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### **Mercian Regimental Association**

**Introduction.** The MRA is an association for all ex Mercian Veterans and antecedent regiment veterans. The association will be the network that will enable you as an individual to maintain links with your Mercian colleagues through your transition and in years to come. The MRA will look to organise events annually as will your local branch to ensure the Mercian ethos and veterans of the regiment are upheld to a high standard over the long-term.

#### **The Mercian Regimental Association objectives are:**

- a. To promote the proficiency of the Mercian Regiment by:
  - (1) Maintaining contact and building network links between past and present members of the Regiment and the Antecedent Regiments.
  - (2) Fostering mutual friendships between all members and providing social (and commemorative) gatherings for them.
- b. Keeping alive the esprit de corps of the regiment by promoting comradeship among its members, especially after they have transitioned to civilian life by supporting regimental events which incorporate antecedent association events.
- c. Supporting and promoting regimental traditions and preserving those of our Antecedent regiments where appropriate.
- d. To identify and assist members of the association and their families who are in circumstances of need, hardship or distress with a view to arranging regimental benevolence or charitable financial support from other such organisations as may be appropriate.

#### **There are three categories of MRA membership:**

- a. General Membership. Any serving or past member of the Regiment or Antecedent Regiments who qualified as a soldier or as an officer and is a member of a recognised MRA Branch is a general member and shall receive a membership card. General Members shall pay a levy to their branch in order to support Branch and MRA activities.
- b. Honorary Membership. Branch committees can vote to give an individual honorary status as a means of acknowledging that individuals loyal service or an instances of extremely generous commitment of finance or time.
- c. Associate Membership. Associate Membership of the MRA will be reserved for any person who was an associate member of one of the Antecedent associations. Any person who served or are serving with other Arms or Services outside The Mercian Regiment. Any war widow or NOK of an MRA member or serving MERCIAN. An associate member will pay the branch levy but cannot serve as a branch committee member.

**Summary.** The MRA will ensure the veterans of the Mercian Regiment are well looked after, have a network they can lean on in times of strife and ensure that the Mercian Regiment continues to thrive. The MRA will be a core aspect of Mercian veterans care, the association will look to run annual events to enable individuals to maintain close links across the nation. We will always Stand Firm and Strike Hard!

President: Colonel of the Regiment - Brig (Retd) AP Williams OBE

Chairman: Lt Col (Retd) D Bridges

Secretary: Regimental Adjutant – Capt D Maddock

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Capt  
MRA Secretary



**MRA Branch Membership Form: (Please post this form to RHQ MERCIAN C/O Regt Adjt)**

*'Branches may be established anywhere the MRA committee believes demand justifies their establishment. Branches will be autonomous but are to operate within MRA Rules. New Branches are to be approved by the MRA Committee.'*

I (name) \_\_\_\_\_ propose that an MRA Branch is formed in the location below:

Location (broad geographical town) : \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch live from date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (Normally your first branch meeting)

In order to form an MRA branch you must have at least three people willing to take on the three key committee roles, these roles are below please nominate the individuals who will take on each role. These individuals must be general members of the MRA.

Please note direction from MRA rules on branch management:

*'Branches are to form committees which shall each have a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and as many other members as deemed necessary by the individual Branch.'*

Chairman: Name:

Contact email:

Contact Phone number:

MRA membership number:

Secretary: Name:

Contact email:

Contact Phone number:

MRA membership number:

Treasurer: Name:

Contact email:

Contact Phone number:

MRA membership number:

- We the Branch Committee members agree to:
  - Follow the MRA rules.
  - To pay the annual levy per member to the MRA committee.
  - To apply rule 15 of the MRA rules to its fullest within our branch.

Signatures:

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_