

Internal Communication Digest (ICD)

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 in order to increase awareness on current and future developments across the organisation.

This monthly ICD along 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.military.ie, has been launched 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 e-mail feedback@defenceforces.ie.

Defence Forces' Values Awards 2019 - Now Open

At a ceremony on the 11th of September 2019 in Áras an Uachtaráin, the Defence Forces Values' Awards for 2018, were hosted by President Michael D. Higgins.



These awards are presented to serving 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 *Án Cosantóir* magazine.



Naval Service

During August and September P42, P52, P61, P62, P63 & P64 have been engaged in Maritime Defence & Security Operations (MDSO), during which the NS detained three vessels for alleged breaches in fisheries legislation and acted as On-Scene Coordinators for two joint agency Search & Rescue (SAR) Operations.



Two ships provided maritime surveillance and security as part of the Joint VPOTUS ATCP OP. P64 flew the flag alongside Liverpool, and P52 visited Spain during a Joint European Fisheries Deployment.



DF Sports Events Calendar

- 17 – 20 Sept: **DF Golf Team** - Bond of Friendship Event.
- 16 – 19 Sept: **DF Soccer Team** - Host Dutch Military Soccer Team
- 18 – 19 Sept: **DF Orienteering Team** - Challenge hosted by 1 Inf Bn
- 15 – 30 Oct: **7th CISM World Games** - Wauhan, China.

- DF Soccer Camp 26 Aug – 11 Oct 19
- DF Boxers Camp 09 Sept – 11 Oct 19
- DF Shooters Camp 07 Oct – 11 Oct 19



Ceremonial Calendar

Credentials	03/10/19
Ministerial Review UNIFIL	25/10/19
Merrion Square	07/11/19 TBC
DF Carol Service	11/12/19



AN COSANTÓIR

Phoenix Park on Wednesday,
9th October, 2019

40th - An Cosantóir 10K

€10 Entry fee



Naval Service Variant DPM (NSV DPM)

The Naval Service has begun trial of a new Operational uniform. Utilising significant experience gained at home and abroad, this variant of the existing DPM is designed to enhance Safety at sea, Equality & Jointness. The NSV DPM is specifically designed for the marine environment and incorporates specialised features for firefighting at sea. The uniform has a gender neutral cut and fit, and uses the existing woodland pattern to advance the public perception of the DF as a single joint and cohesive force.



Feedback

WE have Listened to YOU and want to hear more!

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feedback@defenceforces.ie

Privacy and Confidentiality are guaranteed and you will receive a response within three working days.



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 Comms Team have put together a list of Six (6) top phrases that will help welcome our colleagues from Poland.

- 'Na Zdrowie!' (nas-dro-v-yea)
Meaning: Cheers!
- 'Dzień dobry' (jine-dobree)
Meaning: Good day
- 'Proszę' (proshe)
Meaning: Please
- 'Dziękuję' (jen-koo-yea)
Meaning: Thank you
- 'Jak masz na imię?'
(yak-mash-na-im-yea)
Meaning: What's your name?
- 'Jak się masz?' (yak-she-or-mash)
Meaning: How are you?

Did you know about?

EU Battlegroups

EU Battlegroups (EUBG) are multinational, military units, usually composed of +/-1500 personnel and form an integral part of the European Union's military rapid reaction capacity 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 Jul - Dec 2020.

The DFTC are in the DF lead for this BG and the unit will contribute a variety of capabilities including Engr, EOD, SOF, and a Force Protection Platoon.

In addition, 10 personnel departed on 31 AUG 19 to take up staff appointments in Germany with the EUBG (F)HQ. All EUBG DF personnel will participate in a certification exercise in Germany in Mar 2020.