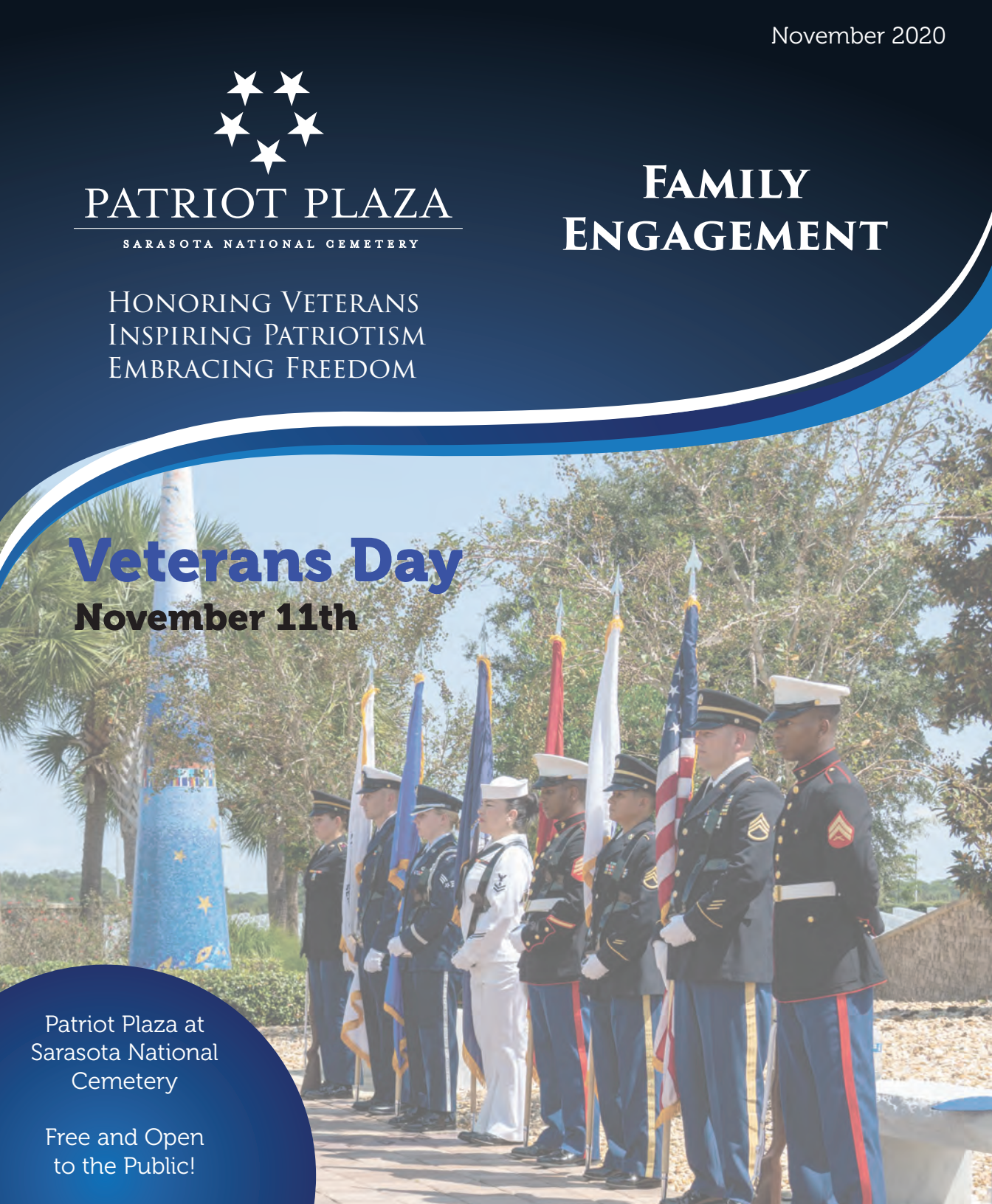
November 2020

PATRIOT PLAZA

SARASOTA NATIONAL CEMETERY

Family Engagement

Honoring Veterans
Inspiring Patriotism
Embracing Freedom



Veterans Day

November 11th

Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery

Free and Open to the Public!

Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery

Patriot Plaza, a 2,800-seat ceremonial amphitheater at Sarasota National Cemetery in Florida, features commissioned art that honors veterans, inspires patriotism, and embraces freedom. The space is a place of peace and reflection and exists for our community to honor veterans through ceremonies and events for generations to come. Sarasota National Cemetery, like all 151 national cemeteries, is a place where all active duty or honorably discharged veterans can be buried. Some spouses and dependent children of eligible veterans can also be buried there.

Detailed eligibility requirements can be found at www.cem.va.gov.

What is a Veteran?

A person who has served in active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

What is Veterans Day all about?

The United States and other countries celebrate November 11th as Armistice Day to commemorate the ending of World War I on November 11, 1918.

Veterans Day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States, particularly living veterans. It is marked by parades and church services and in many places the American flag is hung at half mast. A period of silence lasting 2 minutes may be held at 11am.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1918, fighting in WWI ceased at the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month

DID YOU KNOW?

The Marine Corps mascot is an English Bulldog.

DID YOU KNOW?

Alexander Hamilton is known as the "Father of the U.S. Coast Guard".

There are five branches of the armed forces of the United States:

Army

Marine Corps

Navy

Air Force

Coast Guard

When you visit Patriot Plaza see if you can find where the seals are displayed. Hint:They will all be found together in this same order.

Take a pic!

Take a picture of yourself in front of the seals at Patriot Plaza and send the photo to: admin@thepattersonfoundation.org

COLOR the seals!

Army Information

Founding Date: June 14th, 1775

Army Song: "The Army Goes Rolling Along"

Members of the United States Army are called Soldiers.

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Marine Corps Information

Founding Date: November 10th, 1775

USMC Song: "The Marines' Hymn" (This is the oldest official song of the United States Armed Forces.)

Members of the United States Marine Corps are called Marines.

Navy Information

Founding Date: October 13th, 1775

Navy Song: "Anchors Aweigh"

Members of the United States Navy are called Sailors.

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Air Force Information

Founding Date: September 18th, 1947

Air Force Song: "The U.S. Air Force Song" (begins with "Off we go into the wild blue yonder.")

Members of the United States Air Force are called Airmen.

Coast Guard Information

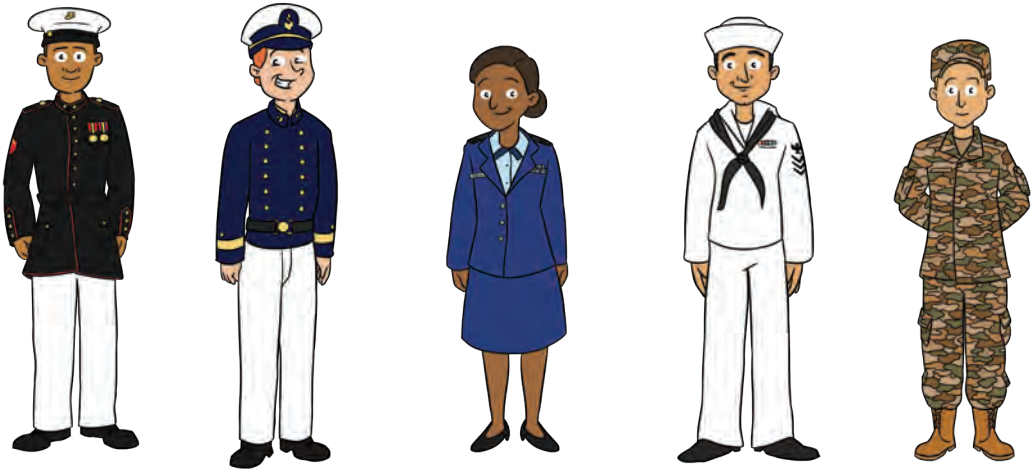
Founding Date: August 4th, 1790

Coast Guard Song: "Semper Paratus" (This is also their motto and it means Always Ready)

Member of the United States Coast Guard are called Coast Guardsmen.

Draw a line from the name of the service
to the correct service member.

Navy **Air Force** **Marine Corps** **Army** **Coast Guard**



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Patriot Plaza Activity

When you visit Patriot Plaza see if you can find a service member from each of the above branches in the photographs on the artwork or on the headstones.

ANSWER: A - Marine Corps, B - Coast Guard,
C - Air Force, D - Navy, E - Army

PATRIOT PLAZA
VETERAN'S WORD SEARCH

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H C G T X X R S I S U O O Y U A O E F R P A G N A
K L N T G T A B J W X I N R S A T X R B Q R I Z B
D W S A N N E G U H T J E E S J A R Z O A K Q G R
L Y T U I R E B T A E U S V X U O J I T I I F O E
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D C T Y U D E I T S N K Y R S A B F P R T O M I D
D A P M T J D L V S J Q I B M K U P O D H I L F E
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ALLEGIANCE
BRAVERY
CAMARADERIE
COMMITMENT
COUNTRY
DEDICATION
DEFENSE
DISCIPLINE
DUTY
FORTITUDE
GRATEFUL
HARDSHIP
HEROISM
HONESTY
HONOR
LIBERTY
LOYALTY
ORDER
PATRIOTISM
PLEDGE
RESPECT
RESPONSIBLE
STRENGTH
VALOR

Patriot Plaza Activity

These words can all be found at Patriot Plaza on the walkways and artwork. How many can you find? Look up the meaning of words that are new to you.

PATRIOT PLAZA

SARASOTA NATIONAL CEMETERY

Office hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm
Closed federal holidays.

Visitation Hours: Open daily from sunrise to sunset

- Sarasota National Cemetery is located at 9810 State Road 72 in Sarasota
- Admission is free
- Please no pets or picnics
- Burials occur on weekdays so please be respectful of those attending services

To learn more about Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery, visit:
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