

Irish Military Seminar 9-11 June, 2017

9-11 June, Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.



FRIDAY

15.15 - 17.30 Congo - An Irish Affair (FILM) - a special screening

17.45 p.m. Reception in foyer of Riverbank.

Opening of the Seminar by **Mayor of Co. Kildare, Cllr. Ivan Keatley.**

Book launch by **Brig. General Joe Mulligan, GOC, Curragh - War Memoirs of Lieut. Col. Clements, M.C.,** compiled and edited by James Durney and Hugh Crawford

18.30 - 19.15 p.m. Thomas Ashe - A life given for Ireland (the 100th anniversary of his death) - Maurice O'Keeffe and Dr. Helene O'Keeffe, Irish Life and Lore (Oral History Projects)

19.30 p.m. - 20.30 p.m. Blue Caps and Bulls Wool - The Congo and beyond! Declan Power, Dan Harvey and Maurice O'Keeffe.

SATURDAY

8.45 a.m. - 9.15 a.m. Registration Tea & Coffee

9.20 - 9.25 a.m. Opening Remarks - Wesley Bourke and Conor Graham

9.25 a.m. - 10.10 a.m. The Sea was Red with Irish Blood! - Gallipoli 1915 - Lar Joye

10.10 a.m. - 10.55 a.m. The Fenian Rising - Bloodlines! - Helen Litton

10.55 - 11.25 a.m. Break Tea/Coffee

11.30 - 12.15 p.m. A very uncivil affair! War in Dublin 1922-1923 - John Dorney

12.15 - 13.00 p.m. Michael Kelly Lawler, American Civil War General - Wesley Bourke

13.00 - 13.55 p.m. LUNCH (at own expense)

14.00 - 14.45 p.m. Full Metal Shamrocks - Irishmen and the Vietnam War - James Durney and guest(s)

14.50 p.m. - 15.35 p.m. A Belfast Jacobin - Samuel Neilson and 1798 Rebellion - Kenneth Dawson

15.35 p.m. - 15.50 p.m. Refresher Break

15.55 p.m. - 16.40 p.m. Luftwaffe Eagles over Ireland - Justin Horgan

16.40 p.m. - 17.00 p.m. Close of Seminar Q and A

SATURDAY

11 a.m. - 18.00 p.m. McKenna Gallery Riverbank, **Weapons Display and workshop -** Irish Military Vehicles Group

SUNDAY

FIELD TRIP TO THE RATH OF MULLAGHMAST with the Co. Kildare Federation of Local History Groups

10.00 a.m. Bus departs Newbridge

Massacre at Mullaghmast - A Game of Thrones! - a note by Mario Corrigan and James Durney

The lost Medieval Village - Noel Dunne, Archaeologist

Performance - Griese Youth Theatre

12.30 p.m. Refreshments at Burtown House

14.00 p.m. Arrive back in Newbridge

Free Admission (minimal cost for field trip): **booking essential:** boxoffice@riverbank.ie/045 448327

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