

◆ UPDATES

PATRIOT PLAZA: DEDICATED TO THE COMMUNITY



Thank you to everyone who participated in, and attended the community dedication of Patriot Plaza on Saturday, June 28!

If you were unable to attend, or would like to experience the dedication ceremony again, it will be rebroadcast this holiday weekend on Saturday, July 5 at 7pm on ABC 7.

Additional rebroadcasts will also occur on:

- SNN 6
- The Education Channel, Comcast 20 / Verizon 33
- Access Sarasota, Comcast 19 / Verizon 32

For exact dates and times of additional rebroadcasts, visit the [Patriot Plaza website](#) and click on the dedication rebroadcast button.

◆ DID YOU KNOW?

Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston comprised the Committee of Five that drafted the Declaration

The Declaration of Independence had 56 signers of which John Hancock, President of the Second Continental Congress was the first.

Benjamin Franklin (age 70), who represented Pennsylvania, was the oldest of the signers.

John Adams (2nd President) and Thomas Jefferson (3rd President) were the only signers to later serve as the President of the U.S. Coincidentally, both died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of signing the Declaration.

◆ WAYS TO CONNECT

BRADENTON MARAUDERS MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

Friday, July 11 is Military Appreciation Night at the [Bradenton Marauders](#) game. Individuals with a valid military ID can get FREE admission to the game that night and the first 500 fans will receive a free Marauders camouflage-themed t-shirt.



For more details, click [here](#).

◆ SEEN & HEARD

Below are some articles and photo galleries that provide unique perspectives and coverage of the community dedication of Patriot Plaza.

[ABC 7 - Patriot Plaza: A Place Where Freedom Is Front and Center](#)

[ABC 7 - Patriot Plaza unveiled to public in community dedication ceremony](#)

[Herald Tribune - Fitting Fanfare for Patriot Plaza](#)

[Bradenton Herald - Patriot Plaza at SNC dedicated with heartfelt show of patriotism](#)

[Bay News 9 - Veterans honored at Patriot Plaza dedication ceremony](#)

◆ THE FINAL WORD



A big THANK YOU from The Patterson Foundation to Sandy Beckley, Military Initiative Consultant. Without Sandy's guidance on partnering with the NCA, her management of Patriot Plaza construction, and her leadership in the Legacy of Valor campaign, this national treasure located in Sarasota would not have been possible.

◆ UNIFIED LOV PARTNERS

ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

As a partner of the Unified Legacy of Valor Opportunity in 2013, All Faiths Foodbank raised \$13,075 through 44 donations for their Veteran's Mobile Food Pantry Program. The Patterson Foundation matched the funds for a grand total of \$26,150 raised.

All Faiths Food Bank Veteran's Mobile Food Pantry Program distributes supplemental food and personal care items directly to veterans and their families.

Click [here](#) to learn more about All Faiths Food Bank 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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