



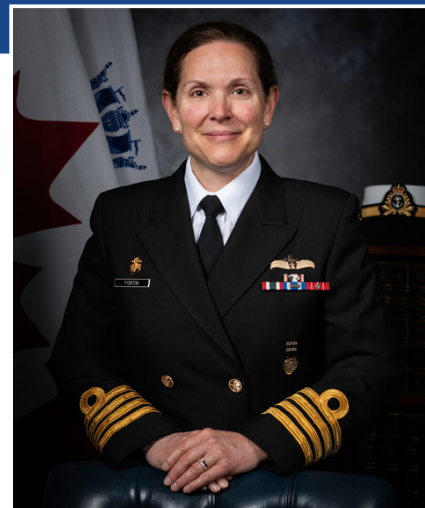
August 2026



BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It is an absolute pleasure working alongside all of you everyday, and I want to thank you for everything you do to make this a great place to work, live, and play.

In July, our members continued a busy community events season by supporting the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, walking and performing in the Halifax Pride Parade, welcoming fresh air and friendly competition at the Base Commander's Golf Tournament, and marking Emancipation Day early with a flag raising and performance by the Stadacona Band at Base headquarters. We also leaned out early on the 2026 National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign (NDWCC) with our ever popular Bring Your Dog to Work Day! More on the NDWCC later.



The tempo alongside His Majesty's Canadian Dockyard was especially high throughout July. We said farewell to His Majesty's Canadian Ships (HMCS) *Moncton*, *Edmonton* and *Ville de Québec* as they departed for Operation REASSURANCE; we welcomed allied ship visits from Germany, France, Norway, the United States, and the Armada (Spanish Navy); and the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, announced the winning bidder for the Canadian Patrol Submarine Project aboard HMCS *Robert Hampton Gray*. I would like to send a special thank you to all those who supported these departures, visits, and special events. Your dedication and professionalism while representing our Royal Canadian Navy did not go unnoticed.

This is a particularly transitional time of year as we navigate Active Posting Season (APS), welcoming new and returning members and their families to the Halifax region. As with recent messages, I want to continue extending a warm welcome to all who are posted to Halifax and express my gratitude to those who are leaving us for their next opportunity. This season also means lots of Changes of Command, Changes of Appointment, and Executive Officer turnovers. I want to take a moment to sincerely thank all outgoing command team members for everything you have done in support of CFB Halifax and the greater Formation. I wish you all fair winds and following seas as you offer your leadership to new workplaces at home and abroad. To all incoming command team members: I want to personally welcome you to our Base team and congratulate you all on your new positions. You have worked hard to get to where you are, and your commitment and dedication are appreciated always.

As we wind down the summer and look ahead to the fall, I want to highlight that the campaign window for the NDWCC is just around the corner! Our 2026 campaign will run from September 8 until December 11. As your 2026 Halifax region NDWCC Champion, I encourage you all to participate in any way you can, whether through monetary donations, planning/attending special events, or supporting volunteer opportunities. In anticipation of our local launch, I hope to see you all supporting our Dragon Boat Regatta teams as they compete and raise funds for the NDWCC on August 12 at Grahams Grove Park, Dartmouth!

Thank you again, enjoy the rest of your summer, and please take care.

- Capt(N) Annick Fortin

BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



As I conclude my second month as Base Chief Petty Officer, I want to thank those who have supported me as I learn and grow in this new position.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind members about using proper marks of respect when on Defence property. The military salute is a traditional demonstration of trust and respect. Although the method of saluting varies with circumstances, the paying of compliments is a fundamental requirement of service discipline.

I would like to kindly remind everyone of the following:

- **Saluting Commissioned Officers:** Members shall salute commissioned officers when passing them outdoors.
- **Staff Cars and Official Vehicles:** Compliments (salutes) shall be paid to passengers in staff cars displaying distinguishing flags or general officer plates. If a vehicle is bearing a distinguishing flag, members are required to salute.
- **Colours/Sunset Protocol:**
 - Military members in civilian attire walking where they can see the National Flag shall stop and face the National Flag when it is being raised or lowered.
 - Military members in uniform walking where they can see the National Flag shall stop and face the National Flag and salute when it is being raised or lowered.
 - When the National Flag is raised or lowered, members in civilian attire who can see the National Flag must exit their vehicle, face the flag, and stand at attention.
 - When the National Flag is being raised or lowered, members in uniform who can see the National Flag must exit their vehicle, face the flag, and salute.

These practices are essential to maintaining the standards, discipline, and traditions of our service. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer!

- CPO1 Carlos Esquivel

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?



CFB HALIFAX KEY LEADERSHIP/POSITION CHANGES

Welcome to the new Base Information Services Commanding Officer, Cdr Michael Collins, who assumed the position on July 9 from Cdr Andrew Tunstall. Thank you, Cdr Tunstall, for your efforts while in this role!

Welcome to the new Base Information Services Unit Chief, CPO1 Neil Henriksson, who assumed the position in July 2026 from CPO2 Sherman Lillington. Thank you, CPO2 Lillington, for your efforts while acting in this role!

Welcome to the new Base Logistics Unit Chief, CPO1 Brent Williamson, who assumed the position in July 2026! Thank you, CPO1 Sherri Lewis, for your dedication while in this role!



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

August: Acadian Heritage Month in Nova Scotia

August 1: Emancipation Day (flag raising was held July 31)

August 1-7: World Breastfeeding Week

August 2: Bridgewalk 2026

2 to 4 p.m. on the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge. Bridgewalk is Halifax Harbour Bridges' annual opportunity for families and bridge enthusiasts to take a leisurely stroll across the iconic 1.3 km Macdonald Bridge and simply take in the scenery during the Natal Day weekend. Event goers are treated to music, snacks, community displays, activities for kids, and a smidge of bridge education. This year, enjoy displays and information booths from Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott, Shearwater Aviation Museum, HMCS *Halifax* and CFB Halifax Fire & Emergency Services.

August 3: Natal Day (provincial holiday)

August 3: Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Parade

Starts at 10:30 a.m. at the intersection of the Macdonald Bridge and Windmill Road in Dartmouth, ending at Silvers Hill Park on Prince Albert Drive in Dartmouth.

August 9: National Peacekeepers' Day**August 12: NDWCC Dragon Boat Regatta****August 15: Highway of Heroes Motorcycle Ride****August 17-21: Public Service Pride Week****August 17: Public Service Pride Week Flag Raising**

The Intersex-Inclusive Pride Flag will be raised during morning colours at CFB Halifax Headquarters and Shearwater Main Gate.

August 17-21: CAF Atlantic Region Women's Soccer Championships (held in the Halifax region)**August 18: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donation Clinic**

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Canadian Blood Services Halifax Donor Centre (7071 Bayers Road, Suite 252). Shuttle will depart hourly from in front of the NFS(A) Drill Shed (building S120), starting at 8:30 a.m. The final shuttle will depart CFB Halifax at 12:30 p.m. and will return donors to Base around 1:30 p.m. To book your appointment, visit www.blood.ca.

August 20: Fleet Rainbow Walk/Run

HMCS *Halifax* will host a Fleet Rainbow Walk/Run in recognition of Public Service Pride Week. All units are encouraged to participate and wear rainbow colours in support. Units are to muster in front of HMC Dockyard building D201 at 8:45 a.m. for opening remarks by the Atlantic Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization, followed by a warm-up led by PSP staff. The walk/run will commence on completion of the warm up at 9 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE**September 7: Labour Day (public holiday)****September 8: Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign launches**

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

September 10: Official Languages Day**September 17: Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign Kickoff BBQ**

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

September 18: PO2 Craig Blake Memorial Fitness Challenge

10 a.m. at MacDonald Beach. Register [here](#).

September 28: National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign Golf Tournament

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

September 29: Survivors' Flag Raising/Orange Shirt Day

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

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (public holiday)

Base Orderly Room (Stadacona) New Hours of Operation – Effective July 20

The Base Orderly Room (BOR) will be open five days a week (no longer closed on Wednesdays) effective Monday, July 20.

BOR (building S90) New Hours of Operation:
Monday to Friday, 0930-1200 hrs and 1300-1500 hrs

Note: The BOR detachment located in Shearwater (building SH251) hours of operations will remain unchanged at this time.

Female Reproductive Health in the Canadian Armed Forces Survey

The objective of the survey is to enhance the knowledge on gynecological health, contraception, reproductive outcomes, assisted reproductive care, and pelvic floor dysfunctions.

To participate in the survey, you must:

- Have completed Basic Military Qualification (regular or reserve);
- Be actively serving or retired/released from the CAF; and
- Be at least 18 years old and female at birth.

For more information, contact (in complete confidentiality): labo.santepelvienne@usherbrooke.ca.



DID YOU KNOW? POSTIVE SPACE AMBASSADOR TRAINING

The Defence Team Positive Space Program aims to foster a safe and inclusive work environment for everyone. Specifically, it focuses on work-related matters and issues experienced by members of the Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (2SLGBTQI+) communities.

The program reflects the Defence Team's unique organizational ethics, policies, regulations and work environment, which include both military and civilian members working across Canada and around the world in various environments.

The Positive Space Ambassador program is delivered by Defence Team volunteers who serve as Positive Space Ambassadors. These Ambassadors actively promote inclusiveness in the workplace by leading by example and providing networking opportunities, information, and resources.

Currently, there are 98 active Positive Space Ambassadors and 15 Positive Space Facilitators in the local region spread between Halifax and Shearwater.

Training sessions for the program will be held once a month in the local region, and members should keep an eye on the Halifax and Shearwater intranet pages as upcoming sessions are advertised through banners. The next Positive Space Facilitator course will be held this fall. Anyone who has already taken the Positive Space Ambassador training and wants to become a Facilitator is encouraged to contact [Capt Whitney Kerr](#) to have their name added to a mailing list to be notified when registration opens.

Sports, recreation, athletics

- Bravo Zulu to the CFB Halifax Mariners men's and women's slo-pitch teams who won gold at the CAF Atlantic Region Slo-Pitch Championships held from July 20 to 24 in Gagetown.
- Bravo Zulu to PSP Halifax for organizing the Base Commander's Golf Tournament on July 29 and to everyone who participated in the tournament.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in the CAF Atlantic Region Golf Tournament held July 19 to 22 in Shearwater.

Awards, promotions, certificates

- S1 Andrew Rennox: Promoted to MS effective 25 June 2026.
- S2 Adam Biron: Promoted to S1 effective 7 January 2026.
- Avr(T) Vaughan Landon: Promoted to Cpl effective 16 April 2026.
- Avr(T) Joseph Nguyen: Promoted to the rank of Cpl effective 16 April 2026.
- S1 Nicholas Gear: Received the Special Service Medal with NATO Bar and Operational Service Expedition Medal for his deployment aboard HMCS *Ville de Québec* in support of Op REASSURANCE, Op HORIZON, and Op AMARNA.

Miscellaneous

- Bravo Zulu to all the CAF performers and backstage support staff who participated in the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo held from July 1 to 5.
- Bravo Zulu to the CANEX for providing cake and coffee to members on July 8 for CF One Days.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone involved in organizing the Base Information Services Change of Command Ceremony on July 9.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who attended the Halifax Pride Festival flag raising on July 16 and the Emancipation Day flag raising on July 31.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in the Halifax Pride Parade as part of our CFB Halifax entry on July 18.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who supported the Africville Reunion held from July 23 to 27.
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in supporting the numerous allied ship visits and ship departures in July.
- Bravo Zulu to image techs/photographers from Formation Imaging Services, 12 Wing Imaging Services, and MARLANT Public Affairs who supported numerous events this summer!

BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: BASE DUTY WATCH

The Base Duty Watch team provides continuous support to Canadian Armed Forces members and Base operations 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The team provides an immediate response capability for incidents, emergencies, security concerns, facility issues, and other after-hours matters affecting the Base. Read more [here](#).

TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



Facebook

[Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo](#)
[Halifax Pride Parade](#)
[Base Information Services Change of Command Ceremony](#)

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[Waterborne Security Response Vessels](#)
[Romanian Naval Academy Port Visit](#)
[Base Administration Confirmation Dinner](#)

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NDWCC SPOTLIGHT: CANVASSERS AND UNIT OPIS

National Defence
Workplace Charitable
Campaign



Campagne de charité en
milieu de travail de la
Défense nationale

The 2026 Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign (NDWCC) runs from September 8 to December 11, 2026. The NDWCC Regional Coordination Team is recruiting Canvassers and Unit OPIS for the 2026 campaign. Canvassers and Unit OPIS are Defence Team members who volunteer their time in addition to their daily work duties to support the NDWCC.

Canvasser duties: Canvassers will make their way through units across CFB Halifax during the campaign to raise awareness about the NDWCC. They will be available to help Defence Team members navigate ePledge (online donation portal), answer questions, and identify ways to participate in this year's campaign.

Unit OPI duties: Unit OPIS are local campaign representatives that will connect unit members with volunteer opportunities, help promote NDWCC events within their units, support fundraising efforts, and provide updates to the NDWCC Regional Coordinator throughout the campaign.

To volunteer as a canvasser or Unit OPI or for more information or, please contact Deshawn Davison, the NDWCC Regional Coordinator, at Deshawn.Davison@forces.gc.ca.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Commander Dorothy Isherwood inspects members of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (WRCNS), 1943, Halifax, Nova Scotia. The WRCNS was officially authorized on July 31, 1942. By 1943, over 1,100 Halifax-based WRCNS personnel were active in Halifax under the leadership of Unit Officer Lieutenant Amelia Alexis Alvey. Since HMCS Stadacona served as the primary naval barracks and administrative hub for the East Coast, it was the center of WRCNS operations during the Second World War.

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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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