



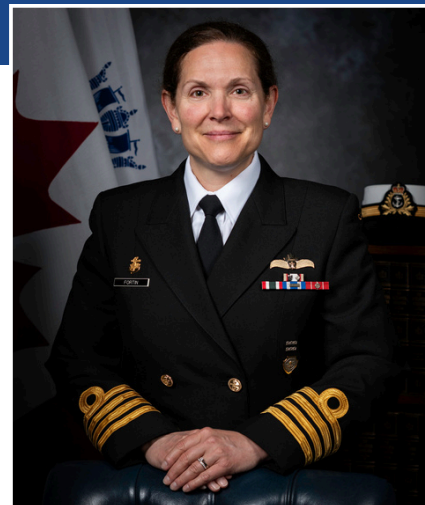
February 2026



BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Wishing everyone a belated happy new year. While our Defence Team is always engaged and ready to support our people and advance our operations – at home and abroad – I hope you were able to take some much-deserved time to recharge in December and January. My sincere thanks, once again, to those who worked to maintain Base operations throughout the holiday season.

First and foremost, I want to extend my gratitude to our Snow and Ice Control (SNIC) team who has been extra busy keeping our personnel and properties safe, especially during the last few snowstorms that have impacted Nova Scotians across the province. Bravo Zulu to the SNIC crew and contractors who are critical to our success! For more information on how SNIC operates and how decisions related to Base closures or delayed openings occur during weather events, please consult this [important FAQ resource](#).



Late last month, we took the time to recognize Bell Let's Talk Day and take a moment for mental health, whether it was having honest conversations and sharing mental health journeys with fellow teammates, sharing a [cup of coffee with community](#), or [raising awareness](#) around the importance of mental wellbeing. Together, we are made stronger and can support each other in ways to better our collective and individual health. Remember, you are never alone: [resources](#) exist to support you and your families year-round.

February is a time for recognition, reflection, and compassion. Black History Month and [African Heritage Month](#) are annual reminders to honour the achievements and legacy of Black Canadians. For the Defence Team, it is also a time to learn more about the important contributions, both historical and present, of Black Defence Team members. Cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive Defence community encourages trust and cohesion between our members, while upholding our operational effectiveness and long-term success. As the Defence Racialized Persons Advisory Group (DRPAG) regional Champion, I encourage you to participate in local Black History Month and African Heritage Month activities, connect with DRPAG (Halifax.DVMAG@forces.gc.ca) or other regional [Defence Advisory Groups](#) for resources tied to employment equity and diversity, and hope to see you at the MARLANT Black History Month event at Juno Tower on February 19. The following week is Pink Shirt Day – an annual celebration promoting anti-bullying, respect, and compassion in all spheres of life. Inspired by an act of kindness and solidarity in rural Nova Scotia in 2007, Pink Shirt Day is now a global movement that we are proud to be part of. On Wednesday, February 25, local Defence Team members are encouraged to wear pink to show support for respect and civility in the workplace.

I would like to remind everyone that CFB Halifax will be conducting a sustained security response exercise across Base properties in recognition of Security Awareness Week 2026 (February 9-13). The goal of the exercise is to practice our readiness and our response to security threats in the spirit of collectively fostering a strong security culture across the Base. Be sure to monitor Base-wide email and CFB Halifax social media channels for more details.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the [2025 Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign \(NDWCC\)](#). Last fall was a busy campaign season, and as our local NDWCC Champion, I want to congratulate the NDWCC coordination team, unit representatives, canvassers, volunteers, event organizers and attendees, and everyone who donated! Your efforts and generosity are helping to build healthier, safer communities for all.

Your professionalism, determination, and teamwork are exceptional and keep the Base moving forward, not only sustaining our complex ecosystem but allowing it to thrive. I thank you from the bottom of my heart and look forward to continuing the important work together in 2026.

- Captain(N) Annick Fortin

BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



With 2026 well underway, I thought this would be a good time to remind Defence Team members of the many different resources and supports available to enhance personnel morale, health, and well-being.

- Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members and Department of National Defence (DND) employees, and their dependants, can access local and national [mental health resources](#) 24/7.
- [Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services \(CFMWS\) at CFB Halifax](#) is committed to advancing our military community's resilience and well-being through comprehensive, wellness-enhancing services and programming.
- The [Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre](#) (H&R MFRC) provides military members and their families programming and services tailored to the unique realities of military life, serving families in the Halifax Regional Municipality, Shearwater, Central, Northern Nova Scotia, and Cape Breton.
- The CAF Social League brings people together while promoting wellness, mental health, and healthy living. League membership and participation is open to both military and civilian personnel seeking recreational well-being through social and sport-focused activities. Contact halifaxrecreation@cfmws.com to learn or check out the [Personnel Support Programs \(PSP\) Weekly Update](#) for more details.
- Finally, for all Defence Team members, I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the [CFB Halifax Base Services Directory](#), a document that lists services, hours of operation, and contact information for integral and lodger units across the Base. This comprehensive guide is meant to help all Defence Team members navigate the Base ecosystem year-round.

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



CFB HALIFAX KEY LEADERSHIP/POSITION CHANGES

Lorena Perron-Robles is acting as the Formation Coordinator of Official Languages. Thank you, Gilles St-Pierre, for your efforts while in this role and congratulations on your retirement!



INFRASTRUCTURE

River-class Destroyer Land-Based Test Facility

New updates are available from the Department of National Defence regarding the construction of a Land-Based Test Facility (LBTF) at Hartlen Point in Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia. This facility and capability will allow our Royal Canadian Navy to bring its future River-class Destroyers into service while supporting them throughout their lifecycle.

LBTF project updates include:

- a construction update including the most recent rendering of the LBTF;
- an update on the status of site preparation work and the start of construction;
- information regarding the status of the coastal erosion and shoreline stability Environmental Effects Determination; and
- a small update on Radio Frequency licensing.

You can view the full update by visiting www.tridentnewspaper.com/LBTF

February: Black History Month/African Heritage Month

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities. The Government of Canada theme for Black History Month 2026 is "30 Years of Black History Month: Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations, From Nation Builders to Tomorrow's Visionaries." Visit [this website](#) for information on the National Defence Black History Month Event 2026. For more information on African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia, visit the [African Nova Scotian Affairs website](#), the [Halifax Regional Municipality website](#), and the Nova Scotia [African Heritage Month Information Network website](#) (English-only websites).

- February 2: Black History Month/African Heritage Month Flag Raising**
 The Pan-African flag will be raised at CFB Halifax headquarters (S-90) during morning colours (8 a.m.) in recognition of Black History Month/African Heritage Month.
- February 2: 12 Wing Shearwater Black History Month Panel Event**
 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Sea King Club. Local Defence Team members may join the event virtually via [Microsoft Teams link](#).
- February 19: Black History Month/African Heritage Month Event**
 Join the MARLANT Defence Racialized Persons Advisory Group from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Juno Tower Ballroom for a commemorative event centered on the story of Africville. A once-vibrant Black community in Halifax whose displacement in the 1960s remains a defining moment in the African Nova Scotian experience. The presentation, led by Africville Museum Executive Director Juanita Peters, will invite Defence Team members to listen, learn, and reflect, recognizing that understanding African Nova Scotian experiences is essential to serving, working, and building relationships in this region. All Defence Team members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

February 1: Royal Canadian Logistics Service Birthday

February 2-6: CAF Atlantic Region Women's Hockey Championship (Greenwood)

A Formation women's team will be competing in this tournament. Good luck!

February 9-13: CAF Atlantic Region Senior Hockey Championship (Shearwater)

Tuesday, February 10

Game 1:	8:45 a.m.	Halifax vs. Gagetown
Game 2:	1:45 p.m.	Shearwater vs. Greenwood
Game 3:	7:30 p.m.	Greenwood vs. Gagetown

Wednesday, February 11

Game 4:	8:30 a.m.	Halifax vs. Shearwater
Game 5:	1:45 p.m.	Greenwood vs. Halifax
Game 6:	7:30 p.m.	Gagetown vs. Shearwater

Thursday, February 12

Quarter-final:	9 a.m.	To be determined
Semi-final:	7:30 p.m.	To be determined

Friday, February 13

Gold medal game:	9 a.m.	To be determined
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February 9-13: Security Awareness Week

There will be a sustained security response exercise conducted across multiple Canadian Forces Base Halifax properties in recognition of Security Awareness Week 2026. Monitor Base-wide email and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.

February 14: Valentine's Day

February 16: Nova Scotia Heritage Day (provincial holiday – not a federal holiday)

Celebrated the third Monday in February, Nova Scotia Heritage Day is an annual reminder of our storied past and an opportunity to honour the remarkable people, places, and events that have contributed to this province's unique heritage. [Details](#) (English only).

February 16: DND Snow Festival

Join PSP Halifax for the annual DND Snow Festival at 12 Wing Shearwater. Click [here](#) for the event schedule. *Nova Scotia Heritage Day is not a federal holiday. Defence Team members must receive Chain of Command approval to attend.

February 18: Ramadan begins

February 23: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Clinic

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Naval Fleet School Atlantic Drill Shed (Stadacona, building S120). Click [here](#) to book your appointment.

February 23-27: CAF Atlantic Region Men's Basketball Championship (Gagetown)

Teams from CFB Halifax and 12 Wing Shearwater will be competing in this tournament. Good luck!

February 23-27: CAF Atlantic Region Men's and Women's Volleyball Championships (Greenwood)

Teams from CFB Halifax and 12 Wing Shearwater will be competing in this tournament. Good luck!

February 25: Pink Shirt Day/Anti-Bullying Day

Defence Team members are encouraged to wear pink to promote kindness in the workplace and community. For CAF members who would like to wear pink shirts on February 25 with civilian attire, the \$2 Dress with a Difference fee will be in effect. CAF members may also wear the pink shirt under operational dress at the discretion of the unit. Alterations to the dress standard for N1, N2, and N3 orders of dress are not permitted in accordance with CANFORGEN 021/022. CFB Halifax would love to see photos of local Defence Team members wearing their pink t-shirts! Please send your Pink Shirt Day photos to cfbhalifaxpublicaffairs@gmail.com by 12 p.m. (Atlantic) on February 25 to show that our Defence community supports a respectful and inclusive work environment.



SAVE THE DATE

March 8: International Women's Day

March 20: Two-Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQIA+ Celebration and Awareness Day

March 20: International Day of La Francophonie

March 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

March 31: Transgender Day of Visibility



CFB Halifax Storm Reminder: A reminder that the CFB Halifax storm line (902-721-8325) and 12 Wing Shearwater storm line* (902-720-1305) can be called for information on Base and Wing openings, closures, and delays. The storm lines as well as our CFB Halifax social media sites (Twitter (X), Facebook, and Instagram) will be updated by 6 a.m. (Atlantic) in the event of a Base closure or delayed opening.

Defence Team members are encouraged to speak with their respective Chains of Command or supervisors prior to any inclement weather event if there are concerns with safe or timely arrival to work. Personnel who are unable to report to work due to weather conditions are required to contact their supervisor.

For frequently asked questions regarding Base delayed openings and closures, please refer to our [CFB Halifax Base Closures & Delayed Openings FAQ](#) on the Trident website.



BRAVO ZULUS

Sports, recreation, athletics

- Bravo Zulu to the Halifax Mariners men's hockey team who took silver at the CAF Atlantic Region Men's Hockey Championship (January 26-30) in Gagetown.
- Congratulations to the Halifax Mooseheads CAF Star of the Game for January 2026: Maj James Locke, SLt Daniel Wong, Sgt Rob Marshall, MCpl Brennan Leslie, MS Paul Walter, and S1 Katty Vincent-Tremblay

Awards, promotions, certificates

- Congratulations to Cpl Mitchell Paquette and Cpl Morgan Leblanc from Formation Imaging Services on winning the [2025 CAF Imagery Contest!](#)

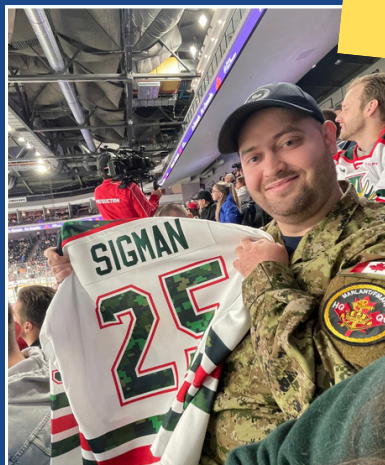
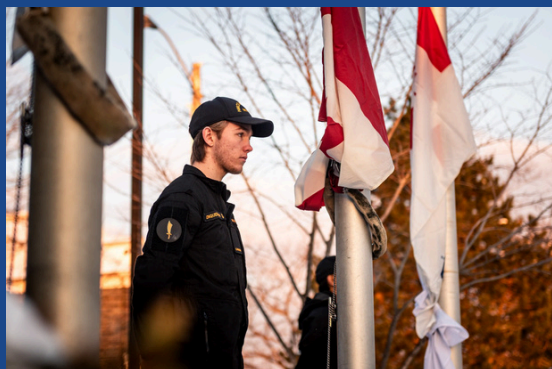
Miscellaneous

- Bravo Zulu to all the units and members who participated in the CFB Halifax [holiday video project!](#)
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in the United Way Maritimes [Day of Caring at Feed Nova Scotia](#) on December 16, 2025!
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in the 2025 Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign which wrapped up on December 12, 2025.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in Bell Let's Talk Day on January 21, 2026!
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in the Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy town halls on January 21, 2026!

BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: BASE INFORMATION SERVICES PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE

The Base Information Services Project Management Office works closely with clients to ensure information technology (IT) requirements are clearly understood, properly scoped, and delivered in alignment with DND policies, standards, and processes. Read more [here](#).

TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



Facebook

[2025 Halifax Mooseheads CAF Star of the Game recipients](#)
[2026 Bell Let's Talk Day](#)

Instagram

[Naval Large Tug *Canso* Arrival](#)

Visit our CFB Halifax social media channels for content!



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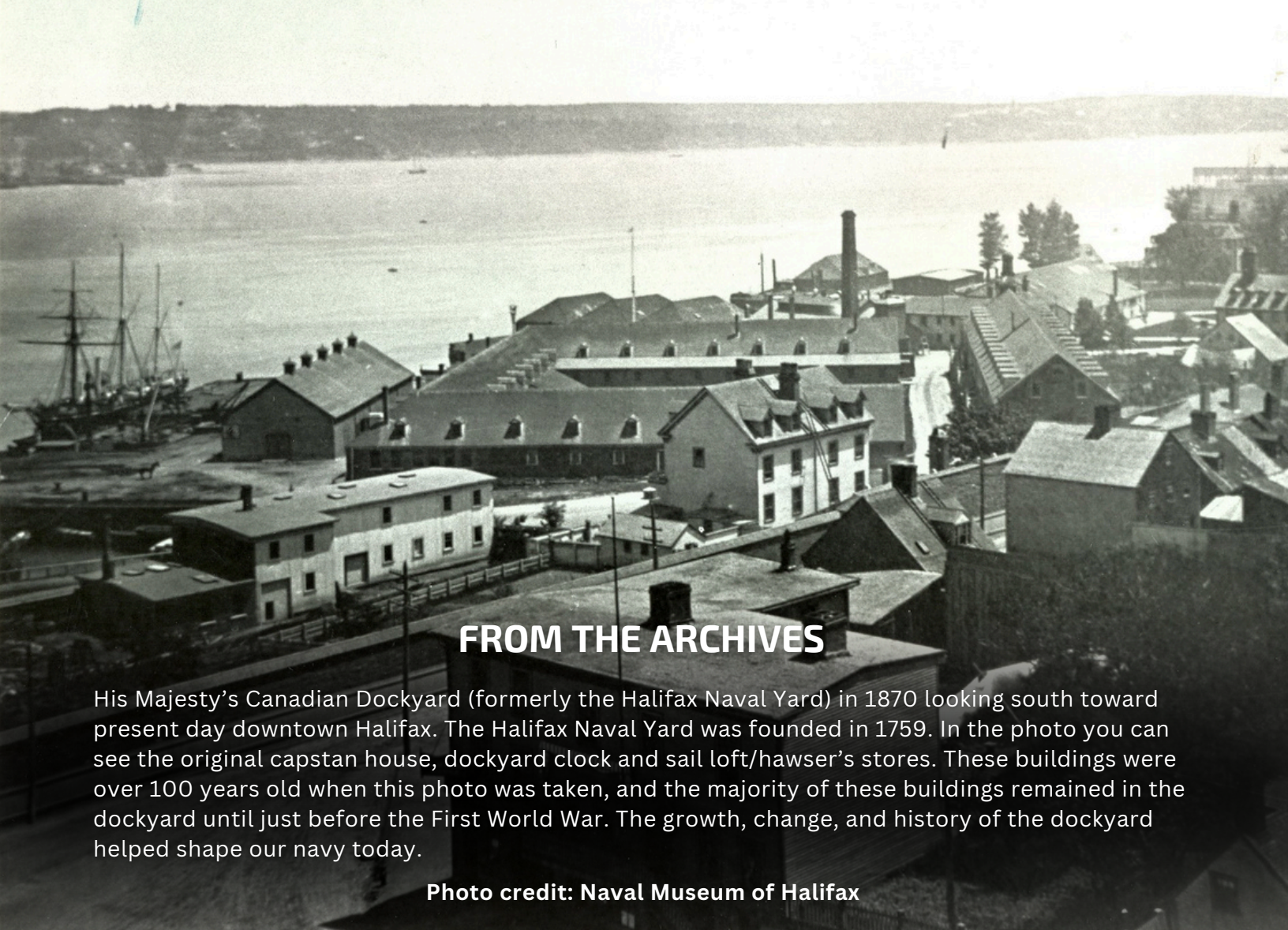
Did you know that PSP Halifax's fitness classes* are open to both military and civilian Defence Team members? From strength and conditioning to spin classes and Deep Flow Yoga, there's something for everyone!

Find the fitness schedules here:

[Fleet Fitness & Sports Centre](#)
[Stadacona Fitness & Sports Centre](#)
[Shearwater Fitness, Sports & Recreation Centre](#)

**Supplementary Physical Training Program (SPTP - FORCE Prep) is only available to Canadian Armed Forces members.*

For information on all of our PSP Halifax-managed recreation facilities, visit <https://cfmws.ca/halifax/facilities>



FROM THE ARCHIVES

His Majesty's Canadian Dockyard (formerly the Halifax Naval Yard) in 1870 looking south toward present day downtown Halifax. The Halifax Naval Yard was founded in 1759. In the photo you can see the original capstan house, dockyard clock and sail loft/hawser's stores. These buildings were over 100 years old when this photo was taken, and the majority of these buildings remained in the dockyard until just before the First World War. The growth, change, and history of the dockyard helped shape our navy today.

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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