



The Artillery Club – 18 Nov 18

TAKE POST - THE ARTILLERY CLUB's NEWSLETTER 4/2018



INTRODUCTION

Newsletter 3/2018 promulgated on 31 August, consisted of sections covering Governance, Activities, the Artillery Corps and Looking into the Past. The same format will be reflected in this Newsletter.

Since the publication of Newsletter 3/2018, through the medium of emails, members were provided with specific details on activities such as the Decade's Reunion, Foreign Field Trip to Vienna, Annual Mass for Deceased Personnel of the Disestablished Units of the 2 Eastern Brigade and the Field Trip to Glen Imaal.

Particular issues within this Newsletter include Activity Reports, Annual General Meeting and St Barbara's Lunch and finally News from the Regiments. Photographs are credited to the Defence Forces Press Office and the Club Membership.

Marking the 95th Anniversary of the established of the Artillery Corps, the section *Looking into the Past*, contains the introduction of an article titled "*Some Thoughts on the Irish Artillery Corps*" which was written at the request of the Artillery Club by Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Riccio (Retd) US Army. The complete article is available in the Club's website www.artilleryclub.ie, under Information – Publications. Ralph's comprehensive history of the Artillery Corps, titled *The Irish Artillery Corps Since 1922* (Green Series), was published in 2012 and is available from Amazon.

The Director of Artillery, School Commandant and Regimental Commanders are requested to post this Newsletter on IKON, circulate it to all Permanent Defence Force and Army Reserve Artillery officers under their command, and are encouraged to provide information for subsequent Newsletters.

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

Upcoming Club activities are the St Barbara's Service and Presentation on 06 December in the DFTC, and the Annual General Meeting and St Barbara's Lunch on 07 December in McKee Barracks. The current version of the Diary of Events for 2018 is posted on the Club's website, and is attached as Annex A.

GOVERNANCE

Outputs 2018

During 2018, the Committee convened on five occasions: 25 January in McKee Barracks, on 22 February in Dublin Port, 26 April in Cathal Brugha Barracks Dublin, on 28 June and 28 September in McKee Barracks.

The Committee will reconvene on 07 December in McKee Barracks, prior to the AGM.

To-date, the Committee has successfully executed the Field Trip to Dublin Port on 22 February, the Field Trip to Cathal Brugha Barracks on 26 April, the Field Trip to Birr and Templemore (3 Fd Arty Regt and 31 Fd Arty Regt) on 21/22 June, the Gala dinner on 05 July the Annual Golf Outing on 23 August, the Decades' Reunion on 13 September, the Foreign Field Trip to Vienna from 07 through 10 October, participating in the Annual Mass and Wreath Laying Ceremony on 10 November, and a visit to Glen Imaal, on 14 November.

Annual Audit

The Club's financial records for period ended 31 October 2018 have been provided to the Auditor, and will be distributed in the context of the 2018 Annual General Meeting, taking place on Friday, 07 December in McKee Barracks.

Communications

In addition to posting information on the Club's Website, the circulation of Newsletters, Activity Information, Calling Notices and Death Notices is primarily by means of email.

The Club's Email Contact List for this Newsletter is 275 individuals from the wider Artillery Community. Currently, 15 members are receiving Club 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 of 30 August, the membership is 176, compared with 159 in October 2016, 129 in October 2015, and 96 in October 2014.

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

Membership Subscriptions

Subscriptions for the current year were due on 01 November, 2018.

The preferred option of paying Membership Subscription (€10) is by Standing Order. The Committee is grateful to the 114 members who are currently paying their subscriptions by Standing Order.

Gunner James Magee – Defender of Values



This year marks the 220th Anniversary of Gunner James Magee's heroic action at the Battle of Ballinamuck, County Longford, the final military engagement of the 1798 Rebellion.

In addition to paying homage to Saint Barbara, patron saint of gunners worldwide, the Artillery Corps is unique within the Defence Forces, in that it has an historical figurehead, namely Gunner Magee, from who derives some of the Corps rich heritage and enduring values of respect, loyalty, selflessness, physical courage, moral courage and integrity.

Under the auspices of the Artillery Club, in order to enhance the Artillery Community's understanding of Gunner Magee, on 02 October, a paper was circulated marking the anniversary of his heroic stand, which took place on 08 September 1798. In parallel, the paper was posted on the club's website: www.artilleryclub.ie

Display: Morris Commercial CDSW Quad 6x6 Gun Tower – ZC 5835



One of the Artillery Club's prescribed objectives is to support military and regimental museums, in the acquisition, preservation, maintenance and display of Artillery weapons, equipment, material and artefacts.

The Artillery Club's Committee is grateful to the extended Peacock Family in making available, on a loan basis, one of the surviving Morris Commercial CDSW Quad 6x6 Gun Towers, from the 19 original tractors which went into service in 1938.

On Friday, 09 November, acting on behalf of the Artillery Committee, Col Seamus McDermott (Retd), supported by RSM John Morris (Retd), received the Gun Tower, on loan, from Mr Matthew Peacock, and arranged its transportation to the Curragh Military Museum. The cost of transporting the quad from Leeds to the Curragh was paid from the Club's museum expense account.

On Monday, 12 November, the Gun Tower which has been in the Peacock family for generations and in pristine condition, went on display in the Artillery Gallery of the Curragh Military Museum, with its original registration plate ZC 5835.

Photographs of the transfer are posted on the Club's Website: www.artillery.club.ie

Merchandise



Based on artwork provided by Col Conor Fitzsimons (Retd), Comdt Richie Armstrong (Retd) sourced a manufacture for the procurement of the redesigned Artillery Club Plaques. The plaque is available for purchase by the Club's membership at a cost of €25. Revised Merchandise Catalogue (V 27 Sep 18) posted on the Club's Website.

Web Site

The Club's Website is accessible through www.artilleryclub.ie. Since the circulation of Newsletter 3/2018, the following postings were made on the Club's Website:

- **Posts – Homepage (4):** Newsletter 3/2018, Decade Reunion, Gunner Magee, Foreign Field Trip Vienna,
- **News and Events (2):** Newsletter 3/2018, Updated Diary of Events 2018.
- **About Us (0):**
- **Membership (1):** Revised Merchandise Catalogue
- **Photo Gallery (7)**
 - **Artillery Corps (3):** Annual Mass, Corps Concentration, Gun Salute Bere Island.
 - **Artillery Club (3):** Decade Reunion, Field Trip Vienna (3),

- **Video (1):** March-out from Murphy Barracks Ballincollig
- **Information Section**
- **Publications Section: (1):**
 - **Artillery Corps:** Thoughts on the Artillery Corps
 - **Overseas:** Nil

Currently, the Picture Gallery contains 21 albums reflecting the Artillery Corps, and 31 Albums on the activities of the Artillery Club.

Members are reminded that only a small portion of the Website requires text population including *Artillery Corps Disposition and History*, and *Corps Units' Disposition and History*.

In due course, the procedures whereby the Club's membership can be involved in the provision of material, including photographs, will be circulated. In the interim, observations on the Website will be welcomed.

Committee's Short Term Priorities

The Club's short term priorities are: Annual General Meeting, St Barbara's Lunch, 2019 Activities, and Membership (PDF and AR).

ACTIVITIES

Diary of Events - 2018

For record purposes, the final version of the 2018 Diary of Events is posted on the Club's website, and attached as Annex A.

Acknowledgement

The Committee acknowledges the support provided by Dublin Port Company, OC Cathal Brugha Barracks, Director DF School of Music, the Garda Training College, Birr Castle, OC DFHQ Officers' Mess, the Heritage Golf Resort, for activities already implemented during 2018, the Military College, the Austrian Artillery School, Ireland's Permanent Mission to the OSCE, and the Artillery School.

Planning for 2019 Activities

The Committee would welcome any recommendations regarding the Club's activities for 2019.

Reports and Information

Reports on activities executed since the last Newsletter (3/2018), and information on future activities are outlined below.

**Arty Decades' Reunion - Anniversary of PDF, FCA and AR Commissioning 1948-2018,
13 September (Col Mick Smyth Retd)**



The Annual Decades' Reunion, now in its third year, took place on Thursday, 13 September 2018 in The Military College, Defence Forces Training Centre.

The 2018 Reunion focused on Gunner Officers from the Permanent Defence Force, An Fórsa Cosanta Áitiúil and the Army Reserve, commissioned in 1948, 58, 68, 78, 88, 98, 2008 and 2018. Incidentally, no Gunner Officer was commissioned in 1958 or 1988.

We were honoured to have in our company Lt Col Jim Dawson (Retd), who as a member of the 20th Cadet Class, was commissioned, 70 years ago, in September 1948. He was born three years after the establishment of the Artillery Corps, in Callan, County Kilkenny, on 12th April 1926. On commissioning, he was appointed to the Artillery Corps, completed his YO's course, and was posted to the 2 Fd Arty Regt. Following service with the 1 Fd Arty Regt, he was posted to Spike Island where he developed his renowned and legendary expertise in the art and science of Coast Defence Artillery. Retiring in 1986, his overseas service was with the 1 Infantry Group in the Congo, and with the Force Headquarters in Cyprus.

On arrival in the Cadets' Mess, the Group was received by the Mess President Cadet Shay Byrne and members of the 94 Cadet Class, including the Cadet Captain Cadet Conor Heffernan, Cadet Dylan Caruana from Malta, and the class photographer Cadet Ivan MacDonald.

During Coffee, participants were able to view memorabilia from their cadetship and visit the mess facilities. Thereafter, Cadet Tristan Fogerty and Cadet Cormas Nellis displayed current equipment on issue to Cadets.

During a comprehensive briefing, Commandant Cathal Keohane, 2 i/c of the Cadet School provided an insight into key areas pertaining to cadet induction and training. Finally, the Group adjourned to the Officers' Mess for a most enjoyable lunch.

We remain grateful to Lieutenant-Colonel Gavin Young for making the resources of the Cadet School available throughout.



Pending the approval of the appropriate authorities, it is envisaged that the 2019 Decades' Reunion will be held in The Military College on Wednesday, 11 September for Gunner Officers commissioned in 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1999, 2009 and 2019.

Photographs on Club's website: www.artilleryclub.ie

Foreign Field Trip Vienna: 07 – 11 October – Coordinator: Comdt Michael Flood (Retd)



The Artillery Club's 2018 Foreign Field Trip took place in Vienna, from Sunday, 07 October through 11 October. The trip centralised on a visit to the Austrian Artillery School, in Zwölfaxing.

In addition to the Artillery School, the programme included visits to the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE, the HGM-Kliege (Austrian Military Museum), and the Spanish Riding School.

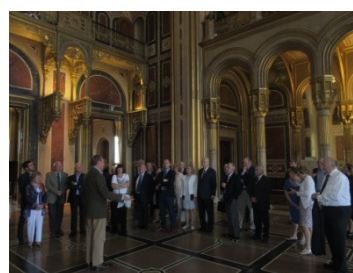
As in the successful trips in 2015 to Madrid and Segovia, in 2016 to Granada and Malaga, and in 2017 to Lisbon, Commandant Michael Flood (Retd) was the Tour Coordinator.

Participation in the Field Trip was open to members of the Artillery Club and their spouses, or partners. 29 individuals, including 11 spouses participated in the Foreign Field Trip.

For photographs (3 Albums) visit the Club's website: www.artilleryclub.ie.



On arrival in Vienna, following a review of the coordinating instructions in NH Wien Belvedere, Rennweg, the Group dined in O'Connor's Gasto Pub.



Availing of public transport, on 09 October, the Group visited the HGM-Kliege in Ghegastresse, which is the leading museum of the Austrian Armed Forces. On our arrival, we were formally welcomed by Dr Franz Broedl, following which he provided us with an overview of the museum's building and its history, an insight into the numerous galleries, before conducting us on a comprehensive tour of focussed displays on both the Ground and Upper Floors. The tour included the Hall of Fame, Archduke Franz Joseph's Assassination in Sarajevo on 28 June 1914, the Navy, and the First World War, which included the armoured cupola from Fortress Przemyśl, and the last remaining 38cm siege howitzer, (range 15,000m, weight 81,700kg, 740kg shell).



Thereafter, the Group assembled in the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the Organisation of Security and Cooperation in Europe. On arrival, they were accorded a formal reception by H.E. Mr Kevin Dowling. On behalf of the Artillery Club, Brigadier-General Paul Pakenham made a presentation to the Ambassador, which was followed by briefings from Colonel

Michael Kiernan OSCE Military Representative, and Lieutenant-Colonel Harry O'Connor Staff Officer High Level Planning Group. With 57 participating States, the OSCE is the world's largest regional organisation and is engaged in 16 field operations in South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia.

On 09 October, availing of a private coach, the Group travelled to Zwölfaxing, the location of the Austrian Artillery School and were received by Colonel Franz Kraßnitzer. Following refreshments, Colonel Kraßnitzer provided a wide ranging brief on Austrian Land Forces College's impressive outputs supporting the Austrian Armed Forces, and the activities of the Artillery School – "*Exempla Docent*". On behalf of the Group, Brigadier-General Paul Pakenham (Retd) presented Colonel Kraßnitzer with an engraved tankard and the Club's plaque.

Major Wolfgang Trooper coordinated an impressive display of equipment which included a mission tailored Fire Control System, the Drohnen System Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, the VBS3 Simulations, and a Target Surveillance System. The visit concluded over an enjoyable lunch hosted by the Artillery School.



On 10 October, the Group attended *Morning Exercise with Music* at the Spanish Riding School which provided an insight into the years of training of the Lipizzaners and their riders. Accompanied by classical Viennese music, the Group witnessed the riders and their horses executing relaxing exercises aimed at refining and perfecting movements.

The Hail and Farewell took place in the Huth Restaurant, Schellinggasse, marking the end of a most rewarding and enjoyable Foreign Field Trip, encompassing the Artillery School, the Austrian Armed Forces Museum, the Organisation of Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the Spanish Riding School, coupled with finding sufficient time to visit local attractions such as the Schönbrunn Palace, Hofburg Palace, St Stephan's Cathedral, Belvedere Palace, and the Naschmarkt.

The Artillery Club remains grateful to Commandant Michael Flood (Retd) who planned and executed the successful and memorable 2018 Foreign Field Trip to Vienna.

Units' Annual Mass and Wreath Laying – 10 November

The Annual Commemorative Mass for deceased personnel of the 2 Field Artillery Regiment, 62 Field Artillery Regiment (FCA), 7 Field Artillery Regiment (FCA) and 2 Air Defence Battery (FCA), took place in the Garrison Church, McKee Barracks on Saturday 10 November. Colonel Brian Cleary Director of Artillery welcomed the attendees. The celebrant was Rev Fr Bob McCabe.



In the context of the 50th Anniversary of the first Mass for deceased personnel of the 2 Field Artillery Regiment, Colonel John Hall (Retd) addressed the congregation.

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 the Director of Artillery, Col Brian Cleary on behalf of the units, Brigadier-General Paul Pakenham (Retd) on behalf of the Artillery Club, by the 2 Field Artillery Regiment Association, the Dublin Artillery Association, ONE and IUNVA.

BQMS Paul Glifford coordinated the ceremonial, musical honours were rendered by instrumentalists from the School of Music. Sergeant Anto Byrne (Retd) played a Piper's Lament, and led IUNVA's Pipe Band.

As in previous years, 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.

For photographs (3 Albums) visit the Club's website: www.artilleryclub.ie.

Artillery Shoot – Glen Imaal – 16 November – Coordinator: Col S. McDermott (Retd)

An Artillery Corps Concentration took place in Glen Imaal, from 13 to 15 November, fulfilling a number of training and operational requirements for 2018. The School Commandant, Lieutenant-Colonel Dermot Hanifin extended an invitation to the Artillery Club to attend the Live Firing Practices on Wednesday, 14 November.



The Firing Parties were drawn from the 1 Arty Regt (120mm, deployed at Coan) and the 2 Arty Regt (120 mm deployed at Stranahely and 105mm deployed at Keogh's House). Fire Support Teams were deployed at Leitrim OP.

Assembling at Leitrim OP, serving and retired members of the Artillery Club participating in the Field Trip were welcomed by Colonel Buckley and Lieutenant-Colonel Dermot Hanifin, and visited the deployments at both Stranahely and Keogh's House.

For photographs visit the Club's website: www.artilleryclub.ie.

Annual General Meeting & Saint Barbara's Lunch – 01 December



The Club's Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday, 07 December in the Auditorium, School of Catering, McKee Barracks, Dublin, followed by the Annual Saint Barbara's Lunch in the Defence Forces Officers' Mess. As a guest, H.E Mr Kevin Vickers ONB SC, the Canadian Ambassador to Ireland, will be invited to propose the toast to the Artillery Corps and Saint Barbara.

Please note coffee will be available in the Officers' Mess from 1030hrs. The Saint Barbara's Lunch, costing €35 per person, including wines, will take place in the Mess at 1330hrs.

Please notify the Club's Secretary Commandant Lar Joye (larjoye@gmail.com) of your intention to attend both the AGM and Lunch, or otherwise, NLT Friday, 30 November. Mobile: 086 8605678. Include the Club's President in associated emails.

For administrative purposes, those attending the Saint Barbara's Lunch are requested to pay the cost of the lunch (€35) directly to Colonel Tom O'Callaghan NLT Friday, 30 November, by post to the following address: Defence Forces Headquarters, McKee Barracks, Blackhorse Avenue, Dublin 7. Email address: tom_ocallaghan@hotmail.com

Alternatively, those attending the lunch can SEPA transfer the €35, NLT 24 November, directly into The Artillery Club's Bank Account, Bank of Ireland Kildare Town. Please cross reference your SEPA transfer with your full name and reference to "Lunch 07 Dec 18".

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ARTILLERY CORPS

Recent Promotions

The Club's Committee and Members extend their sincere congratulations to the following Gunner Officers who were recently promoted:

- Lt Col Fergal Cosgrave: OC 1 Artillery Regiment,
- Lt Col Ray Kane: OC 2 Artillery Regiment, and
- Lt Col Noel Maher: UNIFIL

Centenary of Armistice Day - UNTSO

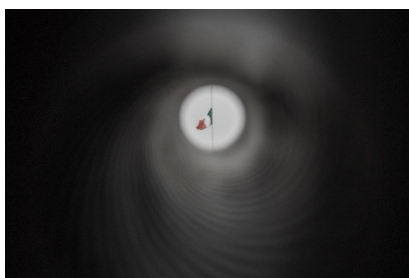


Comdt Ruairi McDermott, currently serving in Damascus with UNTSO, participated in Armistice Day Ceremonies

Gun Salute Bere Island 26 September

On Wednesday, 26 September, a ceremony was held on Bere Island to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the handover of Fort Berehaven, on 30 September, 1938.

The event was arranged by the Bere Island Projects Group. The ceremonial element of the event was led by 1 Artillery Regiment and took place at the Rerrin Redoubt, the site of the original 1938 handover. Families of those who Defence Forces personnel who participated in the handover were present at the ceremony.



The ceremony commenced with an Honour Guard for the Cork County Mayor Cllr Gerard Murphy, under the command of Sgt Alistair Forsyth. Following speeches, the County Mayor was escorted to the Rerrin Redoubt by GOC 1 Bde Brigadier-General Patrick Flynn and 2 IC 1 Brigade Artillery Regiment Commandant Peadar O'Catháin.

The Last Post was sounded followed by the raising of the National Flag to full mast at exactly 1201hrs. The raising of the National Flag to full mast by Lieutenant James McKeon of 1 Brigade Artillery Regiment coincided with the exact time of the handover of Fort Berehaven to Irish Authorities in 1938.



After the raising of the National Flag, reveille was sounded, followed by a 21 Gun Salute under the command of BS Kevin Murray using three 25 Pounders. The military ceremony concluded after the National Anthem, played by the 1 Brigade Band under the baton of Captain Brian Prendergast, and an Air Corps fly past.

Work is in progress for the restoration of Lonehart Battery as a visitor attraction.

Report and photographs courtesy of Lieutenant McKeon. Photographs posted on Website.

20th Anniversary – Evacuation of Murphy Barracks - Plaque

On 28 September, a plaque marking the 20th Anniversary of the evacuation of Murphy Barracks was erected by the 1 Field Artillery Regiment Association beside the former Main Gate, and unveiled by Colonel Tim Daly and Sergeant Steve Geary.



Left to right: Sgt Ray Long, RSM Páid O'Driscoll, Comdt Peadar O'Catháin OC 1 Artillery Brigade, Colonel Tim Daly EO 1 Brigade & former OC 1 Artillery Regiment, Sgt Larry Finnegan and Gnr Mick Reville.

The event included an Artillery weapons display, a recital by the Band of 1 Bde and a reception.

20th Anniversary – Evacuation of Murphy Barracks - Function



Former officers of the 1 Field Artillery Regiment and their respective spouses attended a function in the Officers' Mess, Collins Barracks, Cork, on 05 October, marking the 20th Anniversary of the evacuation of Murphy Barracks.

[A video of the 1 Field Artillery Regiment's March Out of Murphy Barracks is posted on the website within the photo album section.](#)

Presidential Election

Following the declaration of the election result, Returning Officer Mr Barry Ryan, signed six copies of the Presidential Order, stating in Irish and English that Michael D. Higgins was elected President of Ireland. The Defence Forces were charged with the delivery of the orders to the prescribed individuals: the President, the President Elect, the Taoiseach, the Chief Justice, the Ceann Comhairle of the Dáil, and the Cathaoirleach of the Seanad and the Secretary-General to the President.

On Saturday, 22 October, President Higgins received his copy of the Presidential Order from Captain Avril O'Rourke at Áras an Uachtaráin.

Presidential Inauguration



The 2 Artillery Regiment fired a 21 Gun Salute from Collins Barracks Dublin, on Sunday 11 November marking the entry into office of President Michael D. Higgins

LOOKING INTO THE PAST

Some Thoughts on the Irish Artillery Corps

Ralph Riccio, LTC, U.S. Army (Retired)

Almost a decade ago I began to put pen to paper (or, more accurately, finger to keyboard) to attempt to trace the history of the Irish Artillery Corps since 1922, ultimately resulting in a book by that same title. The reader might well ask how and why a retired U.S. Army officer of Italian parentage became interested in Irish military history, and of the Artillery Corps in particular; the best explanation I can give is that many, many years ago I ran across an article in *An Cosantóir* about the Comet tank in Irish service, which led me to write a book about armored vehicles in Irish service, which in turn led to somewhat of an obsession with the Artillery Corps.

Be that as it may, I recently was asked if I would consider writing an article for the Artillery Club Newsletter, an honor I am not sure I merit.

After some consideration, I thought that it might be appropriate to highlight some of the milestones of the Artillery Corps, as well as some of the episodes, some amusing and others, unfortunately, tragic, that most impressed me as I researched the history of the Corps.

I am fully cognizant of the fact that I may in large measure be preaching to the choir, and that despite the fact that I have published a book on the subject, most those who read this article may well be more aware of the proud history of the Corps than I am.

I can only hope that those of you who do read the article find it interesting, accurate, and perhaps at least minimally informative.

With that, let me lower the muzzle, chamber a round, and fire at point-blank range.

The full article is posted on the Club's website under Information - Publications.

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

16 November 2018

Annex A: Diary of Events (V 18 Nov 18)



ARTILLERY CLUB's DIARY of Events – 2018

(Changes since previous iteration highlighted in yellow)

Date	Event	Coordinator	Remarks
25 January	Committee Meeting: McKee Barracks	Secretary	Minutes Circulated
22 February	Field Trip: Dublin Port Heritage Trail	Comdt Lar Joye	25 Attendees - Photos on Website
22 February	Committee Meeting: Dublin Port	Secretary	Minutes circulated
26 April	Field Trip: School of Music and Military Archives	Col C. Fitzsimons (Retd)	26 Attendees – Photos on Website
26 April	Committee Meeting: Cathal Brugha Barracks	Secretary	Minutes Circulated
13 May	Defence Forces Veterans' Day, Collins Barracks Dublin	Secretary	
21/22 June	Field Trip: Templemore & Birr (3 & 31 Fd Arty Regts)	Comdt D. Coulter (Retd)	24 Attendees – Photos on Website
28 June	Committee Meeting: McKee Barracks	Secretary	
05 July	Gala Dinner, DFHQ Officer's Mess	President	72 Attendees – Photos on Website
09 July	Commemoration - Islandbridge	President	
10 July	National Day of Commemoration – Collins Barracks Dublin	President	
18 August	Wreath Laying, National Memorial, Merrion Square	President	10 Attendees - Photos on Website
23 August	Annual Golf Competition & Dinner: Heritage Golf Resort, Killenard, County Laois	Comdt C. O'Flanagan (Retd) Col T. Carter (Retd)	30 Attendees - Photos on Website
13 September	Arty Decades' Reunion - Anniversary of PDF, FCA and AR Commissioning 1948-2018, Visit to Cadet School and Lunch in Military College	Col M. Smyth (Retd)	09 Attendees – Photos on Website
27 September	Committee Meeting: McKee Barracks	Secretary	Minutes Circulated
07 – 11 Oct	Foreign Field Trip: Vienna	Comdt M. Flood (Retd)	29 Attendees – Photos on Website
10 Nov	Wreath Laying & Annual Mass: McKee Barracks	Secretary	Photos on Website
14 Nov	Arty Shoot – Glen Imaal	Col S. McDermott (Retd)	Photos on Website
06 December	St Barbara's Service in Arty Sch & Presentations in Ceannt NCO's Mess	Col S. McDermott (Retd)	
07 December	AGM and St Barbara's Day Lunch: McKee Barracks	Secretary	