

Honouring

Volunteerism & Charitable Services



Grand Cayman Girl Guides | 1938

Official Programme

Monday, 23 January 2022 | 9:00am



Message from The Premier **Honourable G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP**

Minister for Sustainability & Climate Resiliency



It is a distinct honour once again to be joining in the annual celebration of our National Heroes.

Under this year's theme – ***Honouring Volunteerism and Charitable Services*** – we thank those who take a collective, community-oriented approach to combatting local challenges, helping others, and ultimately improving the lives of those in our community.

Last year, we had the pleasure of recognising the brave contributions of our Uniformed Services. This year, we are again expressing gratitude to those who dedicate their lives to helping others on a voluntary basis.

We are eternally grateful to our many humble volunteers and charitable service groups, including Meals on Wheels, the Special Olympics, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Lions Club of Grand Cayman, the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman and Rotary Central Cayman Islands, the Cayman Islands Red Cross, The Girl's Brigade, the Cayman Islands Cancer Society and Girlguiding Cayman Islands.

I would also like to acknowledge those outstanding individuals and groups who, despite not receiving formal recognition today, continue to make sacrifices and have a positive impact on the lives of others. You are appreciated, and you, too, are in our thoughts on this auspicious occasion.

The contributions volunteerism and charitable services have on our Islands are tremendous. Charity harnesses the power of community and proves that when our people care and come together, change for the better is always possible. Generosity is what keeps us going in the Cayman Islands, and it's what will continue to fuel our legacy of kindness.

I thank all the dedicated persons who worked to make this National Heroes Day particularly special, including the Ministry of Culture, the Protocol Office, our Uniformed Services and the many volunteers and service providers.

Thank you, and I hope you all enjoy these much-anticipated Heroes Day celebrations.

Message from **Honourable Bernie Bush, MP**

Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage



It is a privilege as the Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage to honour our volunteers and charitable organisations here on National Heroes Day 2023.

On this, our 20th anniversary we want to recognise individuals and charitable associations under the theme of volunteerism. As we honour each person and organisation who has shown great commitment to serving our community, we also want to thank them for giving tirelessly of their time and talents to improve the lives of the wider Cayman community. Their contributions continuously highlight our values and cultural spirit of helping others.

Heroes Day is an opportunity to show our gratitude to each awardee and formally acknowledge their dedication and efforts to volunteering in our communities. Historically, our people have been instrumental in volunteer efforts, always available to help a neighbour and give of their time to many worthy causes. These acts are at the core of our culture as a country that believes in the value of *"each one teach one"*.

As we commemorate our volunteers and charitable organisations let us remember the importance of giving to others, building each other up and how these efforts enhance our nation. Each initiative which provides for private-public partnerships has given us as a country, the ability to achieve more, be more and have greater success.

Today's awardees leave behind them an impressive legacy. I invite each of you who is not a part of volunteerism either individually or in a group, to take the opportunity to become involved in these efforts. It is my sincerest hope that the attitude and commitment of those awarded here today, ignites an interest in our youth and members of our community to take up voluntary work, as there are so many ways of giving back.

Programme of Events

Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Kim Bullings, Cert. Hon., JP
Clerk of Cabinet

Official Arrival

The Premier, Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper, OBE

Official Opening

Conch Shell "Blowing"

Mr. Deal Ebanks

Proclamation

Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, LLB, MP
Speaker of Parliament

Presentation and Hoisting of National Flags

National Anthem – *God Save The King*

Miss Jhenelle Colquhoun

Prayer for the Cayman Islands

Bro. Duane Jeffries

Opening Remarks

Hon. Bernie Bush, MP
Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage

Special Item

Keynote Address

The Premier, Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP

Presentation of National Heroes Day Awards
Honouring Uniformed Services

Miss Caitlyn Jeffries & Miss Serenti Rankin

Laying of Wreaths
(In remembrance of National Heroes & our Nation Builders)

Mr. Samuel Rose, Cert. Hon., JP
Cabinet Secretary

Official Closing

National Song – *Beloved Isles Cayman*

Miss Jhenelle Colquhoun

Official Departure

His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper, OBE
The Premier, Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP

**Family Celebration begins with refreshments and live entertainment at the Library Carpark*



Our National

Heroes



The Honourable

James (Jim) Manoa Bodden

5 OCTOBER 1930 – 7 MAY 1988

Our first National Hero, The Honourable James (Jim) Manoa Bodden, could be regarded as a pioneer in tourism himself. Mr. Bodden was a visionary leader, who directed Cayman into an era of progress through modernisation. As minister for tourism and aviation, he was instrumental in establishing Cayman Airways and constructing Owen Roberts International Airport. Mr. Bodden's dedication to this country will forever be remembered with a statue here in Heroes Square.

Declared a National Hero in 1994

The Honourable

Sybil Ione McLaughlin MBE, JP

24 AUGUST 1928 – PRESENT

National Hero, The Honourable Sybil Ione McLaughlin continues to be a beloved and active member of society, and a role model for many Caymanians today. Mrs. McLaughlin received the country's highest honour in 1996 for her invaluable contributions to Cayman's parliamentary development, as well as to community life. Among her outstanding achievements, Mrs. McLaughlin was appointed the first Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in 1991. She is also the first female Clerk of the LA in the Commonwealth.

Declared a National Hero in 1996





The Honourable

William Warren Conolly OBE, JP

15 DECEMBER 1920 – 22 OCTOBER 2008

National Hero, The Honourable William Warren Conolly, was most known for his prominent public service and political career that spanned over three decades. While in Government, Mr. Conolly helped set in motion some of the country's key legislation including the 1972 Constitution, the Companies Law and the 1975 Planning Law. Mr. Conolly established the Department of Tourism, and later received the Silver Thatch award for his services to Tourism. His entire political career was voluntary and his selfless contributions to this country will never be forgotten.

Declared a National Hero in 2011

The Honourable

Thomas William Farrington CBE, JP

25 JUNE 1900 – 13 MAY 1978

The Honourable Thomas William Farrington was an outstanding citizen and a great contributor to the Cayman Islands community. Mr. Farrington was a man of immense wisdom and sincerity, especially in matters involving his beloved district of West Bay. He became a civil servant in 1921 and still remains as the longest-serving representative in the Legislative Assembly, with 55 years. The first elected member responsible for finance, Mr. Farrington was also the first Caymanian to be honoured by Her Majesty the Queen as a Commander of the British Empire.

Declared a National Hero in 2011



The Honourable

Sybil Joyce Hylton MBE

25 AUGUST 1913 – 1 OCTOBER 2006

The Honourable Sybil Joyce Hylton was Cayman's first probation and welfare officer and served as a life-long advocate for disadvantaged young people. Notably, she championed the need for a separate court for juveniles, served on the Adoption Board and also helped develop the Scouts movement in these Islands. She received the Cayman Islands Certificate and Badge of Honour in 1968 and was named a Member of the Order of the British Empire 10 years later.

Declared a National Hero in 2011





The Honourable
Ormond Lauder Panton OBE

24 JUNE 1920 – 22 JANUARY 1992

The Honourable Ormond Lauder Panton is described as one of the most prominent political figures in our country's history. Mr. Panton was the first to win an election as the leader of a political party. As an outspoken attorney, Mr. Panton was the first Caymanian attorney to appear before the Privy Council in London. His professional skills combined with his desire to help others, assured his success in many local trials. Mr. Panton was the youngest delegate to attend the historic West Indies Federation discussions.

Declared a National Hero in 2011

The Honourable
Desmond Vere Watler CBE, JP

10 OCTOBER 1914 – 25 OCTOBER 1994

The Honourable Desmond Vere Watler was an exemplary citizen and exceptional civil servant. Still today, Mr. Watler remains a role model for standards of civil service integrity and a shining example of how hard work, dedication and commitment can take you to the top. Mr. Watler was the first Treasurer, a title that was later changed to Financial Secretary. He was also the first Chief Secretary and served in the Legislative Assembly for 32 years in every area of parliamentary administration.

Declared a National Hero in 2011





The Honourable
Mary Evelyn Wood Cert. Hon.

20 NOVEMBER 1900 – 16 MAY 1978

The Honourable Mary Evelyn Wood was a true pioneer who dedicated her life to bringing change to these Islands and addressing the needs of her community. Ms Wood was the first woman elected to the Legislative Assembly, and also the first to serve on a jury. In her early 20s, Ms Wood established a school, serving as its sole teacher. She later became a trained practical nurse, providing tireless care around Grand Cayman but notably during the typhoid epidemic of the late 1930s.

Declared a National Hero in 2011

The Honourable
Dr. Roy Edison McTaggart

2 FEBRUARY 1893 – 10 JUNE 1983

National Hero, The Honourable Dr. Roy Edison McTaggart was known as a businessman and a philanthropist, all at a time when the Cayman Islands were at a crossroad. Dr. McTaggart was a politician of the finest calibre and served as a legislator for more than 35 years as the second elected member for George Town. He became a qualified dental surgeon at the age of 22 and was the only dentist in the Cayman Islands at the time. Dr. McTaggart is best remembered as the man who helped ensure the Cayman Islands remained a British Crown Colony when Jamaica chose independence in 1962.



Declared a National Hero in 2016



The Honourable
Leila Elberta Ross-Shier Cert. Hon.

16 November 1886 – 26 September 1968

The Honourable Leila Ross-Shier was a woman of infinite talent, a gifted librarian, prolific writer, composer, accomplished musician, imaginative poet, songstress, incomparable storyteller, community historian, and cultural icon. She was the foremost writer of Caymanian culture and identified with all things Caymanian, and is remembered for her gift of inspiring and improving literacy and readership amongst those she worked with. She is best immortalised in her lyrical and melodic composition of the National Song “Beloved Isle Cayman”, written in the 1930s.

Declared a National Hero in 2021

Our Commemorative Insignia

Each **Early Pioneer** and **Pioneer** award recipient at National Heroes Day 2023 will be presented with a custom, commemorative insignia designed to honour their outstanding contributions to Volunteerism and Charitable Services in the Cayman Islands, and is intended to be attached to clothing and worn at special occasions.

The 2023 insignia incorporates significant features to represent Volunteerism & Charitable Services in the Cayman Islands.



The Coat of Arms represents the cultural tie to the Cayman Islands



The Helping Hands hold and raise up the community



The Heart symbolises the core value of volunteerism



The Circular Shape is a never-ending circle of giving



The Thatch Rope reflects Caymanian Heritage

A souvenir booklet with full explanations of the design features is also placed in the presentation case given to recipients.

The insignia was created in collaboration with the National Heroes Day Nominations Committee and graphic designer Mr. Brian Watler Jr.



Volunteerism & Charitable Services **Pioneers**

National Heroes Day 2023 is acknowledging and celebrating "Volunteerism and Charitable Services" in the Cayman Islands.

Categories:



Early Pioneer

An individual, alive or deceased, who has been the founder or an exceptional contributor to the development of voluntary service in the Cayman Islands prior to 1980.



Pioneer

An individual, alive or deceased, who has made an exceptional contribution for 20+ years to voluntary services in their role, impact, reach, engagement and inspiration in the Cayman Islands.



Philanthropist

An individual, alive or deceased, who has made monetary donations to charitable services in the Cayman Islands exceeding \$1 million KYD.



Charitable Services

Any not-for-profit organisation that has made exceptional contributions to the development, enhancement, safety and wellbeing of the community in the Cayman Islands for 20+ years.



Volunteerism & Charitable Services **Pioneers**

Early Pioneers

Mr. Valentine Anderson Sr. *
Mr. David Arch Sr.
Mr. Richard E. Arch
Mr. Peter B. Balls Sr. *
Mr. Philip A. Barnes
Mrs. Marjorie P. Beckles *
Mr. Clinton A. Blake *
Ms. Frances Bodden *
Mr. George A. Bodden
Mr. Austin B. Bothwell *
Mrs. Una Bush *
Ms. Elaine Campbell
Mr. Robert Carby *
Mr. Lloyd Roy Charlton *
Mr. Louis Chung *
Ms. Joanna Clarke *
Mrs. Maisly Janilee Clifford *
Mr. Barclay C. Coe
Mr. Ulric N. Coe *
Mr. Vernie Semmes Coe
Mr. Herbert Crawford
Mr. Eddie Ebanks *
Mr. John Edward Ebanks Sr.
Mr. Michael C. Ebanks *

Mr. John Verdon Evans *
Mr. David Neales Godfrey
Mrs. Iva Good
Mr. Cecil Carl Gordon
Rev. John Gray *
Mr. Kenneth C. Hall
Mr. Leonard Augustus Hew
Mrs. Judy A. Hill-Henriquez
Hon. Sybil Joyce Hylton *
Mr. Charles Delano Hislop *
Mrs. Elizabeth Hurlston *
Mr. Thomas A. Hurlston
Mr. Alfred P. Johnson *
Mr. Michael H. Lockwood *
Dr. Krishna Mani *
Mr. Harwell McCoy *
Mrs. Janet Erena McCoy *
Mr. Patrick E. McField *
Mr. Timothy E. McField *
Mr. Stanton T. McLaughlin *
Mr. Woodrow McLaughlin *
Mr. Darney Edney McLean
Mrs. Olive Hilda Miller *
Mr. Kirkland H. Nixon *

Mrs. Ina Claire Orr
Mr. Ernest Pantan *
Mr. James P. Powell
Mr. Robert L. Powell *
Mr. Royce Mackie Powell *
Mr. Isaac Jeralow Rankin
Mr. Alfred Robinson-Watler *
Mr. Wilford M. Ryan *
Mrs. Emily Seymour *
Mr. George E. Seymour *
Mr. Daniel Mike Simmons *
Mr. Antonio Smith
Ms. Beulah A. Smith *
Mr. Harvey H. Stephenson
Mr. Rupert K. Thompson
Mr. Wallace K. Thompson *
Mrs. Ena Watler *
Mrs. Vernecia Watler *
Mr. Egerton H. Wellington *
Mrs. Theoline Wellington
Mr. Peter Wight
Mr. Ceibert Wood
Mr. Wilard Alfonso Wright

Pioneers

Mr. Albert Valentine Anderson Jr.
Mrs. Adonia Barnes
Mr. Carl Barnes
Mr. Raymond Barnes *
Ms. Patricia Bazell-Taylor *
Ms. Cheryl Bell
Mrs. Lorna Blackman
Mr. Ercley C. Bodden
Ms. Eziethamae E. Bodden
Mr. Harold (Jay) A. Bodden *
Mr. Hubert Bodden *
Mr. Martin Winston Bodden Jr.
Mr. Osbourne Bodden
Mr. Paul Bodden
Ms. Nana Bothwell
Mr. Christopher Bowring
Mr. Carl Laxley Theodore Brown
Ms. Constance Andrea Bryan

Mr. JC Calhoun
Mrs. Elsie Chisholm
Ms. Cordella Chollette
Mr. Marfield Chollette
Mr. Kendal Connor
Mrs. Eleanor H. Conolly
Mr. Elvet Conolly
Mrs. Paulette Conolly-Bailey
Mrs. Ulalee Marisa Crawford
Mrs. Dawn Cummings
Mrs. Berna Cummins
Mr. Paul DeFreitas
Ms. Reba Dilbert
Ms. Janet Gloria Dixon
Ms. Deborah Ebanks
Mr. Gregory Ebanks
Miss Shareena Ebanks
Mrs. B. Michelle Ebanks-Barnes

Mrs. D. Melanie Ebanks-Jackson
Mr. Andrew Eden
Ms. Maxine Annmarie Eldemire
Mr. Frank E. Flowers Sr.
Ms. Patricia E. Forbes
Mr. Woodrow "Woody" Foster
Mr. Michael Gibbs
Ms. Corinne Glasgow
Mrs. Hope Glidden-Borden Stephenson
Ms. Carmin Bernetta Godfrey
Mrs. Sarah Olcie Godfrey
Mr. Walton Tennyson Gooding
Mr. Desmond Graham
Mr. Derek Haines
Mr. Antonio Hawkins
Mr. Winston Hayle
Mr. Philip Hislop
Mr. Andrew Hulse

* Deceased (as confirmed to National Heroes Day Nominations Committee)

Pioneers

Mrs. Julie Joy Theresa Hunter
Mr. Andre Jackson
Mr. Olson Jackson
Mrs. Reina Jefferson
Mr. Christopher Dorrien Johnson
Mrs. Effie Johnson
Mr. Peter MacKay
Mr. Noel C. March *
Ms. Sophia Marsh
Ms. Juliet Imogene McCoy
Mrs. Virginia Lee McCoy *
Mr. Rupert McCoy *
Ms. Joan M. McField
Mr. Lloyd McField
Ms. Patricia N. McField
Ms. Norma McField
Sir Alden McLaughlin
Ms. Debra McLaughlin
Mr. Gordon McLaughlin
Mr. Quiznell McLaughlin
Ms. Sherrylee McLaughlin
Ms. Lori McRae
Mrs. Katie Moore
Ms. Annie Multon

Mr. Allan Myles
Mr. William Claude Myles
Ms. Francilla Myles
Mr. Thomas Myles
Mrs. Kerry Nixon
Mr. Reginald Nixon
Ms. Lisa O'Neil
Mr. Jeffrey Parker
Mr. Wil Pineau
Mr. Lee Ramoon
Ms. Carolann Rankine
Mr. Oswell Rankine
Mrs. Carla Reid
Ms. Lorna Reid
Mr. Anthony C. Ritch
Ms. Sarah Patricia Rivers
Mrs. Maxine Roberts
Mr. Rayle Roberts
Mrs. Elizabeth Scholefield
Mr. Anthony N. Scott
Mr. Stanley N. Scott
Mr. Stephen Scott
Mr. Uriel Scott
Mrs. Selma Silva

Mrs. Mary J. Smith
Mrs. Wendy Stenning
Mr. Stephen Surrey
Mr. Bradshaw E. Taylor
Mr. Verdun S. Terry
Hon. Darwin Kurt Tibbetts
Mr. Denniston L. Tibbetts
Mr. Richard Tressider
Mr. Hendrik vanGenderen
Mr. Trevor Watler
Mr. William Watson
Mr. Kenrick Webster
Mrs. Janice Welcome
Mrs. Carolyn J. West
Mrs. Agnes "Nancy" Whitefield
Ms. Maddalee Whittaker
Ms. Susan Whittaker
Mrs. Audrey R. Whittaker
Ms. Judith Witter
Mr. Ormond B. Wood
Mr. Robert Wood
Dr. Sook Yin

Philanthropist

Mrs. Susan A. Olde

Charitable Services

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Cayman Islands
Cayman Islands Branch of the Guide Association – Girlguiding Cayman Islands
Cayman Islands Meals on Wheels
Cayman Islands Red Cross
Rotary Central Cayman Islands
Rotary Club of Grand Cayman
Special Olympics
The Cayman Islands Cancer Society
The Girls' Brigade in the Cayman Islands Ltd.
The Lions Club of Grand Cayman

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National Anthem **God Save The King**

God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save The King!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save The King.

National Song **Beloved Isles Cayman**

(Composed by Hon. Leila Ross-Shier, 1930s)

O land of soft, fresh breezes,
Of verdant trees so fair
With the Creator's glory reflected ev'rywhere.
O sea of palest em'rald,
Merging to darkest blue,
When' ere my thoughts fly Godward,
I always think of you.

Chorus:

Dear, verdant island, set
In blue Caribbean Sea,
I'm coming, coming very soon,
O beauteous Isles, to thee.
Although I've wandered far,
My heart enshrines thee yet.
Homeland! Fair Cayman Isles
I cannot thee forget.

Away from noise of cities,
Their fret and carking care,
With moonbeams' soft caresses,
Unchecked by garish glare,
Thy fruit and rarest juices,
Abundant, rich and free,
When sweet church bells are chiming,
My fond heart yearns for thee.

Chorus

When tired of all excitement,
And glam'rous worldly care,
How sweet thy shores to reach,
And find a welcome there,
And when comes on the season,
Of peace, good will to man,
'Tis then I love thee best of all,
Beloved Isles, Cayman!

Chorus



Acknowledgements

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Parade Participants

- Royal Cayman Islands Police Band
- A detachment of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service
- A detachment of the Cayman Islands Fire Service
- A detachment of His Majesty's Cayman Islands Prison Service
- A detachment of the Cayman Islands Regiment
- A detachment of the Cayman Islands Coast Guard
- A detachment of the Girls' Brigade
- A detachment of the Scouts & Cub Scouts
- A detachment of The Cayman Islands Cadet Corps
- A detachment of the Seventh-day Adventist Pathfinders

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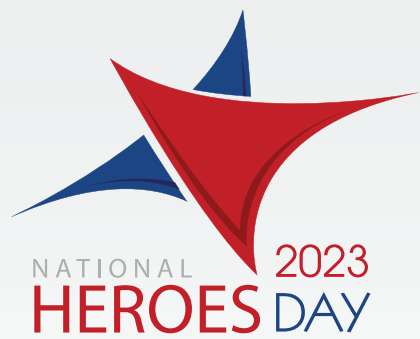
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Office of the Premier
Protocol Office Volunteers
Public Works Department
Radio Cayman
Department of Environmental Health
George Town Public Library
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The George Town Girls' Brigade

Programme Participants

Mrs. Kim Bullings
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