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

Veterans Day Mass at Patriot Plaza

The Diocese of Venice in Florida with the Knights of Columbus presented the 12th Annual Veterans Day Catholic Memorial Mass at Patriot Plaza. Most Reverend Bishop Frank J. Dewane of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, was the main celebrant.

The program included:
- Welcoming remarks
- A presentation of a floral wreath
- Presentation of the colors
- The singing of the national anthem

More than 300 people from the community attended with volunteers from Cardinal Mooney High School.
**Patriot Plaza Guides are Back!**

Sarasota National Cemetery Guides are trained and experienced in sharing the art and architecture of the outdoor amphitheater that honors veterans, inspires patriotism, and embraces freedom.

Private tours and school tours can be arranged with the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County by contacting the education director via email or by phone: 941-365-5118, extension 301.

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**Take a Virtual Tour of Patriot Plaza**

A unique alternative to an in-person tour of Patriot Plaza is the Virtual Tour! This online tour is a collaboration between the Ringling College of Art and Design and The Patterson Foundation. In addition to experiencing Patriot Plaza virtually, an interactive Zoom session is available for a question-and-answer experience with Patriot Plaza Guides. Schools can coordinate through EdExploreSRQ, and the public can contact the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County.

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**Check Out the Newest Family Engagement Activity Book**

The most recent Patriot Plaza Family Engagement Activity Book focuses on Veterans Day and clarifies the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day, which many can find confusing. Explanations of cemetery headstone markings, recognizing a veteran, and the different Medals of Valor are combined with fun games and activities.

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**Honoring Veterans, Inspiring Patriotism, and Embracing Freedom: Patriot Plaza Guide Appreciation Breakfast**
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. It was joyful to celebrate the Guides in-person once again! The TPF family appreciates each of you and is grateful for your dedication to making Patriot Plaza an experience to remember.

Photo Gallery

The Sandy Beckley Tribute Song

The Patterson Foundation honored Sandy Beckley as she closed her chapter of more than ten years with the Patriot Plaza initiative. Enjoy this tribute to the tune of Yankee Doodle, with original lyrics by Beth Duda and Bill Wagy.
The 2022 Patriot Plaza Calendars Are Available

The 2022 Patriot Plaza Calendars are out and available! You can pick up your copy from the Sarasota or Manatee Veterans Services Office, the Sarasota National Cemetery, or you can download it from The Patterson Foundation's website.

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