

The Next Generation:

79TH CADET CLASS COMMISSIONING

The former Minister for Defence, Mr. Michael Smith T.D. and the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces, Lieutenant General Jim Sreenan attended the commissioning ceremony of the 79th Cadet Class at the Military College, Defence Forces Training Centre, Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare on July 6th. The 46 members of the class, including 7 females, and representing seventeen counties, commenced training in October 2002. They completed 21 months of intensive training and were commissioned as Second Lieutenants, 44 to the Army and 2 to the Defence Forces Equestrian School. Cadet Paul Amoroso (23) from Ballyboden in Dublin received the ARCO Sword, presented to the Cadet who achieves first place in the class. Cadet Peter Kelleher (24) from Douglas in Cork previously served in the 1st Field Artillery, Regiment, Cork, and served with the United Nations Interim Force In Lebanon (UNIFIL) in 2001. The 79th Cadet Class recently played an important role in the flag raising ceremony during the accession of the ten new member states to the European Union on May 1st 2004.



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Guard of Honour from 80th CC



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Gavin Egerton from Cork, receiving Rank Markings



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Ready for
Conferring,
the 79th
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Winner of the ARCO perpetual
sword, An Claoímh Gaiscíochta,
Paul Amoroso



Alan Bermingham from Cork (right)
and Classmates

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Col Dominic Timpson, Commandant of the Military College and Brig Gen Pat O'Sullivan, General Officer Commanding, Defence Forces Training Centre.

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Melissa Hogan from Youghal, Co. Cork



The 79th celebrating at the end of ceremony

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