



Terry Fitzpatrick

Royal Canadian Air Force

Terrence (Terry) Fitzpatrick was born on 29 October 1948 in the family home on Station Road, Bay Roberts, NL. His father, Patrick and mother, Mary, had seven children, of which Terry was the sixth. Siblings: Robert, Raymond, Margaret, Cyril, Catherine, and Brian.

Terry was initially drawn to the military through service with the Royal Canadian Army Cadets located in the Amalgamated School, Bay Roberts, NL. At the age of 17, Terry enrolled in the Royal Canadian Air Force, completing basic training at RCAF Station St. Jean, PQ, and trades training in CFB Borden, ON. His first posting was to RCAF Station Summerside, working in Base Headquarters. After two years in HQ, he

accepted a posting to 415 Squadron Summerside, an anti-submarine warfare (ASW) squadron. 415 Sqn travelled frequently to bases located in Ireland, Scotland, Britain, Iceland, Porto Rico, Florida, et al. to conduct training exercises with a variety of squadrons/units from other countries. It was an exciting time in his military career.

After 4.5 years in Summerside, Terry and his new wife, Cathy (nee MacLaughlan) and his first child, Sean, were posted to 421 (F) Squadron, Baden Solingen, West Germany. Germany was, without a doubt, the posting of a lifetime for Terry and his young family. Baden is in Southern Germany and allowed the family to travel throughout Europe on a regular basis (i.e., England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Belgium, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Denmark, Cyprus, Switzerland, Austria and more). The tour in Europe lasted for five years (1971 – 1976) and was a cultural and geographical education in, and of, itself. Just two months before leaving Baden, Terry and Cathy were blessed with the birth of their second child, Amy.

Training Systems Headquarters Trenton, Ontario was the family's new home/posting. The two years there (1976 – 1978) allowed the family to soak in the experiences that Southern Ontario offered.

Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, NB was the next posting for the family.

Unfortunately, Terry and Cathy were to become estranged and then divorced in Gagetown. After two years, Terry was remarried to Jean (nee Dingee). Gagetown was Terry's first posting to an Army base, and the unfamiliar environment took a little getting used to, but he did. This last posting in the regular forces lasted for five years (1978 – 1983).

Terry then enrolled in the Reserve Force and accepted a position at Militia District HQ in St. John's, NL. This three-year posting (1983 – 1986) was to be the end of a twenty-year military career. Retiring in the rank of Warrant Officer, Terry went on to a 12-year career with the Canadian Coast Guard (Human Resources) and then fifteen years working as a self-employed Management Consultant, working out of Mount Pearl, NL. Those fifteen years were broken by a 2-year period in which Terry lived and worked in Bend, Oregon, splitting his professional life between his Canadian Clients and working with a Human Resources Management firm in Oregon. Meetings and work with clients required travel from East to West and North to South in North America.

Terry retired in 2015 and now resides in Mount Pearl, NL