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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

March is an exciting, event-filled month for Bradenton! Several Bradenton-based Legacy of Valor Partners will host events and activities that honor veterans, inspire patriotism, and embrace freedom. Below are some of the upcoming events. For a complete list of the events, visit [Realize Bradenton](#).



BRADENTON FARMERS' MARKET

Realize Bradenton & Suncoast Food Alliance have partnered to create Veterans Appreciation Day at the Bradenton Farmers' Market on Saturday, March 1 & 22 from 9am-2pm. Several organizations that provide services for veterans and their families will have booths. For full details on the event, including the list of service organizations that will be on-site, click [here](#).

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Grab your lawn chair and make your way to Bradenton's Riverwalk Pavilion on Wednesday, March 5 from 11:30am-1pm for a FREE patriotic concert by the Manatee Concert Band. This concert, presented by Realize Bradenton, is the kick-off to the "Music in the Park" series that will run through March.

FLORIDA MARITIME MUSEUM SKETCHES & STORIES

"Sketches and Stories: One Man's Memories" is a solo show by John Miller, a World War II marine who sketched around Cortez Village in the 1970s. This FREE exhibit, which opens Thursday, March 7 with a reception from 5:30-7:30pm, includes sketches and retrospective stories about Miller's life and time in the military. For more information visit www.floridamaritimemuseum.org.

MUSIC & MOVIE IN THE PARK

Friday, March 7 at 6pm, Realize Bradenton presents this FREE performance by Sarasota Pops Orchestra, led by conductor Robyn Bell, which will inspire you with patriotic music honoring American war veterans. After the concert enjoy an outdoor classic movie, "Kelly's Heroes." Food and beverage will be available for purchase. For more information visit www.RealizeBradenton.com.

PALMETTO HERITAGE DAY

Saturday, March 8 from 10am-3pm, Manatee Agricultural Museum & Palmetto Historical Park present this FREE event that includes once-a-year postal cancellation in the Heritage Station Post Office and features entertainment, storytellers, crafts, a children's watercolor and writing workshop with the theme, "What Freedom Means to Me," a children's firefighting challenge with North River Fire Department, letters to soldiers, military exhibit, and more.

HERITAGE DAYS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 15 from 11am-4pm, this [Manatee Village Historical Park](#) annual festival celebrates the legacy of Southwest Florida Pioneers with special focus on the heritage of freedom and patriotism inspired by the sacrifice of veterans from all American wars. Special guests from Southeastern Guidedogs "Paws for Patriots" will be featured along with the veteran service groups and the opening of the new exhibit "Stories of Valor." For more information call 941-741-4076, visit the [Manatee Village Historical facebook page](#) or click [here](#). Parking and admission are FREE.

WAYS TO CONNECT



This Saturday, March 1, head over to Ed Smith Stadium for the Baltimore Orioles home opening game against the Toronto Blue Jays. As a proud partner of Legacy of Valor, the game has been themed Military Appreciation Day. Leading up to the first pitch there will be a ceremony honoring veterans featuring the Sarasota Military Academy Drum Line & Color Guard, a local veteran from each branch of service, and more!

Please spread the word that Military/Veterans can receive a special discount on tickets for not only the opening game on March 1, but also at four other games - March 3, 9, 17, and 23. To receive the discount a Military ID is required.

For more more information on this game and others, click [here](#).

MEDIA PARTNERS

Thank you to Clear Channel for partnering with The Patterson Foundation and Legacy of Valor to give away 30 tickets to veterans and their family members for the March 1 Baltimore Orioles opening day. Winners were selected today!

THE FINAL WORD

VISIBLE MEN ACADEMY VIDEO GETS NATIONAL SHOUT OUT!

Congratulations to Visible Men Academy (VMA) for their "Happy" YouTube Video that received national recognition this morning on Good Morning America! The students and staff showcase their dance moves and enthusiasm in an uplifting way that is contagious. To #ShareTheShine and brighten your day, check out the video.

[February 13, 2014 South Florida Museum Launches Film Friday Series](#)

[January 30, 2014 February is Full of Veteran Honoring Events](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, February 28 6p

Film Fridays: M*A*S*H

This [South Florida Museum film series](#), in partnership with Legacy of Valor and Manatee County Veterans' Council, highlights the personal sacrifices and patriotic spirit exhibited by our American troops.

M*A*S*H, the second film of the series, portrays the staff of a mobile army surgical hospital (MASH) unit using humor and hijinks to keep their sanity in the face of the gruesome realities of the Korean War.

Reserving [tickets](#) ahead of time is encouraged as space is limited. Tickets are \$3 for museum members and \$5 for non-museum members.

Friday, March 7 6p

Film Fridays: From Here to Eternity

This third film of the [South Florida Museum film series](#) is based on the bestselling novel by James Jones and is a World War II drama that chronicles the lives and loves of soldiers on an army base in Honolulu just days before the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor.

[Tickets](#) are \$3 for museum members and \$5 for non-museum members. For a complete listing of upcoming shows, click [here](#).

Sunday, March 9 12-2p
Yoga for Vets

A benefit yoga workshop, to be held at Garden of the Heart Studio located at 2888 Ringling Blvd. in Sarasota, to raise funds for the Veteran's Yoga Programs at Sarasota Vet Center & Goodwill Manasota. Attend this workshop to help support this program that offers free yoga classes to veterans and their families who have been affected by combat stress, traumatic brain injury, and PTSD. Click [here](#) more information.

Sign up for the workshop [here](#), or [email](#) with additional questions or comments.

UNIFIED LOV PARTNERS

SARASOTA MILITARY ACADEMY

As a partner of the Unified Legacy of Valor opportunity in 2013, Sarasota Military Academy raised \$38,550 through 188 donations. The Patterson Foundation matched the funds for a grand total of \$77,100 raised.

The Sarasota Military Academy (SMA) provides high school students the highest quality education possible, incorporating the principles of leadership, discipline, patriotism, and honor in a military environment. SMA exemplifies and honors those who have served, who are serving and those who may serve. Many of the faculty are military veterans, many of the students have family members currently serving in the military, and of course many of the students go on to serve in the military.

To learn more about Sarasota Military Academy or to donate, click [here](#).

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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