



Current Chief of Staff Vice Admiral Mark Mellett DSM after 48 years of service retires at 282359ASEP21. Vice Admiral Mellett is the first naval officer in the Irish State to serve as Chief of Staff having taken up the role on 29Sep15. Vice Admiral Mark Mellett has an extensive experience abroad including in Afghanistan and Lebanon. He was awarded “The Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)” by the Irish Government for his leadership of a complex maritime narcotics interdiction operation in 1994.

The Newly appointed Chief of Staff, Lieutenant Gen Seán Clancy will take up his role on 290000ASEP21 and become the first Chief of Staff from the Air Corp. Lieutenant General Seán Clancy joined the Irish Defence Forces in 1984 as a cadet and commenced his flight training in 1986. He has flown both fixed and rotary wing aircraft and has accumulated nearly 5,000 flight hours.

He has served in appointments including Squadron Commander, Wing Commander, Senior Staff Officer Operations, Senior Staff Officer Personnel, Chief of Air Staff Support in Air Corps Headquarters and Director of Strategic Planning Branch, Chief of Staff's Branch, Defence Forces Headquarters. Prior to promotion he served as Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) as well as General Officer Commanding, Irish Air Corps and Director of Military Aviation.

Lieutenant General Seán Clancy has spent a considerable period of his career as a Search and Rescue pilot and was the commander of the crew who received the Marine Medal for Meritorious Service in 2002. He has served for a year with the European Union Force in Bosnia as the military advisor to the Force Commander and spent two years as a non-permanent member of SHIRBRIG, the UN standby Brigade.

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