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The Legacy of Valor campaign will appropriately conclude its yearlong series of events this Saturday, April 12 with a USO-style show. Realize Bradenton, along with several other community organizations will host this upbeat USO-style show, featuring song, dance, photos, films, info tables, and much more at [McKechnie Field](#). Purchase your advance tickets for only \$2 [here](#), or purchase tickets on-site for \$8 (cash only). Proceeds will go to [Manasota Operation Troop Support](#). Gates open at 6pm, show begins at 6:30pm. For more details, click [here](#) or read the Bradenton Herald's "[Stories of Valor](#)" article which covers additional show details. We hope you're able to join us at this family-friendly community event to honor our veterans and their families.



#### SARASOTA FARMERS MARKET VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY



Saturday, June 28

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#### **Patriot Plaza Community Dedication**

Join us at the Sarasota National Cemetery for the grand opening and dedication of Patriot Plaza. The dedication will be open to the public, celebrating Southwest Florida's commitment to honoring veterans and their families this past year, as well as commemorating the service and sacrifice of our nation's military. Details on how to obtain tickets to the dedication to be announced in the coming weeks.



#### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SOUTH SARASOTA COUNTY**

As a partner of the Unified Legacy of Valor Opportunity in 2013, Habitat For Humanity South Sarasota County raised \$9,757 through 31 donations for their Veterans Home Repair Program. The Patterson Foundation matched the funds total of \$19,514

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The Downtown Sarasota Farmers Market is hosting Veterans Appreciation Day this Saturday, April 12 as part of the Legacy of Valor campaign. The Downtown Market's salute to veterans will be a day filled with festivities beginning at 9AM and concluding at 1PM.

The market will feature a large tent with several non-profits that have missions geared toward helping veterans. You'll find the veteran tents on State Street, east of Lemon Ave. Be sure to stop by this Saturday morning!

**SFF ACTS OF VALOR**

This weekend is the last weekend of the 2014 Sarasota Film Festival (SFF) and Acts of Valor: The American Veteran on Screen, a program of films that examine the combat and post-combat experiences of American soldiers. The Acts of Valor films showing this weekend are below.



**SARASOTA FILM FESTIVAL**  
 APRIL 4 - 13, 2014

Saturday, April 12

**11:45am** - Shorts 14: The Academy Presents: Rarities from The Academy War Film Collection Part 1: In Combat. Short 14 includes the films: The Battle of Midway, The Fighting Lady, and With the Marines at Tarawa.

**12:00pm** - Wings: A melodrama that celebrates the pilots of World War II with great story telling, unforgettable flying sequences and the belief that true love can conquer all.

Sunday, April 13

**11:45am** - Shorts 15: The Academy Presents: Rarities from The Academy War Film Collection Part 2: At Home. Short 15 includes the films: It's Your War Too!, The Last Will & Testament of Tom Smith, Toward Independence, and Why We Fight Prelude to War.

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The Veterans Home Repair Program helps eligible low-income veterans with exterior painting, landscaping, refurbishing, and minor exterior home repairs.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County or to donate.



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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**12:00pm** - Let There Be Light: A profile of 75 soldiers who seek psychological rehabilitation after World War II.

For more information on SFF and Acts of Valor films and times, click [here](#).



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Thank you to Sarasota Herald Tribune and Bradenton Herald! Both provided coverage of last weekends All-American Family Day softball game and concert featuring America. Click below for the full articles.

[Sarasota Herald Tribune: All-American Family Day held at Ed Smith Stadium](#)

[Bradenton Herald: Softball game a home run for community](#)



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The [LoV Facebook page](#) just reached an exciting milestone: 600 likes!

Thank you for supporting the Legacy of Valor campaign! Through your continued partnership and support, our message to honor veterans, inspire patriotism and embrace freedom continues to spread throughout the community.



[March 27, 2014 The circus, baseball, and film honor veterans](#)

[March 13, 2014 Don't Miss the Pittsburgh Pirates Military Appreciation Game](#)

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