



The Cavalry Club

CAVALRY CLUB NEWSLETTER 2011

Dear Members,

I would firstly like to thank Capt M. Bohan and the Committee for the hard work in 2010. The work continues behind the scenes to plan the events for the year and I look forward to working with the new committee in 2011. The most significant aspect this year for the Club, is the separation of the AGM and the Annual Club Dinner.

The Annual Club Dinner will take place in November but the AGM will move to February of 2012. The reason for this is that the financial year for the Club has changed also to January to December. It is also a necessary change as the numbers attending the AGM has reduced over the past number of year as a result of it being hosted on the same evening as the Annual Club Dinner. This year we are seeking to make the AGM more attractive for members. All suggestions and offers will be welcome and considered by the committee.

The focus for the committee this year will be to update the membership list. In particular, we wish to increase the membership base and in turn facilitate the meeting of members at Club events. The events planned for the year include events where we encourage all members to participate and events where the committee will represent the Club, for example the National Day of Commemoration.

This year I hope will see a greater involvement by the YO's in the Club, in particular the hosting of Club members to a YO's night planned for Late October this year.

Yearly plan: The following are the events the club plan to participate in over the remainder of the year.

- National Day of Commemoration, 10th July 2011.
- Cavalry Cup golf competition at the Curragh Golf Club, 20th July 2011. POC - Comdt R. Carroll 087731044.
- Octogenarians Lunch; 31st Aug 2011 TBC.
- Corps Conference: Club participation: Evening function 25th Aug TBC.
- Cavalry Day, 3rd Sept. 2011.
- Annual Tpr. Mullins (RIP) commemoration mass in Kilbehenny 17th Sept.
- YO's function: Cork W/E 28th Oct 2011.
- Annual Club Dinner, 5th Nov 2011.
- There will be no AGM in 2011. Instead it will be held in Feb. 2012.

YO's Induction Dinner



86th Cadet Class Commissioning

On 10th March, the Corps had four new Troop Commanders appointed when the 86th Cadet Class was commissioned. **Lt Colm Kirby** was assigned to 1 Cav Sqn, **Lt Richard Piggott** was assigned to 2 Cav Sqn, **Lt Edward McGuire** went to 4 Cav Sqn and **Lt Sinéad Hunt** to 1 Armd Cav Sqn. They were welcomed into the Club at the Young Officers Induction Dinner held in the Officers Mess, The Military College. The President and Cavalry Club Committee welcome the new arrivals to the Corps and wish them every success in their careers.

Club Members Serving Overseas

At the time of writing some nine club members are serving on overseas peace support missions on three continents. **Lt Col Gerry Cooney** was posted to the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI) in Nov 10 where he is working in Bondoukou and he is due to complete his tour of duty in May. **Capt Eugene Cooke** is serving with UNTSO since June last year and is working in Damascus with Observer Group Golan. **Comdt Tom McGrath** has just finished his stint in Kabul with the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in April. **Lt Col Tony Bracken** is the Camp Commandant of Camp Butmir with EUFOR BiH in Sarajevo. **Capt John Fitzgerald** started a six-month tour of duty as OIC NSE with EUFOR BiH in January. **Capt Micheál Conneely** is also serving in Sarajevo; he is on a two-year tour with the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). **Lt Col Gerry Brennan** continues to serve in Sweden with the Nordic Battlegroup 11 at Enköping and is due to finish in July after the NBG has finished its period of standby. **Lt Col Kieran Dalton** is with the Intel Division of the EU Military Staff in Brussels. **Lt Claire Mortimer** has been extended in her posting with the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) working with the Forum for Security Co-operation in Vienna.

Three retired officers are working abroad with international organisations; **Comdt Eamonn Smyth** (Retired) works in the Hague in the Netherlands with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), **Lt Col John Molloy** (Retired) is working as a civilian special adviser with UNIFIL in Lebanon and **Lt Col Sean Hynes** (Retired) is with the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia. **Comdt Darragh O'Brien** has recently departed on a mission with EUFOR BiH.

Retirement of Colonel Declan Hayes, Director of Cavalry

Col Delan Hayes retired from the Defence Forces with effect from the 5th April 2011. Col Hayes joined the Army as a Cadet with the 44th Cadet Class on 14th October 1969 and was commissioned into the Cavalry Corps on 27th September 1971. He spent his early years in Plunkett Barracks in the Curragh Camp and he held many prestigious appointments in the Cavalry Corps. He played a pivotal role outside of the Corps in the introduction and implementation of computerisation in the Defence Forces with the Military Information Section. He has extensive overseas service in the Lebanon, Kuwait-Iraq, East Timor and he served at NATO HQ in Mons with the Planning Cell for Operation Althea (EUFOR BiH). He served in Reserve Forces Section and in recent years he played a leading role in the development of the Office of Emergency Planning. The Club Committee wish Declan, his wife Colette and their family a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Senior Officers Promotions

The Cavalry Club Committee extend heartiest congratulations to the three Cavalry Commandants have been selected for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel: **Comdt Frank Lawless, Comdt Tom Heskin and Comdt Pat Power.**

Finally, I would encourage all members to update their contact details through the contacts listed on the Annex A.

Carpe Diem

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RULE CHANGES ADAPTED AT AGM 2010

- The motion that the Clubs financial year from its current 01 October-30 September to 01 January-31 December” was carried and it was also noted that the following amendments will be necessary to the existing club rules
- Part III- Management, Control and Direction of the Club affairs. Para 20.3 to read '31 December'
- Part IV – Financial Year Para 22- the Clubs Financial Year shall commence on 01 January and shall end on the 31 December'
- Part V- Annual and Special General Meeting. Para 26- Annual General Meeting. 'The AGM shall be held in the month of February each year'.

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