



Regimental Sergeant Major Keith Caffrey,
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Regimental Sergeant Major Keith Caffrey is the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of Staff of Óglaigh na hÉireann (Defence Forces Ireland). RSM Caffrey was chosen to be the first holder of this appointment by Chief of Staff on 12 April 2019, and remains in the post to date.

He has thirty years' service, much of it served in 2 Cavalry Squadron where in 1994 he commenced his career as a Trooper and rose to be the Senior NCO within the Unit. RSM Caffrey also served as Senior NCO, 2 ISTAR Company, European Union Battlegroup. RSM Caffrey was also the Cavalry Corps RSM, and senior NCO Instructor in the Cavalry School, Military College. RSM Caffrey held those appointments upon promotion from April 2014 until February 2022.

For near on three decades has been a leader in the Irish Defence Forces, contributing to ensure personnel reach and maintain the highest standards of Operational Readiness, whilst living and displaying the Defence Forces Values.

In addition to commendation from the Force Commander for service with the United Nations Interim Force Lebanon (2015). RSM Caffrey served in UNIFIL Lebanon (1996, 1998, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018), UNMIL Liberia (2004), ISAF Afghanistan (2008), KFOR Kosovo (2010).

RSM Caffrey has undergone various leadership courses in the Defence Forces Military College, and holds a diploma in Military Studies & Leadership. He has also attended third level institutes, and received a diploma in Change Management from University College Dublin, and a certificate in Crisis Response to Humanitarian Disaster from Harvard online University. RSM Caffrey has also been a student on various leadership courses conducted in the NATO School, Oberammergau, Germany and Command Senior Enlisted Course at the Baltic Defence College, Tartu, Estonia.

He is a former member of the Presidential Motorcycle Escort of Honour. He enjoys running, motorcycling and fitness. He is married to Nicola and has three children Nathan, Aaron and Jamie.