

Internal Communication Digest (ICD)

Welcome to the Defence Forces' Internal Communication (IC) Digest.

The Defence Forces Internal Communications Team, will deliver accurate and timely information of interest to our members in order to increase awareness on current and future developments across the organisation.

This monthly ICD along with all DF social media platforms and our online 'Member's Area' will allow information of interest to be distributed across the DF. Our Member's Area on www.military.ie, has been launched to allow personnel to access information while off-site.

For further information on matters which directly affect you, or if you wish to feature in next month's issue please e-mail feedback@defenceforces.ie.

Defence Forces Values Awards 2019 – Nominations Now Open

All serving military personnel can be considered for an award without regard to experience, rank, age or gender.

The nomination form, when completed, should be forwarded to your Unit Commander who will forward ALL nominations, through the Brigade/Formations Sgt Majors.



Nomination forms can be downloaded from IKON – All nominations to be submitted **before 31 October 2019**

DF Sports Events Calendar

In preparation for the CISM Championships, D COS (SP) details for training camps for competing teams have been signed to allow best possible preparations for the competing. All teams have now departed for China and we wish all DF competitors the very best of luck.



- 15 – 30 Oct: 7th CISM World Games - Wauhan, China.

Army News

"The Corp of Engineers is about to take delivery of a new High Mobility Engineer Excavator (HMEE). The Defence Forces placed the contract to purchase the HMEE from JCB Defence at the end of 2018 and the vehicle is currently in final assembly with delivery due in October. The Corp of Engineers already has one HMEE in operational deployment with the Engineer Section, 59 Inf Gp UNDOF."



ARW

Army Ranger Wing Special Operations Qualification Course (SOFO), Charlie Two, began Sunday 08 Sep 19 with 35 Students reporting on day 1 to complete Modules 1-5 in order to become Unit Operators. SOFO, Delta 2, commences 06 Sep 20. Training programmes are available on IKON.



J4

Operations

Ever thought how your equipment arrives into theatre? Logistics Branch DFHQ, better known as J4, have the sole responsibility for the deployment of Defence Forces assets overseas. The first step in the deployment planning process is to correctly quantify and classify the equipment. This then allows the DF to decide on whether the deployment will be conducted via: commercial, charter or by linking in with other militaries to gain lift capacity into mission areas.



The movement of weapons and ammunition can prove very difficult depending on both the classification of the goods and the final destination. Consideration must be given to not only the final destination but also any countries where our equipment transships or overflights.

Did you know that your mobile phone battery classified as dangerous goods but your personal weapon is not.

These challenges were overcome during the most recent deployment to Mali which saw the J4 link with European partners to successfully deploy personnel along with their weapons and ammunition to the mission area.

DF Library

The DF Library has a new E-Resource Service that it is rolling out to DF members and Units.



The service is provided by EBSCO Information Services, the services are:

Military & Government Collection

A database of full-text journals and periodicals pertaining to all branches of the military and government. It is designed to offer current news to military members, analysts, policy makers, students and researchers.

International Security & Counter Terrorism Centre

The definitive intelligence database for security and threat analysis. Essential for security analysts and researchers, it provides full-text articles, news feeds, reports, books and summaries covering regional conflict, terrorism, domestic security and risk management options.

To request access for an individual or unit, email dfclibrary@gmail.com with your preferred Username and email address.

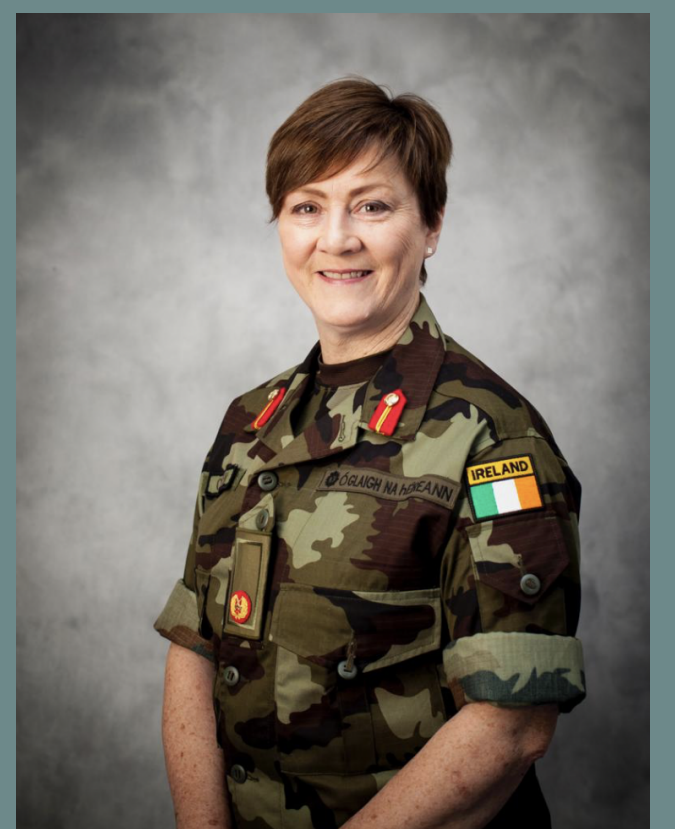
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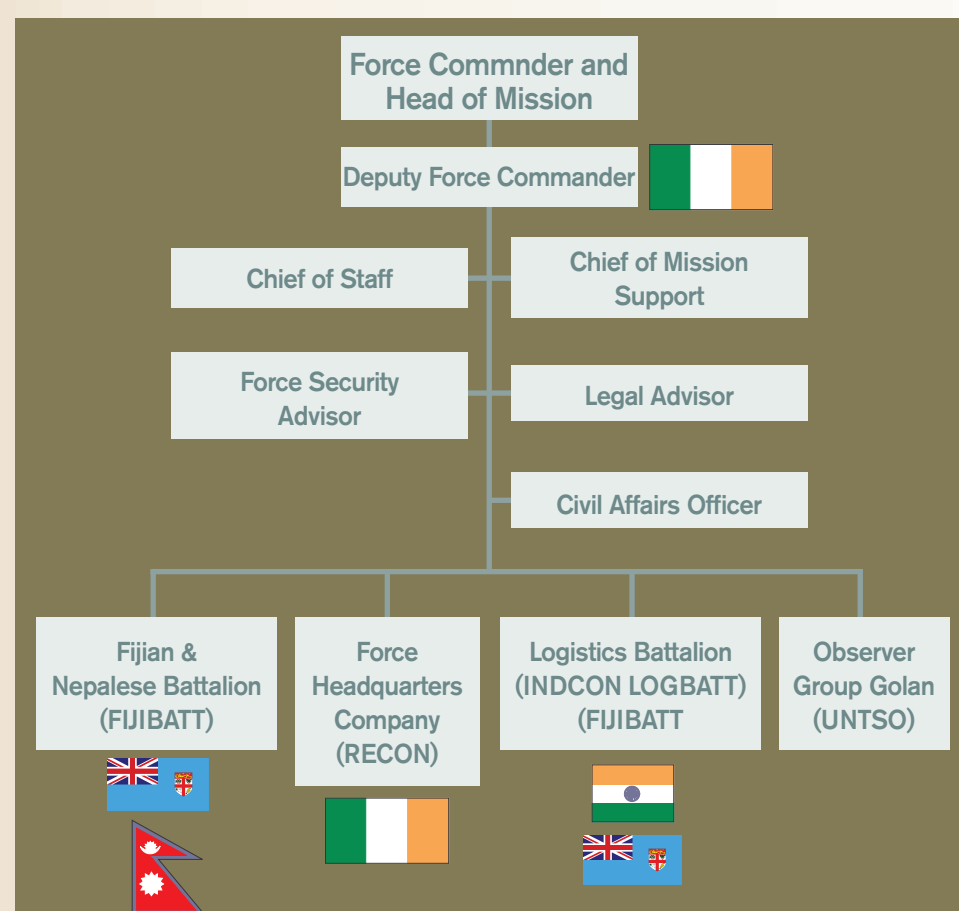
History In The Making

Brig Gen Maureen O' Brien recently became the first female promoted to General rank. She is deployed to UNDOF HQ, where she holds the position of Deputy Force commander, a first in Defence Forces history.

Brig Gen O' Brien was greeted on her arrival by the Chief of Staff Col Luis E Coitino. Brig Gen O' Brien then inspected an Honour Guard, drawn from the 59th Inf Gp Irish Contingent UNDOF FRC.



UNDOF Command Structure



Strength

- 940 Troops
- 30 International Staff
- 94 National Staff

Troop Contributing Countries (TCC)

- Australia
- Bhutan
- Czech Republic
- Fiji
- Ghana
- India
- Ireland
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- Uruguay

Recent DF Flickr Uploads



Available to view www.flickr.com/photos/dfmagazine/albums

Director of Transport

Director of Transport - Col Ray O'Lehan has awarded the contract for the new 4x4 fleet to Toyota Ireland. The DF will procure 280 Toyota Landcruisers over the next four (4) years with the first vehicles arriving later this year. Pictured below is Col O'Lehan, Comdt Conlon and Mr. Michael Walsh (D Tpt) (back row, right) with CEO of Toyota Ireland - Mr. Steve Tormey and his staff.

The Tpt Corps, particularly all fitters and mechanics, will be glad to hear that a new 4 year framework contract for replacement of essential workshop equipment DF wide will be up and running with a couple of months. This is an initiative designed to improve working conditions and H&S with up to date, state of the art, heavy and light workshops equipment both at home and overseas.



Public Hospital Medical Expenses

Admin Instruction A12 (New Series) Medical Treatment, Para 902. Medical expenses incurred by Dependents of members of the Defence Forces.

"Members of the Defence Forces and their dependents will NOT be charged Public Inpatient or Out-Patient Service Charges provided they produce a properly completed AF715 to the hospital concerned" (AF715's are normally kept in Unit Orderly Rooms or they can also be found on IKON).

Also all members should make themselves aware of the PDFORRA Medical Assistance Scheme (PMAS). More info on this can be sought from your local PDFORRA representative.

Ceremonial Calendar

Ministerial Review UNIFIL	25/10/19
Merrion Square	08/11/19
DF Carol Service	11/12/19

Director of Ordnance

Ongoing and Upcoming Projects:

- 'Tactical Trousers' have undergone a rigorous trial with various units throughout the DF in order to test operational robustness. The trial was a huge success with production to commence in January 2020
- 'Sniper Backpacks' are currently on trial with the IWW. Various brands and configurations are being put to the test with procurement set for Q4 2019.
- 'Tactical Gloves' are also set to be procured soon after testing in the field with the NCOTW.



DF Courses



Available to view www.military.ie/en/member's-area/