

Master Sailor Ashley Chamberlain

Royal Canadian Navy

Family Life:

Ashley was born in Gander, Newfoundland, in 1989. As a preteen she joined the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. She became a Cadet Instructor in Greenwood, NS, and also enjoyed babysitting in her hometown of Eastport, NL.

Wanting to see the world and avoid student loans she enlisted in 2007, at the age of 17.

During Basic Training at St. Jean, QC, Ashley met her husband, who is also in the Canadian Armed Forces serving as an artilleryman.

Ashley and her husband, Bombardier Ryan Chamberlain, were married in Fredericton, New Brunswick, in 2009. They have three children, James, Wesley and Abigail.

Presently, she also works a part time job in the evening delivering food for a local restaurant in Meaford, in addition to her full time military career and motherhood.

Military Service:

Master Sailor Chamberlain signed up for military service in August of 2007 as Ordinary Seaman Parsons, at the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, at 17 years of age.

She joined the Navy because she wanted to go on a ship and see the world as a navel engineer.



Decorations:

Canadian Forces Declaration (CD)
12 Years Active Service.

Military Service:

M.S. Chamberlain successfully completed her Basic Training at CFLRS St. Jean. She got transferred to CFB Borden, where she graduated from her Resource Management Support Clerk Training. She then got transferred back to her family in CFB Gagetown where she worked at the Infantry school. Her family got transferred to CFB Shilo at 1 RCHA where she was part of the Tactical Athlete team as well as making her decision to change her trade to Finance as the RMS Trade divided into HR & Finance Administrators.

M.S. Chamberlain continued on to become a Financial Services Administrator through the Online Defence Learning Network at 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in Meaford, graduating in June of 2019.

Currently, M.S. Chamberlain is a Senior Financial Services Administrator at 4 CDTC Meaford. She has an amazing team whom she supervises in the Head Quarters Finance office; including accounts payable, receivable, looking after members on temporary duty worldwide and answering financial question for personal on base.

MS Chamberlain looks forward to a long career and intends to sail and see the world.

Lessons Learned:

“Never give up, you never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have.”