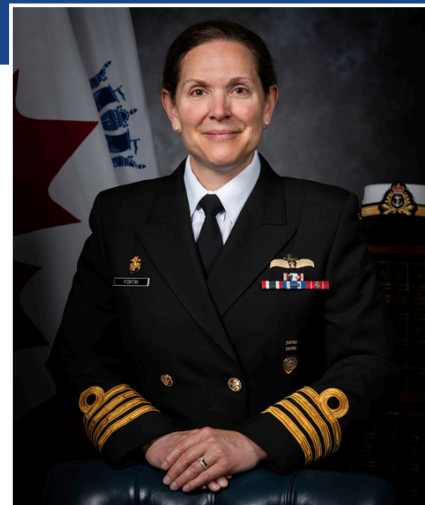




## BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Defence Team: Thank you, as always, for commemorating the end of the Battle of the Atlantic as a unified force. By remembering the sacrifices of the Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Canadian Volunteer Reserve, Merchant Navy, Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, and Royal Canadian Air Force members who gave so much of themselves during the longest continuous battle of the Second World War, you are honouring a long, rich history that will never be forgotten.

Thank you as well for your efforts throughout April. Initiatives like the Teal Up for Military Kids Campaign, the first Fleet Walk/Run of 2026, the NDWCC Semi-Annual Tire Swap (EX Dirty Hands) fundraiser, and the Earth Day Base Clean-up allowed us to come together to better our Defence community. Bravo Zulu to all involved! I also want to acknowledge everyone who supported April's allied vessel visit, the 16th Global Combat Ship User Group, the Reverend Alexander Scott Chaplains' Mess Dinner, the Grade 8 student exchange visit aboard HMCS *Ville de Québec*, and Battle of the Atlantic events. Each of the activities, engagements, and taskings took many hearts and minds to accomplish so please know that your efforts are seen and appreciated.



May is a busy time, and Active Posting Season is upon us. I want to share my gratitude with those who are supporting their colleagues during this transitional time. I also want to wish a warm welcome to those who are new (or on their way) to CFB Halifax – I hope this new chapter is productive and fulfilling, both for you and your loved ones. And finally, endless thanks to the Defence Team members who will be leaving CFB Halifax for another Base, city, or province (or country!) in the coming months: your contributions have made us stronger, and you will always be considered part of CFB Halifax. I wish you fair winds and following seas.

CFB Halifax is an expansive ecosystem that can feel overwhelming at times, especially at the start of a new posting. Thankfully, our base is filled with people and resources to help navigate the realities of everyday life and work. These resources can be found on the [MARLANT intranet](#) (DWAN access only), the [Trident website](#), CFB Halifax social media ([Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#)), in [CFB Halifax monthly Newsletters](#), or through our local [Defence Advisory Groups](#), [Canadian Forces Morale & Welfare Services](#) (PSP Halifax), [Vitality Magazine](#), and the [Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre](#) (H&R MFRC), to name a few. Your new teammates and supervisors will also be a great source of knowledge so don't forget to lean on them for guidance and advice.

May started off with solemn commemorations and will continue with more community-focused activities, including Red Dress Day (May 5), Moose Hide Campaign Day (May 15), International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (May 17), Indigenous Awareness Week (May 19-22), National AccessAbility Week (May 31-June 6), the annual Halifax Wanderers DND Appreciation Match (May 30) and the Navy Bike Ride (June 6). Thank you to all involved in coordinating these events and to everyone planning to participate.

Being present, resilient, and healthy are essential to our work in service and protection of others. As always, and especially when the tempo is high, remember to take care of yourselves first. There are [mental health resources](#) available to you 24/7 – wherever you may be in your journey. Thank you and be well.

- Capt(N) Annick Fortin

# BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Many thanks to all Defence Team members who participated in our [Earth Day Base Clean-up](#) last month and helped tidy and beautify the base! It was great to see participants from all departments, ranks, and classifications rolling up their sleeves. Your contributions to this effort are incredibly valuable and appreciated.

As the Base Commander mentioned, May is a busy time for many reasons, not least of which are the many activities tied to health, safety, and security. Take the time this [Safety and Health Week \(May 4-9\)](#), [Mental Health Week \(May 4-10\)](#), and DND National Road Safety Week (May 18-24) to (re)familiarize yourselves with safety and environment protocols at work and health and wellness supports for Defence Team members and their loved ones.

With spring and summer weather upon us, our members and neighbours are commuting in different ways, so it is vital to be aware of our surroundings and evolving transportation landscape. Of note, please remember that electric kick scooter operators must wear appropriate helmets and not use sidewalks when operating [e-scooters](#) on CFB Halifax properties. Additionally, pay extra attention if you wear headphones (especially noise-cancelling headphones) when transiting throughout the base. Remember to be mindful of your environment, particularly on busy roadways and high-tempo spaces where heavy equipment is in use. And as always, thank you for remaining courteous in your interactions with others. Stay safe, stay well.

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



### INFRASTRUCTURE

#### **Project Update: Combatant Training and Integration Centre Atlantic**

Site preparation [activities](#) continue at CFB Halifax Stadacona, Porteous Field, for the future Combatant Training and Integration Centre Atlantic (CTIC-A). A critical component of the larger [River-class destroyer](#) project, the CTIC-A facility will prepare our sailors to operate the Royal Canadian Navy's future fleet of warships.

Effective April 27, 2026, a section\* of the parking lot located between Stadacona building S88 and Pusser Lane will be used as a contractor laydown area. This laydown area will be used for storing, organizing, and assembling construction materials, tools, and heavy equipment, acting as a crucial staging area to prevent site congestion, improve efficiency, and ensure materials are accessible before installation. The area will be marked by a temporary construction fence and signage.

*\*The fenced laydown area will likely expand to fill the entire parking lot as the CTIC-A project progresses and more space is required. Local Defence Team members will be notified before this expansion occurs.*

Until further notice, Defence Team members will maintain access to the non-fenced section of this parking lot via Rutherford Street and Commanders Lane but will not have access via the Pusser Lane entrance.

Disruptions to base roads/services are expected throughout the year (2026) and will be communicated to the workforce or specific building occupants/units as necessary. Construction signage and other navigational and safety aids will be used to guide workers and visitors transiting near the construction site. Your continued understanding and flexibility are appreciated and any inconvenience is regretted.

## Government of Canada Commemorative Dates

### **May 1-28: DWAO Period Poverty Drive:**

The Defence Women's Advisory Group will be collecting menstrual supplies from May 1 to 28 in support of Feed Nova Scotia. Donations can be dropped in the labelled collection boxes displayed in common areas of CFB Halifax buildings. Please reach out to [Halifax.DWAO@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Halifax.DWAO@forces.gc.ca) with any questions.

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

Join the Stadacona Band at 2 p.m. at Kenneth Rowe Hall (inside Pier 21) for its *Sounds of the Atlantic* spring concert. This free performance commemorates the Battle of the Atlantic through a powerful blend of music and visual retrospectives, featuring Canadian compositions, ceremonial, and maritime-themed works, and classic selections from Gershwin and Ellington. The concert also showcases new arrangements from the Royal Canadian Navy's 1940s musical revue Meet the Navy, alongside performances by featured soloists and members of the DalKing Swing Dance Society. All are welcome to attend. Service Dress no. 3 (tunic and ribbons).

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

10:30 a.m. at the Point Pleasant Park Halifax Memorial. Military dress is No. 1A (medals). All are welcome to attend.

### **May 4-9: Safety and Health Week**

### **May 4-10: Mental Health Week**

### **May 5: Red Dress Day**

Defence Team members are encouraged to wear red on Red Dress Day, May 5. On this day, CAF members are permitted to wear a red shirt underneath their operational dress, or red clothing instead of a uniform, at the discretion of the unit. Dress with a Difference will not be in effect.

### **May 10: Mother's Day**

### **May 11: Canadian Joint Incident Response Unit (CJIRU) Recruiting Event**

2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Stadacona S120 Drill Shed. The event will cover CJIRU, Special Operations Technical Collection Operator employment, SOF Professional (support positions) within the unit, and Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM).

### **May 14: Moose Hide Campaign Day**

The [Moose Hide Campaign](#) is a nationwide grassroots initiative aimed at ending violence against women and children. In recognition of Moose Hide Campaign Day, the Atlantic Defence Indigenous Advisory Group (ADIAG) invites all Defence Team members to wear a Moose Hide pin from May 14 to 22. Pins may be worn by DND civilians and CAF members in operational dress. Units wishing to receive a group allotment of pins should contact Himaly Fernando at [Himaly.Fernando@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Himaly.Fernando@forces.gc.ca). HMCS *Halifax* will also host a 5km Fleet Run/Walk on May 14. Participants are to muster in front of D201 at 8:30 a.m. for a land acknowledgment, brief remarks from ADIAG, a smudging ceremony for those who wish to participate, and a group warm-up. Participants are encouraged to wear their Moose Hide pins during the run/walk. All Defence Team members are encouraged to participate. In addition, 12 Wing Shearwater will host a 5km run, jog, or walk in support of the campaign on May 14 starting at 8:30 a.m. All Defence Team members are welcome to participate. Members are to muster outside of the 12 Wing fitness centre for a land acknowledgment, smudging ceremony, and a PSP-led group warm-up prior to the 5 km route along the Shearwater Flyers Trail.

## **May 15: Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) Day**

## **May 17: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOBIT)**

### ◦ **May 15: IDAHOBIT flag raising**

The Intersex-Inclusive Pride flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at CFB Halifax headquarters (S90) and Shearwater Main Gate in recognition of IDAHOBIT. This flag raising is taking place on Friday, May 15 this year because May 17 falls on a weekend.

## **18: Victoria Day (public holiday)**

## **May 18-24: DND Road Safety Week**

## **May 19-22: Indigenous Awareness Week**

### ◦ **May 19: Indigenous Awareness Week flag raising**

The Mi'kmaq Grand Council flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at CFB Halifax headquarters (S90) and Shearwater Main Gate to mark the start of Indigenous Awareness Week.

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

Join us on Saturday, May 30 at the Wanderers Grounds (5565 Sackville St, Halifax) as the Wanderers take on Vancouver FC! The game kicks off at 4 p.m. Atlantic but come early to experience our Canadian Armed Forces activation zone featuring vehicles, displays, and more! Defence Team members and families can save 15%. [Tickets](#).

## **May 31 – June 6: National AccessAbility Week**

### ◦ **May 31: National AccessAbility Week flag raising**

The Defence Advisory Group for Persons with Disabilities flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at CFB Halifax headquarters (S90) and Shearwater Main Gate to mark the start of National AccessAbility Week.



## **SAVE THE DATE**

## **June 1: National Indigenous History Month flag raising**

The Mi'kmaq Grand Council flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at CFB Halifax headquarters (S90) and Shearwater Main Gate to mark the start of National Indigenous History Month.

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

Starts at 10 a.m. at the Shearwater Fitness and Sports Centre (30 Boundary Road, Shearwater). Register [here](#) for the 37 km, 15 km, or 6 km ride.

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

Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide email, the [CFWMS 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](#).

## **June 22: National Indigenous Peoples Day flag raising**

The Mi'kmaq Grand Council flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at CFB Halifax headquarters (S90) and Shearwater Main Gate in recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day.



**Dress Update:** The Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy has approved the wearing of white crew neck t-shirts with No. 3B Service Dress as an option for personnel wearing the Naval Uniform. The t-shirt is authorized to be seen at the collar, but must not protrude past the sleeves.

**PSP Halifax *Vitality* magazine:** The new and expanded 2026-27 issue of *Vitality* is on the stands now! It includes your guide to special events, services & so much more! Click [here](#) to check out the online version.

## BRAVO ZULUS

### Sports, recreation, athletics

- Bravo Zulu to the Halifax Mariners men's volleyball team who competed at the Canadian Armed Forces National Men's Volleyball Championship held from April 12 to 16 at CFB Borden.
- Bravo Zulu to the Halifax Mariners women's volleyball team who took home gold at the Canadian Armed Forces National Women's Volleyball Championship held from April 17 to 21 at CFB Borden.
- Bravo Zulu to the Halifax Mariners men's basketball team who took home bronze at the Canadian Armed Forces National Men's Basketball Championships held from April 25 to 30 at CFB Borden.

### Miscellaneous

- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in the Teal Up for Military Kids flag raising and Teal Up Shirt Days throughout April in support of military children.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in the Earth Day Base Clean-up on April 22.
- April 22 also marked Administrative Professionals' Day. Many thanks to the amazing administrative staff who support CFB Halifax and the larger Formation each and every day!
- Bravo Zulu to the BLog Transport, Electrical, Mechanical and Engineering Division for hosting its Semi-Annual Tire Swap Event from April 15 to 17 in support of the 2026 Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who planned and participated in the Fleet Run/Walk on April 15.
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in facilitating the 16th Global Combat Ship User Group meetings held at Juno Tower on April 20 and 21.
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in the student ship tour aboard HMCS *Ville-de-Québec* on April 27. Thank you to HMCS *Ville-de-Québec* for hosting and to Kenny Dooks at Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott (FMFCS) for the quick FMFCS tour on the way to the ship!
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who supported the allied vessel visit in mid-April.
- Bravo Zulu to the Battle of the Atlantic ceremony organizers and participants.
- Bravo Zulu to the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy for performing a Battle of the Atlantic concert at Pier 21.

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



**Facebook**

[Earth Day Base Clean-up](#)

[Fleet 5km Run/Walk](#)

[International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Event](#)

**Instagram**

[Teal Up for Military Kids Campaign](#)

[Base Logistics TEMA Division Semi-Annual Tire Swap](#)

[High School Navy Outreach Program - Week 3 and 4](#)

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## **BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: BASE LOGISTICS PROCUREMENT DIVISION**

The Procurement Division team provides contracting support to units within Maritime Forces Atlantic for a variety of goods and services, as well as the establishment of Standing Offers and Supply Arrangements. Read more [here](#).

## FROM THE ARCHIVES



A 2026 photo of military personnel packing up a glass window from the dockyard, one of the oldest items in the Naval Museum of Halifax, in preparation for the museum's **two-year renovation closure**.

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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