Patriot Plaza Newsletter
November 19, 2020

EXPERIENCE PATRIOT PLAZA 2020 & BEYOND

EXPERIENCE PATRIOT PLAZA FROM HOME
**Patriot Plaza**, the 2800-seat amphitheater at **Sarasota National Cemetery** features commissioned art that honors veterans, inspires patriotism and embraces freedom. COVID-19 has challenged the Patriot Plaza team to think creatively about how to share the inspiring artwork and stories that honor the men and women who served our country with unmatched valor. **The Patterson Foundation** is excited to say that beginning in the fall of 2020, whether you live near or far, people of all ages can experience Patriot Plaza from home in new interactive ways.

EXPERIENCE PATRIOT PLAZA WITH ACTIVITY BOOKS

November 2020
Patriot Plaza
Sarasota National Cemetery

Honoring Veterans
Inspiring Patriotism
Embracing Freedom

Veterans Day
November 11th

Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery
Patriot Plaza can be enjoyed at any age! In an effort to teach children about honoring veterans, inspiring patriotism and embracing freedom, the Patriot Plaza team has created one of a kind activity books focused around the art and history of our nation's military. Available to download or in print, these activity books are perfect for a hands-on field trip or teachable moments at home. The first edition was designed to honor veterans and has many fun ways to learn more about Veterans Day and the different branches of the United States Armed Forces. You can complete the activities at home or take it with you to Patriot Plaza. Patriot Plaza is an outdoor space and is open and available to the public seven days a week from sunrise to sundown. Click Here to connect to the activity book. We would love to receive your feedback on this first edition of the Family Engagement Activity Book at LLGouldSRQ@gmail.com!

EXPERIENCE PATRIOT PLAZA
VIRTUAL TOURS AND BEHIND THE SCENES

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BEHIND THE SCENES

Coming later in 2021, deep dive with the experts into the stories behind the art installations and history of Patriot Plaza.
In early 2021, there will be a series of virtual tours of Patriot Plaza created by the Ringling College of Art and Design Collaboratory. If you are unable to visit the Suncoast this year or you have never experienced Patriot Plaza in person, these tours will immerse you in the moving stories of valor immortalized at Sarasota National Cemetery.
For Wreaths Across America at Sarasota National Cemetery 2020, the following modifications have been made to maintain a safe and successful Mission.

The Wreaths Across America 2020 Mission at Sarasota National Cemetery will span a three day period beginning December 17th and ending at 4:45pm on December 19th.

Please do NOT call Sarasota National Cemetery for information. Please call the Wreaths Across America Chairman at 941-448-6299.

There will NOT be a public ceremony. There will be a virtual ceremony available and posted on December 19th on social media sites, YouTube and various other websites.

Everyone must register.
No Registration, No Admittance, no Exceptions.

Everyone registering must be willing to comply with COVID-19 restrictions and National Cemetery Administration's directives during the three day mission. Gloves, Masks, and Social Distancing are required.

Buses and larger passenger vehicles containing more than six people are NOT permitted on the cemetery grounds during this three day event.

Everyone participating must cooperate with the guidelines above and maintain the number of people on Sarasota National Cemetery's Federal grounds at any given time by complying with all instructions given at registration, at check in and while on the grounds. Please follow Mission Volunteers' Instructions.
For 20 years, Season of Sharing has empowered neighbors to help neighbors, individuals, and families in DeSoto, Charlotte, Manatee and Sarasota counties who are in crisis to regain stability. All collected funds are distributed to those in need and may be used for rental assistance, utility bills, child care, transportation, food vouchers, or other crucial expenses to help families restore a sense of security. As a vital safety net, Season of Sharing is a trusted way for neighbors to support one another, whatever the crisis, be it hurricanes, Red Tide, economic downturns, or even a global pandemic. The Patterson Foundation partners with the Season of Sharing campaign and donates $100,000 each time the community donates up to $500,000. Please consider donating to the Season of Sharing campaign this holiday season.

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