



The Artillery Club – 11 Mar 16

THE ARTILLERY CLUB - NEWSLETTER 1/2016



INTRODUCTION

Newsletter 4/2015 promulgated on 01 October, consisted of sections covering Governance, Activities, the Artillery Corps and Looking into the Past. The format, which was very well received, will be reflected in this Newsletter.

Since the publication of Newsletter 4/2015, through the medium of emails, members were provided specific details regarding upcoming activities such as the 2015 Annual General Meeting which took place on Saint Barbara's Day in McKee Barracks.

Particular issues within this Newsletter include Membership, Rules, AGM, Activity Reports, Planned Activities, and finally News from the Regiments. Photographs are credited to the Defence Forces Press Office, Mr Partick Hugh Lynch and Club Membership.

Looking into the Past, contains an extract from an article written by Capt H.W. Thompson (Retd) published in the January 1974 edition of An Cosantóir.

The Acting School Commandant and Regimental Commanders are requested to circulate this Newsletter to all Artillery officers under their command, and are also, along with the Club's membership, encouraged to provide information for subsequent Newsletters.

Upcoming activities include the Visit to Collins Barracks on Thursday 28 April, Field Trip to Fort Dunree on Wednesday and Thursday 25/26 May. The current version of the Club's Diary of Events for 2016 is attached as Annex A.

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GOVERNANCE

2015 Outputs

During 2015, in addition to governance matters, the Committee elaborated the revised Club Rules, approved the Information Brief, approved all Newsletters before promulgation, directed the Membership Drive, advanced the Website project, executed the Club's activities, including the successful trip to Segovia, and managed projects such as the Chief of Staff's Portrait, Window Insert in the Garrison Church, and the Clothing Catalogue.

Focus

The Artillery Club's current focus remains on: executing appropriate activities, developing its Website, extending its Membership base and participating in appropriate ceremonial and commemorative events.

Committee

On account of time constraints, Comdt Michael Sutcliffe decided not to seek re-election on the 2016 committee. During the 2015 AGM, the President paid tribute to Comdt Sutcliffe's service as a proactive Committee member and competent Treasurer, and whose involvement in the Club is commendable. In endorsing the President's words, Comdt Chris O'Flanagan (Retd) complemented Michael's initiative with the introduction, design and procurement of the Club's Clothing.

The following were elected as Officers, Committee Members and Auditor for 2016:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	Brig Gen Paul Pakenham (Retd)
Immediate Past President	Comdt Chris O'Flanagan (Retd)
Secretary	Comdt Lar Joye
Treasurer	Lt Col Gerry Buckley
Membership Secretary	Col Seamus McDermott (Retd)
Committee Member	Lt Col Cormac Lalor (Retd)
Committee Member	Comdt Michael Flood (Retd)
Committee Member	Comdt Richard Armstrong (Retd)
Committee Member	Capt Peter Murray (Retd)
Committee Member	Col Michael Smyth
Auditor	Col Tom Carter (Retd)

The President will be inviting Regimental Commanders and the School Commandant to nominate a Liaison Officer to the Committee.

Since the 2015 AGM, the Committee convened on two occasions: 28 January in McKee Barracks and on 25 February in Ceannt Barracks. The Committee will reconvene on 28 April in Collins Barracks Dublin, on 29 June in Glen Imaal and 29 September in McKee Barracks.

Our Treasurer, Lt Col Ger Buckley has reported that the formal handover of the Club's accounts from Comdt Chris O'Flanagan (Retd) has taken place.

To-date, the Committee has developed the diary of events for 2016, conducted initial planning for the various activities, and successfully executed the visit to the Artillery School and Curragh Museum on 25 February.

Currently, the Committee is advancing the Club's Membership Drive, finalising the visits to Collins Barracks on 28 April and Fort Dunree on 25/26 May.

The President has requested permission from GOC 1 Brigade for the use of Collins Barracks Cork, on Friday 02 December, for the 2016 AGM and Saint Barbara's Day Lunch.

Club Rules

The previous version of the Club Rules was formally adopted by the membership in December 1997. At its February 2015 meeting, the Committee agreed that revised Club Rules should be presented for approval at the 2015 AGM. On behalf of the Committee, Lt Col Cormac Lalor (Retd) briefed the AGM on the process associated with the revision process.

Recommended by the Committee, and having been proposed by Col B. O'Connor (retd) and seconded by Col T. Carter (Retd), the Rules with an approved amendment to the title of Coast Defence Artillery were adopted unanimously by the members present.

The new Rules provide for the following Sections: Title; Mission and Objectives; Membership; Governance; Financial Matters; Meetings; and Miscellaneous Provisions. The new Rules were circulated to all members on 21 December 2015, will be posted on the Club's Website in due course, and will be provided to new members on election.

Communications

The circulation of Newsletters, Activity Information and Death Notices is primarily by means of email. A total of 161 individuals are currently on the Club's Email Contact List, far exceeding the Membership strength. Currently, 18 members are receiving the information by means of normal post.

Membership

Membership of the Artillery Club is open to all serving and retired commissioned Artillery officers of the Permanent Defence Force, An Fórsa Cosanta Áitiúil and the Army Reserve.

As at 25 February, the Club's total membership is 136, including Comdt Andrew Shinnock McKee Barracks, Capt Sean Dillon (Retd), Lt Col Ger Buckley DFHQ, and Capt Noel Giles (Retd) who were elected on 28 January, and Capt Mick Kingston, HQ 2 Brigade who was elected on 25 February.

The preferred option of paying Membership Subscription (€10) is by Standing Order. The Committee is grateful to the 81 members who are currently paying their subscriptions by Standing Order.

The Membership Secretary - Col McDermott (Retd) will liaise with Regimental Commanders regarding Membership Drive for serving PDF and AR officers. The Committee endorsed the recommendation that the Club should sponsor an event for the next Artillery YOs' Course.

Potential members are requested to contact the Membership Secretary Colonel McDermott (Retd), Woodenbridge, Ballybrittas, Co Laois, or email: seamus.mcdermott@gmail.com.

Web Site

The Club's Website was formally launched at the AGM on 04 December 2015.



Lieutenant-Colonel McNamara briefed the AGM on the process and continues to provide technical advice and support in this evolving project. Its status remains at the "under construction" phase. The website is accessible through www.artilleryclub.ie

Committee's Short Term Priorities

The Club's short term priorities are: Visit to Collins Barracks, Field Trip to Fort Dunree, Developing CONOPS for Granada, Website, Membership (PDF and AR) and interface with other Corps Clubs.

ACTIVITIES

Diary of Events - 2016

The Club's activities are of an Artillery nature, hopefully appealing to a large number of members. Members are encouraged to offer recommendations for Club activities. The current version of the 2016 Diary of Events is attached as Annex A. The Diary remains iterative in nature and outlines activities which are associated with the Club's objectives.

The Club acknowledges the support provided by the Director of Artillery, the Artillery School, Curragh Museum, DFHQ Officers' Mess and Ceannt Officers' Mess for the 2016 events implemented to-date.

Reports on Club Activities executed since the last Newsletter (4/2015) and initial information on future activities are outlined below.

Window Insert - Wreath Laying – Annual Commemorative Mass – 14 November



As previously advised, Commandant Richie Armstrong (Retd) coordinated the design and production of the Window Insert for the Garrison Church, McKee Barracks consisting of the Club's Logo. The window was formally dedicated by Rev Fr Bob McCabe CF during the Annual Commemorative Mass, on Saturday, 14 November. The Unit Identification Pennant of the disbanded 2 Air Defence Battery (FCA) was laid up in the Garrison Church.



Following the Mass, a Wreath Laying Ceremony took place at the Flag Pole after which attendees adjourned to the Catering Complex for refreshments. Wreaths were laid by Lt Col Brian Cleary on behalf of the Artillery Corps, the President on behalf of the Artillery Club. A wreath was also laid by the 2 Field Artillery Regiment Association. RSM Mick Dillon coordinated the ceremonial, musical honours were rendered by instrumentalists from the School of Music. Sgt Anto Byrne (Retd) played a Piper's Lament. As in previous years, despite the inclement weather, the event was very well attended by both serving and retired personnel of the Artillery Corps and, in particular, by families with an Artillery connection.

Annual General Meeting & Saint Barbara's Day Lunch– 04 December

The 2015 Annual General Meeting took place on Saint Barbara's Day in the Catering Complex, McKee Barracks, Dublin. The meeting, which was very well attended, approved reports from the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary. As already reported the new Club Rules were adopted and the 2016 Committee was elected. Draft minutes of the AGM were circulated to members on 21 December.



Attendees participated in the Club's Annual Saint Barbara's Day Lunch, which was addressed by Lieutenant-General Conor O'Boyle DSM.

Unveiling of Chief of Staff's Portrait – 04 December 2015

In recognition of the appointment by An tUachtarán of Artillery Corps officers to Chief of Staff, the Corps commissioned portraits of Lieutenant-Generals Patrick A. Mulcahy, (1955 – 1960), Tadhg O'Neill (1986 – 1989), and Noel Bergin (1992 - 1995). The portraits are on display in the Artillery School.

As reported in Newsletter 4/2015, following on with this notable tradition, the Artillery Club commissioned a portrait of Lieutenant-General Conor O'Boyle DSM, who was appointed as Chief of Staff on 12 August 2013. He retired from the Defence Forces on 28 September, 2015. The Club remains grateful to Commandant Paddy Walsh (Retd) for undertaking the commission pro gratas.



The portrait was formally unveiled after the Club's AGM and prior to the 2015 Saint Barbara's Day Lunch. Reinforcing the ethos associated with the Artillery Corps Portrait process, Mrs E. O'Neill, wife of Lieutenant-General Tadhg O'Neill DSM RIP, accompanied by her daughter Niamh, attended the unveiling ceremony.

Royal Artillery Association's Standard – Dublin Branch – 06 September 2015



The Royal Artillery Association's Standard (Republic of Ireland Branch) was laid up in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Sunday, 6 December after the Choral Evensong. Members of the Artillery Club and the 2 Field Artillery Regiment Association were in attendance

Ken McLean, the Standard Bearer and Standard Custodian, who is the last surviving member of the Dublin based Association, presented the Standard to Rev Charles Mullen into the care of the Cathedral. Ken is one of the declining number of Irish Veterans from the Second World War. The Standard will be laid-up in the North Wing of the Cathedral.

Founded in 1920, the Royal Artillery Association consists of serving and former personnel who served in the Royal Artillery. The Last Regimental Association Standard to be "Laid Up" in the Cathedral was the Burma Star Association, the veterans who worked on the bridge over the River Kwai.

Visit to Artillery School and Curragh Museum – 25 February: Coordinator - Colonel Seamus McDermott (Retd)

With the kind permission of GOC Defence Forces Training Centre and the Commandant The Military College, the Artillery Club's first event in 2016 was a successful visit to the Artillery School and the Curragh Museum.

Following Commandant Rory Finegan's welcome address, the attendees witnessed the historic handover of the portrait commissioned by the Artillery Club and executed by Commandant Paddy Walshe (Retd) of Lieutenant-General Conor O'Boyle DSM to the Artillery School. Attendance included former Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Noel Bergin DSM (Retd). Lieutenant-General O'Boyle DSM, who was in Australia, was represented by his daughter Ciara.



Capt Ruarigh McDermott provided a comprehensive brief on the Army Ranger Wing. Under the coordination of RSM John Morris, the 31 attendees were briefed on contemporary Artillery equipment by School Instructors including BQMS Godkin, Sgt Campbell, Sgt McCaul and Cpl Quirke.

Thereafter, the attendees availed of lunch in the Officers' Mess Ceannt Barracks and, in the afternoon, went to the Curragh Museum where Sergeant-Major Geoff provided a guided tour of the installation.

The plaque associated with the latest addition to the Gallery of Gunner Chiefs of Staff reads:

Lieutenant-General Conor O'Boyle DSM, Chief of Staff 2013 - 2015.

Commissioned by the Artillery Club and Presented to the Artillery Corps.

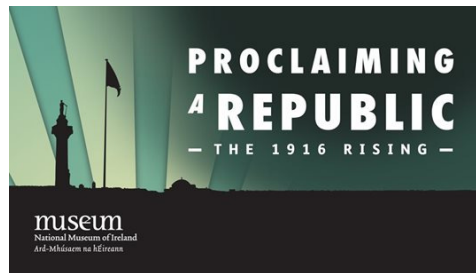
Portrait by Commandant Paddy Walshe - December 2015



Visit to Collins Barracks – Thursday 28 April - Coordinator: Comdt Lar Joye

The Club's annual visit to the National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks, will take place on Thursday 28 April, courtesy of Commandant Lar Joye – Curator.

Attendees will assemble on the Museum's Reception at 1415hrs and move to the Theatre – Lecture Room for a lecture by Commandant Joye – titled "*The Landscape of the 1916 Rising*", with a military focus including the use of Artillery. Thereafter, Commandant Joye will oversee a guided tour of the 1916 Exhibition in the Riding School, and, if time permits, a revisit to the Ascard Exhibition.



Titled "*Proclaiming a Republic: The 1916 Rising*", the exhibition opened to the public on 3 March. The National Museum is displaying one of the largest displays of materials from 1916. Many of the exhibited objects have never been on public display while others, such as the Irish Republic flag which flew over the GPO, have been specially conserved. Through the combined effect of the objects, words and imagery of the period, visitors to the exhibition will be confronted with the physical reality of the events of Easter Week, following the stories of those caught up in the events of that momentous week - civilians, combatants and survivors alike.

Members may avail of the Cafeteria before and after the Club's event. There is no cost for this event. The event is of two hours duration, allowing the Committee to convene for its April meeting at 1700hrs in Collins Barracks.

Field Trip – Fort Dunree – 25/26 May – Coordinator: President

Visiting Finner Camp on route for lunch, overnighting in Buncrana on 25 May, attendees will participate on guided tours of Fort Dunree and the Walls of Derry on 26 May, with the option of remaining in Buncrana on 26 May. Spouses are welcome. Some members have indicated an interest in availing of local Golf Clubs and will be extending their time in Donegal.

Departing from the Innishowen Gateway Hotel at 1030hrs on 26 May, Colonel Brian Reilly (Retd), supported by Colonel Jim Prendergast (Retd), will be our guides in Fort Dunree and will also provide a guide for the Walls of Derry. Unfortunately, the option to hire a coach from Dublin was deemed cost ineffective - hence "car-pooling" will prevail throughout.

Those who intend to participate are requested to advise the President, informing if they would like to avail of lunch in Finner Camp on 25 May (ppakenham@eircom.net). Members and

Spouses wishing to overnight in Buncrana are advised that a special rate was acquired in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel (Reference: Artillery Club - 50323) for prior bookings before 30 April (10 rooms have been pre booked).

- Two Nights: €99.00 per person sharing Bed & Breakfast with 1 Dinner.
- One Night Dinner B&B €119 per night per person sharing.
- Single: €80 per night Dinner B&B.

Artillery Shoot – Glen Imaal Wednesday 29 June - Co-ordinator Col Seamus McDermott (Retd)

By kind permission of Comdt Rory Finegan, the Acting School Commandant, the Club will attend the Artillery Shoot in the Glen on Wednesday 29 June. Calling Notice later.

Golf Competition – Blarney Hotel Golf Club - Friday 26 August -- Coordinators: Comdt Chris O’Flanagan (Retd and Comdt Jack Burke (Retd)

The Artillery Club’s Annual Golf Outing will place on Friday 26 August 2016, at Blarney Golf Club, Cork. Club members, spouses, partners and guests are invited to participate in the golf competition and later to attend the dinner in the Hotel. Calling Notice later.

Artillery Decades’ Reunion - Anniversary of PDF, FCA and AR Commissioning 1946-2016, Visit to Cadet School and Lunch in Mil Col – 14 September – Coordinator: Colonel Mick Smyth

The Committee is grateful for the support of Lieutenant-Colonel Tom O’Callaghan, Commandant The Cadet School, for supporting this inaugural event. The reunion envisages assembly in the Cadet’s Mess, Brief on the Cadet School and reunion lunch in the Officer’s Mess Pearse Barracks.

For planning purposes, Permanent Defence Force, An Fórsa Cosanta Áitiúil and the Army Reserve officers commissioned in 1946, 56, 66, 76, 86, 96, 06, 16, are requested to contact President and Coordinator (ppakenham@eircom.net). Calling Notice later.

Field Trip – Spanish Training and Doctrine Command – 02 to 06 October – Coordinator: Commandant Michael Flood (Retd)

The Tour Coordinator has confirmed that the Spanish Training and Doctrine Command will receive the Artillery Club on 03 October in Granada. Accordingly, the recommended travel day to Malaga is 02 October with onward travel to Granada by coach, (1 hr 30 mins).

Currently, the tour envisages 2 travel days (02 and 06 October), 1 day with the Spanish Training and Doctrine Command (03 October) and 2 days in Granada (4 and 5 October). A suitable hotel will be sourced in Granada.

As in the Club’s visit to Segovia, travel dates are flexible - be careful with your return flight to Dublin - leave sufficient time to get from Granada to the airport in Malaga. It is envisaged

that the majority will travel either by Aer Lingus or Ryanair to Malaga on 02 October with onward travel to Granada, book into the recommended Hotel and convene for a collective dinner on the first night - 02 October.

Commandant Michael Flood (Retd) is drafting a CONOPS, which will include issues such as recommended movement from Malaga Airport on 02 October, the recommended hotel in Granada, dinner on 02 October, visit to Training and Doctrine Command and recommended tours.

For planning purposes, personnel who intend to travel to Granada are requested to advise Commandant Michael Flood (Retd) ASAP. To date, a significant number of members, including spouses, have indicated that they intend to travel. Some members have indicated that they may be remaining in Spain after 06 October for individual programmes.

ARTILLERY CORPS

Promotions

The Club's Officers and Members extend their sincere congratulations to the following Gunner Officers who were recently selected for promotion to the rank of Colonel:

- Lieutenant-Colonel Ger Buckley, OIC Military Finance Branch & Club Treasurer,
- Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Cleary, OIC Overseas Section, Operations Branch,
- Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Whelan, EO Strategic Planning Branch.

Regimental Commanders

The Club congratulates Lieutenant-Colonel Dermot Hanifin in assuming command of the 2 Field Artillery Regiment, Custume Barracks Athlone, and wishes him continued success as Regimental Commander.

Overseas Appointments

The Committee wishes successful tours and safe return journey home to

- Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Armstrong who deployed to HQ KFOR in December, after returning from the EU BG in Sweden,
- Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Hurley, OC 1 Artillery Regiment and Collins Barracks, Cork, who departed in February for Côte d'Ivoire for service with UNOCI, and
- Lieutenant-Colonel Noel Murphy who also deployed overseas in the recent past.

Likewise, the Committee wishes successful tours and safe return journey home to the following Artillery Corps officers who are due to deploy on overseas duty in the coming months:

- Lieutenant-Colonel Tom O'Callaghan, OC Cadet School – HQ KFOR,
- Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Daly, HQ 1 Brigade – EU Training Mission Mali, and
- Comdt Rory Finegan, A/School Commandant, The Artillery School – HQ KFOR.

50 Infantry Group - UNDOF

Lt Col Daragh McKevitt (1 Arty Regt), Comdt Denis Hanly (1 Arty Regt), Lt Ross O'Shea (1 Arty Regt) and Capt Aoife Herbert (Arty Corps - D MP), will shortly be returning from their successful tour of duty with the 50 Infantry Group in the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF). The 1 Artillery Regiment was the lead unit for the 50 Infantry Group, deployed on the Golan Heights. It's the first time in the history of the Defence Forces that an Artillery unit is the designated lead unit for overseas service.



On the 22 December 2015, the 50 Infantry Group welcomed An Taoiseach Mr Enda Kenny T.D., the Minister for Defence Mr Simon Coveney, T.D., the Minister for State in the Department of Defence, Mr Paul Kehoe and the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces Vice-Admiral Mark Mellett (DSM) to Camp Ziouani, on the Golan Heights.

During the visit, the Deputy Force Commander Brigadier-General Tony Hanlon and the Infantry Group Commander Lieutenant-Colonel Darragh McKevitt (1 Arty Regt) briefed An Taoiseach on the current security situation on the Golan Heights in the Area of Separation between Israel and Syria.

In addressing the 119 assembled troops of the Infantry Group, An Taoiseach thanked them for their service to peace and stated how proud he was for the work they do in one of the most dangerous regions in the world. He thanked their families for the support they give to their loved ones and remembered the 86 members of the Defence Forces who died in the cause of peace.

Colonel Michael Smyth – NATO's Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe

During the 2015 AGM, members of the Artillery Club elected Colonel Michael Smyth to the Committee.

Colonel Smyth has just completed a three year posting on secondment to the Department of Foreign Affairs. He served as Ireland's 'Partner National Military Representative' (PNMR) at NATO Military HQ, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, located in Mons, Belgium. Colonel Smyth worked towards greater co-operation between our Defence Forces and the armed forces of Alliance Members and other Partner Nations, particularly in the area of interoperability and laying the ground work for Ireland joining NATO's Operational Capability Concept programme.



On taking up his posting at SHAPE, Colonel Smyth was elected, by his colleague PNMRS, as the Dean of the PNMRS, thereby representing over thirty Partner Nations on collective issues and concerns in their daily dealings with NATO Military HQ. In addition to his appointment of Dean, Colonel Smyth was also the spokesperson for the five Western European “neutral” Partner Nations of Sweden, Switzerland, Finland, Austria and Ireland, all of whom are Troop Contributing Nations to various NATO Operations such as KFOR in Kosovo and Resolute Support in Afghanistan.

On behalf of all members of the Artillery Club, the Committee salutes the 42 years service of Colonel Michael Smyth on his retirement from the Permanent Defence Force on 27 March and wishes him, his wife Bernie, and their extended family all the best for the future.

Commissioning – 28 January 2016

The Minister for Defence, Mr. Simon Coveney T.D. accompanied by the Chief of Staff Vice-Admiral Mark Mellett DSM, attended the Commissioning Ceremony of 19 Irish Army Officers, 1 Air Corps Officer and 6 Maltese Officers at the Defence Forces Training Centre, the Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare on Thursday, 28 January 2016.



(Lieutenant Barry Piper, Lieutenant-Colonel Tom O'Callaghan Commandant The Cadet School and Lieutenant David Clifford.)

As members of the 91 Cadet Class, the 22 male cadets and 4 female cadets completed a demanding 15 months intensive training to take up appointments as junior leaders. 7 of the newly commissioned officers had previous military service and 13 are university graduates.

The Artillery Club extends sincere congratulations to the following officers who were commissioned in January 2016 and appointed by Vice-Admiral Mark Mellett DSM to the Artillery Corps:

Lieutenant Paul O'Donoghue – FOO, No 2 Bty (STA) 1 Arty Regt

Lieutenant Paul O'Donoghue from Blarney, County Cork is 26 years of age. He has completed a Bachelor of Business Studies Degree in Accounting in Cork Institute of Technology. Prior to joining the Cadet School he was serving in the Permanent Defence Force with 3 Infantry Battalion. His interests include Politics, Chess and Rugby.

Lieutenant Barry Piper – FOO No 1 Bty (Gun / Mor), 2 Arty Regt

Lieutenant Barry Piper from Dundalk, County Louth is 27 years of age. He has completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree at University College Cork. His hobbies include Gaelic Football, Caving and Snorkelling. He represented Louth at Minor Inter-County Football. He was an attested member of An Garda Síochána Reserve prior to joining the Cadet School.

Lieutenant Alex Quigley – FOO No 2 Bty (gun / Mor) 2 Arty Regt

Lieutenant Alex Quigley from Leopardstown, County Dublin is 24 years of age. He has completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Geography and a Masters of Social Science in Crime, Violence and Conflict in Society in University College Dublin. He has previous service in the Reserve Defence Forces having served as a Private in 7 Infantry Battalion. His interests include Rugby, Snowboarding and Military History.

2/Lieutenant David Clifford – FOO No 1 Bty (Gun / Mor) 1 Arty Regt

2/Lieutenant David Clifford from Strokestown, County Roscommon is 20 years of age. He has completed his Leaving Certificate and was pursuing a degree in History at Trinity College prior to joining the Cadet School. His interests include Kayaking, Basketball, History and Computers. He has previous service as a volunteer in the Civil Defence.

Flag Raising Ceremony Dublin Castle 01 January 2016



The first State ceremony of 2016 commemorating the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising took place in Dublin Castle on 01 January. President Michael D. Higgins and Taoiseach Enda Kenny T.D., led the flag-raising ceremony marking the start of the centenary year.

The Honour Guard, drawn from the 2 Field Artillery Regiment, was commanded by Lieutenant Selma Bedair.

Three Flags were raised in the upper courtyard of Dublin Castle: the Tricolour, the Flag of the Irish Republic and the Irish Citizen Army Flag. During Easter Week 1916, both the Tricolour Flag and the Flag of the Irish Republic flew on the GPO, whereas the Citizen Army Flag flew from the Imperial Hotel.

Throughout 2016, more than 40 State ceremonial events will be held as part of the Ireland 2016 centenary programme, as well a growing list of more than 4,000 events nationwide, including 2,000 community-led initiatives and more than 1,000 international events being held mostly at Irish embassies.

LOOKING INTO THE PAST

‘Scan’ (The Late C/S J.F. Scanlon)

Extract from an article written by Capt H.W. Thompson (Retd) published in the January 1974 edition of An Cosantóir.

“Many the yarn we had in his sanctum – the tiffy’s shop in Kildare Barracks – while he worked over his beloved South Bend lathe – the pride and joy of his life. I must admit I never heard him called “Tiffy Scan” or “Scan”; in my hearing it was either “The Tiffy” or “Scan” and he answered promptly to the latter. What is important is the fact that he was both Senior Artificer and a craftsman of the very highest quality.”

“The beautiful Dunboy Trophy was one of two he built. The other was McGee’s Gun named for the famous action in which Gunner McGee was reputed to have supported the axle-tree of his gun on his shoulders when the wheel was broken. I believe the designer was once again Kevin Danaher, and that the trophy is awarded for competition amongst the Field Regiments, but am not quite sure; there must be countless gunners to tell us”

“This trophy is even more a work of art than the Dunboy, and was last on public exhibition on the RDS at the recent Army School of Music celebrations. For months after its completion “Scan” agonised over the method of breaking the wheel. He had made the model up complete, first for added realism, and he worked out his problem by talking about it to ignoramuses like myself. Eventually, he did the deed with the excellent results to be seen, but I cannot recall how he did it.”

“Yes – quite a chap was “Scan”. I am proud to salute his memory”.



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Serving and retired personnel are encouraged to provide information, news and photographs, for publication in the Club's Newsletters.

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THE ARTILLERY CLUB

March 2016

Annex A: Diary of Events (V 25 Feb 16)



Annex A

ARTILLERY CLUB's DIARY of Events – 2016

(Changes since previous iteration highlighted in yellow)

Date	Event	Coordinator	Remarks
28 January	Committee Meeting – McKee Barracks	Secretary	Minutes Circulated 12 Feb 16
25 Feb	Arty Sch: H/O of COS's Portrait, Brief and Demo, Lunch & DFTC Museum	Col S. McDermott (Retd)	Attendees requested to advise Coordinator
25 February	Committee Meeting – Ceannt Officers' Mess – 0930hrs	Secretary	Minutes Circulated 04 March
28 April	Lecture & 1916 Exhibition, NMI Collins Bks Dublin	Comdt Lar Joye	
28 April	Committee Meeting – Collins Barracks	Secretary	
25/26 May	Field Trip - Fort Dunree & Derry. Travel Day, Tour Day, Return Day. Hotel Package Buncrana. Car Pools.	President	Attendees requested to advise President of intent to participate
29 June	Arty Shoot – Glen Imaal	Col S. McDermott (Retd)	
29 June	Committee Meeting – Glen Imaal	Secretary	
9 July	Annual Commemoration - Islandbridge	President	
10 July	National Day of Commemoration - RHK	President	
August	Club Wreath Laying, National Memorial, Merrion Sq	President	Date To be Confirmed
26 August	Annual Golf Competition – Blarney Hotel Golf Club	Comdt C. O'Flanagan (Retd) Comdt J. Burke (Retd)	Calling Notice Later
September	Defence Forces Veterans' Day	Secretary	Location and Date To be Confirmed
14 September	Arty Decades' Reunion - Anniversary of PDF, FCA and AR Commissioning 1946-2016, Visit to Cadet School and Lunch in Mil Col	Col M. Smith	Officers commissioned in 1946, 56, 66, 76, 86, 96, 06, 16, requested to contact President & Coordinator
29 September	Committee Meeting – McKee Barracks	Secretary	
2 – 6 Oct	Field Trip - Granada, incl Alhambra and Spanish Training and Doctrine Command. 2 Travel Days, 2 Tour Days, 1 Day with Trg and Doctrine Command	Comdt M. Flood (Retd)	Attendees requested to advise President and Coordinator of their intent to participate ASAP
12 November	Wreath Laying & Annual Mass – McKee Barracks	Secretary	
02 December	AGM and St Barbara's Day Lunch – Collins Bks Cork	Secretary	