Welcome to the first Defence Forces’ Internal Communication (IC) Digest. The Defence Forces’ Internal Communications Team will deliver accurate and timely information of interest to our members and to inform external stakeholders of our organisation.

This monthly IC Digest Alan 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.mindef has been launch 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 mail feedback@defenceforces.ie.

Defence Forces’ Values Awards 2019 - Now Open

At a ceremony on the 11th of September 2019 in Aras an Uachtarain, the Defence Forces Values Awards for 2019, were hosted by President Michael D. Higgins.

These awards are presented to deserving Defence Forces members whose conduct exemplifies the highest standards of Respect, Loyalty, Selflessness, Physical Courage, Moral Courage and Integrity” expected of members of the Defence Forces.

All seven Defence Forces Value winners will be featured soon in An Cosantóir magazine.

Service Awards

- 18 – 19 Sept: DF Funeral Guard - Horse Guard Military Team
- 18 – 19 Sept: DF Orienteering Team - Challenge hosted by 1st Bn
- DF Soccer Camp 20 Aug – 11 Oct 19
- DF St Patrick’s Camp 30 Oct – 11 Oct 19

DF Courses

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

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Polish Phrasebook

As you are aware the next UNIFIL rotation in November, will be a combined Irish & Polish Battalion. The Internal Commie Team have put together a list of both top phrases that will help partner work on the ground and from Poland.

1. "Jak sobie obchodzisz?" meaning "How are you?"
2. "Było dobrze?" meaning "Was it good?"
3. "Masz pin?" meaning "Do you have a pin?"
4. "Czy wiesz (tam ono jest)?" meaning "Do you know (where that is)?"
5. "Jaka ma na imię?" meaning "What’s your name?"
6. "Co się robisz?" meaning "What are you doing?"

Did you know about?

EU Battlegroups

EU Battlegroups (EUBG) are multinational, military units, usually composed of 450–1500 personnel and form an integral part of the European Union’s military rapid reaction capability to respond to emerging crises around the world. In November 2006, the Government approved Ireland’s first participation in a battlegroup. Ireland’s next contribution will be to the German led battlegroup which will be on stand-by from July to Dec 2020. The DFIC are in the DF lead for this BSG and the unit will contribute a variety of capabilities including Engt EOD, SOF; and a Force Protection Platoon.

In addition, 10 personnel departed on 1 AUG 18 to take part in an deployment in Germany with the EUBG (FPAC). All EUBG DF personnel will participate in a certification exercise in Germany in Mar 2020.

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