



## Patriot Plaza Newsletter

March 12, 2019



### HONORING AND ONWARD

[Honoring & Onward](#) is a celebration of The Patterson Foundation's decade of impact through people, organizations, and communities while continuing to connect, learn, share, evolve, and strengthen its efforts to realize shared aspirations.

#### A LOOK BACK: HONORING THE FIRST DECADE

On January 6, 2010, a foundation launched in Sarasota, Florida, under an unfettered charter to do good and do it well, while enlisting the expertise of a diverse group of consultants supported by agile staff. Through its nine initial Legacy Initiatives honoring Dorothy Patterson and the Patterson family's legacy, The Patterson Foundation honed its innovative approach to making a difference in our world -focusing on strengthening the impact of people, organizations and communities that are working toward fulfilling shared aspirations, in ways that encourage diverse participation and foster opportunities for these changemakers to learn, share and evolve with one another. A decade and 25 additional completed and ongoing initiatives later, The Patterson Foundation honors those who have embraced and strengthened their impact through this approach while pursuing further opportunities to continue these collaborative efforts in its ongoing journey. Click [here](#) to watch the TPF Honoring & Onward Documentary - A Look Back: Honoring the First Decade. Well worth your time to view this 48-minute video, so grab some popcorn and make it a movie night.

### SHARE YOUR STORY

Please share your experiences after visiting Patriot Plaza by sending your stories to Linda Gould at [LLGouldsrq@gmail.com](mailto:LLGouldsrq@gmail.com).

### DID YOU KNOW?

Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery is available free of cost for you and the community to use for events honoring veterans.

#### Events at Patriot Plaza need to:

- 1) Be free and open to the public
- 2) Honor veterans
- 3) Maintain the dignity of a national cemetery

Download the [Event Hosting Guidelines](#) and contact John Rosentrater, Sarasota National Cemetery Director at [john.rosentrater@va.gov](mailto:john.rosentrater@va.gov) or (941) 922-7200 to request holding an event at Patriot Plaza.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Sarasota National Cemetery.

## TIDEWELL DEDICATION



### HONORING VETERANS, INSPIRING PATRIOTISM AND EMBRACING FREEDOM

On January 23, 2020, The Patterson Foundation and Tidewell Hospice honored the service and sacrifices of veterans and their families by partnering in the unveiling of commissioned artwork from Patriot Plaza at Tidewell's administration building as part of their Veterans Honor Program and The Patterson Foundation's Honoring & Onward 10th Anniversary. Learn more about the photograph and the Tidewell Honors Program at this [link](#).

## PRESIDENTS DAY



## GUIDED TOURS

Public tours of [Patriot Plaza](#) are conducted every Tuesday at 10am, except on federal holidays. Private group and school tours can be scheduled Monday through Friday.

Through a partnership with [The Patterson Foundation](#) and the [Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County](#), Guides are recruited from the Sarasota National Cemetery (SNC) volunteers and trained on the history and meaning of the art elements at Patriot Plaza to provide visitors with a deeper understanding of service and sacrifice.

Tours are free and open to everyone who is interested. To schedule a group or school tour, contact the Arts Education Manager for the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, (941) 365-5118, x301 or [education@sarasotaarts.org](mailto:education@sarasotaarts.org)

## CELEBRATING THE STARS AND STRIPES



On Presidents Day 2020, Abraham Lincoln gave the opening remarks of the Celebrating Stars and Stripes program. On July 17, 1862, in the second year of the U.S. Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation authorizing the creation of 14 national cemeteries. They were created "...for the soldiers who shall die in the service of the country."



Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln  
 On Monday, February 17, the Celebrating Stars and Stripes program was presented by the Sarasota Military Officers Foundation and the Pops Orchestra of Bradenton and Sarasota. The Patterson Foundation ensured that guests were able to meet and take photos with Frederick Douglass (portrayed by Joel PE King) and Abraham Lincoln (portrayed by Michael Krebs).



Vane Scott performed the "Many Faces of Old Glory" accompanied by the POPS orchestra of Bradenton and Sarasota.



### Community Foundation of Tampa Bay Annual Visit

For the fifth year in a row, the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay hosted a trip to Patriot Plaza on Presidents Day. The transportation provided visitors from Sun City Center and the surrounding area an opportunity to experience the art and architecture of this one of a kind outdoor amphitheater. This year's group of visitors was the largest yet with over 95 visitors, including many veterans and their families.



Conductor Robyn Bell took the opportunity to meet Abraham Lincoln before the concert began



Thousands of our community came out to the performance on a bright and sunny day



Vietnam Veterans were asked to come forward to receive their 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War pin.



Manatee County Boys and Girls Club meet  
Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln



Patriot Plaza Guide Zoe Moore encourages the children to touch and experience the art at Patriot Plaza

### STAY CONNECTED

Share this newsletter with friends, family, and co-workers. To be added to the distribution, send your request to Linda Gould at [LLGouldsrq@gmail.com](mailto:LLGouldsrq@gmail.com).

Follow and "Like" our Legacy of Valor Facebook page for inspirational and informative posts covering national and local topics concerning veterans.

[#PatriotPlaza](https://www.instagram.com/PatriotPlaza)

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Thank you for your service and Welcome Home

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT PATRIOT PLAZA SARASOTA NATIONAL CEMETERY 9810 State Rd 72, Sarasota FL 34241

Memorial Day Program

Saturday, May 23 at 10:00am

Memorial Day Moment of Silence and Remembrance

Monday, May 25 at 2:45 - 3:05

### HONORING AND ONWARD CELEBRATING THE PATTERSON FOUNDATION'S 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

[Why would Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln be part of The Patterson Foundation's 10 year anniversary celebration?](#)

[A Walk To Respect - A Week To Remember](#)