Óglaigh na hÉireann IRISH DEFENCE FORCES

40 Years of Women in the Defence Forces

Sgt Rena Kennedy of the PR Branch is creating a pictorial chronology of Women in DF to mark 40 years of service.

While the book will be predominately a photographic record it will also include some vignettes and anecdotal records of life in DF. Anybody who would like to be included in the book is strongly encouraged to make contact with Sgt Kennedy via renken91@gmail.com.

The book will feature the following topics though this list is not exhaustive Early days following the foundation of the State,
The Army Nursing Corps,
Change in legislation late 1970's,
First eight cadets,
First platoon,
First apprentices,
Second platoon,
Integrated training from 1994,
Overseas,
Sport,
Family service (siblings, parent/daughter)

It would be greatly appreciate if members of the first two platoons from 1981 and 1990 get in touch with their experiences.

Sgt Kennedy would also like access to photos from those early days if people can share and will conduct interviews with volunteers who are keen to be featured. This will be a publication that we can all take pride in and be a part of. The publication date is aimed at mid Summer and by then hopefully we can hold an event to celebrate.

DF Internal Communications Team.



Present day.

