFB Halifax News

November 2025



## BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As November begins, I want to offer my gratitude to every Defence Team member for your hard work and my hope that you can balance professional commitments and personal wellbeing during this transitional season. As the daylight hours shorten, please remember there are mental health [supports](#) and recreational [resources](#) available to help. Another way to support your health journey is by participating in this year's [Health Expo](#) taking place on November 6 at Stadacona (S120 Drill Shed, 2830 Admirals Way). The Health Expo will offer expert-led presentations, drop-in vaccination clinics, and exhibitors across all domains to help inform a healthy lifestyle. I encourage all Defence Team members who can attend to be part of this important initiative.

On October 30, we witnessed a historic moment with the Canadian Armed Forces' apology to current and former members who have experienced racism and racial discrimination in connection with their military service. This apology acknowledges the impacts of these actions on our members, past and present, and is an important step to building a more inclusive, accountable, and equitable workplace. As the local Champion for the Defence Racialized Persons Advisory Group, I want to thank all Defence Advisory Group co-chairs and volunteers for their tireless work in promoting awareness, respect, and understanding around issues that affect our community.

I want to wish a warm welcome home to members of HMCS *Edmonton* and HMCS *Yellowknife* who returned to Halifax on October 29 after a successful deployment on Operation REASSURANCE. Bravo Zulu on your contributions to important naval operations and to making the world safer by strengthening NATO's collective defence. Wishing all returning shipmates a happy and restful time with families and loved ones, with thanks to all shore units whose work ensured a triumphant and orderly homecoming. As we welcomed these ships and members home last month, we also said goodbye to HMC Ships *Shawinigan*, *Summerside*, *Goose Bay*, *Glance Bay*, and *Kingston* during a formal paying off ceremony. Many thanks to those involved in this momentous ceremony and to the many sailors who crewed these Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels throughout their almost three decades of service. Wishing the vessels a final and heartfelt "fair winds and following seas".

I would also like to acknowledge all members of the Steward occupation, some of whom attended a Steward commemorative event on October 30 here at CFB Halifax (a similar event is being held at CFB Esquimalt on November 6). As the phasing out of this occupation continues, please know that your dedication while serving as Stewards was (and remains) appreciated and commended.

This month, I hope you take time to remember and pay respect to our veteran community. A good way to show solidarity with veterans is to attend a local [Veterans' Week](#) event, such as the [Veterans Open Mic Night](#) (November 7), the Stadacona Band's ["Our Veterans, Their Stories" concert](#) (November 9), and of course, Indigenous Veterans' Day (November 8) and Remembrance Day (November 11) ceremonies. These are opportunities to honour those who have served and continue to serve and reflect on how their service has changed the course of history. Another way to symbolically and actively show up for veterans across generations is to wear the [poppy](#) throughout the [2025 Poppy Campaign period](#). Together, we remember and are made stronger by acts of remembrance.

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November marks the third month of the [2025 Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign](#) (NDWCC) and will see a creative line-up of campaign events. I hope to see you at one or more of these special events, and remember that [ePledge](#) is a simple way to contribute to a Canadian charity of your choosing throughout the campaign. I want to thank all the organizers, canvassers, volunteers, and donors who have supported so far. No action is too small to make a big impact!

Take care of yourself and be sure to pause to contemplate your own positive and lasting impact on the larger community. As always, thank you for your dedication to serving all Canadians.

- Captain(N) Annick Fortin

## BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Friday, October 31 marked the official start of remembrance season with the beginning of the [2025 Poppy Campaign](#). Many commemorative ceremonies and events will take place across the Halifax Regional Municipality on Remembrance Day (November 11) and from November 5-11 in recognition of Veterans' Week 2025. I strongly encourage Defence Team members to attend events within their communities to stand in pride with those who have served and shaped our country. And please note that uniformed members attending a Remembrance Day ceremony are required to dress in No. 1A with medals.

Until Remembrance Day, please do not forget that all military personnel are required to wear the poppy on their uniform, as a visual pledge to honour Canada's veterans. 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 also encouraged to wear a poppy during this time.

As always, please remember to be vigilant of appearance and uniform fit, especially when attending public commemorations. There is always strength in numbers when we collectively remember and honour the legacy and service of our veterans.

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



### INFRASTRUCTURE

#### Reminder: 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](#).

### Reminder: Dockyard South Access Gate

The Dockyard South Access Gate (between HMCS *Scotian*, D193, and the Base Logistics HAZMAT building, D207) is now 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 are not permitted through this gate. Vehicular access remains available at Rainbow, Admiral's, and Niobe Gates.

## EVENTS/COMMEMORATIONS

### Government of Canada [important and commemorative days](#) in November:

- Hindu Heritage Month
- Lebanese Heritage Month
- Veterans' Week: November 5-11
- Indigenous Veterans Day: November 8
- Remembrance Day: November 11
- National Child Day: November 20
- Holodomor Memorial Day: November 23
- 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence: November 25 – December 10

### November also marks:

#### November 4-December 16: NDWCC Escape Room

St. Brendan's Chapel (Stadacona building S7, 2710 Admirals Way). 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](mailto:Joseph.Abando@forces.gc.ca) and [Leah.Coughlin@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Leah.Coughlin@forces.gc.ca). Click [here](#) 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. [Click here](#) for a schedule of TOKWD activities happening across CFB Halifax/Maritime Forces Atlantic.

#### 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-19 vaccination clinics for both CAF and civilian members. [Click here](#) for details.

#### November 7: Veterans' Open Mic

Hosted by Veterans Affairs Canada at the CFB Halifax Officers' Wardroom (Sea Room) at Juno Tower from 7 to 10 p.m. All ranks are welcome. Space is limited. Register [here](#) for a free ticket.

#### November 7: 12 Wing NDWCC Curling Funspiel

Sign-in starts at 7:30 a.m. at the CFB Halifax Curling Club (6441 Hawk Terrace, Halifax). Teams will play from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The top 12 teams will advance to the playoffs starting at 1 p.m. \$100 per teams of four (cash only). Lunch will be provided. Register your team and members names [here](#) or email 2Lt Laura Gordon-Guimont at [laura.gordon-guimont@forces.gc.ca](mailto:laura.gordon-guimont@forces.gc.ca) by Thursday, November 6, 2025.

### **November 7 & 14: NDWCC Paranormal Tours at the Naval Museum of Halifax**

Join the Naval Museum of Halifax from 7 to 9 p.m. for a chance to encounter the spirits of Admiralty House (now the Naval Museum of Halifax, Stadacona building S20). The evening will begin with an introduction to the building and the museum in general, a chance to meet museum staff who have had paranormal experiences, followed by a self-guided audio tour which will explore the lives and stories of the spirits that still reside in old Admiralty House. \$10 cash donation in support of the Halifax Region NDWCC. 25-person limit per night (registration required). To register, please contact the museum at [navalmuseumofhalifax@forces.gc.ca](mailto:navalmuseumofhalifax@forces.gc.ca).

### **November 8: Indigenous Veterans Day**

#### **November 9: Stadacona Band Veterans' Week Concert**

You're invited to the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy's annual Veterans' Week concert taking place on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church (6036 Coburg Rd, Halifax). A yearly tradition, "Our Veterans, Their Stories" honours the legacy of our veteran community through the power of music and song. This year's programme features special guests singer/songwriter and honorary colonel of 14 Wing Greenwood, Terry Kelly, as well as the Dalhousie Collegium Cantorum, a choir directed by Gary Ewer. Admission: Free and open to all; no tickets required. Seating is first come, first served. [Details](#).

#### **November 11: Remembrance Day (public holiday)**

Find your local Remembrance Day ceremony [here](#).

#### **November 12-14: EX Dirty Hands Seasonal Tire Change**

Willow Park, Building WL 57 (3367 Windsor Street). \$60 for a mount, install and balance and \$40 for an install and balance (already on rims). **Appointments fully booked.**

### **November 13-19: Transgender Awareness Week**

#### **November 15: 30th Annual Holiday Parade of Lights**

6 to 8 p.m., starting at the Cogswell Street roundabout. [Parade route](#).

#### **November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance**

The Transgender Flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at Base HQ (S90) and 12 Wing Shearwater Main Gate in recognition of the Transgender Day of Remembrance. All Defence Team members are welcome.

#### **November 25: Bring Your Dog to Work Day**

[Click here](#) for details.

### **November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**

#### **November 27: NDWCC Travel Party**

7 to 11 p.m. in the Wardroom Dining Room, Wardroom Ballroom, and Sea Room Lounge at Juno Tower. Purchase a ticket to this travel-themed event for a chance to win a \$5,000 travel credit with PSP Halifax corporate sponsor Air Canada Vacations, along with many more wonderful prizes. \$25 per ticket (includes prize draws, food items, a complimentary beverage and a souvenir). Maximum 600 tickets will be sold. Ticket [details](#).



## **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **December 3: International Day for Persons with Disabilities Flag Raising**

The Defence Advisory Group for Persons with Disabilities (DAGPWD) flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at Base HQ (S90) and 12 Wing Shearwater Main Gate in recognition of the International Day for Persons with Disabilities. All Defence Team members are welcome.

#### **December 6: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**

On December 6, 1989, 14 young women lost their lives at Polytechnique Montréal which led to December 6 being marked as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. MARLANT, in collaboration with the Defence Women's Advisory Organization, will invite all local Defence Team members to wear white ribbons on Friday, December 5 to honour the victims of this tragedy and commemorate this day. Monitor Base-wide emails, the MARLANT intranet, and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.



## December 6: 108th Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion

9 a.m. at Fort Needham Memorial Park.

## December 8 – December 19: Dress with a Difference

Local Canadian Armed Forces members may wear civilian attire with Chain of Command approval for a \$2 donation per day or \$10 donation per week to the NDWCC. Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide emails, and HALGEN for more details. \*12 Wing Shearwater's Dress with a Difference event runs from December 1 to 19.

## December 9: Stadacona Band Holiday Concert

7:30 p.m. at Spatz Theatre (1855 Trollope Street). Monitor Base-wide emails, the MARLANT intranet, and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.

## December 25: Christmas Day (Public Holiday)

## Boxing Day (Public Holiday)

## New Year's Day (Public Holiday)

## MISCELLANEOUS



**Base Comptroller update:** Please be advised that Base Comptroller will now be closed Wednesdays to meet unit requirements as well as provide improved processing times for all supported units and will have a slight reduction in Cashier counter hours. In emergency circumstances, please reach out to the respective positional mailboxes (email) and/or telephone lines for support as listed in the [Base Services Directory](#). Questions or concerns can be addressed to LCdr Claude Harper, Base Comptroller/Base Executive Services Commanding Officer through individual Chains of Command at 902-721-8625 or [Claude.Harper@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Claude.Harper@forces.gc.ca).

## Canadian Forces Health Services Centre (Atlantic) Seasonal Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics 2025

The following combined influenza and COVID-19 vaccine clinics will be held over the upcoming three weeks:

### WHEN & WHERE

| LOCATIONS                                                                                              | DATES                | TIMES                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Stadacona</b><br>Mr. Macs, Tribute Tower                                                            | 30-31 Oct, 17-20 Nov | 0830-1130 (Walk-ins)<br>1230-1430 (Walk-ins) |
| <b>Stadacona</b><br>S120 – Health Expo<br>(DND civilians can also get vaccinations at the Health Expo) | 6 Nov                | 1000-1500 (Walk-ins)                         |
| <b>Dockyard</b><br>Fleet Fitness and Sports Centre<br>(Dockyard Gym)                                   | 3-5 & 7 Nov          | 0830-1100 (Walk-ins)<br>1230-1430 (Walk-ins) |
| <b>Shearwater</b><br>Ashley Lounge, Sea King Club                                                      | 12-14 Nov            | 0830-1100 (Walk-ins)<br>1230-1430 (Walk-ins) |

Open to all Regular Force and Reserve Force Class B (>180 days) and Class C members 18 years and over. [Details](#). All other members of the Defence Team are encouraged to access the influenza and COVID-19 vaccines free of charge through local provincial resources. [NS Vaccine Booking Page \(canimmunize.ca\)](#)



## Sports, recreation, athletics

- Bravo Zulu to all involved in the Clash of the Titans charity hockey event on October 2.
- Bravo Zulu to members of the Dockyard Fire Hall who faced off against the Royal Canadian Mounted Police during a Battle of the Badges hockey game on October 17 at Scotiabank Centre Halifax.
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in the 21st annual Halifax Mooseheads DND Appreciation Night on October 25!
- Bravo Zulu to the Halifax Mooseheads Canadian Armed Forces Stars of the Game for October 2025: Maj Vincent Boyd, MCpl Kevin Sigman, Sgt Bryson MacNeil, MWO Nick Bennett, PO2 Jennifer Hayes, S1 Chloe Provencal, and WO Chad Giles.

## Awards, promotions, certificates

- Bravo Zulu to Mr. Bob Houghton, Base Logistics Unit General Safety and Environment Officer, who received the Deputy Minister/Chief of Defence Staff Organizational Culture Award during the 2025 Celebrating Excellence Award Ceremony held at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa on October 21.

## Miscellaneous

- Bravo Zulu to everyone who helped organize the Maritime Coastal Defence Vessel Paying off Ceremony on October 3
- Bravo Zulu to the Base Logistics members who supported the Special Olympics Truck Convoy on October 4.
- Bravo Zulu to the Base Fire Hall, PSP Halifax, and everyone involved in the NDWCC Golf Tournament on October 6.
- Bravo Zulu to Base Administration and everyone involved in organizing the NDWCC Leadership Breakfast on October 8.
- Bravo Zulu to Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott for organizing and hosting an NDWCC BBQ on October 9.
- Bravo Zulu to image techs Cpl Cole and MS Heagle for capturing the NDWCC Fall Portrait Mini Sessions on October 15.
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in the Civic Military Mess Dinner on October 16.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who donated blood at the Canadian Blood Services blood donation clinic on October 20.
- Many thanks to NFS(A)'s Damage Control Division, the *Kootenay* family, and all those involved in the ceremony marking the 56th anniversary of the HMCS *Kootenay* explosion on October 23.
- Bravo Zulu to all units involved in the Cadets visit to CFB Halifax on October 24.
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in planning the Steward appreciation event held on October 30 at Juno Tower.
- Sincere thanks to all who planned and attended local viewing events for the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) public apology to current and former CAF members who have experienced systemic racism, racial discrimination, and racial harassment during their military service.





## **BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: REPAIR AND DISPOSAL SECTION (BASE LOGISTICS)**

The Repair and Disposal Section team is responsible for managing and processing the disposal and repair of material classified by its reparability code, working with Lead Technical Authorities to secure funding and/or push material through first, second, and third-line repair facilities to facilitate the return of serviceable material to be readily available to support naval operations and more. Read more [here](#).

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did You Know that a CFB Halifax Interactive Web Map Application can be found on the Maritime Forces Atlantic intranet?

Created almost six years ago by Sgt Alan Coleman, the CFB Halifax Web Map Application was initially meant to be an electronic version of the King's Harbour Master daily sitrep to find ship locations. It was later expanded to include information about current parking and roadway impacts due to construction, special events, etc.

To access, the map, [click here](#) (DWAN access only) or visit the [MARLANT intranet home page](#), click Tools on the navigation bar at the top of the page, and locate CFB Halifax Web Map Application on the drop-down menu.

To request map updates or to report errors, contact the Digital Response Team Leader at 902-427-3226 or [+HSOH Clients Services@HSO@Halifax](mailto:+HSOH Clients Services@HSO@Halifax).



# TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



## Facebook

[2025 CAF National Women's and Men's Soccer Championships](#)  
[Treaty Day](#)  
[Bring Your Dog to Work Day](#)

## Instagram

[NDWCC Kick-off BBQ](#)  
[United Way Maritimes Day of Caring](#)  
[Clash of the Titans charity hockey event](#)

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milieu de travail de la  
Défense nationale

## NDWCC SPOTLIGHT: EPLEDGE

ePledge is a secure, convenient (web based & mobile friendly) and simple way Defence Team members can donate to the Halifax Region NDWCC through payroll deduction, credit card, or PayPal. Through ePledge, Defence Team members can choose the Canadian registered charity/charities that they would like to donate to and set up monthly payroll deductions. Using ePledge also ensures that Defence Team members who donate will receive a tax receipt for whatever way they choose to contribute. For instructions on how to ePledge, visit the [Visual ePledge Guide](#). To ePledge, click [here](#). \*ePledge payroll deduction deadline for Military and Non-Public Funds is November 20, 2025 and December 10, 2025, for civilians.





## FROM THE ARCHIVES

Cadets from the first Royal Canadian Naval College class taken in 1911. The original naval college was in His Majesty's Canadian Dockyard's old hospital building (seen in the background of the photo). Four of the individuals in this photo were sadly the first four Canadians to die during the First World War in the Battle of Coronel on November 1, 1914, aboard HMS Good Hope. On board were RCN Midshipmen Hathaway, Palmer, Silver, and Cann.

*Photo credit: Naval Museum of Halifax*

*Norman Studio*

## 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](#)
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- [Trident Newspaper](#)

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