001  **MERCIAN 10th ANNIVERSARY DINNER – 1 SEPTEMBER 2017**

The Mercian Regiment will be holding a celebratory dinner in Lichfield Cathedral to mark the 10th Anniversary of its formation and all members of the Regiment and its antecedents are invited to attend. Full details can be found [here](#). Owing to the limited number of tickets, it is requested that anyone wishing to attend, complete the Ticket Request Form, and return it to the email address given at the earliest opportunity.

**Date** – Friday 1st September  
**Venue** – Lichfield Cathedral  
**Dress** – Black Tie with miniature medals for men and equivalent for ladies (yes, this is a function with partners if people wish to attend with their ‘other half’!)  
**Cost** - £65 per ticket  

**Timings:**  
1830 – arrival, pre-dinner drinks reception  
1930 – 4 course dinner, drums display and 4 Mercian Band (quartet) to provide incidental music during dinner  
2230 – carriages  

**Contact** – Phone 01543 434359, Email INFHQ-KINGS-MERC-GROUPMAILBOX@mod.uk
WORCESTER BRANCH WFRA SOCIAL EVENING - 25 AUGUST 2017

Worcester Branch in conjunction with Worcester City Royal British Legion and Worcester Veterans Breakfast Club have combined together to hold a Social Evening starting at 1900 hours on Friday 25 August 2017. It is to be held at Barbourne Ex Services Club, The Moors, Worcester WR1 3ED. Entry is £2.50 and hot pork/beef rolls £2.00. Music will be provided by a band called ‘The Outcasts’ and there will be a raffle on the night with any monies being made to be split between the three organisations and allotted to good causes.

“As it appens” Jethro the comedian from the South West Country has been asked if he can pop in and say hello as he is performing at the Swan Theatre next door, so there is the possibility of the chance to say hello to him.

CENTENARY OF DANCOX VC - 21 OCTOBER 2017

The event to mark the centenary of Dancox VC is to take place on Saturday 21 October 2017 in Worcester. The parade will set off from the Cathedral at 1100 hours and finish at Dancox House where a plaque will be unveiled.

The Mercian Regiment Museum (Worcestershire) are organising a dinner on the evening of Saturday 21 October 2017. Those wishing to attend, or to obtain further details are requested to contact John or Pam at museummercian@btconnect.com

2 MERCIAN UPDATE

2 MERCIAN have deployed two Companies (Coy) and a small HQ to Northern Iraq on Op SHADER for 6 months. Based in Erbil, B (Malta) Coy will deliver infantry training to the Kurdish security forces; and based out of Taji and Besmaya, C (Kohima) Coy will deliver Counter Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED), engineer and medical training to the Iraqi Security Forces. In July, A (Grenadier) Coy deployed for 6 months, under the command of 32 Engineer Regiment, to South Sudan as part of the United Nations mission there. Their task will mainly involve force protection, but they will also assist the engineers with construction activity. Fire Support (Dragon) Coy will deploy to the Falklands from Aug to Nov 17, to be the Roulement Infantry Company.
Everyone will be back in Chester by the end of January 2018, and will then focus on training up for a Battlegroup exercise in Kenya in May and June 2018, before preparing for the Arms Plot to Episkopi, Cyprus over the summer. The arms plot to Cyprus is a unique opportunity that has come about as a result of the MERCIAN regiment now being part of the Kings Division alongside the Lancashire Regiment and Yorkshire Regiment.

2 MERCIAN will be conducting a home coming parade towards the end of February 2018, to celebrate the Regiment’s 10th birthday as well as bid a fond farewell to Chester as they prepare to move to Cyprus.

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for Executive Committee