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Born in the UK, Terry was raised in Dorval, QC. After high school he attended McGill University and Royal Military College in Kingston. He completed his studies in 1965 with a Commission in the Canadian Army and a degree in political science.

During his military career he served in the Middle East, Europe and Canada. In 1969, while based at CFB Petawawa, Captain Colfer (a paratrooper) accepted an offer to join the Canadian Foreign Service.



His diplomatic service, primarily as a Trade Commissioner, included postings in Europe, Australia, the USA, Africa and the Middle East. He served more than 25 years of his diplomatic career abroad and he also held various senior management positions in Ottawa. His final postings abroad were as Canadian Ambassador to Kuwait, Qatar, and The Islamic Republic of Iran.

Since retirement from the Department of Foreign Affairs he has continued to pursue his interest in international affairs both on the lecture circuit and as an election observer in the Middle East and Central Asia. He also keeps busy as an Executive Coach, and Board of Directors member (Conference of Defence Associations Institute, Gatineau Gliding Club, and the RMCC Foundation). Recently, he has completed consultant contracts with Foreign Affairs in Mexico, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Skiing, flying, SCUBA, motorcycling, a little golf hacking, some traveling and watching the sun set with a good read and perhaps a glass of wine take care of any free time.

Terry is married to Lynn (nee Kirby), a Registered Nurse. They have three sons, five grand sons and one perfect grand daughter.