

RACO Biennial Delegate Conference:

Kilkenny, 27/28th November 2007

Lt Col Mick Baston, RACO President.



Col Brian O'Keeffe, Gen Secretary, RACO.



Lt Gen Dermot Earley, Chief of Staff.

The RACO Biennial Delegate Conference was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 27th and 28th November 2007, in the Lyrath Estate Hotel in Kilkenny. The conference was addressed on the Tuesday by the RACO General Secretary, Colonel Brian O'Keeffe and President, Lieutenant Colonel Mick Baston, as well as by the Minister for Defence, Mr Willie O'Dea TD, and the Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Dermot Earley. The recently appointed Military Judge, Colonel Tony McCourt gave an overview to delegates and guests of the new military justice system including its enabling legislation, the Defence (Amendment) Act 2007.

On Tuesday evening the Association hosted a banquet for invited guests, delegates and observers. Conference resumed on Wednesday morning and business included debate and voting on a variety of motions as well as briefing of delegates on a number of significant topical issues.

The following are a selection of both business and social images from Conference.

Addresses and speeches from conference are available for download, in PDF format, from the Association website, www.raco.ie.

Left to Right: Lt Col Paul Allen, Mr Maurice Quinn, DOD, and Comdt John O' Keeffe.



Left to Right: Lt Col Kevin Byrne and Lt Cdr Martin Brett.



Minister for Defence, Mr. Willie O'Dea TD.



Left to Right: Capt John O'Brien, Lt Luke Foley and Lt Shane Courtney.



Left to Right: Lt (NS) Brian Matthews, Lt Cdr Cathal Power, Lt Cdr Noel Lacey and Cdr Liam Doyle.



Left to Right: Comdt Martin Nolan, Senator Maurice Cummins and Cllr Tom Maher.



Left to Right: Paulyn Marrinan Quinn, Defence Forces Ombudsman and Col (Retd) Joe O' Sullivan.



Left to Right: Lt Gen Earley, COS, Minister for Defence, Willie O'Dea, TD, Mr Michael Howard, Sec Gen, DOD.



Left to Right: Col Brian O'Keeffe, Minister Willie O'Dea and Mr Michael Howard.



Left to Right: Lt Gen Dermot Earley, Col Brian O'Keeffe and Mr. Michael Howard.