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New faces

Major Robert SCHUTZ - Military Public Information Officer



Major Robert SCHUTZ joined the Slovak Armed Forces in September 1986 as a student at the Military Secondary School in Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia. He then attended the Military Academy in the same town, graduating in 1995 before being commissioned into the Surface to Air Missiles Brigade in Garrison Roznava, Slovakia. He then changed the course of his career, joining the Slovak Military Police in 1996. After completing four years of uniformed service, Major Schutz transferred to the Special Investigations Branch. Following a number of appointments in various garrisons, most recently as a DCO at the Military Police Training Centre, he joined the General Staff of the Slovak Armed Forces at the J7 Training and Exercise Branch in 2016. Major Schutz’s career has seen him serve in Slovakia, Afghanistan and Cyprus, where he first served as Deputy Provost Marshal from 2008 to 2009. Among many other medals, he was awarded the US Commendation Medal for his distinguished service as Provost Marshal at the Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in 2013. Major Schutz is happily divorced and has two children – Robert (17) and Katarina (11) – who live in eastern Slovakia. He is keen on spending time at the range, where he can indulge his love of the outdoors with IPSC shooting. A fiercely loyal but chronically frustrated supporter of Slovak hockey, he also enjoys practicing martial arts (jiu-jitsu, aikido and kendo) and reading historical novels.

SECTOR - 1

Lt Col Diego Ignacio Berra – Deputy C0 Sector 1



Lt Col Diego BERRA was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 28 April 1970. He graduated from the Army Academy in December 1991 as a Cavalry Officer. In 1994, he was deployed in Croatia, taking part in UNPROFOR as a Mechanized Platoon Commander. In 2000, he successfully completed the Armor Captains Career Course in the US, and served at the 1-8 Cav, 2nd Brigade, 1st Cav Div in Fort Hood, Texas, for 3 months. He is a Staff Officer who graduated from both the Superior Army War School and Superior Joint War School in Argentina. He also is a Staff Officer graduate of the Brazilian Army War School (ECEME), gaining a Doctorate in Military Sciences. Lt Col Berra is married to Karina Elizabeth, who, along with her son Dante Cesar, 15, accompanied him to Cyprus for this deployment.

Captain Alejandro Rodrigo Ciri – Chief U2 INFO Sector 1



Captain Alejandro Rodrigo CIRI was born in Gualaguaychú, Argentina, in 1980. He joined the Argentinian Navy in 2000, graduating from the Navy Academy as a Midshipman in December 2004. He received his specialty in Communications in 2007. He also graduated as an Intelligence Officer in 2014, and as an Electronic Warfare Officer in 2015. He was appointed to various Marine Units as Section Commander, Chief of Company and Operations Officer. This is his third deployment with UNFICYP - he was in Cyprus in 2009 and 2012 - and his fourth experience as a blue helmet, having served with MINUSTAH in 2006. Currently, he is serving as Deputy Commanding Officer of the Signal Battalion No. 1 at the “Puerto Belgrano” Naval Base. Captain Ciri is married to Cecilia Inés, with whom he has a daughter, Alma Lucía (2).

Lt Col Pedro Andrés Figueira Tibiletti – Chief U3 OPS Sector 1



Lt Col Pedro Andrés Figueira TIBILETTI joined the Argentinian Army in 1991, graduating from the Military College as an infantry officer in December 1994. He received his specialty in Mountain Warfare in 1996 and Parachute and Commando in 1998. He was assigned to a number of Army units as Section Commander, Operations Officer, Deputy Commander Officer and Infantry School Military Professor. From 2010 to 2012, he attended the Army War College, and then the Joint War College from 2013 to 2014. He then served as a professor at the Peruvian Army War College. Currently, he is an Operations Officer in the Special Operation Force Group. Lt Col Tibiletti is married to Gloria.

Major Alejandro Daniel Nesci – Chief MOLO Team Sector 1



Major Alejandro Daniel NESCI joined the Military Navy Academy in 1997 and graduated in December 2001 as a Midshipman. On completion of his first grade, he entered Officer School and obtained a degree in Naval Propulsion Systems. As a member of the Corps Command, he carried out tasks as Chief of Engines in different Naval Units, including Supply Ship A.R.A. “CIUDAD DE ROSARIO”, and warships A.R.A “INDOMITA”, A.R.A. “GRANVILLE” and “A.R.A “GUERRICO”. He also carried out tasks as Chief of Logistics of the Maritime Patrol Division. His first experience with the United Nations was in 2013 in MINUSTAH, where he performed tasks as a safety officer. Major Nesci is married to Patricia Soledad, and they have two children Estefania (9) and Franco (7).

SECTOR - 2

Major Joanne Moseley RLC - SCAMLO Sector 1



Major Joanne MOSELEY was born in 1977 in Cornwall. She attended the Army Sixth Form College and then commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 1999. Maj Moseley has served with 2 Close Support Regiment RLC, 13 Air Assault Support Regiment RLC, 4 General Support Regiment RLC, 23 Pioneer Regiment RLC and 3 (UK) Division. During this time, she has had a varying career and undertook roles including Fuel & Transport Troop Commander, Radio Troop Commander, Regimental Signals Officer, HQ Squadron 2IC, Postal & Courier Squadron 2IC, Adjutant and SO3 G1/G4. She has a wide range of operational experience and has deployed on tours to Bosnia, Kosovo and Iraq. On the last tour Maj Moseley ran the postal service for the 15,000 British troops based in Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman. Maj Moseley retired from the Regular Army in July 2007 taking up the role of Adidas Sports Marketing Executive where she managed all kit provision for Team GB, the London Marathon, Team Sky, British Cycling and British Triathlon. In November 2013 she commenced a Royal Mail Senior Talent Entry Programme for MBA Graduates. In 2015 Maj Moseley returned to uniform; joining the Army Reserve. She is due to take command of a Task Squadron in 167 Catering Support Regiment RLC on return from Cyprus. Maj Moseley is a keen hockey player and has represented both the Army and UK Armed Forces. She also enjoys walking her black Labrador in the Lake District.

Major John Landy - Chief MOLO Sector 2



Major John LANDY was born in 1969 in the large town of Blackburn, which lies North West of the Pennine Moors on the southern edge of the Ribble Valley. On leaving school in Darwen, Maj Landy had only one focus, and that was to join the British Army. At the age of 18, he joined the Royal Corps of Transport; his first unit was in Duisburg, Germany. Within the first three months of his military service, he found himself on his first operational tour to West Belfast, Northern Ireland. Since then, Maj Landy has had significant operational experience throughout his military career, serving on all of the UK's primary deployments, including most recently Iraq and Afghanistan. Maj Landy completed a full career as a soldier finishing as WO1 (RSM) 13 Air Assault Regt RLC within 16 Air Assault Bde. Upon receiving his commission, he was posted to 17 Port & Maritime Regt RLC, where he served on Op HERRICK 13 and Op TOSCA (Cyprus). Major Landy has just completed a very challenging 3 year post as Quartermaster 7 Regt RLC. Prior to deployment on OP TOSCA, he was selected to command OC HQ Coy on his return to the UK. Maj Landy is married to Claire and they have two children aged 17 and 13 years old, both currently studying at boarding school in Oakham, Rutland. Maj Landy is an endurance sportsman and a very keen cyclist, regularly competing on the Army Road Race series; he has attained various prizes in and out of his age categories.

Captain James David Smale RLC MA (Hons) - MOLO Sector 2



Captain SMALE was born and educated in Scotland; at the University of Dundee he studied Politics and completed a dissertation studying "the Cyprus Problem." He commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst into the Royal Logistic Corps in April 2010. Troop Command for Captain Smale was with 19 Tank Transporter Squadron (The Carmen's). During his first Captain's appointment he deployed to Afghanistan, spending the majority of his tour overseeing targeting and influence activities for both 40 Commando RM and 1st Bn Scots Guards in Gereshk and the Upper Gereshk Valley respectively. On return to the UK, he was assigned to 23 Pioneer Regt RLC, then in the process of disbanding under the Army 2020 plan. During his two years with the Pioneers, he filled the roles of both Sqn Ops and Admin Officer whilst also finding time to deploy on exercises in Scotland, Germany, Cyprus and Singapore. Captain Smale continued to clock up the air miles when deploying as SO3 Requirements in the Falkland Islands, over-seeing every new requirement in the South Atlantic, ranging from flagpoles to a 100 million pound, 40 percent share in an international airfield. On return from the South Atlantic, after a short stint in HQ Army, Captain Smale was selected for his current role as the 7 Regiment RLC Operations Officer. Captain Smale is married to Alison and they have two children; Florence (5), and Lachlan (2). Outside of work he enjoys playing rugby union, distance running and

mountaineering. He is also a passionate Tottenham Hotspur supporter, an unfortunate trait passed on to him by his North London born Father.

Captain A C Wilczynski (Chinny) - National Guard MOLO Sector 2



Capt WILCZYNSKI was born in Manchester, and attended St Bede's College before studying Geography and Geology at Manchester University. In 2008, Capt Wilczynski began training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (RMAS). On Commissioning from RMAS into the Royal Logistic Corps (RLC), he completed the Troop Commanders Course before taking up his first appointment in Germany with 7 Regt RLC. During this post, he deployed to Cyprus on Op TOSCA as a Platoon Commander in the Mobile Force Reserve. On returning to the UK, Capt Wilczynski completed the Air Dispatch course and took up a Troop Commanders post within 47 Air Dispatch Squadron. In 2013, he deployed to Afghanistan on Op HERRICK 17 as 50 Sqn 2IC, 29 Regt RLC. In 2014, he was assigned to the Deference School of Transport, taking up Sqn 2IC of the Military Support Squadron. During this post, he completed a four-month deployment as the Visits and Media Officer in British Army Training Unit in Kenya. In 2015, Capt Wilczynski then deployed to the Falkland Islands as SO3 Media Operations for 6 Months. In 2016, he returned to 7 Regt RLC as the Regimental Signals Officer. Outside of work, Capt Wilczynski's hobbies include flying, having gained a Private Pilot's License and Gliding License. He also enjoys participating in all sports and making the most of the outdoors mainly skiing, trekking and horse riding. A fluent Polish speaker, he also thrives on travel and has so far visited more than 50 Countries on 6 Continents.

Major Vladimír Smolej - Senior Operations Officer Sector 4



Major Vladimír SMOLEJ was born in Svidník, Slovakia, on 13 September 1977. He completed his higher military education in the Military Academy in 2001, when he graduated in the field of military economy specialization. He was then commissioned to the Military Air Base in Prešov, where he served till 2010 in various staff positions. His most recent appointment was within the Air Force Command of the Slovak Armed Forces, where he fulfilled the special duties of comprehensive financial support for respective military units. Maj Smolej has attended several specialized military trainings dedicated to marksmanship throughout his career. Back at home, he is an instructor for shooting training with short and long rifles. This is Maj Smolej’s second deployment with UNFICYP; he previously served as a Military Observer Liaison Officer in 2013-2014. In his current deployment, he serves as Senior Operational Officer with UNFICYP Sector 4 in Famagusta. He is excited to have another opportunity to use his valuable military experience to serve under the blue flag. Maj Smolej is married and has one daughter and one son.

CPT Gábor Gyula Polonyi - OPS Assistant Officer Sector 4



Captain Gábor Gyula POLONYI was born on 11th February 1982 in Budapest, Hungary. He joined the Miklós Zrínyi National Defence University Engineering Faculty in 2000, completing his studies as an engineer for vehicles in 2004. In 2005, he finished a Military Car Accident Inspector course. In 2014 he took the Staff Officers course at the Faculty of Military Sciences and Officer Training, part of the National University of Public Service. He served in various positions within the Hungarian Defence Forces as a Platoon Commander and Company 2IC. Back at home, his current position is Company Commander. During his studies at the National Defence University, he was the editor of the student news magazine. Captain Polonyi enjoys reading, running and hiking. This is his first deployment abroad, and he looks forward to embracing the challenges ahead.

Lt Col Viktor Masliuk - MOLO Team Leader Sector 4



Lt Col Viktor MASLIUK was born on 13th October 1977 in the Ukraine’s Zhytomir region. He graduated from the National Defence University, Lviv Polytechnic, with a Masters in Law in 1999. In 2011, he completed his studies at the Joint Services Command and Staff College in the United Kingdom. He has served in various positions within the Armed Forces of Ukraine, General Staff and the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine, primarily as a member of the legal corps of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. He was deployed with UNMIL in Liberia in 2014-2015, serving as a legal advisor and liaison officer to Ukrainian Aviation Unit. He is married and has two sons.

Captain Bojan Pljelajčić - Platoon Leader Sector 4



Captain Bojan PLJELAJ ČIĆ graduated from Serbia’s Military Academy of the Air Force and Air Defence in 2002. His military education was extended in 2009, when he accomplished postgraduate studies in the field of security. Back at home, he served as a Platoon Leader, Company Commander and Human Resources Specialist at Battalion and Brigade level. His last position prior to his UNFICYP deployment was Deputy Battalion Commander. In UNFICYP, he serves as Platoon Leader of Serbian Platoon deployed in the Pyla plateau and Troulli plane within Sector 4. Cpt Pljelajčić is married with one daughter.

Private First Class Martina Molnárová - Logistician Specialist Sector 4



Private first class Martina MOLNÁROVÁ is one of five women in the March 2017 Slovak rotation. She grew up in a mountainous area in the north of the Slovak Republic. She completed her basic military training and education in 2004, following which she served as a signaller and in various positions within the Slovak Armed Forces at Battalion and Brigade level. This is her first UN peacekeeping deployment; she is serving as a logistician specialist at Sector 4 HQ, Camp General Štefanik. She is a decorated officer, having earned an award as the best serving soldier within her Brigade in 2013. She is excited to be serving in Cyprus, and she considers it to be another important challenge in her military career.



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