



Short Biography
Admiral (Ret'd) John R. Anderson, CMM, CD

John Anderson is a native British Columbian, born in Trail and raised in Oliver in the South Okanagan. He holds a B.Sc. from the University of British Columbia.

John served for almost thirty-five years in the Royal Canadian Navy and the Canadian Armed Forces. He served in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, rising in rank and responsibility in command and staff positions. He served in National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa in a variety of posts. His last military appointment was as Chief of Defense Staff in the rank of Admiral. He commanded all of Canada's military forces and served as principal military advisor to the Government of Canada.

On completion of his military service, John was appointed Canada's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Brussels, Belgium.

On retirement from 38 years of service to his country, John and his wife, Anne returned to Canada and took up residence in North Saanich.

In the present phase of his life, John is member and a Past President of the Maritime Museum of British Columbia Society. He is a member and a Past President of the Victoria Branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. He continues to support the professional development of Senior and General Officers in association with the Canadian Forces College Toronto. Since 1999 he has been active in high-level training exercises with various NATO Headquarters most recently working as a Senior Concept Developer in association with Supreme Allied Command Transformation of Norfolk, Virginia, USA. John is a founding member of the Victoria Tall Ships Society and the first President of its Board of Directors. He golfs poorly and is a proud member of the Arion Male Voice Choir.