

**Admiral Robert Hilborn FALLS, CMM, OStJ, CD**  
**Chief of Defence Staff**  
**1977 to 1980**

Born: 29/04/1924 Welland, Ontario  
 Died: 06/11/2009 Ottawa, Ontario  
 Married: Isabelle Urie  
 Children: 3 Robert Falls (Karen Dempsey) of LaHave, N.S.  
 Janice (Richard Slowikowski)  
 David Falls (Lori) of Ottawa



**Honours**

01/07/1977	CMM	Principal Commander Order of Military Merit	Admiral
09/01/1976	CMM	Commander Order of Military Merit	Vice-Admiral
1978	CStJ	Commander of the Order of St. John	Admiral
01/12/1954	CD	Canadian Forces Decoration and two bars	Lieutenant-Commander

**Military**

01/12/1942	Pilot Officer	RCAF
23/03/1943	Pilot Officer	Mobilized – Manning Depot Toronto for Training
1943	Pilot Officer	McGill University for Academic Upgrading
1943	Pilot Officer	#6 Initial Training School Toronto for Pre-Flight Instructions
1943	Pilot Officer	#7 Elementary Flying School Windsor, Ontario
1943	Pilot Officer	#2 Service Flying School Uplands on Harvards
04/04/1944	Pilot Officer	Awarded his Wings at 2 SFS
1944	Pilot Officer	Commando Training at Maitland, Nova Scotia
1944	Pilot Officer	#1 Service Flying Training School at Camp Borden as Flying Instructor
04/04/1945	A/Sub-Lt	Transferred to RNVR – appointed Acting Sub-Lieutenant (Temp.)
04/04/1945	A/Sub-Lt	HMS Seaborne (Dartmouth NS)
1945	A/Sub-Lt	HMS Macaw for Training
1945	A/Sub-Lt	Tealing (Scotland) for Advanced Flying Course
1945	A/Sub-Lt	HMS Macaw for Night Vision Course
1945	Sub-Lieutenant	Transferred to RCNVR – appointed Sub-Lieutenant (Temp.)
1945	Sub-Lieutenant	HMS Condor for 803 Squadron – flying Spitfires
1945	Sub-Lieutenant	RNAS Nutts Corner for 803 Squadron
1945	Sub-Lieutenant	To RCN(R)
21/10/1945	Lieutenant(P)	RCN(R)
1946	Lieutenant(P)	RNAS Lee-on-Solent for 803 Squadron
1946	Lieutenant(P)	To RCN – HMCS Warrior in 19th Carrier Air Group
1946	Lieutenant(P)	HMCS Shearwater for 743 Squadron
1947	Lieutenant(P)	RCAF Station Trenton for Instrument Rating Course
1947	Lieutenant(P)	RCAF Station Centralia for Instrument Rating Course
1947	Lieutenant(P)	HMCS Shearwater for Operational Flying School
1947	Lieutenant(P)	RCAF Station Trenton for Central Flying School Instructor Upgrade
1949	Lieutenant(P)	HMCS Haida for Watchkeeping Certificate
1949	Lieutenant(P)	#1 Training Air Group for Instructor Upgrade
1949	Lieutenant(P)	HMCS Magnificent for 19 <sup>th</sup> Carrier Air Group in 803 Squadron

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1951	Lieutenant(P)	HMCS Magnificent for 18 <sup>th</sup> Carrier Air Group in 883 Squadron
1951	Lieutenant(P)	HMCS Magnificent for 18 <sup>th</sup> Carrier Air Group in 871 Squadron
1951	Lieutenant(P)	#1 Training Air Group
1952	Lieutenant(P)	HMCS Niagara for USNAS Pensacola Carrier Qualification Unit 4
1952	Lieutenant(P)	HMCS Niagara for USNAS Pensacola USN Landing Signals Officer
1952	Lieutenant(P)	HMCS Magnificent for 30 <sup>th</sup> Carrier Air Group 870 Squadron
21/10/1953	LCdr (P)	HMCS Magnificent for 30 <sup>th</sup> Carrier Air Group 870 Squadron
1954	LCdr (P)	Naval HQ as Staff Officer to Chief of Naval Personnel
1955	LCdr (P)	USNAS Key West for USN Fleet All-weather Training Unit
1955	LCdr (P)	HMCS Shearwater as CO VF-870 Squadron (Banshees)
1958	LCdr (P)	HMCS Bonaventure as Lieutenant-Commander (Flying)
01/01/1959	Commander (P)	Promoted to Commander
1960	Commander (P)	Naval HQ as Deputy Director Naval Aircraft Requirements
1961	Commander IP)	HMCS Bonaventure as Commander (Air)
11/04/1963	Commander (P)	Commanding Officer HMCS Chaudiere (II) – end 25/08/1964
01/09/1964	Commander (P)	HMCS Stadacona as RCN Director RCN-RCAF Maritime Warfare School
01/08/1965	Captain	CFB Halifax as Commandant Canadian Forces Maritime Warfare School
21/11/1966	Captain	Commanding Officer HMCS Bonaventure – end 08/04/1969
01/06/1969	Commodore	NDHQ as Director General Postings and Careers
1971	Commodore	Commander Canadian Flotilla Atlantic in HMCS Protecteur
01/09/1972	Rear-Admiral	NDHQ as Associate Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy)
1973	Rear-Admiral	NDHQ as Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff
01/07/1975	Vice-Admiral	NDHQ as Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff
01/07/1977	Admiral	NDHQ as Chief of the Defence Staff
1980	Admiral	Chairman of the NATO Military Committee (First Canadian to Chair)
01/11/1983	Admiral	Retired as Chairman of the NATO Military Committee

Details from the Nauticapedia.

**Flying Hours**

Total Flying Hours: **3,350 hours**. Total Fixed Wing Deck Landings: 288 (including 20 night)  
 Service Aircraft Flown: Tiger Moth, Cornell, Harvard, Cessna Crane, Seafire Mk 3 & 15, Expeditor, Anson, Firefly, Swordfish, Sea Hornet, Sea Vampire, Sea Fury, Hellcat, Bearcat, AD-3, TBM, Avenger, F3D, F2H3 Banshee, F3H2 Demon)

1983	Director	Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament
1985	President	Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament (now the Canadian Council for International Peace and Security)
1986	Director	Canadian Sail Training Association (until 1989)
1987	Chairman	Shearwater Air Museum

