

Alfred John Gardyne Drummond de Chastelain, CC, CMM, CD, CH
Chief of the Defence Staff
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Born:	30 July 1937	Bucharest, Kingdom of Romania
Father:		Alfred Gardyne de Chastelain, Scottish oil engineer working for British Petroleum
Mother:		Marion Elizabeth de Chastelain, an American \ Father SOE WWII - DSO
Emigrated:	1954	To Canada – Calgary
Education:		Mount Royal College, Calgary
Married:		May Ann Laverty
Children:	2	Duncan and Amanda



Honours

08/08/2014	CC	Companion of the Order of Canada	General
03/09/1994	OC	Officer of the Order of Canada	General
23/01/1999	CH	Companion of Honour	General
01/01/1994	CMM	Principal Commander of the Order of Military Merit	General
08/09/1989	CMM	Principal Commander of the Order of Military Merit	General
03/09/1984	CMM	Commander of the Order of Military Merit	Major-General
1993	CSTJ	Commander of the Order of St. John	General
01/01/1968	CD	Canadian Forces Decoration plus two bars	Captain
26/03/1994	Medal	Commendation Medal of Merit and Honour of Greece	Greece General
1995	Commander	Legion of Merit	USA General
11/10/2017	Award	President of Ireland's Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad (not a medal)	

Military

01/01/1956	Private	Calgary Highlanders of Canada – Piper
01/09/1956	Officer Cadet	Royal Military College Kingston
15/05/1960	2 nd Lieutenant	BA from RMC – Joined the PPCLI
1962	Lieutenant	PPCLI – became a Naturalized Canadian
1963	Lieutenant	PPCLI staff duties
1966	Captain	British Army Staff College Camberley
1968	Major	PPCLI staff duties
1970	LCol	Commanding Officer 2 nd Battalion PPCLI
1973	LCol	Commanded Valcartier Army Cadet Summer Training Centre
1974	Colonel	Commanding Officer CFB Montreal
1976	Colonel	Commanding Officer CFB Montreal – Summer Olympics in Montreal
1976	Colonel	UN D Deputy Chief of Staff and Commander of the Canadian Contingent in Cyprus
1977	BGen	Commandant Royal Military College Kingston
01/07/1980	BGen	Commander 4 th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group in Lahr, Germany
01/07/1982	BGen	Director-General of Land Doctrine and Operations NDHQ
1982	MGen	Deputy Commander Force Mobile Command in St. Hubert
1986	MGen	Assistant Deputy Minister of Personnel at NDHQ
1988	LGen	Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff
08/09/1989	General	Chief of the Defence Staff
29/01/1993	General	Transfer to CF Reserves – Calgary Highlanders – took retirement leave
01/02/1993	General	Ambassador to the United States
01/01/1994	General	Seconded from the Calgary Highlanders to be Chief of the Defence Staff
31/12/1995	General	Retires from the Canadian Armed Forces
01/11/1995	General	Involved in the Northern Ireland Peace Process
1997	General	Chairman of the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning

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He served as the Chief of the Defence Staff on two occasions. He was appointed as the Ambassador to the USA in February 1993 by the Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. He was transferred to the Calgary Highlanders of Canada where he had joined in 1956 on their retired list. When Jean Chretien became Prime Minister later that year, he wanted his nephew to become the Ambassador to the USA. He therefore offered General de Chastelain the position of Chief of Defence Staff of the Canadian Armed Forces but as a civilian. De Chastelain didn't want that but he was now overage to be CDS in uniform. This was gotten around by having him become an active member of the Calgary Highlanders and attach posting him to Ottawa as the CDS. Then they had to find something for Admiral John Anderson who was being displaced as the CDS and they made him the Permanent Representative and Ambassador to NATO Headquarters in Brussels.

