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4500-1 (Asst SO RCEME)

EXERCISE BLUEBELL 2026 –  
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

- Refs: A. [The Corps of RCEME webpage](#)  
B. [1349-1 \(RCEME Corps Coord\), Director RCEME Annual Award Program 2026](#)  
C. [Ex BLUEBELL 2026 - Presentations Templates](#)  
D. [Ex BLUEBELL 2026 - PowerPoint Equipment and LEMS Briefs](#)  
E. [Ex BLUEBELL 2026 - National AAR Submission Form](#)

1. SITUATION. The dispersion of RCEME members causes unique challenges with respect to the application of consistent Land Equipment Management System (LEMS) policy and practices to support domestic and deployed operations. We must leverage the diversity and collective strength of the entire RCEME community, including the Regular Force, Reserve Force, Guild, Light Aid Detachments (LADs), Cadets, the Foundation, DND Civilians and retirees. As the Canadian Army continues to modernize, the requirement for coherent and synchronized RCEME guidance, technical updates, and LEMS practices becomes increasingly important to provide maintenance and engineering functions and support to modern warfighting operations.

2. MISSION. The Corps of RCEME will conduct a National Exercise BLUEBELL 2026 (Ex BB 26) virtually on 12 May 2026, followed by a series of regional visits from May 2026 to March 2027, addressing RCEME communities employed across Canada to provide insights on how the Corps will modernize through relevant technical updates.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation.

i. Director's intent. My intent is to provide all members of the Corps relevant, timely and synchronized technical updates to highlight both where our focus needs to be now and how we must orient ourselves toward future goals that align with Canadian Army modernization. I will communicate with the entire RCEME community, including the Regular Force, Reserve Force, Guild, LADs, Cadets, the Foundation, DND Civilians and retirees to create an informed network across the Corps.

ii. Scheme of Manoeuvre:

- (1) Phase 1 – Planning and preparation (Now – 8 May 2026). This phase includes venue and travel booking, agenda finalization, presentation preparation, and distribution;
- (2) Phase 2 – Ex BB presentations (12 May 2026). Conduct of National Ex BB 26, consisting of a full day of presentations on LEMS topics.

- (3) Phase 3 – Visits. Regional visits will be conducted on an invitational basis from the region throughout the fiscal year. It is recommended visits be paired with Regional RCEME events/activities; and
  - (4) Phase 4 – AAR. Feedback, after-action review points will be consolidated and sent to the event OPI.
- iii. Main effort. The main effort is to deliver a full day of presentations to the RCEME community, IOT provide a better understanding of the challenges, initiatives, lines of effort, and objectives of the RCEME Corps.
  - iv. End State. The end state will be achieved when members of the RCEME community have received the Ex BB 26 information briefs, and regional visits have concluded.

4. Groupings and Tasks.

a. Tasks.

- i. Common to all:
  - (1) Participate in Ex BB 26.
- ii. DGLEPM/DGMPD Directorates (upon request based on chosen topics):
  - (1) Provide an update PowerPoint presentation on relevant vehicles/equipment of your Directorate and/or on its procurement status IAW Annex B;
  - (2) Deliver the provided presentation during Ex BB 26 on 12 May 2026; and
  - (3) Provide an OPI for your Directorate.
- iii. CA G4 (LCol Drouin / Maj J. Renton):
  - (1) Provide the CA G4 PowerPoint presentation IAW Annex B; and
  - (2) Deliver the provided presentation during Ex BB 26 on 12 May 2026.
- iv. RCEME School (LCol Rigden / CWO McKeough / Maj Beauvais-Beaudry):
  - (1) Provide the RCEME School PowerPoint presentation IAW Annex B; and
  - (2) Deliver the provided presentation during Ex BB 26 on 12 May 2026.
- v. DLEPS 3-5 (Maj Prabhakaran):
  - (1) Provide the State of the Union / CAF ACE PowerPoint presentation IAW Annex B; and
  - (2) Deliver the provided presentation during Ex BB 26 on 12 May 2026.

- vi. Career Managers (Maj Goulet / MWO Vezina):
- (1) Provide the CM PowerPoint presentation IAW Annex B; and
  - (2) Deliver the provided presentation during Ex BB 26 on 12 May 2026.
- vii. Corps Secretariat:
- (1) Consolidate Ex BB 26 PowerPoint presentations and publish them at [Ref D](#);
  - (2) Coordinate travel for Director RCEME (D RCEME), Corps SM, and other accompanying members;
  - (3) Coordinate with regional OPI the details of the regional visits (presentation, activities, regional schedule, office calls, etc.); and
  - (4) Coordinate the Honour & Recognitions (Coins & D RCEME Awards) to be presented during Ex BB 26 with regional OPIs.
- viii. Senior Regional Representatives:
- (1) Provide a regional OPI for Ex BB 26 to SO RCEME, at [DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca](mailto:DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca) NLT 17 April 2026;
  - (2) Provide up to two topics in order of interest for the National Ex BB presentations NLT 17 April 2026;
  - (3) Coordinate with SO RCEME / Corps Secretariat the preferred dates, the regional schedule IAW Annex C, town hall details, and regional requirements IAW Annex D NLT 2 months prior to the regional visit.
  - (4) Provide an aide-de-camp for the visit duration;
  - (5) Coordinate the D RCEME Annual Award and Coins presentations;
  - (6) Invite the entire regional RCEME community, including the Regular Force, Reserve Force, Guild, Light Aid Detachments (LADs), Cadets, the Foundation, DND Civilians and retirees to participate to the National Ex BB 26 and regional visit (in-person or virtually); and
  - (7) Submit regional AAR points for National Ex BB 26 to the Event OPI IAW [Ref E](#), NLT 26 May 2026.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(i) Timings.

- (1) NLT 17 April 2026. Regional OPI provided and topics of interest for the National Ex BB presentation are to be submitted to Asst SO RCEME, at [DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca](mailto:DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca);
- (2) NLT 4 May 2026. Ex BB 26 PowerPoint presentations completed and sent to [DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca](mailto:DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca);
- (3) NLT 8 May 2026. Ex BB 26 presentations published at [Ref D](#);
- (4) 12 May 2026. National Ex BB 26 presentations (virtual);
- (5) May 2026 to March 2027. Conduct of Ex BB 26 regional visits; and
- (6) NLT 26 May 2026. Ex BB 26 AAR points IAW [Ref E](#) and pictures submitted to [DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca](mailto:DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca).

(ii) Schedules:

- (1) National Ex BB 26 schedule. As per Annex A.
- (2) Regional visits schedule. To be created by Regional OPI IAW Annex C.

(iii) Dress. Dress of the day.

(iv) Attendance. In-person participation is encouraged for all presenters and members within the NCR. RCEME members outside the NCR are encouraged to participate virtually.

SERVICE AND SUPPORT

5. Finance. Each region is responsible for their own expenses related to Ex BB 26 events / visits.
6. Rations. All meals are an individual responsibility.

## COMMAND AND SIGNALS

### 7. Points of Contact.

- a. DRCEME, Col D.R. Fontaine, [daniel.fontaine3@forces.gc.ca](mailto:daniel.fontaine3@forces.gc.ca), 343-596-7195;
- b. RCEME Corps SM, CWO N. Barrett, [nicole.barrett@forces.gc.ca](mailto:nicole.barrett@forces.gc.ca), 613-281-1637;
- c. COS RCEME, LCol J.F.S.J.F. Dorais, [jean-francois.dorais@forces.gc.ca](mailto:jean-francois.dorais@forces.gc.ca), 438-355-1276;
- d. RCEME Coordinator, Maj J.O. Fontaine, [omer.fontaine@forces.gc.ca](mailto:omer.fontaine@forces.gc.ca), 506-378-0740;
- e. RCEME SO, Capt J. Maalouf, [joseph.maalouf@forces.gc.ca](mailto:joseph.maalouf@forces.gc.ca), 581-997-4455; and
- f. Ex BLUEBELL 2026 event OPI / Asst SO RCEME, 2Lt N. Roumanis, [nicholaos.roumanis@forces.gc.ca](mailto:nicholaos.roumanis@forces.gc.ca), 613-854-2817.

8. Acknowledgement. All Senior Regional Officers are asked to acknowledge this instruction to Ex BLUEBELL 2026 event OPI.

### *Arte et Marte*

D.R. Fontaine  
Colonel  
Director RCEME

N.L. Barrett  
Chief Warrant Officer  
RCEME Corps SM

### Annexes:

Annex A	Ex BLUEBELL 2026 – National Ex BLUEBELL Schedule
Annex B	Ex BLUEBELL 2026 – Presentation guidelines
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## Distribution List

### Action

CA//G4/G4 Plans

DGLEPM//DLEPS/DASPM/DAVPM/DSSPM/DCSEM/DLCSPM/DAEME/DSVPM

DGMPD//LVM/ACSV

RCEME Corps// Corps Coord

RCEME School//Cmdt/CI/RSM

DGMC//Career Manager RCEME

Senior Regional Representatives//Sr Reg O/Reg CWO/ETSM

### Information

RCEME//COS RCEME/Corps Adjt

DGLEPM//DAEME/202 Wksp/QETE/DLCSM

OAs & AOAs

NATIONAL EX BLUEBELL 2026 – SCHEDULE

1. The Corps of RCEME will conduct a National Exercise BLUEBELL 2026 (Ex BB 26) virtually on 12 May 2026 addressing RCEME audiences employed across Canada to provide insights on how the Corps will modernize through relevant technical updates.

2. MS Teams joining instruction:

[Webinar Page](#)

3. Schedule:

<b>EX BLUEBELL 2026</b>		
<b>12 May 2026</b>		
<b>Start (EST)</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>OPI</b>
10:30:00 AM	Intro + RCEME Corps Update + Modernization	D RCEME, Col Fontaine Corps SM, CWO Barrett
11:15:00 AM	CA G4 Plans Modernization Update	CA G4 Plans, LCol Drouin CA G4 Maint, Maj Renton
11:45:00 AM	RCEME School Training Modernization Update	RCEME School CO, LCol Rigden RCEME School SM, CWO McKeough RCEMES CI, Maj Beauvais-Beaudry
12:15:00 PM	Career Manager + DLEPS 3-5 update	CM, Maj Goulet MWO Vezina DLEPS 3-5, Maj Prabhakaran
12:45:00 PM	Lunch	
1:30:00 PM	HUMS Predictive Maintenance	DLEPS 3-6, Maj Foster
2:00:00 PM	Topic 2	TBC
2:30:00 PM	Topic 3	TBC
3:00:00 PM	Conclusion + Questions	D RCEME, Col Fontaine Corps SM, CWO Barrett

Annex B to  
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EX BLUEBELL 2026 – PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

1. The presentations must adhere to the following guidelines to have a standardized format and to facilitate their consolidation:
  - a. Use PowerPoint templates at [Ref C](#) (access to this folder may be requested through Asst SO RCEME);
  - b. Slides must be bilingual (could be two different presentations);
  - c. Bilingual narration must be provided;
  - d. Length – max 15 slides; and
  - e. Duration – max 20 minutes. + 10 minutes questions and transition
2. The presentations must be completed and sent to [DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca](mailto:DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca).  
**NLT 4 May 2026.**

EX BLUEBELL 2026 – REGIONAL DETAIL SCHEDULE

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Sr Reg Offr: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank / Initials / Name Phone # Email

Sr Reg CWO: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank / Initials / Name Phone # Email

Reg ETSM: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank / Initials / Name Phone # Email

Regional OPI: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank / Initials / Name Phone # Email

ADC: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank / Initials / Name Phone # Email

1. Agenda.

<b>EX BLUEBELL 2026/27</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Event / Presentation</b>	<b>OPI</b>
<b>XX Month 2026</b>			
0900-			
		Break	
		Lunch Break	
		Break	
<b>XX Month 2026</b>			
		Break	
		Lunch Break	
		Break	

2. Office Calls list:

<b>Key Leadership Engagement (Comd/RSM – Div / CDSB / Svc Bn / other L2, L3 &amp; L4)</b>				
Name (rank, initial, Name)	Position	Time	Date	Location / Comments

*\* Both D RCEME and the Corps SM meet with the key leadership.*

EX BLUEBELL 2026 – REGIONAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

1. During the regional Ex BLUEBELL 2026 visit, regions must be prepared to provide and coordinate the following (*this list only encompasses key tasks/requirements*):
  - Provide a regional OPI for Ex BB 26 to SO RCEME, at [DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca](mailto:DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca) **NLT 17 April 2026**.
  - Prepare / submit the regional visit schedule IAW Annex C **NLT 2 months** before the scheduled date to [DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca](mailto:DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca).
  - Book a venue for Ex BB 26.
  - Prepare / Coordinate a Regional town hall for the RCEME Corps leadership to address the RCEME Community. Any specific topics of interest for the town hall may be submitted in advance to facilitate preliminary preparation/coordination as needed.
  - Invite the entire regional RCEME community (including the Reg F, Res F, Guild, LADs, Cadets, the Foundation, DND Civilians and retirees) to participate in Ex BB 26 (in-person or virtually) on 12 May 2026.
  - Ex BB 26 town hall venue requirements:
    - MS Teams access;
    - Ability to project a presentation (projector & screen);
    - Ability to broadcast (audio/video) via MS Teams (capacity to see the presenters and audience); and
    - Ability to accommodate a large group of persons (i.e. an auditorium).
  - Coordinate the D RCEME Annual Award and Coins presentations.
  - Assign a person to take pictures during the regional Ex BB 26 (*no need for a professional photographer*).
  - Coordinate with the RCEME Corps secretariat all details of the regional Ex BB 26.