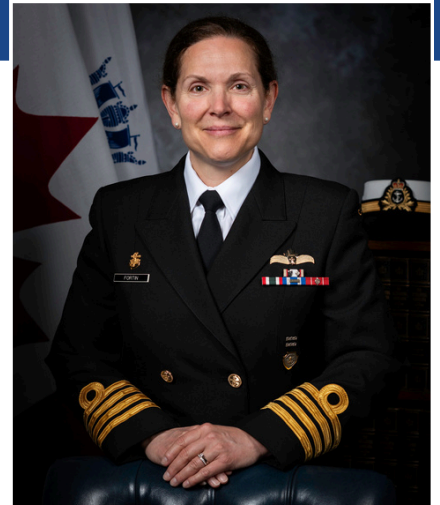




## BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I want to express thanks to everyone at CFB Halifax for another productive month: March was filled with fiscal year-end activities, signs of spring, and opportunities to keep the base moving forward. As regional Champion for the Defence Racialized Persons Advisory Group (DRPAG) and supporter of our other [local Defence Advisory Groups](#), I am proud of the important conversations and connections that took place last month. Whether you planned or participated in events and initiatives marking International Women's Day, the International Day of La Francophonie, Two-Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQIA+ Celebration and Awareness Day, the [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#), or the Transgender Day of Visibility, your support is appreciated.



March was also busy alongside His Majesty's Canadian (HMC) Dockyard, as HMC Ships *Frédéric Rolette* and *Margaret Brooke* hosted members of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce and the Saint Mary's University Huskies men's hockey team for ship tours. Meanwhile, I – and other local Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members – were honoured to connect with the ship's company of Italian Navy (Marina Militare) vessel ITS Alpino while the ship was on a port visit in Halifax. Many thanks to all involved in these tours and port visit – you are excellent ambassadors of our Royal Canadian Navy.

Bravo Zulu to all the CFB Halifax Mariners athletes who excelled on the regional stage this winter! Your talent, teamwork, and leadership have made us all proud. And I want to wish the best of luck to our Mariners men's basketball team, women's volleyball team, and men's volleyball team competing at CAF national championships at CFB Borden in April. Speaking of sports, I also want to congratulate the Halifax Mooseheads [2025-26 CAF Star of the Game recipients](#) for their positive contributions and dedication to Defence and the larger community!

April is the Month of the Military Child and the *Teal Up for Military Kids* campaign – a time to celebrate and recognize military children from coast to coast to coast. We all benefit from happy and healthy military children and military families so please take the time to acknowledge the resilience, curiosity, and courage of the youngest members of our community. I encourage you to learn more about the Month of the Military Child and the *Teal Up* campaign by exploring the Halifax & Region Military Resource Centre (H&R MFRC) [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

April is also a time for solemn reflection, here at home and beyond. Whether remembering the fallen of Stalker 22 or the victims of the Portapique tragedy, or observing the National Day of Mourning, this month offers us opportunities to gather, grieve, and grow. However you choose to honour those we have lost, please remember that you are not alone: if you or someone you know is struggling, remember that [resources](#) are available 24/7. We hold those who have lost loved ones in our hearts, today and every day. As a Defence Team, it is our duty to serve and protect all Canadians. Important ways we support this effort include fostering an environment where everyone is treated with dignity and taking the time to remember those who came before us and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to others.

- Capt(N) Annick Fortin

## BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Changing seasons means it's time to remind all CAF personnel that the shift to summer dress will take effect on Monday, April 6. And with parade season upon us, remember to stay vigilant of uniform fit and to check in with the Dockyard Clothing Stores for any uniform tailoring, exchanging, or kitting at 902-427-3217 or [p-hfx.blog.clothing@forces.gc.ca](mailto:p-hfx.blog.clothing@forces.gc.ca). As always, questions about military dress can be directed to my office at 902-721-8322 or 902-721-8349.

Also, please save the date for our next Base Clean-up, which will take place on April 22 (Earth Day)! I look forward to another successful day outdoors with my fellow Defence Team members!

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



### INFRASTRUCTURE

**Two-year closure of the Naval Museum of Halifax during building renovation:** The Naval Museum of Halifax will be closing for a two-year period to accommodate a planned renovation of Admiralty House, the 208-year-old building and National Historic Site that is home to the museum. The museum closure is anticipated to extend from April 7, 2026, to spring 2028. The final day the museum will be open to the public is Thursday, April 2, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Atlantic). In-person visits to the museum will not be permitted during the closure period and most programs and services offered by the museum will be temporarily suspended. [Details](#).

**Reminder: Site preparation activities begin at CFB Halifax Stadacona (Porteous Field) for Combatant Training and Integration Centre Atlantic**

Pre-construction, site preparation activities are underway at Porteous Field for Combatant Training and Integration Centre Atlantic (CTIC-A), a collaborative training and operational support facility whose cutting-edge training systems will prepare Canadian sailors for the incoming fleet of River-class destroyers. [Details](#).

*New. Effective March 30, 2026, and until CTIC-A construction is complete, the Base Shuttle stop in front of Stadacona building S37 will temporarily be relocated to the front of Tribute Tower (S117).*

**Infrastructure and defence-related investments**

On March 26, 2026, the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, announced a series of investments across the Department of National Defence, including infrastructure investments at CFB Halifax and across Atlantic Canada. [Details](#).

## Government of Canada Commemorative Dates

### **April: Month of the Military Child**

April is the Month of the Military Child, established to recognize and thank children from military families for the sacrifices they make living the military lifestyle. Throughout April, the Halifax & Region Military Resource Centre (H&R MFRC) and other MFRCs across the country are participating in the Teal Up for Military Kids campaign to celebrate and show their support for children from military families.

#### ◦ **April 7: Teal up for Military Kids Flag Raising**

The Teal Up for Military Kids flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at CFB Halifax headquarters (S90) and at Shearwater main gate in recognition of the Month of the Military Child. All Defence Team members are welcome.

#### ◦ **April 7, 14, 21 and 28: Teal Shirt Days (Teal Up Tuesdays)**

Defence Team members are encouraged to wear teal on April 7 and the remaining Tuesdays in April (April 14, 21 and 28) for Teal Shirt Days. On these days, CAF members are permitted to wear teal shirts underneath their operational dress at the discretion of the unit. Dress with a Difference will not be in effect.

### **April 3: Good Friday (Public Holiday)**

### **April 6: Easter Monday (Public Holiday)**

### **April 12-16: CAF National Men's Volleyball Championship (Borden)**

Best of luck to our CFB Halifax Mariners men's volleyball team!

### **April 15: Fleet Walk/Run**

9 a.m. starting at HMC Dockyard building D201. Monitor PSP Weekly emails for details.

### **April 15-17: NDWCC Seasonal Tire Swap Fundraiser**

The Base Logistics TEME Division will be hosting its annual Seasonal Tire Swap Fundraiser at TEME headquarters (building WL57, Willow Park) in support of the 2026 Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign. Booking contact information will be released April 7. A limited number of appointments will be available. Monitor the MARLANT splash page and Base-wide emails for details.

### **April 17-21: CAF National Women's Volleyball Championship (Borden)**

Best of luck to our CFB Halifax Mariners women's volleyball team!

### **April 22: Earth Day Base Clean-up**

More information will be distributed by the Base Chief's office closer to the clean-up date.

### **April 22-24: Joint Task Force X (JTF X) Recruiting Briefs**

Open to Regular, Reserve Force and NCMS. Military identification cards will be verified for those in civilian dress. No registration required. Learn more about JTF X [here](#) (accessible via DWAN only).

- April 22: S-120 Auditorium (Stadacona) from 2 to 4 p.m.
- April 23: S-120 Auditorium (Stadacona) from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- April 24: S-120 Auditorium (Stadacona) from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### **April 25-30: CAF National Men's Basketball Championship (Borden)**

Best of luck to our CFB Halifax Mariners men's basketball team!

### **April 28: National Day of Mourning**

### **April 29: Remembering the fallen of Stalker 22**



## SAVE THE DATE

### **May 2: Stadacona Band's Battle of the Atlantic Concert**

2 p.m. at Pier 21. Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide email and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.

### **May 3: Battle of the Atlantic Sunday Ceremony**

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

### **May 30: Halifax Wanderers DND Appreciation Match**

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

### **June 6: Navy Bike Ride (Halifax Ride)**

Register [here](#).

### **June 12-13: DND Family Days**

Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide email, the [CFMWS website](#) and PSP Halifax social media channels ([Facebook](#) / [Instagram](#)) for details.

### **July 1-5: Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo**

Five shows at the Scotiabank Centre in downtown Halifax. [Tickets](#).

### **Upcoming Canadian Blood Services Blood Clinics\***

June 23, 2026

August 18, 2026

December 17, 2026

\*Times and locations of these clinics will be confirmed and announced closer to each date.

## MISCELLANEOUS



**Base Pharmacy Hours of Operation:** Effective March 23, 2026, the Base Pharmacy hours of operation at Canadian Forces Health Services Centre (Atlantic) will be as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
0730-1230 and 1330-1530  
(Closed 1230-1330)

Tuesday  
0730-1230 and 1430-1530  
(Closed 1230-1430)

As a reminder, prescription refills (and over the counter medication) are to be requested 48 hours in advance.

Phone: 902-721-8755

Email: ++HFXPharm@CF H Svcs C(A)@Halifax or [HFXPharm@forces.gc.ca](mailto:HFXPharm@forces.gc.ca)

**Seasonal Motorcycle Passes:** Starting April 1, 2026, personnel with less than 10 years of service may apply for a Seasonal Motorcycle Pass. These passes are valid for motorcycle parking areas only and are valid until November 28, when they are to be returned to the Parking Pass Control Section. Only 100 passes are available. Contact the Parking Control Pass Section (2nd floor, S90) at 721-6719 or 721-1989.

**High School Navy Outreach Program:** During the annual High School Navy Outreach Program, local high school students actively considering future career choices will visit different units across CFB Halifax one day a week for 11 weeks to experience both observational and hands-on learning activities. This year's program runs from March 12 to May 28, 2026. Weekly recaps of the program will be shared on CFB Halifax social media channels. Be sure to say hello to the students if you see them visiting your unit!



### **Sports, recreation, athletics**

- March 2026 Mooseheads CAF Star of the Game Recipients: S3 James Wiebe, S3 Nineve Burke, and Cpl Juan Duque-Lopez. Congratulations to all 2025/26 season CAF Stars of the Game and thank you to the Halifax Mooseheads for recognizing our members through this annual program!
- Bravo Zulu to the ship's company of HMCS *Margaret Brooke* and all involved in organizing the Saint Mary's University Huskies hockey team ship visit on March 13.

### **Awards, promotions, certificates**

- CPO2 Cheyanne Delaronde: Received the Governor General's Member of the Order of Military Merit on February 19, 2026.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Bravo Zulu to the Defence Women's Advisory Organization, the MARLANT Employment Equity team, and all involved in organizing the International Women's Day flag raising and film screening event.
- Bravo Zulu to the Formation Coordinator of Official Languages team and all involved in the International Day of La Francophonie flag raising.
- Bravo Zulu to the Atlantic Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization, the MARLANT Employment Equity team, and all involved in organizing the Two-Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQQIA+ Celebration and Awareness Day flag raising.
- Bravo Zulu to the Defence Racialized Persons Advisory Group, the MARLANT Employment Equity team, and all involved in organizing the International Day for the Discrimination of Racial Discrimination flag raising and event.
- Bravo Zulu to the Atlantic Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization, the MARLANT Employment Equity team, and all involved in organizing the Transgender Day of Visibility flag raising.
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in the Nuclear Emergency Response Exercise from March 3-5.
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in the government housing announcement at the Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre on March 5.
- Bravo Zulu to the ship's company of HMCS *Frédéric Rolette* and all involved in the Halifax Chamber of Commerce ship tour on March 13.
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in the Prime Minister's visit to HMC Dockyard on March 26.

## BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: BASE COMPTROLLER - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE



Part of the Base Comptroller shop, the Accounts Payable team is responsible for processing local and national vendor invoices. Most invoices are for the Base Logistics (BLog) branch, Canadian Fleet Atlantic, Maritime Forces Atlantic, and lodger unit contracts within the Formation. In addition to paying invoices, the team remains well versed in required policy and procedures, ensuring invoices are paid promptly, accurately, and completely with a turnaround time of less than 30 days to varied vendors, to avoid unnecessary interest charges to clients' budgets. Read more [here](#).

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



**Facebook**

[CAF Atlantic Region Men's Basketball Championships](#)

[CAF Atlantic Region Men's and Women's Volleyball Championships](#)

[Saint Mary's Huskies men's hockey team visit aboard HMCS Margaret Brooke](#)

**Instagram**

[Italian Navy's Carlo Bergamini-class frigate Alpino port visit](#)

[International Day of La Francophonie](#)

[Nutrition Month](#)

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES



A photo of Margaret (Birmingham) Thompson. She joined the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service in November 1944. After training at HMCS Conestoga in Galt, Ontario, she was stationed in Halifax at HMCS Stadacona as a decoder in the convoy plotting room – also known as the Action Room. As a convoy plotter, in simulation scenarios, she was responsible for taking orders from the bridge and moving replica vessels accordingly. Wearing a battery pack and headphones, she would be given degrees that corresponded to markings on a large railing as to where the vessels should be positioned. After the trial run, the ship's company would be briefed to determine possible strategies for night battles and convoys on the Atlantic.

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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