



October 2026

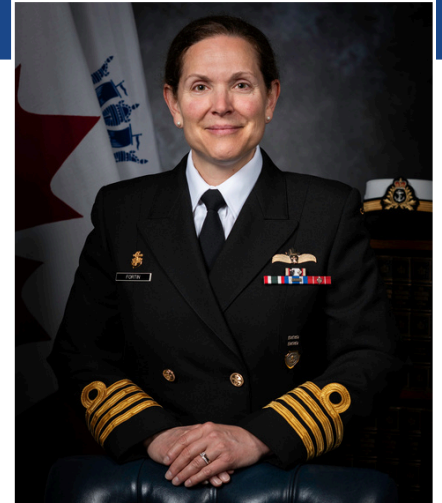


BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

September has come and gone, and here we are welcoming the first weeks of a new season. Thank you to all Defence Team members for your efforts and teamwork across CFB Halifax last month.

As Champion of the 2026 Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign (NDWCC), I want to thank you for your early contributions to an impactful campaign. Each year, our local efforts – executed in collaboration with United Way Maritimes and HealthPartners – strengthen communities, build resilience, and change Canadians' lives.

These are challenging times. Across the country, issues of affordability, accessibility, and illness are affecting some of our most vulnerable citizens, including our own Defence Team members. In this context, it is understandable that each employee's campaign participation may look different. Please know that no NDWCC contribution is too small, and that even talking about the campaign is an important part of the process. And there are many ways to get involved: volunteer your time and ideas; share campaign information (online or in person); organize events and participate in different fundraising activities; donate through [ePledge](#); or a combination of these actions.



I want to offer a big Bravo Zulu to the Base Logistics Team who coordinated another successful NDWCC kick-off BBQ (with support from Base Information (BIS) Services, Canadian Fleet Atlantic, and other local units) on September 17; to Base Administration, Base Executive Services, BIS, and Formation Imaging Services for a fantastic NDWCC Leadership Breakfast on September 25; and to Port Operations & Emergency Services and PSP Halifax for a successful NDWCC golf tournament on September 28. For upcoming events, be sure to mark your calendars for Bring Your Dog to Work Days (October 28 and November 24), our annual Travel Party (November 25) and an exciting Escape Room (November 4 to December 20) as fun, social ways to be part of the campaign. For all information, please visit the Trident Newspaper's [dedicated NDWCC webpage](#).

Thank you to everyone involved in National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Orange Shirt Day, Treaty Day, and Mi'kmaw History Month commemorations across CFB Halifax last month and in early October. Whether you joined a special event, wore orange, engaged in dialogue around healing and reconciliation, explored culturally informed resources, or reached out the Atlantic Defence Indigenous Advisory Group, your engagement contributed to an inclusive and welcoming work environment for all Defence Team members.

October is Canada's Healthy Workplace Month, October 4-10 is Mental Illness Awareness Week, and October 27 is the annual PSP Health Promotion Health Expo at CFB Halifax – all of which signal the importance of cultivating mental, emotional, physical, and organizational health. As we pivot to the colder months, taking care of our health and well-being remains crucial. Please take a moment to refamiliarize yourself with [mental health resources](#), health and wellness options, family programming, and recreational supports available to Defence Team members and your loved ones.

Finally, at the end of October, the annual Poppy Campaign will begin in the lead-up to Veterans' Week (November 5-11) and Remembrance Day (November 11). This marks a solemn time to remember and hold in our hearts those who have served. It's a time to reflect on the stories and sacrifices of those who came before us – including many who never came home. This month, we also remember the anniversary of the HMCS *Chicoutimi* fire (October 5) and the anniversary of the HMCS *Kootenay* explosion (October 23). In the weeks ahead, let's pause to reflect on the lives of the many Canadians impacted by wars and peacetime tragedies, all of whom shaped the country and communities we serve today.

- Capt(N) Annick Fortin

BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



As we transition to cooler temperatures, I want to remind local Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members that our seasonal dress change to winter dress will take effect Monday, October 19, 2026. As always, please remember to be vigilant of appearance and uniform fit. If your uniform is ill-fitting or in need of repair, remember to get it tailored or exchanged to ensure you are comfortable and following CAF dress instructions. For any uniform tailoring, exchanging, or kitting, please contact the Dockyard Clothing Stores at 902-427-3217 or p-hfx.blog.clothing@forces.gc.ca.

In addition to seasonal dress change, the RCN issued fleece is now available to all RCN members at the Dockyard Clothing Stores in select sizes. The fleece can be worn as a topcoat on top of the NCD shirt and is authorized as walking out dress. The fleece is not authorized for shipboard use as it is not fire-retardant. Toques and gloves may be worn with the fleece. Questions on the RCN issued fleece, seasonal dress or any other type of dress instruction can be directed to my office at 902-721-8322 or 902-721-8349 year-round.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind CAF members that the Directorate of History Heritage (DHH) is in the process of updating CAF identifiers - including badges - to reflect the new [Canadian Royal Crown](#). During this process, units are not required to submit a request to have their identifiers updated as this will be done automatically by DHH, and units are not authorized to modify their identifiers independently. Please be patient and respectful during this time.

Finally, and importantly, members are reminded that the 2026 Poppy Campaign runs from October 24-November 11. As we near Veterans' Week and this period of remembrance, please ensure you are wearing a poppy beginning October 24, and [wearing it correctly on each uniform](#).

- CPO1 Carlos Esquivel

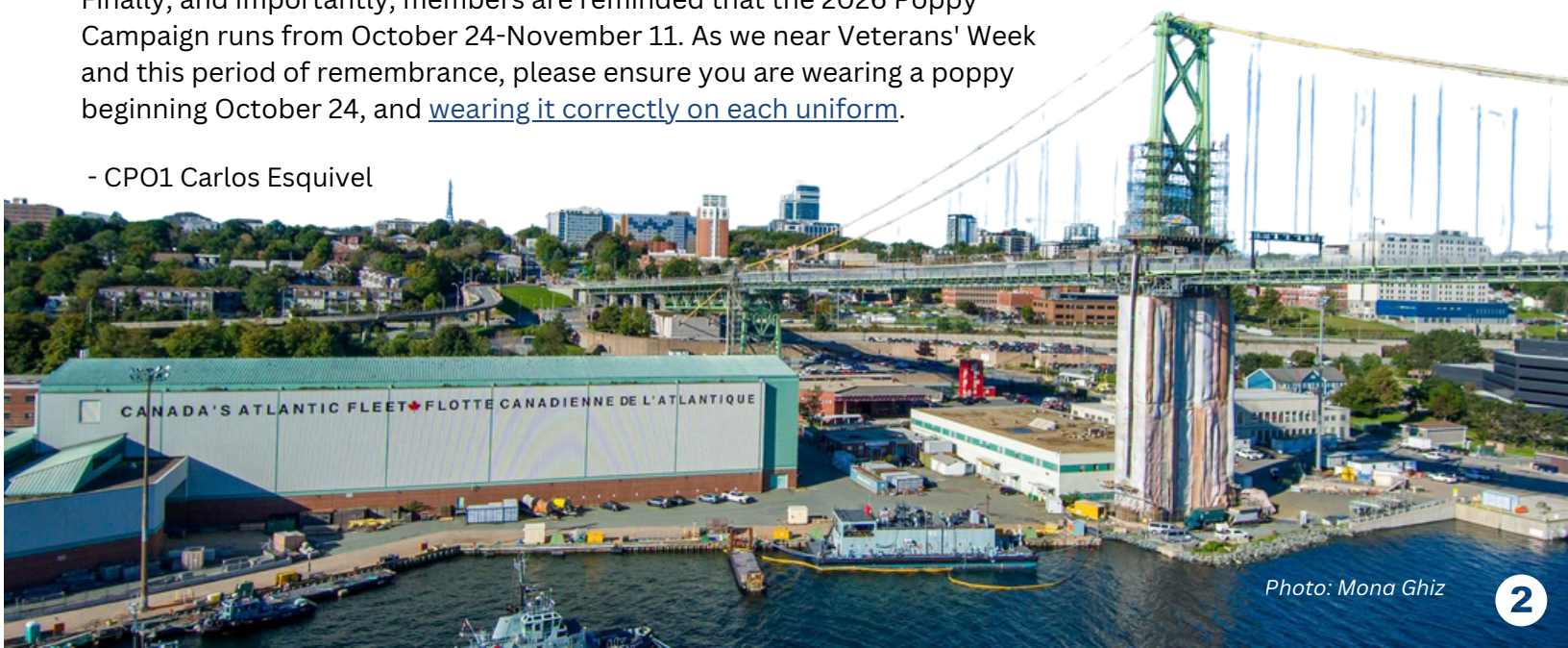


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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?

INFRASTRUCTURE



Reminder - HMC Dockyard temporary parking disruptions

Curb, sidewalk, and paving upgrades that began in mid-August 2026 at HMC Dockyard will continue into October 2026. These upgrades are part of the Hardstand Maintenance Project, a multi-property initiative to address deficiencies in roadways and sidewalks across CFB Halifax.

October paving work will result in a continued, temporary loss of parking spots in non-operational parking zone H (opposite side of the road to the Identification Section and Rainbow Gate) and will impact the bus shelter and stop across from Rainbow Gate.

- The bus stop has been temporarily relocated south, to the sidewalk in front of non-operational parking zone I.
- Identification Section and Parking Office/Dockyard Security Office customer parking have been temporarily relocated north, to non-operational parking zone G.
- Impacted accessible parking spaces and visitor parking spaces have been temporarily relocated south, to non-operational parking zone I.

Paving, repainting of lines and all other upgrades to this lot are expected to conclude by mid-October. Any inconvenience is regretted as this work continues..

Reminder - Infrastructure removal work in Eastern Passage

Four large fuel tanks are being deconstructed and removed from Department of National Defence (DND) property at 1350 Main Road in Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia, until late October 2026.

In March 2026, DND acquired 1350 and 1356 Main Road from the former owner and operator, Valero Energy Corporation. Prior to Valero's acquisition of the Texaco Refinery site, it operated as an oil refinery from 1964 to 1997 and later operated as a fuel and petroleum distribution and storage facility until 2017. The site has undergone remediation activities; however, some infrastructure remains from the site's previous distribution and storage activities.

As part of DND's Land Purchase Agreement, removal of the remaining fuel tanks and smaller support structures is being coordinated through the previous owner with oversight from DND infrastructure specialists.

This property was acquired to provide additional flexibility to support future Royal Canadian Navy and DND infrastructure and operational requirements in the Halifax region such as warehousing and refueling. Planning for the long-term use of the site is ongoing.



Posture Change - Stadacona Property Access Gates

Beginning October 13, 2026, changes will come into effect at our Stadacona property access gates. Details:

- Effective October 13, 2026, Stadacona Main Gate will be open and staffed by Commissionaires 24/7, 365 days/year. Government-issued photo identification will be required at all times for entry.
- Effective October 13, 2026, Lorne Terrace Gate will be open and staffed by Commissionaires Monday to Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. During these hours, government-issued photo identification will be required for entry. Lorne Terrace Gate will be closed on weekdays between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. and on weekends and holidays as usual.
- Effective October 13, 2026, the following identification (ID) is to be presented at Stadacona Main Gate and Lorne Terrace Gate:
 - Defence Team members: DND/CAF ID*
 - Contractors: White contractor photo ID card from the Dockyard or Shearwater Security Office
 - Civilians not employed by DND: Government-issued photo ID and state the purpose of accessing the property. Uber completing a drop off or someone visiting the CANEX are valid reasons for entry.
 - Minors under 16 do not require ID but must be accompanied by an adult with government-issued photo ID.

To expedite access for all (and/or prevent delays), please have your identification ready for inspection by the Access Control Guards (Commissionaires) on arrival at the access gate.

- Visitor Access Lists (VALs) and Visitor Clearance Requests (VCRs) will not be required for Stadacona; this change is for gate access only.

REMINDER: Expired DND/CAF ID cards are not accepted at our staffed access gates!

In preparation for these property access gate changes, Defence Team members are encouraged to verify that their DND/CAF ID is valid and has not expired. If the ID has expired, visit the HMC Dockyard Identification Section (building D247, 2385 Valour Way) or Shearwater Identification Section (building SH35, 124 Bonaventure Street, Shearwater Military Police Detachment) during hours of operation to issue a new ID.

*DND/CAF IDs include:

- **NDI 20:** Standard photo identification card issued to Regular Force and Reserve Force CAF members.
- **NDI 21:** Standard photo identification card issued to Department of National Defence civilian employees
- **NDI 10:** Temporary ID card

The changes outlined in this email are welcome additions to CFB Halifax's security program and reinforce a strong security culture across the Base. Defence Team members' cooperation is appreciated as this new schedule comes into effect.

Any questions can be directed to LCdr Troy Beazley, Base Operations Officer, at Fraser.Beazley@forces.gc.ca.



CFB Halifax Information Blitz: Physical Security and Force Protection

Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Halifax will deploy Base Auxiliary Security Force (BASF) members to Stadacona, HMC Dockyard, Shearwater, and Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot (CFAD) Bedford gates during the month of October to educate Canadian Armed Forces and Department of National Defence (DND) personnel about physical security and Force Protection Measures that can be expected while on, or when entering, Base/DND properties. While at the gates, and during high traffic periods, BASF members will be handing out pamphlets that include information regarding [Defence Controlled Access Area Regulations](#) (DCAARs) and [Inspection and Search Defence Regulations](#) (ISDRs). Locations and dates where, and when, BASF members will be present are as follows:

- Thursday, 8 October 2026 – Stadacona / HMC Dockyard gates
- Thursday, 15 October 2026 – Stadacona / HMC Dockyard gates
- Thursday, 22 October 2026 – Shearwater / CFAD Bedford gates

Defence Team members are encouraged to ask questions and to become familiar with the DCAARs and ISDRs. Your awareness and cooperation help reinforce a strong security culture at CFB Halifax.

Questions regarding this information blitz can be directed to Lt(N) Hutchings, Base Operations Emergency Response Officer, at ian.Hutchings@forces.gc.ca.

EVENTS/COMMEMORATIONS

Government of Canada Commemorative Dates

October also marks:

Mi'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia

Women's History Month

Canada's Healthy Workplace Month

October 1: Treaty Day/ Mi'kmaq Grand Council 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 Treaty Day.

October 3: Special Olympics Truck Convoy

The Base Logistics Transport, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering division will once again be supporting the annual Special Olympics Nova Scotia Truck Convoy by hosting the participant staging area in Shearwater. The convoy will begin at Shearwater at 11 a.m. before proceeding through Dartmouth, Cole Harbour, and Eastern Passage. See route map [here](#) (English only).

October 4-10: Fire Prevention Week

October 4-10: Mental Illness Awareness Week

You are not alone. Canadian Armed Forces members and Department of National Defence public service employees can access a variety of resources and information to help maintain and improve their mental health and overall personal well-being. [Details](#).

October 5: 22nd anniversary of the HMCS *Chicoutimi* fire

October 8: Clash of the Titans Charity Hockey Game

On October 8, the annual Clash of the Titans charity hockey event returns to the Halifax Forum (2901 Windsor Street)! This year's event consists of two hockey games:

- 5:35 p.m. - Lame Ducks (Attaches) vs Esprit de Corps Commando Lites
- 6:45 p.m. - Esprit de Corps Commandos vs CFB Halifax Mariners

Come out and cheer for the local Defence Team members who will be representing the Royal Canadian Navy/Canadian Armed Forces as players on the CFB Halifax Mariners hockey team! Admission is free.

October 12: Thanksgiving (public holiday)

October 15: Fleet Walk/Run

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

October 19: Seasonal dress change (winter dress)

October 23: 57th anniversary of the HMCS *Kootenay* explosion

October 24: Poppy Campaign begins

October 27: Health Expo

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the S120 Drill Shed (Stadacona). Presented by PSP Health Promotion Services and CF Health Services Centre (Atlantic). Monitor the MARLANT splash page, PSP Halifax TV screens, Base-wide email, and CFB Halifax social media channels for more details.

October 28: NDWCC Bring Your Dog to Work Day

Monitor the MARLANT splash page, [NDWCC Events/Initiatives page](#), Base-wide emails, and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.



SAVE THE DATE

November 4: Take Our Kids to Work Day

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

November 4 to December 20: NDWCC Escape Room

Shearwater Aviation Museum (34 Bonaventure St, Shearwater). Daily one-hour games at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person, eight people per team. For bookings, please contact Joseph.Abando@forces.gc.ca and Leah.Coughlin@forces.gc.ca. Monitor the MARLANT splash page, [NDWCC Events/Initiatives page](#), Base-wide emails, and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.

November 8: Indigenous Veterans Day

November 9: Stadacona Band's Veterans' Week Concert

6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church, 6036 Coburg Rd. Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide emails, and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.

November 11: Remembrance Day

November 14: Halifax Mooseheads DND Appreciation Game

7 p.m. at Scotiabank Centre Halifax (1800 Argyle Street, Halifax). [Tickets](#).



SAVE THE DATE

November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance Flag Raising

November 21: Parade of Lights

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

November 25: NDWCC Travel Party

7 to 11:30 p.m. at the Juno Tower Sea Room, Ballroom and Dining Room. \$25 per ticket (includes food, a beverage and a souvenir gift). Dress is casual or Caribbean attire.

Base Administration and PSP Halifax are excited to host yet another NDWCC Travel Party! If you're dreaming about a relaxing getaway, purchase a ticket to this travel-themed event for your chance to win a \$5,000 Travel Credit with Air Canada Vacations, along with many other wonderful prizes including luggage and diamond jewelry. Open to Defence Team members and their friends/family members aged 19+. To purchase tickets directly or to coordinate ticket sales in your unit, contact LCdr O'Connor at Aaron.O'Connor@forces.gc.ca. Monitor the MARLANT splash page, [NDWCC Events/Initiatives page](#), Base-wide emails, and CFB Halifax social media channels for details.

MISCELLANEOUS



Halifax Mooseheads CAF Star of the Game Program

The Halifax Mooseheads Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Star/Family of the Game program highlights and honours deserving military personnel in the local region who go above and beyond and are positive contributors at work and in the community. Members are nominated through their Chains of Command to receive this honour. Contact CFBHalifaxPublicAffairs@forces.gc.ca for more information on the nomination process. If you're attending a Halifax Mooseheads home game this season, keep an eye out for the CAF Star of the Game!

National Veterans' Week Speakers Program

The National Veterans' Week Speakers Program (NVWSP) gives Canadians an opportunity to connect with active members of the military during [Veterans' Week](#) (November 5 to 11). If you are a Regular or Reserve Force member who would like to volunteer as a speaker, or for more information on the program, visit [this website](#).

The CAF Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation Survey is live!

This is your chance to provide feedback on your experiences with accessing pelvic floor rehabilitation services – such as pelvic floor physiotherapy – in the Halifax area. This is an anonymous survey and should take fewer than 15 minutes. Currently-serving CAF women, both Regular and Reserve Force, are invited to participate. The survey closes 30 October 2026. (UBC BREB Ethics ID #H26-00587)

This is a UBC study conducted by Dr. Lesley Bainbridge (Primary Investigator) and Maj B. Stefanov. Contact the researcher, Maj B. Stefanov, if you have any questions. Boriana.stefanov@forces.gc.ca
[English Link](#).



Sports, recreation, athletics

- Bravo Zulu to the Halifax Mariners men's soccer team who won silver at the CAF National Men's Soccer Championships and the Halifax Mariners women's soccer team who won bronze at the CAF National Women's Soccer Championships held at CFB Borden from September 24 to 29.

Awards, promotions, certificates

- S2 Jakub Nemcek: Received a Base Commander's Coin on September 16 for their dedication and outstanding contributions to CFB Halifax while serving in the Base Chief's Office.
- Halifax Mooseheads CAF Star of the Game for September 2026: S1 Hunter Thompson (19 September)

Miscellaneous

- Bravo Zulu to everyone who attended the Official Languages Day flag raising on September 10.
- Bravo Zulu to the Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre and all units involved in the Bluenose Bienvenue event on September 12.
- Bravo Zulu to the Naval Museum of Halifax, Shearwater Aviation Museum, and Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott for participating in the Maritime Heritage Festival held September 12 and 13.
- Bravo Zulu to Base Logistics for organizing the NDWCC Kick-off BBQ on September 17; to Base Information Services, Canadian Fleet Atlantic, and other units for on-site support, to UpperCut for the fantastic music, and to everyone who attended.
- Bravo Zulu to PSP Halifax, Canadian Fleet Atlantic, and all who participated in the monthly Fleet Run/Walk on September 17.
- Bravo Zulu to PSP Halifax for organizing the PO2 Craig Blake Memorial Challenge on September 18 and to everyone who participated.
- Bravo Zulu to Base Executive Services, Base Administration, Base Information Services, and Formation Imaging Services for supporting the NDWCC Leadership Breakfast on September 25.
- Bravo Zulu to the Dockyard Fire Hall and PSP Halifax for organizing the NDWCC Golf Tournament on September 28 and to everyone who participated.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who organized and participated in National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Treaty Day activities from September 22 to October 1.

DID YOU KNOW?

UNIT FACILITY REPRESENTATIVES

Unit Facility Representatives (UFRs) are your critical linkage to Real Property services and the delivery of your units' ongoing work requests. On October 6, 2026, UFR training will occur in-person at Tribute Tower (building S117, 2815 Pusser Lane) and via MS Teams, with the goal of developing skills and professional relationships to foster productive outcomes for everyone. The intent is to review the new capabilities in the Integrated Infrastructure Management System (IIMS) and how they can benefit all parties; review standard operating procedures; and discuss/address major issues and ongoing concerns. To participate in this training or for more information, contact RPOPSHFXWorkReception@Forces.gc.ca.

TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH



Facebook

[Fleet Walk/Run](#)

[NDWCC Kick-off BBQ](#)

[CAF Atlantic Region Soccer Championships](#)

Instagram

[2026 Halifax Region NDWCC Launch](#)

[King Harbour Master's Canadian Forces Auxiliary Vessel *Canso* crew](#)

[National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Flag Raising](#)

Visit our CFB Halifax social media channels for content!

National Defence
Workplace Charitable
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milieu de travail de la
Défense nationale

NDWCC SPOTLIGHT: UNITED WAY MARITIMES AND HEALTHPARTNERS CHARITIES

The [Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign](#) (NDWCC) – organized in collaboration with United Way Maritimes and HealthPartners – provides Defence Team members with a direct line to donate to over 86,000 charities, including numerous organizations with strong ties to Canada's military.

Defence Team members can support the NDWCC by organizing or participating in a fundraising event, donating through ePledge or participating in a volunteer activity. The funds raised will help United Way Maritimes and HealthPartners supported charities provide health education and research; safe shelter; nutritious meals; connection; and opportunities for marginalized people in our local communities.

United Way Maritimes supports organizations that provide life-changing programs that meet urgent needs and address root causes of the realities people are facing across our communities. Following its first regional funding application process since unifying in 2024, United Way Maritimes is investing more than \$8 million in operational and program funding into 136 unique organizations in 2026 and 2027, across all seven Maritime offices.

HealthPartners provides a connection to 20 of Canada's well-known health charities, which represent some of the most devastating chronic diseases and serious illnesses faced by Canadians.

To see a list of United Way Maritimes and HealthPartners supported charities, visit:

- [United Way Maritimes – Who We Fund](#) (English only)
- [HealthPartners Impact Collective](#)

FROM THE ARCHIVES

A photo of Canadian Government Ship (CGS) *Canada* at the south end of the Halifax Dockyard in 1909. Visible in the background of the photo is the old Commissioner's House, the dockyard sail loft, mast pond, and buildings that existed in the dockyard prior to the Halifax Explosion in 1917. This photo was taken in November 1909, several months before the creation of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN).

CGS *Canada* is considered to be the nucleus of the RCN for its role in training Canadian naval officers. After the start of the First World War in August 1914, CGS *Canada* was officially transferred to the RCN, undergoing a refit to become a naval patrol ship and serving on the Atlantic coast during the war.

Additional fun fact: This photo is one of the last photos taken of the Commissioner's House before it was torn down near the end of 1909. Today, HMCS *Scotian* is located 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](#)

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