



**Colonel Michael BEARY**

### **Education**

Colonel Beary received his early education at Patrician College, Ballyfin, County Laois and completed a B.Sc Degree in University College, Galway. He is a graduate of the Smurfit Business School, University College, Dublin and holds a Master of Business Studies in Organisational Studies. Colonel Beary is a graduate of the Irish Defence Forces Command and Staff School and a 2009 graduate of the National War College, Defence University, Washington D.C. from which he holds a Master of Science degree in National Security studies.

### **Professional Experience**

**Home Service:** Colonel Beary was appointed an officer of the Infantry Corps in 1975. In the course of his career he has filled a variety of command and staff appointments in the Eastern Brigade, the Defence Forces Training Centre and Defence Forces Headquarters. These appointments included Commanding Officer of the Eastern Brigade Training Centre and key operations, training and intelligence appointments in Defence Forces Headquarters. He has served as a Senior Instructor of the Command and Staff School, Military College and on promotion to the rank of Colonel in March 2009 was appointed Director of Defence Forces Training with responsibility for education and training policy, the development of doctrine and liaison with external education and training agencies.

**Overseas Service:** Colonel Beary has a wide range of overseas experience. He has served on three deployments in South Lebanon with UNIFIL, including appointments as Company Commander and Staff Officer in UNIFIL HQ Operations Branch.

He has served with the UN in Kuwait and Baghdad as part of the UNIKOM mission, and in Bosnia & Herzegovina with UNPROFOR.

In 2003, he completed a four-month tour of duty in HQ ISAF in Afghanistan.

In September 2004, he was seconded to the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, where he served for three years in the EU Military Staff Intelligence Division, providing intelligence planning expertise and assessments for EU military operations and civilian missions.