

**Vice-Admiral Andrew Laurence Collier, CMM, DSC, CD**  
**Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)**  
**15 June 1977 to 30 June 1979**

Born: 03 June 1924 Kamloops, BC  
Died: 03 January 1987 Victoria, BC

**Honours**

25/06/1977	CMM	Commander of the Order of Military Merit	Vice-Admiral
22/12/1951	DSC	Distinguished Service Cross	Lieutenant

**Military**

01/09/1942	Naval Cadet	Royal Roads Military College	
05/08/1943	Midshipman	To <b>HMS Anson</b> and <b>HMS King George VI</b> for training	
15/09/1944	Sub-Lieutenant	Royal Canadian Navy Barracks Halifax	
01/12/1945	Lieutenant	Royal Canadian Navy	
22/07/1946	Lieutenant	Stand by for HMCS Nootka (Destroyer)	
07/08/1946	Lieutenant	Navigation Officer in <i>HMCS Nootka</i>	
1947	Lieutenant	HMCS Shearwater	
1948	Lieutenant	To Royal Naval Navigation Direction Qualifying Course	
1949	Lieutenant	HMCS Naden at Navigation Direction Training Center	
02/09/1949	Lieutenant	Fighter Direction Officer <i>HMCS Ontario</i>	
1950	Lieutenant	Navigation Officer <i>HMCS Cayuga</i> (Destroyer) – Korea - DSC	
21/05/1951	Lieutenant	RCNB Halifax at Navigational Direction School	
1951	Lieutenant	Advance (Danger) Navigation Course	
1951	Lieutenant	Aide-de-Camp (P)	
18/08/1952	Lieutenant	Stand By for <i>HMCS Porte Saint Louis</i> (YMG)	
29/08/1952	Lieutenant	Executive Officer <i>HMCS Porte Saint Louis</i>	
28/03/1953	Lieutenant	Dep Command training Officer of Naval Reserve Division (D/COND) HMCS Star	
09/05/1953	Lieutenant	<b>Commanding Officer</b> <i>HMCS Porte Saint Jean</i> (YMG)	
28/10/1954	Lieutenant	Navigation Officer <i>HMCS Magnificent</i> (Carrier)	
01/12/1954	LCdr	Promoted to Lieutenant-Commander serving on <i>HMCS Magnificent</i>	
01/01/1957	Commander	Promoted to Commander	
04/03/1957	Commander	RCNB Esquimalt as Reserve Training Commander and Training Commander	
19/08/1958	Commander	Executive Officer for HMCS Venture	
22/02/1960	Commander	Commanding Officer <i>HMCS Skeena</i> (St. Laurent Class destroyer Escort)	
12/03/1961	Commander	NMCJS HMCS Niobe London, England	
11/01/1962	Captain	Promoted Captain to Royal Naval Staff Course	
07/09/1962	Captain	Captain Sea Training on staff Flag Officer Atlantic Coast	
25/05/1964	Captain	Naval Service Headquarters as Director Naval Plans	
01/12/1964	Captain	Naval Service Headquarters as Deputy Chief of Plans	
1965	Captain	NDHQ as Director International Plans	
1966	Captain	Commander 7 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Escort Squadron	
1967	Captain	To Training Commande HQ as Deputy Chief of Staff Maritime Training	
1969	Captain	National Defence College of Canada (Course 23)	
1970	Captain	Deputy Chief of Staff (Combat Readiness) Maritime Command	
01/07/1972	Commodore	Commander Canadian Flotilla (Atlantic)	
1973	Commodore	Senior Liaison Officer (Navy) Canadian Defence Liaison Staff Washington	
01/10/1974	Rear-Admiral	NDHQ as Chief of Maritime Operations	
1975	Rear-Admiral	Commander Maritime Forces Pacific and Commander Pacific Region	
15/06/1977	Vice-Admiral	Commander Maritime Command	
16/06/1979	Vice-Admiral	Retired	

**Civilian**

1980	Commissioner	Canadian Coast Guard
1984	President	British Columbia Ferry Corporation

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**COLLIER, Andrew Laurence ("Andy"), Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCN / HMCS Cayuga**  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 December 1951.

Citation for **Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)**

“On 5 December 1950, **HMCS Cayuga** lead the six destroyers up the estuary known as the Daido-ko to the port of Chinnampo. The channel up the Daido-ko is narrow, tortuous and shallow plus had been heavily mined by the North Koreans. Lt Collier was navigating officer on HMCS Cayuga on this dangerous passage at night. Collier made 132 fixes, most of them by radar, showing the position of the ship in relation to the channel marker buoys and nearby landmarks, and the accuracy of his navigation undoubtedly played a large part in ensuring the success of the entire operation to evacuate Chinnampo.”

Awarded **Commander - Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 June 1977 with rank of Vice-Admiral.



**Medals of Vice-Admiral Andrew Laurence COLLIER, CMM, DSC, CD**  
CMM - DSC (GVI) - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star bar France & Germany - CVSM and Clasp - 39/45 War Medal - Canadian Korea Medal - UN Korea Medal - Canada Centennial Medal - EIIR Silver Jubilee - CD and two Bars