



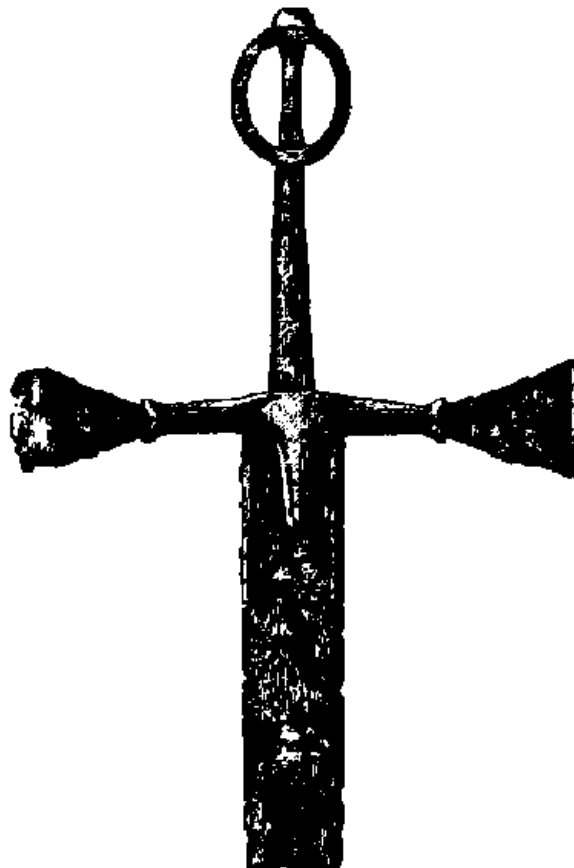
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# CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE

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23 – 24 SEP 2022



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## FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2022

Timings	Activity/Talk	Additional Planning Considerations
0900-0930	Registration	Tea/Coffee
0930-0945	Chief Of Staff Lt Gen Seán Clancy: Opening address	
0945-1015	Key Note Speaker Prof. Eunan O’Halpin	
1015-1045	Prof. Tim Hoyt: Strategy of the Anti-Treaty IRA 1922-23	
1045-1115	Coffee	Tea/Coffee/Scones
1115-1245	<p><b>3 x 25min Papers</b></p> <p>Sean Boyne: Dalton, Gerry Shannon: Liam Lynch Dr. Pádraig Ó Caoimh: Mulcahy</p>	
1245-1330	Lunch	Dining Complex
1330-1500	<p><b>3 x 25min Papers</b></p> <p>Lisa Dolan: Documenting the National Army Dead Dr. Eve Morrison: The Ongoing Search for Peace Ronan McGreevy: When Fiction becomes Fact: The Assassination of Sir Henry Wilson, Peaky Blinders &amp; the MSPC</p>	
1500-1530	Coffee	Tea/Coffee
1530-1630	<p>Lt Col Gareth Prendergast: Battle for Cork City Liz Gillis: Battle of Dublin Dr. Pádraig Óg Ó Ruairc: Battle of Limerick/Kilmallock</p>	
1900	Conference Dinner	Officers Mess.

## SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2022

Timings	Activity/Talk	Additional Planning Considerations
0900-0930	Coffee	Tea/Coffee
0930-1100	<p><b>Military Development 3 x 25min</b></p> <p>Dr. Pat McCarthy: Birth of Air Corps</p> <p>Sgt Robert Delaney: 18 Pounder Field Gun</p> <p>Comdt Lar Joye: Armour in the Civil War</p>	
1100-1130	Coffee	Tea/Coffee/Scones
1130-1300	<p><b>Every County Different 4 x 15min (30min Chaired Discussion)</b></p> <p>Dr. Tomás Mac Conmara: Clare</p> <p>Owen O'Shea: Kerry</p> <p>Dr. Donal Hall: Lough/Armagh</p> <p>Aaron Ó Maonaigh: Wexford</p>	<b>Chair Dr.Pat McCarthy</b>
1300-1345	Lunch	Dining Complex
1345-1515	<p><b>Legacies 3 x 20min (30min Chaired Discussion)</b></p> <p>Dr. Jack Kavanagh: Development of the National Army</p> <p>Michael Keane: Civil War Dead in the MSPC</p> <p>Comdt Stephen MacEoin: Commemorating the National Army Dead</p>	<b>Chair Comdt Daniel Ayiotis</b>
1515	GOC 2 BDE Brig Gen Tony Cudmore Closing address	

## **BIOS MILITARY ARCHIVES CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE**

### **OWEN O'SHEA**

Owen O'Shea, from Milltown, Co. Kerry, is a historian and author. His new book, *No Middle Path: The Civil War in Kerry* will be published by Merrion Press in October. He is the author of *Ballymacandy: the Story of a Kerry Ambush* and several other books on history and politics in his native county. Owen is an Irish Research Council-funded PhD student at University College Dublin, researching electioneering and politics in Kerry in the decade after the Civil War.

### **SEAN BOYNE**

Sean Boyne began his journalistic career with the Irish Press group of newspapers and retired in 2009 from the Sunday World, where he was Political Correspondent. He is the author of the biography *Emmet Dalton: Somme Soldier, Irish General, Film Pioneer*.

### **LT COL GARETH PRENDERGAST**

Lt Col Gareth Prendergast is a serving Officer in the Irish Defence Forces with over 30 years' service. He has seven operational tours of duty overseas including the Middle East, Balkans and Mali. At home he has served in Infantry Battalions on the Irish Border during the 'Troubles', in Kilkenny and Dublin. He is currently Battalion Commander of the 3 Infantry Battalion in Kilkenny. Gareth has also served in the Military College and Defence Force HQ on numerous occasions, including appointments in the Command and Staff School and as OIC Military Finance Branch.

Academically he has a Masters of Military Art and Science from his year spent on the US Army Command and General Staff Course in Fort Leavenworth Kansas. Gareth recently submitted his PhD Thesis after six years study and research in the History Department of UCC. He will undergo his Viva Voce in late September 2022.

### **PROF TIMOTHY D. HOYT**

Prof Timothy D. Hoyt is Professor of Strategy and Policy, the John Nicholas Brown Chair of Counterterrorism Studies, and the Academic Director and Senior Mentor of the Advanced Strategy Program at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Dr. Hoyt is the author of *Military Industries and Regional Defense Policy: India, Iraq and Israel*, and over 50 articles and chapters on international security and military affairs. He is currently working on a multi-volume study of the strategy of the Irish Republican Army from 1909-2019, as well as projects on the Indo-Pacific region and trends in international terrorism.

### **COMDT LAR JOYE**

Comdt Lar Joye is Port Heritage Director at Dublin Port since 2017. Previously he has worked as Curator of Irish military history and a Film Archivist. At the National Museum of Ireland he led a mixed disciplinary team to create the *Soldiers and Chiefs* exhibition that covers Irish military history at home and abroad from 1550 in a new wing of the Museum. More recently he has partnered with the theatre company Anu Productions on the historical based plays *Pals- the Irish at Gallipoli*, *Sunder*, *These Rooms* and last year's *Book of Names* at Dublin Port. In his spare time he is writing a book about the Irish Revolution in County Tipperary from 1912-1923, part of a series county history's edited by Prof Mary Ann Lyons and Dr Daithí Ó Corráin. He is also a serving officer in the Reserve Defence Forces based in Defence Forces Headquarters. He served as a staff officer in Joint Task Force "Fortitude", the Irish Army's response to the COVID pandemic in 2020 and is currently Chief Instructor on the 4th RDF Standard Officers Course in the Infantry School, Military College, DFTC.

### **DR. JACK KAVANAGH**

Dr. Jack Kavanagh is a historian of early twentieth century Ireland. His research focuses upon the role of the National Army during the Irish civil war and the wider issue of militarism in the Irish Free State. He has specialised in geocomputational approaches to history, specifically using the programming language R. Jack is currently at the end of his second year as Historian-in-Residence for Leitrim County Council working with the Leitrim Library Service based in Ballinamore, county Leitrim.

## **BRIGADIER GENERAL TONY CUDMORE**

Brigadier General Tony Cudmore was commissioned into the Infantry Corps in 1983, following completion of his cadetship in the Military College. He was appointed General Officer Commanding 2 Brigade in August 2019.

Brigadier General Cudmore has held a range of Command appointments and has professional experience in both operational roles (including Commander Special Forces – Army Ranger Wing) and logistical roles (including Director of Joint Logistics) during his career. He has also filled a number of military educational appointments (including Commandant of the Military College). Brigadier General Cudmore has held roles within the Chief of Defence Division in Defence Forces Headquarters, including as Senior Staff Officer in the Strategic Planning Branch and as Military Assistant to the Chief of Defence. Brigadier General Cudmore has served abroad in both United Nations and NATO peacekeeping missions. In 2003 he led an Irish Special Operations Task Group to Liberia as a component of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL).

Brigadier General Cudmore holds a variety of academic qualifications including: MSc in Applied Governance, MA in Leadership, Management and Defence Studies, MA in International Relations, BA (Hons) Politics & Sociology, Post Graduate Diploma in Management Coaching, and a Post Graduate Certificate in Strategic Leadership. He has published a number of articles in the Defence Forces magazine An Cosantóir and also in the Defence Forces Review.

## **DR. DONAL HALL**

Dr. Donal Hall holds a PhD (2010) in history from Maynooth University. He has written and lectured extensively on the 1912-24 period as it effected Co Louth. His most recent writings include County Louth and the Irish revolution 1912-1923 (2017) (co-editor with Dr Martin Maguire); Louth - The Irish Revolution 1912-1923 (2019). Ardee and the Irish Revolution 1912-23 (2021). He is currently co-authoring with Dr Eoin Magennis, the Co Armagh volume of the Four Courts 'Revolution' series.

## **RONAN MCGREEVY**

Ronan McGreevy is a news reporter with The Irish Times. He is the author of the book *Wherever the Firing Line Extends: Ireland and the Western Front*. He is the editor of the Centenary, *Ireland remembers 1916* recalling the commemorations of 2016. He is also editor of *Was it for This? Reflections on the Easter Rising*, an anthology of commentary on the Easter Rising from the pages of The Irish Times. His latest book, *Great Hatred: The Assassination of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson MP*, is published by Faber & Faber.

## **DR PAT MCCARTHY**

Dr Pat McCarthy, a native of Waterford and long-time member of the Military History Society of Ireland. He holds a PhD and an MBA from UCD and worked for many years in the pharmaceutical manufacturing sector. He is the author of *The Irish Revolution 1912-23, Waterford and the 1916 rising, The Redmonds and Waterford, a political dynasty 1891-1952* and had published extensively in the *Irish Sword* and in other journals.

## **COMDT STEPHEN MACEOIN**

Comdt Stephen MacEoin joined the Army as an Officer Cadet in 1999. He was awarded a First in French and History from NUI, Galway (2006) and later an MA in Archives Management from UCD (2008). He was awarded a distinction on the 3rd Joint Command Course (2021) and an MA in Leadership, Management and Defence Studies (MU) where he received a prize for the best MA thesis. Alongside his military career, Commandant MacEoin has been actively involved in heritage and commemoration projects within the Defence Forces since 2007, most recently serving as Officer in Command (Director) of the Military Archives. A member of the Government's Expert Advisory Group on Commemorations and the National Archives Advisory Council, he has led the delivery of several key archival projects informing recent historiography, including notably the digitisation of the Bureau of Military History (1913-21) Collection. From 2015 to 2016, he was seconded to the Ireland 2016 team in the then Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht as the Defence Forces liaison officer, where he oversaw the Flags for Schools programme and heritage aspects of the 2016 Easter parade. He is a regular contributor to the TV and radio documentaries and has been a spokesperson on Defence Force heritage and commemoration matter for many years. Commandant MacEoin has served in a wide range of

command and staff appointments, including class officer of the 94th Cadet Class and A/Commanding Officer of the 3rd Infantry Battalion, the Army's oldest Unit. A fluent French speaker, he has completed four tours of duty overseas as a peacekeeper in Kosovo, Chad, Lebanon and the Congo respectively. He has also served in the École spéciale militaire de Saint-Cyr for one year as a guest instructor. Commandant MacEoin is currently Deputy Commanding Officer of the 3rd Infantry Battalion stationed in Kilkenny. He is married with four children.

### **SGT ROBERT DELANEY**

Sgt Robert Delaney is an Armament Artificer in the Army. He recently led a team working on the preservation/restoration of one of the original 18-pounders that was handed over to the National Army in 1922 by His Majesties Armed Forces as military aide. This Field Gun took part in the entire Civil War and was present at many key battles throughout the conflict. Sgt Delaney is currently studying for a MLitt (Maynooth) with his research focusing on the Quick Firing 18-Pounder Field Gun.

### **GERARD SHANNON**

Gerard Shannon is from Skerries in north Co. Dublin. In 2019 he completed an MA in History at DCU. His thesis looked at the role of Liam Lynch as the anti-Treaty IRA Chief of Staff during the Civil War. He is currently finishing a new biography of Liam Lynch, to be published by Merrion Press in 2022.

### **AARON Ó MAONIAGH**

Aaron Ó Maoniagh is a graduate of DCU and holds both a BA Hons and Professional Master of Education. He is currently employed by the Department of Education and teaches English and History at a post-primary school in Co. Dublin. Aaron has previously published and presented on the local experience of the Civil War, Irish Cultural Identity and the politics of sport during the Irish Revolution (1912-23).

### **DR PÁDRAIG ÓG Ó RUAIRC**

Dr Pádraig Óg Ó Ruairc is a native of Meelick, Co. Clare but now lives in Cork. He has a PhD from the University of Limerick and has published widely on the 1916 Rising, War of Independence and Civil War period. His most recent book *Truce - Murder, Myth and the Last Days of the Irish War of Independence* published in 2016 was based on his PhD thesis.

### **LT GEN SEÁN CLANCY**

Lt Gen Seán Clancy has 37 years' service in the Irish Defence Forces. He is the first Airman in the Irish State to serve as Chief of Staff, having previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) and General Officer Commanding Irish Air Corps and Director of Military Aviation. Lt Gen 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 is a qualified type and instrument-rating examiner, a qualified flight simulator instructor and he last held type, instrument and NVG ratings on the AW139. Lt Gen 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 holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Trinity College, Dublin and a Masters in Military Leadership and Defence Studies from the National University of Ireland, Maynooth. He is a graduate of the Defence Forces Command and Staff College where he was the recipient of the Lt Gen Tadhg O'Neill Award. In 2017 he completed a Diploma in Advanced Management Performance with Smurfit Business School. Lt Gen Seán Clancy is married to Caroline. They have three children and live in Dublin.

### **MICHAEL KEANE**

Michael Keane is a qualified archivist with over twenty years' experience. He worked as Archivist for Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council in the UK prior to his appointment as a Project Archivist with the Military Service (1916-1923) Pensions Collection (MSPC) in 2008. Since 2008, as well as processing and databasing duties, he has undertaken outreach and promotional activities for the MSPC.

## **LIZ GILLIS**

Liz Gillis is an author and historian from the Liberties. She is the author of six books about the Irish Revolution including *The Fall of Dublin* and *Women of the Irish Revolution*. Liz has worked as a researcher on numerous publications, television and radio documentaries covering the period. She is the Historian in Residence for South Dublin County Council for the Decade of Centenaries. Lis was a Historical Consultant for the new Custom House Visitor Centre and was and was a Curatorial Assistant for RTE, specialising in researching the Easter Rising and a tour guide for many years in Kilmainham Gaol. In 2018 Liz was a recipient of the Lord Mayor's Award for her contribution to history.

## **DR. EVE MORRISON**

Dr. Eve Morrison is an Irish historian specialising in the revolutionary period (1916–23) and its social and cultural memory. Both her doctoral research on the Bureau of Military History (Trinity College Dublin) and a postdoctoral fellowship on the Ernie O'Malley notebook interviews (University College Dublin) were funded by the Irish Research Council. From 2018 to 2021, she was Canon Murray Fellow in Irish History at St Catherine's College, University of Oxford.

## **LISA DOLAN**

Lisa Dolan is Head of Readers' services, Education and Outreach and has worked in the Military Archives since 2008. She has a BA in Classics from UCD and a Masters in Archives and Records Management (UCD). Lisa's main responsibilities focus on the Military Archives interactions with the public and has also a special responsibility for managing the volunteers that kindly give up their time to list records.

## **DR. THOMÁS MAC CONMARA**

Dr. Thomás Mac Conmara is an award winning oral historian and author from Co. Clare. In 2016 he was commended by the President of Ireland, Mr Michael D. Higgins, as one of seven recipients who have made outstanding contributions to culture over the last 100 years for a Comhaltas Forógra na Cásca Centenary Award.

## **COMDT DANIEL AYIOTIS**

Comdt Daniel Ayiotis is Officer in Command (Director) of the Military Archives.

## **DR. PÁDRAIG Ó CAOIMH**

Dr. Pádraig Ó Caoimh has an MA and PhD in Irish political history and has been a regular book reviewer for the Irish Examiner.

