



Cumann na nIAR-Oifigeach Coimisiúnta

Association of Retired Commissioned Officers

Camaraderie Through Service

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Brigadier-General Colm Campbell (Retd)

Chairman

Board of Directors ONE

Colm,

On the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of Óglaigh Náisiúnta na hÉireann, the Association of Retired Commissioned Officers salutes the initiative, foresight, and determination of all those Defence Forces Veterans involved in the establishment of ONE on 10 March, 1951.

Over the last seven decades, the ONE organisation has expanded to 37 Branches throughout Ireland. ONE's services have made a significant contribution to the well-being, needs and interests of retired personnel of Óglaigh na hÉireann, especially those who are experiencing challenging circumstances.

In recent years, ONE did not rest on its well-earned laurels, but successfully expanded its impressive facilities and admirable capabilities, reaching out to all Defence Forces Veterans and their families, providing critical support, comradeship, advocacy and remembrance.

Now accommodating 35 residents, Brú na bhFiann has paved the way for much needed residences for homeless Veterans. Such facilities are now available in Athlone and Letterkenny. Likewise, through its many Veteran Support Centres, ONE's Welfare Officers are providing a variety of services and access to resources.

Accordingly, all members of ARCO heartily congratulate ONE on reaching its Platinum Anniversary. The Association applauds the valuable work conducted by ONE, acknowledges the mutual support between ONE, IUNVA and ARCO, and looks forward to working with them towards advancing the aspirations of Defence Forces Veterans in the short to medium term.

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Paul

Brigadier-General Paul Pakenham (Retd)

President