



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

SAILOR CIRCUS PRESENTS ITS
* 65TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW *
LEGACY
THURS MARCH 27 – SAT APRIL 5
TICKETS ON SALE NOW! Adults \$16 / Children \$12
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SAILOR CIRCUS ARENA 2075 BAHIA VISTA ST., SARASOTA

Sailor Circus commemorates their landmark 65th Anniversary of "The Greatest Little Show on Earth" March 27-April 5. LEGACY, the patriot-themed show held at the Sailor Circus Academy on Bahia Vista, salutes veterans and their families in a stunning youth circus production.

Be sure to take some non-perishable canned goods with you to the show! All Faiths Food Bank will collect food donations benefiting the Veterans Appreciation Program. In exchange for your donation you'll receive a complimentary bag of popcorn.

For a complete list of the nine show dates and times or to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

WAYS TO CONNECT

**SARASOTA
FILM FESTIVAL**
APRIL 4 – 9, 2014

SFF ACTS OF VALOR

The Sarasota Film Festival is proud to partner with The Patterson Foundation Legacy of Valor campaign, The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, and organizations throughout our community to present Acts of Valor: The American Veteran on Screen, a program of films that examine the combat and post-combat experiences of American soldiers.

This program, which ranges from WWII to the modern-day conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, features a wide array of rare and rarely screened fiction films and documentaries that seek to showcase and honor our veterans. Acts of Valor is a unique series that demonstrates the full power of cinematic storytelling to celebrate the men and women who have served our country. For a complete list of Acts of Valor films and times, click [here](#).

SFF OPENING NIGHT

Friday, April 4 at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, Director Rory Kennedy returns to the Sarasota Film Festival with her stunning new documentary "Last Days in Vietnam," chronicling the desperate final days in Saigon from the point of view of the Americans who were on the ground and overseeing the evacuation.



"Last Days in Vietnam" is an unforgettable story of heroism and compromise in the face of impossible odds. A film that is, at once, profoundly moving and an indispensable chronicle of the end of the Vietnam War.

Red Carpet opens up at 6pm. The film begins at 7pm. For more information and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

ALL-AMERICAN FAMILY DAY AT ED SMITH STADIUM



On Sunday, April 6, the Baltimore Orioles, in partnership with Sarasota Military Academy and the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, will present All-American Family Day as part of the Legacy of Valor Campaign!

The gates of Ed Smith Stadium open at 12 pm when families will enjoy kid-friendly, hands-on activities including baseball trivia hosted by the South Florida Museum, an exhibit from Mote Marine Laboratory, and much more. Following a special "Salute to Returning Veterans" ceremony, the softball game between local celebrities vs local veterans will take place on the ballpark's main field. After the game, New York-based singer/songwriter Margaret Valentine will perform. The All-American Family Day concludes with a free concert by Grammy Award-winning artist "America" at 4 pm.

All events and activities are FREE and concessions will be available for purchase. Parking is available in the East Lot at a cost of \$5 per vehicle. For the America concert, attendees may sit on the outfield grass or in the stands; however, no lawn chairs or high-heeled shoes will be permitted on the field. For more information, click [here](#).

MEDIA PARTNERS

In case you missed it,

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featured the partnership with Realize Bradenton & Bealls Department Stores to raise money for Manasota Operation Troop Support.

Through April 11th, visit a Manatee County Bealls Department Store at 6355 Manatee Avenue West or 7365 52nd Place East to donate \$2 to MOTS. Donations will be presented at the Stories of Valor event, a USO-style show, on April 12 from 6-8:30pm at McKechnie Field. Click [here](#) for more details.



THE FINAL WORD



Saturday, April 12 from 6:30-8:30pm

McKechnie Field

USO-style show presented by Realize Bradenton

Click [here](#) for more details

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

[February 27, 2014 February is Full of Veteran Honoring Events](#)

FreedomPassItOn.org
Created by The Patterson Foundation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 28 6p

Film Fridays - Alive Day
Memories: Home From Iraq

This sixth & final film of the [South Florida Museum film series](#) is an unflinching documentary with actor James Gandolfini interviewing 10 soldiers who came back home with injuries from the war in Iraq. The soldiers speak movingly about their brush with death, their reception when they came home, and what the future holds now that they are irrevocably changed.

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

Saturday, March 29
9:30a-12p

Veterans Appreciation Fair

Congressman Vern Buchanan invites you to attend a Veterans' Appreciation Fair for veterans and military men and women in Florida's 16th District. The event will be held at the Sarasota Military Academy, 801 North Orange Avenue in Sarasota.

Congressman Buchanan will participate in a salute to veterans ceremony at 11:00am featuring the Sarasota Military Academy Pipe Band. Veteran service organizations will be on hand to educate veterans regarding available resources available to them.

Tuesday, April 8
3:30p **La**

Musica

In partnership with Sarasota Military Academy, this open musical rehearsal will be at Glenridge Performing Arts Center. FREE to attend, but reservations are required, call (941) 552-5325.

UNIFIED LOV PARTNERS

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE (JFCS)

As a partner of the Unified Legacy of Valor Opportunity in 2013, JFCS raised \$13,736 through 44 donations for their Operation Military Assistance Program. The Patterson Foundation matched the funds for a grand total of \$27,472 raised.

The Operation Military Assistance Program offers case management and financial assistance to low-income veterans and their families who are homeless or are on the verge of homelessness while helping them obtain or maintain stable permanent housing.

To learn more about JFCS 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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