



◆ UPDATES

CONFIDENTIAL, EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW...

TPF is very excited to give you a CONFIDENTIAL, exclusive preview of what is being shared with our nation's leaders in government, military, philanthropy, national veterans-serving organizations, and others who support our veterans...the announcement of the Veterans Legacy Summit (VLS), a multi-faceted conference to be held on November 14-15, 2014 in Sarasota, FL.



The conference, hosted by TPF, will unite our nation's leaders as they come together to share ideas, learn about unique partnerships, challenge assumptions and push the boundaries of potential to honor our nation's heroes - with a focus on creating meaningful cross-sector connections benefiting veterans and their families.

By bringing leaders together from across the U.S., in addition to providing the opportunity to connect, learn and share, the summit allows us to showcase and share Patriot Plaza on a national level.

During this multi-day event, VLS will have something for everyone! From a bayfront film festival to workshops and panel discussions to a national ceremony with a performance by the West Point Band.

In addition to meeting the artists of the commissioned art at Patriot Plaza, there will be a series of panel discussions that will explore such topics as the role of technology in bringing veterans' stories to life, combat and military stories from Pulitzer-Prize-winning photojournalists, and Ken Irby, founder and director of the Poynter Institute's Photojournalism program, will moderate a panel on themes of witnessing and preserving history of war through photojournalism.

While there will be no fee to attend the summit, online registration will be required. Click [here](#) to see the VLS schedule at a glance.

We welcome any names and emails of those who you think should be on the VLS e-vite list. Also advise if they are local or outside our area and forward to Carol Lipp clipp@thepattersonfoundation.org.

Remember - this is CONFIDENTIAL until Mon., September 15 afternoon, when additional details, including registration, will be forthcoming!

◆ DID YOU KNOW?

September 11 was proclaimed as "Patriot Day & National Day of Service & Remembrance" by President Obama in 2013. This day is an annual observance to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the U.S. on September 11, 2001. Click [here](#) to read the full proclamation.

September 17 is Constitution Day. It commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine brave men on September 17, 1787, recognizing all who are born in the U.S., or who have become citizens by naturalization.

September 18, 1947 is the official date of the founding of the U.S. Air Force.

September 19 is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. This day honors prisoners of war and our missing and their families, and highlights the government's commitment to account for them.

Sept 28, 2014 is Gold Star Mother's Day, which is observed in the U.S. on the last Sunday of September each year. It is a day for people to recognize and honor those who have lost a son or daughter while serving the U.S. Armed Forces.

◆ WAYS TO CONNECT

VETERANS JOB FAIR



Goodwill Manasota and Career Source Suncoast will host the second annual Veterans & Their Families Jobs Fair on September 19 from 9am to 12pm. The event will be held at Goodwill Manasota's new corporate campus, located at 2705 51st Ave E in Bradenton, off US 301.

For more information on the Jobs Fair, contact Don Hill at 941-355-2721, ext. 454 or email don.hill@qimi.org.

◆ 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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◆ SEEN & HEARD

The First Brass of Sarasota will present "Heroic Brass - Surviving" at St. Boniface Episcopal Church located at 5615 Midnight Pass Road, Siesta Key, FL at 4pm. The show will reflect on the events that took place on 9-11 and will honor First Responders and those who lost their lives.



Two weeks later, on September 28 at 5:15pm, The First Brass will team up with organist Ann Stephenson-Moe and Church of the Redeemer choir to present "Heroic Brass - Thriving" at Church of the Redeemer located at 222 N Palm Ave, Sarasota, FL.

For tickets and more info, visit www.TheFirstBrass.org.

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◆ THE FINAL WORD



"Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11."
- President Obama

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