

Message from President, MHSI

The Military History Society of Ireland celebrates in 2024 the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the Society in 1949. Each year since that date the Society has provided a focal point for the study of warfare in Ireland and Irish People in War. The Society works closely with Military Archives in Cathal Brugha Barracks in the conduct of research and the hosting of conferences. With the support of the Minister for Defence and the Department of Defence the Society represents Ireland on the International Commission for Military History.

It is a great privilege, as the current President of the Society, to record our appreciation to those courageous individuals who established the Society in 1949. The Society has proven itself as a means of bringing together the wide range of perspectives on Irish Military History which in turn have enabled reflection, remembrance and learning in a collegiate and respectful way.

The work of the Society would not continue without the selfless dedication of the Members of Council who provide the Annual Programme of Lectures, Tours and Conferences in addition to the Society flagship journal *The Irish Sword*. I thank all members of Council, past and present, for their service to the Society and especially on their resilience and innovation during the COVID 19 Pandemic - when remote access to lectures was facilitated.

The Society has been aligned with scholarship since its foundation and we are fortunate to have both University College Dublin and Griffith College as partners. Their continuing support provides an essential foundation for the activities of the Society.

Our Patron the President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins sends his good wishes for the success of our celebrations this year, and I would like to add my thanks and best wishes to all our Members and Guests for their support and engagement.

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