



July 2026



BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I want to start by thanking our local Defence Team members – military and public service members alike – for excelling at what you do, every single day. And I want to offer special thanks to everyone for welcoming our new Base Chief, CPO1 Carlos Esquivel, to the team.

Last month saw an exceptionally busy introduction to summer. Whether celebrating National Indigenous History Month, National AccessAbility Week, the start of Pride Season, and National Public Service Week; planning or supporting events such as the Navy Bike Ride (Halifax Ride), DND Family Days, and SailGP; or contributing to Change of Command and Appointment ceremonies – including the Commander Royal Canadian Navy Change of Command ceremony in Hamilton, Ontario – our local Defence community has been moving and getting things done.



As we move into July, many celebrations and commemorations await. The annual Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo is launching with a Canada Day parade and starting the month with music, dance, and military history on full display. The Halifax Pride Parade will see participation from CFB Halifax, an important and meaningful engagement for 2SLGBTQI+ members, allies, and friends and neighbours throughout the Halifax region. Our National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign Dragon Boat Regatta on July 23 will also bring opportunities for playful competition and charitable giving, and I look forward to hosting the Base Commander's Golf Tournament on July 29. Notably, the Royal Canadian Legion celebrates its 100th anniversary on July 17. Thank you to legion branches across the country for supporting veterans, fostering community, and honouring our Fallen through remembrance for the last century.

This July, many Canadian Armed Forces members and their loved ones are navigating the realities of a new posting and transition to a new community. CFB Halifax offers many resources to support local Defence Team members and their families throughout their posting journey. Resources can be found on the [Trident Newspaper](#) website, CFB Halifax social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#)), in [CFB Halifax monthly Newsletters](#), [Vitality Magazine](#), through local [Defence Advisory Groups](#) and the [Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre](#) (H&R MFRC), to name a few.

Throughout this transitional period, we continue to advance a strong and resilient culture, from the individual to the organization. Importantly, what we accomplish in service of others is only possible if we take care of ourselves and our families. This summer, please make sure to take care and remember that there are [local](#) and [national resources](#) to support you and your loved ones 24/7. *Bon juillet à tous et à toutes!*

- Capt(N) Annick Fortin

BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Hello, local Defence Team. As the recently appointed Base Chief Petty Officer for Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Halifax, I am honoured to serve the Department of National Defence, Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), Royal Canadian Navy, and every one of my local teammates in this new role. I am humbled to keep marching on a path forged by the 24 Base Chiefs who came before me, to support the Base Commander and Defence Team members, and to contribute to a strong culture here in Halifax.

How we show up for people – our colleagues, our shipmates, our veterans, our allies, and indeed, ourselves – matters. How we choose to honour our traditions, present and conduct ourselves, and engage in the community are of utmost importance.

I look forward to working together to keep our customs and ethos vibrant and moving forward.

With parade season upon us, please remain vigilant of appearance and uniform fit/availability. If your uniforms are ill-fitting, or missing components, be sure to get them tailored, exchanged, or ordered to ensure you are comfortable and in compliance with CAF dress instructions. Dockyard Clothing Stores is your go-to resource for all uniform tailoring, exchanging, or kitting. They can be reached at 902-427-3217 or p-hfx.blog.clothing@forces.gc.ca. As always, any inquiries about dress, deportment, or ceremonial activities can be directed to my office at 902-721-8322 (Assistant Base Chief) or 902-721-8349 (Base Chief).

Thank you for representing the best of our organization. And remember to take care of yourselves and each other, especially with a busy summer ahead. Be well.

- CPO1 Carlos Esquivel

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



CFB HALIFAX KEY LEADERSHIP/POSITION CHANGES

We would like to welcome LCdr Troy Beazley as our new Base Operations Officer (Base OpsO). Thank you to LCdr Zach Johnson, outgoing Base OpsO, for his efforts while in this role.

We would like to welcome LCdr Natacha Coursol-Stevens as our new Base Logistics Executive Officer (BLog XO), effective June 26, 2026. Thank you to outgoing BLog XO, LCdr Jenna Lawson, for your efforts while in this role.

Installation of “No Trespassing” signage at Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot Bedford

New Department of National Defence (DND) “No Trespassing” signage was installed along the western perimeter of CFAD Bedford property in late June 2026.

Now that the signage is installed, the public will not be authorized to enter CFAD Bedford property via the Admiral Cove Park wilderness area and will not have access to the informal eastern loop of the Admiral Cove Park hiking trail system, as it encroaches on DND/CFAD Bedford property.

Trespassing at CFAD Bedford is unsafe and can impact the ammunition depot’s licensed storage limits. Increasing public awareness of the depot’s western property line and discouraging unauthorized access through clearly posted signage are essential for public safety and will support current and future Canadian Armed Forces capabilities and operations, including support to new fleets and ammunition compatibility requirements.

Read the full Public Service Announcement (site map included) [here](#).

REMINDER - 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

July 1: Canada Day (public holiday)

July 1-5: Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo

Five shows at the Scotiabank Centre in downtown Halifax.

July 8: CF One Days at Stadacona CANEX

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

July 16: Fleet Walk/Run

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

July 17: Royal Canadian Legion 100th Anniversary

July 18: Halifax Pride Parade

Starting at 12 p.m. at the Cogswell Street and North Park Street roundabout. Visit the [Halifax Pride Festival](#) website for more details.

July 23: NDWCC Dragon Boat Regatta

Seeking teams of 16 members. For more information, contact Capt Adams at Connor.Adams@forces.gc.ca.

July 29: Base Commander's Golf Tournament

8:30 a.m., Hartlen Point Golf Club. Open to CFB Halifax military and civilian personnel. This event includes 18 holes of golf (four person scramble), food and prizes. It is open to the first 20 teams of four to register. \$110 without Hartlen Point Club Membership, \$60 with Hartlen Point Club Membership. To register or for more information, please call 902-721-7805. Bookings for golf carts & clubs can be made by calling 902-465-3038.

July 31: Emancipation Day Flag Raisings at Base HQ and Shearwater Main Gate

*Emancipation Day (August 1) falls on a weekend.

SAVE THE DATE



August 2: Bridgework

August 3: Natal Day (provincial holiday)

August 3: Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Parade

August 15: Highway of Heroes Motorcycle Ride

August 17-21: Public Service Pride Week

August 17-21: CAF Atlantic Region Women's Soccer Championships (held in Halifax)



MISCELLANEOUS

Reminder: CFB Halifax Base Access and Security

Whenever non-DND or non-CAF personnel need to access our CFB Halifax defence establishment, this is considered a Visit. Visits can be official (directly contributing to the DND/CAF mandate) or non-official (such as family members, cadets, service clubs, schools, etc.).

It is the visit OPI's (or sponsor's) responsibility to ensure that all appropriate arrangements are made in preparation for any visit so that their visitor can have seamless access to the Base. Depending on the nature of the visit, such arrangements may include:

- a Visitor Access List;
- a Visitor Clearance Request;
- a Security Plan that is endorsed by the MARLANT Security Officer and risk accepted by the appropriate Command Authority; and/or
- a Risk Mitigation Plan approved by the Regional Departmental Security Officer.

Arrangements should be made early, so that there is time to complete all the required security checks and documentation. If these steps are not completed, entry will be denied.

For more information on the Base Access process, visit the [CFB Halifax Base Access and Security website](#) or contact the CFB Halifax Base Security Office at 902-427-3482 or HFXCFBHALIFAXSECURITYOFFICE@forces.gc.ca.

DID YOU KNOW?



Health Promotion Services, in collaboration with Chaplain Services, has launched two newly named wellness spaces, designed to help members of the Defence community reset both mentally and physically while in a high-tempo work environment.

Recognizing that accessibility is key to resilience, the hubs are strategically located to align with our broader CFB Halifax support network.

Site 1: Stadacona Faith Centre (S7, Door 5)

The site offers a setting near Chaplain Services and provides access to support in a neutral space outside the traditional Chain of Command. The location will also pilot an energy pod, supporting tactical napping and its proven cognitive recovery benefits.

Site 2: Windsor Park (W106, Room 108)

The site sits close to Health Promotion Services and the Halifax and Region Military Family Resource Centre, creating a central hub for holistic wellness.

Each space provides a quiet, comfortable environment where members can independently access tools for rejuvenation, including mindfulness resources, soft seating, and massage chairs.

Sports, recreation, athletics

Bravo Zulu to S3 Bo Van Loon, Lt(N) Katherine Costello, S1 Kyle Curlett, Sgt Joanne Henneberry, Cdr Kyle Aubrey, and CPO2 Ross Lenihan who represented CFB Halifax/MARLANT at the CAF National Running Championships held from May 22 to 24 in Ottawa.

Awards, promotions, certificates

Kirsten MacFadgen: Received a Base Logistics Bravo Zulu for providing exceptional occupational support to Base Logistics Health and Safety Program while acting in the Unit Safety and Environmental Officer role.

Miscellaneous

- Bravo Zulu to the Base Chiefs Office, Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy, and everyone who planned or participated in the Base Chief Petty Officer Change of Appointment on June 3.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who planned and/or participated in the Navy Bike Ride on June 6.
- Bravo Zulu to PSP Halifax Corporate Services and all involved in planning DND Family Days held June 13 and 14.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in the Fleet Run/Walk on June 18.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who attended or participated in the National AccessAbility Week flag raising (June 2), National Indigenous History Month flag raising (June 1), National Indigenous Peoples Day flag raising (June 22), Orange Shirt Pin Beading Session (June 25), and the start of Pride Season flag raising (June 26).
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who donated blood at the Canadian Blood Services blood donation clinic on June 23.



BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: BASE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

The Base Safety and Environment team supports CAF operations and members by enabling safe, compliant, and sustainable activities across all aspects of Base operations. Efforts include identifying and assessing workplace hazards associated with training, maintenance, construction, and operational activities; and advising on practical mitigation measures and safe work practices to reduce risk. Read more [here](#).

TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



Facebook

[DND Family Days](#)

[CAF National Running Championships](#)

[Base Chief Petty Officer Change of Appointment Ceremony](#)

Instagram

[HFX Wanderers DND Appreciation Match](#)

[French Navy's coastal patrol vessel FS Fulmar visit](#)

[Navy Bike Ride \(Halifax ride\)](#)

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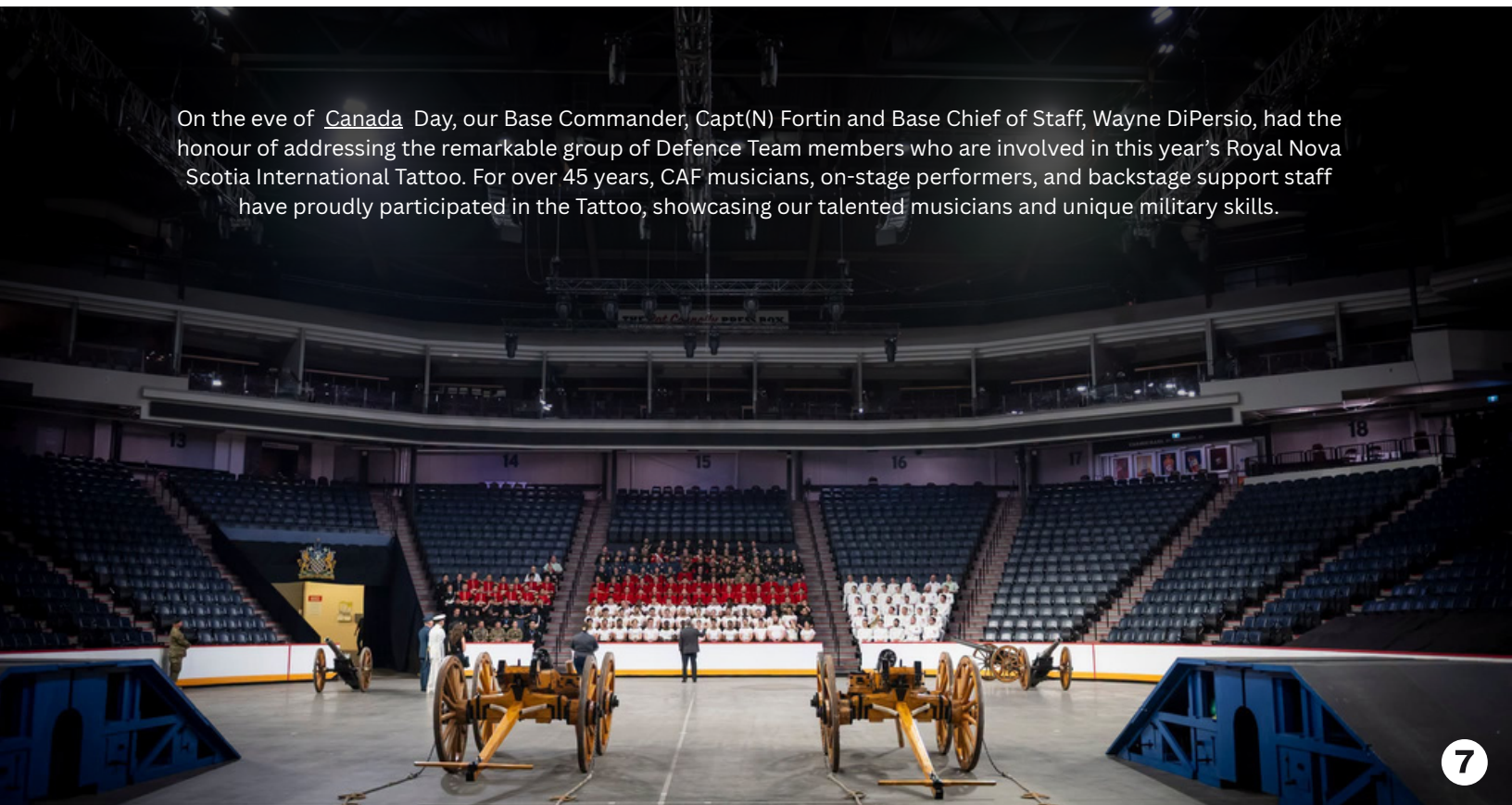


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On the eve of [Canada Day](#), our Base Commander, Capt(N) Fortin and Base Chief of Staff, Wayne DiPersio, had the honour of addressing the remarkable group of Defence Team members who are involved in this year's Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo. For over 45 years, CAF musicians, on-stage performers, and backstage support staff have proudly participated in the Tattoo, showcasing our talented musicians and unique military skills.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

We usually post a throwback photo from the Naval Museum of Halifax archives, but our archives are currently being packed to be moved for the museum renovation project! Here is a behind-the-scenes look at the deinstallation of the museum archives.

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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