

# Defence Forces News

Before SIGNAL went to press, Major General Jim Sreenan and Colonel Dermot Earley were promoted to Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff respectively.

## Major General Jim Sreenan

59-years-old Major General Jim Sreenan is being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General and will take up his new role as Chief of Staff on February 21 when he will replace Lt Gen Colm Mangan. Maj Gen Sreenan will replace Lt Gen Colm Mangan.

Maj Gen Sreenan was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1963 and has served in a number of different posts since then while rising up the ranks. He has been Deputy Chief of Staff Support since February 2000. Where he has responsibility for overseeing the equipment procurement programme of the Defence Forces Reorganisation and Implementation Plan.

He has also served overseas, most recently as Deputy Force Commander to the



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United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) from 1999 to 2000.

He served as Battalion Commander to the 76th Infantry Battalion UNIFIL in 1994 and also with the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organisation (UNTSO) in the Golan in 1975. He also served with the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) in 1967 and again in 1989.

He has also completed an international course in Laws of Armed Conflict in Italy. He is a graduate of the Staff College in Camberly in Britain and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in history and politics. He is married and lives in Naas, County Kildare.

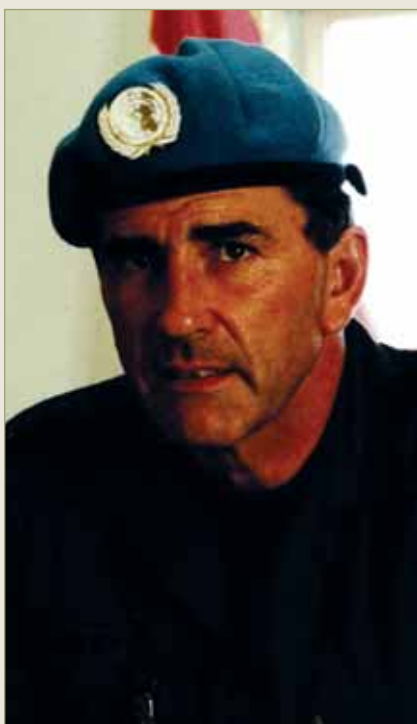
## Colonel Dermot Earley

Colonel Dermot Earley, was commissioned in 1967 and is currently the Director of Personnel at Defence Forces Headquarters. He was nominated for promotion and will take up his appointment as Deputy Chief of

Staff (Support) on February 21st in the rank of Major General. Colonel Earley served overseas with the 81st Battalion UNIFIL in the Lebanon in 1997. He also served as Military Advisor to the Secretary General of the United Nations in New York from 1987 to 1991.

He is a graduate of the Royal College of Defence Studies in London and holds a Masters Degree in Peace Studies from the University of Limerick. Colonel Earley is a former Captain of the Roscommon Senior County Football Team and is well known in GAA circles, he is currently chairman of Sarsfields GFC in Newbridge, Co. Kildare. Colonel Earley and his wife Mary have six children and live in Newbridge.

The Association would like to congratulate both and wishes them every success during their term of office. RACO looks forward to working with both in order to meet the challenges meeting the Defence Forces.



Colonel Dermot Earley