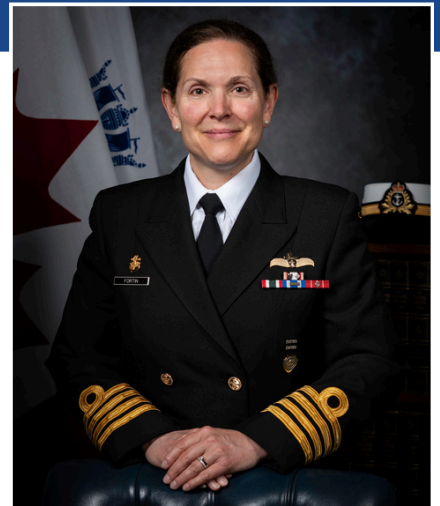




## BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

First and foremost, I want to express my immense gratitude to our outgoing Base Chief, CPO1 Troy Beazley, for his exemplary leadership over the last four years. Since 2022, Chief Beazley has humbly contributed to the base in countless ways – most notably as an adaptable, approachable, caring, and accountable leader in all matters of dress, discipline, and ceremonial outreach. I trust that CPO1 Beazley, with 36 years of Canadian Armed Forces service, will enjoy a bright new beginning in his next professional endeavour. As we wish him fair winds and following seas, I want to also offer a warm welcome to CPO1 Carlos Esquivel who assumed his appointment as the 25th Base Chief during a Change of Appointment ceremony on June 3. CPO1 Esquivel will undoubtedly thrive in his new role by bringing fresh perspectives and experiences, supporting Defence Team members and mentoring future leaders, and strengthening our institution and organizational culture. Welcome aboard, CPO1 Esquivel!



Thank you, local Defence Team, for an incredibly busy and productive month of May. I want to offer Bravo Zulus to our local ceremonial team, the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy, HMCS *Sackville*, and everyone who contributed to the Battle of the Atlantic (BOA) concert and BOA Sunday as well as the *Sackville* recommissioning ceremony; to Defence Advisory Groups and the Employment Equity, Diversity and Inclusion team for meaningful activities marking Indigenous Awareness Week, Asian Heritage Month, Red Dress Day, the Moose Hide Campaign, National AccessAbility Week, and the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia; to HMCS *Toronto* sailors who supported a United Way Maritimes Day of Caring; to HMCS *Ville de Québec* for hosting students from École du Carrefour du Grand-Havre and École Victor-Brodeur during a special ship visit; to the Transport, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Road Vehicle Safety Section for showcasing DND National Road Safety Week; to CFB Halifax Fire and Emergency Services for hosting a Halifax Wanderers Football Club visit at the Dockyard firehall and supporting the Colby Village Elementary Spring Fair; and to all involved in the Halifax Wanderers DND Appreciation Match – merci! Special thanks as well to all involved in the Nuclear Emergency Response Evaluation, an important training opportunity that saw a vast network of Defence Team members, evaluators, and controllers working in close collaboration.

As Active Posting Season ramps up, we will also be launching into a very engaged (and engaging!) summer here at CFB Halifax and across the Halifax region. June is [National Indigenous History Month](#) and the start of [Pride Season](#) in Canada – a time to celebrate Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and additional sexually and gender-diverse identities (2SLGBTQI+) and Indigenous members while reflecting on the existing biases and barriers they face every day. As ever, we are committed to advancing an inclusive workplace where members feel seen, safe, and supported. One of the ways we do so is by championing our regional [Defence Advisory Groups](#). This month (and year-round), folks are encouraged to reach out to the Atlantic Defence Indigenous Advisory Group ([Halifax.DIAG@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Halifax.DIAG@forces.gc.ca)) and Atlantic Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization ([ADTPAO@forces.gc.ca](mailto:ADTPAO@forces.gc.ca)) to learn more about what is being done locally to support our 2SLGBTQI+ and Indigenous members.

For Defence Team members currently navigating a posting to CFB Halifax, please remember that your new teammates and Chain of Command are there to guide and support you. Specific tools are available to you via the [MARLANT intranet](#) (DWAN access only), the [Trident Newspaper](#) website, CFB Halifax social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Twitter \(X\)](#), and [Instagram](#)), [CFB Halifax monthly Newsletters](#) and [Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre](#) to help during this adjustment period. To all Defence Team members leaving CFB Halifax this season for a new posting or professional pivot – many thanks for your commitment and leadership. I hope favourable winds and calm seas will carry you safely to the next destination.

- Capt(N) Annick Fortin

## BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



This is my last newsletter message as I will be handing over the Base Chief Petty Officer reins to my fellow teammate, CPO1 Carlos Esquivel, this month. I trust that the accomplishments of the Base ceremonial team – as well as the Defence Team at large – will be many under his guidance and stewardship. Please join me in welcoming CPO1 Esquivel to CFB Halifax and ensuring a successful transition process for everyone.

As I reflect on my tenure at CFB Halifax, I am amazed and humbled by how many people, experiences, and challenges I have learned from. This role has been both an important test and the privilege of a lifetime for me. I want to express my deep appreciation for each Defence Team member I've crossed paths with over the last four years – your hard work, leadership, and resilience are paramount, and I am very proud of you all. Thank you.

With gratitude,

- CPO1 Troy Beazley

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



### CFB HALIFAX KEY LEADERSHIP/POSITION CHANGES

Welcome to the new Formation Chaplain, Cdr Tony Cole, who assumed the position in May 2026 from LCol Dennis Newhook. Thank you to LCol Newhook for your efforts while in this role!

Welcome to the new Base Chief Petty Officer, CPO1 Carlos Esquivel, who assumed the position on June 3, 2026, from CPO1 Troy Beazley. Thank you to CPO1 Beazley for your efforts throughout four years as Base Chief!



## Project Update: Combatant Training and Integration Centre Atlantic

Full construction is now underway 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, CTIC-A will prepare our sailors to operate the Royal Canadian Navy's future fleet of warships.

### Planned construction activities throughout spring/summer 2026

- Installation of site security infrastructure;
- Site utility services (water, gas, and sewer lines);
- Excavation and rock breaking;
- Installation of rock anchors; and
- Pouring of concrete footings and foundations.

### Defence Team/visitor impacts

Defence Team members and visitors can expect increased noise, vehicular and pedestrian traffic disruptions, construction traffic, and occasional utility service disruptions at Stadacona while these activities are underway. Disruptions to Base roads/services 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.

### Upcoming roadway and parking impacts

There will be temporary roadway shutdowns and parking interruptions at Stadacona from June through summer 2026 affecting Stadacona Road, Rutherford Street, and Commanders Lane to facilitate CTIC-A utility installations. [Details](#).



## EVENTS/COMMEMORATIONS

### Government of Canada Commemorative Dates

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

- **June 2: National AccessAbility Week Flag Raising**

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

- **Learning resources:** In support of National AccessAbility Week, the DAGPWD will share digital awareness content and resources to promote learning, reflection, and accessibility awareness across the Formation.

#### **June: National Indigenous History Month**

- **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 25: Orange Shirt Pin Beading Workshop**

1 to 3 p.m. at the Halifax and Region Military Family Resource Centre Multipurpose Room. To register, contact [Halifax.DIAG@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Halifax.DIAG@forces.gc.ca).

### **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 6: One Port City Day**

All aboard! HMCS *Margaret Brooke* will be alongside Halifax Seaport Pier 20 for One Port City Day on Saturday, June 6. Open for public tours from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Two days of non-stop fun at HMC Dockyard with rides, games, bouncy castles, and plenty of entertainment for all ages. Open to Defence Team members and their families.

#### Schedule:

Friday, June 12: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 13: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://cfmws.ca/halifax/in-your-community/family-days>

### **June 14-20: National Public Service Week**

Thank you to our incredible Public Service employees for all that you do!

### **June 18: Fleet Walk/Run**

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

### **June 21: Father's Day**

### **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 (June 21). The flag raising is occurring on June 22 because June 21 falls on a Sunday.

### **June 23: Canadian Blood Services Blood Clinic**

**SAVE THE DATE**



### **July 1: Canada Day (public holiday)**

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

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

### **July 16: Pride Flag raisings at Base HQ and Shearwater Main Gate (Halifax Pride Festival)**

### **July 18: Halifax Pride Parade**

Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide emails and CFB Halifax social media channels for more details regarding CFB Halifax participation. Visit the [Halifax Pride Festival](#) website for more information.

### **July 23: National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign Dragon Boat Regatta**

Seeking teams of 16 members. For more information, contact Capt Adams at [Connor.Adams@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Connor.Adams@forces.gc.ca).

### **July 29: Base Commander's Golf Tournament (Hartlen Point)**

### **August 2: Bridgewalk**

### **August 3: Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Parade**



## MISCELLANEOUS

**Changes to Sick Parade access:** Effective May 18, 2026, Canadian Forces Health Services Centre Atlantic (CF H Svcs C(A)) has updated how patients access Sick Parade as part of ongoing improvements to patient access. The following changes have been applied:

### Sick Parade Access

- Telephone-based Sick Parade access will no longer be offered
- Voicemail requests for Sick Parade will no longer be accepted
- Patients must attend in-person as walk-ins

### Walk-in Hours

7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### Eligibility

- Sick Parade is intended for new injuries or illnesses that began within the past seven calendar days
- Patients will be assessed and may be redirected to the most appropriate care pathway based on clinical need

### Medical Concerns Lasting More Than Seven Days

For concerns lasting more than seven days, please contact your Care Delivery unit (CDU) to book an appointment: (902) 721-8700

### Emergencies

For medical emergencies, dial 911 or proceed to the nearest Emergency Department.

### Questions

Personnel requiring clarification on the appropriate medical resource shall contact their Primary Care Nurse (PCN) through their CDU by calling (902) 721-8700.

### CF H Svcs C(A) will be closed to patients at 12 p.m. on the following dates for mandatory training:

- June 5, 2026
- June 30, 2026
- July 31, 2026
- September 4, 2026
- October 9, 2026

Defence Team members requiring urgent medical attention should visit the nearest medical facility for treatment and follow up with CF H Svcs C (A) the next workday.

[Self-Check and Health Resource Directory](#)

## BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: CFB HALIFAX FOOD SERVICES

CFB Halifax's Food Services team, a section within the Base Administration Base Personnel Services department, plays a critical role in supporting the operational effectiveness and well being of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members. The team's primary responsibility is to prepare and provide safe, nutritious, and high-quality meals for local CAF members in a variety of environments. Read more [here](#).

## Awards, promotions, certificates

- Amanda Banks (Base Administration): Received a Commanding Officer Bravo Zulu on May 6 for demonstrating exceptional initiative and reliability in managing Box Lunch Operations at CFB Halifax.
- Lt(N) Dylan Giberson (Base Administration): Received a Commanding Officer Bravo Zulu on May 6 for demonstrating exceptional professionalism, initiative, and leadership within the BTL section, rapidly assuming responsibilities beyond rank with minimal direction.
- MCpl Matthew Stone (Base Administration): Received Unit Chief Leadership Award on May 6 for consistently performing above rank, demonstrating strong leadership in supervising personnel, coordinating meal production, and enforcing food safety standards.

## Miscellaneous

- Bravo Zulu to all involved in 2026 [Battle of the Atlantic events](#).
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in the HMCS *Sackville* recommissioning ceremony on May 15.
- Bravo Zulu to HMCS *Toronto* sailors and all others who supported the United Way Maritimes [Day of Caring at The North Grove](#) on May 19.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who wore a Moose Hide pin from May 14-22 in support of the Moose Hide Campaign and/or wore red clothing on May 5 in support of Red Dress Day.
- Bravo Zulu to the organizers and participants of the Moose Hide Fleet Run/Walk and 12 Wing Shearwater Run/Walk on May 14.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who attended the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia flag raising (May 15) and Indigenous Awareness Week flag raising (May 19).
- Bravo Zulu to the Atlantic Defence Indigenous Advisory Group, MARLANT Employment Equity Diversity and Employment team, and all involved in organizing Indigenous Awareness Week activities.
- Bravo Zulu to CFB Halifax Fire & Emergency Services for hosting the HFX Wanderers Football Club for a [visit at the Dockyard Firehall](#) on May 26 and for participating in the [Colby Village Elementary School Spring Fair](#) on May 23.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who planned, participated in, or supported the HFX Wanderers DND Appreciation Match on May 30.
- Bravo Zulu to all who planned and supported the High School Navy Outreach Program, which ran from March 12 to May 28.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in the Nuclear Emergency Response Evaluation on May 6.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who submitted photos to the MARLANT Safety and Environment Nature Photo Showcase for Environment Week 2026.
- Bravo Zulu to RCEME members who celebrated their 82nd anniversary on May 15.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who organized and donated to the Defence Women's Advisory Organization Period Poverty Drive in May 2026.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who organized and attended the Asian Heritage Month event; International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia events; and Jewish History Month event.



## TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



### Facebook

[Battle of the Atlantic](#)

[Moose Hide Campaign Fleet Run/Walk](#)

[HMCS Sackville's move to the Halifax Waterfront at Sackville Landing](#)

### Instagram

[French schools' visit aboard HMCS Ville de Québec](#)

[International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia Flag Raising](#)

[CFB Halifax Fire & Emergency Services hosted the HFX Wanderers at the Dockyard firehall](#)

*Visit our CFB Halifax social media channels for content!*



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## DID YOU KNOW? Base Operations Centre

CFB Halifax has launched its Base Operations Centre (BOC) – now operational 24/7. The BOC serves as a hub for Base security and operations, centralizing communication and coordination across CFB Halifax properties and operating as an important point-of-contact after emergency services. The BOC can also be scaled up to meet the demands of any potential Base-wide emergency response. Day to day, the BOC team's efforts complement ongoing security initiatives across CFB Halifax with robust operational monitoring and emergency management support.

To report security or safety concerns at CFB Halifax, Defence Team members can contact the Base Operations Centre at 902-721-1111 or [hfxboc@forces.gc.ca](mailto:hfxboc@forces.gc.ca) 24/7.


REMINDER: **In case of an emergency**, always contact emergency services FIRST:

**Military Police:** 902-722-4444

**Dockyard Fire:** 902-427-3333 (911 from military landline)

**Shearwater Fire:** 902-720-3333

## FROM THE ARCHIVES



The Commissioner's House, built in 1785, was once the residence of the principal authority of His Majesty's Canadian Dockyard, the Commissioner of the Yard. The Commissioner of the Yard was a Royal Navy Officer responsible for all naval and dockyard activities and was responsible for all communications with the Navy Board and Admiralty. The house commanded one of the best views of the Halifax Harbour, overlooking the whole peninsula all the way down to the Bedford Basin and up to McNab's Island. The house served as the official residence of the Commissioner until the dockyard was reduced to a naval depot in 1819. The Commissioner's House was used as the superintendent of the dockyard residence from 1820 to 1904, before it was demolished in November 1909 to accommodate the future development of new naval facilities. Today, HMCS *Scotian* is now home to where the house once stood.

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](#)

## QUESTIONS/SUBMISSIONS

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