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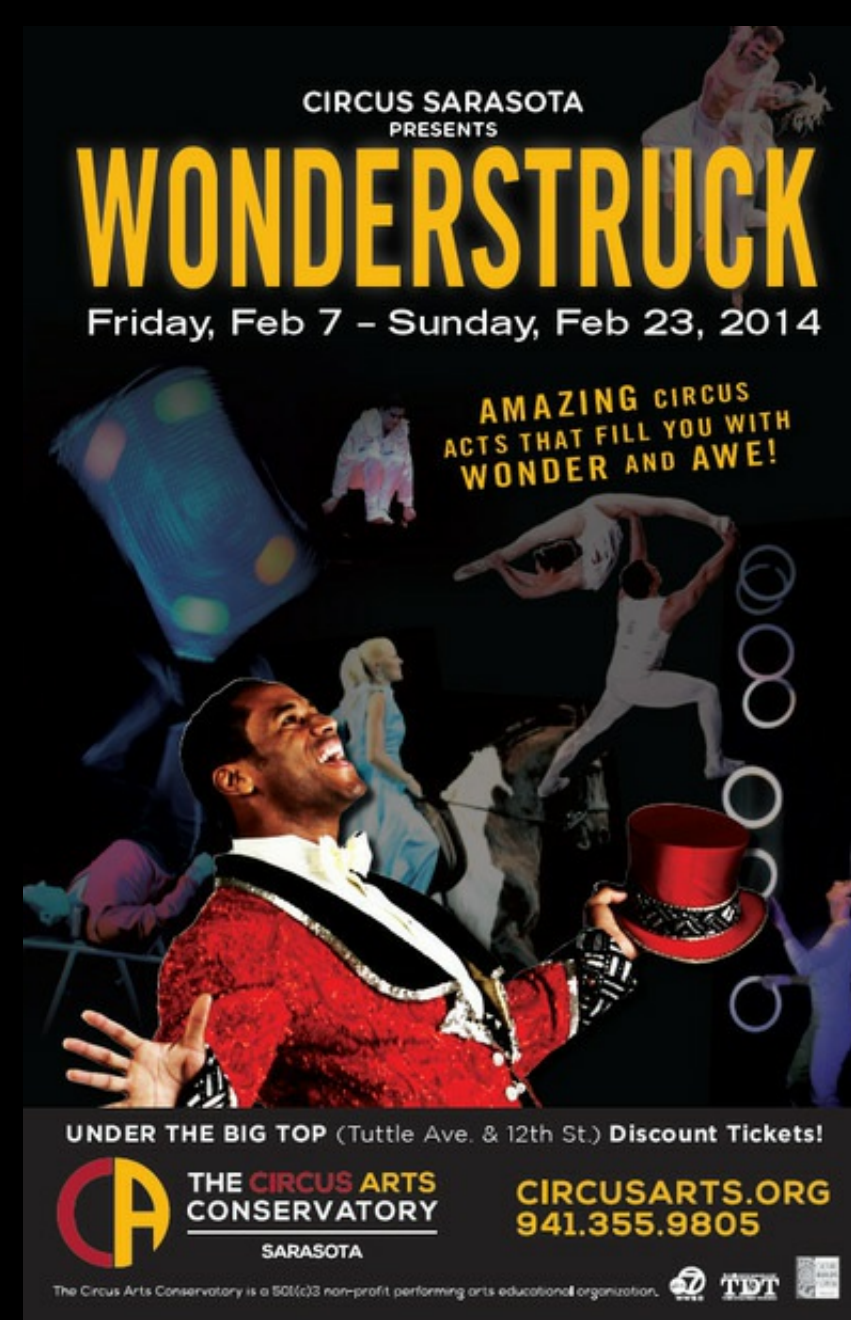
Suncoast Workforce, Goodwill Manasota, Baltimore Orioles, and Legacy of Valor have teamed up for the upcoming Veterans & Their Families Career Workshops, and Jobs & Services Fair. The workshops will help job seekers prepare for the Jobs & Services Fair by tackling topics such as resume building, interview techniques, social media tips for job seekers and dressing for success. The Jobs & Services Fair will be held at Ed Smith Stadium on Friday, February 7 from 10am-2pm. For more information visit the websites of [Suncoast Workforce](#) or [Goodwill Manasota](#) or click the links below for the appropriate flyers.

[Veterans & Their Families Career Workshops](#)

[Veterans & Their Families Jobs & Services Fair](#)

Here's a [video clip](#) for the Job & Services Fair that you can share via email, Facebook and Twitter to help get the word out in the community about this valuable opportunity for veterans and their families!

WAYS TO CONNECT



Circus Sarasota's winter show, *Wonderstruck*, kicks off Friday, Feb. 7 and runs through Sunday, Feb. 23 under the Big Top on Tuttle Ave & 12th Street!

As part of Legacy of Valor, Circus Sarasota will offer Military discounts for their Feb 11-13 and 17-20 performances. A valid Military ID must be provided to receive the \$5 discount off regular ticket price. To purchase Military discounted tickets visit their Box Office or call (941) 355-9805.

Several of the Guest Ringmasters this year will be Legacy of Valor partners. \$10 tickets will be available for partner organizations the night they have a Ringmaster make remarks. To purchase these tickets, visit the Box Office or call (941) 355-9805 and use the code: LOV14. See below for the list and dates of the LoV Guest Ringmasters.

Tuesday, Feb 11 @ 7pm - Linda Gould, LoV Coordinator, TPF
 Wednesday, Feb 12 @ 2pm - Bill Miner, Director, Venice Concert Band
 Wednesday, Feb 12 @ 7pm - Troy Scott, President, MOAS
 Thursday, Feb 13 @ 7pm - John Berreau, Chairman, TPF
 Monday, Feb 17 @ 1pm - Ryan Simonson, LoV Fulfillment Coordinator, TPF
 Monday, Feb 17 @ 6pm - Andy Hooker, President, Sarasota County Veterans Commission
 Wednesday, Feb 19 @ 2pm - Michele Straus, Van Wexel Foundation
 Wednesday, Feb 19 @ 7pm - Lucy Nicandri, Vice President, Suncoast Charities for Children
 Thursday, Feb 20 @ 7pm - Alicia Chalmers, LoV Coordinator, TPF

For the full list of show times or to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

MEDIA PARTNERS

We're delighted to say there's quite a bit of excitement throughout the community with the visible construction progress at Patriot Plaza! Below are some of the feature articles & photos of Patriot Plaza that our media partners have been sharing.

[Herald Tribune - Proud Stewardship for National Cemetery](#)

[Bay News 9 - Construction Halfway Finished on Patriot Plaza in Sarasota](#)

[Longboat Observer - Patriot Plaza's Stainless Steel Structure Completed](#)

THE FINAL WORD

ONE DAY LEFT TO NOMINATE A VETERAN!

Jewish Family & Children's Service of the Suncoast, Inc. (JFCS) is currently seeking nominations from the community for veterans who inspire patriotism, provide service to others, and offer hope to veterans. The awardees will be recognized at a Tribute to Veterans Service to Community Awards Luncheon, sponsored by JFCS, on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at Michael's on East.

The deadline for nominations has been extended! All nominations must now be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2014 and meet service to community criteria. Click [here](#) for the nomination form. For more information or questions, contact Stacy Quaid at squaid@JFCS-Cares.org or 941-366-2224, ext. 142.

[January 16, 2014 Visible Men Academy Celebrates Black History Month](#)

[January 2, 2014 Thunder By The Bay Kicks Off 2014 Legacy of Valor Events](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 1
9a-12PM
Visible Men Academy Black History Month Celebration of Veterans

Visible Men Academy, in partnership with the Family Heritage House Museum, will honor local veterans with a community program that highlights patriotism and embraces freedom. The event will take place at 921 63rd Ave East in Bradenton. Click [here](#) for the invitation. RSVP to Dawmyelle Singleton at (941) 758-7588 or dsingleton@vmacademy.org.

Tuesday, February 4
10a-3p
Lifestyles After 50 Fun Fest

This free event, located at the Renaissance on 1816 9th Street W in Bradenton, showcases a variety of activities, vendors, and services available to those 50 and over. The event will include live music, a variety of exhibitors and vendors, free health screenings, food and much more. Legacy of Valor will have an informational booth during the entire event. For more details on this event, click [here](#).

Friday, February 14
11:30a-1p
Compassion in Caring Luncheon, featuring JR Martinez

This year's Compassion In Caring Luncheon located at the Sarasota Ritz-Carlton, features Dancing with the Stars champion, actor, bestselling author and Army veteran, J.R. Martinez, who will share his message of resilience and optimism while focusing on celebrating life and the relationships that make every day special. To learn more or purchase tickets, click [here](#).

UNIFIED LOV PARTNERS

USF SARASOTA-MANATEE

As a partner of the Unified Legacy of Valor opportunity in 2013, USF Sarasota-Manatee raised \$19,236 through 86 donations for their Veterans Legacy Scholarship Program. The Patterson Foundation matched the funds for a grand total of \$38,472 raised.

The Veterans Legacy Scholarship supports veterans by offering a scholarship to cover the gap between veterans' GI Bill and unexpected expenses. The scholarships are not repayable and will enable veterans to stay in school and not lose momentum in their studies due to financial need.

To support this program, donate to the USF SM Foundation specifying the Veterans Legacy Scholarship.

To learn more about the Veterans Legacy Scholarship, contact Michael Ayres, Advancement Office, at mayres@sarasu.edu.

SUBMIT IDEAS

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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