

***Message from Tánaiste and Minister of Defence, Micheál Martin,  
on the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Military History  
Society of Ireland.***

As Tánaiste and Minister for Defence, it gives me great pleasure to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Military History Society of Ireland.

Having been both a student and teacher of history, I have immense respect for the important work your society does.

Our Defence Forces have always been a foundation of our democratic republic. Over more than a century, they have both drawn on tradition and forged new ones.

Since 1949, the Military History Society of Ireland has passionately promoted the study of our proud military history. It has grown into a community of enthusiasts from Ireland and abroad, with members from our Defence Forces to academia and beyond.

While the Defence Forces undergoes necessary transformation required to appropriately reflect the modern values of our state, it is also important to retain and cherish very many noble traditions associated with the organisation over the last 100 years. History, and your society, plays an important role in this.

I commend the Military History Society of Ireland for the detailed way in which you have chronicled the course of our rich history.

*Michael Martin*