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Commissioning Ceremony Of the 58th Cadet Class

Naval Base, Haulbowline

Presentation of Commissions by

Minster of State at the Department of the Taoiseach

and the Department of Defence

Friday, 3rd July 2020

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COIMISIÚNÚ

Tá an tSeribhis Chablaigh, atá Ionraithe ar Inis Sionnach I gCuan Chorcaí, ina bhall de Fórsaí Chosanta na hÉireann. Tá na Daltaí tar éis dhá bhliain a chaitheamh faoi stiúir oifigigh ón Choláiste Chablaigh agus séard atá sa searmanas inniú ná bronnadh na gcomisiúin agus commoradh go bhfuil an staíd seo bainte amach acu ar an ród seo rompu.



The Naval Service, which is based on Haulbowline in Cork Harbour, is the maritime component of the Irish Defence Forces. The Cadets have spent two years under the guidance of Naval College officials and the Commissioning ceremony is the award of the Commissions and a declaration that they have reached this stage ahead of them.

FÁILTE

On behalf of all the personnel of the Naval Service, I wish to extend a warm welcome to the Minister for Defence. on the occasion of this Commissioning Ceremony.

I welcome all elected representatives.

I wish to extend a sincere welcome to the Chief of Staff, Vice Admiral Mark Mellett, members of the General Staff and to all other military and civic dignitaries present.

I also welcome the family and friends of the 58th Cadet Class to the Naval Base on this memorable day.

Michael Malone
Commodore
Flag Officer Commanding Naval Service



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THE NAVAL COLLEGE STAFF FOR THE 58TH CADET CLASS WERE:

Officer Commanding &
Commandant Naval College

CDR Darragh Kirwan

OIC Officer Training School:

LT CDR Alan O Regan

Class Officer

LT Paul Kavanagh

NCO I/C Cadet Training

CPO Damien Murphy

Class NCO

L/S Jason Browne

THE 58TH CADET CLASS:

It was on the 10th of September 2018 when the 58th Cadet Class were inducted into the Irish Naval Service and began their training in the Officer Training School. In the first two weeks, the 58th Cadet Class were introduced to the Naval Service by spending time on board LÉ William Butler Yeats before moving to the Cadet School at the Military College in the Curragh Camp, Kildare. Here, the Cadets were trained as infantry soldiers, focusing on drill, marksmanship, military discipline, fitness and land navigation. At Christmas 2018, the 58th Cadet Class moved back to Haulbowline to begin Phase 2 of their Training.

Phase 2 of training commenced in January 2019 with a busy schedule ahead. This ‘Marinisation’ phase ran from January to May with the Cadets studying navigation while also completing a range of courses such as:

- Engineering
- Communications
- Fisheries
- Gunnery

This phase also saw the 58th Cadet Class take part in LÉ James Joyce’s 2 week patrol to London as part of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. The Royal Navy also hosted the 58th Cadet Class on their P2000 class vessel for a week of Navigation Training in Dublin Bay.

Phase 2 concluded with exams in General Navigation, Chartwork, Rules of the Road, Leadership and Communications.

THE 58TH CADET CLASS:

The 58th Cadet Class then travelled to Lourdes for the annual tradition of the International Military Pilgrimage.

On returning from Lourdes, Phase 3 saw the 58th Cadet Class prepare to go to sea. After a patrol on LÉ George Bernard Shaw, including fisheries boarding's and fleet exercises, the Cadet's took part in Sea Week 2019 in Cork City.

Phase 3 continued with the Cadet's being split among LÉ James Joyce for an additional 4 week patrol and to the US Naval Academy for a 4 week Navigation course and patrol.

Phase 4 commenced in September with the 58th Cadet Class studying in the National Maritime College of Ireland (NMCI) in Ringaskiddy. Studying alongside civilian students, the Cadets learned various maritime subjects such as astro-navigation, seamanship, maths, science and stability. Even though the Cadets were studying in NMCI their duties as Naval Cadets were not forgotten, especially during PLX (Personal Leadership Exercise). This was a four day ground exercise in all things leadership and robustness.

Everyday in college, the Cadets also trained and practiced their pilotage skills with their Class Officer LT Paul Kavanagh in the simulators, with the target of becoming competent enough to navigate a ship for the first time.

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the day to day routine of the Cadet Class. The Cadets were required to do a number of their lectures and exams in a remote location. The Cadets navigated LÉ Eithne to Cork City in support of the HSE in the fight against COVID-19.

After 22 months of training, the 58th Cadet Class will take the next step in their careers.

THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY:

The Commissioning Ceremony is the formal presentation to the Cadet Class of their Commissions from an tUachtarain upon completion of their training as Cadets. It marks their graduation to the officer body of the Service.

The Commission is the direction from the President and Commander in Chief to exercise and train in arms and maintain in good order and discipline the men and women serving under them. The Commissioning scroll presented by the Minster appointing each new officer, is signed by An tUachtarain on behalf of the state, and also by An Taoiseach on behalf of the Government.

TIMELINE & OUTLINE OF CEREMONY:

1115 – Chief of Staff arrives at Naval Base

1130 – Guard of Honour Falls in

1145 – All Guests to be seated

1150 – Minister for Defence arrives and inspects Guard of Honour

1200 – Commissioning Ceremony Commences

The Commissioning Ceremony then begins with the marching on Parade of the National and Naval Service Colours. The Colour party takes up its position facing the Cadet to be commissioned. The Officer administering the Oath calls each Cadet by name. The Cadets will then march forward to the Colours where the Oath is administered. The Cadets are invested with their rank markings and receive their swords from serving officers.

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Individually, each cadet will march forward to the Minister for Defence, and be presented with their commission as an officer in the Naval Service.

The newly commissioned officers now hand their commission to the Master at Arms, the highest ranking Non-commissioned officer of the Service, from whom they in return receive their first salute as an officer.

The Association of Retired Commissioned Officers (ARCO) will then present the Perpetual Trophy to the Best Overall Cadet. On completion of the presentation, the National and Naval Service colours are marched off parade.

The officer guard of honour will then exchange compliments with the newly commissioned officers. This represents the formal welcome from the officer body of the Naval Service to their new comrades.

The Minister for Defence will then address the parade. The National Anthem will then be played, after which the Minister for Defence will leave the Parade ground.

The Parade Commander will dismiss the parade and the ceremony will be complete.

You will be asked to stand where it is appropriate, i.e. at the arrival of the Minister for Defence, marching on/off of the National and Naval Colours and the playing of the National Anthem.

PARADE FORMATION:

LT KAVANAGH



BRIAN
BARRINS



PATRICK
BIGGAR



CHRISTOPHER
NEWMAN



STEPHEN
SMYTH



CADET PROFILES:



BRIAN BARRINS

Brian is the youngest in his family, born and raised in Galway by parents, Patrick and Sandra. Mark, the middle brother in the family is also a Naval Officer. Having studied Business Information Systems in NUIG, Brian went on to work as a Cyber Security Analyst with Accenture before joining the Navy. In his spare time, Brian competed in Hockey and Triathlon while also being an avid outdoorsman. Brian most enjoyed his trip to the US Naval Academy and a patrol of the East coast of the US with their Navy.



PATRICK BIGGAR

Patrick is the eldest in his family, born and raised in Blackrock, Co. Dublin by his parent's Kathleen and Stuart. Patrick graduated from Maynooth University with a Business Degree in 2016. Subsequently he worked in the start-up world, working with the high-end custom bike manufacturer FiftyOne Bikes in Dublin and Enterprise Ireland previous to that. He worked briefly in accounting before finally pursuing his dream career as a Naval Officer. Patrick is an avid cyclist and skier, having competed around the country in cycling and spent time in France skiing and learning the language. Patrick's favourite moment of the Cadetship was taking part in Navigation training with the Royal Navy P2000's in Dublin.

CADET PROFILES:



CHRISTOPHER NEWMAN

Christopher is the eldest of three sons to Ciarán and Hilary, and was raised in Malahide Co. Dublin. Christopher initially studied History and Archaeology in UCD before pursuing a Professional Masters in Education and subsequently a career in post-primary as a History and Geography teacher. Always interested in water sports, notably rowing, in which he competed at a National level, and kayaking, where he volunteered for many years as an instructor for Malahide Sea Scouts. This coupled with an interest in military history led him to seek a career in the Navy. Christopher's favourite moments of the Cadetship were PLX and sailing LÉ Eithne into Cork City during the recent COVID-19 support effort.



STEPHEN SMYTH

Stephen is the eldest in his family, born in Co Mayo to his parents Gary and Breda, he attended St Gerald's College Castlebar. Growing up on the family's adventure centre, he spent most of his summers on the water. This led to his love for the sea and further led him to become a beach lifeguard with Mayo County Council and an instructor with Water Safety Ireland where he volunteered to teach water safety. Stephen's other interests include athletics where he has competed in cross country and track events throughout Ireland. He decided to pursue a career in the Naval Service because of the family tradition in the military with his father serving as a Commandant in the Army Reserve and his love for the sea. Stephen's favourite part of the Cadetship was the annual Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes and being part of the St Patrick's day parade in London.

FORM OF OATH:

I, _____ do solemnly swear (or declare), that I will be faithful to Ireland and loyal to the constitution and while I am an Officer of the Permanent Defence Forces, I will obey all lawful orders issued to me by my Superior Officers and will not join or be a member of, or subscribe to any political organisation, or society, or any secret society whatsoever.



FOIRM AN MHIONNA:

Mionnaímse (nó dearbhaímse), _____ go solamánta go mbead dílis d'Eirinn, agus tairiseach don Bhunrecht agus, faid a bhead im oifigeah de na Buan-Óglaigh, go gcomhlíonfad gach ordú dleathach a bhéarfás m'oifigigh uachtaracha dhom, agus nach gceanglóid le haon eagraíocht, nó cumann polaitíochta, ná le haon chumann rúnda ar bith, ná nach mbead im chomhalta den chéanna ná nach dtaobhód leis an gcéanna.

A NAVY DELIVERING SERVICES:

The Naval Service is the State's principal sea going agency and an integral part of Óglaigh na hÉireann/The Defence Forces. The Service operates jointly with the Army and Air Corps.

To exercise and uphold our State's sovereignty and obligations, the Naval Service patrols Ireland's 220 million maritime acres which is an area 12 times larger than the island of Ireland.

The Naval Service keeps Ireland open for business as 99% of trade, on to and off our island nation, is transported by sea. Naval ships carry a unique status under international law as an expression of State sovereignty and political will at sea and are critical enablers for furthering policy objectives at home and in the international maritime domain.

The Government's requirement for a flexible force with an appropriate level of retained capability means in effect that the Naval Service, in addition to meeting defence requirements, can deliver a wide range of services at and from the sea. The enduring characteristics of Naval vessels such as sovereign status, poise, political utility, versatility, self-sustainability, long reach, and rapid response facilitate a variety of roles including inter alia:

- **Maritime Presence**
- **Crisis response**
- **Fishery Protection**
- **Drug Interdiction**
- **Diving Operations**
- **Search and Rescue/Recovery**
- **Maritime Interdiction Operation**
- **Support to Trade and Diplomacy**
- **Humanitarian Support & assistance**
- **Non-combatant operations**
- **Weather Reporting**
- **Fire Fighting**
- **Pollution Control/Towing**
- **General Maritime Support**

Naval Service Rank Markings & Insignia

The chart displays the following rank markings and insignia:

- Officer Rank Markings (Hats):** Commodore, Captain & Commander, Officer & Chaplain, Female Officer, Cadet.
- Officer Rank Markings (Shoulder Boards):** Commodore, Captain, Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Lieutenant, Sub Lieutenant, Ensign.
- Officer Rank Markings (Caps):** Commodore, Captain, Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Lieutenant, Sub Lieutenant, Ensign, Cadet.
- Warrant Officer** (Hats)
- Senior Chief Petty Officer & Chief Petty Officer** (Hats)
- Senior Petty Officer & Petty Officer** (Hats)
- Buttons:** Button Officer, Chaplain, Button Non-Commissioned Officer.
- Shoulder Boards:** Warrant Officer (With appropriate Branch Insignia), Senior Chief Petty Officer, Chief Petty Officer, Senior Petty Officer, Petty Officer, Leading Seaman.
- Other Markings:** Cúltaca (Naval Reserve), Seaman (with appropriate badge), Working Dress Beret (All Ranks) (with appropriate badge for Officers or other ranks).
- Collars:** Able Seaman, Blue Jean Collar, Ordinary Seaman.
- Branch Insignia:** Engineer Branch, Executive Branch, Diver's Specialist Badge, Communications Branch, Administrative Branch.

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