

## NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

**Brigadier General David Dignam** is a serving officer in the Irish Defence Forces with over 41 years' experience. An infantry officer by training, he has held a wide range of command and staff appointments throughout the Defence Forces and overseas. He has also served in Defence Forces HQ in Strategic Planning Branch and both the Operations and Intelligence Branches. Latterly he has served as School Commandant the Infantry School and Commandant the Military College. He is currently serving as General Officer Commanding, The Defence Forces Training Centre in the Curragh, Co Kildare.

**Commandant Conor Gorey** is from Limerick and joined the Irish Defence Forces in 1999, being Commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 2001. He has served in a wide range of appointments at home and overseas including UN, EUFOR and NATO missions across the Middle East, Africa and the Balkans. He was the Class Officer for the 93rd Cadet Class in the Military College. A graduate of the University of Limerick, National University of Ireland Maynooth and University College Dublin, Commandant Gorey's academic qualifications include a degree in Physical Education and an MA in Leadership, Management and Defence Studies. He was a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Command and Staff Course in 2019.

**Lt Col Colin Lawlor** is an Infantry Officer with over 26 years of service in the Defence Forces. He has served in various command, staff and training appointments throughout the Defence Forces, including as an instructor at the Military College's Infantry School, and Command and Staff School. His current appointment is OIC 'A' Admin based in Defence Forces Headquarters Human Resources Branch. His overseas postings include tours of duty with the United Nations and NATO in the Middle East, the Balkans, and Africa. He holds a BSc(Hons) from the National University of Ireland, Galway, an MA in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education from IT Carlow, and an MA in Leadership, Management and Defence Studies from Maynooth University. He is currently a doctoral candidate in Higher Education at the University of Sheffield.

**Lt Col Niall McCorry** joined the Irish Defence Forces as a member of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Cadet Class in 1996 and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1998. He has held a variety of appointments at unit and HQ level and has extensive overseas experience with the UN and EU, having been deployed to Ethiopia and Eritrea, Liberia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad, Western Sahara, and on two occasions to Lebanon. He holds a BA in History, Sociological and Political Studies from the National University of Ireland, Galway, and an MA in Leadership, Management and Defence Studies from Maynooth University.

**Lieutenant Commander Elaine Moloney** has 21 years military service with the Irish Defence Forces. She is a Marine Engineering Officer in the Irish Naval Service, who has filled various appointments both afloat and ashore. Elaine holds a BE(Hons) in Mechanical Engineering from NUI Galway, a MEngSc in Pharmaceutical and Biopharmaceutical Engineering from UCC and a MA in Leadership, Management and Defence Studies from Maynooth University.

**Lieutenant Commander Anthony O'Regan** is an officer in the Irish Naval Service with 27 years' service. He served as Officer Commanding L.E. Ciara from 2016-2018 before serving in

Operation Sophia, Fleet Headquarters 2018-2019 . His specialization as a Clearance Diver has seen him involved in some of Ireland's prolific maritime SAR operations. He is a graduate of the Defence Forces Command and Staff School and holds a Master of Arts in Leadership, Management and Defence Studies from Maynooth University and also Diploma in Sports Psychology.

**Colonel Ronald Ti** transferred from the Australian Army to the Army Reserve in 2020. He is currently a Lecturer in Joint Operations at the Baltic Defence College in Tartu, Estonia and a PhD candidate in the Department of War Studies, King's College London. Colonel Ti's PhD thesis focuses on military medical logistic resilience assessment methodologies within NATO.