

Corps of RCEME
Ex BLUEBELL 23
Apr 23

References: A. [RCEME Intranet Page \(Home\)](#) D. <https://rcemecorpsgemrc.ca/events/bluebell/>
B. [RCEME Website \(Home\)](#)
C. [DRCEME Award Call Letter 27 Feb 23](#)

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1. SITUATION

General

The dispersion of RCEME members causes unique challenges with respect to the application of consistent Land Equipment Management System (LEMS) policy and practises to sustain domestic and deployed operations. Exercise BLUEBELL strongly reinforces LEMS consistency through the sharing of ideas from all environments and from the holistic LEMS family to empower LEMS effectiveness.

2. MISSION

The Corps of RCEME will conduct a decentralized hybrid Exercise BLUEBELL 2023 (Ex BB 23) from 9 May to 29 June 2023 addressing RCEME audiences employed across Canada to provide operational guidance and technical updates.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

- (1) Intention. To provide all members of the Corps relevant, timely and synchronized operational guidance and technical updates. I will also communicate with RCEME personnel in Army Reserve units, Light Aid Detachments, and retirees creating an informed network across the Corps family.
- (2) Scheme of Manoeuvre:
 - (a) Phase 1: Planning and Preparation. (Now – 9 May 23) This phase includes venue and travel booking, agenda finalization, presentation preparations, and preparing and distributing Equipment and LEMS briefs;
 - (b) Phase 2: Execution. (10 May – 29 Jun 23). Decentralized regional activities will be conducted physically when possible.
 - (c) Phase 3: AAR. (30 Jun 23 – 28 Jul 23) Feedback, after-action review points will be consolidated and sent to the event OPI.
- (3) Main effort. Supporting the positive evolution of LEMS, and RCEME culture.
- (4) End State. Will be achieved when all RCEME members have access to the information they require to understand the direction the Corps of RCEME is taking.

b. Groupings and Tasks

- (1) Corps Secretariat:
 - (a) Consolidate Ex BB 23 PowerPoint Equipment and LEMS Briefs and publish them.
 - (b) Publish joining instructions to virtual events.
 - (c) Coordinate travel for DRCEME, Corps SM, and other accompanying members; and
 - (d) Gather and consolidate feedback.
- (2) Senior Regional Representatives:
 - (a) Submit RCEME Coin of Excellence nominations at least 10 workdays before local Ex BB 23 visit (ref B);
 - (b) Provide names of regional Ex BB OPIs to SO RCEME NLT COB 28 Apr 2023;
 - (c) Prepare and distribute regional Ex BB instructions, inviting local RCEME Reserve members;
 - (d) If broadcasting local Ex BB activities on MS Teams (encouraged) or through other virtual means inform Corps staff at DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca.
 - (e) Invite Corps members to review the presentations posted at reference D, using the password [REDACTED]. Presentations available after 9 May 23.

4. SERVICE AND SUPPORT

a. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Timings:
 - (a) 9 May 23. Presentations available at ref D.
 - (b) 11 May 23. Ex BB visit to NCR;
 - (c) 17 May 23. Ex BB visit to Petawawa;
 - (d) 23 May 23. EX BB Reserve Virtual brief;
 - (e) 25 May 23. Ex BB visit to Borden;
 - (f) 30 May 23. Townhall in Halifax;
 - (g) 31 May 23. Townhall in Greenwood;
 - (h) 01 Jun 23. Ex BB visit to Gagetown;
 - (i) 07 Jun 23. Townhall in Montreal;
 - (j) 08 Jun 23. Ex BB visit to Valcartier;
 - (k) 26-29 Jun 23. Ex BB visit to Shilo, Winnipeg, Wainwright and Edmonton.
- (2) Presenters. Presenters will include DRCEME, Corps SM, and other corps staff as available.
- (3) Regional Ex BB 23 setup requirements. Annex A.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNALS

- a. Virtual events. Corps Staff will distribute joining instructions for Reserve virtual events.
- b. Ex BB 23 POC. Capt Chris McDonald,
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Annex A - Regional Ex BB 23 Instructions.

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REGIONAL EX BB 23 INSTRUCTIONS

1. General. The success of the regional visits conducted during Ex BB are contingent on a clear delineation of duties between the Corps of RCEME and the respective regions. The Corps of RCEME is responsible to confirm calendar dates, and all administration related to the travel of the Corps leadership. The regions are responsible for ensuring there is an appropriate space available, inviting local RCEME members to attend, developing a schedule for local events, and coordinating any other related activities.
2. Corps Staff Presenters. Presenters will include D RCEME, Corps SM, and other Corps staff as available. The Corps of RCEME is responsible for all travel arrangements and costs for these members.
3. Virtual Events:
 - a. Logins and follow-on IT instructions to be distributed by the Corps Secretariat for Reserve event; and
 - b. If regional events have a virtual component SO RCEME must be notified and provided joining instructions.
4. RCEME Coin of Excellence. Submit RCEME Coin of Excellence nominations at least 10 workdays before local Ex BB 23 visits. If accepted, they will be presented during each region's respective Ex BB visit. The local OPI will confirm with Corps Staff at least 5 workdays before the event if any members to be presented a coin are unable to attend. Should a recipient be unable to attend, an alternate presentation will be arranged between the Corps Secretariat and Senior Regional Rep.
5. DRCEME Regional and National Award Presentations. These presentations will be delivered during each region's respective Ex BB visit. The local OPI will confirm with Corps Staff at least 5 workdays before the event if any members to be presented an award are unable to attend. Should a recipient be unable to attend, an alternate presentation will be arranged between the Corps Secretariat and Senior Regional Rep.
6. Additional Activities. To maximize attendance and reduce unit downtime, regions are encouraged to organize additional activities such as mess dinners or RCEME Day events around regional BB activities. Coordinating details for such events should be included in the regional BB instructions. SO RCEME must be informed about local events and changes.
7. Venues. Regions are responsible for booking all venues. The main venue must facilitate PowerPoint and MS Teams presentations to a large audience. The Corps will deliver some of the Tech Topics virtually through MS Teams.
8. Dress. The host region should set the state of dress for the event. When possible, combats are the preferred state of dress for Corps leadership, presenters, and members receiving awards. Regions are to confirm state of dress with SO RCEME at least 10 days before the event.
9. Local Guests. The attendance of any local guests must be communicated to the Corps Secretariat ahead of the event.
10. Photos. Pictures are a great way to share and develop Esprit de Corps with all the RCEME community. Submitted photographs will be used on RCEME social media pages. OPIs from each region are to contact the Secretariat for instructions on uploading to "Smugmug".
11. Agenda. Regions are responsible for preparing local instructions incorporating presentation times as detailed below. Changes are to be discussed with SO RCEME.

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Regional Agenda – Presentation Times		
Start*	Duration	Topic
8:45	0:10	Intro / Admin / H&S points (host region to perform)
8:55	0:20	Regional Update (Regional Rep to perform)
9:15	0:15	RCAO Regional Update (RCAO Regional Rep to perform)
9:30	0:10	Awards Presentation (tables, and photographer provided by host region)
9:40	0:30	D RCEME / Corps SM Address / Update
10:10	0:15	Tech Topic 1
10:25	0:15	Tech Topic 2
10:40	0:15	Health Break
10:55	0:15	Tech Topic 3
11:10	0:15	Tech Topic 4 (optional)
11:25	0:45	Townhall (Combined)
12:10	1:15	Lunch / social event. Officers with D RCEME / SNCOs with Corps SM. (host region to make appropriate bookings)
13:25	TOTAL 4:40	Transition to different events

* Regions are encouraged to adjust start time in coordination with SO RCEME if required.

12. Feedback. Feedback is essential to ensuring the improvement of subsequent exercises. **Each region is to send feedback to SO RCEME via email in bullet format NLT 15 Jul 23.**

13. Questions and Answers. Local areas will note any questions not fully answered by presenters, and forward these to SO RCEME promptly following the event. This will facilitate the Corps providing written responses to these questions after they are properly researched.