

Legacy Of Valor

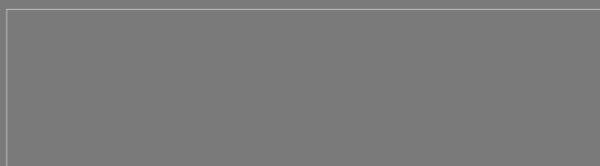
Partners

Tommy Sowers, Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs visited Sarasota July 18 for a briefing on Patriot Plaza and the Legacy of Valor campaign. Impressed by the partnership and the community-connecting campaign, the social-media savvy Sowers ([@Sowers](#)) even posted a [video clip](#) on Vine of the construction site progress.

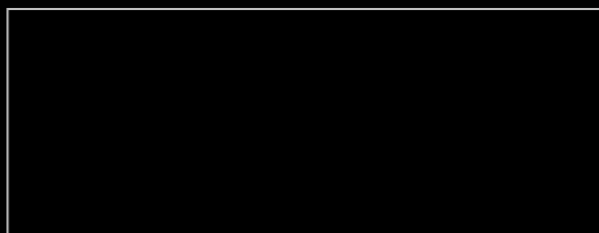


From left: Sam Stem (TPF's communications lead, [Magnify Good](#)), John Rosentrater (Director, Sarasota National Cemetery), Ann Wykell (Art Consultant for Patriot Plaza), Tommy Sowers (Assistant Secretary for Public & Intergovernmental Affairs, Dept. VA), Art Bryant (Owners Rep for Patriot Plaza), Alicia Chalmers (Legacy of Valor Coordinator)

A big congratulations goes out to Realize Bradenton who has recently been honored by The American Planning Association.



Florida Chapter, with its "Outstanding Public Interest Group of the Year" award, which will be formally presented in Orlando this September at the 2013 APA Florida Annual Conference. To learn more about the inspiring and collaborative work Realize Bradenton is involved in, visit their [website](#).



Can you help us reach 500 followers on the [Legacy of Valor Facebook](#) community by Patriot Day (Sept. 11)?

Here are ways you can help us support and connect with our region online:

- 1) Include a call to action within your e-newsletters, linking your readers to the LoV Facebook page
- 2) Share a link to the Legacy of Valor facebook page on your organization's social channels
- 3) Use email and your individual Facebook accounts to invite friends and family to the Legacy of Valor page

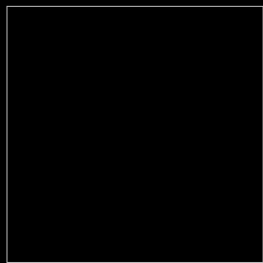
Media Partners

ABC 7

Visit [ABC 7's veteran dedicated website](#) where they will continue to highlight collected viewer veteran photo submissions and stories. Recently added stories include the homecoming of more than 200 members of the Florida Army National Guard's 3rd Battalion last week at Dolphin Aviation in Sarasota.



Join us in celebrating the 223rd anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard service this August 4. The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces in the United States and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. There are currently over 43,000 active duty members, over 8,000 reservists, over 8,800 civilian employees, and over 30,000 volunteer Auxiliaries. Many of those currently serving are based here locally including Gideon Thomas, featured in our last newsletter, and Anibal Martinez, featured this week. To see some behind the scenes video footage of the Freedom. Pass It On. photo shoot with Anibal click [here](#).



[July 11, 2013 - Passing Freedom on Newsletter](#)

Events

9am 07/27/2013
MOTS Monthly Packing Party for deployed troops
Join Manasota Operation Troop Support in packaging up this months supplies for our local deployed troops at the MOTS office in Bradenton. The event is free and open to people of all ages, no experience required. It only takes about 45 minutes and is a great start to your weekend! For more information, contact Linda Craig at (941) 782-0748 or visit the [MOTS website](#).

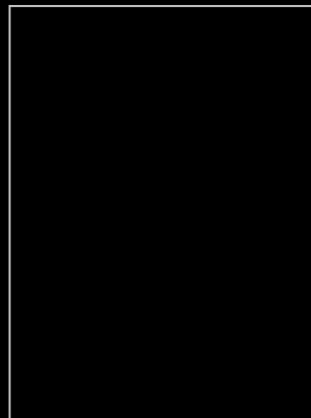
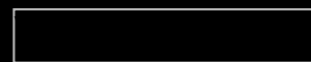
All Day 07/27/2013
Veterans Helping Veterans Ruby Tuesday
The Ruby Tuesday in Ellenton will donate 20 percent of your total bill to State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota Veterans Collegiate Association. To participate, customers must present the event flyer [here](#) to their servers.

6pm 08/01/2013
Witness to War Gallery Walk & Talk

At The Ringling, explore the dual nature of photography's crucial role in official documentation of events of war, as well as personal stories of soldiers who captured the images. Free for Museum Members. For more information click [here](#).

2pm 08/04/2013
Witness to War On Film, "Wake Island"

At the Historic Asolo Theater, the film begins at 2:00 pm and is free of charge for The Ringling's Museum Members and with non-member Museum admission, \$5 for films only. Reservations are suggested: 941-360-7399. For more information click [here](#).



Anibal Martinez

RANK: Maritime Enforcement Specialist

BRANCH: U.S. Coast Guard

YEARS SERVED: 6

To learn more about Anibal, click [here](#).

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Have an upcoming event honoring veterans, a way for Legacy of Valor Partners to continue to connect, or a special project your organization is proud of that you want to share with the Legacy of Valor partner family through the newsletter? Please share by sending to:

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