



Patriot Plaza Newsletter

September 28, 2017

UPDATES FROM THE EDITOR

Nothing like a hurricane to remind us that hurricane season lasts through the end of November! Many thanks to our first responders, emergency action personnel, and Florida Power and Light for reacting so quickly to keep us safe. [Sarasota National Cemetery](#) (SNC) suffered minor damage. As we seek to resume our lives, take some time to drive out State Road 72, that's Exit 205 from I 75, and drive 3 miles east to visit SNC and experience [Patriot Plaza](#).

Feel free to share this newsletter with your friends, family, and co-workers. If anyone would like to be added to the distribution, just let me know, Linda Gould, LLGouldsrq@gmail.com.

Follow and "Like" our [Legacy of Valor Facebook page](#) for inspirational and informative posts covering national and local topics concerning veterans.

HAVE YOU VISITED LATELY?

SHARE YOUR STORY

We welcome stories from people who have visited Patriot Plaza. Please tell us about your visit and the impact Patriot Plaza has made on you, your family, and friends. Share your stories with us by sending them to Linda Gould, LLGouldsrq@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Patriot Plaza in Sarasota National Cemetery is available free of cost for you and the community to use for events honoring veterans.

Events at Patriot Plaza need to:

- 1) Be free and open to the public
- 2) Honor veterans
- 3) Maintain the dignity of a national cemetery

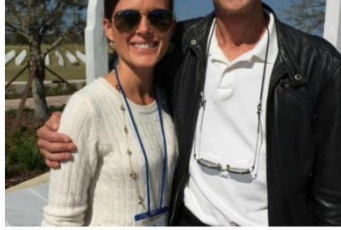
Download the [Event Hosting Guidelines](#) and contact Sarasota National Cemetery Director John Rosentrater via john.rosentrater@va.gov or (941) 922-7200 to request holding an event at Patriot Plaza.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Sarasota National Cemetery.

GUIDED TOURS & EDEXPLORATIONS

Public tours of [Patriot Plaza](#) are currently conducted every Tuesday at 10am—except on federal holidays. Private group and school tours can be scheduled Monday through Friday as well.





Through a partnership with [The Patterson Foundation](#) and the [Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County](#), Guides are recruited from the Sarasota National Cemetery (SNC) volunteers and trained on the history and meaning of the art elements at Patriot Plaza to provide visitors with a deeper understanding of Service and Sacrifice.

Tours are free and open to everyone who is interested. To schedule a group or school tour, contact the Arts Education Manager for the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, (941) 365-5118, x301 or education@sarasotaarts.org

EVENTS AT PATRIOT PLAZA

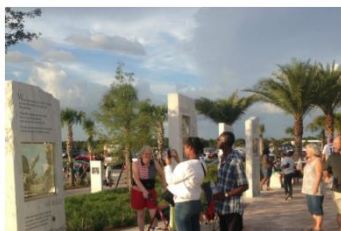
Many of you wonder what to do and see when you have visitors from out of town. Perhaps you are looking for a new activity for your staff. Whether they are friends, family, colleagues or acquaintances, you don't want to miss experiencing Patriot Plaza with them. This remarkable tribute to veterans continues to awe and humble those who take the time to truly experience the artwork and architecture that represents our military way of life and the many men and women who have served and who are serving. Think about bringing a visiting business contact, your Board of Directors or staff, or perhaps a relative that served in the military. See Patriot Plaza through their eyes and let them see it through yours. Please send us a photo of you visiting Patriot Plaza for a future newsletter or [Legacy of Valor Facebook page!](#)

TOURS: PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

Currently the Sarasota National Cemetery Advisory Committee plans and executes three events a year at Patriot Plaza. These events are to commemorate Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America. Dignitaries, speakers, music, and veterans organizations participate and make each occasion one to remember. Community organizations continue to schedule special commemorations such as Flag Day, Patriots Day, and special tributes or concerts for the enjoyment of the public. We encourage each and every one of you to consider Patriot Plaza as a venue when you seek to honor veterans, inspire patriotism, and pass freedom on in our community. Follow this [Link](#) to learn how to plan an event at Patriot Plaza.



[The POPS Orchestra of Bradenton and Sarasota](#) and the [Military Officers Association of Sarasota](#) presented a Flag Day Celebration in 2015 and 2016.





Patriot Plaza and Sarasota National Cemetery are open from sunrise to sunset every day of the week. Feel welcome to view the art and architecture on your own, or enhance your experience with a guided tour which highlights details behind the artwork. Every Tuesday morning at 10am, except on federal holidays, there is a public tour given by Patriot Plaza Guides. No reservations are necessary, simply just show up. If you prefer to schedule a specific date and time (Monday to Friday) with a highly trained Patriot Plaza Tour Guide contact the [Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County](#) .

SPIRIT OF 45



15 YEAR COMMEMORATION OF 9/11

SCHOOL TOURS



We learned in a [blog](#) by Wendy Katz that "research and first-hand experiences confirm students are more motivated to learn and retain information far better when it is presented within real world contexts; when students are required to "grapple" with the information to understand the content more deeply. Due to the unflappable commitment of Dr. Todd Bowden, superintendent of [Sarasota County Schools](#), to promote [EdExploreSRQ](#), and the local community partnership's efforts to ensure greater equity and accessibility to curriculum vetted Explorations developed by our local Sarasota arts, cultural,



science organizations and teaching artists, we have increased our student participation with experiential learning."

During the school year, transportation funding is provided by The Patterson Foundation for students from the surrounding counties in grades 4-12 to visit Patriot Plaza, which is an EdExploreSRQ experience. This will ensure that our youth are able to learn more about patriotism, understand how we are able to enjoy the many freedoms we have in our country, and why we honor our veterans and their families.



VIETNAM VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

VETERANS DAY MASS

Saturday, November 11, 3:00pm

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

Saturday, December 16, 9:30am

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