

1. **The Rifles Association.** All Riflemen who have served in The Rifles since 2007 are members of The Rifles Association. The Rifles plan to hold their first 'Large Gathering' this year on Sat 22 Jul 17. It will be held at Allianz Park, the home of Saracens Rugby near Hendon, London. Members from the Associations of forming regiments are also invited to the event and are particularly welcome. For this first year there is no entrance fee requirement. As a consequence cost is limited to transport to and from the event plus whatever each individual may decide to purchase on the day, such as food and drink. RHQ RIFLES will publish the event and its supporting programme in due course. In the meantime some Branches may wish to explore the possibility of hiring a coach, on Sat 22 Jul, to get members to and from the event.

2. **Bi-ennial Awards Dinner.** The Rifles will hold their Bi-ennial Awards Dinner at The Guildhall, London on the evening of 8 November 2017. Attendance is by invitation and will include a cross section of personnel representing the five Pillars of the Regiment and its Governance. Points to note are:

- The event will be run along the lines of an Awards Evening with a reception and dinner.
- Awards include: the Best Shots Regular and Reserves; Colonel-in-Chief's/Colonel Commandant's/Assistant Colonel Commandant's Buglers; the Rigby Award (for the corporal scoring highest on the corporal to serjeant promotion board); and the Colonel Commandant's Award for Innovation and the Colonel-in-Chief's Commendations.
- The awards will cover the winners from both 2016 and 2017.
- Included within the allocation of tables will be: one ten man table for the LI Association (need volunteer representatives from Somerset & Bristol); and one ten man table for the RGBW Association (need volunteer representation from Gloucestershire (including Somerset Branch) and Bristol.
- The Rifles Command Serjeant Major will be the MC for the event.
- The Band and Bugles of The Rifles have been booked and will provide a bugle section and Quintet to play during dinner.

Attendees will be expected to pay their way getting to and from the dinner. You will not be expected to pay for the dinner itself. Those interested in attending are asked to pass their names to Mrs Debbie Hards (aotaunton@the-rifles.co.uk || 01823 333434). There can be no guarantee of attendance but should you wish to express an interest you will clearly be borne in mind as and when planning and organisation is taken forward and prior to invitations being sent out.