



UPDATES

# PATRIOT PLAZA DEDICATION TICKETS AVAILABLE STARTING JUNE 3

The dedication of Patriot Plaza, the 2,800-seat ceremonial amphitheater at Sarasota National Cemetery, is quickly approaching! The dedication ceremony will begin at 10am on Saturday, June 28, 2014. In addition to the ceremony, there will be docents to provide insight into the commissioned art throughout Patriot Plaza and a Legacy Zone featuring area organizations with programs supporting those who have served, are serving or may serve in our nation's armed forces.

Tickets are required to attend the dedication. Tickets are free and must be picked up at the locations listed below on a first come, first-served basis -- just 2,800 will be given out.

If you want to attend the dedication, you must pick up tickets starting June 3 at one of the following Legacy of Valor Partner locations:

- **New Balance located at 1872 Stickney Point Rd., Sarasota, FL 34231**
- **New Balance located at 8204 Tourist Center Dr., Bradenton, FL 34201**
- **Fleet Feet located at 1830 S. Osprey Ave., Sarasota, FL 34239**
- **McKechnie Field located at 1611 9th Street W., Bradenton, FL 34205**
- **Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity ReSale Store located at 1750 Manzana Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950**
- **Arcadia-DeSoto Habitat for Humanity located at 10 S. DeSoto Ave., Room 200 B, Arcadia, FL 34266**

We anticipate tickets going quickly so we encourage you to make arrangements to pick up your tickets early!

For more information on tickets, including the hours each location will be distributing tickets, click [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

Every year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00PM.

Memorial Day originated in the years following the Civil War and was originally known as Decoration Day.

Memorial Day became an official federal holiday in 1971.

150 Years ago, in May 1864, the first military burials took place at Arlington National Cemetery - one month prior to its establishment as a national cemetery.

2,031 veterans and eligible family members have been interred at Sarasota National Cemetery since Memorial Day 2013.

Sixty American flags are flown each year throughout Sarasota National Cemetery on Memorial Day. This display is known as The Avenue of Flags or Avenue of Remembrance.

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### MANATEE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

As a partner of the Unified Legacy of Valor Opportunity in 2013, Manatee County Habitat for Humanity raised \$11,675 through 50 donations for their Veteran Build Program. The Patterson Foundation matched the funds for a grand total of \$23,350 raised.

The Manatee Habitat Veteran Build Program is designed to help veterans in our community thrive by creating healthier, safer home environments through critical repairs and improvements

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

SUBMIT IDEAS

Have an upcoming event honoring veterans, a way for the community to continue to connect with veteran related services or activities, or a special veteran-honoring project your organization is proud of that you want to share with the community through the newsletter? Please share by sending to:

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WAYS TO CONNECT

As you reflect, remember and honor the men and women who died in active military service this Memorial Day, we encourage you to join us as we pay tribute at the following Memorial Day events our community has to offer this weekend.



Sunday, May 25

- 3PM - [Memorial Day Ceremony at Sarasota National Cemetery](#)
- 3PM - [Jacobites Memorial Day Concert at The Church of the Palms](#)
- 6PM - [A Tribute to Heroes Parade in Downtown Lakewood Ranch](#)

Monday, May 26

- 10AM - [Sarasota Memorial Day Parade in Downtown Sarasota](#)
- 5PM - [Salute to Veterans Concert at Phillippi Estate Park](#)

For a complete list of all Memorial Day events in the area this weekend, click [here](#).

SEEN & HEARD

The June issue of SCENE magazine will have a feature article on Patriot Plaza. Be sure to pick up a copy next month!

THE FINAL WORD



Retired Director of Sarasota National Cemetery, and current Military Initiative Consultant, Sandy Beckley reminds us of [The true meaning of Memorial Day](#).

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