

NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

Commandant David Farragher is an infantry officer with over twenty-eight years of service having enlisted in the Defence Forces in 1994 and commissioned in 2000. He currently holds the appointment of senior staff officer at the Director of Military Police Office in Defence Forces Headquarters. He has held numerous staff and operational appointments, both at home and while deployed overseas on twelve occasions. Comdt Farragher completed the MA in Leadership, Management and defence Studies from Maynooth University in 2022.

Captain Séan McGourty is an infantry officer in the Irish Army and was commissioned in 2013 to A Coy, 6th Inf Bn, Athlone. Capt McGourty worked as a staff officer in the Human Resources Management Branch of the Defence Forces prior to completing the 4th Land Command and Staff Course in November 2022. Capt McGourty is currently undertaking a MSc in Public Policy with Dublin City University.

Peter Kelly is a retired engineer and a recent graduate of the Military History and Strategic Studies MA program at Maynooth. He spent much of his career in the European petrochemical and plastics industries during which period he was involved in a major project on the Leuna site. He is also a graduate of UCD (B Eng), University College London (MSc) and London Business School (MBA).

Commandant Maeve O'Grady has over twenty years experience as an officer in the Irish Defence Forces. She is currently serving in the Air Corps and has held appointments in human resources and logistics. She served previously in the Army as an Infantry officer in appointments at home and overseas. Comdt O' Grady holds a degree in Law and European Studies, a Masters Degree in Leadership, Management, Defence and Strategic Studies, and a Barrister at Law Degree.

Commandant John Tynan was commissioned into the Cavalry Corps of the Irish Army in 2002. He has completed a BSc in Science from the University of Galway and an MA in Leadership, Management and Defence Studies from Maynooth University in 2022. Comdt Tynan has served in a number of command and staff appointments and most recently held the appointment of Officer Commanding 1st Armoured Cavalry Squadron in the Defence Forces Training Centre