



**Judy Frank
(CWAC)**

Judy Frank was born in St. John's hospital in 1957 to her parents Carl and Shirley (Newell) Badcock.

Judy joined the military on 17th June 1977 and completed her training at Canadian Forces base Cornwallis in Nova Scotia. She was then stationed to Shelburne, Nova Scotia. She was posted to the base in Argentia, Newfoundland Labrador, where she worked for 16 months. While stationed at Argentia she worked in her trade as an oceanographic operator, which no longer exists in the Canadian Military.

A quick explanation of what an oceanographic operator did in the military is: there were big cables that would run under water and connected to hydrophones. These hydrophones in turn were connected to huge machines that would then indicate the signal that they were receiving registering activity using an attached needle. The graph would then be read by her and other oceanographic operators and when properly read they would be able to tell the location of submarines and sometimes airplanes, if flying low enough. To put it simply the oceanographic operator was like a sonar operator but on land.

While Judy was at Argentia she met her future husband (Michael Frank) an American stationed there. There are all kinds of stories of women marrying Americans that were stationed at Argentia but Judy was one of the few women who actually ended up marrying one.

While Judy was still serving in the military the branches were not called Navy, Air force, and Army, they were referred to as Land, Air, and Sea. All branch uniforms were green, as it did not matter which branch you were in you

were provided a completely green uniform. In her words “It was a weird time to be in the Military.”

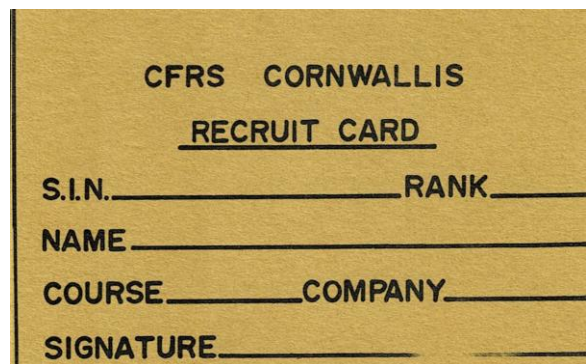
Before Judy was an active Legion member of Branch 32 and in fact, she was the first woman on the executive at the Bay Roberts Legion.

After she met her husband and they married, she retired from the military, sort of, in the year 1978. She moved to the United States where she was a technician but was never stationed anywhere. Judy has three children, a son who is the oldest and was born on the American air base on the Kessler airport in Mississippi, followed by twin daughters.

Here are some pictures of Judy while she was serving.



Picture of Judy's Rations



Picture of a recruit card



Picture of Judy crossing a rope bridge



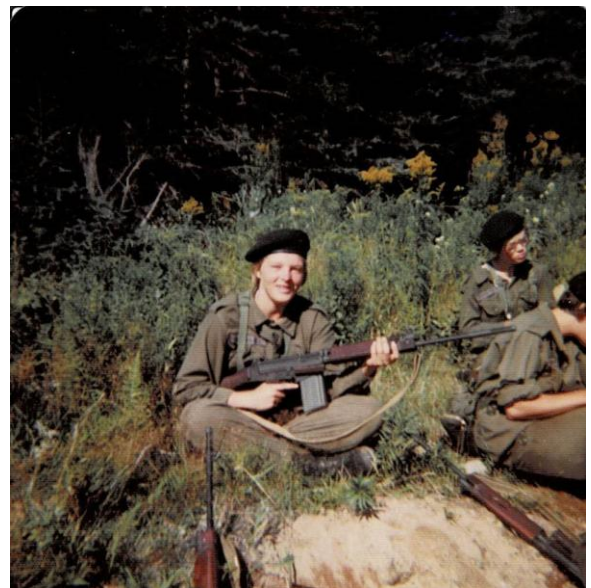
Picture of Judy on a zip line



Picture of Judy and her unit



Another picture of Judy and her unit



A picture of Judy in uniform