



**Óglaigh
na hÉireann**
IRISH DEFENCE FORCES

Searmanas Coimisiúnaithe an 59ú Rang Daltaí

Bunáit Chablaigh, Inis Sionnach

An tAire Cosanta

An tUasal Simon Coveney T.D.

Dé hAoine, an 16ú lá Iúil 2021

Commissioning Ceremony Of the 59th Cadet Class

Naval Base, Haulbowline

Presentation of Commissions by

Minster for Defence

Mr. Simon Coveney T.D.

Friday, 16th July 2021

COIMISIÚNÚ

Tá an tSeribhís Chablaigh, atá Lonnaithe ar Inis Sionnach i gCuan Chorcaí, ina bhall de Fórsaí Chosanta na hÉireann. Tá na Daltaí tar éis dhá bhliain a chaitheamh faoi stiúir oifigigh ón Choláiste Chablaigh agus séard atá sa searmanas inniú ná bronnadh na gcomisiúin agus comóradh go bhfuil an staíd seo bainte amach acu ar an ród seo rompu.



The Naval Service, which is based on Haulbowline Island in Cork Harbour, is the maritime component of the Irish Defence Forces. The Cadets have spent the last two years under the guidance of the Officer Training School staff. This ceremony is the award of their commissions and is a declaration that they have achieved the required standard to become officers in the Irish Naval Service.

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On this significant occasion, I would like to congratulate the members of the 59th Naval Cadet Class on your Commissioning Day and to welcome you all as the newest Junior Leaders in our Naval Family.

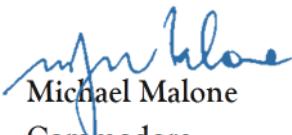
Today marks the final day of your formal Cadetship training, however, your journey does not stop here. Leadership requires lifelong study and experiential learning and to practice it requires skill, reflection and imagination. All of which, through the duration of this Cadetship, has been proven to be well within your ability.

I wish to thank the Officers and Staff of the Officer Training School, whose efforts do not go unrecognised and who do such fine work in turning out high calibre individuals.

On behalf of the Naval Service, I wish to extend a warm welcome to the Minister for Defence Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D., on the occasion of this Commissioning Ceremony.

I wish to extend a sincere welcome to the Chief of Staff, Vice Admiral Mark Mellett, members of the General Staff and to all other military and civic dignitaries present.

I also want to extend a warm welcome to the family and friends of the 59th Naval Cadet Class. As members of our wider Naval Family, your continued support and kinship is integral to the success of our Naval Service.



Michael Malone

Commodore

Flag Officer Commanding Naval Service

THE NAVAL COLLEGE STAFF FOR THE 59TH CADET CLASS WERE:

Officer Commanding & Commandant Naval College:	CDR Caoimhin MacUnfraidh
OIC Officer Training School:	LT CDR Stuart Donaldson
Class Officer:	LT Dean McMahan
NCO I/C Cadet Training:	CPO Damien Murphy
Class NCO:	PO Alex Casey

THE 59TH CADET CLASS:

On the 4th of October 2019 the 59th Cadet Class were inducted into the Irish Naval Service and began their training in the Officer Training School. In the first two weeks, the 59th Cadet Class were introduced to the Naval Service by spending time on board LÉ William Butler Yeats before moving to the Cadet School at the Military College in the Curragh Camp, Kildare. Here, the Cadets were given basic military training, focusing on foot and arms drill, marksmanship, military discipline, fitness and land navigation. In December 2019, the 59th Cadet Class moved back to Haulbowline to begin Phase 2 of their Training.

Phase 2 of training commenced in January 2020 with a busy schedule ahead. This 'Marinisation' phase ran from January to May with the Cadets studying navigation while also completing a range of courses such as:

- Engineering
- Communications
- Fisheries
- Gunnery
- Strategic Studies

Phase 2 concluded with exams in General Navigation, Chartwork, Rules of the Road, Leadership and Communications.

THE 59TH CADET CLASS:

Due to the global pandemic, the 59th Cadet Class, did not get the opportunity to travel to Lourdes to partake in the Annual International Military Pilgrimage as is the tradition. In lieu of this trip, the 59th Cadet Class joined LÉ Samuel Beckett to commence phase 3 of their training. On board LÉ Samuel Beckett, the 59th Cadet Class started to learn about life at sea. They understudied all of the roles, which included Seamanship, Gunnery, Communications & Engineering.

Phase 4 commenced in September 2020 with the 59th Cadet Class studying in the National Maritime College of Ireland (NMCI) in Ringaskiddy. Studying alongside civilian students, the Cadets learned various maritime subjects such as astro-navigation, seamanship, maths, science and stability. Even though the Cadets were studying in NMCI their duties as Naval Cadets were not forgotten.

Daily the cadets practised their pilotage skills with their Class Officer LT (NS) Dean McMahon in the simulators, with the target of becoming competent enough to navigate a ship for the first time.

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the day-to-day routine of the Cadet Class. The Cadets were required to do a number of their lectures and exams remotely.

After 22 months of training, the 59th Cadet Class will take the next step in their careers.

THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY:

The Commissioning Ceremony is the formal presentation to the Cadet Class of their Commissions upon completion of their training as Cadets. It marks their graduation to the officer body of the Naval Service.

The Commission is the direction from the President, as the Commander in Chief of the Defence Forces, to exercise and train in arms and maintain in good order and discipline the men and women serving under them. The Commissioning scroll presented by the Minister, appointing each new officer, is signed by An tUachtarán on behalf of the state, and also by An Taoiseach and the Minister for Defence on behalf of the Government.

TIMELINE & OUTLINE OF CEREMONY:

- 0950 – Chief of Staff arrives at the Naval Base
- 1000 – Minister for Defence arrives at the Naval Base
- 1010 – Guard of Honour Falls in
- 1015 – All Guests to be seated
- 1025 – Minister for Defence arrives and inspects Guard of Honour
- 1045 – Commissioning Ceremony Commences

The Commissioning Ceremony begins with the marching on Parade of the National Colours. The Colour party takes up its position facing the Cadets to be commissioned. The Officer administering the Oath calls each Cadet by name. The Cadets will then march forward to the Colours where the Oath is administered. The Cadets are invested with their rank markings and receive their swords.

Individually, each cadet will march forward to the Minister for Defence, and be presented with their commission as an officer in the Naval Service.

The newly commissioned officers now hand their commission to the Master at Arms, the highest ranking Non-commissioned officer of the Service, from whom they in return receive their first salute as an officer.

A representation on behalf of the Association of Retired Commissioned Officers (ARCO) will then present the Perpetual Trophy to the Best Overall Cadet. On completion of the presentation, the National Colours are marched off parade.

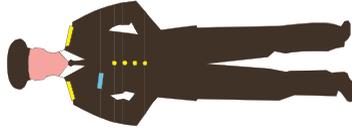
The Minister for Defence will then address the parade. The National Anthem will then be played, after which the Minister for Defence will leave the Parade ground.

The Parade Commander will dismiss the parade and the ceremony will be complete.

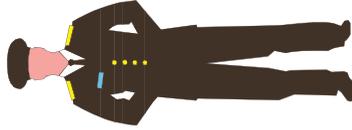
You will be asked to stand where it is appropriate, i.e. at the arrival of the Minister for Defence, marching on/off of the National Colours and the playing of the National Anthem.

PARADEFORMATION :

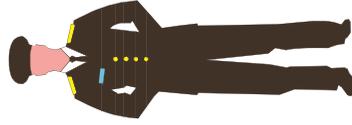
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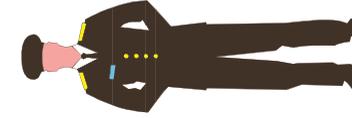
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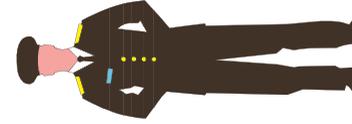
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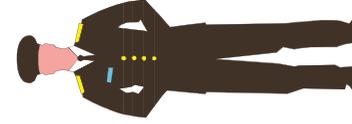
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Alan Horgan



CADET PROFILES:



CONNOR BROWN

Connor is the eldest of two in his family, born and raised on Inch Island Co. Donegal by parents Angela and Steven, he attended Crana College in Buncrana. Participating in water sports his whole life and working the sea with his father led to his love for the sea. Always having an interest in ships, boat work and the Naval Service, he applied shortly after leaving school. Connor's favourite part of the Cadetship was studying Naval Strategic Studies in Maynooth.



LUCAS LEAHY

Lucas is the youngest of five sons to Eileen and Sergio, born in Co. Clare and raised on a 36ft sailing vessel. Lucas worked on mega yachts and then studied Naval Engineering for four years in Barcelona before joining the Naval Service. Always interested in sports, notably Capoeira, in which he competed at an international level, and sailing, where he competed as a child and worked professionally as an adult. This coupled with the belief that there is no higher standard than in the military drove Leahy to pursue a career in the Naval Service. Leahy's favourite part of the cadetship was The Curragh.



ADAM GALVIN

Adam is the youngest in his family and was raised Co. Offaly by his parents Aidan and Mary. Adam joined the Naval Service as a recruit in 2018 and served for a brief spell as an O/Mech on the LÉ Eithne and the LÉ Samuel Beckett. Adam then applied for a Naval Service Cadetship with a view to furthering his career and education within the service. Adam thoroughly enjoyed the Curragh phase of the Cadetship and getting to know like-minded people. Adam has a keen interest in the GAA, particularly football, having played from a young age.



MARK O'KEEFFE

Mark is the youngest in his family and was raised in Waterford City by his parents Philip and Ann, with his brother John. Orla, Mark's fiancée, is also a Naval Officer. Having studied Music, Mark joined the Defence Forces in 2012 and enlisted into the Defence Force School of Music. During this time, he returned to his studies and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management from University Limerick in 2019. He became interested in Naval Service as he is a keen sailor and enjoys water sports. His other interests are Hurling, Hiking and Rock Climbing. Mark is an avid musician with the highlight of the Cadetship was getting to perform on his trip to New York and Boston.



ALAN HORGAN

The youngest of three to parents Fiona & Eddie, Alan grew up in Limerick City and studied Media & Philosophy in Mary Immaculate College. An avid lover of all things music Alan performed around the country while organising gigs with the DIY LK music collective. Having spent his summers in Youghal, Co. Cork, Alan developed a deep appreciation for the sea regularly swimming, kayaking and sailing. A fascination with the sea, an obsession with military history along with a passion for running and the outdoors inspired Alan to join the Naval Service, his favourite moment thus far has been the Strategic Studies course in Maynooth.

FORM OF OATH:

I, do solemnly swear (or declare), that I will be faithful to Ireland and loyal to the constitution and while I am an Officer of the Permanent Defence Forces, I will obey all lawful orders issued to me by my Superior Officers and will not join or be a member of, or subscribe to any political organisation, or society, or any secret society whatsoever.



FOIRM AN MHIONNA:

Mionnaímse (nó dearbhaimse), go solamánta go mbead dílis d'Eirinn, agus tairiseach don Bhunrecht agus, faid a bhead im oifigeah de na Buan-Óglaigh, go gcomhlíonfad gach ordú dleathach a bhéarfais m'oifigigh uachtaracha dhom, agus nach gceanglóid le haon eagraíocht, nó cumann polaitíochta, ná le haon chumann rúnda ar bith, ná nach mbead im chomhalta den chéanna ná nach dtaobhdóid leis an gcéanna.

A NAVY DELIVERING SERVICES:

The Naval Service is the State's principal sea going agency and an integral part of Óglaigh na hÉireann/The Defence Forces. The Service operates jointly with the Army and Air Corps.

To exercise and uphold our State's sovereignty and obligations, the Naval Service patrols Ireland's 220 million maritime acres which is an area 12 times larger than the island of Ireland.

The Naval Service keeps Ireland open for business as 99% of trade, on and off our island nation, is transported by sea. Naval ships carry a unique status under international law as an expression of State sovereignty and political will at sea and are critical enablers for furthering policy objectives at home and in the international maritime domain.

The Government's requirement for a flexible force with an appropriate level of retained capability means in effect that the Naval Service, in addition to meeting defence requirements, can deliver a wide range of services at and from the sea. The enduring characteristics of Naval vessels such as sovereign status, poise, political utility, versatility, self-sustainability, long reach, and rapid response facilitate a variety of roles including inter alia:

- Maritime Defence and Security Operations
- Crisis response
- Fishery Protection
- Drug Interdiction
- Diving Operations
- Search and Rescue/Recovery
- Maritime Interdiction Operation
- Support to Trade and Diplomacy
- Humanitarian Support & assistance
- Non-combatant operations
- Weather Reporting
- Fire Fighting
- Pollution Control/Towing
- General Maritime Support