



THE ARTILLERY CLUB - NEWSLETTER 4/2015



INTRODUCTION

Newsletter 3/2015 promulgated on 21 July 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.

Senior leadership within the Corps are encouraged to circulate Newsletters to serving Corps officers who currently are considering Club membership.

Since the publication of Newsletter 3/2015, through the medium of emails, members were provided specific details regarding upcoming activities such as the Annual Golf Outing.

On 11 August, members were invited to submit observations and or recommendations on the proposed revised Club Rules.

Particular issues within this Newsletter include Membership, Rules, Website, COS's Portrait, Activity Reports, Golf Outing Results, AGM, 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 on the 5 Field Artillery Regiment written by Comdt J.T. Burke published in the November 1998 in the 75th Commemorative Magazine.

The School Commandant, 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 Annual Mass in McKee Barracks on Saturday, 14 November, and the Annual General Meeting and Lunch also in McKee Barracks on Friday, 04 December 2015.

GOVERNANCE

Focus

The Artillery Club's current focus remains on: organising activities, revising the Club's Rules, launching a Website, extending its Membership base and participating in appropriate ceremonial and commemorative events.

Committee

Since the 2014 AGM, the Committee convened on five occasions: 15 January, 26 February, 30 April, 23 June and 24 September. The Committee will reconvene on 04 December prior to the AGM on the same day.

The Committee's first meeting in 2016 will take place on Thursday, 28 January.

Since the 2014 AGM, the Committee approved the Information Brief, issued Newsletters 1/2015, 2/2015 and 3/2015, developed the diary of events for 2015, executed activities, represented the Club at appropriate commemorative Corps events and approved the Clothing Catalogue.

Currently, the Committee is terminating the 2015 Membership Drive, finalising the Chief of Staff's Portrait project, overseeing a revision of the Club's Rules, developing a Web Site, and putting the finishing touches on the Window Insert in the Garrison Church McKee Barracks.

DFHQ Officers' Mess and McKee Barracks Auditorium have been booked for the Annual General Meeting, unveiling of Lieutenant-General Conor O' Boyle's DSM (Retd) Portrait and Saint Barbara's Day Lunch scheduled for 04 December, see below.

Membership

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

The Membership Application Form and Subscription Payment Options are attached to this Newsletter for appropriate action by potential new members. The preferred option of paying Membership Subscription (€10) is by Standing Order.

Under the leadership of the Membership Secretary – Colonel Seamus McDermott (Retd), the 2015 Membership Drive was a great success.

As at 24 September, the Club's membership roll shows 129 members, 116 of which are active members having paid the €10 subscription for 2015. The balance of 13 reflects lapsed members, some of whom go back to 2007. The figure of 116 compares favourably with 101 on 23 June, and 89 on 23 April. Nevertheless, the President has expressed his concern that

the current membership strength of serving PDF officers is 12 and serving Army Reserve officers is 17.

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

Rules – Revision Process

During its February meeting, the Committee agreed that revised Club Rules should be presented for approval at the AGM on 04 December 2015, necessitating the circulation of draft rules to all members NLT 07 November (28 Days before AGM).

On 30 April, the Committee approved the proposed Headings for the Revised Rules. The Revised Rules provide for the following Sections: Title, Mission and Objectives; Membership; Governance; Financial Matters; Meetings; and Miscellaneous Provisions.

The first draft of the Revised Rules was presented to the Committee at its June meeting. Following due consideration by the Committee, the proposed Revised Rules were circulated on 11 August, to the Club's membership requesting observations and recommendations.

The Committee incorporated appropriate recommendations from the membership and approved the final iteration of the proposed Revised Rules at its September meeting. This particular version of the proposed Revised Rules will be circulated to the Club's membership NLT 07 November.

Web Site

As previously reported, the Club registered a Website Domain, approved the nominal financial expenditure covering the technical design of the Website, and availed of Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart McNamara CIS Corps as Project Manager, initial Webmaster and sponsor for the hosting of the domain on Register365 and the installation of WordPress software.

In parallel, the Committee approved the Site Map, Home Page Format and the initial text for the sections covering the Home Page (Welcome Message), About Us, Membership and Links. These items were passed to the Project Manager on 16 June.

Lieutenant-Colonel McNamara is providing training to the Commandant Richie Armstrong (Retd), the Club's designated Webmaster, who will take over the duties NLT 04 December.

Currently, the construction of Website is at an advance stage. It is envisaged that the Website will be formally launched on 04 December during the Club's AGM.

Chief of Staff's Portrait

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.

Following on with this notable tradition, the Artillery Club has 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 gratus.

The portrait will be formally unveiled after the Club's AGM and prior to the Saint Barbara's Day Lunch, in the DFHQ Officers' Mess, McKee Barracks on 04 December. Reinforcing the ethos associated with the Artillery Corps Portrait process, Mrs E. O'Neill, wife of Lieutenant-General Tadhg O'Neill RIP, accompanied by her daughter Niamh, will attend the unveiling ceremony.

Window Insert – Garrison Church McKee Barracks – 14 November

Commandant Richie Armstrong (Retd) has coordinated the design and production of a Window Insert for the Garrison Church, McKee Barracks consisting of the Club's Logo. The window will be formally dedicated during the Annual Commemorative Mass on Saturday, 14 November. Before the Mass scheduled for 1100hrs, a Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place at the Flag Pole at 1030hrs.

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

Notification of the Annual General Meeting, scheduled for Saint Barbara's Day, 04 December, at 1130hrs in the Catering Complex, McKee Barracks, Dublin, is hereby conveyed to all members of the Artillery Club. Associated documentation will be circulated prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Please note coffee will be available in the Officers' Mess from 1030hrs. The Club's Saint Barbara's Day Lunch, costing €30 per person, including wine, will take place at 1330hrs.

Please notify the Club's Secretary Capt Lar Joye (ljoye@museum.ie) of your intention to attend, or otherwise, the AGM NLT Friday, 25 November.

For administrative purposes, those availing of the Saint Barbara's Day Lunch are requested to pay the cost of the lunch (€30) directly to Commandant Chris O'Flanagan (Retd) NLT Friday, 25 November, by post to the following address: 129 Celtic Park Avenue, Whitehall, Dublin 9.

Alternatively, those attending the lunch can SEPA transfer the €30, NLT 25 November, directly into The Artillery Club's Bank Account, Bank of Ireland Kildare Town. Please cross reference your SEPA transfer with your full name for ID purposes.

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Committee's Short Term Priorities

The Club's short term priorities are: Website, Revised Club Rules, Window Insert in Garrison Church, Unveiling of COS's Portrait, Incoming Committee Nominations, AGM and Annual Lunch.

ACTIVITIES

Diary of Events

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 2015 Diary of Events is attached as Annex A to this Newsletter.

The Club acknowledges the encouragement and support provided by the Chief of Staff, the Director of Artillery, the Artillery School, the 1 Artillery Regiment the 2 Artillery Regiment, the Spanish Royal Artillery School, DFHQ Officers' Mess, the National Museum of Ireland and the Royal Curragh Golf Club for its 2015 events.

Artillery Shoot – Glen Imaal Wednesday 15 July: Co-ordinator Colonel Seamus McDermott (Retd)



By kind permission of the School Commandant Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Yorke, the Club attended the Artillery Shoot in the Glen on Wednesday 15 July. Under the auspices of the Artillery School, the Shoot was associated with the Army Reserve Young Officers Course and a Fire Support Team Course. A comprehensive range of Artillery equipment was on display for the benefit of visitors to the Shoot.

On arrival, the Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Conor O'Boyle DSM inspected an Honour Guard, following which the Artillery School kindly hosted an enjoyable BBQ for all present at Keogh's House.



Attendees moved to the Gun Position where both the 1 and 2 Artillery Regiments were deployed as a composite 8 gun battery, firing 105mm Guns. Lieutenant Duffy, 1 Artillery Regiment was the Gun Position Officer, and Capt O’Riordan, 2 Artillery Regiment was the CPO. Personnel from both the Permanent Defence Force and Army Reserve were deployed on the gun line.

The School Commandant invited Lieutenant-General Conor O’Boyle DSM to fire his Last Round. Lieutenant-Colonel Yorke made a formal presentation to the Chief of Staff who addressed the assembled gunners of all ranks, serving and retired.

During the course of the day, the Club President presented the Captain Jack Jones (RIP) Perpetual Trophies to the Best Students from recent Young Officers and No 1s Courses:

2011: Lt D. Coffey, 2 Fd Arty Regt

2012: Lt J. Hopkins, Arty Sch

2014: Lt E. Maguire, 2 Arty Regt

2015: Lt C. Clancy, 1 Arty Regt

Cpl P. Scollard, 2 Fd Arty Regt

Cpl M. Mulvaney, 4 Fd Arty Regt

Sgt D. Sheehan, 1 Arty Regt

Cpl J. Rathigan, 2 Arty Regt



Commandant Tommy Quinn RIP

Regretfully, the Club membership was advised of the death of our esteemed colleague Commandant Tommy Quinn (Retd), Dunboyne County Meath, who died peacefully on 16 July, 2015 in the loving care of the staff Tallaght Hospital Dublin, after a long illness borne with great dignity.

Tommy served with the 19 Battery (FCA), 2 Field Artillery Regiment and retired as a Battery Commander of the 19 Battery, 7 Field Artillery Regiment (FCA).

The thoughts of all members of the Artillery Club remain with Tommy's wife Catherine, daughters, Annmarie, Susan, Karna and Lorna, his brothers and sisters including Colonel Ray Quinn (Retd), extended family, former colleagues and friends.

During the funeral, members of the Artillery Club, under the command of Commandant Richie Armstrong (Retd) provided the Bearer Party. Colonel Ray Quinn (Retd) and Captain Peter Murray (Retd) delivered Orations. Following the funeral, Colonel Ray Quinn (Retd) expressed his sincere appreciation of the support provided by the Artillery Club and the large attendance of Club members at the service.

Commemorations

In recent months, the Artillery Club was represented at the following commemorations:

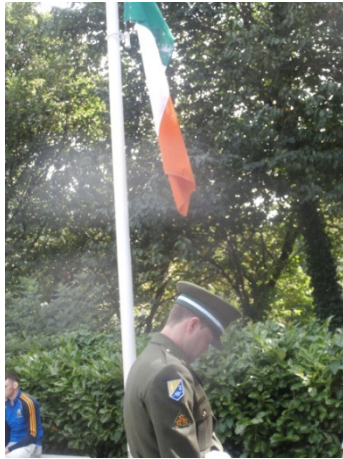
- Annual Ecumenical & Wreath Laying Ceremony, Islandbridge, 11 July,
- National Day of Commemoration, Royal Hospital Kilmainham, 12 July,
- General Michael Collins Commemoration, Cathal Brugha Barracks, 22 August.



Wreath Laying – National Memorial Merrion Square – Saturday 08 August

The National Memorial was unveiled by President Mary McAleese in November 2008 and is dedicated to members of the Defence Forces who died in the service of the State. It is a place of contemplation and remembrance, where families, relatives and members of the public can reflect on the nature of voluntary military service and the ultimate price paid by members of the Defence Forces at home and abroad.

Designed by Brian King, the pyramid shape of the memorial captures references to burial and is a standing testament to the dead. Within the pyramid, four bronze figures, representing all components of the Defence Forces, stand guard over the eternal flame that emanates from the Defence Forces Badge.



On 08 August, the Honour Guard was mounted by the 2 Artillery Regiment and the 28 Infantry Battalion. Lt Salma Bedair was the OIC of the Honour Guard drawn from the 2 Artillery Regiment. The associated ceremonial included: Piper's Lament, Posting of the Guard, Laying of Wreaths, Patrolling the Beat, Rotation of Duties, Changing of the Guard, Last Post and Reveille.

In the company of members of the Artillery Club, and by kind permission of the military authorities, the Club's President laid a wreath at the National Memorial. Wreaths were also laid by the Acting Regimental Commander 2 Artillery Regiment and the 2 Field Artillery Regiment Association.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Lieutenant-General Conor O'Boyle DSM, Chief of Staff, addressed the troops formed up on the steps of Government Buildings.



Lecture – Cathal Brugha Barracks – Saturday 22 August

In association with the Defence Forces Annual General Michael Collin's Commemoration, the Clubs' Secretary Captain Lar Joye delivered a lecture in Cathal Brugha Barracks, titled "*Glorious Madness – Military Aspects of the 1916 Rising*".

Earlier this year, as Curator of Military History at the National Museum of Ireland, Capt Joye coordinated the Club's memorable to the PALS Show in Collins Barracks.



Golf Competition – Royal Curragh Golf Club – Monday 14 September

Coordinator: Comdt Chris O’Flanagan (Retd)

The Artillery Club Annual Golf Outing took place on Monday, 14 September 2015 at The Royal Curragh Golf Club. Club members, spouses, partners and guests participated in the golf competition and later attended the dinner in the Club House. Thankfully, the weather was conducive for enjoyable rounds of golf.

A total of 35 golfers took part in the Single Stapleford competition, including 7 lady golfers. Deputising for the Club’s President, Commandant Chris O’Flanagan (Retd) welcomed all attendees, including the Golf Club’s President and Lady President: Brigadier-General and Mrs Joe Mulligan.

During the dinner, the Toast to An tUachtarán was proposed by the Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Conor O’Boyle DSM, who addressed the 38 members and guests partaking in the meal.



Confined to serving and retired officers of the Artillery Corps, the Captain Jack Jones (RIP) Perpetual Trophy was won by Lieutenant-Colonel Peter O’Grady (Retd) with a very impressive score of 43 points. Best Gross Score of the day was Lieutenant-General Conor O’Boyle DSM, with Fionnula O’Boyle winning the Ladies Prize. The winner of the Men’s Visitor’s Prize was Mr Tom Lambert of the Royal Curragh Golf Club, his prize of a Euro Commemorative Solid Silver Coin, struck to honour the W.B. Yeats, was kindly donated by Commandant Ger Gibson (Retd).

The Club’s Committee acknowledges the support provided by The Royal Curragh Golf Club for the 2015 Golf Outing, and to Colonel William Gibson (Retd) who provided the initial interface with the Golf Club.

The Committee is also grateful to Colonel Dave Betson (Retd) – Photographs, Commandant Michael Flood (Retd) – Master of Ceremonies, Commandant Ger Gibson (Retd) - Cards & Fees, Captain Barry Carey (Retd) - Cards and Fees, putting out longest drive and nearest pin markers and setting up prizes table, and finally Lieutenant Olan Haskett for timely calculating the score cards for the winning players.

Members of the Club were able to avail of special overnight rates in the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge.

Transfer of the Appointment of the Chief of Staff – Thursday 17 September

With the Minister for Defence Mr Simon Coveney TD in attendance, a ceremony marking the transfer of the appointment of the Chief of Staff from Lieutenant-General Conor O’Boyle DSM to Rear Admiral Mark Mellett DSM (Chief of Staff Designate) took place on Thursday, 17 September in Defence Forces Headquarters, McKee Barracks. The Minister presented Lieutenant-General Conor O’Boyle with the Distinguished Service Medal. Artillery Club Members, both serving and retired, attended the ceremony.

Rear Admiral Mark Mellett DSM will take up the appointment of Chief of Staff on 28 September and will be promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral. On 09 September, the Government appointed Colonel Kevin Cotter, CIS Corps as Deputy Chief of Staff Support (Designate) with the rank of Major-General.

Annual Veterans’ Day Friday 18 September

Collins Barracks Cork was the location of the Defence Forces Annual Veterans’ Day which took place on Friday, 18 September and was well attended by members of the Club. The event incorporated a Mass in the Garrison Church, a Wreath Laying Ceremony, Veterans’ March Past and an equipment display. Club members availed of the hospitality of the Officers’ Mess.

ARTILLERY CORPS

Ceremonial - Gun Salute – State Visit

On Monday 13 July, the 2 Artillery Regiment provided a gun saluting battery on the occasion of the State Visit of President of the Federal Republic of Germany, H.E. Mr Joachim Gauck.



The Acting Regimental Commander was Commandant Brian Walsh, Battery Commander was Captain Ian O'Riordan and the Gun Position Officer was Lieutenant Richard Deegan.

Ceremonial – Commemoration Funeral – Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa

On the occasion of the centenary of the funeral of Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, in the presence of Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland, a State Ceremony was held in Glasnevin Cemetery on 1 August 2015. The ceremony was the first official State event in the Ireland 2016 programme marking the 100th Anniversary of the Easter Rising. An Honour Guard drawn from the 1 Artillery Regiment and under the command of Lieutenant Sarah Donnelly rendered military honours.



Overseas Deployments

The Defence Forces currently has 431 personnel serving in 16 UN mandated missions in 15 countries, including Lebanon, Golan Heights, Afghanistan, Bosnia and Mali. Brigadier-General Anthony O'Hanlon is the Deputy Force Commander of UNDOF on the Golan Heights.

The Committee wishes successful tours and safe return journey to the following Artillery Corps officers are due to deploy with overseas contingents in the coming months:

50 Inf Gp UNDOF (Deploy 28 September 2015)

Lt Col Daragh McKevitt	1 Artillery Regiment
Comdt Denis Hanly	1 Artillery Regiment
Lt Ross O'Shea	1 Artillery Regiment
Capt Aoife Herbert	D MP

51 Inf Gp UNIFIL (Deploy approx. 17 November 2015)

Comdt Raymond Kane	HQ 2 Brigade
Lt Patrick Molloy	2 Artillery Regiment
Lt Edward McGuire	HQ 2 Brigade
Comdt Áine Flynn	HQ 2 Brigade
Lt Richard Deegan	2 Artillery Regiment
Lt Joanne Kelly	MP Company DFTC

50 Infantry Group – UNDOF

The 1 Artillery Regiment is the lead unit for the 50 Infantry Group which will deploy to the Golan Heights at the end of September for service with the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF). The unit is under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Daragh McKevitt, and is unique as it's the first time in the history of the Defence Forces that an Artillery unit is the designated lead unit for overseas service.

The 50 Infantry Group takes over from the 48 Infantry Group which was deployed in March 2015, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Mark Prendergast (son of Colonel Jim Prendergast Retd), and the Group's Sergeant-Major is Regimental Sergeant-Major O'Callaghan of the 2 Artillery Regiment.

The 50 Infantry Group conducted its Predeployment Mission Readiness Exercise in Glen Imaal on 08 September. The Ministerial Review took place in Collins Barracks Cork, on 21 September. It will be the fifth Defence Forces unit to serve with UNDOF.



With Lieutenant-Colonel Daragh McKeivitt departing for the Golan Heights, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Hurley has assumed command of the 1 Artillery Regiment and Collins Barracks, Cork.

Retirements

On behalf of all members of the Artillery Club, the Committee salutes the service of Lieutenant-General Conor O'Boyle DSM, on his retirement from the Permanent Defence Force and wishes both him, his wife Fionnula, Ciara and Ian all the best for the future.



Lieutenant-General Conor O'Boyle DSM was appointed as Chief of Staff of Óglaigh na hÉireann, on 12 of August 2013 and retired from the Defence Forces on 27 September 2015.

As a member of the FCA, he served with the 15 Battery, 4 Field Artillery Regiment.

He enlisted in the Permanent Defence Force as a Cadet in 1970. On commissioning in 1972, he was assigned to the Artillery Corps and posted to the 2 Field Artillery Regiment. Having completed specialised training in the Artillery School he was transferred to the Air Defence Regiment where he served in a number of appointments before being transferred to the School of Artillery as an instructor.

Throughout his career Lieutenant-General O'Boyle DSM served in key staff appointments at Regimental, Brigade and Defence Force Headquarters level, including Officer Commanding 2 Field Artillery Regiment.

On promotion to the rank of Colonel, he was appointed Commandant, United Nations Training School Ireland (UNTSI) where he was instrumental in establishing UNTSI as a Centre of Excellence for Leadership and Human Rights. He was appointed as Director Strategic Planning Office before being appointed Officer Commanding, 1 Southern Brigade in July 2009.

In October 2009, he was promoted Brigadier-General and appointed GOC Defence Forces Training Centre. In March 2012, he was promoted to Major-General and appointed Deputy Chief of Staff, Support of the Defence Forces.

Lieutenant-General O'Boyle DSM served in Middle East for two years with UNTSO and three tours of duty to Lebanon. In 2003, he was appointed Deputy Irish Military Representative at the Irish Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels for three years.

LOOKING INTO THE PAST

A Brief History of the 5 Field Artillery Regiment

(Extract from an article written by Comdt J.T. Burke published in the November 1998 in the 75th Commemorative Magazine.)

“The 5 Field Artillery Regiment came into being in 1959 in what was then called integration. The three Batteries which were to form the Regiment were the Tuam Battalion, the Gort Battalion and the 50 Battalion Galway. From this embryo of Infantrymen came the 7 Battery Gort and the 13 Battery Tuam, equipped with 120mm Mortars and the 4 Battery Galway equipped with 25 Pdr Field Guns.

Transition was show as some of the infantrymen found it very difficult to change their badges and flashes and to adopt the new Artillery methods. Under Comdt J.P. Kane (the first CO of the Unit), no mean cojoler in Artillery ways, they finally saw the Gunnery Light and were moulded into a Regiment capable of laying down Artillery Fire in the Glen Imaal.

The Gort Battalion FCA had been formed from LDF Units which were disbanded in 1946 at the end of the Second World War. They became part of the West Galway Area with a PDF Commandant in charge. The Tuam Battalion FCA were very entrenched Infanrtymen who were found the transition to Artillerymen very difficult. Long hours were spent in Training Huts and Halls figuring out Grid References and OT angles. The 50 Battalion Galway, now the 4 Battery was the last of the newly formed Regiment to surrender its Infantry ways. They boast of some well known people who served in their ranks – Mr Robert Molloy TD, once Minister for Defence and Mr Seamus Brennan TD.

In 1996 and 1997 the Unit won the All Army FCA Pistol Competition and this year 1998 we achieved 2nd place in the individual competition. This was my “Dream Team” and with the attention paid to Super-Subs there are many more All Army’s to be won.

The 5 Field Artillery Regiment serves quietly and unassumingly in the City and county of Galway.”

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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

Once a Gunner – Always a Gunner.

THE ARTILLERY CLUB

October 2015

Annex A: Diary of Events (V 21 Sep 15)

Annex B: Membership Proforma

Annex C. Subscription Payment Options

Annex A



ARTILLERY CLUB DIARY of Events – 2015

(Changes since previous iteration highlighted in yellow)

Date	Event	Coordinator	Remarks
15 January	Committee Meeting – McKee Barracks	Secretary	Minutes Circulated
26 February	Committee Meeting – McKee Barracks	Secretary	Minutes Circulated
19 March	WW1 Exhibition and PALS – Collins Barracks	Capt L. Joye	13 Participated
23 April	Committee Meeting – McKee Barracks	Secretary	Minutes Circulated
25 - 29 April	Visit to Royal Spanish Artillery School, Segovia	Comdt M. Flood (Retd)	17 including 3 Spouses Participated
23 June	Committee Meeting – McKee Barracks	Secretary	Minutes Circulated
11 July	Annual Commemoration - Islandbridge	President	
12 July	National Day of Commemoration	President	
15 July	Glen: FST and RDF YO's Shoot, COS's Last Round, Presentation to Best YO & No 1 Students	Col S. McDermott (Retd)	Details Promulgated in Newsletter 3/2015, RV 1100hrs Seskin
08 August	Arty Club Wreath Laying, The National Memorial Merrion Square, 1200 - 1300	President	2 Arty Regt and 28 Inf Bn
12 September	Veterans' Day Collins Barracks	President	
14 September	Annual Golf Competition – Royal Curragh Golf Club	Comdt C. O'Flanagan (Retd)	35 golfers including 7 Ladies participated in the Golf Competition, with 38 attending the Dinner.
17 September	Chief of Staff's Stand-Down Ceremony	President	
24 September	Committee Meeting – McKee Barracks	Secretary	Minutes Circulated
November	Glen: Corps Concentration	Col S. McDermott (Retd)	Date To be Confirmed – 1 st week
14 November	Wreath Laying and Annual Mass – McKee Barracks	Secretary	1030 Ceremony, 1100 Mass
04 December	AGM and St Barbara's Day Lunch – McKee Barracks	Secretary	
04 December	Unveiling of COS's Portrait – McKee Barracks (TBC)	President	
09 December	Carol Service – Church of the Defence Forces Arbour Hill	N/A	

Annex B

The Artillery Club – Membership Application

Rank: **Name:**

Address:

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Phone: **Mobile:** **Email:**.....

I hereby apply to the Club's Committee for membership of The Artillery Club and submit that I am eligible on account of my service as a Commissioned Officer of the Artillery Corps in the following units:

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I understand that the Annual Subscription is €10, and that I will be advised of the payment options when my application is approved by the Club's Committee.

Signature of Applicant: **Date:**

Proposed by¹:

Seconded by²:

Please send completed Application Forms to the Membership Secretary: Col Seamus McDermott (Retd), Woodenbridge, Ballybrittas, Co Laois, **or email:** seamus.mcdermott@gmail.com.

For Committee Use Only

Date Received:

Date Approved by Committee:

Date of Notification to Member:

Date of Subscription Payment:...

¹ Optional on Application Form

² Optional on Application Form

The Artillery Club

Payment Arrangements – Membership Subscription

Introduction

The annual subscription to the Artillery Club, which is due on 1 November, is €10. This may be paid annually by cash, cheque, on-line transfer, or by Standing Order. When payment is received, your membership will be activated. The Standing Order method is the preferred option, as it minimises administration. The Club's Committee requests confirmation of the date for which an on-line transfer or Standing Order is set up, as the Club's bank cannot do this for us at the point of registration of your instruction.

Standing Order

Standing Orders can be initiated on-line through Bank of Ireland Banking 365, Ulster Bank Anytime Banking, or AIB Internet Banking. Alternatively, Standing Orders can be initiated through in branch ATMs for AIB customers, or manually using a bank proforma available in all banks. If you wish to set up the Standing Order manually, you will need the bank proforma, which is obtainable from your bank, and also on-line for the Bank of Ireland.

When you have initiated the Standing Order, please provide confirmation to the Club's Membership Secretary, in writing or by email, of the date on which the Standing Order will be deducted from your account each year. Membership Secretary's coordinates: Colonel Seamus McDermott (Retd), Woodenbridge, Ballybrittas, Co Laois. Email: seamus.mcdermott@gmail.com.

Internet Bank Transfer

If you use this method, please provide confirmation to the Membership Secretary of the date on which the transfer has been initiated from your account on a yearly basis.

Cheque

Cheques covering membership should be crossed and made payable to the Artillery Club, and supplied to the Membership Secretary.

Bank Details – Artillery Club

Bank of Ireland, Kildare Town Branch, County Kildare.

Sorting Code: 90-11-67

IBAN: IE 70 BOFI 90116711387191

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