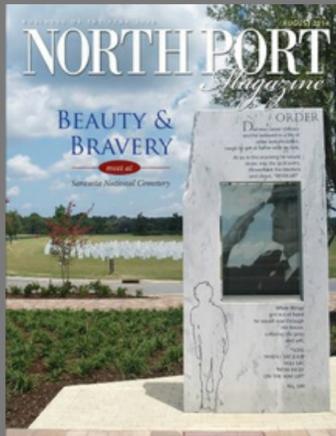


◆ UPDATES

OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO SPREAD THE WORD

Our community continues to join in our enthusiasm to spread the word about Patriot Plaza's significance and opportunity for not only veterans and their families, but also the nation as a whole.

North Port Magazine's cover feature and article on [Patriot Plaza](#) is the most recent example of this community support. The August edition of their magazine has an impressive 6-page spread of Patriot Plaza, the community dedication, and the artwork. To read the full article (pages 38-43), click [here](#).



◆ WAYS TO CONNECT

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Do you have a group interested in learning more about [Patriot Plaza](#), [The Patterson Foundation](#), and this first ever private-public partnership between TPF and the [National Cemetery Administration](#)? If so, we'd welcome the opportunity to speak to you and your group! To schedule, all you need to do is complete a [speaker request form](#), and submit to Erika Kelly at ekellytpf@gmail.com.

◆ SEEN & HEARD



Did you know the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has a weekly 15-minute newscast? It's co-produced by the VA Learning University and the Office of Public Affairs in partnership with the Employee Education System and other headquarters and field offices.

Patriot Plaza was recently featured in their "Did You Know" piece. To view the VA news coverage on Patriot Plaza, click [here](#). The "Did You Know" coverage on Patriot Plaza begins at minute 13 of the 15 minute YouTube video. To subscribe to the VA's YouTube channel or see other news editions, click [here](#).

◆ THE FINAL WORD

Col. (Ret.) Linda Gould, Legacy of Valor Coordinator for The Patterson Foundation, was featured in the August issue of the Herald Tribune [Style Magazine](#) for her life of service. To read the full article and learn more about Linda's almost 30 years in the military, click [here](#).



◆ DID YOU KNOW?

The original Purple Heart was established by George Washington, then the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, on August 7, 1782.

Until 1931, the Purple Heart was known as the Badge of Military Merit. "For Military Merit" is inscribed on the reverse side of the Purple Heart.

The Purple Heart is the oldest military award that is still given to members of the U.S. military and differs from all other decorations in that an individual is not "recommended" for the decoration; rather he or she is entitled to it upon meeting specific criteria.

◆ 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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