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Cyril Goodyear, former Newfoundland Ranger

## A Force to be reckoned with

Anyone who meets Cyril Goodyear is surprised when they learn that this vibrant man is 93 years old. An outspoken and energetic outdoorsman, he has dedicated the majority of his life to supporting the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. A natural storyteller and the author of several books, Mr. Goodyear shares a lifetime of memories, coloured with his wicked sense of humor.

"Lou Stuckless lives in Grand Falls. He was the last one to join the Ranger Force," says Mr. Goodyear. "There are only two of us left, so if he passes on, I will be the lone Ranger!"

In his joke, Mr. Goodyear is referring to the Newfoundland Ranger Force, a sometimes forgotten part of N.L. history.

The Newfoundland Ranger Force was created in 1935, intended to bolster the Newfoundland Constabulary in the policing of rural communities and outposts. More than just police officers, the Rangers acted as a link between the people and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. There would generally be one Ranger per detachment who took care of everything from law enforcement to issuing government documents, along with responding to medical emergencies and sometimes even delivering babies.

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Criteria for joining the Force was strict and once accepted, the new recruits completed three months of military-style training before entering a five-year contract, subject to renewal.

Mr. Goodyear served as a Ranger in Battle Harbour, Labrador, for the last five years of the Force's existence. Though he went on to serve as a RCMP officer, Chief Provincial Court Judge, Deputy Attorney General, Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs and Mayor of Deer Lake, it was his time as a Ranger that had the deepest impact on his life.

"I worked in different positions for over 45 years, and the best group of people I have ever worked with were the Rangers," said Mr. Goodyear. "I learned more in that short period of time than you could learn almost anywhere. That particular role was the one that had the greatest influence on my life."



Cyril Goodyear, in his Newfoundland Ranger uniform.

The Newfoundland Ranger Force was disbanded in 1950 as a cost-saving measure following Confederation. Even after their dismissal, the Rangers continued their service, this time by supporting the education of the next generation of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

"We set up a N.L.

Ranger Force Association with the ex-Rangers and one of the things we did was set up the NL Ranger Force Scholarship Fund," said Mr. Goodyear. "I've written a number of books and have also arranged for the royalties to go into that fund, and I've provided for a \$50,000 amount in my will, to go to Memorial University. This is all part of what the Rangers did. They were the motivators for me, the older guys on the force."

Now awarded at a minimum amount of \$1,000, the scholarship has been supporting students at Memorial since 1993. To be eligible, all candidates must be residents of Newfoundland and Labrador entering their first year of studies at Memorial. Over a remarkable period of 25 years, the N.L. Ranger Force Scholarship has made a difference in the lives of 53 students.

Rangers Norman Crane and Ches Parsons, in particular, were instrumental in establishing the scholarship. Daphne Crane, Senior Instructional Designer with the Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning at Memorial University, is the daughter of Ranger Crane. She remembers how important the scholarship was to her father and the Rangers.

"The members of the Ranger Force Association wanted to offer an entry scholarship at Memorial and they worked hard at fundraising," said Ms. Crane. "Very often they donated money out of their own pockets. It was important to these aging men to keep the memory of the Ranger Force alive."



Nathan Hollett, 2016 recipient of the Newfoundland Ranger Force Scholarship.

Nathan Hollett is a second year mechanical engineering student at Memorial University, and he received the Newfoundland Ranger Force Scholarship in 2016. He credits the support as critical in giving him the flexibility to participate with student teams such as Eastern Edge Robotics and Paradigm Hyperloop.

"I'm proud to be associated with the N.L. Ranger Force through my recognition," said Mr. Hollett. "Receiving support like this allows me to excel in my program by giving me the freedom to focus on developing skills and being involved with student groups. By giving to MUN, you're contributing to so much more than a university. Your contribution supports a community of people with the potential to do great things."

Through students like Mr. Hollett, the scholarship is a living memorial, not unlike the university itself. The legacy of those brave young men who dedicated themselves to the service and protection of Newfoundland and Labrador continues.

It's a legacy set by men like Cyril Goodyear, a true humanitarian who has given just about everything he has to this province.

"In the Ranger Force, we had to keep an official daily diary. I kept a personal diary, as well. They became one of my books, a memoir called *Sometimes I Forget*," said Mr. Goodyear. "I put all of my original diaries and photos in a museum in Deer Lake, for the community. So I have very little of anything left, except the memories."

# Staying the course

Lt.-Cmdr. Anthony Green Ayre dedicated his life to land, sea and business in Newfoundland and Labrador.

At Memorial University, he is best known for his generosity and dedication to education.



A. G. Ayre

Born in St. John's in 1916, he started his career in Newfoundland and Labrador, operating a dairy farm in 1937 until the beginning of the Second World War when he joined the Royal Canadian Navy. He served on both Canadian coasts and, at the end of the war, held the rank of lieutenant-commander.

After the war, Lt.-Cmdr. Ayre remained involved with the Navy, taking on roles that included commanding officer of the Memorial University of Newfoundland Naval Training Division, chief of naval staff in Newfoundland and Labrador, and finally as area officer of the Newfoundland and Labrador sea cadets.

Lt.-Cmdr. Ayre also served as director of the John Howard Society, as a member of the Newfoundland Labour Relations Board, and as chairman of the Public Libraries Board. In 1976 he was awarded the Order of the British Empire for services to British commercial interests in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Frank Fowler is a retired lawyer with Benson Buffett PLC Inc. who is also the executor of Lt.-Cmdr. Ayre's estate and a longtime friend. He first met "Tony" after joining the Crow's Nest Officers' Club in the early 1970s.

"He promoted the sea cadet movement and was a lifelong and active member of the Canadian Legion," Mr. Fowler said. "In later years, I became Tony's lawyer and can safely say I never heard him say a bad word about anyone. Indeed, he was kind and generous to everyone he encountered."

His love of the sea and experience in naval training led naturally to an interest in the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University, where he left an estate gift after his death in 2010. The Lieutenant Commander (Retired) Anthony Green Ayre Bursary is awarded annually to full-time students, with priority given to those registered in the bachelor of maritime studies program or the bridge watch technical certificate.

Brandon Small is a recent graduate from the Marine Institute who received the Ayre Bursary in 2017. The Clarke's Beach native was a perfect candidate for this bursary, not only for his technical qualifications, but also because he shares Lt.-Cmdr. Ayre's interests and strong work ethic. Mr. Small, like Lt.-Cmdr. Ayre, was also involved in the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets.



Brandon Small, 2017 recipient of the Lieutenant Commander (Retired) Anthony Green Ayre Bursary.

At the 39th annual ceremonial review in 2017, Mr. Small, the top-ranking member of the corps, earned officers' choice and cadet choice – two of the highest awards presented at the review.

Today, Mr. Small is working as a deckhand with the Canadian Coast Guard, primarily stationed in the Atlantic region. He was hired shortly after graduation due to his success in the program, and he noted the importance of the help provided by the Ayre Bursary.

"I think it's important to give to Memorial because it gives individuals a step forward in their career," said Mr. Small. "The Ayre Bursary helped me with the costs of my program and showed me that hard work and dedication really pay off. I believe that giving in this way makes such a positive impact on the next generation."



# Making a difference

**T**hank you for taking the time to read the third issue of *Memorial Legacies*. In this edition we have shared details of the lives of two dedicated servicemen, former N.L. Ranger Cyril Goodyear and Lt.-Cmdr. Anthony Green Ayre who served with the Royal Canadian Navy. It is no surprise that both men continue to serve their province through planned gifts for the students of Memorial University.

The featured donors in this newsletter made a big impact in the lives of Nathan Hollett and Brandon Small. All gifts, regardless of size, make a difference to students at Memorial, and not all gifts come in the form of a cheque.

Did you know that one of the most tax-advantageous ways to make a gift to Memorial is through a donation in-kind of appreciated securities, such as stocks, bonds and non-registered mutual funds? By donating shares directly (vs. selling and donating the proceeds) you are exempt from paying tax on the capital gain, plus

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*Catherine Barrett*



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