

**ROYAL CANADIAN ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL
ENGINEERS SCHOOL – 75th ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES**
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May 15th, 2019, is a date that will remain in the memories of many members of the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) for many years to come. For the past few years, everyone knew that this would be a big day, as it marks the 75th Anniversary of the Corps, as well as the official re-adoption of our historic blue beret and introduction of the new Camp Flag.

The celebrations surrounding the RCEME Corps' 75th Anniversary were held over a two day period at

the 'Home Station' in Borden. It began with the Corps re-adopting the historical and distinctive blue beret worn by our RCEME predecessors. These berets were brought to the Command Team by Sadie on a white horse. She delivered the first berets to the Reviewing Officer, Major-General S.M. Cadden, Commander Canadian Army Doctrine Training Centre (CADTC), who then presented them to the Colonel Commandant of the Corps, Brigadier (Retired) W. Brewer, the RCEME School Commandant, Lieutenant-Colonel J.G.Y. Raymond, and the School Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief Warrant Officer J.C.E. Drouin.



Following the parade's re-adoption of the blue berets, the new Camp Flag was raised by the Corps Director, Colonel N.P.M. Corriveau, assisted by the Corps Sergeant-Major, Chief Warrant Officer J.H. Saunders. Immediately afterward, inspirational speeches given by the Corps Director, the Colonel Commandant, and the Commander CADTC, and the troops marched past the gathered crowd.

The parade was followed by one of the many national RCEME events: 'The Scrapyard Challenge.' The Training Systems team built a human powered vehicle seating all five team members. The team travelled along an obstacle course, navigated tight corners and lumber obstacles, before finally arriving at the finish to fire projectiles at a target 40 meters away. The crowd cheered the team on throughout the course, including the aim and shoot portion where the team was able to score a direct hit on their target with their final attempt. The Scrapyard Challenge vehicle was such

a hit that many attending senior RCEME members gave it a try to see if they could drive it as well as the official team. The Corps closed the day with the 'Home Station Ball' at Base Borden's Officer's Mess. During the evening, the long awaited RCEME 75th Scotch was unveiled and the RCEME commemorative book was officially presented. Highlights of the commemorative RCEME movie were also played. The full movie will be available for viewing through the RCEME Facebook page.

The next day (May 16, 2019) the members of the Corps were off to the annual BLUEBELL presentations at the base theatre to discuss the future of the organization, new equipment, and presentations were made to some well-deserving people. These included very important Corps awards such as three Director's Coins of Excellence, and the annual RCEME regional and national award recipients.

Following the presentations, the participants gathered outside to run back to the RCEME School to participate in RCEME Day sports and activities. The Jiffy Jeep Demonstration Team arrived with distinguished guests, such as our Colonel Commandant, and Colonel Dan Scott, a Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineer from the United Kingdom. Members of the Corps were able to browse local vendors such as the CANEX, tool companies, automotive and motorcycle dealers. They were also able to participate in a multitude of activities, including the automotive show and shine, human foosball, a LAV 6 tug-o-war, the Commandant's Challenge, cottage games, and the ever-popular dunk tank (popular for everyone but the school senior leadership!!!). The day included something for everyone.

The day closed with the presentation of prizes and closing remarks by the RCEME School's Commandant. It is now time to find young volunteers for the 100th Anniversary, as it will come faster than we think!!!!

