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Dennis J. Mulligan



President's Message

Worthy Hibernian Brothers

I would like to start this month's letter with a "Happy Veterans Day" to all of our Veteran members. November 11, 2025 is a day that has come and gone, but let us still make it a point to say "Thank You" to all our Veteran brothers for their service. This fall season is the time for our division to vote on our slate of officers for 2026, as listed next:

Voting Position

President	Dennis Mulligan
Vice President	Kevin Purcell
Treasurer	John Frampton
Financial Sec.	Larry Kelly
Recording Sec.	Mike Norton
Sentinel	Jim Dunn
Marshall	Sonny Dorish
StandingComm.	Mike Wanamaker

Non-Voting

Current Office

Chair FFAI	Matt Dullaghan
Editor	Dan Harrington
Veteran Affairs	Larry Kelly
Past President	Jack Simila
Committee	

Also, we will discuss our Christmas Dinner coming up on Sunday, December 14, 2025 to be held at O'Toole's at 800 Forest Hill Ave, Richmond; VA. I also hope we have another big showing for this dinner. hope everyone enjoys Thanksgiving Day with your Family!!!

Thank You,
President Dennis J. Mulligan

In addition: Please click below for additional info on ordering Irish attire similar to what Dennis wears to Division meetings.

[13Stitches](#)

Business Meetings

Regular Monthly Business Meetings are held at 7 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month. No meetings are held during July and August.

Meetings are held at:
St. Joseph's Church
828 Buford Road
Richmond, VA 23235

Our next regular Division Meeting is November 13, 2025.

Socials at O'Toole's Restaurant & Pub, 13919 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian, VA 23114 on the fourth Thursday of each month starting at 5PM.

2025 Richmond Highland Games

Brothers:

Please be aware that the Richmond Highland Games will not be held this year.

[Additional Info Here](#)

A Bit of Irish History

Ireland is a most notable nation of literary giants in the fields of novel-ists, poets, composers and historians. The editor has included but a few ex-amples for your pleasure today.

Padraic Colum "An Old Wom- an Of The Roads"

*O, TO have a little house!
To own the hearth and stool
and all!
The heaped-up sods upon the
fire,
The pile of turf against the
wall!*

Seamus Heaney "The Railway Children"

*We were small and thought we
knew nothing
Worth knowing. We thought
words travelled the wires
In the shiny pouches of
raindrops,
Each one seeded full with the
light
Of the sky, the gleam of the
lines, and ourselves
So infinitesimally scaled*

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'Soldier F' Found Not Guilty

A former British army paratrooper known as "Soldier F" was found not guilty Thursday of seven counts of murder and attempted murder resulting from the slaughter on Bloody Sunday in Derry.

There were cries of "shame" in the Belfast court-room as the verdict was delivered.

"Soldier F" was in court though hidden behind a curtain. If he did not see the reaction of family members of the slain he certainly heard it.

According to a report in the Irish News, families of those cut down by Parachute Regiment soldiers in 1972 packed the public gallery of court 12 as the historic case reached its crushing conclusion.

"Those who lost loved ones, perhaps took some solace as they listened to Judge Patrick Lynch spend two hours delivering his verdict in which he said 'those responsible should hang their heads in shame.'

"He said troops had 'lost all sense of military discipline' as they shot unarmed civilians 'in the back...as they were fleeing from them, on the streets of a British city.'

"But the reality of his final conclusion must have dawned on those who waited to see if Soldier F would finally be held to account for the two murders and five attempted murders he was accused of, when the judge said the evidence fell 'well short' of what was required for a conviction.

Soldier F did not testify in his own defense. He has asserted that he has no clear recollection of what happened on Bloody Sunday when 13 unarmed civilians were gunned down by members of the Parachute Regiment. A 14th victim died later.

After the verdict a statement on behalf of the family of William McKinney, one of the victims, was released by Madden/Finucane Solicitors.

In it, Mickey McKinney, brother of William McKinney said: "Today marks the end of the prosecution of Soldier F for the murder and attempted murder of

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*We could stream through the eye of a
needle.*

Patrick Pearse "The Wayfarer"

*The beauty of the world hath made
me sad,
This beauty that will pass;
Sometimes my heart hath shaken with
great joy
To see a leaping squirrel in a tree,
Or a red lady-bird upon a stalk,
Or little rabbits in a field at evening,*

Patrick Kavanagh "On Raglan Road"

*On Raglan Road on an autumn day I
met her first and knew
That her dark hair would weave a
snare that I might one day rue;
I saw the danger, yet I walked along
the enchanted way,
And I said, let grief be a fallen leaf at
the dawning of the day.*

W.B. Yeats "The Lake Isle of Innis- free"

*I will arise and go now,
for always night and day
I hear lake water lapping
with low sounds by the
shore;
While I stand on the
roadway, or on the pave-
ments grey,
I hear it in the deep
heart's core.*



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ligan's name when you want to get
information or to place an order!*

Prayer List

Brother Dan Harrington: Being treated monthly for Lukemia, CKD, etc. Recovering from a heart catheterization, followed a week later by a Pace-maker implant.

Brother Frank King: moved to Bickford Assisted Living and is on dialysis three times a week

Brother Ray Olson: and wife Loraine

Brother Mike McGee's son-in-law: Undergoing surgery this month for advanced bladder cancer.

Brother Sonny Dorish: Sonny has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Let us all pray for him and his wife and family in this time.

Brother Jim Gallagher's Wife Bernadette, battling breast cancer.

Brothers, if you know more Division members or family members needing prayers, please notify the Newsletter Editor at (804)938-8238

Recent In Memorium

Christine Norton Spouse of Mike Norton

Helen Brennan Spouse of Rick Brennan-

Brother Charles Mulherin

Michael Manning-Nephew of Dan Harrington

Brother Ray Olson

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the innocents on Bloody Sunday.

"The families and wounded and our supporters leave this courthouse with an incredible sense of pride in our achievements.

"Soldier F has been discharged from the defendant's criminal dock, but it is one million miles away from being an honourable discharge.

"Unlike his victims, there has been no declaration of Soldier F's innocence.

"Soldier F created 2 young widows on Bloody Sunday and he orphaned 12 children. And he deprived dozens of siblings of a loving brother.

"The Bloody Sunday families do not lay the blame for today's decision with the trial judge.

"The blame lies firmly: With the British state; With the RUC who failed to investigate the murders on Bloody Sunday properly, or indeed at all; and With the British Army who shielded and enabled its soldiers to continue to murder with impunity, and immunity, and also with the office of the then Director of Public Prosecutions who, with a nod and a wink, complicitly signed off on decisions not to prosecute in 1972 without even raising an eyebrow.

"Most importantly however, responsibility lies with the thugs of Frank Kitson's private army, the 1st Battalion of the Parachute Regiment who opened fire, and those who directed and protected them.

[Ref. Irish Echo](#)

IN MEMORIUM

JOYCE, SPOUSE OF BROTHER DANIEL HARRINGTON

IRENE, SPOUSE OF BROTHER MICHAEL MCGEE

BROTHER JAMES CALPIN

GLENDIA, SPOUSE OF BROTHER FRANK KING

BROTHER WILLIAM MURPHY

BROTHER GEORGE RODENBERG AND SPOUSE

BROTHER MICHAEL DOUGHERTY

BROTHER ROBERT CAVANAUGH

CHRISTINE, SPOUSE OF MIKE NORTON

HELEN, SPOUSE OF BROTHER RICK BRENNAN

BROTHER CHARLES MULHERIN

MICHAEL MANNING, NEPHEW OF BROTHER DAN HARRINGTON

BROTHER RAY OLSON



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2013	Frank King
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2015	Conor Shiel
2016	Matthew Dullaghan
2017	Matthew Dullaghan
2018	Matthew Dullaghan
2019	Jack Simila
2020	Jack Simila
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2022	Matthew Dullaghan
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