

# RCEME FOUNDATION UPDATE

## FALL 2025 (#1)



**The New RCEME Badge (King Charles Version)**

*(Source: The RCEME Corps Staff - Ottawa)*

### **RCEME Heritage – The RCEME Colonel Commandant**

The RCEME Heritage Program is operated as a collective effort of five RCEME Community entities: led by **the RCEME Council** of Corps senior leaders (General Officers, Colonels and CWOs); the **RCEME Guild** supporting RCEME Community and Heritage programs; the **RCEME Heritage Committee** managing the Heritage Program; the **RCEME Museum** (with the physical Museum in Kingston and the ever-evolving Digital Museum online); and the **RCEME Foundation** generating funds and digital projects to support RCEME Heritage.

At the centre of this community of RCEME Corps efforts is the **Colonel Commandant**, a retired senior RCEME leader selected by the Commander of the Canadian Army and endorsed by the Government of Canada to represent the Corps and at military and public events. The Colonel Commandant works to build RCEME esprit de corps by connecting with RCEME serving and retired members, while acting as an adviser to all five of the entities listed above.

The longest serving RCEME Colonel Commandant was Col (Ret'd) Murray Johnston, author of *Canada's Craftsmen at 50*, and a regular presence at RCEME events in Canada and overseas throughout the 1990s and early 2000s.



**Colonel Murray Johnston, MSM, CD**

*(Source: The RCEME Museum Leaders and Trailblazers Website)*

From formal activities like RCEME Parades or the introduction of new Regimental Dress (like the return to the RCEME Badge in the 1990s), to informal celebrations at local curling or golf events, the Colonel Commandant is a welcome presence. Many RCEME senior leaders have carried in the role after Col (Ret'd) Johnston, including BGen (Ret'd) Bill Brewer, both of whom are profiled on the newly launched **Leaders and Trailblazers (L&T) Portal** below. Another former appointee, BGen (Ret'd) Peter Holt still advises the Corps leaders today pending the appointment of our next Colonel Commandant.

### ***The RCEME Leader and Trailblazers Portal***

The RCEME Foundation, in support of the RCEME Heritage Program, along with our technology partners at Blue Rhino Design™, are pleased to announce the release of the **RCEME Leaders and Trailblazers (L&T) Portal** on the RCEME Museum Website:

## RCEME Leaders and Trailblazers

The Leaders and Trailblazers initiative celebrates outstanding members of the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and service both in and out of uniform.

NOTE: The supporting documents for each recipient were submitted at the time of their nomination. They are unedited and may not reflect the recipient's current status.



Master Corporal Joseph Pascal  
Adolphe Philippe Bilocq, CD (Retired)  
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Brigadier-General William John  
Brewer, OMM, CD (Retired)  
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Chief Warrant Officer Donald Norval  
Campbell, CD (Retired)  
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Master Warrant Officer Donald R.  
Chisholm, CD (Retired)  
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<https://leaders.rcememuseum.ca/en-ca/>

The RCEME L&T Program, managed by the RCEME Museum in Kingston, recognizes extraordinary members of the RCEME Corps who have made an exceptional contribution to the Corps and RCEME Corps Heritage, both in uniform and after their service. The new L&T Portal recognizes each of the 11 current recipients, ranging from WW2 veteran Captain John Graham Wilkin, MC, through the 2025 recipient and former Colonel Commandant, Brigadier-General Bill Brewer, OMM, CD (Retired). The current list of winners incorporates a broad range of professional and personal backgrounds, including six officer-engineers and five soldier-technicians.

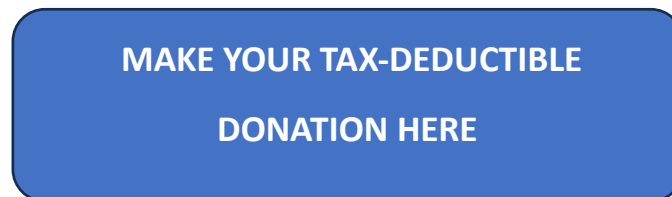
Similar to its sister Portals presenting the **RCEME Book of Remembrance** and **RCEME Honours and Awards**, the L&T Portal includes a short summary for each L&T Award winner, along with background on their careers - please have a look at this collection of great RCEME personalities.

### ***Donations to the RCEME Foundation***

As we begin November 2025, many of you will consider supporting worthwhile charitable year-end endeavours like Giving Tuesday, holiday season gifts, and year-end team rewards. So, how will the RCEME Foundation fit into your plans? **For many of you, a donation to the RCEME Foundation will have personal meaning – enabling family and friends to share your RCEME story now and into the future.** Your donation will help us to continue with future Digital RCEME Heritage projects like an online **RCEME Artifacts Inventory**, and new stories like **RCEME in Afghanistan**.

Whether you have previously supported the **RCEME Heritage Program** by donating to the RCEME Foundation, or you wish to make your first donation in support of our upcoming Heritage projects, please visit our website below. Note that the RCEME Foundation is completely volunteer-operated and 100% of your donation goes directly to RCEME Heritage Programs. If you would like to explore a more personal arrangement like recurring monthly donations or a formal bequest, please contact us via our website or the mailing address at the end of this note.

Donate to the RCEME Foundation today and help commemorate 80+ years of RCEME excellence.



<https://rcemefoundation.org/donations/>

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