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Understanding *Remembrance Day*

What is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Day honours the service and sacrifice of veterans and armed forces personnel who served during times of war and conflict. It is an opportunity to reflect on their contributions and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Why is Remembrance Day Important in the Cayman Islands?

The Cayman Islands has a proud tradition of military and maritime service. During the Second World War, more than 1,000 Caymanian men volunteered for military and civilian service, primarily in the British Merchant Navy and the Armed Forces. Remembrance Day provides an opportunity to honour their service, reflect on their sacrifices, and preserve their stories for future generations.

Why do we wear poppies?

The red poppy is the internationally recognised symbol of remembrance. Wearing a poppy is a visible expression of gratitude and respect for those who served during times of war and conflict. The annual Poppy Appeal, organised by the Cayman Islands Veterans Association (CIVA), also supports veteran and remembrance initiatives in the Cayman Islands.



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What is the Last Post?

The Last Post is a military bugle call traditionally played at the end of the day's duties. During Remembrance Day ceremonies, it serves as a final farewell to those who died in service and marks a moment of reflection and remembrance.

Why do we observe Two Minutes of Silence?

The tradition began after the First World War and continues across the Commonwealth today. The Two-Minute Silence provides an opportunity to pause, reflect, and remember those who served and sacrificed. It remains one of the most solemn and enduring traditions of Remembrance Day.

How can you participate?

- Attend or watch the Remembrance Sunday commemorations.
- Wear a poppy and support the CIVA Poppy Appeal.
- Take time to learn about the service and sacrifices of Caymanian veterans.

Lest We Forget. For more information about the Poppy appeal or support the work of CIVA, visit caymanislandsveterans.org



Graham McKenzie Walker

This year, a special tribute will be paid in honour of the late veteran Graham Walker for a lifetime of service, dedication, and commitment to the veteran community.

A former Royal Air Force radio engineer who served during the 1956 Suez Canal crisis, Graham carried the values of duty and sacrifice throughout his life.

As a long-serving secretary and member of the Cayman Islands Veterans Association, he worked tirelessly to support fellow veterans and preserve their legacy. His kindness, humility, and dedication left a lasting mark in the Cayman Islands.

About The Poppy Appeal

The annual Poppy Appeal raises awareness of the service and sacrifice of veterans and serves as a key fundraising initiative supporting the Cayman Islands Veterans Association's programmes for veterans, widows, and their families. The appeal runs throughout the Remembrance season and culminates with Remembrance Sunday commemorations in November.

