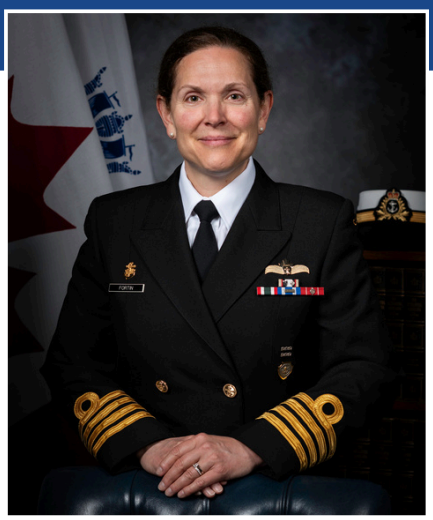
CFB HALIFAX NEWS
November 2026

BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



As we begin a season of remembrance, reflection, and gratitude, I want to thank every Defence Team member – past and present – for their service and dedication to strengthening our communities and securing our country. What military and civilian members do is fundamental to our collective mission. These have been trying times for our members and their families across the country, so please remember that supports and resources are available 24/7. And know that no one carries the burden of grief alone.

October was another busy month at CFB Halifax. Many thanks to all involved in our Treaty Day/Mi'kmaw History Month flag raisings; the CFB Halifax Sports Recognition Breakfast; the Special Olympics Nova Scotia Truck Convoy; Clash of the Titans; EX Mariner Spirit, the French Navy ship FS *Monge* visit; the Base Clean-Up event; HMCS *Kootenay* ceremonies; the 2026 Health Expo; the sustained Damage Control Exercise at HMC Dockyard; the Canadian Forces Health Services Centre (Atlantic) seasonal influenza and COVID-19 vaccine clinics – continuing into November; and various 2026 Halifax Region National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign (NDWCC) activities including the Commander Maritime Forces Atlantic parking space raffle, Bring Your Dog to Work Day, and two United Way Maritimes Days of Caring.

I want to extend a warm welcome back to His Majesty's Canadian Ships *Moncton* and *Edmonton* after their successful deployment on Operation REASSURANCE. Bravo Zulu to all shipmates on your contributions to NATO's maritime capability while also advancing mine countermeasure operations. Wishing everyone much rest and relaxation, and time spent at home with loved ones. Thank you to all those who worked hard to ensure safe homecomings.

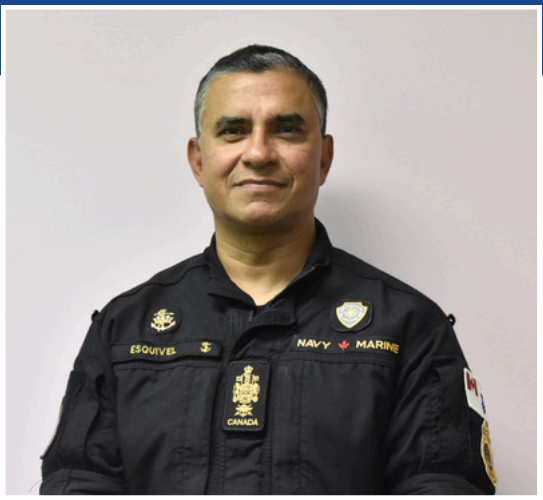
In November, we stand united with our veteran community. One of the many ways to show our support is by attending local Veterans' Week, Indigenous Veterans' Day, and Remembrance Day events and observances. Of note, I encourage everyone to attend the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy's *Our Veterans, Their Stories* concert on November 9, a unique opportunity to honour those who have served, reflect on their stories, and stand proudly alongside them.

November is the last full month of the 2026 NDWCC and will see a full roster of creative and fun activities such as EX Dirty Hands (November 3-5), Bring Your Dog to Work Day (November 24), the Operation MAPLE EXTRACTION Escape Room (November 4 – December 20), the annual Travel Party (November 25) and more. If your calendar is already full, remember that there are other ways to contribute this campaign season such as volunteering or donating through ePledge to support a Canadian charity (or charities) of your choosing.

Every contribution counts, every action matters, when it comes to building stronger communities. As ever, please take care of yourselves and each other, and take a moment to reflect on your own positive and lasting impacts.

- Capt(N) Annick Fortin

BASE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Bravo Zulu to all local Defence Team members who participated in our seasonal Base Clean-up at Stadacona, His Majesty's Canadian Dockyard, Naval Armament Depot, Willow Park, and Windsor Park properties on October 23. Your teamwork, care, and enthusiasm help build a stronger, safer, and more sustainable ecosystem at CFB Halifax – and I commend you all for it.

This month, many public commemorative observances will take place across the Halifax Regional Municipality throughout Veterans' Week, including Indigenous Veterans' Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies. We ask that Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel remain vigilant of their uniform, emblems, and appearance while ensuring that they are respecting all CAF dress instructions. And please note that uniformed members attending a Remembrance Day ceremony are required to dress in No. 1A with medals. Thank you in advance for being mindful of dress and deportment during remembrance events, and for honouring the legacy of Canadian and allied veterans with pride and distinction.

- CPO1 Carlos Esquivel

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CFB HALIFAX?

OPERATIONS

Posture Change - Willow Park Property Access Gates

On October 26, 2026, changes came into effect at our Willow Park property access gates. Details:

- Effective October 26, Willow Park 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 26, The Transport, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering (TEME) 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 required for entry. TEME Gate will be closed on weekdays between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. and on weekends and holidays as usual.

The following identification (ID) is to be presented at Willow Park Main Gate and TEME 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
- Minors under 16 do not require ID but must be accompanied by an adult with government-issued photo ID

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

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

EVENTS/COMMEMORATIONS

Government of Canada Commemorative Dates

November 3-5: NDWCC Semi-Annual Tire Swap Event
The Semi-Annual Tire Swap Event (EX Dirty Hands) is now FULLY BOOKED (no more appointments available). Thank you to local Defence Team members for supporting this National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign fundraiser!

November 4: Take Our Kids to Work Day
Take Our Kids to Work Day (TOKWD) is a Canada-wide career exploration event that sees Grade 9 students spend the day working with and shadowing professionals in their workplace. CFB Halifax/MARLANT and integral/lodger units will once again participate in the event by organizing activities for Grade 9 students, providing them opportunities to experience different professions and become more familiar with the numerous occupations available within DND/CAF.

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, 8 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 5-11: Veterans' Week

November 8: Indigenous Veterans Day

November 9: Indigenous Veterans 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 to recognize Indigenous Veterans Day.

November 9: Stadacona Band's Veterans' Week Concert
This year's Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy Veterans' Week concert *Our Veterans, Their Stories* is taking place on Monday, November 9, at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Halifax (Halifax United Church, 6036 Coburg Road). A tradition spanning over 20 years, the Stadacona Band's Veterans' Week concert commemorates the legacy and stories of our local veterans – with a special spotlight on the Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Building residents and staff. Come be a part of an evening tribute for those whose service and sacrifice have shaped our country. Details.

November 11: Remembrance Day

November 13-19: Transgender Awareness Week

November 14: Halifax Mooseheads DND Appreciation Game
7 p.m. at Scotiabank Centre Halifax (1800 Argyle Street, Halifax). Tickets.

November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance Flag Raising
The Transgender Pride flag will be raised during morning colours (8 a.m.) at CFB Halifax headquarters (S90), Shearwater Main Gate and ships alongside to recognize the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

EVENTS/COMMEMORATIONS

November 21: 31st Annual Holiday Parade of Lights
Starts at 6 p.m. at the Cogswell Street roundabout at North Park Street. Click here for the parade route (English only).

November 24: NDWCC Bring Your Dog to Work Day

November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

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.

SAVE THE DATE

December 3: International Day for Persons with Disabilities Flag Raising

December 4: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Flag Raising

December 6: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

December 6: 109th Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion
Halifax Regional Municipality hosts a ceremony at 9 a.m. at the Fort Needham Park Memorial Bell Tower.

December 7: Stadacona Band Holiday Tour (Halifax concert)
7 p.m. at Spatz Theatre. Monitor the MARLANT splash page, Base-wide emails, and CFB Halifax and Stadacona Band social media channels for details.

December 11: End of Halifax Region NDWCC

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!

BRAVO ZULUS

Sports, recreation, athletics

- Bravo Zulu to PSP Halifax for organizing the CFB Halifax CAF Sports Recognition Breakfast on October 7 and to everyone who attended.
- Bravo Zulu to the everyone involved in the 2026 Clash of the Titans charity hockey event on October 8.
- Mooseheads CAF Star of the Game program (October 2026 recipients):
  - S1 Kendra Martin
  - S3 Erik Lassonde Robillard
  - MCpl Ryder Smith
  - S3 Mya Remington
  - Cpl Kalanie Deason
  - PO1 Greg Moffat

Miscellaneous

- Bravo Zulu to all involved in the Treaty Day/Mi'kmaq History Month flag raising on October 1.
- Bravo Zulu to Base Logistics TEME members who supported the Nova Scotia Special Olympics Truck Convoy on October 3.
- Bravo Zulu to NFS(A)'s Damage Control Division and all involved in the ceremony marking the 57th anniversary of HMCS *Kootenay* explosion on October 23.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in the Base Clean Up on October 23.
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in homecomings for HMCS *Moncton* and HMCS *Edmonton.*
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in the FS Monge visit
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in EX MARINER SPIRIT.
- Bravo Zulu to PSP Halifax Health Promotion and all involved in organizing the Health Expo on October 27 and to everyone who attended.
- Bravo Zulu to all involved in the Camp Hill Veterans' Memorial Building Clean Up on October 28.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in Bring Your Dog to Work Day on October 28.
- Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in United Way Maritimes Days of Caring at Common Roots BiHi Park (October 28) and Common Roots Dartmouth (October 29).



BASE SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: BASE INFORMATION SERVICES NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTRE

The Network Operations Centre (NOC) is responsible for the creation and management of CSNI (Secret network) accounts. The NOC continuously monitors all Secret networks and reports any identified issues to the appropriate service teams for resolution. Read more here.

National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign



Campagne de charité en milieu de travail de la Défense nationale

NDWCC SPOTLIGHT: WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to get involved in the 2026 NDWCC. No matter how you choose to get involved, your efforts and contributions matter.

1. **Donate using ePledge**: ePledge is a secure, convenient (web based & mobile friendly) and simple way you can donate through payroll deduction, credit card, or PayPal. When you use ePledge, you can choose the charity/charities to which you'd like to donate from a Canadian registered charity drop-down menu. Visit the ePledge website to donate today! For instructions on using ePledge, click here.

1. **Talk to your unit canvasser**: Keep an eye out for your local canvassers and campaign ambassadors who will continue making their rounds through local units until the end of the campaign season. They are happy to answer any questions you may have and help you in any way they can.

1. **Plan or support a fundraising event:** Are you or your unit planning an NDWCC fundraising event that is open to all local Defence Team members? You can use the NDWCC Unit Event Submission Form found on the NDWCC Resources page to submit your event to be included in the Halifax Region NDWCC Weekly Update which will be distributed each Monday during the campaign via Base-wide email. Event submissions will also be posted to the Trident Newspaper NDWCC website. Email event submission forms to NDWCCHalifax@forces.gc.ca and keep an eye out for events you might want to attend!

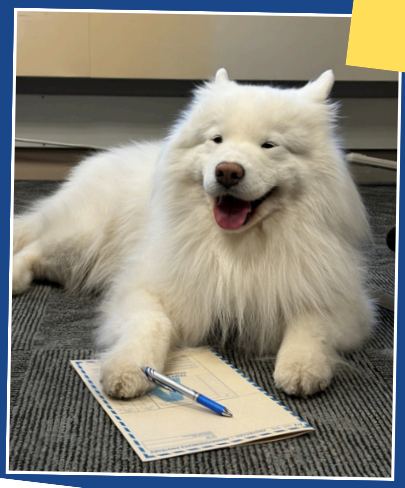
1. **Educate yourself on the many charitable organizations that support our communities:** Visit the NDWCC Resources page!

1. **Volunteer for a Day of Caring activity:** Days of Caring are United Way Maritimes initiatives that pair community volunteers with charitable organizations who are seeking assistance. Each year as part of the Halifax Region NDWCC, United Way Maritimes matches Defence Team volunteers with hands-on projects throughout the local community. To get involved with upcoming Days of Caring, contact your NDWCC Unit Coordinator or email NDWCCHalifax@forces.gc.ca.

1. **Spread the word:** Email or text the local NDWCC website to your friends in Defence so that they know where to find information on this year's Halifax Region campaign. Follow CFB Halifax on Facebook, and Instagram and share NDWCC content that's posted to those platforms. Talk to your friends and colleagues about the campaign – you might inspire someone else to give!

TOP CFB HALIFAX SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LAST MONTH







Facebook

NDWCC Bring Your Dog to Work Day
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Round Dance
Camp Hill Veterans' Memorial Building Clean-Up

Instagram

NDWCC Leadership Breakfast
HMCS *Kootenay* Ceremony
Clash of the Titans Charity Hockey Event

Visit our CFB Halifax social media channels for content!

DID YOU KNOW THAT NAVAL MUSEUM OF HALIFAX STAFF ARE AVAILABLE DURING THE MUSEUM CLOSURE?

As of April 2, 2026, the **Naval Museum of Halifax** is closed for a multi-year period to accommodate a planned renovation of Admiralty House, the 208-year-old building and National Historic Site that is home to the museum. During the closure, museum staff have relocated to workspaces across Canadian Forces Base Halifax and are available for speaking engagements, acquisitions, and general inquiries. To contact the Naval Museum of Halifax, please email Jennifer Denty, Director, Naval Museum of Halifax, at: **Jennifer.Denty@forces.gc.ca**.

Click **here** to follow the Naval Museum of Halifax on Facebook to see renovation updates, artifacts, Royal Canadian Navy history, and more!



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (WRCNS) on parade in Halifax in August 1943 during World War II. During the war, roughly 1,000 members of the WRCNS were stationed and accommodated at HMCS Stadacona between 1943 and 1944.

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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