

## **Synopsis of 2019 Defence Forces Values Awards Winners**

### **Moral Courage**

#### **Cpl Paddy Bradshaw, 2 Brigade Transport Company, (nominated by CS Matt Masterson)**

- On 19 Nov 2019 while driving to work came upon a lady lying on road unresponsive and immediately commenced CPR.
- His efforts lasted approx. 20 minutes until the Emergency Services arrived and took over.
- He became concerned that as he was a student on a Potential NCO's Course in 2 BTC that he may be late for Parade, he drove home, swapped his car for a motorcycle and made work in time for Parade.
- This is the second time that Cpl Bradshaw conducted CPR on a member of the public with successful outcomes for both victims.

### **Respect**

#### **Cpl John "Taffy" Murphy, DFHQ (nominated by his Unit CO)**

- Arrived to his unit on transfer from 3 Inf Bn to the appointment of Ord Room CPI.
- Has vast knowledge and experience of admin which he uses to resolve admin issues, sometimes of a personal nature.
- He is a constant ambassador for respect within his unit for the past 19 years.
- Members of the Unit trust him for discreet and well-informed advice.
- Humble and quietly confident in his own ability, treats colleagues and the wider DF community with dignity, respect, tolerance and understanding.
- Extremely conscientious and takes pride in supporting and advising Unit personnel.

### **Integrity**

#### **Comdt Michael Cullen, DFTC CIS Group. (nominated by Capt Kyle Kavanagh)**

- Commissioned into CIS Corps in 1994 but commenced his career as an apprentice in Naas
- Uses his qualities of truthfulness, sincerity, reliability, and integrity each day and in every decision that he makes as a leader and colleague.
- He remains positive in an otherwise challenging and sometimes difficult work environment.
- Does his absolute best to create an atmosphere where all NCOs and signalmen and women under his command enjoy going to work each day.
- His leadership style is one of a calm and thoughtful nature and never hides behind his rank or avoids tasks which needs to be carried out.
- Leads from the front making decisions to drive CIS group forward and to improve the service whilst constantly ensuring that a positive work environment for his troops is never compromised.

### **Physical Courage**

**PO Daire Mulvenny, PMS NS, attached 1 Brigade HQ (nominated by Lt Cdr S Linehan and CS Cormac Byrne 1 Bde)**

- In July 2019 while enjoying a family day out in Ballincollig Regional Park, Daire heard a scream which brought his attention to someone in difficulty in the water.
- PO Mulvenny ran to the water, jumped in and swam to where he had last seen the young man, who at this stage has disappeared underwater. Daire dived under, located the casualty, pulled him to the surface and swam back to shore supporting him.
- The casualty regained consciousness and vomited the ingested water all the while being cared for by PO Mulvenny.
- He was transferred to hospital where he stayed overnight for observation.
- PO Mulvenny acted in a brave and courageous manner in a life or death situation displaying great physical courage in his act.

**Selflessness**

**FS Brian O Keeffe, Flight Training School, Air Corps (nominated by Capt Brian Thornton)**

- Highly professional individual nominated in many categories.
- His selflessness is consistently exhibited in his day to day work
- Shows a willingness to volunteer and will put unit operational requirements before his personal needs.
- Seen as the go-to person to provide advice on many topics
- Gives his time freely to help guide and motivate young technicians and apprentices
- He mentors and shapes the next generation of aircraft inspectors.

**Loyalty – JOINT WINNERS**

**RSM Philip Hayden, Mil Col (Nominated by CS David O Reilly)**

- **RSM Hayden** will retire on 12 July 2020 with 42 years' service
- Has spent the majority of his career educating soldiers and officers
- Has a passion for the development of NCO.
- His disposition and integrity are above reproach and puts his fellow soldiers first.
- He highlights the achievements of others over himself.
- He along with his wider family have displayed great loyalty to the Defence Forces and the State through their military service.

**Sgt Brendan Fennell 2 Bde Hq (nominated by Lt Col David McNamara)**

- Is one of seven brothers who have served with Oglagh nah Eireann (total of 227 years between them)
- Has over 34 years' service and has been an exemplar of loyalty to his position and unit.
- He is a trusted member of staff and has been called upon by many GOC to advise on personnel matters.
- He is trusted to handle all information in absolute confidence and never betrays the trust afforded to him.
- Outside his day to day role he has undertaken the preservation of historic records within 2 Bde and oversaw the history boards which line the corridors of 2 Bde Hq.

## **Overall DF Values Champion**

### **Cpl Paul Halpin NSRC, DFTC (nominated by Comdt Rory Esler)**

- A senior member of the DF parachute display team, the Black Knights, Cpl Halpin was seriously injured in a parachuting accident in Custume Bks in 2016.
- Airlifted to hospital he was placed in an induced coma having suffered serious trauma to his head and legs.
- He has made a remarkable recovery and fought his way back to personal fitness.
- He returned to work in 2019 and had completed his Tpt Standard NCOs course and has recently travelled overseas.
- While he no longer carries out jumps he qualified as a rigger and is now responsible for the maintenance and certification of the DF stock of sport and display parachutes.
- AN outstanding exemplar of all the Defence Forces Values in particular that way he displayed physical courage in the way he persevered through danger and hardship, loyalty in the way he remained faithful to Ireland, the DF and his comrades.