

Author biographies:

Martin Fransen is a Danish independent researcher in military history. He has an MA in History with a minor in English from the University of Copenhagen and is a former employee at the Royal Danish Defense College's Centre of Military History. He has also been a part-time lecturer at the Royal Danish Defence College's Institute for Languages and Cultures. His primary research interests lie in the field of American soldiers' conduct on the battlefield in the wars of the 20th century. To date he has published research articles about elitism and group identity among American paratroopers in the Second World War, American soldiers and the killing of German POWs on the Western front during that war, and on recruitment advertising and enlistment motivation in the United States Army during the War Against Terror.

Joseph Glesson is a professional soldier with 28 years service at home and abroad. He is a graduate of Maynooth University with a Masters in Military History and Strategic Studies (2014) and a second Masters in Leadership Management and Defence Studies (2023). He further graduated from the University of Leicester with a Masters in Intelligence and Security Studies where he earned the award for best thesis (2020).

Ger Hynes was commissioned as a pilot officer in the Irish Air Corps in 2007. Currently a Commandant (OF-3) he has served in a number of command and staff appointments in the Air Corps as well as Defence Forces Headquarters. He has a BSc in Management & Aviation from DIT and recently completed a Masters in Leadership, Management and Defence Studies from Maynooth University. He is currently serving as a Squadron Commander in Heli Wing of the Irish Air Corps.

Ronan Kavanagh has over 21 years' service with the Irish Defence Forces. Commissioned into the Artillery Corps, he transferred to the Corps of Engineers in 2009 following completion of a B.Eng (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering in NUI Galway. He has held multiple appointments at unit and Defence Forces Headquarters level, most recently as Chief Instructor of the School of Military Engineering in the Defence Forces Training Centre, where he was responsible for the management and delivery of engineer training, from basic combat engineering, up to Masters level officer education. He has completed multiple international military courses, including the Royal Engineer Troop Commanders course in the UK and was attached to the Austrian Armed Forces to train OSCE observers for service in Ukraine. He has served overseas with the United Nations in Lebanon and Syria at platoon command, battalion staff and Force Headquarters level. He was awarded the title of Chartered Engineer with Engineers Ireland in 2019 and completed the Joint Command and Staff Course in 2023 in the Command and Staff School, Military College.

Angela McGinn is a lecturer at the Centre for Military History and Strategic Studies and the Department of Adult Education at Maynooth University, and the Military College of the Irish Defence Forces. Angela holds an MSc. in Social and Organisational Psychology from University College Dublin, an MEd. in Adult Education from the University of Sheffield and a PhD in Management from the University of Bath. Her research interests lie the intersections of narrative and discursive identity studies, gender and history.

Rose-Anna White. Lt Col Rose-Anna White is currently Head of the United Nations Training School Ireland (UNTSI), The Military College. She is an Army Officer with over 23 years' experience and has served in a variety of command and staff appointments throughout her career at unit and Defence Forces HQ level. This includes her recent appointment as an Instructor in the Command and Staff School, The Military College where she led the International Defence in Context module of the MA in Leadership, Management & Defence Studies (LMDS) in partnership with Maynooth University. She has deployed overseas on five tours of duty to Kosovo, Chad, and Lebanon experiencing EU, NATO / PfP and UN missions. Lt Col White's experience is underpinned by a strong academic track record, including a Postgraduate Diploma in Conflict and Dispute Resolution Studies and a MSc in Digital Marketing Practice. She is a graduate of the 5th Joint Command and Staff Course where she was awarded an MA in Leadership, Management and Defence Studies from Maynooth University in 2023.

Please note that the views expressed in this edition are those of the authors alone and should not be taken to represent the views of Maynooth University, the Irish Defence Forces, the Command and Staff School or any other group or organisation.