Honoring Veterans, Inspiring Patriotism, and Embracing Freedom Continues at Patriot Plaza

**Resilience Unveiled at Ringling College of Art and Design**

The Patterson Foundation is creating new opportunities for our community to connect with Patriot Plaza’s stories of service and sacrifice by contributing pieces of its commissioned artwork to community partners working to strengthen our veterans and military families. Ringling College of Art and Design recently unveiled a piece entitled *Resilience*. Featuring a photographic image encased in
glass and a Georgia white marble tablet inscribed with an engraved drawing and text, the art reflects the personal voices of those who have served, supported, and sacrificed across generations of military history. Patriot Plaza, a ceremonial amphitheater at Sarasota National Cemetery, holds art that honors and inspires.

Read about "Testimonies" created by Larry Kirkland.

Patriot Plaza Courage Unveiling at Sarasota Military Academy

"The art piece, titled Courage, once stood in Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery. Designed by artist Larry Kirkland, it features a white marble tablet including a photograph displayed in glass. Its combination of words and imagery conveys the realities and military life of our Veteran faculty and cadets who serve." -- Sarasota Military Academy
The latest edition of the Patriot Plaza Family Engagement Activity Book is now available for sharing. This Memorial Day edition is intended to educate elementary school aged children about the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day by using facts and games to make learning fun.

**Fun Fact:** Memorial Day has its own unique flag etiquette. At sunrise, anyone flying a flag should raise the flag briskly to full-staff, then slowly lower the flag to half-staff. This is to honor the men and women who have fallen in the line of duty. At noon, the flag should be briskly raised to full-staff. This is to salute all of those who have served.
SAVE THE DATE!

MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT

LAKEWOOD RANCH WIND ENSEMBLE

Joseph Maciariello, Conductor/Founder

Joe Martinez, Co-conductor
Guest speaker:
Operation Warrior Resolution CEO, Kendra Simpkins

5 p.m.
Monday, May 29, 2023

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Rd. 72, Sarasota

Selections include Armed Forces Salute, Semper Fidelis March, America the Beautiful, National Emblem March, and several other patriotic melodies.

ADMISSION IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

Memorial Day Weekend Flag Placement
On Saturday, May 27, Flags for Fallen Vets and volunteers will place flags on each of the over 30,000 gravesites at Sarasota National Cemetery. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this activity must register in advance at the FlagsForFallenVets.com website. Select the 2023 Volunteer Registration Form and then select Sarasota National Cemetery. Flags will be placed beginning at 7:30am, and then a remembrance program will be held at 10am at Patriot Plaza.

Suncoast Remake Learning Days at Patriot Plaza

Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County with Sarasota Military
Academy presented tours to youth and their families, followed by patriotic and fun activities, including flag folding.

**Consider Volunteering as a Patriot Plaza Guide**

If you or someone you know is looking for a rewarding volunteer experience that interacts with visitors and involves art, architecture, and patriotism, come be a Patriot Plaza Guide! These Sarasota National Cemetery volunteers are trained and experienced in sharing the art and architecture of the outdoor amphitheater that honors veterans, inspires patriotism, and embraces freedom. First, sign up with the Sarasota National Cemetery staff as a volunteer, then contact the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County Education Director at education@sarasotaarts.org or 941-365-5118, extension 301, to schedule your training.
STAY CONNECTED

Please share this newsletter with friends, family, and co-workers who may be interested in the history of military service as well as the service and sacrifice of all our nation’s veterans and their families. Click HERE to be added to the distribution of the Patriot Plaza Newsletter.

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

#PatriotPlaza
@ThePattersonFoundation