RCEME Foundation Update – Spring 2026 (#2)

RCEME at 82

Congratulations to all serving RCEME members and veterans, as we remember those who came and passed between 1944 and today, on the 82nd Anniversary of the formation of the RCEME Corps on May 15th, 1944. A special thank you to those members of the Corps currently serving on operations in Canada and overseas, who are continuing the traditions of excellence, service and sacrifice that have reflected RCEME esprit de corps over the past eight decades.

RCEME Museum Digital Projects 2026

Late in 2025, the RCEME Foundation partnered with the RCEME Museum to deliver two new Digital Portals:

- **The RCEME Leaders and Trailblazers Portal**

https://leaders.rcememuseum.ca/en-ca/

- **The RCEME Honours and Awards Portal**

https://honours.rcememuseum.ca/en-ca/

This year, RCEME Foundation volunteers and funding will be focused on the development of additional digital Heritage projects that will highlight important aspects of the RCEME Corps legacy of technical skill, operational excellence, and military leadership. Projects under consideration for 2026, supported in part by your generosity along with RCEME Museum funding, include:

- **The Alaska Highway** – the role of RCEME technicians in support of U.S. and Canadian Army engineers, building one of longest and most isolated roadways in the world at the height of the Cold War in the 1950s;
- **RCEME Families** – a selection of stories describing the accomplishments of several multi-generational RCEME families who collectively made a significant contribution to the success of RCEME over the years.
- **Leopard 1 Turret Project** – RCEME Foundation and RCEME Museum volunteers have launched a long-term project to bring to life the Leopard Turret trainer located at the RCEME Museum in Kingston. Volunteers will transform the Turret trainer into an interactive, digital, and onsite exhibit showcasing the roles of RCEME engineers and technicians of all trades, in operating and maintaining this key Cold War-era Canadian Army platform.

You can see the current Leopard Turret artifact at **RCEME Museum Virtual Tour** on the Museum Website and imagine the possibilities!

https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=EWnZrSyybri

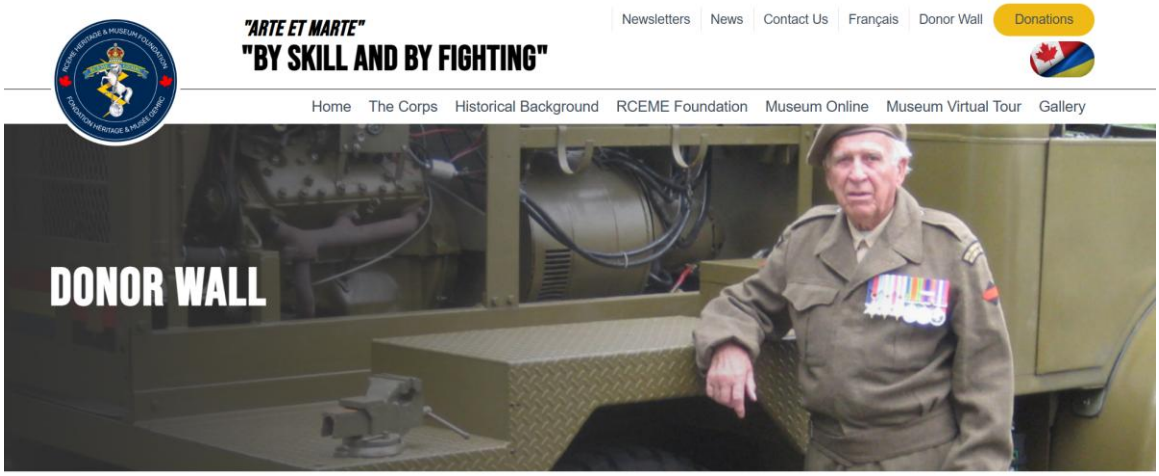
Recognition of Special Donors

As a small charitable operation, the RCEME Foundation relies primarily on personal donations from the veterans, friends and families of RCEME - each donor should know that their donation makes an important impact on our work in support of **The RCEME Museum** in Kingston and the **RCEME Digital Museum**.

At the same time, it is also true that a small operation benefits greatly from a few larger donations. See below a few of our more significant contributors in 2025/2026:

- The estate of the late **Col (Ret'd) Garth Ray.**
- The members of **LIUNA Local 183**, representing construction workers in Kingston and Southern Ontario.
- The **Homestead Land Holdings** Foundation of Kingston.
- **George Holdron – Honorary Chair** of the RCEME Foundation and our largest single private donor, in memory of his father, a RCEME Craftsman during WW II.

You can see our major contributors ($500 and above) by visiting the **RCEME Foundation Donor Wall** at the RCEME Museum, or by going online to the **RCEME Digital Donor Wall:**



https://rcemefoundation.org/donor-wall/

Donations to the RCEME Foundation

As we approach the 82nd Birthday of the Corps of RCEME, we are again asking for your support to enable us to continue with future Digital RCEME Heritage projects, building on our success this year with new Portals for **RCEME in Normandy** and **RCEME Leaders and Trailblazers**.

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.
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.

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https://rcemefoundation.org/donations/

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