Honoring Veterans, Inspiring Patriotism, and Embracing Freedom Continues at Patriot Plaza
The latest edition of the **Patriot Plaza Family Engagement Activity Book** is now available for sharing. This Veterans Day edition is intended to educate the kiddos about the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day by using facts and games to make learning fun.

**Pro Tip:** If you visit Patriot Plaza, see if you can find where the seals are displayed. **Hint:** They will all be found together. Take a picture of yourself in front of them and send the photo to admin@thepattersonfoundation.org.

**Get the Patriot Plaza Family Engagement Activity Book**

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**Veterans Connect Event Registration**
On Friday, November 4th, at the Goodwill Manasota location, The Patterson Foundation (TPF), in partnership with Goodwill Manasota and Sarasota Technology User Group (STUG), will offer onsite assistance to eligible veterans and survivors to help them enroll in the Affordable Connectivity Program. The ACP program provides free or discounted internet and devices to active-duty veterans and survivors. Additionally, registered participants can receive IT support for their devices or general internet use from Sarasota County Government personnel. TPF will provide trained onsite Digital Navigators to assess eligibility requirements and enroll veterans and survivors.

If you are interested in donating laptops, desktop computers, or tablets for this event, please contact Deb Sakellarios at dsakellariostpf@gmail.com.

**Time and Location:** This event will be held on Friday, November 4, 2022, from 10:00a–3:00p at Goodwill Manasota located at 8490 Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34243.

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**University of South Florida Unveils Monument Honoring Military-Connected Students**

*Editor's Note: This article originally appeared on University of South Florida's Sarasota-Manatee's website.*
Recently, University of South Florida's Sarasota-Manatee campus leadership unveiled Sacrifice, a monument honoring active-duty military, veterans, and their families. Originally on display at Patriot Plaza, the monument, which features a thick piece of laminated glass imprinted with a poem and a photographic image representative of military life, was generously donated by The Patterson Foundation in recognition of USF's continued contribution to active-duty military, veterans and their families.

USF is one of only 15 universities in the nation selected as a Tillman Partnership University of the Pat Tillman Foundation, a selection based on innovative veteran-specific support services and proven culture of community for military families. In 2021, USF ranked 2nd in Florida and 19th among all public four-year U.S. institutions in the 2021 Military Times Best: Colleges and among the top 20 best public institutions in the Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges. And, this year, U.S. News and World Report ranked USF as a Best College for Veterans.

Most recently, USF's Office of Veteran Success has partnered with The Patterson Foundation to offer a scholarship program. “We are also working with the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management to provide crucial certification to student veterans across USF and with campus leadership to provide certification in critical creative design thinking to military personnel,” said Moreira. “The Office of Veterans Success is successful in supporting its military-connected students because of our wonderful community.”

The monument can be found in the FCCI Main Rotunda at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee campus.

Patriot Plaza Guides

Each year, The Patterson Foundation, the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, and Sarasota National Cemetery show how much they value Patriot
Plaza Guides with an appreciation breakfast. On Thursday, November 17, 2022, we will celebrate the Guides' essential efforts in ensuring that visitors of all ages to Patriot Plaza receive the best experience possible. The TPF family appreciates each and is grateful for their dedication to making Patriot Plaza an experience to remember.

**RECRUITING ADDITIONAL PATRIOT PLAZA GUIDES**

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.

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